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[Vietnam]

Armour & Cavalry units

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**Item: 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier
Squadron**

Narrative

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Summary and Annex D1-D19

[1-31 Aug 1966]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707-4-1

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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

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22-9-66 Appointment *[Signature]*

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OC I APC SQN
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation T APC SQN¹

From 1 Nov 66

To 31 Nov 66

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

- 6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment
and orders given.
of the day's fighting, including company movements.
Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.
of officers, men and equipment.
of equipment captured.
of equipment employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

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COMMANDER'S DIARIES

DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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for operations from Appendix 1 to Appendix 10 of the document. All other documents are to be placed in the appropriate appendix.

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a. To read in map references, establishment, equipment, and dates given.
b. To day's fighting, including strategic movements, remainder with regard to equipment, tactics, organization.

Essential information:
1. Officers, men and equipment.
2. Men captured.
3. Wounded in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR

Aug 66

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

Major Bayly

Place and grid reference

Date

Time

Event or information

Annex letter and enclosure number

29 Aug 66

2nd Sec in support 5th Lt Bunt Ba

30 Aug 66

2nd Sec placed on 30 minutes notice to move
2nd Sec under command of 5th Lt
Bunt Ba.

31 Aug 66 0700
0950

Head changed from 462 776 to 429 664-
2nd Sec lifted elements of 5th Lt from
471 658 back to 2nd Lt base area.
base still in support of 5th Lt Bunt BA

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MONTH AND YEAR Aug 66

REFERENCE MAP 1:50000

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER Major Haggerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>26 Aug 66</u>	<u>0700</u>	<u>Escort of elements 5 LAA to Bent Ba.</u>	
	<u>27 Aug 66</u>	<u>1215</u>	<u>Received notification that all elements died of wounds 1130hrs. 5 elements of C/S 2 still attached to Coy at Bent Ba.</u>	
	<u>28 Aug 66</u>	<u>1525</u>	<u>6 tracks placed on the notice to move to assist elements of Coy to whom to be change own elements eps 2 with C/S 3 at Bent Ba. 1 Sec eps in support Coy 5 LAA.</u>	
	<u>29 Aug 66</u>	<u>0714</u>	<u>Gen changed rd from YS 46277b to YS 42966u for convoy to Bent Ba.</u>	
		<u>0800</u>	<u>Escort of truck convoy from DVC 1st to NVA 2nd and return</u>	

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UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR

Aug 66

REFERENCE MAP

1-50 000

COMMANDING OFFICER

Maj Rogers

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 Aug 66		operation Soludo II commences. Sqn committed. See tracks with C Coy - C/S 3 to provide. Remainder on 1st notice to move.	
	23 Aug 66	1342 1859	C/S 8 tracks bogged during recce. C/S 8 still bogged. elements of C/S 2 dispatched to assist C/S 8.	
	24 Aug 66	0705 1500	C/S 8 reports all C/S debogged within the hour. Request for escort task to Binh Ba 0800 25 Aug	
	25 Aug 66	0800 2140	C/S 2 dispatched on escort task to Binh Ba. C/S 3 report dog caught in wire. NTH.	

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MONTH AND YEAR

Aug 66

REFERENCE MAP

1:50 000

UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER

M.A.T. Bayly

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 Aug 66	0600	Gen dispatched on operation Smithfield. Gunner Comd Co 6 RAR.	
		1600	9 th returned to base to org and control defence of base camp.	
		1830	9 th 3 returned to camp.	
	20 Aug 66		9 th 3 placed on 15 mins notice to move operation Smithfield continuing - 9-2 and elements of 9 th 8.	
	21 Aug 66		operation Smithfield continuing - expected to conclude 1600 L today 9 th 8 & sent 7 tracks to Bent Be in support Coy 5 RAR.	
		1800	All 9 th on op Smithfield returned to base	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **Aug 66**

REFERENCE MAP **1 50 000**

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	18 Aug 66	0630	Ltd Sgt [unclear]	
		1700	Gen placed on 10 minutes order to move to assist D Coy 6 LAR, engaged with [unclear]	
		1735	C/S 3 moved out with A Coy 6 LAR to assist and extract D Coy.	
473 65-9	18 Aug 66	1805	contacted by signal force - engaged - VC 25 KIA - [unclear] wounded and evacuated to [unclear] 2nd Amb. contact made with D Coy - A Coy took over task of perimeter defence - [unclear] KIA and WIA gathered - [unclear]	See after action report.
		2100	Warning given to C/S 2-8-98-95 warned to be prepared to move about 19 Aug 66 on operation Smithfield.	M.

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **Aug 66**

REFERENCE MAP **150000**

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	14 Aug 66	1615	9/58 right hand 1 x valve 500' west of his perimeter, found to apprehend.	
		2010	From Nuyen Control Sub 9 by drosses will be down at all times as from this date.	
	15 Aug 66	1650	9/58 contact at 1415 hrs 5 to 6 VC at CR 435715 moving NW - Engaged by 9/58 by EW tracked west into Bamboo	
	16 Aug 66	0800	1 Sec on Road Patrol - 1 Sec escort to BIAH SA - Troop left of 5R SR back from of Haldsworthy	
	17 Aug 66		N.T.R. Troops clearing and maintaining vehicles	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SON

MONTH AND YEAR

Aug 66

REFERENCE MAP

1-50000

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	10 Aug 66		Morning Recon Patrol had contact on wire at GR 426673 - no base base units sighted for Hot Box level in the field. No contacts on op Holdsworth.	
	11 Aug 66	1500	op Holdsworth - Escort of suspected VC to Barua Stadium. b/s 8 - Mov Sep from GR 349646 - b-rds fill outskirts of BSA R.A. - c/s 8 assisted local unit - No contact.	
	12 Aug 66		op Holdsworth still no contacts.	
	13 Aug 66		op Holdsworth - No contact.	
	14 Aug 66		op Holdsworth concludes - c/s 8 leaving 1 Sec of Morans with 2 of Coy.	

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MONTH AND YEAR Nov 66

REFERENCE MAP 150000

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER _____

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>6 Nov 66</u>	<u>1055</u>	<u>3 TP Load blowing. Warming over for of Holdsworth. Sp of departed to load slow for of Holdsworth.</u>	
	<u>7 Aug 66</u>		<u>3 TP Load blowing. Sp on maintenance tasks.</u>	
	<u>8 Aug 66</u>		<u>Sp departed on of Holdsworth with 5 RR - no contacts. Left in Base Camp SDR, LAD and small group from 3 TP.</u>	
	<u>9 Aug 66</u>		<u>Sp still on of Holdsworth - no contacts. Hoop on clearing patrol tasks, border and search of BWH SA.</u>	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR AUG 66

REFERENCE MAP 1:50,000 XA BINH BA.

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	4 AUG.	0630	2TP PROVIDED RD CLEARANCE PL 22.	
		1100	9. MOVING OUT ON TASK AIR RECCE SOUTH.	
		1200	9. BACK IN LOC.	
		1420	22 DEPARTED FOR BARIA	
		1558	22 RETURNED TO LOC	
		1950.	33 + LARES SIGHTED AT CR 433 687.	
		1957	98A. LIGHT FROM TENT 105 BTY. -	
	5 AUG.	0630	5TP PROVIDED RD CLEARING PL 82.	
		1052	5TP PROVIDED SECTION 81 FOR ENG FENCE STORES TO DROP OFF ON FENCE LINE TO CONTINUE TO 1645 HRS	
		1055	3TP PROVIDED SECTION (82) FOR ENG RECCE OF PROPOSED RINI ROAD WEST OF M.R.	
		1230	(82) DEPARTED THIS LOC FOR BARIA	
		1420	82 IN LOC	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR AUG 66

REFERENCE MAP 1:50,000 XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER _____

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>SQNL00NTE</u>	<u>2 AUG.</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>2135</u>	<u>FROM PIT SHQ SHOTS FROM SIGS LOC - OMC 2RM</u> <u>FROM PIT SHQ FLARES 1000Y TO OUR NORTH NEAR SRAR</u>	
	<u>3 AUG.</u>	<u>0630</u> <u>0835</u> <u>0900</u> <u>0950</u> <u>1000</u> <u>1110</u> <u>1230</u> <u>1235</u> <u>1315</u> <u>1345</u> <u>1400</u> <u>1530</u> <u>1630</u> <u>1735</u>	<u>2TP PROVIDED RD CLEARING PA (23).</u> <u>SUP TP TO BARRIA RANGE</u> <u>2TP PROVIDED CONVOY ESCORT (20B 22 23) TO VUNG-TAU</u> <u>CONVOY ESCORT RETURNED CONVOY MET AT BARRIA.</u> <u>9 DEPARTED FOR BARRIA RANGE</u> <u>^{SUP TP BACK IN LOC}</u> <u>2TP DEPARTED FOR BARRIA RANGE</u> <u>SUP TP PROVIDED CONVOY ESCORT TO VUNGTAU (20B-81-84)</u> <u>9 RETURNED TO LOC</u> <u>80B ARRIVED VUNGTAU</u> <u>2TP DEPARTED FOR BARRIA RANGE</u> <u>80B LEFT VUNGTAU. WITH CONVOY</u> <u>80B BACK IN LOC</u> <u>2TP BACK IN LOC</u>	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR

Aug
~~May~~ 66.

REFERENCE MAP

1:50,000 XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SQN LOC ATF	1 AUG	0100	98A REPORTED FLARE 800' WEST OF MSR	
		0120	2TP REPORTED SAA TO LEFT OF THEIR POSITION IN FRONT OF SHELL RAKL 200' IN LINE WITH FENCE	
		0630	2TP PROVIDED 21 FOR RD CLEARANCE	
		10	SQUADRON MINUS (2TP 3TP 9 9E 98A) MOVED OFF ON ROAD RUN SOUTH TO LONG HAI GRYS 447 492. A COY SRRAR 5RRR BRNO, AND LING ELEMENTS LIFTED BY SQN.	
		1615	SQN RETURNED FROM ROAD RUNNER SOUTH. DEMO OF SQN FIREPOWER AT GR 4354 MOST IMPRESSIVE	
		1955	FLARES REPORTED BY (22) OVER VILLAGE TO OUR SOUTH. ALSO ON RANGE TO OUR SOUTH WEST.	
		2 AUG	2 AUG	0630
0912	3TP PROVIDED CONVOY ESCORT FOR CONVOY SOUTH.			
1140	SUP TP PROVIDED (82A) TO UNBOT BVEN ON NUI DAT			
1540	SUP TP PROVIDED 84 TO ESCORT 6 TIPPERI TO VUNG TAU			
1620	3TP CONVOY ESCORT BACK IN LOC			
1710	SUP TP CONVOY ESCORT BACK IN LOC			
2005	VERY FLARE SIGHTED APPROX GR 435686.			

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vic YS 441684

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FRAG ORDER 11-1-66 Op HOLSWORTHY

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets
II S and III S
1:10000 Enlargement XA BINH BA
1:5000 Enlargement BINH BA SOUTH

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. No change from OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) As for OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY plus:

(a) 5 RAR TF to be located in BINH BA estate before this Frag Order comes into effect.

(b) Search of DUC TRUNG village completed before this Frag Order comes into effect.

(c) Search of BINH BA village will be proceeding at the time of execution of this Frag Order.

b. Attachments and Detachments. No change from OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY.

2. MISSION. 5 RAR TF is to apprehend and evacuate all males of military age and other VC suspects from DUC MY village

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) When the search of DUC TRUNG village is completed, the cordon force for that phase of the operation is to rapidly re-group and prepare to cordon and search DUC MY village.

(2) The time of execution, D + 1 or D + 2, is dependant on the DUC TRUNG search. Every effort is to be made to complete both phases on D + 1.

(3) The DUC MY operation is to be carried out as follows:

(a) Local Commander for the Operation. OC D Coy 5 RAR.

(b) Cordon Group.

i. To move in from the NORTH and the EAST.

ii. Infantry to be carried in as far as possible on APCs.

iii. One rifle coy to be located to the WEST and SOUTH.

iv. One tp of APCs to be located to the NORTH and EAST along roads and tracks.

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(c) Search Group.

- i. To move in from the NORTH.
- ii. Infantry to be dropped at the start line by APCs.
- iii. Group to consist of: One rifle coy
One half tp of engineers
Interpreters
Medcap elements

(d) Evacuation of Apprehended Males and Suspects.

As for OPORD 11-66.

(e) Actions on Conclusion of Search.

- i. Dependant on time, D+1 or D+2.
 - ii. Infantry to designated harbour area or in the case of D Coy 6 RAR return to 6 RAR base loc.
 - iii. APC as directed by Bn HQ.
- b. A Coy. Not involved in this phase of the operation.
- c. B Coy. Not involved in this phase of the operation.
- d. C Coy. Not involved in this phase of the operation.
- e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from completion of search of DUC TRUNG until further advised:

D Coy 6 RAR
One tp 1 APC Sqn
One half tp (12 men)
of 1 Fd Sqn
A Coy interpreter
One 1 ATF interpreter

(b) In support from conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG until further advised:

One Medcap MO
Two Policemen
One psywar team
mounted in APCs

(c) Normal unit atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) D Coy 5 RAR is to provide the search force to search DUC MY village from NORTH to SOUTH.

(b) Exercise local control of the DUC MY cordon and search phase within the framework of the overall battalion operation.

(c) Move to the SL by APC.

(d) Commence search when cordon is in position.

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m. Engineers.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command D Coy 5 RAR
from completion of search of DUC
TRUNG:

One half tp 1 Fd Sqn
(12 men)

(b) OPORD 11-66 applies for remainder of Tp.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist D Coy 5 RAR with village search.

(b) Remain with D Coy 5 RAR until further advised.

l. Aviation.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Remain on call for DUC MY search.

(b) Remainder NO change.

m. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) OPORD 11-66 applies.

(2) Cordon grouping for the DUC MY search is to be as follows:

(a) Infantry Coy:

i. Two platoons up one in depth reserve.

ii. Forward pls three sects up in half sects stops.

iii. Total 12 stops.

iv. Deployment Annex P.

(b) APC Tp:

i. In sects:

ii. Deployment: Annex P

(3) Cordon Layout. Annex P.

(4) Timings for Movement to DUC MY: When advised by Bn HQ. Both groups to move simultaneously

(5) Timings for Commencement of Search. When cordon deployed in position.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS.

a. OPORD 11-66 applies

b. Local Comd of DUC MY Cordon and Search. OC D Coy 5 RAR.

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- (e) On completion of the search and when ordered by Bn HQ move to designated harbour position.
- f. Mortar Pl. No change from OP ORD 11-66 OP HOLSWORTHY. Continues to provide sp for the operation.
- g. Anti Tk Pl. Part of the Bn reserve for the operation.
- h. Assualt Pioneer Pl. Part of the Bn reserve for the operation.
- i. C Coy 6 RAR. Not involved in this phase of the operation.
- j. D Coy 6 RAR.
- (1) Grouping. Under command of D Coy 5 RAR until further notice.
- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Provide the cordon force to cover the WEST and SOUTH portions of the village as shown on Annex P.
- (b) Final movement into the cordon position to be by foot but coy is to get as close as possible to final locations using APCs for speed.
- (c) On completion of the search, action will depend on time (D + 1 or D + 2).
- k. Armour.
- (1) Grouping.
- (a) Under command of D Coy 5 RAR from completion of search of DUC TRUNG until further advised One tp 1 APC Sqn
- (b) OPORD 11-66 applies for remainder of Sqn.
- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Marry up with infantry at DUC TRUNG as directed by Bn HQ.
- (b) Carry cordon and search parties into positions at DUC MY taking D Coy 6 RAR as close to their final locations as possible without risking bogging vehicles.
- (c) Provide cordon stops to cover the NORTH and EAST of the village.
- (d) Act as directed by OC D Coy 5 RAR for cordon search activities.
- (e) On completion of DUC MY search return to Bn HQ area when ordered by Bn HQ.
- l. Artillery. No change.

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c. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

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

Annexes: Cordon Layout

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OPORD 11-66 applies

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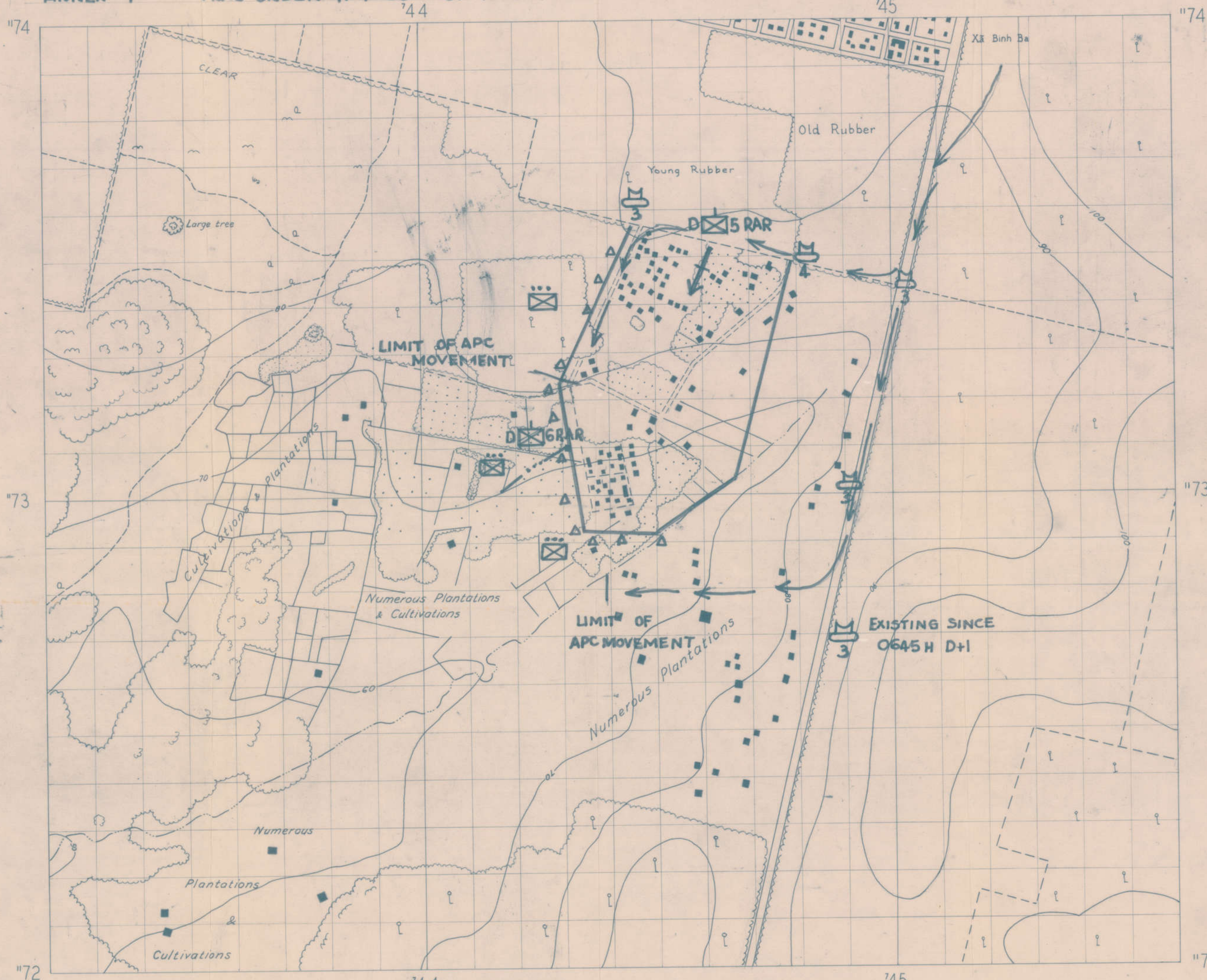
ANNEX P FRAG ORDER 11-1-66 OP HOLSWORTHY

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 1:10,000 photo plot with no additional
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- LEGEND
- Roads (gravel, formed)
 - Tracks Minor
 - Streams
 - Plantations general
 - Rubber plantations
 - Timber boundaries
 - Buildings

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11 /020H Aug 66

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FRAG ORDER 11-2-66 Op HOLSWORTHY.

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020
Sheets 6430, IIS, IIIS, IIN, IIIN
1:50000 Sheet IV

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) As for OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY plus:

(a) Suspects evacuated from BINH BA area included
10 VC detected during interrogation.

28 known VC.

(b) Information obtained from questioning of locals indicates that VC have moved out of the area as they no longer regard it as safe for operations.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Phases 1 - 3 of Op HOLSWORTHY now completed.

(2) Phase 4 of op HOLSWORTHY is in process of execution as directed in verbal orders and by direct liaison with parties concerned

c. Attachments and Detachments. OPORD 11-66 Op HOSLWORTHY with the following amendments.

(1) D Coy 6 RAR ceases to be under command.

(2) One sect 1 Tpt P1 RAASC ~~ceases to be~~ under command.

(3) One additional MEDCAP MO ceases to be in support.

(4) In support for road block duties Two police dets.

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to open TL 2 between vic YS 456757 ~~and A Coy~~ check point ~~vic YS 435686~~ from 120900 H Aug 66 to 131700 H Aug 66.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Roadblocks are to be established at the NORTHERN and SOUTHERN limits of the area of responsibility.

(2) The road is to be subdivided into three sub unit sectors and picquetted. Each sub unit is also to clear its sector daily before 0900 hours for mines and booby traps.

(3) The complete road length from the NORTH to SOUTH roadblocks is to be patrolled twice daily by a separate armoured infantry group.

/b. A Coy.

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b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 101600 H Aug 66 until further notice

Engr det 1 Fd Sqn (6 men)

(b) In support from 111600 H until further notice

One sect APCs
Det National Police

(c) In support for movement to allotted sector at 120700 H

Two additional sects APCs.

(d) Normal unit atts incl normal interpreter.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move by APC at 120700 H from present harbour to SOUTHERN sector vic YS 442705 to vic YS ~~434685~~.

(b) Establish picquets by 120900 H Aug 66.

(c) Coy to be based at A Coy home base and ~~continue to man current road block.~~

(d) Clear sectors of mines and booby traps by 0900 hours daily 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(e) Use att Engr to construct a holding area for civilians at the road block. Area to contain screened toilets for both sexes.

(f) Advise D Coy of the number of vehicles by type and cyclists heading NORTH as at 1500 H daily. Close the road at this time.

(g) Marshall all pedestrians into truckloads for on movement NORTHWARDS.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 101600 H until further notice

Engr det of 1 Fd Sqn.

(b) In support from 111600 H until further notice

One sect APCs

(c) Normal unit atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move on foot from present harbour to CENTRE sector vic YS 450732 to vic YS 442705.

(b) Establish base loc at vic YS ~~441728~~

/(c) Establish

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(c) Establish picquets by 120900 H.

(d) Clear sector of mines and booby traps by 0900 daily 12 and 13 Aug 66.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 111600 H until further notice

Engr det of
1 Fd Sqn (6 men)

(b) To be allotted in support for bn reserve and road clearance tasks

One tp 1 APC Sqn

(c) Normal unit atts less interpreter who is to go to D Coy from 111700 H until further notice.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Bn reserve in present loc with APCs.

(b) Assist in defence of Bn HQ.

(c) Provide one platoon twice daily (AM and PM) to be mounted in APCs and conduct road clearance tasks along complete road area of responsibility.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 101600 H until further notice

Engr det of
1 Fd Sqn (6 men)

(b) In support from 111600 H until further notice

One sect
1 APC Sqn
Det of National
Police.

(c) Normal unit atts plus C Coy interpreter (from 111700 H until further notice).

(2) Tasks.

(a) Remain in present base loc in NORTHERN sector and establish picquets between vics YS 456757 and YS 450732 by 120900 H Aug 66.

(b) Establish a roadblock at vic 456757 by 120900 H Aug 66.

(c) Clear sector of mines and booby traps by 0900 hours daily 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(d) Use att Engrs to construct a holding area for civilians at the roadblock. Area to contain screened toilets for both sexes.

(e) Advise A Coy of the number of vehicles by type and cyclists heading SOUTH as at 1500 hours daily. Close road at this time.

(f) Marshall pedestrians into truckloads for onmovement SOUTHWARDS.

f. Mortar Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks. Provide support from both Rear and Main positions.

g. Anti Tank Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(b) Part of Bn reserve.



h. Assault Pioneer Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue with WP duties.

(b) Continue with the construction of the DUC MY fence.

i. C Coy 6 RAR. Continue with defence of gun area.

j. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining armor comd 5 RAR Sqn (-).

(b) In support A, B and D Coys 5 RAR from 111600H - each one sect.

(c) In support of A Coy from 110700H Aug 66 for initial movement to sector of responsibility.

Two additional sects.

(d) Bn res

One Tp

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide one sect in support to each A, B and D Coys to assist with troop movement, picquetting, and local sector road clearance tasks and harbour defence. *also do bridge work*

(b) Lift A Coy to SOUTHERN sector commencing 110700H Aug 66.

(c) Carry out road clearance sweeps twice daily AM and PM in conjunction with C Coy along complete area of responsibility.

(d) Provide one sect continue assist Aslt Pnr Pl.

(e) Form part of the Bn reserve.

k. Artillery.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) 105 Fd Bty 103 Fd Bty and one pl of Bty A 2/35 Arty now located vic 440737.

(2) Tasks. No change.

l. Engineers.

(1) Grouping.

(a) OC Tp and Tp HQ with Bn HQ.

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found clearing of road after clearing.*

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(b) Under comd A B C D Coys each one det
6 men

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist coys with mine and booby trap clearance tasks in allotted sectors.

(b) Construct holding areas for civilians, with screened toilet facilities for both sexes, at A and D Coy roadblocks.

(c) Allot 2 minesweepers to each Engr group with A, B and D Coys.

m. Aviation. No change.

o. Co ordinating Instructions.

(1) Bn reserve. C Coy, Anti Tk Pl one tp of APCs.

(2) Security. In addition to OP ORD 11-66 A and D Coys should maintain details of vehicular and cyclist traffic NORTH and SOUTH.

(3) Timings.

(a) Road blocks and picquets to be established by 0900H 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(b) Roads to be swept for booby traps and mines by 0900H 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(c) No further movement permitted into area of responsibility after 1500H 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(4) Traffic.

(a) Independent vehicles and cyclists may proceed after checking.

(b) There is to be NO pedestrian movement within the area. Pedestrians are to be held by A and D Coys respectively and marshalled into truck loads.

(c) The Province Chief is providing vehicles to convey pedestrians through the area. These will ferry both ways.

(5) Interpreters. To be allotted as follows.

(a) A Coy. Own interpreter at SOUTHERN road block.

(b) D Coy. C Coy interpreter att at NORTHERN road block.

(c) MEDCAP. 1 ATF interpreter.

(6) Civic action. MEDCAP is to continue in villages.

(7) Vietnamese Police. One det to be att to both A and D Coys for duty on road blocks. Details of reporting to be issued separately. Police are to check civilians and vehicles.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

(1) Fresh. Hot midday meal to be delivered to coy locs on 12 and 13 Aug 66. ~~No APC escort required. Meal vehicles leave and return as a convoy under Tpt Offr and drop off at respective locs.~~

(2) Hard. Present hard, already issued, lasts until lunch Sat 13 Aug 66. A further two days hard is to be issued on 13 Aug 66 for forthcoming operations.

b. Water. APC to deliver in jerry cans from WP less A Coy.

c. Medical. MEDCAP continues. Remainder no change.

d. Echelon Bags. First bags to come forward Sat 13 Aug 66.

e. Canteens. Canteen supplies plus goffers and beer to scale of one each per man to come forward daily with ration vehicles.

f. Mine Detectors. Two mine detectors are to accompany each of A B and D Coys. OC Engr Tp and Aslt Pnr Pl Comd to arrange.

g. Roadblock and Holding Area Stores.

(1) A Coy. Obtain from own area.

(2) D Coy. Obtain from present main area by liaison with Aslt Pnr Pl Comd.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. No change except D Coy 6 RAR has left net.

b. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

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Alcassidy

(A. P. Cassidy)

Maj
XO

Alcassidy Maj
(J. A. Warr)
for Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Apr 4th - 2 days 73

Apr 1st Bar - 54

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3 1/2 - 21

9 - 6

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8/1/82 - 8

8/1/82 - 7

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5 RAR
BINH BA
via YS 445747
H Aug 66

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FRAG ORDER 11-3-66 Op HOLSWORTHY (Issued as verbal orders)

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020
Sheets 6430, IIS, IIIS
1:50000 Sheet IV

Time Zone used throughout order: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Information received suggests that the Provincial Headquarters of the National Liberation Front is located within 1000 metres of YS 480715. The HQ is housed in a complex of concrete bunkers carefully concealed.
- (2) This HQ is the organization most vital to the VC within PHUOC TUY Province and its loss or disruption would nullify VC control of the area which they hold in PHUOC TUY.
- (3) A VC Provincial HQ is directly under the control of the Provincial branch of the party whilst most vital decisions are made by the Central Committee of the Provincial Party, the executive functions of the VC administrative party are vested within the Provincial HQ. The loss of this HQ would prevent party policy from being put into practice until a completely new HQ had been raised, trained and reallocated. Furthermore it is common VC practice to give senior party officials corresponding senior positions within the Provincial HQ, so destruction of this HQ could kill two birds with one stone.
- (4) The size of the HQ should be considerable as it has several departments, viz, political, education, finance, taxation, food and agriculture, , military affairs, intelligence recruiting, ect. Therefore it probably has a staff in excess of twenty people. It is likely that this HQ will be defended, possibly by the 50th platoon, now that it has been withdrawn from BINH BA, or by the DUC THANH Company.
- (5) Other enemy forces which may be encountered in the area are one or more companies of the 860 Battalion which at present is at the SOUTH of the projected area of operations

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Phases 1 - 5 of Op HOLSWORTHY is to be completed by late PM D + 5 13 Aug 66.

(2) Phase 6 of Op HOLSWORTHY is to be continued and in addition activities proposed in this FRAG ORDER are to form part of Phase 6.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Remaining under command after 140900 H

One sect 1 APC Sqn
One sp sect of 1 APC Sqn
(Total 6 APCs)
One tp of 1 Fd Sqn

(2) Remaining in DS 105 Fd Bty

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(3) Remaining in support after
131600H.

103 Fd Bty
161 Bty RNZA
Bty A2/35
FAC operator USAF
One H13 of 161 Recce Flt
One HU1B of 9 Sqn RAAF

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to destroy the VC Provincial HQ in vic YS 480715.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations. (See Annex P)

(1) Three coys are to be deployed WEST, NORTH and EAST of the suspected HQ location. These coys are to establish a series of stops of half platoon size on tracks or other possible entry - exit routes into the area.

(2) One coy, plus the engr fd tp, is to progressively search the area within the cordon of stops from SOUTH to NORTH.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 140730H One tp Fd Sqn

(b) In support from 140730 H One tp 1 APC Sqn

(c) Normal unit atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Marry up with engr fd tp at A Coy base loc.

(b) Move on APCs from base loc to vic YS 470706 thence on foot to commence search (see Annex I)

(c) On orders from Bn HQ search area from SOUTH to NORTH.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) APC and engr atts remain with coy overnight 13/14 Aug 66 then move to join A Coy 140715H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) On orders from Bn HQ move on foot to EASTERN cordon/stop position. See Annex P for routes and line of stops.

(b) Provide a series of stops of half platoon size along the EASTERN flank.

(c) Be prepared to redeploy as directed by Bn HQ.

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d. C Coy

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) APC and Engr atts remain with coy overnight 13/14 Aug 66 then move to join A Coy 140715H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) On orders from Bn HQ move on foot to WESTERN cordon/stop positions. See Annex P for routes and line of stops.

(b) Provide a series of stops of half platoon size along the WESTERN flank.

(c) Be prepared to redeploy as directed by Bn HQ.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) APC and Engr atts remain with coy overnight 13/14 Aug 66 then move to join A Coy 140715H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) On orders from Bn HQ move on foot to NORTHERN cordon/stop position. See Annex P for routes and line of stops.

(b) Provide a series of stops of half platoon size along the NORTHERN flank.

(c) Be prepared to redeploy as directed by Bn HQ.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect remain 5 RAR Rear.

(b) Pl less one sect remain with 5 RAR Main.

(c) Of pl with Main, one sect only is to remain mounted in APC. Other sect is to be ground mounted in proposed new loc vic YS 461715.

(2) Tasks. Continue to provide support for the operation.

g. Anti Tank Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(b) Provide APC escorts when required.

(c) Bn reserve.

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h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(b) Establish a water point.

(c) Provide three flame thrower teams on call as required.

(d) Part of Bn reserve.

i. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remain under command of 5 RAR until 140900H
1 APC Sqn (-).

(b) Remaining under command 5 RAR for remainder of the operation. One sect, one sp sect.

(c) In support of A, B, C, D Coys until 140715H each. One sect.

(d) In support of A Coy from 140730H until completion of tp lift. One tp.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide protection for Bn HQ and coy base locs night 13/14 Aug 66.

(b) Convey all engr elements to A Coy base loc from Bn HQ B, C and D Coy locs at 140715H.

(c) Provide one tp to lift A Coy and Engr fd tp to vic YS 470706 at 140800H.

(d) Provide APCs to lift Bn HQ group plus Mor Pl forward to new Bn HQ loc vic YS 461715.

(e) Provide one sect and one sp sect to remain with 5 RAR for the remainder of the operation.

j. Artillery.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) 105 Bty 103 Bty pl of A Bty 2/35 Arty now relocated NUI DAT.

(2) Tasks. Continue to provide support.

k. Engineers.

(1) Grouping. To be under command A Coy from 140730H.

(2) Tasks. Provide engr assistance throughout the operation.

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- l. Aviation. No change.
- m. Co ordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Routes, Cordon Stops, Area of Search - See annex P.
 - (2) Timings.
 - (a) APCs depart with engrs for A Coy loc: 140715H.
 - (b) APC, engrs, A Coy marry up 140730H.
 - (c) Bn commences moving, Bn HQ group and A Coy by APC, remainder on foot: 140800H
 - (3) Road Blocks. To be taken over by Pacification Team by 140700H at D Coy loc and at vic 459728.
 - (4) Civic Action. MEDCAP to continue in villages.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Rations. Hard to midday Tue 16 inclusive already issued. Further resupply to be **advised**.
- b. Water. Local water to be used. Normal sterilization to apply.
- c. Medical.
 - (1) Normal atts. RMO with Bn HQ.
 - (2) Normal medical kits to be carried.
 - (3) Casovac by either APC or DUSTOFF.
- d. Surplus Stores. To be backloaded PM 13 Aug 66.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Bn HQ. New location vic YS 461715.
- b. Radio. Each stop group of B, C and D coys is to be radio equipped. RSO to reallot sets where necessary.
- c. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

for *Albansdy Maj*
(J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes. Annex P: Routes, Cordon Positions.

Distribution.

As for OPORD 11-66

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for *Albansdy*
(O. M. Carroll)

Maj
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~~PRECEDENCE-ACTION~~ ~~PRECEDENCE-TIME~~ ~~PRECEDENCE-TIME~~
 ROUTINE 110420Z

From 1 ATF

To 1 APC Sqn 1 Fd Regt 1 ATF Loc Tp
 1 Fd Sqn 1 Topo Svy Tp 103 Sig Sqn
 5 RAR 6 RAR 3 SAS Sqn
 1 ATF Int Unit 1 ARU 1 ATF HQ LAD
 Det 2 Fd Amb 33 Dent Unit 161 Recce Flt
 HQ Co 1 ATF 67 GL Sec RAAF Vung Tau
 II FFV HQ AFV HQ NZ Force Vietnam
 1 ALSG Internal List D

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 OPS 178

Operation Holsworthy continues as follows. 11 Aug 66 saturation patrolling of BINH BA plantation YS4474. 12/13 Aug 66 opening Inter Provincial Route 2. Road will be open from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs between check points located at YS462776 manned by ARVN and at YS429664 manned by 1 ATF MPs. 14/15 Aug clearing operation on the ridge east of plantation centre of mass YS4774. 16/17/18 Aug clearing operations north west of plantation centre of mass YS4378. 18/19 Aug operation ends TF 5 RAR returns this location except for one rifle company, one section mortar platoon in two APCs, plus 4 APCs which remain vicinity YS4474 until handover to ARVN complete.

DRAFTER'S NAME OFFICE TEL No
 HANNIGAN OPS 3

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

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Quote in Reply

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ADDRESS

1 APC SQN
 INUI DAT
 9 Aug 66

5 RAR

1 APC SQN
NOMINAL ROLL

1. Members involved in Operation HOLSWORTHY are as follows :-

No	Rank	Name	Laundry No	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
335096	Maj	R E HAGERTY	Z 1	SHQ
335155	Capt	I J BRYANT	Z 8	SP
54548	Lt	F A ROBERTS	Z 5	3 TP
15261	Lt	R C GUYMER	Z 3	2 TP
3905025	Lt	J A HOWARD	Z 4	2 TP
215565	2Lt	I C SAVAGE	Z 6	3 TP
43438	2Lt	D J WATTS	Z 9	SP
23650	WO2	A L CABRAN	Z 11	SHQ
14205	Sgt	L J RILEY	Z 114	SHQ
54601	Sgt	A G BULLOCK	Z 101	3 TP
42123	Sgt	L I CLIFFORD	Z 97	SP
37880	Sgt	D E HILL	Z 99	SP
213099	Sgt	R E RICHARDS	Z 42	3 TP
213515	Sgt	R D CLEARY	Z 13	2 TP
42633	Sgt	W E MEYER	Z 14	2 TP
37413	Cpl	J STONES	Z 115	2 TP
214560	Cpl	F A GRAHAM	Z 15	2 TP
214628	Cpl	D J TINSON	Z 19	2 TP
37437	Cpl	A A MURPHY	Z 18	2 TP
16839	Cpl	J T O'REILLY	Z 16	2 TP
54570	Cpl	P E CLEMENTS	Z 20	2 TP
16250	Cpl	R J GROSS	Z 45	3 TP
38317	Cpl	J A CARTER	Z 46	3 TP
214587	Cpl	A J BRETTON	Z 140	SP
42166	Cpl	K R HARTWIG	Z 146	SHQ
215606	Cpl	N J CULLEN	Z 120	SHQ
17743	Cpl	T J PAGE	Z 97	LAD.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
38770	Lcpl	P F LAIDLAW	Z 98	LAD
311354	Lcpl	W F GREIG	Z 109	SP
215255	Lcpl	P KILBY	Z 144	SP
1200016	Lcpl	P FOTTRILL	Z 62	3TP
3411209	Lcpl	J J O'SHEA	Z 65	3TP
3786870	Lcpl	G W STRACHAN	Z 30	2TP
6708259	Lcpl	L McPHERSON	Z 34	2TP
5713726	Lcpl	W G SMITH	Z 36	3TP
3786944	Tpr	A J WELSH	Z 24	2TP
54257	Tpr	S HUCKIN	Z 25	2TP
3783452	Tpr	D J COLLINS	Z 27	2TP
3787166	Tpr	R A PORTER	Z 28	2TP
4717545	Tpr	H L NICOLSON	Z 29	2TP
3787066	Tpr	J CALLOW	Z 31	2TP
2782108	Tpr	R C TETLEY	Z 32	2TP
3786844	Tpr	N F MILIKINS	Z 33	2TP
1731106	Tpr	J J DELACHEY	Z 26	2TP
6708256	Tpr	P N MacMICHAEL	Z 35	2TP
5713799	Tpr	K R CASTLEDINE	Z 37	2TP
4410737	Tpr	I M THOMAS	Z 38	2TP
37226	Tpr	W J O'ROURKE	Z 49	3TP
3411689	Tpr	J McCORMICK	Z 63	3TP
3786744	Tpr	G D NEWMAN	Z 53	3TP
4717530	Tpr	P S McNAMARA	Z 55	3TP
5713740	Tpr	A J TOMPKIN	Z 59	3TP
4717841	Tpr	R P WILSEN	Z 61	3TP
2781871	Tpr	J B MALONEY	Z 50	3TP
4717751	Tpr	K L MITCHINSON	Z 58	3TP
511918	Tpr	W H BINNING	Z 108	SP
5713811	Tpr	J CRESSY	Z 106	SP
5713630	Tpr	I N DADD	Z 136	SP
1730966	Tpr	P L HOLMES	Z 137	SP
215559	Tpr	E W JOHNSON	Z 103	SP
3787250	Tpr	F S JOHNSON	Z 104	SP
2781368	Tpr	K J JONES	Z 105	SP
3786873	Tpr	J F LAZZARO	Z 141	SP
5713682	Tpr	I G McEWAN	Z 143	SP
38722	Tpr	J W PRITCHARD	Z 138	SP
3786942	Tpr	R M SMITH	Z 142	SP
2781962	Tpr	N C WOOD	Z 102	SP
3411433	Tpr	A J DUGGIN	Z 107	SP
5713691	Tpr	N A MILLINGTON	Z 145	SP
3787227	Tpr	J M TREBILCO	Z 125	SP
3786644	Tpr	V I POMROY	Z 128	SP

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
58775	Cfn	G L ARMSTRONG	Z 99	LAD
18765	Cfn	N PERKINS	Z 100	LAD
215419	Cpl	D W DAVIES	Z 22	ZTP
42437	Lcpl	R WARREN	Z 23	ZTP



Maj
OC 1 APC SQN

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SUPPLEMENTARY POINT OF ORIGIN
CODES: 7 AUG TO 16 AUG 66
OPERATION HOLSWORTHY

D-5

071800H to 081800H	SHIP	4574	Rd Code
	TREE	4377	M
091800H to 101800H	SNAKE	4874	
	GIRL	4275	D
111800H to 121800H	METAL	4473	
	RIVER	4578	L
131800H to 141800H	SPORT	4379	
	SNAKE	4575	P
151800H to 161800H	GEM	4777	
	TREE	4275	V
081800H to 091800H	PLANET	4674	
	MEAT	4174	B
101800H to 111800H	GEM	4073	
	ACTRESS	4575	F
121800H to 131800H	TREE	4074	
	VEGETABLE	4876	Q
141800H to 151800H	PLANE	4574	
	STATE	4074	N
161800H to 171800H	GIRL	4375	
	DRINK	4578	E

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Sqn read code datum point for
Op Holsworthy is co-ords 4080.

MESSAGE FORM

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PRECEDENCE — ACTION <i>routine</i>	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME — GROUP <i>0800 700 Z</i>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From <i>1 APC Son</i>			PREFIX GR
To <i>HQ 11TF</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>RESTRICTED</i>
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>G 226</i>

Info

*ROAD CLEARING (1) DUE TO PARTICIPATION IN OP HOLDSWORTHY
1 APC SON WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A SECTION
OF APC'S FOR THE ROAD CLEARING TASK AT 0630 HRS
DAILY (1) THIS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM 1800 HRS
8 JUL 66 UNTILL COMPLETION OF OPERATION*

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D6
Provincial Headquarters,
National Liberation Front,
PHUOC TUY,

Aug 66

CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTION 10/66

1. Enemy Activities.

A battalion of the Australian Task Force has recently searched DUC MY with rather damaging results to our local forces in that area. It is probable that this battalion was the Fifth (Tiger) Battalion as it was their turn to execute the operation. The Sixth Battalion, identified from casualty reports in the Australian press and over the radio, has just returned from operations around LONG TANH. It is now the turn of the experienced Fifth Battalion to carry out an operation hence planning must commence to frustrate the efforts of this operation and to inflict maximum casualties on the Australian Force.

2. Enemy Intentions.

It seems likely that the Fifth Battalion will continue to operate in the BINH BA area, in order to dominate their customary TAOR, and to continue to search for our comrades from where they left off at DUC MY.

The Australian timing programme suggests that this operation will commence in early August.

It is considered most likely that the Fifth Battalion will cordon and search BINH BA and DUC TRUNG as a first stage in attempting to enslave and exploit our people in Northern PHUOC TUY.

3. Counter Actions.

Accordingly we must make the following preparations:

- a. Minimum numbers of our soldiers are to be living in BINH BA and DUC TRUNG in the first half of August.
- b. Proper security precautions against a surprise cordon must be taken so that those soldiers within the villages can escape.
- c. Arms and equipment which cannot be removed by our escaping comrades must be hidden carefully now. where it is difficult for a comrade to be sure of escaping a cordon, he is to hide his weapon and equipment now and not attempt to escape. Instead he is to observe and report later on weakness in the Australian system of searching, and on other factors which demonstrate the fatal weakness of their conduct, especially those relating to their capitalist imperialist political system.
- d. Night ambushes by small groups must be prepared and sited on the likely approaches to the BINH BA area.
- e. Consideration must be given to ambushing an enemy force of company size, should any such group venture away from the main body, particularly on the Northern and Western sides of BINH BA. In particular, note should be taken of the enemy propensity for investigating obvious hills such as NUI NHAN and in his interest in the road to BINH GIA.
- f. Long term measures must be taken for the preservation of our political infra-structure in the event of an enemy pacification programme in BINH BA.

4. Allocation of Tasks.

- a. 5 Div, 3-24 Aug 66.

274 Regt is to be within four hours march of NUI NHAN, on stand by for a regimental attack on a company defensive position. 274 Regt is to provide one battalion (suggested 308 Battalion) to be within one hours march of BINH BA NORTH airstrip ready for opportunity tasks.,

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such as ambushes on the approaches to NUI NHAN, recce patrols to discover the enemy's movements, and provision of assistance to comrades escaping from cordons.

b. 50th Independent Platoon, 5-19 Aug 66.

Establish a screen of listening posts to the EAST, SOUTH and WEST of BINH BA, approximately 1000 metres out from the village in order to detect any approach of enemy recce parties. If these parties are discovered, the two most likely routes along which the enemy might approach BINH BA are to be ambushed. If assistance can be provided by sending one platoon of the DUC THAN Company up from the SOUTH WEST, these ambushes are to be strengthened. However this aid must not be relied upon.

After the cordon phase of the enemy's operation, 50 Pl is to keep a check on the enemy's movements and is to report directly to this HQ

c. BINH BA Guerilla Platoon, 5-19 Aug 66.

Maintain sentries at the edges of BINH BA. Squads are to sleep in the village in rotation one at a time. The other two squads will keep watch and will hide during the search phase.

5. Conclusion.

If the enemy attempts to control the village in the BINH BA area he will be closer to significant members of our forces than he has been to date. Hence this is our best opportunity for dealing him a telling blow. However if any commander feels unsure of success of any offensive operations he plans against the Australians, he is to desist and wait until the enemy is in a more vulnerable position, lured further to the NORTH.

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annexes A, B and C.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) PHUOC TUY Sector Controlling.
LONG LE Sub Sector.
DUC THANH Sub Sector .
1 Commando Company.
Pacification Team.
Province Interrogation Centre.

(2) 6 RAR, less two rifle companies, remain in own base area and continues normal local security operations.

(3) 5 RAR is to be responsible for the security of its own base area throughout the operation.

(4) Op HOLSWORTHY consists of six phases affecting 5 RAR TF. Phase 1, Phase 2, excluding the search of DUC MY and Phase 3 only are covered in this order. A separate Frag Order is to be issued for the DUC MY search. Phases 4 to 6, involving the introduction of 1 Commando Company and Pacification Team into BINH BA, the opening of Route TL 2 and clearance of the surrounds of BINH BA, are also to be covered by separate Frag Orders.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Under command from 1800 hours
D -1:

1. APC Sqn (-) (Minimum of Sqn HQ, two tps and two mortar sects required)
One tp 1 Fd Sqn
C and D Coys. of 6 RAR

(2) Under command from 1600 hours
D Day until conclusion of search
D +2:

Det of 1 ATF Linguist Sect
(6 Interpreters)

(3) Under command from 1700 hours
D Day:

One sect, 1 Tpt Pl
RAASC (5x2½ ton vehicles)

(4) Remaining in direct support: 105 Fd Bty.

(5) Remaining in support:

103 Fd Bty
161 Bty RNZA
Bty A 2/35 Arty

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(6) In support from 1800 hours

D -1:

One USAF FAC radio operator
One additional MO for MEDCAP

(7) In support from 1600 hours

D Day until conclusion of search

D.+2:

Psywar aircraft
6 Vietnamese National Police
Psywar Det (One officer one
enlisted man)

(8) In support from 0600 hours

D +1:

One H13 of 161 Recce Flt

(9) In support from 0700 hours

D +1:

One HU 1B of 9 Sqn RAAF

(10) In support from 0700 hours

D +1 until D+5:

FAC

(11) In support as available: Light Fire Teams

2. MISSION. 5 RAR TF is to apprehend and evacuate all males of military age and other VC suspects from DUC TRUNG and BINH BA villages.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Phase 1: The simultaneous cordon of DUC TRUNG (YS 453746) and BINH BA (YS 448749) villages by first light D +1 as follows:

(a) Preliminary Operations:

i. C Coy 5 RAR to establish a patrol base at vic YS 440716 on D -3.

ii. Recce elements of A, B, C and D Coys of 5 RAR and C and D Coys of 6 RAR to conduct recces forward from the patrol base on the night D -3/D -2 for familiarization of routes and respective sub unit cordon areas.

iii. C Coy 5 RAR and recce elements to return to 5 RAR base location D -2.

(b) Cordons:

i. 5 RAR (less B Coy) plus C and D Coys of 6 RAR, to move to a forward assembly area vic YS 433734 on D Day (8 Aug 66).

ii. B Coy to move to an independent forward assembly area vic 465738 on D Day (8 Aug 66).

iii. Cordons to be in position by 0530 hours D +1. See Annex P for routes, locations and cordon layout. In general:

DUC TRUNG: D Coy 5 RAR and D Coy 6 RAR.

BINH BA: Two pls of A Coy, B Coy,
(until relieved by APCs),
C Coy 5 RAR and C Coy 6 RAR.

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(c) Ambushes: To be established by 0530 hours D +1 as stops in depth behind the cordons and to cover DUC MY village (YS 445733). Locations are shown on Annex P. To be provided by one pl of A Coy and Anti Tk Pl. To be lifted on orders from Bn HQ.

(2) Phase 2: The search of the two hamlets apprehending all military aged males between 12 and 45 years old and other VC suspects as follows:

(a) DUC TRUNG: To be searched from NORTH to SOUTH by one pl of A Coy with RAE assistance after the ambushes on DUC MY village have been lifted and when ordered by Bn HQ.

(b) BINH BA: To be searched from EAST to WEST by B Coy with RAE assistance after being relieved on the cordon by APCs and when ordered by Bn HQ.

(c) Apprehension of Military Aged Males and Suspects.

Searching sub units to hold persons and advise Bn HQ of numbers. Collection to be by APCs to the unit cage situated at the Bn HQ location.

(d) Duration of Phase: D +1 and probably D +2.

(e) Actions on Conclusion of Search: DUC TRUNG cordon to move SOUTH and search DUC MY village on orders from Bn HQ. Separate Frag Order to be issued. Remainder move when ordered to nominated harbour areas.

(3) Phase 3: The evacuation of apprehended males and any other suspects to BA RIA Soccer Field YS 384622 as follows:

(a) Evacuation is not to commence before 1000 hrs D +1 and is to be completed by 1800 hours on D+2.

(b) All persons for evacuation are to be back-loaded from the unit cage.

(c) Movement is to be by RAASC vehicles with APC escort.

b. A Company.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 0700 hours D +1 (Arrival of APCs) until conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG: Half tp 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)
One 1 ATF interpreter

(b) In support for search of DUC TRUNG: One MEDCAP MO
Two Vietnamese Policemen.

(c) Normal unit atts.

(d) Ambush/search pl to initially include the coy interpreter from D Day and the half tp of 1 Fd Sqn and the 1 ATF interpreter from 0700 hrs D +1.

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(e) To pass to under command D Coy at conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG: Half tp 1 Fd Sqn
A Coy interpreter
One 1ATF Interpreter

(f) To pass to in sp D Coy at conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG: One MEDCAP MO
Two Policemen

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D -3/D -2.

(b) Provide recce guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to the CP at 0745 hours D Day.

(c) Coy less one pl cordon the WEST side of BINH BA village. (See Annex P).

(d) Remaining pl of A Coy:

i. Establish two ambushes NORTH of DUC MY village at vics road track junction YS 451734 and track bend YS 443736 on night D Day D +1, remaining in until approx 0700 hours D +1. (See Annex P).

ii. On orders from Bn HQ lift ambushes, marry up with APCs, interpreters and police and move to the NORTHERN edge of DUC TRUNG village. Marry up with the Engineers at this latter location.

iii. On orders from Bn HQ search DUC TRUNG village from NORTH to SOUTH.

iv. On completion of search of DUC TRUNG and on orders from Bn HQ, move SOUTH WEST along air-strip and rejoin A Coy on BINH BA cordon position leaving the MO, policemen, the interpreters and Engineers with D Coy 5 RAR.

(e) On completion of search of BINH BA and on orders from Bn HQ, move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 431750. (See Annex P).

c. B Company.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 0700 hours D Day (Arrival of APCs): Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn
(18 men)

(b) In support from arrival of APCs at BINH BA village D+1 to conclusion of search D+2: Four Interpreters
Four National Policemen

(c) Normal unit atts plus RMO and MEDCAP. Team on temporary basis D+1 and D+2.

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(2) Tasks.

- (a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D -3/D -2.
- (b) Move independantly to forward assembly area vic YS 465738 on D Day, thence into cordon position. B Coy to remain 100 metres EAST of TL2 until 0600 hours when the cordon is to be closed.
- (c) Cordon the EAST side of BINH BA village.
(See Annex P).
- (d) Collect four interpreters and four policemen from Psyop APC on arrival at approx 0700 hrs D +1.
- (e) When relieved of cordon responsibility by APCs and on orders from Bn HQ, search BINH BA from EAST to WEST.
- (f) On completion of search of BINH BA and on orders from Bn HQ, move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 457731. (See Annex P).

d. C Company

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under command for preliminary operations:
Recce/Guide elms of
A, B, D Coys 5 RAR
and C and D Coys
6 RAR.
- (b) Normal unit atts less interpreter who reverts to under comd Bn HQ by 1800 hours D -1.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Establish a patrol base at vic YS 443717 on D -3 and control preliminary recce operations on night D -3/D -2.
- (b) Provide own recce element D -3/D -2.
- (c) Provide assistance to recce elements as required.
- (d) Provide recce/guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to the CP at 0745 hours D Day.
- (e) Cordon the NORTH side of BINH BA village
(See Annex P).
- (f) On completion of the search of BINH BA and on orders from Bn HQ move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 445746. Provide protection for Bn HQ at this location.

e. D Company.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal unit atts.
- (b) If an attack comes during the cordon of DUC TRUNG, Bn HQ may place D Coy 6 RAR under comd D Coy 5 RAR.

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(c) Under command from completion
of search of DUC TRUNG:

D Coy 6 RAR
One Tp 1 APC Sqn
Half tp 1 Fd Sqn
(12 men)
A Coy interpreter
One 1 ATF interpreter

(d) In support from conclusion
of search of DUC TRUNG:

One MEDCAP MO
Two Vietnamese Police-
men.

(2) Tasks

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary
operations D -3/D -2.

(b) Provide recce/guide party to layout assembly
area. Report to CP 0745 hours D Day. One senior
NCO 4 OR.

(c) Cordon the NORTH and WEST sides of DUC TRUNG
village.

(d) On completion of the search of DUC TRUNG and
when ordered by Bn HQ, assume command of the forces
listed in 3 e (1) (b) above and move to search DUC
MY YS 445733 (Separate Frag Order to be issued).

(e) On completion of the DUC MY search and on orders
from Bn HQ, move to and occupy harbour position vic
YS 455753 (See Annex P).

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect under command 5 RAR (Rear) until comp-
letion of the operation.

(b) Pl less one sect to be located with Bn HQ 5 RAR
at BINH BA vic YS 445746 from AM D +1.

(2) Tasks

(a) Sect in base area. Provide support for 5 RAR
(Rear).

/(b) Remainder

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(b) Remainder.

- i. Provide sp to limit of range for mov of 5 RAR TF to forward assembly areas.
- ii. Carry out partial loading of ammo and stores 1600 hours D Day.
- iii. Rejoin HQ 5 RAR at vic YS 445766 on the morning of D + 1 departing base area 0630 hours in APCs.
- iv. Provide sp from new Bn HQ location both sects being mounted in APCs. *
- v. Carry forward 100 rounds per mortar within the mortar APCs. Total 400 rounds.
- vi. Receive incendiary bombs from Aslt Pnr P1 by 1800 hours D - 1 to be taken forward to Bn HQ location on D + 1 on mortar APCs.

g. Anti Tk Platoon.

(1) Grouping. P1 to be split into two ambush groups commanded by the P1 Comd and P1 Sgt respectively.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Establish ambushes at vic YS 455754 and vic 449727 (See Annex P) on night D Day D + 1.
- (b) Remain in position until ordered in by Bn HQ, which will be at approx 0645 hours D + 1 for the SOUTH-ERN ambush and approx 0715 hours D + 1 for the NORTH-ERN one.
- (c) Relief in the ambush positions is to be by APCs.
- (d) Return to Bn HQ loc by APCs.
- (e) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.
- (f) Form part of the Bn reserve.

h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Form part of the Bn reserve.
- (b) Assist with the defence of Bn HQ.
- (c) Construct three suspect holding cages with toilets and screening in the Bn HQ area.
- (d) Provide security for the holding cages. Ensure NO unauthorised personnel remain in the vicinity.
- (e) Establish a water point.
- (f) Prepare incendiary bombs for use by search parties as required. Bombs to be safely packed and delivered to Mortar P1 by 1800 D - 1 for carriage forward.

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i. C Company 6 RAR.

(1) Grouping. Normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D - 3/D - 2.

(b) Cordon the SOUTH side of BINH BA village (See Annex P).

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(e) Provide recce guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to CP at 0745 hours D Day.

(c) On completion of the search of BINH BA and when ordered by 5 RAR, move to vic YS 440737 and secure the g area.

(d) Coordinate the defence of the gun area.

j. D Company 6 RAR.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) If any attack comes during the cordon of DUC TRUNG Bn HQ may place D Coy 6 RAR under command of D Coy 5 RAR.

(c) Under command D Coy 5 RAR, from completion of search of DUC TRUNG, for operation to search DUC MY. (See separate Frag Order)

(d) If necessary harbour with D Coy 5 RAR night D + 1/D + 2.

(e) Revert to under command 6 RAR afternoon D + 2.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D - 3/D - 2.

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(d) Provide recce guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to the CP at 0745 hours D Day.

(b) Cordon the SOUTH and EAST sides of DUC TRUNG village.

(c) Cordon DUC MY village (See separate Frag Order)

k. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Sqn (-) under comd 5 RAR from 1800 hours D - 1 (Minimum of Sqn HQ, two tps, and two mor sects)

(b) One tp under comd D Coy 5 RAR from completion of search of DUC TRUNG until completion of search of DUC MY (See separate Frag Order)

(2) Tasks. As per Annex F.

/1. Artillery.

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1. Artillery.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) 105 Fd Bty is to relocate to new gun area vic YS 440737 on D + 2. Coordination of defence by C Coy 6 RAR.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 105 Fd Bty is to provide direct support from NUI DAT area until D + 2 thence from the new gun area for the remainder of the operation. The new area is to be secured before the arrival of the bty, by C Coy 6 RAR. 105 Fd Bty not to move forward until cleared by Bn HQ.

(b) 105 Fd Bty is to confirm suitability of new gun area D + 1.

m. Engineers.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command A Coy from 0700 hours D + 1 until the completion of search of DUC TRUNG village: Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)

(b) Under command B Coy from 0700 hours D + 1 until further advised: Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (18 men).

(c) Under command D Coy from the completion of search of DUC TRUNG village until further advised. (See separate Frag Order for DUC MY search) Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)

(2) Tasks.

(a) Load in two separate groups onto APCs reporting 1 Fd Sqn lines at 0600 hours D + 1. A Coy group of 12 men onto one APC and B Coy group of 18 men onto two APCs.

(b) Move to locations of search coys and report to respective OCs as follows:

i. A Coy Group: NORTH end of DUC TRUNG village.

ii. B Coy Group: EAST end of BINH BA village

(c) Assist sub units in village clearance.

/(d) Provide

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(d) Provide 12 respirators of type currently used by RAE to be loaded at 5 RAR Rear at 1600 hours D Day for delivery forward to Bn HQ location D + 1. Liaise with QM 5 RAR.

(e) Provide 6 mine detectors to be loaded at 5 RAR Rear at 1600 hours D Day for delivery forward to Bn HQ location D + 1. Liaise with QM 5 RAR.

n. Aviation.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One SIOUX aircraft of 161 Recce Flt to be under the control of the acting XO 5 RAR (Maj A. P. CASSIDY).

(b) One psywar aircraft to be under control of the acting XO.

(c) One UHIB of 9 Sqn to be in general support as required by Bn HQ.

(d) Light fire teams if available on call to Bn HQ.

(e) FAC on call.

(f) FAC operator with Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 161 Recce Flt.

i. Provide a SIOUX aircraft to be airborne over BINH BA, carrying the acting XO, by 0615 hours D + 1.

ii. Acting XO to guide psywar aircraft to BINH BA area and control its activities from the SIOUX.

iii. SIOUX to carry out air observation over the cordon areas throughout the period of the search operations.

iv. Acting XO is to report 161 Recce Flt PM D Day in readiness for early take off. Request 161 Recce Flt provide accomodation.

v. Two psywar aircraft pilots are also to report 161 Recce Flt PM D Day for briefing by acting XO and in readiness for early take off. Request 161 Recce Flt provide accomodation.

(b) Psywar Aircraft.

i. Pilots report 161 Recce Flt PM D Day as advised by Lt SINCERBEAUX, (Psyops officer 1 ATF). To be briefed by acting XO 5 RAR, Maj A. P. CASSIDY. Accomodation 161 Recce Flt.

ii. Carry out psyops over BINH BA area from 0615 hours D + 1. To be guided to area and controlled by the acting XO.

(c) UHIB.

i. Possible rapid evacuation of VCC VCS VC wounded or ralliers.

/ii. Possible

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ii. Possible air observation tasks to relieve SIOUX during refuelling.

(d) Light Fire Teams. (If available) Air cover throughout cordon and search.

(e) FAC. Tasks as required.

(f) FAC Operator. Tasks as directed by Bn HQ. To report 5 RAR Main by 1800 hours D - 1.

(g) Aircraft Frequencies. SIOUX and Psywar aircraft are NCT to come on the Bn command net except in an emergency. The acting XO is to take a 25 set with him in the SIOUX for air/ground communications.

o. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Bn Reserve. Aslt Pnr Pl, Anti Tk Pl (From 0730 hours D + 1), elements of 1 APC Sqn.

(2) Security.

(a) All ranks incl atts to wear red hat bands.

(b) All food tins issued during civic action to be opened before issue.

(c) RAASC vehicles carrying suspects to BARIA to be closed down with canopies and bows.

(d) No unauthorised personnel near the PW cage.

(3) Timings. See att Annex D, Sequence of Events.

(4) D Day. 8 Aug 66.

(5) Forward Assembly Areas, Routes, Cordon Positions, Ambush Positions, and Harbour Locations: Annex P.

(6) Assembly Area Recce. Coy Recce/guide elements (Less B Coy) to report to Adjt at 0745 hours D Day at CP to move forward to lay out the Bn Forward Assembly Area. Adjt to command patrol. Each coy group to include one senior NCO and four other ranks.

(7) Report Lines.

(a) Feature vic YS 433708 known as NIGHT PAD.

(b) Stream at YS 433723 known as TABLE SALT.

(c) Rubber corner vic YS 464473 known as PEPPER POT.

(d) Corner of airfield vic YS 432741 known as MASCOT FIELD.

(e) SOUTHWEST corner of DUC TRUNG vic YS 452746 known as GUILDFIELD FIELD.

(f) Rubber corner vic YS 433734 known as EAGLE FARM.

(8) Assembly Areas.

(a) Main - vic 433734 known as RANDWICH PARK.

/(b) B Coy -

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(b) B Coy - vic YS 465738 known as STUDLEIGH PARK.

(9) Order of March.

(a) B Coy. To move independantly.

(b) Main Body. To forward assembly area thence into cordon and ambush positions:

D Coy 5 RAR (Plus the NORTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush party)

D Coy 6 RAR

Bn HQ group

A Coy ambush/search pl (plus the SOUTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush party)

C Coy 5 RAR

C Coy 6 RAR

A Coy less one pl.

(10) Cordon Formations. Within each coy (excluding A Coy).

(a) Two pls up each with three sects up and men posted in pairs every 30 metres approximately.

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

(c) A Coy is to provide a depth element from within the resources of the two pls available.

(11) Rules of Engagement.

(a) Fire only:

i. When fired at.

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

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

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

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

(d) If fired on from a house:

i. Take cover.

ii. Call forward the interpreter.

iii. Get a loud hailer.

iv. Have the interpreter advise the occupants to surrender.

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

/vi. If the occupants

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

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

(f) All males of military age (12 - 45 years) are to be taken to the bn cage (Call forward APCs from Bn HQ as required)

(g) Don't harrass women and children.

(h) Soldiers will not search women.

(12) Surrendered Personnel. Intention to surrender is indicated by shirt off, weapon slung upside down and hands held above the head. This signal is to be honoured and the VCS rapidly evacuated. Expect ralliers.

(13) Curfew. When the cordon is in position on D + 1, the Psyops voice aircraft is to be used to advise the villagers that a household curfew has been imposed until further notice. This warning is to be repeated using the psyops APC before and during the search.

(14) Bedding for Detainees. All persons evacuated from villages, excluding VCC, are to be instructed to take a sleeping mat. Psyops broadcasts and interpreters are to announce this.

(15) Psyops.

(a) A psyops voice aircraft is to be employed from 0615 hours D + 1 to approximately 0730 hours D + 1 using prepared tape recordings provided by 1 ATF Psyops Officer. Briefly the tape informs the villagers that they are surrounded, a house curfew is to apply and that they will not be harmed if they obey and do as they are told.

(b) An APC fitted with an amplifier system and crewed by the 1 ATF Psyops officer and an interpreter is then to address each village in turn advising the advantages of surrender or rallying also the honourable intentions of the Australian searchers. This is to be done prior to the search commencing with BINH BA at approx 0730 hours D + 1.

(c) Leaflets and postbills have also been prepared and are to be distributed during the search and during the ensuring civic action activities by psyops team.

(16) Civic Action.

(a) Civic Action is to be undertaken without interfering with the search, apprehension and evacuation of **males.**

(b) RMO 5 RAR is to carry out MEDCAP in BINH BA.

(c) Att RMO is to carry out MEDCAP in DUC TRUNG and I MY.

(d) Food issues are also to be made at appropriate times during the searches. OC search groups are to advise suitable times and supplies will be forwarded from Bn HQ for issue. A/QM to organize despatch.

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(e) Any tins of food are to be opened before issue.

(f) Prior to D Day, the IO is to liase with Civil Affairs sect at 1 ATF regarding provision of foodstuffs.

(g). QM is to collect food from 1 ATF and arrange for packing into containers suitable for distribution. These actions to be complete by 1600 hours D Day.

(17) Interpreters

(a) Three unit interpreters are available for the operation and these have been allocated as follows:

A Coy interpreter: With A Coy ambush/search pl until conclusion of DUC TRUNG search then to pass to under comd D Coy.

C Coy interpreter: With the IO from 1800 hours D -1.

Bn HQ interpreter: With the IO.

(b) A further six interpreters are under command from 1 ATF until D +2 and these have been allocated as follows:

One interpreter: To A Coy for the search of DUC TRUNG then to pass to, under command of D Coy.

One interpreter: To the Psyops Officer

Four interpreters: To B Coy.

(c). The six 1 ATF interpreters are to report to 5 RAR rear at 1600 hours D Day. Asst Adjt is to ensure that they are accomodated, rationed and depart on the correct APCs on D +1. See APC tasks for allocation.

(18) Vietnamese Police.

(a) Six Vietnames police are in support until D +2 and these have been allocated as follows:

DUC TRUNG search: Two policemen to A Coy then to D Coy at the conclusion of the search.

BJNH BA search: Four policemen to B Coy

(b) The six policemen are to report to 5 RAR at 1600 hours to 5 RAR Rear at 1600 hours D Day. Asst Adjt is to ensure that they are accomodated, rationed and depart on the correct APCs on D+1. See APC tasks for allocation.

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(19) Vietnames Challenges.

(a) All ranks should be aware of the following challenges:

HALT or STOP = DU LAI
Phonetic = YOONG LIE

HANDS UP = DUA TAY LEN
Phonetic = DOOA TY LUN

LIE DOWN = NAM XUONG
Phonetic = NUM SUONG

COME HERE = LAI DÂY
Phonetic = LYEE DAYEE

(b) These should be used.

(20) Pacification Team Recce Elements To report to 5 RAR Rear by 0830 hrs D +1 for movement forward to Bn HQ on convoy departing at that time.

(21) Bn Cage The Aslt Pnr Pl is to construct three separate cages at the Bn HQ location under direction of the IO. Two cages are to include screened toilet facilities and one a screened interrogation area. All cages are to contain a tarpaulin shelter.

(22) Interrogation. Initial interrogation is to be conducted by the IO assisted by the C Coy and Bn HQ interpreters and Pte Simpson of Sig Pl. Pte Simpson is to remain with the Intelligence Sect until the end of Phase 3. IO to arrange.

(23) Evacuation of Suspects from Bn HQ By RAASC transport, escorted by APCs to BA RIA Soccer Ground to be handed over to the PHUOC TUY SECTOR authorities. The evacuation is not to commence before 1000 hours D +1 and to be complete by 1800 hours D +2.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rations.

(1) Fresh. Breakfast D Day (8 Aug 66).

(2) Combat Rations.

(a) One day to be carried on the man.

(b) One day in the pack in the APCs.

(3) Further Resupply. By APCs. Two days on D +2.

(4) Civic Action Rations.

(a) 100 by combat rations are to be brought forward to the cage on D +1. QM to arrange.

(b) A quantity of rice (basis 2lb per adult), powdered milk and other suitable foodstuffs are to be obtained from Civil Affairs 1 ATF. IO and QM to arrange.

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This food is to be suitably packed for individual issue. Packing to be done in A Echelon and completed by 1600 hours D Day. It is then to be sent forward by APC to the Bn HQ location preparatory to issue in the civic action programme. A/QM to hold until issued and organise despatch from Bn HQ to search groups.

b. Transport.

(1) Grouping. Under command from 1700 hours D Day: One sect 1 Tpt Pl RAASC (5x2½ ton vehicles)

(2) Tasks.

(a) Report to 5 RAR Rear, Transport Officer, at 0815 hours D +1 for marrying up with APCs for escort forward to Bn HQ area.

(b) Carry VCS and males of military age from the 5 RAR cage to BA RIA Soccer Field vic YS 384622.

(c) Have vehicles closed down with canopies and bows.

c. Water.

(1) Full bottles on departure from base D Day.

(2) Local water with normal sterilization thereafter.

(3) Aslt Pnr Pl are to establish a water point in the BINH BA estate. Location to be advised.

(4) Water pump and hosing to be brought forward with other Aslt Pnr stores on D +1. CQMS Sp Coy to arrange.

d. Ammunition.

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

(2) Coys are to ensure that ample coloured smoke is carried to facilitate identification of cordon sectors from ground or air. This smoke is to be thrown on orders from the acting XO or Bn HQ.

(3) Cry Baby grenades are to be carried within each coy. In particular A and B Coys are to ensure these are available down to sect level for search parties.

(4) Aslt Pnr Pl are to provide incendiary bombs for use by search parties if required.

(5) 400 rds of mortar ammunition to be taken in APCs.

e. Med.

(1) Normal med atts remain.

(2) Shell dressings (NOT field dressings) are to be carried.

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(3) The RMO, Bandmaster and SB Sgt are to travel with Bn HQ to BINH BA area but are to join B Coy prior to commencement of search by 0725 hours D +1. They are to carry out MEDCAP as necessary during the search.

(4) One additional MEDCAP MO is to travel with Bn HQ to BINH BA area then move by APC to join A Coy search group prior to commencement of search of DUC TRUNG by 0725 hours D +1.

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(5) MEDCAP stores are to move forward by APC on D + 1 QM to arrange.

(6) Medevac from the villages or cordon is to be by APC thence by DUSTOFF aircraft.

f. Additional Stores. The following additional stores are to be loaded on APCs at 1600 hrs, D Day and taken forward to Bn HQ location departing 0830 hours D + 1 QM to obtain stores and arrange overall loading in accordance with APC tasks.

(1) Loud Hailers. All 5 RAR loud hailers, in addition, as many as possible should be sought from 1 ATF. QM to arrange. These loud hailers are to be issued to B Coy and the A Coy search pl. A/QM to coordinate issue and movement on APCs at forward end. The A Coy hailers are then to be passed over to D Coy for the DUC MY search.

(2) Wiring Stores. Quantity as organised by Aslt Pnr Pl to construct the three cages. CQMS Sp Coy and Pnr storeman to liaise with QM.

(3) Mine Detectors. (6) To be held by Fd Engr Tp rep at Bn HQ for use if required, CQMS Sp Coy and OC Fd Engr Tp to liaise with QM.

(4) Respirators (12 Minimum). NOT chest pack type. To be held at Bn HQ for issue to engineers if required. QM to arrange with OC Fd Tp.

(5) Tarpaulins. (3) For use in the bn cage.

(6) Hessian Screening. Sufficient for three cages at Bn HQ.

(7) Explosives.

(a) Prepared satchels of explosives for issue to B Coy, A Coy search pl and RAE elements as required. OC Fd Tp and Aslt Pnr Pl Comd to liaise with QM.

(b) Explosives to be held by Aslt Pnr Pl at Bn HQ until required.

g. Loading of Packs. By coy rear parties organised by CQMS's at 1600 hours D Day. APCs are to report to respective coy locations.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Bn HQ

(1) To move behind D Coy 6 RAR on the march.

(2) Located at vic YS 445746 for the operation.

b. Radio.

(1) Additions to the Bn Command Net:

(a) C Coy 6 RAR. To use callsign INDIA 3.

(b) D Coy 6 RAR. To use callsign INDIA 4.

(c) A Coy ambush/search pl. To use own callsign for the pl comd's group and B for the pl sgt's group. To remain on the command net until ordered to revert to A Coy net by Bn HQ.

/(a) Anti Tk Pl

- (d) Anti Tk Pl ambushes. As for the A Coy ambush/search pl except 61B is to close down on return to Bn HQ area and when ordered by control.
- (2) Acting XO to take a 25 set on SIOUX for air to ground communications using normal XO callsign.
- (3) Frequencies.
- (a) As per current SOIs.
- (b) SIOUX and psywar aircraft are not to come on the Bn command frequency except in an emergency. Air ground communications to be via the acting XO's 25 set. Inter aircraft communications on aircraft frequency.
- (c) All current radio frequencies to be checked by RSO on D -1 for overlapping interference.
- (4) Callwords and Callsigns. As per current SOIs and Annex E.
- (5) Radio traffic is to be minimised during the night march.
- c. Passwords, Points of Origin & Hours. As currently issued plus supplementary points of origin to be issued separately.
- d. KAC Code. As per current SOIs.

<u>Nicknames</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Given By</u>
COUNTRY DANCE	In forward assembly area	All callsigns
SHARP SWORD	In position or in cordon or in ambush	All callsigns
HULA HOOP	Commencing to lay cordon	All callsigns
LONG SLEEP	Move/Moving now	All callsigns
MORNING DEW	Lift/Lifting ambush	All callsigns
TALL MAN	Stand to	All callsigns
BOXING GLOVE	Stand down	All callsigns
BIRD NEST	Clearing patrols out	All call signs
SHORT ARM	Clearing patrols in	All call signs
NIGHT PAD	Report line feature YS 433708	All callsigns
TABLE SALT	Report line stream YS 433723	All callsigns
PEPPER POT	Report line, rubber corner YS 464473	All callsigns
MASCOT FIELD	Report line corner of airfield vic YS 432741	All callsigns
GUILDFORD FIELD	Report line SOUTH WEST corner of DUC TRUNG vic YS 452746	All callsigns
RANDWICK PARK	Main assembly area vic YS 433734	All callsigns
STUDLEIGH PARK	B Coy assembly area vic YS 465738	All callsigns

EAGLE FARM

Report line rubber
corner vic 433734

All callsigns

f. Synchronization of Watches.

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- Annexes:
- A. Enemy
 - B. Typical Organization for VC Dominated Village.
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 - Z. Distribution List.

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1. Background to XA BINH BA village YS 4574:

a. BINH BA is a three hamlet village (see paragraph 1c). BINH BA is the last major populated centre (approximately 2,300 people) in PHUOC TUY Province still under Viet Cong control. Until mid March 66, no major anti-VC operations had been carried out in the BINH BA area for approximately five years. It is estimated that perhaps 20% of the population (particularly the younger men) are actively supporting or are sympathetic towards, the hard core Viet Cong cadre within the village. The chart at Annex B shows a typical VC organisation for a VC dominated village. The chart at Annex C shows the actual VC organisation in BINH BA as far as can be determined from interrogation of prisoners captured by 5 RAR in their preliminary operation Op SYDNEY 2 from 6 Jul to 21 Jul 66.

b. In one way or another, the majority of the villagers will have collaborated with the VC, whether as members of the civil or political organisations shown at Annex C, or as members of the military elements. As a matter of practical survival they will have had little choice, but to pay their taxes, and provide food and labour. Superficially therefore BINH BA is entirely a VC village. Nevertheless the political allegiance of most villagers is probably more related to military strength than to ideology: if the Vietnamese Government can provide reasonable administration under joint Vietnamese and Australian military umbrella BINH BA will become pro-local government, for practical political purposes. This implies three major requirements;

- (1) A continuing strong Australian presence.
- (2) One Regional Force company for the local security of BINH BA.
- (3) One revolutionary Development Team to initiate the reinstatement of government administrative control.

c. BINH BA Population

The figures below are an estimate of the BINH BA village complex population, by hamlets.

<u>Hamlet</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Males 12-45</u>
DUC TRUNG	453246	600	100
BINH BA	448739	1500	300
DUC MY	447725	200	50
TOTAL		2300	450

2. Economy:

Apart from the cultivation of minor fruit and vegetable crops, the major source of income for the BINH BA villagers is from working for the GALLIA rubber plantation, which surrounds the village. This plantation is still under French ownership and French management. In order to keep the plantation operating,

the French ownership has clearly had to come to some financial agreement with the VC, ie, tax payment. Clearly this is undesirable, and the sooner the plantation can resume a normal working pattern, and the revenues from tax go to the government instead the better. Inter provincial Route 2 provides the land link from BINH GIA (YS 4677) and BINH BA to the Provincial Capital of BARIA.

3. Enemy:

a. Main Force. The Main Force elements operating in PHUOC TUY Province continue to be:

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274 Regiment 275 Regiment Unidentified Regt
(Possible)

(1) Initially, it is unlikely that Main Force would be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon or search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered at any time.

(2) In the pacification stage, the Main Force units (in conjunction with Provincial, District and Guerilla forces) may be expected to launch a major quick attack against the village security force, unless 1 ATF maintains a sizeable force, actively patrolling the general area surrounding BINH BA.

b. Provincial Force.

(1) The VC Provincial HQ continues to be based within an area about ten miles SOUTH EAST of BINH BA. The Provincial Mobile Battalion (D445 also known as 860) is unlikely to be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon and search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered any time.

(2) 50th Platoon. This is directly subordinate to VC Province HQ. The platoon consists of three squads each of eight to ten men. The platoon is armed with Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, US carbines, possibly three Thompson sub machine guns and M26 grenades. The area of responsibility of the platoon is the forest area on each side of Inter Provincial Route 2 in the BINH BA village location, and covers an area of approximately six square kilometres. During Operation SYDNEY 2 one member of this unit was captured. Morale is considered poor. (See Annex C for further details).

c. District Force. The DUC THANH District (C20) company is unlikely to be encountered in strength; however, if the cordon force can achieve surprise it is likely to encounter elements of the BINH BA village guerilla platoon (see below para d.) within the village.

d. Guerilla Force (BINH BA village guerilla platoon). This is subordinate to the DUC THANH District Company. It consists of three squads each of twelve men: the platoon is armed with ten Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, eight US .30 M1 carbines, two German rifles (possibly MAUSER 7.92) and five M26 grenades. The task of the

/platoon

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platoon is the protection of BINH BA village. Squad locations are possibly at the GALLIA rubber plantation, the cultivated area EAST of DUC MY hamlet, and , BINH BA hamlet near the market place. During Operation SYDNEY 2, three members of this unit were KIA, three were captured and four weapons (2 US carbines, 2 Soviet M1944 rifles) were recovered. Morale is considered fair to poor.

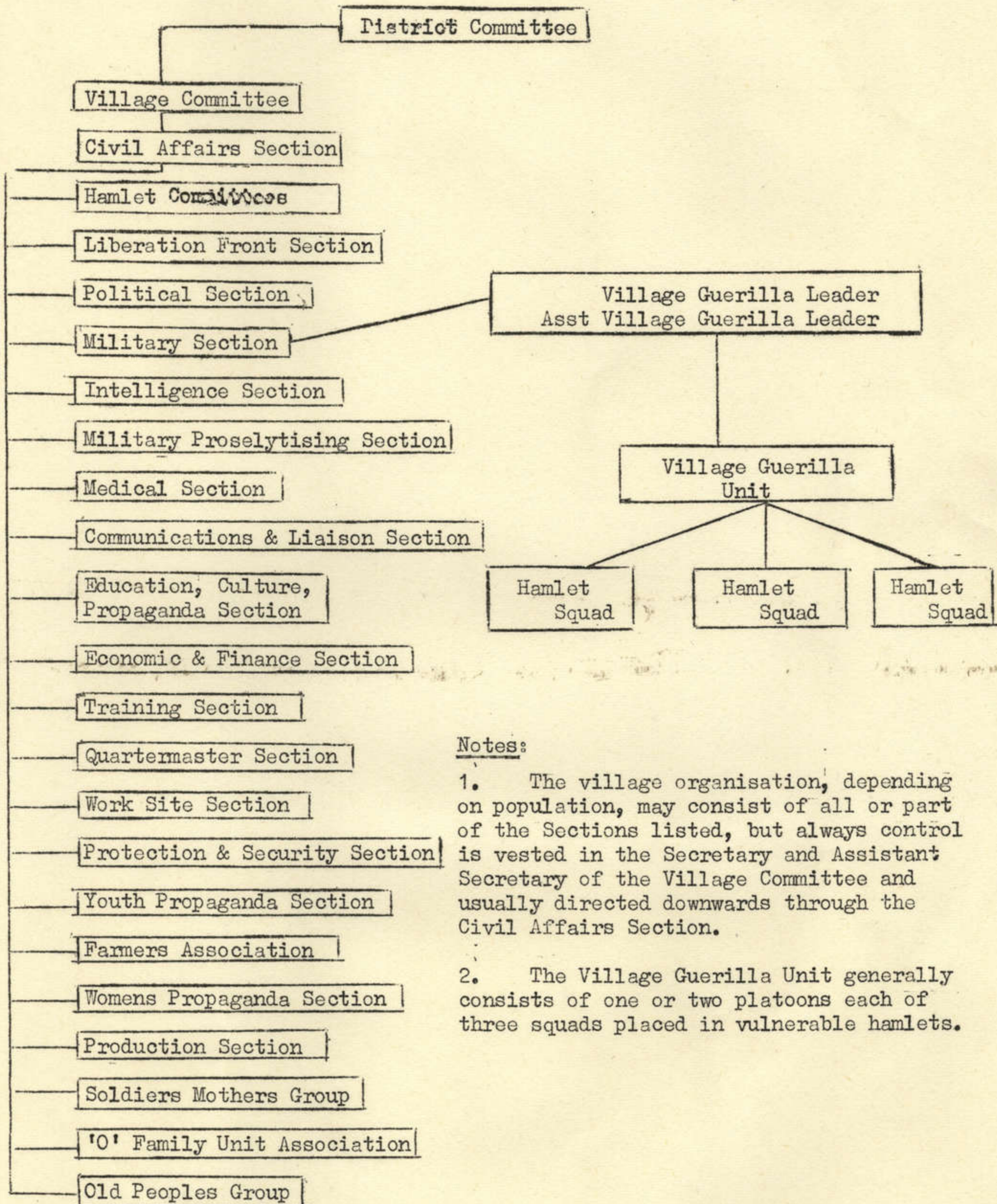
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Notes:

1. The village organisation, depending on population, may consist of all or part of the Sections listed, but always control is vested in the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Village Committee and usually directed downwards through the Civil Affairs Section.

2. The Village Guerilla Unit generally consists of one or two platoons each of three squads placed in vulnerable hamlets.

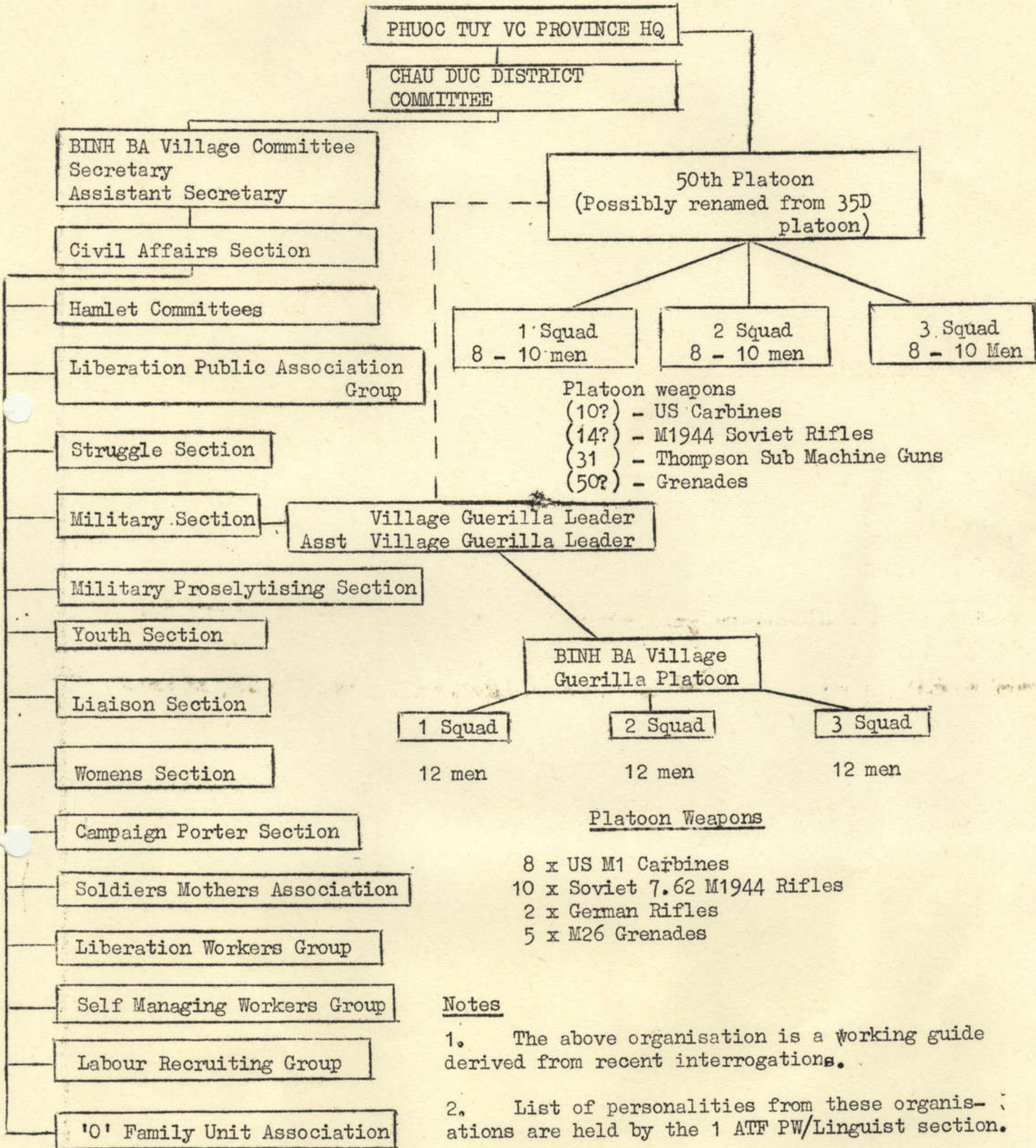
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ANNEX C (Apparent VC Organisation BINH BA) to OPOD 11-66
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Annex D Sequence of Events to OPOD 11 - 66 (Op HJLSWORTHY)

ITEM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
1.	D-3 5 Aug 66	1200H	C Coy and recce guide elements depart for recce	C Coy
2.	D-2 6 Aug 66	PM	C Coy and recce guide elements return	C Coy
3.	D-1 7 Aug 66	0830H	CO 5 RAR orders group	-
4.	D-1 7 Aug 66	1800H	1 APC Sqn (-) one tp 1 Fd Sqn, C and D Coys 6 RAR come under comd	Sub Units
5.	D-1 7 Aug 66	1800H	FAC, FAC operator and additional RMO for MEDCAP come in sp	-
6.	DDay 8 Aug 66	0800H	Asst S3 recce elements depart to lay out forward assembly area	Asst S3
7.	DDay 8 Aug 66	0930H	Main body and B Coy depart Base locations	All call signs
8.	DDay 8 Aug 66	PM	Main body and B Coy arrive respective assembly areas	All call signs
9.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Linguist Det report to 5 RAR. Come under command	Asst Adjt (Asst S2)
10.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	National Policemen report to 5 RAR. In support	Asst Adjt
11.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Psywar det comes in support (One officer One EM)	
12.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Psywar aircraft arrives in support at VUNG TAU	Acting XO
13.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	APCs report respectively to Bn HQ, coy locations and mortar line for loading of stores, packs and mortar ammo.	XO
14.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Psywar officer sets up amplifier system in APC at 1 APC Sqn lines	

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15.	D Day 8 Aug 66	PM	Acting XO Maj A. P. CASSIDY reports in to 161 Recce Flt	Acting XO
16.	D Day 8 Aug 66	1700H	One sect 1 Tpt Pl RAASC comes under command	
17.	D Day 8 Aug 66	2300H	D Coy 5 RAR departs e EAGLE FARM	D Coy 5 RAR
18.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0001H	C Coy 5 RAR departs EAGLE FARM (Immediately behind A Coy/Anti Tk Pl ambush parties)	
19.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0300H	C Coy 5 RAR commence establishing cordon	C Coy 5 RAR
20.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0430H	D Coy 5 RAR and D Coy 6 RAR commence establishing cordon from vic GUILDFORD FIELD. NORTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush moves initially with D Coy cordon	D Coy 5 RAR D Coy 6 RAR
21.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0530H	All cordons and ambushes in position less B Coy to hold 100 metres EAST for safety	All callsigns
22.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	One H13 of 161 Recce Flt in support and takes off from VUNG TAU	Acting XO
23.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	Psywar aircraft departs VUNG TAU	Acting XO
24.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	Psywar officer departs 1 APC Sqn for 5 RAR Rear on psywar APC	-
25.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	One fd tp of 1 Fd Sqn commence loading on APCs at engr base camp	1 APC Sqn
26.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	B Coy moves forward last 100 metres	B Coy
27.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0615H	Psywar aircraft and acting XO in SIOUX above BINH BA	Acting XO
28.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0615H	Remainder of mortar stores and mortars loaded on APCs	Mor Pl
29.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0615H	Respective APCs pick up interpreters and police from 5 RAR Rear	1 APC Sqn
30.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0630H	APCs move forward to BINH BA area	1 APC Sqn
31.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0645H	Southern Anti Tk Pl ambush taken over by APCs	1 APC Sqn and Anti Tk Pl
32.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	One UH IB in support	-
33.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	FAC in support	-
34.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	A Coy ambush groups marry up with APCs	A Coy Pl

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35.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	B Coy cordon relieved by APCs	-
36.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	B Coy, interpreters, police, psywar APC marry up	B Coy
37.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0715H	A Coy ambush/search group in position at NORTH end DUC TRUNG	A Coy Pl
38.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0715H	Essential stores unloaded and being delivered to search group	A/QM
39.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0715H	Anti Tk Pl NORTHERN ambush taken over by APCs	1 APC Sqn and Anti Tk Pl
40.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0725H	MEDCAP elements joined up with search groups	A Coy Pl and B Coy
41.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0730H	Search of villages DUC TRUNG and BINH BA commenced	A Coy Pl and B Coy
42.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0815H	Sect of 1 Tpt Pl RAASC reports to 5 RAR Rear	5 RAR Rear
43.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0830H	Pacification Team Recce Party joins convoy at 5 RAR	1 APC Sqn
44.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0830H	1 APC Sqn - RAASC convoy departs 5 RAR Rear	1 APC Sqn
45.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0900H	1 APC Sqn - RAASC convoy arrives 5 RAR Main	1 APC Sqn
46.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	1000H	Evacuation of suspects back to BARIA commences	Bn Hq
47.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	AM	Packs delivered to coy locations	All call signs
48.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	AM	Artillery recce of proposed gun area conducted	105 Fd Bty
49.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	PM	Search of DUC TRUNG concluded	A Coy Pl
50.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	PM	A Coy search pl rejoined A Coy. Stores and Personnel over to D Coy	A Coy and D Coy
51.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	PM)	D Coy 5 RAR and D Coy 6 RAR marry up with APCs and move to commence search of DUC MY	D Coy 5 RAR
	or D + 2 10 Aug 66	AM)		

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52.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	Search of BINH BA concluded	B Coy
53.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	Search of DUC MY concluded	
54.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	C Coy 6 RAR secured gun area	C Coy 6 RAR
55.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	105 Fd Bty moves forward escorted by APCs	105 Fd Bty/1 APC Sqn
56.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	105 Fd Bty in occupation of new gun area	105 Fd Bty
57.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM	D Coy 6 RAR reverted back to under command 6 RAR and left area by APCs	D Coy 6 RAR/1 APC Sqn
58.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM	Att Police, interr pters and psywar personnel departed area for 1 ATF by APC	1 APC Sqn
59.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	1800H	Evacuation of suspects back to BARIA ceases	Bn HQ
60.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM	All coys and guns in harbour positions and gun line	All call signs

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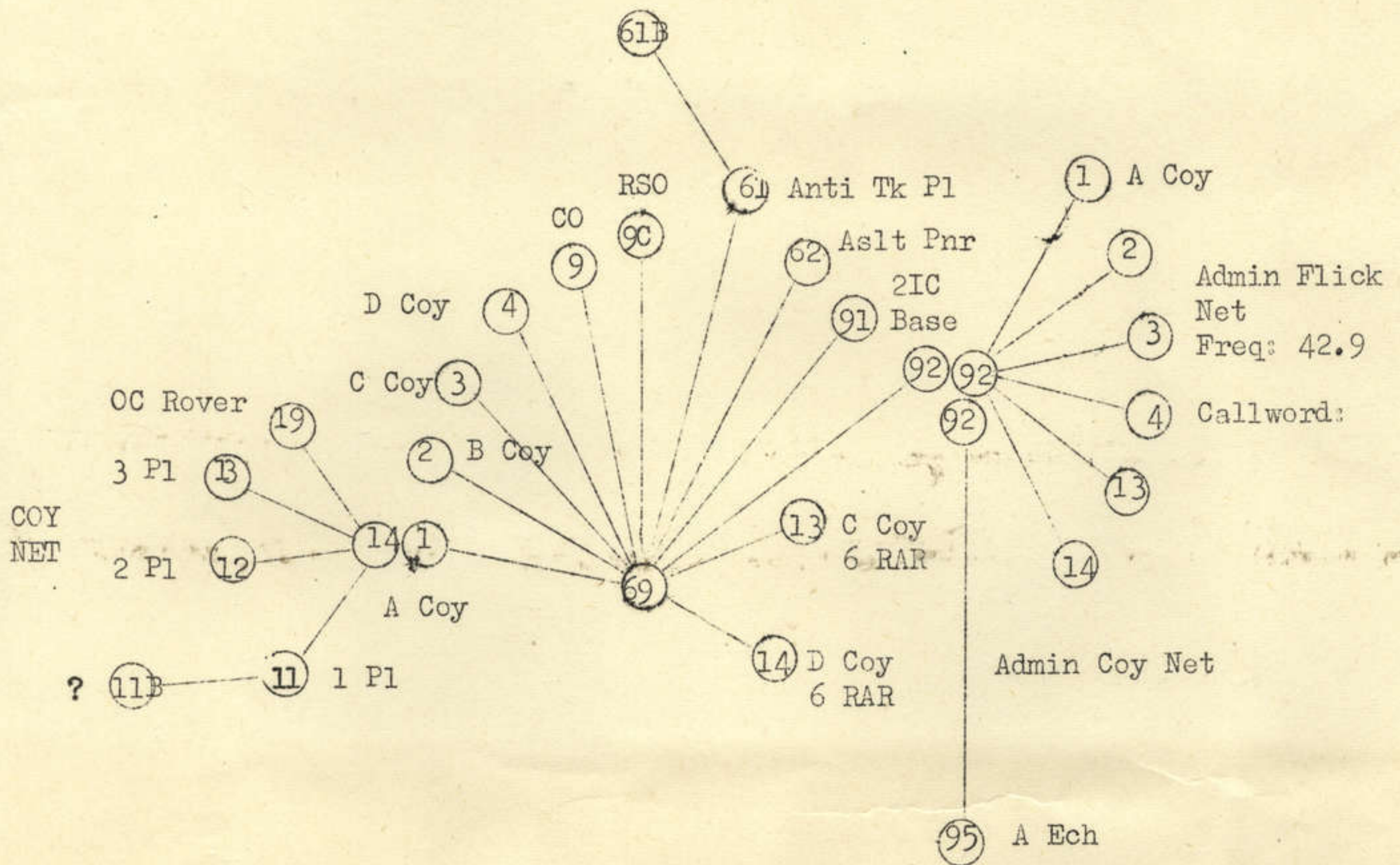
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Annex F APC Task Table to OPORD 11-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY)

1. The following tasks are required of 1 APC Sqn (-)

Serial (a)	No of APCs Required (b)	Time (c)	Location (d)	Task (e)	Remarks (f)
1	Seven APCs	1600H D Day	A,B,C,D Coys and Bn HQ 5 RAR C and D Coys 6 RAR	One APC to report to the CQMS at each location to load all packs of the respective sub units. Packs to be carried forward on D+1 and final delivery made AM D+1 when ordered by Bn HQ.	
2	Two Sp Sects	1600H D Day	Mortar Line 5 RAR	Both sects to report to Mortar Pl 2IC to load 400 rounds ammo and stores. Remain in location Mortar line overnight D Day/D+1 and complete loading of actual mortars before 0615H D+1. Depart 5 RAR Rear at 0630H D+1 and carry mortars ammo and crews forward to new Bn HQ location vic YS 445746. Remain in new Bn HQ location.	
3.	Two APCs	1600H D Day	Sp Coy 5 RAR	APCs to report to CQMS to load wire, screening and other Aslt Pnr stores. Load to be carried forward to vic YS 445746, new Bn HQ area on D+1.	
4.	One APC	1600H D Day	Admin Coy 5 RAR	Report to QM 5 RAR to load civic action rations, tarpaulins, loud hailer, medcap stores and CP stores. Load to be taken forward to new Bn HQ area vic YS 445746 D+1.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
5	One APC	1600H D Day	1 APC Sqn lines	APC to be available to Psywar Officer (Lt SINCER BEAUX) for installation of amplifier equipment. This vehicle is allotted to Lt SINCERBEAUX until the conclusion of the village searches. Lt SINCERBEAUX is to link up with this APC at 0600H D+1 at 1 APC lines and proceed to 5 RAR Rear, report to the Asst Adjutant (Asst S1) and collect five interpreters and four policemen. The psywar APC is then to proceed to BINH BA village area with the remainder of 1 APC Sqn, deliver four interpreters and four policemen to B Coy cordon and thereafter act as directed by Lt SINCERBEAUX. This vehicle is to harbour nightly in the Bn HQ location.	
6	One Sect	0600H D+1	1 Fd Sqn	To report and collect one fd tp for movement forward to BINH BA area. One party of 18 sappers for attachment to B Coy 5 RAR, is to be loaded on two APCs and carried forward and dropped at the EASTERN cordon of BINH BA. One party of 12 sappers is to travel on the remaining APC to the NORTH end of DUC TRUNG to marry up with the DUC TRUNG search group. The APC Sect is then to move to Bn HQ location vic YS445746.	
7.	One Sect	0615H D+1	Rear Bn HQ 5 RAR	To report to the Asst Adjt and collect one Vietnamese interpreter and two policemen for attachment to the DUC TRUNG search group. At 0630H D+1 depart for the A Coy ambush sites at YS451734 and YS443736 and collect the ambush parties by 0700H D+1. Move the A Coy parties, police and interpreters to the NORTH end of DUC TRUNG to marry up with the sappers and commence the village search. APC sect then moves to Bn HQ location vic YS 445746.	This sect could be used in conjunction with serial 11.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
8	Sqn (-) less one further sect	0630H D+1	1 APC Sqn/ 5 RAR Rear/1 Fd Sqn	Move forward to BINH BA area	
9	One Sect	0645H D+1	vic YS 449727	Relieve SOUTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush. Anti Tk ambush party to be carried on to Bn HQ area by other APCs in column	APCs to be warned to watch out for party and pick them up.
10	Two Sects	0700H D+1	EASTERN cordon of BINH BA village	Relieve B Coy. for the search of BINH BA by taking over the EASTERN cordon of the village. Sects to be positioned on the road at each end of the B Coy cordon by 0700H approx.	
11	Two Sects	0715H D+1	Vic YS 455753	Move to NORTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush vic YS 455753 by 0715H approx. One sect to relieve Anti Tk element in ambush site. One sect to carry the party back to the Bn HQ location vic YS 445746.	This task could be worked in conjunction with serial 7.
12	One Sect	0715H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Escort MEDCAP MO from Bn HQ area to join DUC TRUNG search group by 0725H D+1. Also take stores essential for the village search e.g. loud hailers on this run.	
13	One Sect	0815H D+1	Rear Bn HQ 5 RAR	To escort the RAASC Sect forward to Bn HQ vic YS 445746. This convoy is to depart 5 RAR Rear at 0830H D+1 and is to carry the Pacification Team recce party forward to Bn HQ.	This sect to be the one left behind (See serial 8)
14	Sqn HQ	After 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Sqn HQ APCs to be located in Bn HQ area	
15	-	After 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Un committed APCs to move to and deploy in Bn HQ area to form part of Bn reserve.	

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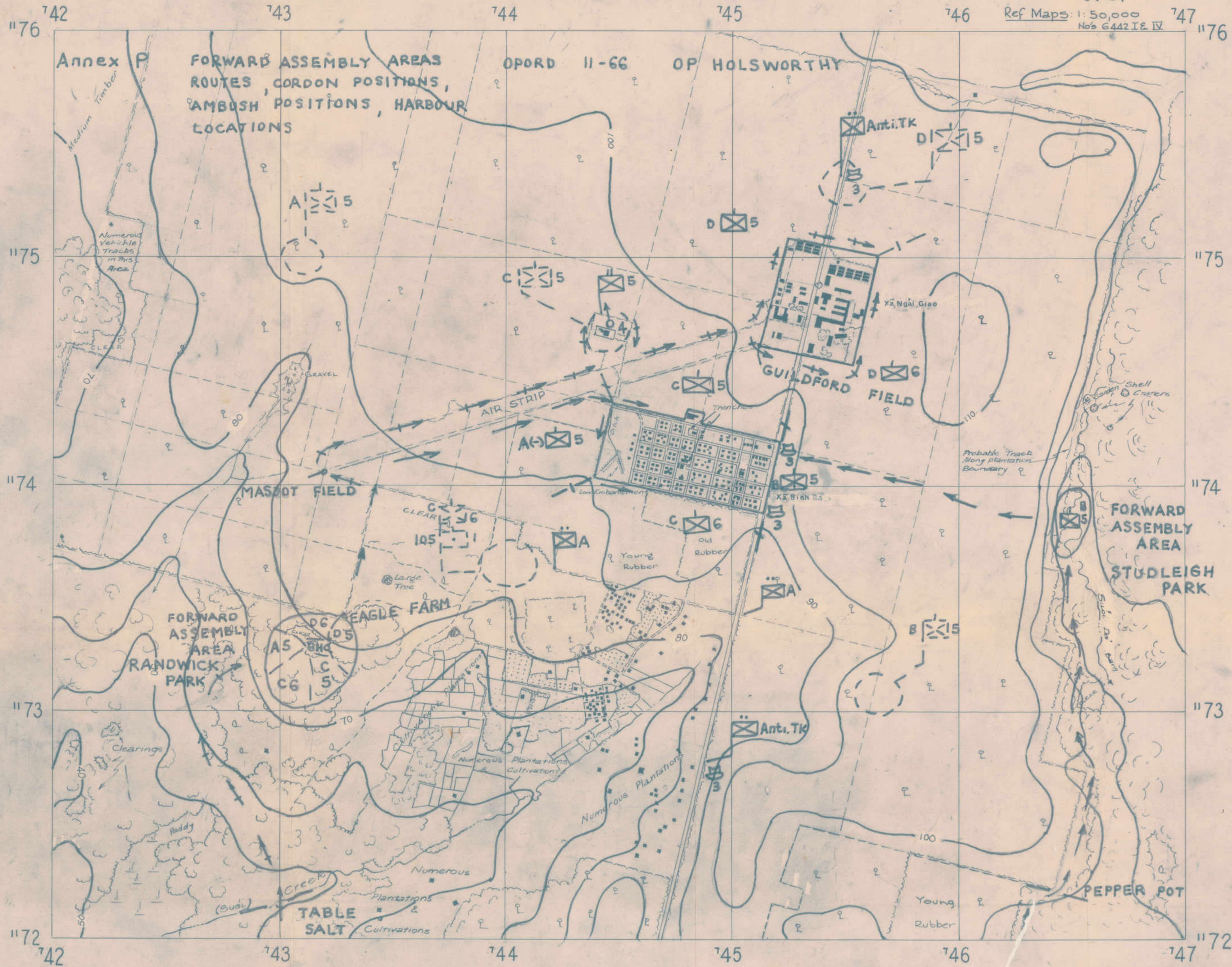
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16	Three APCs	After 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	These vehicles to be available for use by the Command Post, Fire Control Centre and A/Q Cell at the Bn HQ area.	
17	-	After 0700 H D+1	-	Evacuate wounded as required back to Bn HQ area.	
18	-	After 0700 H D+1	-	Carry suspects from the villages back to the bn cage.	
19	-	After 1000 H D+1	Bn cage	Escort soft skinned vehicles (including those carrying suspects back to BA RIA Soccer Field YS 384622).	
20	Four APCs	PM D+2	5 RAR Rear	Carry forward wiring stores required by Aslt Pnr Pl in later phases. Stores to be loaded under QM 5 RAR and to remain on APCs until required by Aslt Pnr Pl.	
21	-	D+2	105 Fd Bty Base	Escort 105 Fd Bty forward to gun area vic YS440737 on D+2 when ordered by Bn HQ.	
22	-	-	-	Carry out resupply tasks as directed by Bn HQ.	
23	-	-	-	Carry out road clearance as required.	
24	-	-	-	Harbour at night as directed by Bn HQ to strengthen coy locations.	
25	-	From 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Provide one officer or NCO for traffic control at Bn HQ location.	

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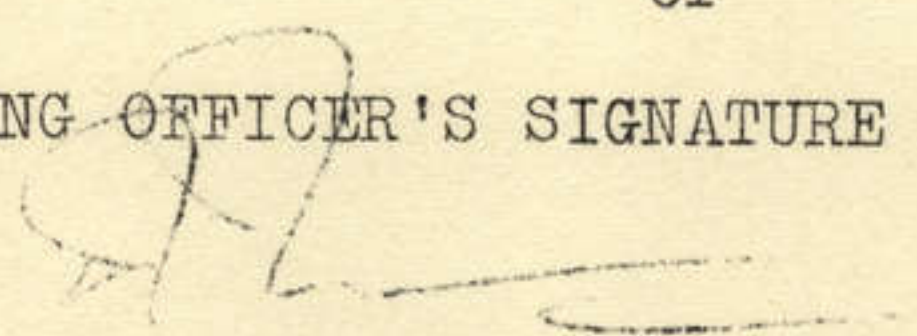
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111800H to 121800H	METAL 4473 RIVER 4578	121800H to 131800H	TREE 4074 VEGETABLE 4876
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SUGGESTED OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF 1 COMMANDO COMPANY IN BINH BA.

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheet 6442 IV
1:25,000 Sheet 6430 IIIS
1:10,000 Enlargement XA BINH BA

1. SITUATION: See OPORD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY).
2. MISSION: While a BINH BA Regional Force Company is being recruited and trained, 1 Commando Company is to destroy VC influence in its allotted TAOR until 30 Aug 66 with a view to the pacification of BINH BA, simultaneously carrying out specialist training.
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of Operations: See Annex P to OPORD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY) - Operation overlay. By living and working in the close vicinity of BINH BA village, 1 Commando Company is to establish close personal relationships with the villagers to help in the collection of intelligence, and the planning of night ambush patrols in the allotted TAOR, simultaneously carrying out on-the-job specialist training.
 - b. Initially, by day, priority should be given to the development of a secure company base area.
 - c. Throughout the day patrols should operate in the allotted TAOR and along the flanks of Interprovincial Route 2, out to sniper range. By night the execution of night ambushes on likely VC infiltration and exfiltration routes within the allotted TAOR is to be carried out.
 - d. Local protection for 1 ATF Civil Affairs Projects in BINH BA should be provided and co-ordinated with DUC TAHNH Sub Sector Headquarters.
 - e. Co-ordinating Instructions:
Daily liaison should be effected through 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team with:

5 RAR
Civil Affairs Section Headquarters 1 ATF.
DUC THANH Sub Sector Headquarters.
Village Pacification Team (When raised).
CSD Team.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
 - a. CSD channels are to be used for normal administration and logistic requirements that affect 1 Commando Company personnel. However, in exceptional circumstances 1 ATF will give assistance from available 1 ATF resources.
 - b. Transport. 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team is to be provided with a $\frac{1}{4}$ ton GS truck and trailer from 5 RAR.
 - c. Defence Stores. Such defence stores as are required to establish and maintain a secure company base for 1 Commando Company are to be provided by 1 ATF.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Through 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team attached to 1 Commando Company, 1 ATF can be contacted as per 1 ATF SOI.
- (2) 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team are also to man a station on the 5 RAR radio net.
- (3) Radio communication is to be maintained with DUC THANH Sub Sector Headquarters.

b. Command:

- (1) 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team is under the operational control of 5 RAR. The functions of the Team are:

- (a) To advise the Commander, 1 Commando Company.
- (b) To effect liaison with and co-ordination of activities with:

5 RAR
Civil Affairs Section HQ 1 ATF
DUC THANH Sub Sector HQ
Village Pacification Team (when raised)
CSD Team

- (2) 1 Commando Company:

Within the terms of this operational directive 1 Commando Company is under the operational control of DUC THANH Sub Sector Headquarters. Any tasks outside of this charter are not to be undertaken without the agreement of those organisations mentioned in para 5 b (1) (b).

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OPORD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY)

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000 Sheet 6430 III S.
1:50,000 Sheet IV.
1:10,000 Enlargement XA BINH BA.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A.

B. Friendly Forces:

(1) PHUOC TUY Sector controlling:

LONG LE Sub Sector
DUC THANH Sub Sector
1 Commando Company
Pacification Team
Province Interrogation Centre

c. Attachments and Detachments:

TF 5 RAR as follows:

Under command from 1800 hours D-1: 1 APC Sqn (-).
One tp 1 Fd Sqn
Two rifle cos 6
RAR
Det 1 ATF Linguist
Sec

Under command from 1700 hours D Day: One sec 1 Tpt Plt
RAASC

Remaining in direct support: 161 Fd Btry RNZA

In support from 0700 hours D + 1: One H13 161 Recce
Flt
One HU1B 9 Sqn
RAAF
FAC

In support from 1600 hours D : Psywar aircraft

In support as available : Eight fire teams

2. MISSION: 1st Australian Task Force, in conjunction with PHUOC TUY Sector, will cordon, search, and begin pacification of the village of BINH BA with a view to opening Inter Provincial Route 2.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: The operation will be conducted in six phases:

(1) Phase 1 - On the night D/D+1, the simultaneous cordon of DUC TRUNG YS453246 and BINH BA YS448749.

(2) Phase 2 - On D + 1 and D + 2, the search of these two hamlets and the apprehension of all military

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aged males aged 12 to 45 years, including those males from the previously searched hamlet of DUC MY and other VC suspects.

- (3) Phase 3 - Commencing on D + 1, the interrogation of suspects.
- (4) Phase 4 - On D + 3, the introduction of the PHUOC TUY Sector security forces and Pacification Team.
- (5) Phase 5 - On D + 4 and D + 5, the opening of Inter Provincial Route 2; and afterwards on dates to be advised.
- (6) Phase 6 - From D + 1 onwards, commence a continuing pacification programme.

b. TF 5 RAR:

- (1) Phase 1 - Cordon simultaneously DUC TRUNG and BINH BA. The cordon is to be in position by first light on D + 1.
- (2) Phase 2 - Search the two hamlets, apprehending all males between 12 and 45 years old and other VC suspects.
- (3) Phase 3 - Evacuate apprehended males and any other suspects to BARIA Soccer Field YS384622. Evacuation is not to commence before 1000 hours on D + 1, and is to be completed by 1800 hours on D + 2.
- (4) Phase 4 -
 - (a) Hand over responsibility for the security of the BINH BA village and the area surrounding it to 1 Commando Company. Annex P.
 - (b) Patrol and ambush in the approaches to the village as shown in Annex Q.
 - (c) Effect direct liaison with the DUC THANH Sub Sector Chief and the Commander 1 Commando Company to coordinate defensive measures, especially patrolling and fire support.
 - (d) Erect a two strand cattle fence around DUY MY as the hamlet curfew and resettlement line.
- (5) Phase 5 -
 - (a) Open and secure Inter Provincial Route 2 on D + 4 and D + 5, from 0900 hours to 1600 hours each day, between YS456757 and YS 427657.
 - (b) After D + 1, effect direct liaison with the DUC THANH and LONG LE Sub Sector Chiefs to organise convoys of civilian traffic on D + 4 and D + 5 through the 1 ATF Base Area.
- (6) Phase 6 -
 - (a) Effect direct liaison with the DUC THANH Sub Sector Chief on Civil Affairs, and commence Civic Action in the BINH BA village area.
 - (b) Be prepared to provide one company to protect

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artillery fire support base in the event that a battery is required to displace forward from 1 ATF Base Area on D + 2.

c. 6 RAR:

(1) Phases 1 to 3:

- (a) Provide two rifle companies under command 5 RAR from 1800 hours D - 1 to participate in the cordon operation.
- (b) One company will be released by not later than afternoon of D + 2.

(2) Phases 4 to 6: One rifle company remains under command 5 RAR.

d. Armour:

(1) Phases 1 to 6:

- (a) 1 APC Sqn (-) is to be under command TF 5 RAR from 1800 hours D - 1.
- (b) Be prepared to conduct such missions as ordered by CO 5 RAR, including escorting convoys of VCS to BARIA.

e. Artillery:

(1) Phases 1 to 6:

- (a) 161 Fd Btry RNZA remains in direct support TF 5 RAR. To be prepared to displace to a forward fire support base from D + 2.
- (b) Btry A, 2/35 Arty is to be on call.

f. Engineers:

(1) Phases 1 to 6:

- (a) One tp 1 Fd Sqn is to be under command TF 5 RAR from 1800 hours D - 1.
- (b) Carry out such tasks as ordered by CO 5 RAR, including inspection of tunnels and bunkers and de-activating of booby traps.

g. Aviation:

(1) Phases 1 to 6: In support from 0700 hours D + 1:

One H13 161 Recce Flt
One HU1B 9 Sqn RAAF.

(2) Phase 2:

- (a) In support from 1600 hours D + 1: Psywar aircraft.
- (b) In support as available: Light fire teams.

h. PHUOC TUY Sector:

- (1) Phase 3 - On D + 1 arrange the reception, administration, interrogation, and disposal of all suspects evacuated by 5 RAR to the BARIA Soccer Field.

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(2) Phase 4 - Coordinate with LONG LE and DUC THANH Sub Sectors on D + 3 the movement of 1 Commando Company and the Pacification Team into BINH BA.

(3) Phase 5 -

(a) On D + 4 and D + 5, send and return supply convoys from BARIA to BINH BA and DUC THANH.

(b) After the situation in BINH BA has settled down, advise 1 ATF on suggested future arrangements for the use of Inter Provincial Route 2.

(4) Phase 6 - Pacify BINH BA.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Curfew:

(a) When the cordon is positioned on D + 1, the Psyops voice aircraft, and loudspeakers, should be used to advise the villagers that a household curfew has been imposed until further notice.

(b) After Phase 4 is completed, Commander 5 RAR Task Force can lift the household curfew, and give villagers permission to move about within their individual hamlet curfew zones, from first light to last light. During darkness the household curfew will apply.

(c) After Phase 4 is completed, Commander 5 RAR Task Force, in conjunction with the DUC THANH Sub Sector Chief, is to decide upon a tactically suitable date to permit villagers to leave the hamlet during daylight hours, and resume work in the rubber plantation and the fields.

(d) Timings and areas are to be explained to the villagers by the DUC THANH Sub Sector Chief.

(2) Timings: D Day. To be advised.

(3) Air: FAC in support from D + 1 to D + 5.
USAF Radio Operator in support from 1800 hours D - 1.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Administration: SOP

b. Logistics: Road resupply to 5 RAR Task Force.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: SOI

b. Command: HQ 1 ATF remains present location.

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- Annexes: A. Enemy.
B. Typical Organisation for VC Dominated Village.
C. Apparent VC Organisation BINH BA.
P. Operation Overlay.
Q. TF 5 RAR Patrolling AO.
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1. Background to XA BINH BA village YS4574:

a. BINH BA is a three hamlet village (see paragraph 1c). BINH BA is the last major population centre (approximately 2,300 people) in PHUOC TUY Province still under Viet Cong control. Until mid March 66, no major anti-VC operations had been carried out in the BINH BA area for approximately five years. It is estimated that perhaps 20% of the population (particularly the younger men) are actively supporting or are sympathetic towards, the hard core Viet Cong cadre within the village. The chart at Annex B shows a typical VC organisation for a VC dominated village. The chart at Annex C shows the actual VC organisation in BINH BA as far as can be determined from interrogation of prisoners captured by 5 RAR in their preliminary operation Op SYDNEY 2 from 6 July to 21 July 66.

b. In one way or another, the majority of the villagers will have collaborated with the VC, whether as members of the civil and political organisations shown at Annex C, or as members of the military elements. As a matter of practical survival they will have had little choice, but to pay their taxes, and provide food and labour. Superficially therefore BINH BA is entirely a VC village. Nevertheless the political allegiance of most villagers is probably more related to military strength than to ideology: if the Vietnamese Government can provide reasonable administration under joint Vietnamese and Australian military umbrella BINH BA will become pro-local government, for practical political purposes. This implies three major requirements;

- (1) A continuing strong Australian presence.
- (2) One Regional Force company for the local security of BINH BA.
- (3) One Revolutionary Development Team to initiate the reinstatement of government administrative control.

c. BINH BA Population

The figures below are an estimate of the BINH BA village complex population, by hamlets.

<u>Hamlet</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Males 12-45</u>
DUC TRUNG	453246	600	100
BINH BA	448739	1500	300
DUC MY	447725	200	50
TOTAL		<u>2300</u>	<u>450</u>

2. Economy:

Apart from the cultivation of minor fruit and vegetable crops, the major source of income for the BINH BA villagers is from working for the GALLIA rubber plantation, which surrounds the village. This plantation is still under French ownership and French management. In order to keep the plantation operating, the French ownership has clearly had to come to some financial agreement with the VC, ie, tax payment. Clearly this is undesirable, and the sooner the plantation can resume a normal working pattern, and the revenues from tax go to the government instead the better. Inter provincial Route 2 provides the land link from BINH GIA (YS4677) and BINH BA to the Provincial Capital of BARIA.

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3. Enemy:

- a. Main Force. The Main Force elements operating in PHUOC TUY Province continue to be:

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274 Regiment

275 Regiment

Unidentified Regt
(Possible)

- (1) Initially, it is unlikely that Main Force would be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon or search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered at any time.
- (2) In the pacification stage, the Main Force units (in conjunction with Provincial, District and Guerilla forces) may be expected to launch a major quick attack against the village security force, unless 1 ATF maintains a sizeable force, actively patrolling the general area surrounding BINH BA.

b. Provincial Force

- (1) The VC Provincial HQ continues to be based within an area about ten miles SOUTH WEST of BINH BA. The Provincial Mobile Battalion (D445 also known as 860) is unlikely to be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon and search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered at anytime.

- (2) 50th Platoon. This is directly subordinate to VC Province HQ. The platoon consists of three squads each of eight to ten men. The platoon is armed with Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, US carbines, possibly three Thompson sub machine guns and M26 grenades. The area of responsibility of the platoon is the forest area on each side of Inter Provincial Route 2 in the BINH BA village location, and covers an area of approximately six square kilometres. During Operation SYDNEY 2 one member of this unit was captured. Morale is considered poor. (See Annex C for further details).

- c. District Force. The DUC THANH District (C20) company is unlikely to be encountered in strength; however, if the cordon force can achieve surprise it is likely to encounter elements of the BINH BA village guerilla platoon (see below) para d.) within the village.

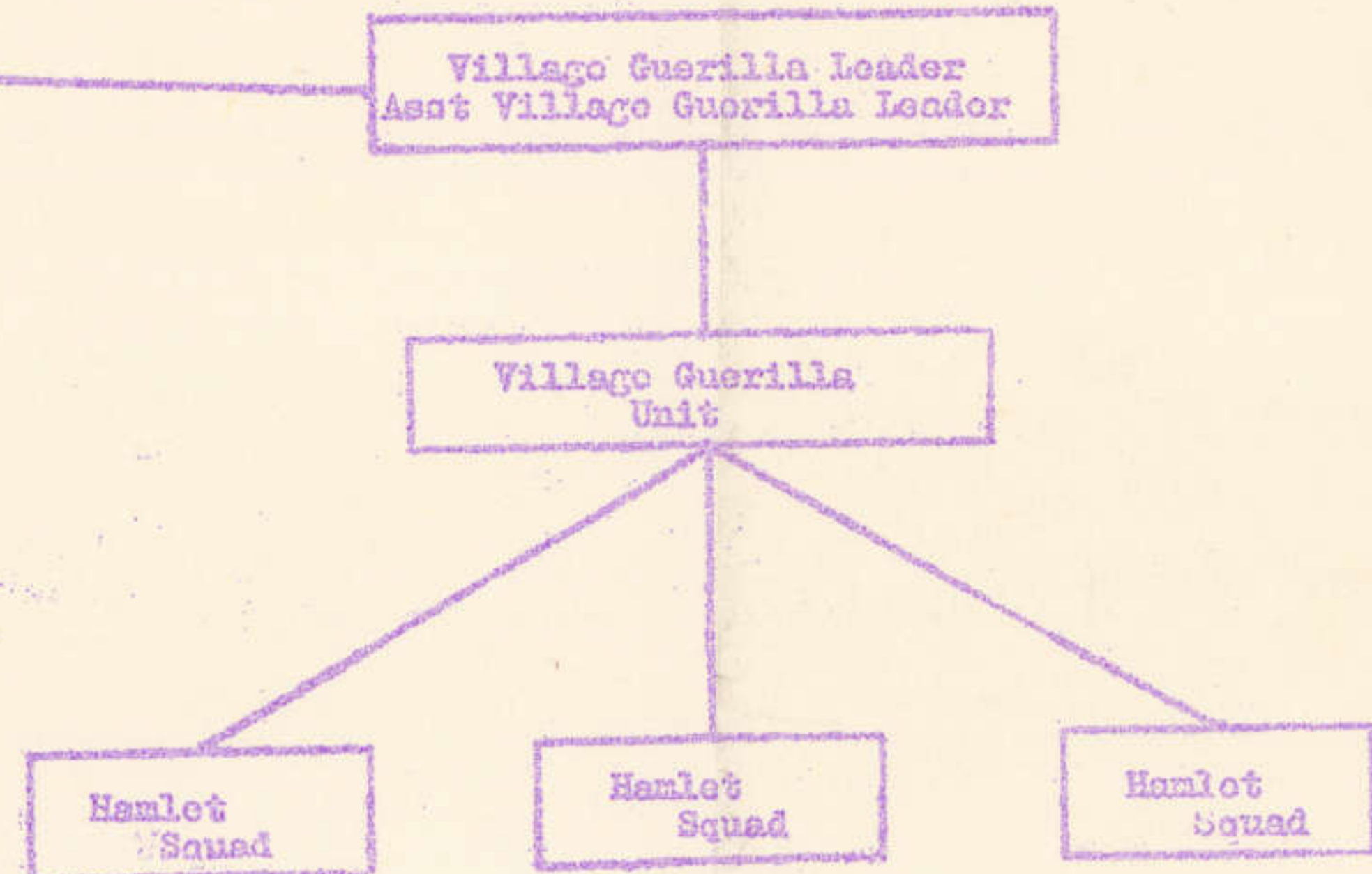
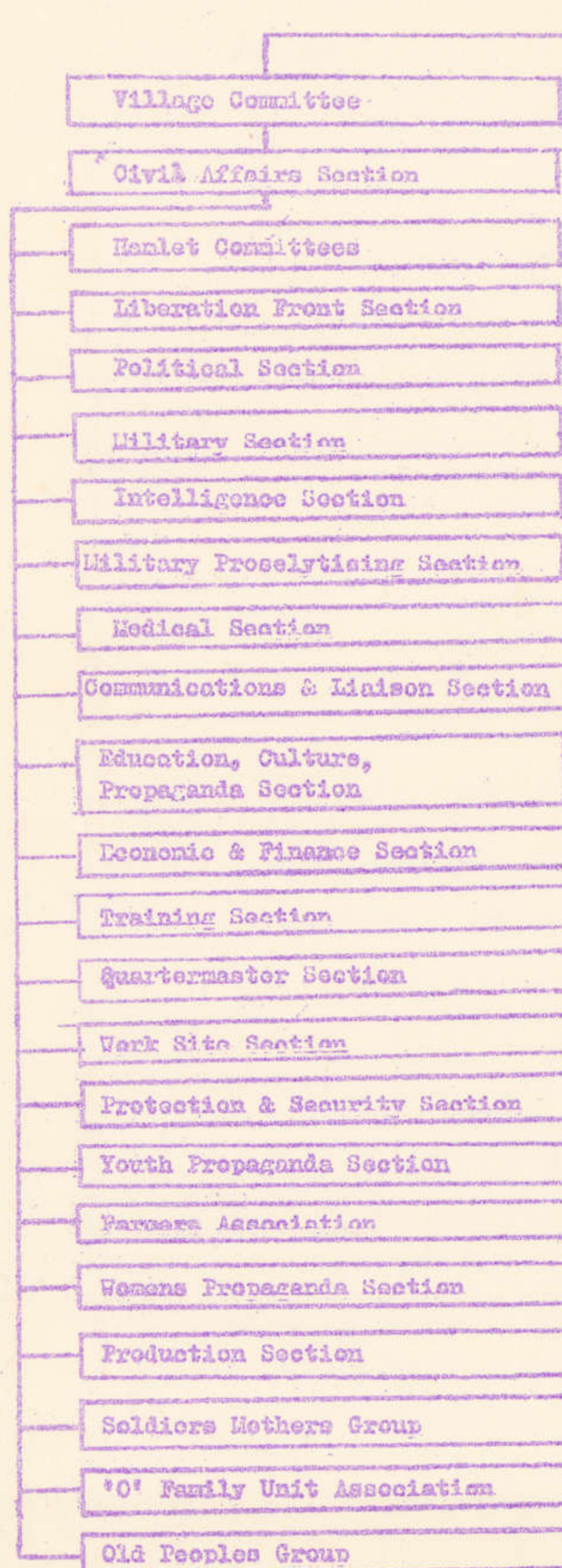
- d. Guerilla Force (BINH BA village guerilla platoon). This is subordinate to the DUC THANH District Company. It consists of three squads each of twelve men: the platoon is armed with ten Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, eight US .30 M1 carbines, two German rifles (possible MAUSER 7.92) and five M26 grenades. The task of the platoon is the protection of BINH BA village. Squad locations are possibly at the GALLIA rubber plantation, the cultivated area EAST of DUC MY hamlet, and, BINH BA hamlet near the market place. During Operation SYDNEY 2, three members of this unit were KIA, three were captured and four weapons (2 US carbines, 2 Soviet M1944 rifles) were recovered. Morale is considered fair to poor.

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Annex B (Typical Organisation for VC Dominated Village) to OPOD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY)

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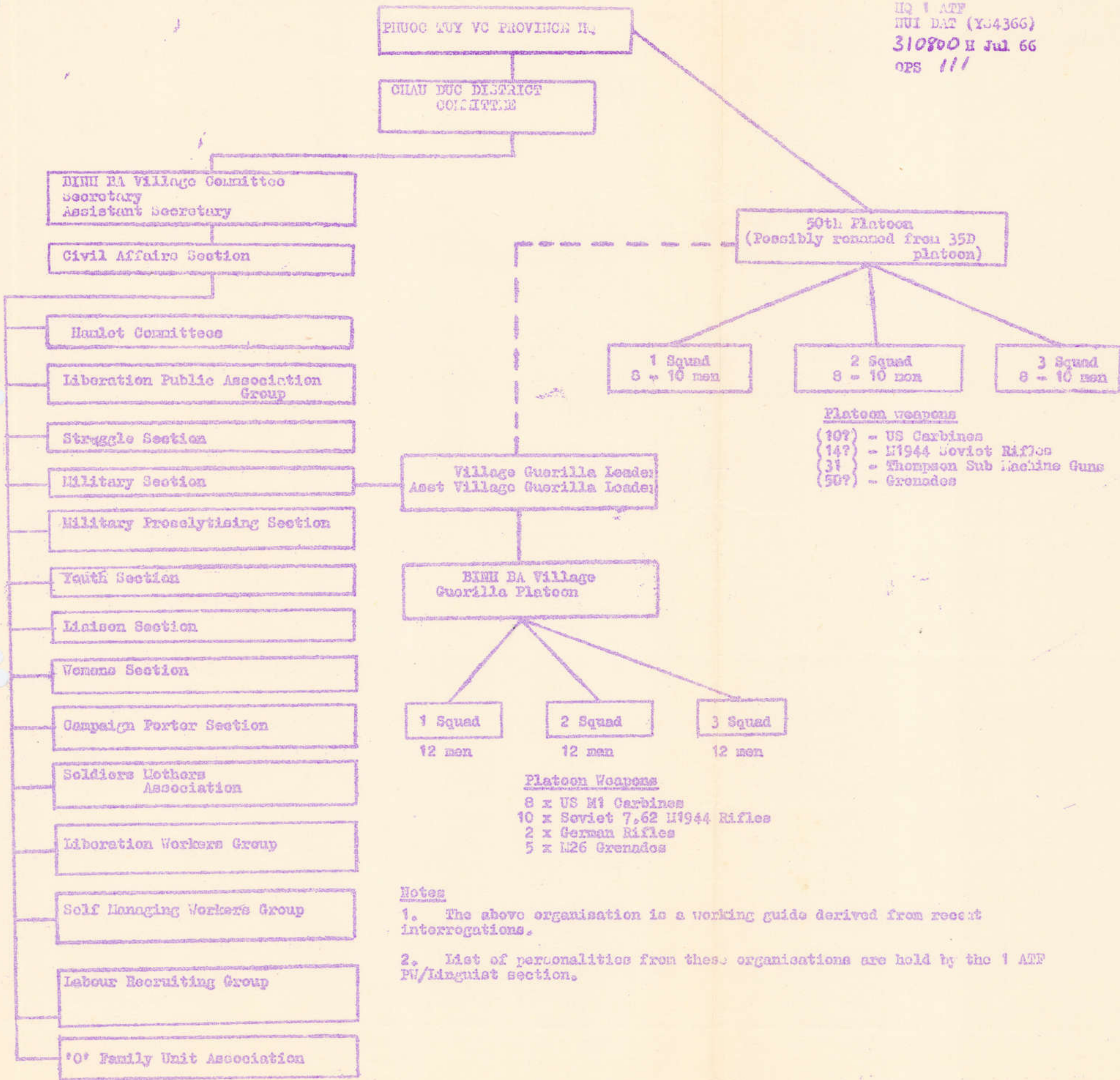


Notes:

1. The village organisation, depending on population, may consist of all or part of the Sections listed, but always control is vested in the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Village Committee and usually directed downwards through the Civil Affairs Section.
2. The Village Guerilla Unit generally consists of one or two platoons each of three squads placed in vulnerable hamlets.

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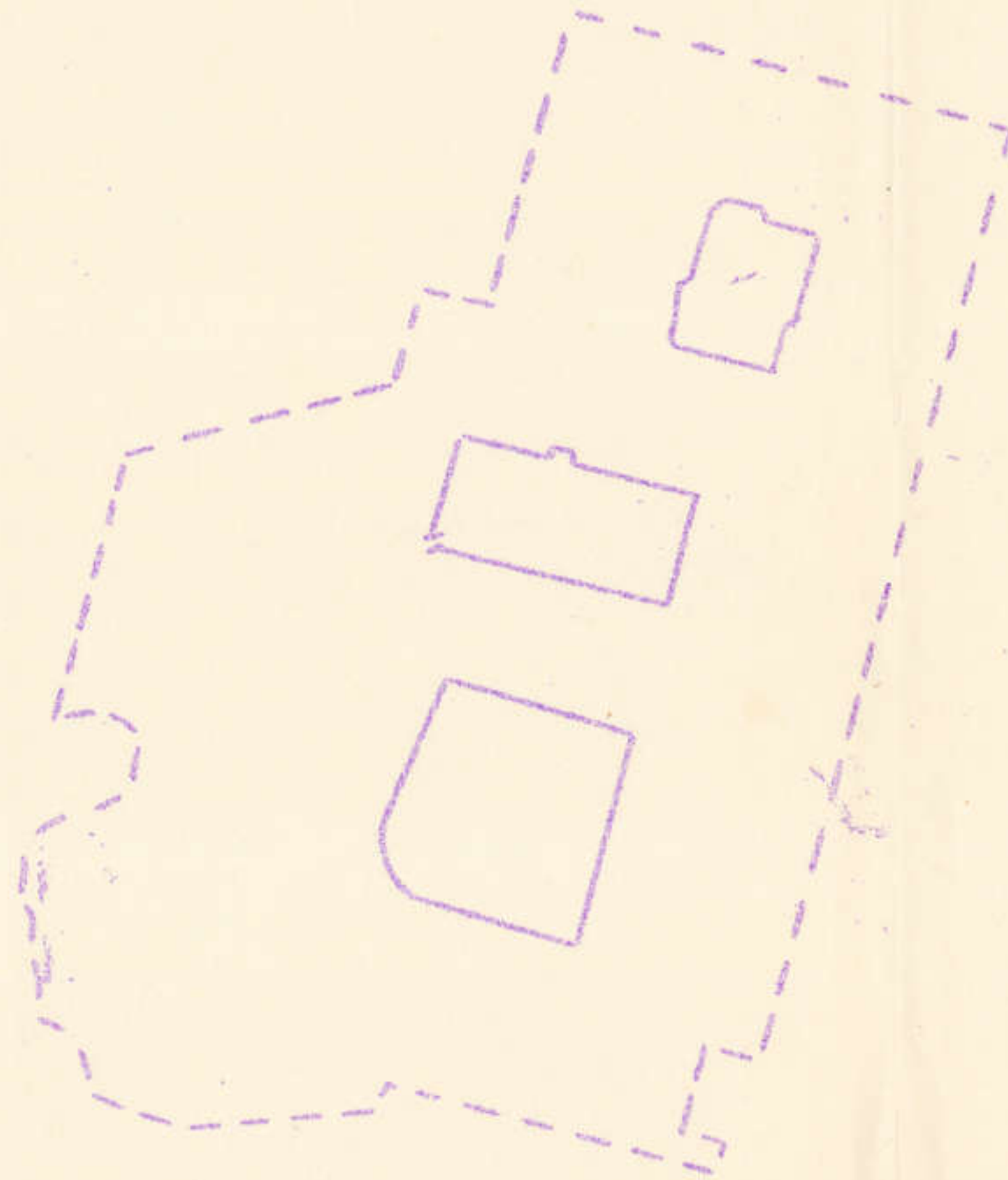
1. The above organisation is a working guide derived from recent interrogations.
2. List of personalities from these organisations are held by the 1 ATF PW/Integrist section.

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- I Commando Company TAOR
- (a) Proposed Curfew Line 1900-0600
- (b) To be Bulldozed and Wired when necessary
- (c) Population all to be resettled in these three areas

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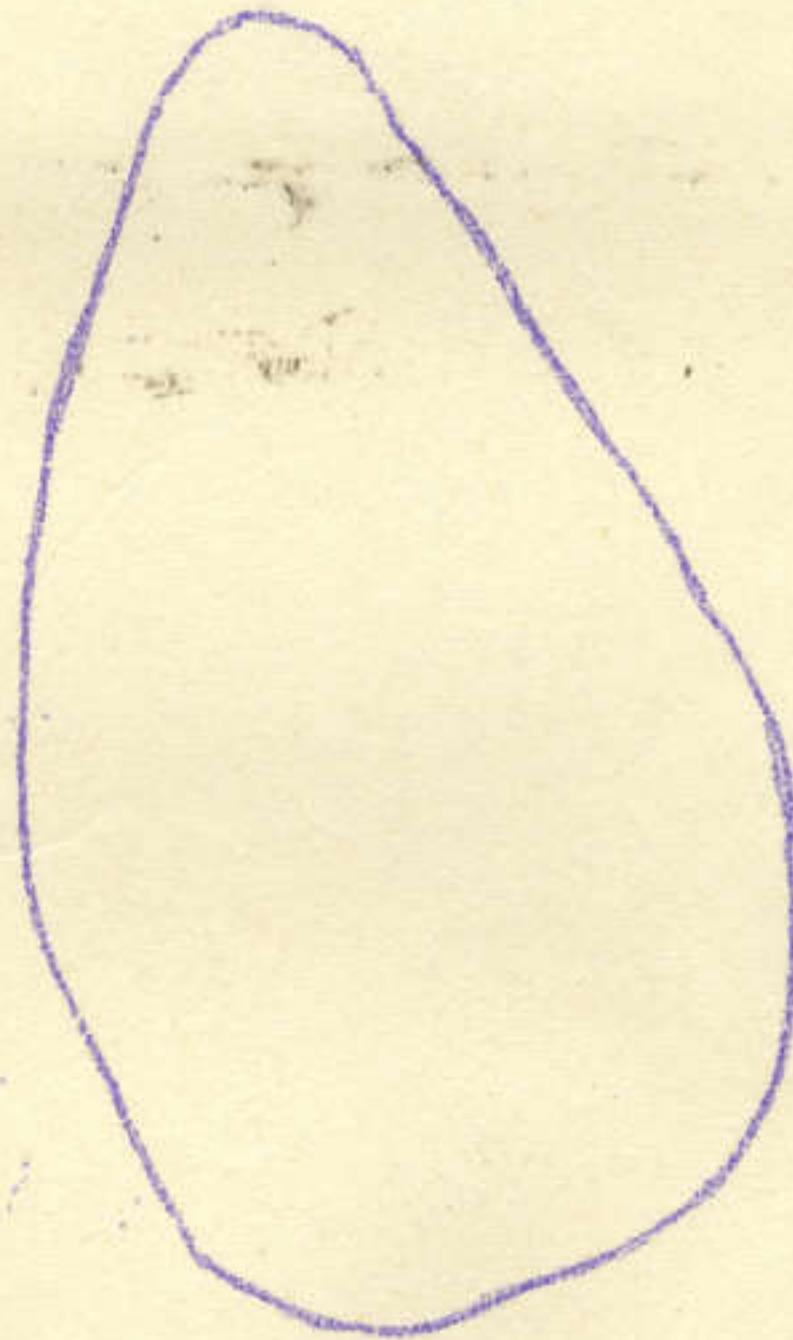
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5 RAR PLANNING INSTRUCTION FOR OPERATION HOLSWORTHY

General

1. This instruction is produced with available info regarding OPERATION HOLSWORTHY so that all officers and NCOs concerned can orient themselves and devote the maximum time to preparations.

Time

2. The operation is to be conducted between Wed 3 Aug and Mon 15 Aug 66.

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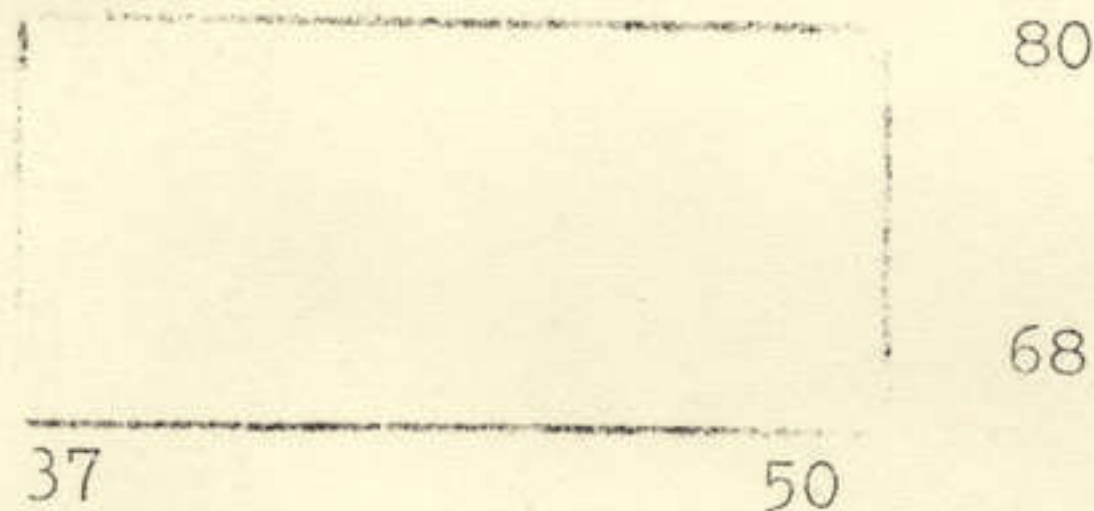
3. The area of operations is to include the BINH BA village (YS448749), the DUC TRUNG village (YS453246), NUI NHAN (YS4379) areas YS 4076 and YS 4877.

Maps and Air Photos

4. The fol maps and aerial photographs are to be provided by the IO on the scale of one per pl:

- a. Maps: 1:25000 Sheet 6430 III S.
1:50000 Sheet IV.
1:10000 Enlargement XA BINH BA

The maps must be covered with contact paper and cover the fol area as a minimum:



- b. Air Photos: AM 4288 460 TRW dated 19 Jun 66 Sheet 112.
AM 4288 460 TRW dated 19 Jun 66 Sheet 114.

Aim

5. The aim of the operation is to pacify the village of BINH BA and open Inter-Provincial Route 2.

Enemy

6. See Annex A.

Outline Plan

7. The operation is to be conducted in six phases as fol:

a. Phase 1 : ^{Fri 5} Wed 3 Aug - ^{Sat 6} Thu 4 Aug 66. Preliminary operations. Recce of cordon areas, routes, ambush sites. Orders ~~PM 4 Aug 66.~~ ^{070830H.}

b. Phase 2 : ^{Mon 8} Fri 5 Aug - ^{Tue 9} Sat 6 Aug 66. Move to BINH BA area Fri 5 Aug 66 and cordon BINH BA and DUC TRUNG villages and ambush DUC MY village on right ^{8/9} Aug.

/c. Phase 3:

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- c. Phase 3: ~~Sat 6~~^{TUE 9} Aug - ~~Sun 7~~^{WED 10} Aug 66. Clearing of villages and interrogation of suspects.
- d. Phase 4: ~~Mon 8~~^{THU 11} Aug 66. Establish 1 Commando Coy and Pacification Team at BINH BA.
- e. Phase 5: ~~Tue 9~~^{FRI 12} Aug - ~~Wed 10~~^{SAT 13} Aug 66. Open Inter-Provincial Route 2.
- f. Phase 6: ~~Thu 11~~^{SUN 14} Aug 66 - ~~Sun 14~~^{WED 17} Aug 66. Clear area NORTH WEST and NORTH EAST to include the NUI NHAN (YS4379) and areas YS 4076 and YS 4877.

Allocation of Tps to Task

8. a. A Coy.
- (1) Coy less one pl cordon WEST side of BINH BA village.
 - (2) Pl of A Coy establish two ambushes NORTH of DUC MY village till 0800 hrs ~~9~~ Aug 66 then search DUC TRUNG village.
- b. B Coy.
- (1) Cordon EAST side of BINH BA village.
 - (2) Search village when relieved of cordon responsibility by APCs.
- c. C Coy.
- (1) Provide patrol base on ~~5~~ Aug 66 for recce patrols.
 - (2) Cordon NORTH side of BINH BA village .
- d. D Coy.
- (1) Cordon SOUTH and WEST sides of DUC TRUNG village.
 - (2) Provide bn reserve.
- e. Anti Tk Pl.
- (1) Provide an ambush on Route 2 SOUTH of DUC MY village.
 - (2) Provide an ambush on Route 2 NORTH of DUC TRUNG village.
- f. Aslt Pnr Pl.
- (1) Defend Bn HQ.
 - (2) Erect interrogation cages.
 - (3) Erect a two strand cattle fence around DUC MY village.
 - (4) Establish bn WP.
- g. Mor Pl. Pl less one sect move in Sp Sect APCs to vic 445747 on ~~9~~ Aug 66.
- h. Armd.
- (1) Carry forward bn packs on ~~9~~ Aug 66.
 - (2) Carry forward mor sects complete ~~9~~ Aug 66.
 - (3) Carry

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- (3) Carry forward wiring stores 9 Aug 66.
 - (4) Evacuate wounded.
 - (5) Escort suspects.
 - (6) Resupply.
 - (7) Road clearance.
 - (8) Escort of soft skinned vehicles.
- i. Arty. 105 Fd Bty move to gun area vic 440737 on 9 Aug 66 protected by APCs.
- j. Engrs. One tp allocated to each of A Coy and B Coy to search each village 9 Aug 66.
- k. Coy 6 RAR.
- (1) Cordon NORTH and EAST side of DUC TRUNG.
 - (2) Protect guns in vic 440737.
- l. Coy 6 RAR.
- (1) Cordon SOUTH side of BINH BA village .
 - (2) Assist with opening of Route 2.

Resupply

9. a. Rations.
- (1) One day on the man.
 - (2) One day in the pack in the APCs.
 - (3) Further resupply by APC.
- b. Water. Local resources.

Medical

10. a. Shell dressings (NOT field dressings) to be carried.
- b. Evacuation to Bn HQ by APC then by DUST OFF .

Training

11. a. All coys are to practise night movement within their coy areas prior to the op.
- b. All coys are to devise night hand/touch signals.

Preparation

- 12 a. All personal equipment is to be checked for servicability and to ensure that all essential items of equipment are held.
- b. All equipment is to be checked for noise and or rattles.
- c. All coys are to practise with the use of fluorescent moss.
- d. All coys are to test fire weapons early.

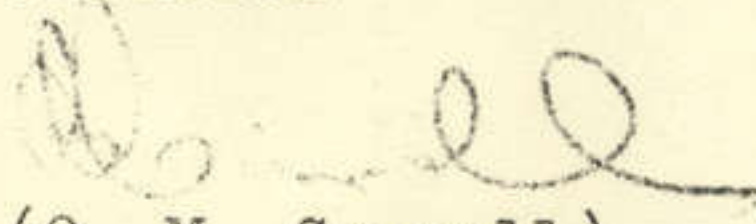
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Annexes: A. Enemy : Background to BINH BA village.

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C Coy (5)
D Coy (5)
Sp Coy (6)
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1 APC Sqn (2)
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CO
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Chief Clerk

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Annex A (Enemy) to 5 RAR Planning Instruction OP HOLSWORTHY.

1. Background to BINH BA village (YS 4574):

a. BINH BA is a three hamlet village (see 1.c.). BINH BA is the last major population centre (approximately 2,300 people) in PHUOC TUY Province still under Viet Cong control. Until mid March 66, no major anti-VC operations had been carried out in the BINH BA area for approximately five years. It is estimated that perhaps 20% of the population (particularly the younger men) are actively supporting or are sympathetic towards the hard core Viet Cong cadre within the village,

b. In one way or another, the majority of the villagers will have collaborated with the VC, whether as members of the civil or political organisations shown at Annex C, or as members of the military element. As a matter of practical survival they will have had little choice, but to pay their taxes, and provide food and labour. Superficially, therefore BINH BA is entirely a VC village. Nevertheless the political allegiance of most villagers is probable more related to military strength than to ideology: if the Vietnamese Government can provide reasonable administration under joint Vietnamese and Australian military umbrella, BINH BA will become pro-local government, for practical political purposes. This implies three major requirements:

(1) A continuing strong Australian presence

(2) One regional Force company for the local security of BINH BA.

(3) One Revolutionary Development Team to initiate the re-instatement of government administration control.

c. BINH BA population

The figures below are an estimate of the BINH BA village complex population, by hamlets.

<u>Hamlet</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Males 12-45</u>
DUC TRUNG	453246	600	100
BINH BA	448739	1500	300
DUC MY	447725	200	50
		<u>2300</u>	<u>450</u>

2. Economy

Apart from the cultivation of minor fruit and vegetable crops, the major source of income for the BINH BA villagers is from working for the GALLIA rubber plantation, which surrounds the village. This plantation is still under French ownership and French management. In order to keep the plantation operating the French ownership has clearly had to come to some financial agreement with the VC, ie, tax payment. Clearly this is undesirable, and the sooner the plantation can resume normal working /pattern,

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pattern, and the revenues from tax go to the government instead the better. Inter Provincial Route 2 provides the land link from BINH GIA (YS 4677) and BINH BA to the Provincial Capital of BARIA.

3. Enemy.

- a. Main Force. The Main Force elements operating in PHUOC TUY Province continue to be:

5 division

274 Regiment	275 Regiment	Unidentified Regiment (Possible)
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(1) Initially, it is unlikely that Main Force would be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon or search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered at any time.

(2) In the pacification stage, these Main Force units (in conjunction with provincial, District and Guerilla forces) may be expected to launch a major quick attack against the village security force, unless 1 ATF maintains a sizeable force, actively patrolling the general area surrounding BINH BA.

b. Provincial Force

(1) The VC Provincial HQ continues to be based within an area about ten miles SOUTH WEST of BINH BA. The Provincial Mobile Battalion (D445 also known as 860) is unlikely to be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon and search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered at any time.

(2) 50th Platoon. This is directly subordinate to VC Province HQ. The platoon consists of three squads each of eight to ten men. The platoon is armed with Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, US Carbines, possibly three Thompson sub machine guns and M26 grenades. The area of responsibility of the platoon is the forest area on each side of Inter Provincial Route 2 in the BINH BA village location, and covers an area approximately six square kilometres. During Operation SYDNEY 2 one member of this unit was captured. Morale is considered poor. (See Annex C for further details).

c. District Force.

The DUC THANH District (C20) company is unlikely to be encountered in strength; however, if the cordon force can achieve surprise it is likely to encounter elements of the BINH BA village guerilla platoon (see below) para d.)

d. Guerilla Force. BINH BA village guerilla platoon. This is subordinate to the DUC THAN District Company. It consists of three squads each of twelve men; the platoon is armed with ten Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, eight US .30 M1 Carbines, two German rifles (possibly MAUSER 7.92) and five M26 grenades. The task of the platoon is the protection of the BINH BA village. Squad locations are possibly at the GALLIA rubber plantation, the cultivated area EAST of DUC MY Hamlet, and, BINH BA hamlet near the market place. During operation SYDNEY 2, three members of

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this unit were KIA, three were captured and four weapons
(2 US Carbines, 2 Soviet M 1944 rifles) were recovered
Morale is considered fair to poor.

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1 Commando Company (1 Cdo Coy) is located at BINH BA vic YS 445746 with the following tasks:

- (a) Initially develop a secure coy base area.
- (b) By living and working in the close vicinity of BINH BA village, establish close personal relationships with the villagers to help in the collection of intelligence and the planning of night ambush patrols in the allotted TAOR.
- (c) Throughout the day, patrol in the allotted TAOR (Annex P) and along the flanks of Interprovincial Route TL2 out to sniper range. By night establish ambushes on likely VC infiltration and exfiltration routes within the allotted TAOR.
- (d) Provide protection for 1 ATF Civil Affairs projects in BINH BA.

(2) 1 Cdo Coy operates through an AUSTRALIAN advisor and is under the tactical control of 5 RAR.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Under Command of the 5 RAR rifle coy at BINH BA:
 - One sect of mortars
 - One interpreter
- (2) In sp of the 5 RAR rifle coy at BINH BA:
 - One sect of 1 APC Sqn
 - One sp sect of 1 APC Sqn
- (3) Normal arty support remains unchanged.

2. MISSION. The 5 RAR rifle coy is to provide support to 1 Cdo Coy at BINH BA.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) The rifle coys of 5 RAR are to rotate on station at BINH BA for a period of 7 - 10 days each.

/(2) During

- (2) During a battalion operation the coy is to be withdrawn for the duration of the operation.
- (3) The coy is to be located adjacent to the HQ of 1 Cdo Coy.
- (4) A minimum of one platoon (pl) is to be employed on patrolling and ambushing outside the 1 Cdo Coy TAOR at all times.
- (5) One pl is to be retained initially as a reserve.
- (6) The Rifle Coy is to work in conjunction with 1 Cdo Coy regarding road blocks on TL2.
- (7) Up to one pl may be employed on civil aid programmes including:
 - (a) Supervision of local villagers in improving drainage, sewerage, water supply, rebuilding the market place.
 - (b) Protection of MEDCAP and DENTCAP teams.
 - (c) Improvements to the hospital and school.
- (8) All patrols and movement are to be coordinated with 1 Cdo Coy
- (9) Regular liaison is to be carried out with the plantation manager regarding:
 - (a) Enemy intelligence.
 - (b) Welfare of villagers.
 - (c) Civil aid requirements.
- (10) Liaison with the DUC THANH sub sector is to be carried out once per week.

b. Armour.

- (1) Grouping.
 - (a) In sp of the 5 RAR Rifle Coy: One APC sect
One APC support sect

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Armoured support as directed by OC Rifle Coy.
- (b) Provide protection and mobility for the mortars.

c. Artillery.

- (1) Grouping. No change.
- (2) Tasks. No change.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Duration of Tour at BINH BA: 7 - 10 days per coy.
- (2) Civic Action. In addition to the programmes outlined in the concept of operations, every effort should be made to win the confidence and respect of the people and get to know them. Soldiers should be encouraged to attend church with the villagers.
- (3) Rules of Engagement. Patrols must expect to meet people throughout the BINH BA estate during daylight hours, therefore the rules of engagement must be strictly observed. These are:

(a) Fire only:

- i. When fired at.
- ii. When a suspect is about to commit a hostile act.
- iii. If an obvious suspect runs and fails to halt after challenge.

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

(c) Fire is to be controlled.

(d) If fired on from a house in the villages:

- i. Take cover.
- ii. Call for the interpreter and a loud hailer.
- iii. Have the interpreter advise the occupants to surrender.
- iv. If no success, call for the village priest and have him speak to the householder.
- v. If the occupants still refuse to surrender, burn the house.

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

(f) Don't harass women and children.

(g) Soldiers will not search women.

(4) Surrendered Personnel. These could occur around BINH BA. Intention to surrender is indicated by shirt off, weapon slung upside down and hands held above the head. This signal is to be honoured and the VCS rapidly evacuated.

(5) Curfew. All ranks are to be familiar with the curfew hours ie from 1900 hrs to 0600 hrs.

(6) Security. All members are to constantly be on the alert. Members are not to move in smaller groups than three in the village area.

(7) Additional Topographical Information.

Attached for info are:

(a) Diagram of the BINH BA village (Annex B).

(b) Aerial photographs of the area. (To be handed over to each coy in turn four sets).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

- (1) Three days hard are to be retained at the Coy HQ.
- (2) Maximum fresh rations are to be used. These are to be delivered daily by IROQUOIS.
- (3) A Coy kitchen is to operate at BINH BA.

- b. Water. Obtain locally and sterilize. (c)
- c. Canteens. Supplies delivered daily with rations by IROQUOIS.
- d. Resupply. Daily by IROQUOIS. Commodity Code to be used for requirements.
- e. Mail. Daily with resupply.
- f. Laundry. Through 5 RAR base area until contract at BINH BA can be arranged.
- g. Medical. Casevac by IROQUOIS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Coy HQ. Located with HQ 1 Cdo Coy in the villa vic YS 445746.
- b. Command. In the event of an attack on the coy base area, the OC of the 5 RAR Rifle Coy is to assume command and coordinate the defence.
- c. Reporting to 5 RAR. The Rifle Coy is to advise Bn HQ daily of events in the coy area.
- d. Communications. Both the Rifle Coy and 1 Cdo Coy are on the bn command net for any intercommunication necessary.

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- Annexes:
- A. Enemy.
 - B. Diagram of BINH BA village
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 - P. Trace of 1 Cdo Coy TAOR.
 - Z. Distribution.

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A GUIDE TO ENEMY FORCES IN THE BINH BA AREA

1. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

UNIT (a)	LOCATION (b)	ACTIVITIES (c)	TIME TO REACH BINH BA (d)	WEIGHT OF FORCE AVAILABLE (e)
a. Local Guerilla	Several sectors to EAST WEST and NORTH of BINH BA up to 16km distant.	Reconnaissance, sniping, food and tax gathering, visiting families of VC.	1/2 hr to one day.	Several sections of six men with automatic rifles, grenades and Claymore mines.
b. 50 Platoon	Their TAOR extends to several kilometres around BINH BA. Indications are that they have left this area, but they could easily attempt to return	Control of Route 2, Special tasks allotted by Provincial Headquarters including local protection and ambushes.	6 hrs to two days.	33 men, several automatic weapons, grenade launchers, Claymore mines.
c. DUC THANH Company	Within DUC THANH sub province. Possibly they are WEST of 1 ATF as at mid August.	Reconnaissance, road blocks, ambushes, liaison for Main Force. No activities reported for several months.	6 hrs to several days - likely to be preceded by recce.	70 men, approx 25 automatic weapons, grenade launchers, Claymore mines.

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d. 860 Battalion (D 445)	Within PHUOC TUY PROVINCE probably within 10Km of 1 ATF. This bn is highly mobile and has been reported EAST and WEST of 1 ATF and NORTH of DUC THANH Sub Sector HQ during July and August.	Ambushes, raids, road blocks, security for food supplies, liaison for Main Force, strengthening VC political control in PHUOC TUY.	6 hrs to several days likely to be preceded by recce.	300 men, liberal allocation of automatic weapons, 57mm Recoiless Rifles, 60mm Mortars, 50 cal MGs, mines of all types.
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e. 274 Regiment	DUC THANH sub province The three battalions of this regiment can concentrate anywhere in DUC THANH within 48 hrs.	Raids, attacks and ambushes.	One to several days.	1800 men. 8 x 81mm mortars, 16 recoilless rifles (57 and 75mm), 50 cal and 30 cal MGs.
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2. LIKELY REACTIONS.

a. It is quite possible that the Main Force VC units are fully occupied and that the only opposition encountered will be small guerilla bands. However the tempting nature of our position at Binh Ba, particularly in view of our recent destruction of VC control in the village, may draw two or more battalions of enemy off their present activities in order to attack our company with a view to re-establishing control over the village and achieving a powerful psychological success in the minds of the local people.

b. Once Route 2 is opened permanently some VC harassing parties may attempt reprisals against particular villages.

3. NORMAL ENEMY USE OF THE AREA.

a. It is likely that the track system along the SUOI LUP to the NW will be used by small enemy groups for communications across to forces operating in the vicinity of Warburton Mountain. Creek/track junction 427769 should be checked frequently. Tracks also run into this point from the vicinity of 7841 and 7842. Another VC route skirts the WESTERN edge of the GALLIA Plantation, swinging to the NORTH EAST at the SUCI LUP and to the SOUTH EAST at the SOUTH WESTERN corner of the plantation.

b. It is possible that the enemy has already abandoned these routes, but they should be checked frequently in order to confirm our picture of the local enemy activity.

4. CONCLUSION. The enemy have used the area of Binh Ba extensively in the past, but they appear to have withdrawn most of their forces during the past month. The company stationed in Binh Ba may have occasional contacts with small groups of VC only, but provision should be made for continuing sizeable ambushes and an attack by a multi-battalion force.

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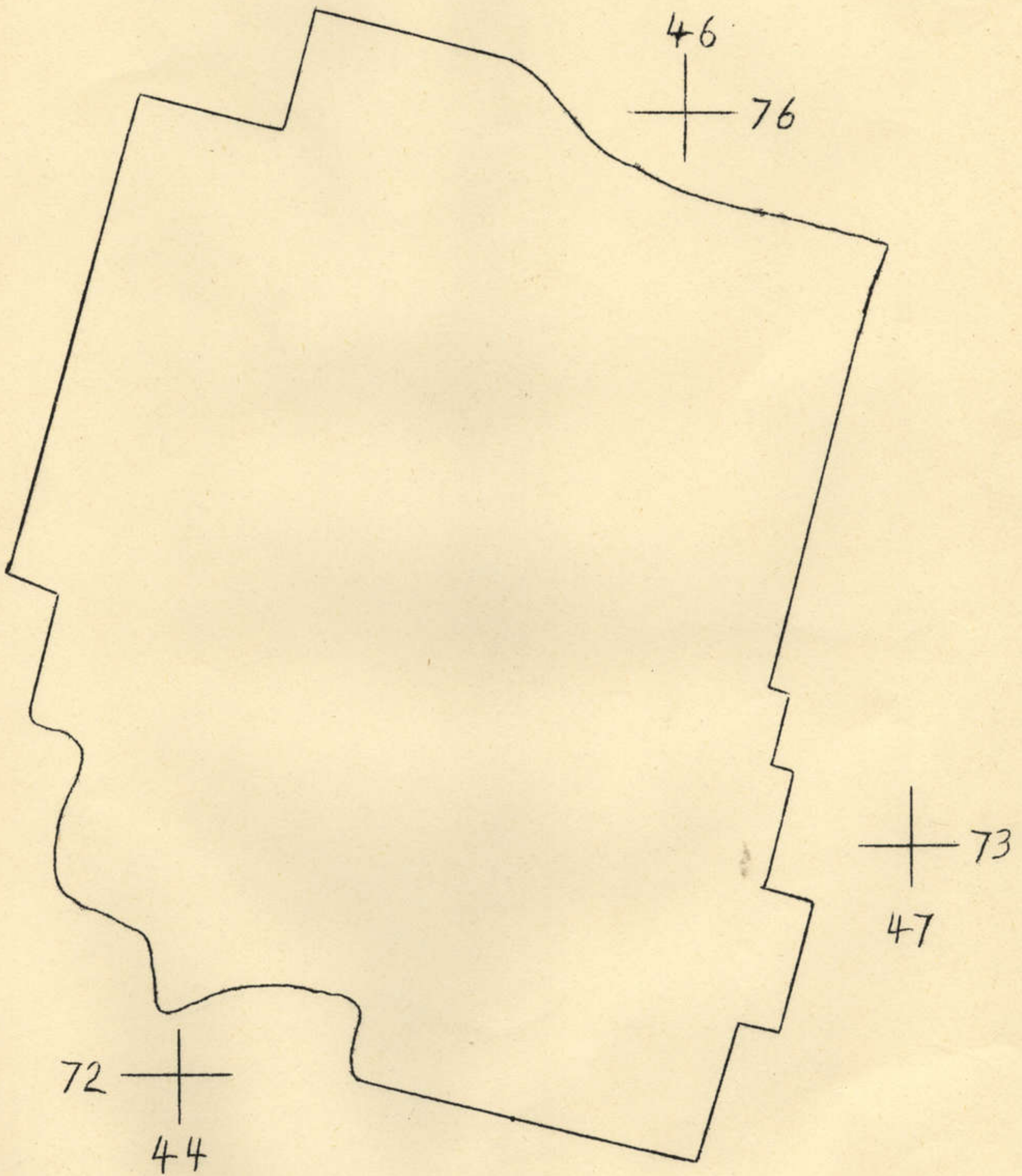
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TO BE GIVEN AT ASSEMBLY AREA AT 0900 H (.) PLACE C COY UNDER COMMAND 6 RAR
(.) 6 RAR PLACE A COY UNDER COMMAND 5 RAR AT 260700H (.) TAKE COMMAND
C COY 6 RAR 260700H (.) MAINTAIN ONE COY REACTION FORCE TO SUPPORT C COY
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OP ORD 13 - 66 OP TOLEDO

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Operation TOLEDO is a search and destroy operation being conducted in the EASTERN Sector of Phuoc Tuy Province by 11 Field Force Vietnam in coordination with BLT (Battalion Landing Team) 1/26 USMC.

(2) Troops taking part

173 Abn Bde (Sep)

33rd and 35th ARVN Ranger Bns

BLT 1/26 USMC

(3) Seventh Fleet provides naval gunfire support.

(4) Seventh Air Force provides close air support.

(5) The operation which was scheduled for completion on 22 Aug has now been extended and 1 ATF has been included.

(6) Areas of operation are shown in Operation Overlay (Annex D). To be issued separately.

(7) Overall concept of operation is as follows:

(a) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) with 33rd and 35th ARVN Ranger Bns under op control conducts airborne assaults into AOs PAT and KATHY on 22 Aug 66 and conduct search and destroy operations.

(b) BLT 1/26 USMC conducts beach assault and heliborne landings into AO MARCY and conducts search and destroy operations; and occupies blocking position MARGE.

(8) 6 RAR is to:

Maintain a company size patrol in battalion sector AO GAIL during the period of operation to search and destroy and be prepared to block enemy penetrations.

(9) 3 SAS is to provide surveillance patrol to operate forward of line BLUE within 1 ATF TAOR.

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c. Attachments and Detachments.

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|---------------------------------|---|
| (1) Remaining under command | One sect 1 APC Sqn
(3 APC)
One sp sect 1 APC
Sqn (3 APC) |
| (2) Remaining in direct support | 103 Fd Bty |
| (3) Remaining in support | 105 Fd Bty
161 Bty, RNZA
Bty A 2/35 Arty |
| (4) In loc from 231800H | 3 SAS liaison team |

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to destroy any enemy force attempting to withdraw SW into AO GAIL allotted to 5 RAR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) One coy is to patrol in battalion sector AO GAIL to search and destroy and be prepared to block and destroy enemy penetrating the area.
- (2) Patrol 5 RAR TAOR WEST of TL 2.
- (3) Patrol between YS 460776 and line BLUE.
- (4) Maintain a reaction force of one company.

b. A Company.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a patrol of one platoon in the 5 RAR TAOR 1000 metres inside line BLUE and WEST of Route TL 2.

(b) Provide an ambush of one platoon on Route TL 2 between the AP AN PHU Bridge (YS 436692) and line ALPHA. This can be done with the pl on patrol.

(c) Clear the proposed patrol/ambush routes with Bn HQ.

(d) Be prepared to move by foot, APC or helicopter all or part of the coy to the Binh Ba area at 2 hours notice.

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c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks.

(a) Patrol with the complete company inside 5 RAR AO GAIL no closer than 1000 metres to line BLUE and 500 metres to the 6 RAR boundary.

(b) The coy patrol is to depart 231400 and return by 260800H and search from EAST to WEST. The coy will not separate into less than platoon size groups.

(c) Be prepared to move by foot, APC or helicopter, to BINH BA to support C Coy.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under command

One sect mor pl
One sect 1 APC Sqn (3 APCs)
One sp sect 1 APC Sqn (3 APCs)
One interpreter

(b) Under command for tactical deployment within the TAOR allocated. 1 Commando Coy

(2) Tasks.

(a) Protect the BINH BA village area.

(b) Assist with civil aid programmes.

(c) Patrol the area between YS 460776 and line BLUE to detect any enemy penetration from WEST to EAST.

(d) Effect liaison with DUC THANH Sub Sector regarding requirement (c) above.

(e) Current orders for Operation WOOLLOOM 00100 remains in force.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks. Remain on $\frac{1}{2}$ hour standby to move to support B Coy in the TAOR or C Coy at BINH BA in accordance with 5 RAR R569-1-5 dated 20 Aug 66 and 5 RAR R569-1-9 issued 23 Aug 66.

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect under command C Coy at BINH BA.

(b) One sect to be prepared to move to BINH BA by APC or helicopter with 100 rds HE per tube.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Sect in base area. Provide support for 5 RAR base area.

(b) Sect under command C Coy. Provide support for C Coy and 1 Commando Company.

(c) Sect on standby. Be prepared to move at two hours notice by APC or helicopter to support B Coy or C Coy.

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks. Secure B Coy base area between stand to each night and stand down each morning commencing 23 Aug 66.

h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue improvements in base area.

(b) Secure C Coy base area between stand to at night and stand down in the morning commencing 23 Aug 66.

i. Armd.

(1) Grouping. One sect of 1 APC Sqn (3 APC) under command C Coy. One support sect of 1 APC Sqn (3 APC) under command C Coy.

(2) Tasks. Assist C Coy with patrolling the BINH BA rubber plantation and Route TL2.

j. Artillery.

(1) Grouping. No change. OPO party to be provided to A Coy if A Coy required to move as a reaction force.

k. Aviation.

(1) Two RAAF Iroquois are on standby at LZ KANGAROO.

(2) One Sioux available as Radio Relay

l. Co-ordinating Instructions.

(1) Routes of B Coy/A Coy patrols issued separately.

(2) 3 SAS LO will advise mov of SAS patrols to ensure co-ordination.

(3) Rules of Engagement.

(a) Inside line ALFA any people other than friendly are considered VC.

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(b) Outside Line ALFA.

i. Fire only when fired at or when a suspect is about to commit a hostile act.

ii. If in doubt, don't shoot.

(c) Wear red hat bands outside 1 ATF base area.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

(1) B Coy three days combat with a choice of type to be carried.

(2) Standby forces - two days combat.

(3) C Coy to hold three days haru rations at BINH BA.

b. Water. Local water to be obtained and sterilized before use.

c. Ammunition.

(1) Maximum to be carried by patrols.

(2) Up to 7 SLR magazines may be carried.

(3) All linked belt will be inside li-lo inners.

(4) A Echelon to hold all available SLR magazines, half filled and be prepared to complete the filling when ordered.

(5) C Coy to hold three first lines at BINH BA.

(6) 500 rds 81mm mor to be held by C Coy at BINH BA.

d. Medical. Evacuation by DUST OFF.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Bn HQ. Remain present location but be prepared to move BINH BA in accordance with 5 RAR R569-1-5 dated 20 Aug 66.

b. Radio.

(1) Additions to Bn Command Net:

(a) 1 Commando Company to use callsign 63.

(b) DUC THANH Sub Sector to use callsign 64.

(2) A Coy patrol to be on battalion comd net.

(3) One Sioux ac available for Radio Relay.

(4) Frequencies.

(a) As per current SOIs.

(5) Callwords and Callsigns. As per current SOIs.

(6) Requests for communication checks are to be reduced to the minimum.

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

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d. KAC Code. As per current SOI.


e. Synchronization of Watches.

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Annex A (Enemy) to OP ORD 13-66 (OP TOLEDO)

1. Disposition of Enemy Forces.

Probable locations of major enemy forces in our vicinity are:-

HQ 5 VC Div and supporting elements.	6780
274 Regt (HQ and one or two bns)	5388
A bn of 274 Regt	4277
275 Regt, elms of 250 Regt, 45 Regt, 860 Bn	Within area between 70 and 82 northings and 57 and 75 eastings.
Duc Thanh Coy plus elms of 860 Bn and 275 Regt	Along LTL 2, between 79 and 87 northings

2. Possible Enemy Reactions to TOLEDO.

As a result of the recent battle 5 VC Div has withdrawn to its forward base area. It is considered to be unlikely that this formation is looking for a fight and that therefore contacts initiated by the enemy are improbable. It is even more unlikely that any major VC forces will have their EASTERN withdrawal routes cut off, hence no appreciable numbers of VC will attempt to withdraw to the SOUTH WEST. Furthermore the VC must be well aware of the destructive power of 1 ATF artillery.

3. However it is known that the enemy has left several small groups of platoon size behind, within several thousand yards of 1 ATF base position. These groups may well be caught by the 173 Abn Bde sweep and may be flushed into our company size patrols. Any such groups will be desperate and will fight fiercely because they will know that they are cornered.

4. Any part of 274 Regt, particularly the supposed battalion which is WEST of LTL 2, can withdraw to a regimental base to the NORTH WEST. However a battalion may lurk in the area of NUI NHAN as an ambush force.

5. As soon as the enemy have seen 173 Abn Bde fly away, they may send patrols back into the area of operations. Aggressive action against these would be fruitful.

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2. MISSION: 1 ATF will destroy any enemy force attempting to withdraw SW from the area of operation.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Air surveillance will be maintained over possible withdrawal routes into 1 ATF TAOR.

(2) Ground surveillance patrols will be deployed outside line BLUE but inside 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Each infantry battalion will maintain one company size force inside line BLUE and within its normal battalion patrol zone. No part of this force is to be closer than 1,000 metres to line BLUE.

(4) Each infantry battalion will be prepared to deploy by air, APC or foot to block and to destroy enemy penetration into 1 ATF TAOR.

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/(5) Route 2

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(5) Route 2 will be patrolled NORTH to area BINH GIA YS4677.

b. 5 RAR:

- (1) Maintain company size patrol in battalion sector of AO GAIL during period of operation. Company task is to conduct search and destroy operations and be prepared to block and/or destroy any enemy attempt at penetration.
- (2) Provide surveillance patrols to detect any enemy attempt at penetration from WEST to EAST between 1 ATF Base Area and YS460776. (Company located at BINH BA may be used on this task).
- (3) Place one company on two hours standby as ready reaction force from 231800H.

c. 6 RAR:

- (1) Maintain company size patrol in battalion sector of AO GAIL during period of operation. Company task is to conduct search and destroy operations and be prepared to block and/or destroy any enemy attempt at penetration.
- (2) Place one company on two hours standby as ready reaction force from 231800H.

d. 1 APC Sqn:

- (1) Maintain two troops on two hours standby, prepared to lift two companies for reaction operations.
- (2) Continue to provide six APCs for use by one company 5 RAR located BINH BA.

e. 1 Fd Regt RAA: No change from current operations.

f. 1 Fd Sqn RAE: No change from current operations.

g. 3 SAS Sqn:

- (1) Provide surveillance patrols to operate forward of line BLUE, within 1 ATF TAOR.
- (2) Provide information of any attempted VC/NVA movement SW and be prepared to direct airstrikes against such movement.

h. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt:

- (1) Provide visual reconnaissance over AO GAIL and AO SUE with emphasis on AO SUE.
- (2) Provide surveillance of area NORTH of 1 ATF along the line of Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT2).
- (3) Other VR tasks as directed by HQ 1 ATF.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Air FAC provides reconnaissance of areas in conjunction with 161 (Indep) Recce Flt as coordinated by G503 Intelligence HQ 1 ATF.
- (2) RAAF provide two iroquois daily on standby at LZ KANGAROO.
- (3) Timings:
 - (a) Ground patrols will be conducted between 231800H August and 260800H August. To be prepared for extension.
 - (4) Boundaries

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(4) Boundaries: Annex P.

(5) 3 SAS Sqn will provide Liaison Officers or Senior NCOs to each 5 RAR and 6 RAR from 231800H August.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

Units will continue maintenance as normal. Units are to advise variations to feeding pattern as soon as possible.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal. SOI

b. Command. HQ 1 ATF remains present location.

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Frag Order 1-8-66 to Op TOLEDO

1. General.

a. Recent contacts and agent reports indicate that the 5 VC Div, 605 Bn 250 Regt (NVA) and C860 Bn are in PHUOC TUY Province EAST of Interprovincial Route 2. Elements of 274 VC Regt following the 10 and 11 August operations on PHU MY (YS2574) withdrew eastward to the vicinity of YS5388. The 275 VC Regt, 605 Bn 250 Regt and C860 Bn withdrew EAST and NE following the 18 Aug operations against 6 RAR. The 5 VC Div HQ and supporting elements are believed to be in the vicinity of YS6780.

b. The recent losses suffered by elements of the 275 VC Battalion as a result of their engagement with 6 RAR on 18 Aug 66 have probably seriously reduced their combat capability. The actual body count of 245 and the possibility that at least as many more were wounded undoubtedly will have a distinct impact on their future operations. Agent reports and interrogation of captives indicate that the 5 VC Div is using NVA replacements.

2. Recent Significant Activity.

a. An agent reported that on 17 Aug 66 the VC cut interprovincial Route 2 in six places between YS 432940 and YS 441960. This was confirmed by visual reconnaissance on 20 Aug. This may be an attempt to deny the use of the route or the VC may be crossing the route themselves.

b. A VCC captured by 6 RAR reported a rice cache 5 kilometers EAST of YS 489664. This cache was reportedly guarded by a VC Company.

c. Agent reports reveal that the operator of the Laffee Plantation at YS 5083 frequently assists the VC.

d. Another agent reported that the workers who left the COURTNEY Rubber Plantation as a result of Operation YORKTOWN in June, have now returned to the plantation.

e. Frequent agent reports have been received indicating VC activity in the vicinity of the XA BANG rubber plantation (YS 455858) and the XA BANG Area (YS 501857).

f. A patrol introduced into the vicinity of YS 639734 on 15 Aug 66 had immediate contact with an estimated VC platoon. Fresh oxcart tracks were observed in the vicinity of YS 632736. The team was pursued by the VC until their extraction (16 Aug) during which the aircraft received ground fire.

g. A Company size position with inter-connecting tunnels was reported at YS 493665 at 170645H Aug. The position was approximately 100 metres square and appeared to be 3-4 weeks old. At this same location a helicopter was fired at by a force of unknown size on 211130H Aug.

h. From a position at YS 501870, a patrol heard 3 rounds fired from a field gun 2,000 to 3,000 metres NORTH. These were heard on 19 Aug. A previous patrol on 17 Aug also reported hearing firing which could have been from a 75 mm RCL and also a 105 mm HOW, in the vicinity of YS 5875.

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i. (17-19 Aug 66). There were many reports of sightings of small groups of VC in square YS 4980. However as no camps or resting places were found, it is considered that there are no VC forces based in the area. All the groups were moving on tracks and except for a few cases were moving North - South. The attitude of the enemy gave the impression that he uses this general area for training purposes and considers the area secure.

j. (171500H - 171708H Aug). At YS488850 within the times shown, a total of 31 VC with weapons were sighted in groups of about ten.

The report is based on information received from the 27th VC Battalion as a result of their operations in the area of YS 4980 on 18 Aug 66. The report states that the VC were moving in small groups of about ten to fifteen men. The attitude of the enemy gave the impression that he uses this general area for training purposes and considers the area secure.

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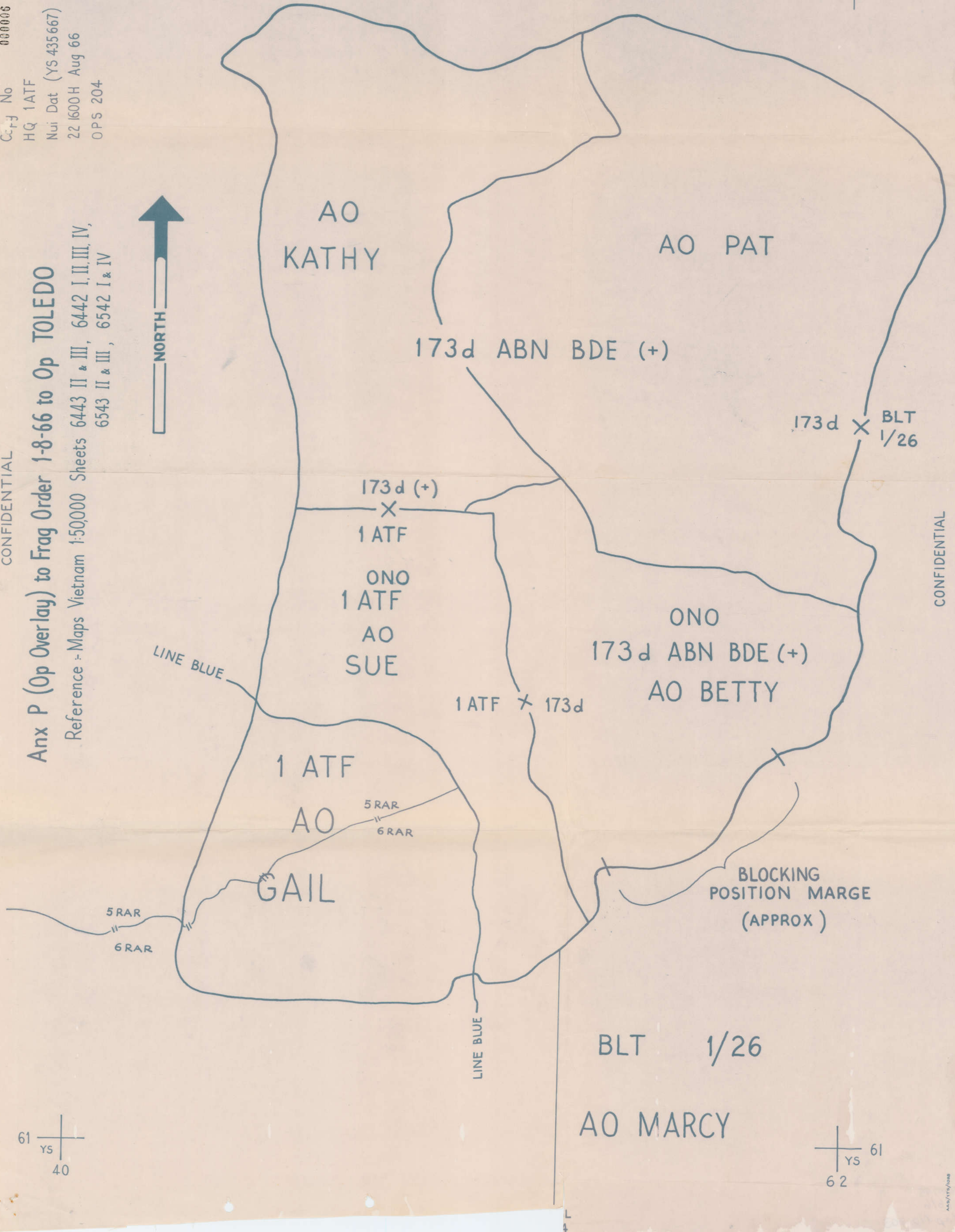
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