

**Series: AWM95**  
**Australian Army commanders' diaries**  
**[Vietnam]**

**Armour & Cavalry units**

**Item number: 2/6/8**

**Item: 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier**  
**Squadron**

**Narrative**

**Annexes**

**[1-30 Sep 1966]**

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707-4-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) [Handwritten Signature]  
Appointment OC Unit or senior staff officer

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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 1 APC

From 1 SEP 66

To 30 SEP 66

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

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## COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### GENERAL

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

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

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

#### During Operational Periods (1)

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

### COMPILATION

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

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. The day's fighting, including company movements. Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

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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8. The annexes are to be assembled in the correct order on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. The cover and contents are convenient for a particular headquarters.

ITEMS

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR SEPTEMBER 1966

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
432672	01 SEP 66	0825	One section of 3Tp escorted convoy to Binh Ba	
"	01 SEP 66	0830	Sqn commenced 50 calibre shoot	
	1 SEP 66	1400	One section of 3Tp escorted the Province Chief to Binh Ba.	
432672	2 SEP 66	0800	Elements of 3Tp supporting C Coy SRAR at Binh Ba. The Sqn group lifted SRAR north to the Binh Ba area at GR 439738 for Op. Toledo. 2Tp was left under command of SRAR. 3Tp assisted C Coy 6RAR in protecting civil party at Binh Chua. GR 4877	
439738	3 SEP 66		2Tp under command SRAR at Binh Ba.	
432672		1400	One sec of 3Tp to escort Arty ammo convoy to Duc <del>Tha</del> <sup>Tha</sup> at GR 462776	
432672	4 SEP 66		2 TP REMAINS UNDER COMD SRAR BINH BA	
432672	5 SEP 66	0830	2 TP REMAINS UNDER COMD SRAR BINH BA. 3 TP W/A A/6RAR TASK.	
			ONE SPCT SP TP CONVOY FOLLOWS DUC THA	
		1030	3 TP RETURNS TO LOC.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR 3 SEPTEMBER 1966

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
432672	5 SEP 66	2015	2 TP REMAINS UNDER COMD 5 RAR BINH BA. ELMS 80 TP UNDER COMD 2 TP.	
432672	6 SEP 66		NO CHANGE.	
432672	7 SEP 66	0815	ONE SECT SP TP CONVOY TASK TO DUC THANH. 2 TP CONTINUES UNDER COMD OF 5 RAR.	
432672	8 SEP 66	0630	ROAD CLEARED - ONE SECT 3P TP. 2 TP ORDERED TO BE ON OPS AND RETURNED TO BASE LOC. 1/2 VP 3 TP UNDER TP OFFER 3 TP WITH ONE MORE SECT (1 SP TP) LOC BINH BA A/B RAR.	
432672	9 SEP 66	0630	ROAD CLEARED - ONE SECT 3 TP. 1/2 TP 3 TP REMAINS BINH BA.	
		0930	2 TP WITH ONE SECT RACH FROM 3 AND SP TP MOVE 5 RAR (-) TO BASE LOC. ESLOTS FOR 101 B Coy RNRD TO FRENCH FORT YS 397626 WITH COY 5 RAR. ESLOTS REQUIRED FOR 105 B Coy RAR TO MOVE TO BASE LOC.	
		1732	POSSUM VISUAL RECON ROUTE "ROAD RUNNING SOUTH 1/2"	

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **SEPTEMBER 1966**

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS 432672	10 SEP 66	0800	APC SQN OF HQ BLM, 2 TP, BLM 3 AND SP TP ON "ROAD RUNNER SOUTH II" WITH C COY AND BLM ADMIN COY AND SP COY 5RAR. ROUTE 432672, 419636, 380607, 430550, TO FINAL LOC 437504. NH CONTACT. $\frac{1}{2}$ TP 3 TP REMAINS BINH BA.	
		1630	SQN RETURNS FROM ROAD OP. NH CONTACT.	
		1635	EXTRACTION OP FOR 3 SAS SQN BY BLM 3 AND SP TP UNDER COMD OC 1 APC SQN. LOC 435625	
		1745	EXTRACTION COMPLETE.	
YS 432672	11 SEP 66	0800	$\frac{1}{2}$ TP 3 TP REMAINS BINH BA.	

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UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR

SEPT 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12 SEPT	0630	2 Troop provided dismounted clearing patrol NTR.	
	12 SEPT	1000	2 Troop call sign 27A moved to Ung Tan for fitting of new turret	
	12 SEPT	1100	3 Troop provided section (33) to escort civil affairs convoy to BINH GIA.	
	12 SEPT	1330	3 Troop provided section (33) to escort engineer party to WISLONG to destroy 155mm shell in that location	
	12 SEPT	1400	TOC Task Force reported 400 civilians moving into LONG PHONG	



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR SEP 66

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION .....

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
1 APC Sqn TAOR	13 Sep 66	0645	2 Jp provided dismounted clearing patrol - NTR.	
TL2 N to B' GIA	"	0900	Sp Jp escorted convey north to Binh Ba / Gia.	
5RAR Mor Loc	"	0910	Mor Sec 82 to 5RAR for "Crash" action crew training.	
Binh Ba 444745	13 Sep 66	1355	Sp Jp patrol replaced 3 Jp under command	
"	"		A 5RAR outpost at Binh Ba.	
TL2 GR 395625	"	1511	33 and 98 to Fire Support Base area (French Fort)	
"	"		South of Hoa Long to de-bag US truck in	
"	"		161 N2 Bty gun lines.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **SEPT. 66**

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NOI DAT	14 SEPT	0640	2 Troop provided, dismounted clearing tracks NTR	
NOI DAT	14 SEPT	0705	3 Troop provided Road clearing section (33) Road cleared without incident	
NOI DAT	14 SEPT	0930	3 Troop provided section (33) for Admin task to SHIN BA for civil affairs	
NOI DAT	14 SEPT	1100	3 Troop conducted mine outside perimeter wire from 5RAR location hand 6RAR to Engineer location	
NOI DAT	14 SEPT	1910	3 Troop provided, dismounted Night Standing Patrol Patrol moved into location without incident. Quiet night no incidents.	
NOI DAT	14 SEPT	1930	2 Troops provided 6 call signs for Night driving operation by IR and headlights Route taken North along TL2 to SHIN BA then ERET 300' using IR. then south through rubber using headlights West back on to TL2 at 6R 446715 return to NOI DAT using IR.	

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UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR

SEPT 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
N01 DAT	16 SEPT	0634	2 Troop provided dismounted clearing patrol NTR	
" "	16 SEPT	0645	3 Troop provided road clearing section (31) R/Clean	
" "	16 SEPT	0955	Sub Troop provided 2 call signs for PR. at Hoa Long	
" "	16 SEPT	1030	2 Troop 3 Troop and Sub Troop warned out for task PM. at 1400 hrs	
" "	16 SEPT	1200	Orders given for task, Mission to locate and search area GR 416610 Report of 10 VC and radio set in this location. APC call signs involved 9, 98, 89584, 9 call signs from 2 and 9 from 3 Troop.	
" "	16 SEPT	1250	Area cordoned and searched negative result except for 105 VC and camp fire site	
" "		1430	VC destroyed	
" "	16 SEPT	1920	Night Standing Patrol provided by 3 Troop Quiet night no incidents	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR SEPT 66

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION .....

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT.	17 SEP	0640	2 Troops provided demounted clearing patrol (2) N.T.R.	
" "	17 SEPT.	0930	Elements of SP TP moved to BINH BA to join remainder of SP TP for sweep through rubber plantation. This sweep to be used as com training	
		1500	Returned to base for 1500H	
	18 SEP	1000	32 escorted 105 Bdy march from French Fort to Base. 3 tracks took Sqn RTA personnel to Bung Tau for overnight stay prior to flying home	
	"	1402	29M, 29J, 20B replaced SOA's call signs at Binh Ba	
	"	1430	33 gave security to dozen clearing beyond our perimeter wire.	
	"	1445	23 departed for Binh Ba to join 20B.	
	"	1845	22 Evening clearing patrol in tracks.	
	19 SEP	0848	22 escorted VC Ralliers to Binh Ba	
	"	0900	3 Tp in support of 52nd ARVN Ranger Bn. in Op. Vaclause.	
	"	0930	21A with Maj Keldie and new turret arrived	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR

SEP 66

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Nui Dat	19 SEP		From Vung Tau.	
"	"	1430	21A fired new turret — demonstration shoot.	
"	"	1630	21A fired — test fire	
NUI DAT	<del>19</del> 20 SEP	1840	SP TP MOUNTED CLEARING PTZ. NTR ECMS 2 TP WITH 20B AT BINH SA CONDUCTED MOUNT-PAN INFROP-OFF AMBUSH IN CONJUNCTION WITH RUBBER SWEEPERS	
NUI DAT	20 SEP	0640	DISMOUNTED CLEARING PTZ.	
		0900	ADDL TEST FIRE C/S 21A TURRET MOUNTED MG.	
		1240	3 TP RETURNED FROM OPS IN SP OF ARVN RANGER ON AREA HILL MASS NORTH-WEST OF BARIA	
NUI DAT	21 SEP	0830	C/S 82 TOOK A RECCO ELEMENT OF 5RAR ALONG ROUTE 15, WEST OF BARIA.	
	21 SEP	1415	OFFICERS FROM 3 <sup>rd</sup> RECCO SQN, 11 <sup>th</sup> ACR VISITED SQN.	
NUI DAT	22 Sep	1400	Sp Tp and 3 Tp lifted C/5 RAR from the French fort at northern edge of Baria on TL2 back to their base loc at IATE 3 Tp also evacuated Curlian detainees, apprehended just North of AP AN PHU, to HQ 2 LASC	

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UNIT/FORMATION **I APC SON**

MONTH AND YEAR .....

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NOI DAT	22 SEP	1800	Elements of 2TP at BINH BA conducted patrol off Inf Ambush south of BINH BA.	
NOI DAT	22 SEP	1825	Dismounted clearing patrol by 3 Troop.	
NOI DAT	23 SEP	0640	Clearing patrol by carriers by 3 Troop	
NOI DAT	23 SEP		Elements of all troops and S1Q conducted check up of 6RAR upon 6RAR's completion of OP.	
NOI DAT	23 SEP	1705	6 Calsigns from Sub Troop moved to Binh BA to support Coy 6RAR.	
"	24 SEP	0637	3 Troop conducted road clearing patrol	
"	24 SEP	0638	Clearing patrol by 3 Troop.	
"	24 SEP	0700	2 Troop moved out for patrol to eastern side of TF area. Patrol to cover Long Tan and rubber plantation to the North of Long Tan and RV with S1Q/3 Troop group at GR 488630 at 1500 hours.	
"	24 SEP	0810	2 Troop holding at GR 445655.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR .....

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	24 SEP	0815	2TP reported motor running in 15 second bursts. motor heard running 3 times + AC aircraft overhead of est loc GS4766	
"	24 SEP	0840	2TP detained 9 civilians moving <sup>east</sup> on east west road. Civilians moved to INTF loc by call sign 295, 297.	
"	24 SEP	0910	3 Troop provided convoy escort to Watons	
"	24 SEP	0920	Call sign 2 reported FRC aircraft had located 2 huts at GR 469663 possible location of motor. 2 Troop requested permission to engage. Permission to engage given for 1140 hrs. 1130 S10 and 3 Troop moved south to support 2 Troop during patrol. 1140 2 Troop worked 5001 DA BANG moved under cover of arty fire on huts GR 469663. 2 Troop engaged huts GR 469663 with 50mm then searched huts. nil evidence of recent occupation.	

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UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

MONTH AND YEAR

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NOI DAT	24 SEP	1200	SINO and 3 Troop holding <sup>at</sup> RV GR 448630 2 Troop continued patrol of road North & East of LONG TAN.	
"		1850	All call signs back into location	
"	25 SEP	0640	3 Troop provided clearing patrol	
"	25 SEP	1000	2 Troop provided escort to Baria for convoy	
"	25 SEP	1825	3 Troop provided mounted clearing patrol.	
"	26 SEP	0630	3 Troop provided clearing patrol	
"	26 SEP	0800	3 call signs from 3 Troop moved to UMI TAN for Radio installations	
"			SP TP $\frac{1}{2}$ TP (81 & 82) continued at Binh Ba.	
"	27 SEP	0830	Air recce conducted.	
BINH BA		1615	Fd repair running gear of Sp TP APC using Filters Veh (45 98A) at Binh Ba.	
NOI DAT	28 SEP	0810	Elms 3 TP move to A BINH GA (45 4877) Jan captured WPus display.	
"		1200	Elms 3 TP relieved Sp TP elms at Binh Ba.	
"	29 SEP	1215	APC Sqn assisted in childrens school party for love	



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MONTH AND YEAR SEP 1966

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>NOI DAT</u>	<u>30 SEP</u>	<u>0915</u>	<u>INF 1st-LINE AMMO FOR INF SECT LOADING TRIALS WITH 5RAR.</u>	
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>ELMS 3 TP CONTINUE AT BINH BA WITH 5RAR.</u>	
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>2 TP WARNED OUT FOR OP 'CROWS NEST' WITH 5RAR, AREA DUL THANH.</u>	
	<u>31 SEP</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>ELMS 3 TP REMAIN BINH BA.</u>	
		<u>1800</u>	<u>BATTLE PREP OP 'CROWS NEST'</u>	
			<u>2 TP WITH SP TP MOR SECT OP CROWS NEST</u>	
			<u>ELMS 3 AND SP TP CONSTITUTE REACTION TP</u>	
			<u>2 TP LIFTED OUT INF COY FOR PRELIM TO</u>	
			<u>OP CROWS NEST</u>	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

1 Oct 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
300001H to 302400H Sep 66.

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

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

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. A total of five patrols were conducted during the reporting period. At 301730H Operation CROWS NEST commenced with the movement by APC of C/5 RAR to XA BINH BA YS444744. Operation CROWS NEST is an armoured/Infantry sweep operation in the northern extension of the TAOR involving C/5 RAR, D/5 RAR, 2 Troop of 1 APC Squadron, 103 Field Battery, and one platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regt. Duration of operation 48 hours.

(ii) LRRP. Two patrols operated to the WEST of the Task Force Area.

(iii) At 301730H 1 APC Squadron lifted C/5 RAR from the Task Force Area to XA BINH BA YS444744, lift being completed at 301800H. One section of 1 APC Squadron remained at XA BINH BA in support of D/5 RAR.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force, a total of 15 H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. 103 Field Battery prepared for Operation CROWS NEST.

(v) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. C/5 RAR at 301730H was lifted by APC from Task Force Area to XA BINH BA on Operation CROWS NEST. D/5 RAR remained XA BINH BA and prepared for Operation CROWS NEST.

(vi) 6 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. A total of four patrols were conducted during the reporting period.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. There were negative airstrikes during the reporting period.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue Operation CROWS NEST with movements as follows:-

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(a) At 010630H C/5 RAR to move by APC's from XA BINH BA to DUC TAN YS462775 to secure Fire Support Base for Operation.

(b) At 010630H 103 Field Battery and Battery A 2/35 Regt escorted by 2 Troop 1 APC Squadron, to move from Task Force area to Fire Support Base YS462775.

(c) At 010650H 2 Troop 1 APC Squadron to lift D/5 RAR from XA BINH BA to Fire Support Base YS462775.

(d) On completion of movement 103 Field Battery; D/5 RAR with 2 Troop 1 APC Squadron, to commence sweep operation to the EAST of Inter Provincial Route 2 between Northings 78 and 83 and sweeping EAST to 49 Easting.

6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. At 301730H D/6 RAR to commence company size patrol to the SOUTH of Task Force Area with the task of placing ambush patrols around the village of HOA LONG YS4264.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation CROWS NEST.
- (2) Armourd/Infantry sweep operation.
- (3) Destroy VC forces in the NORTH of TAOR.
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS000000.
- (5) 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, 103 Field Battery, Battery A 2/35 Regt.
- (6) Task Force Headquarters.
- (7) 301730H.
- (8) Continues.
- (9) Nil.

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

- C1. PHUOC TUY YS000000 Armd/Inf CROWS NEST 301730/Cont
- C2. PHUOC TUY YS000000 S+D Nil 301730/Cont
- K1. NIL
- K2. NIL
- K3. NIL
- K4. NIL
- K5. NIL

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

30 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
290001H to 292400H Sep 66.

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

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

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. A total of seven patrols operated. Elements of the Task Force entertained 1000 children at HOA LONG for the Vietnamese celebration of mid Autumn festival and was highly successful.

(ii) LRRP. Two patrols were introduced in to an area West of the Task Force area.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron escorted convoy to XA BINH BA YS445746 and return.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 25 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) D/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of their area of TAOR with negative contact.

(vi) 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of their area of TAOR with negative contact.

(vii) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR continued without significant result. Today's preplanned airstrike was aborted due to weather.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Saturation patrolling of TAOR continues. Preparations for Operation BATHURST continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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(i) 2 BAR and 6 BAR continued platoon size  
patrolling of area with negative contact. A total  
of seven parties operated. Elements of the task  
force entered area at 0600 hours at HCA FORT for the  
Vietnamese observation of and about festival and  
was highly successful.

(ii) LRP. Two parties were introduced in to  
an area west of the task force area.

(iii) 1st and 2nd BAR escorted convoy to KA BINH  
in the afternoon.

(iv) 3rd BAR and 4th BAR continued to support  
the task force. A total of 12 and 1 mission were  
fired in the afternoon.

(v) 5th BAR and 6th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact. A total  
of seven parties operated.

(vi) 7th BAR and 8th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(vii) 9th BAR and 10th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact. A total  
of seven parties operated. Elements of the task  
force entered area at 0600 hours at HCA FORT for the  
Vietnamese observation of and about festival and  
was highly successful.

(viii) 11th BAR and 12th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(ix) 13th BAR and 14th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(x) 15th BAR and 16th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xi) 17th BAR and 18th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xii) 19th BAR and 20th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xiii) 21st BAR and 22nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xiv) 23rd BAR and 24th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xv) 25th BAR and 26th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xvi) 27th BAR and 28th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xvii) 29th BAR and 30th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xviii) 31st BAR and 32nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xix) 33rd BAR and 34th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xx) 35th BAR and 36th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxi) 37th BAR and 38th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxii) 39th BAR and 40th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxiii) 41st BAR and 42nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxiv) 43rd BAR and 44th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxv) 45th BAR and 46th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxvi) 47th BAR and 48th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxvii) 49th BAR and 50th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxviii) 51st BAR and 52nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxix) 53rd BAR and 54th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxx) 55th BAR and 56th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxi) 57th BAR and 58th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxii) 59th BAR and 60th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxiii) 61st BAR and 62nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxiv) 63rd BAR and 64th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxv) 65th BAR and 66th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxvi) 67th BAR and 68th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxvii) 69th BAR and 70th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxviii) 71st BAR and 72nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xxxix) 73rd BAR and 74th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xl) 75th BAR and 76th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xli) 77th BAR and 78th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlii) 79th BAR and 80th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xliiii) 81st BAR and 82nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xliv) 83rd BAR and 84th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlv) 85th BAR and 86th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlvi) 87th BAR and 88th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlvii) 89th BAR and 90th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlviii) 91st BAR and 92nd BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlvix) 93rd BAR and 94th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlvx) 95th BAR and 96th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlvxi) 97th BAR and 98th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

(xlvxii) 99th BAR and 100th BAR continued to support  
patrolling of area with negative contact.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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29 Sep 66

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

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

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

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued platoon size saturation patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. D/5 RAR remained vicinity XA BINH BA YS445746 as security force for area. A County Fair type operation was conducted to BINH GIA YS4877 using a troop of APC's, a platoon of 5 RAR and 5 RAR band.

(ii) LRRP. No patrols operated during the reporting period.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron conducted a County Fair type operation to BINH GIA YS4877. The band of 5 RAR held a recital and a weapons display was conducted. Elements of 1 APC Squadron remained at XA BINH GIA in support of D/5 RAR.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force, firing a total of 11 H and I missions during the reporting period. At 2125H at the request of SECTOR, TF Arty fired a total of 90 rounds of 155 in the area of Coordinates YS570680, YS550680, YS550630 at a suspected VC Bn locality.

(v) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. A total of 3 patrols were conducted during the reporting period. D/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA as security force for area. A platoon of 5 RAR and the 5 RAR band took part in a County Fair type operation to BINH GIA.

(vi) 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. A total of four patrols were conducted during the reporting period.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 281130H airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC location at YS280740. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR and 6 RAR to continue saturation patrolling of TAOR, a total of 7 patrols to be conducted during the 24 hour period. At 291100H Airstrike scheduled against suspected VC location at YS295694. All Task Force Units to continue Operation CASULA with maintenance and refitting of Base locations. At 291800H two LRRP's to be infiltrated

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to the WEST of the Task Force Area.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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28 Sep 66

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270001H to 272400H Sep 66.

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued platoon size saturation patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. D/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. A County Fair type operation was conducted to DAT DO YS4860 using a troop of APCs and a platoon of 5 RAR and 5 RAR band.

(ii) LRRP. No patrols operated in the reporting period.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron conducted a County Fair type operation to DAT DO YS4860. The band of 5 RAR held a recital and a weapons display was conducted. Later reports state that 2 VC were apprehended by ARVN in the market place at the time of the concert. They were armed with grenades and intended to cause a disturbance during recital. The troop of APCs, Infantry Platoon and band returned at 1230H.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 8 H and I missions in the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of their area of TAOR. There was negative contact. D/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. A platoon of 5 RAR and the 5 RAR band took part in a County Fair type operation to DAT DO.

(vi) 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of their area of the TAOR with negative contact.

(vii) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results. An airstrike was conducted on to YS505671 at 1130H. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR and 6 RAR continue saturation patrolling of TAOR. A preplan airstrike is scheduled for 1130H on to YS507674.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

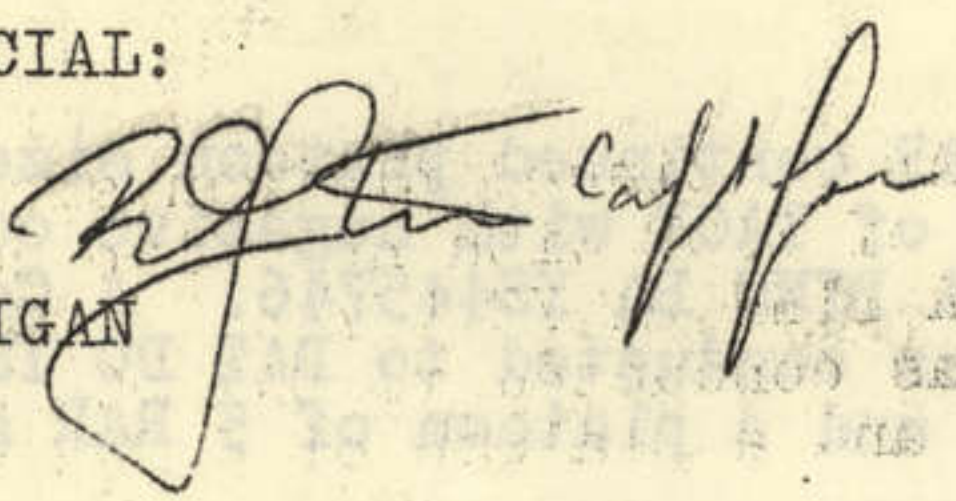
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27 Sep 66

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260001H to 262400H Sep 66.

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

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

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. At 261000H D/5 RAR replaced B/5 RAR at XA BINH BA YS445746. B/5 RAR returned to Task Force Base area. 6 RAR commenced platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued Operation CASULA with maintenance and refitting of Base locations.

(ii) LRRP. All patrols remained in Base Location.

(iii) At 260900H elements of 1 APC Squadron lifted B/5 RAR from XA BINH BA to Task Force area and returned D/5 RAR to XA BINH BA. Elements remained at XA BINH BA in support of D/5 RAR.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. At 261000H D/5 RAR replaced B/5 RAR at XA BINH BA as security force for area. B/5 RAR returned to Task Force Area. 5 RAR minus continued Operation CASULA with maintenance and refitting of base location.

(vi) 6 RAR commenced platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. 6 RAR minus continued Operation CASULA with maintenance and refitting of base location.

(vii) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant sighting.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR and 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR and Operation CASULA. D/5 RAR to remain XA BINH BA as security force for area.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change.

D. Friendly Forces NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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26 Sep 66

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

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General.

(i) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. 6 RAR carried out maintenance and refitting at 1 ATF base. There were no contacts. Operation CASULA commenced at 250800H. Preparations for Operation BATHURST also commenced.

(ii) LRRP. Two patrols were extracted in the reporting period.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron escorted convoy to BINH BA and return.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 5 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6 RAR carried out maintenance and refitting at Base location. There were no contacts.

(vii) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results. At 2145H an immediate skyspot was conducted on to YS540675 following interrogation of a VCC who located 18 VC in tunnels at this position. There was no BDA.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Platoon size patrols of TAOR continue. B/5 RAR are replaced at XA BINH BA by D/5 RAR.

b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through (9) no change

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

c. Objectives no change

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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25 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
240001H to 242400H Sep 66

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

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR minus continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained vicinity XA BINH BA YS445747 as security force for village. At 240830H D/6 RAR completed Phase 6 of Operation VAUCLUSE and was airlifted back to the Task Force Base area. Operation VAUCLUSE concluded at 240924H.

(ii) LRRP. Two patrols continued to operate to the EAST of the Task Force Area.

(iii) At 240715H 2 Troop of 1 APC Squadron commenced patrol to EAST of Task Force area covering area of LONG PHUOC YS4464, LONG TAN YS4863, and areas 2,000 metres to the NORTH. At 241130H 3 Troop of 1 APC Squadron plus Squadron Headquarters commenced road patrol SOUTH of the TAOR along route YS419635, YS428607, YS425596 and YS488602. At 241530H both troops arrived at RV YS488630. At 241855H 1 APC Squadron reported all APCs back in base location. At 240930 2 Troop apprehended five civilians in area YS465655. Civilians were evacuated to Task Force Area.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 8 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445747 as security force for village. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(vi) D/6 RAR concluded Phase 6 of Operation VAUCLUSE. At 240830H D/5 RAR was airlifted from YS374668 to Task Force Area. Operation VAUCLUSE concluded at 240924H. 6 RAR minus commenced platoon size patrolling of TAOR. At 240801 D/6 RAR apprehended five civilians in paddy at YS383668. Civilians were evacuated back to Task Force Area.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. There were negative airstrikes during the reporting period.

(viii) Plans for Next 24 hours. B/5 RAR to remain XA BINH BA. 5 RAR minus and 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR, and preparation for Operation BATHURST.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change.

D. Friendly Forces NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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24 Sep 66

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230001H to 232400H Sep 66.

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
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COPY TO: HQ AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
1 ALSG

## 1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

## a. General

- (i) 6 RAR concluded Phase 5 of Operation VAUCLUSE. There was one minor contact. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR. There were no contacts. A Task Force patrol found 13 graves at YS510680. These were 4 to 6 weeks old and had not been located previously. They are believed to have been from Op SMITHFIELD and are attributed to KBA.
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road at 0730H for the convoy. At 1600H the Squadron lifted A/6 RAR, B/6 RAR and Battalion headquarters back to 1 ATF base on completion of phase 5 of Operation VAUCLUSE.
- (iii) LRRP. 5 patrols continued to operate to East of TAOR. Three patrols were extracted in the reporting period.
- (iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 9 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.
- (v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR with negative contact.
- (vi) 6 RAR concluded phase 5 of Operation VAUCLUSE. At 1355H the helilift of C/6 RAR back to 1 ATF base was completed. (At 1700H the APC move of A/6 RAR, B/6 RAR and Battalion headquarters back to 1 ATF base was completed) D/6 RAR remained to complete Phase 6. At 1720H D/6 RAR at YS375675 contacted 4 VC. They were dressed in black trousers, khaki shirts and were moving from NORTH to SOUTH when contacted. After the contact they fled NORTH WEST. There were no casualties. Withdrawal route was engaged by artillery with unknown results.
- (vii) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results. The 13 VC graves located by a Task Force patrol at YS510680 are believed to be from Operation SMITHFIELD and are credit as KBA from the airstrikes conducted at that time. At 1845H two immediate airstrikes were conducted on YS505657 and YS 505651 following a report from a Task Force patrol.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. D/6 RAR is to be helilifted from YS374668 back to 1 ATF base commencing at 0830hrs. B.5 RAR remains at XA BINH BA. 5 RAR continues platoon size patrols of TAOR. 1 APC squadron conducts two APC patrols into areas South and East of TAOR. The first patrol commences at 240715H and the second 241115H.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

D1. D/6 RAR 1 231720H/231725H Aust Nil Nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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23 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
220001H to 222400H Sep 66.

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

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. C/5 RAR returned from FRENCH FORTRESS YS396627 to Task Force Base area at 221415H on completion of security task. 6 RAR commenced Phase 5 of Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP. Five patrols continued to operate in area to EAST of TAOR.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron retained one section of APCs at XA BINH BA in support of B/5 RAR. At 221415H one troop lifted C/5 RAR from FRENCH FORTRESS to Task Force Base area.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Bty returned to Base Area reporting back in location at 221226H.

(v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA as security force for village. C/5 RAR returned from FRENCH FORTRESS YS396627 to Task Force Base area at 221415H on completion of security task. 5 RAR minus continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. At 221500H A/5 RAR apprehended 38 vietnamese at YS430750. Vietnamese were evacuated to Sector Headquarters BARIA for questioning.

(vi) 6 RAR continued Phase 5 of Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. Battalion Headquarters with A/6 RAR and B/6 RAR swept NORTH on either side of SONG DINH river commencing vicinity YS388636. D/6 RAR swept on a course, approximately parallel to Battalion Headquarters, NORTH along foothills of NUI DINH. At 220830H C/6 RAR was airlifted from YS328621 to LZ at YS345645 and from there moved to ambush position on trail at YS351649.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 221130H airstrike was conducted against 15 huts at YS570650. BDA, 8 huts destroyed and 4 heavily damaged. At 222130 skyspot was conducted against same target.

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(vii) Plans for Nest 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. B/5 RAR to remain XA BINH BA as security force for village. 6 RAR to complete Phase 5 of Operation VAUCLUSE. At 231300H C/6 RAR and mortar platoon to be airlifted from LZ YS346645 to Task Force Area. At 231600H Battalion Headquarters A/6 RAR and B/6 RAR to be lifted, by 1 APC Squadron, from YS382628 to Task Force Area. D/6 RAR to remain in present location in preparation for Phase 6 of Operation VAUCLUSE.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through to (9) No change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives, No change.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 231300H airstrike was conducted against 15 huts at YS270650. BDA, 8 huts destroyed and 4 heavily damaged. At 232130 a report was conducted against same target.

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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22 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
210001H to 212400H Sep 66.

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

COPY TO: HQ AFV  
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. C/5 RAR remained at the Fire support base FRENCH FORT YS396627. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR with negative results.
- (ii) LRRP. 5 patrols continued to operate in area to East of TAOR.
- (iii) 1 APC Squadron retained a section of APCs at XA BINH BA.
- (iv) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 10 H and T missions were fired in the reporting period.
- (v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA. C/5 RAR remained at the fire support base at FRENCH FORT. 5 RAR continued with platoon size patrols of TAOR. There were no contacts.
- (vi) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE. The Battalion swept South into foothills of NUI DINH hills with negative results. Night locations are as follows:  

Battalion CP, A Company, B Company YS348618  
C Company YS328621  
D Company YS344625
- (vii) Air Support. Air surveillance continued. At 0900H helicopters sighted 50 people vicinity YS425694. FAC investigated and patrol was sent to search area. On arrival people had dispersed widely and were gathering wood and fruit.
- (viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR are to continue new phase of Operation. A Company and B Company with Battalion headquarters commence sweep NORTH either side of SONG DINH reiver commencing vicinity YS388636. D Company sweep on approximately parallel course NORTH along foothills of NUI DINH Hills. C Company at 0830H will be helilifted to an LZ at YS 345645 and there move to YS346645 to ambush a trail which runs from the EAST to prevent any

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escape in that direction. 161 Battery RNZA and C/5 RAR will return to 1 ATF base late morning. B/5 RAR remains XA BINH BA. 5 RAR continue patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. C/5 RAR remained at FRENCH FORTRESS YS395628 as security for Fire Support Base. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) LRRP. Five Task Force patrols continued operations to the EAST of the Task Force Area.

(iii) One troop of 1 APC Squadron completed operations in support of 52 Ranger Battalion and returned to the Task Force Base area reporting back in location at 201305H. Elements of 1 APC Squadron remained in support of B/5 RAR at XA BINH BA.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 7 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 200700H Task Force Artillery fired a 200 metre by 1000 metre rolling barrage in area of LONG TAN YS4865. 161 Battery remained at FRENCH FORTRESS in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS446745 as security force for village. C/5 RAR remained

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as security force for Fire Support Base FRENCH FORTRESS YS395628. 5 RAR minus continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(vi) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. At 200845H A/6 RAR discovered VC observation post at YS328638. Estimate observation post not used recently. At 201000H D/6 RAR discovered five huts apparently BUDDHIST at YS327645. At 201050H B/6RAR detained a monk at YS327645. Monk was evacuated by air to Sector Headquarters Ba Ria. Also discovered in area were five huts containing four suitcases full of clothing. At 201300H C/6 RAR discovered building which appeared to have been used as a hospital approximately one year ago.

(vii) 52 Ranger Battalion completed operations to the South of Area CHERRY and returned to Ba Ria YS3861.

(viii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings.

(ix) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of the TAOR, B/5 RAR and C/5 RAR to remain in present positions. 6 RAR to continue Operation VAUCLUSE with Search and Destroy operations in the SOUTH of Area CHERRY operating as far SOUTH as the 62 Northing.

b. Major Unit Operations.  
(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives. No change.  
D. Friendly Forces NIL  
K. Losses/Damages.  
K1 NIL  
K2 NIL  
K3 NIL  
K4 NIL  
K5 NIL

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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20 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
190001H to 192400H Sep 66

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

COPY TO: HQ AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS 445746, D/5 RAR remained at FRENCH FORTRESS YS395628 as security for fire support base. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) LRLI. 5 Task Force patrols operated to EAST of Task Force area. One patrol was extracted and was replaced by another.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron supported 52 Ranger Battalion ARVN on a search and destroy operation as part of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of NIL H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. 161 Battery RNZA remained at FRENCH FORTRESS in support of 6 RAR on Operation VAUCLUSE.

(v) B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS446745 and conducted platoon size ambushes from there. D/5 RAR remained as security for 161 Battery RNZA fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR. There were no contacts.





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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
180001H to 182400H SEP 66.

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. 5 RAR continued platoon sized patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained as security force for Fire Support Base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS395627 in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(ii) LRRP. Five long range patrols continued reconnaissance operations to the EAST of the Task Force Area

(iii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road at 180702H and secured the road for convoy as normal. Elements of 1 APC Squadron (three tracks) remained at XA BINH BA in support of B/5 RAR.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 7 Hand I missions were fired during the 24 hours. At 181030H 105 Field Battery returned to Task Force Area from FRENCH FORTRESS.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. During morning B/6 RAR with engineer assistance continued demolition of VC camp at YS338657. At 181300H D/6 RAR discovered two huts at YS327647. Huts were destroyed. At 181505H A/6RAR found old squad sized camp at YS343641. Camp was destroyed. At 181730H 6 RAR moved into defensive locations for night as follows:

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Battalion CP and B/6 RAR YS345645  
A/6 RAR YS341642  
C/6 RAR YS344646  
D/6 RAR YS322642

(vi) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained vicinity XA BINH BA as security force for area. C/5 RAR remained FRENCH FORTRESS YS395627 as security force for Fire Support Base.

(vii) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 181019H F C sighted six ox carts at YS300641 heading towards Highway 15. SECTOR were requested to investigate. At 181215H airstrike was conducted against trench system at YS386747.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. B/5 RAR to remain XA BINH BA. C/5 RAR to remain FRENCH FORTRESS. 6 RAR to continue Operation VAUCLUSE with company search and destroy operations in the SOUTH of area CHERRY. 6 RAR to deploy patrols to secure high ground at YS324625, YS330631, YS324636 and YS320641 to support 52 Ranger Battalion movement into area SOUTH of area CHERRY for a search and destroy operation. At 190800H 52 Ranger Battalion with in support one troop of 1 APC Squadron to move from BA RIA YS3861 to area YS3063 and YS3163 to carry out S and D operation as part of Operation VAUCLUSE.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives  
D. Friendly Force.  
K. Losses/Damages  
K1 NIL  
K2 NIL  
K3 NIL  
K4 NIL  
K5 NIL

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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Sep 66

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

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
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HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE locating a major VC installation with a complex network of bunkers and tunnels. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. C/5 RAR remained at the fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS395627. There were no contacts.

(ii) 4 LRRP were extracted during the 24 hours and 3 patrols were introduced.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron escorted resupply convoys to XA BINH BA and return without incident.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 7 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours. / (v) 5 RAR....

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(v) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR with no contacts. B/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. C/5 RAR remained at FRENCH FORTRESS YS385627 securing the Fire support base. there were no contacts.

4 (vi) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE. At 1230H B/6 RAR found an abandoned VC major base installation. The camp covered an area 200 metres by 200 metres and contained 30 old but well constructed buildings all of which were made from local material except one with a galvanized zinc roof. One hut was a hospital, two were offices and the remainder were living accommodation. There are a number of bunkers and a tunnel system for which Engineer assistance is being provided to destroy. One bunker was used as an ammunition bay and contained 25 smoke grenades, mines, booby traps, two 81mm mortar bombs, quantity of small arms ammunition, medical supplies, 3½ tons of rice, clothing and material and many documents were found. Documents included propaganda leaflets, type written papers, text books and many others not yet categorized. All documents are to be evacuated tomorrow and all installations destroyed.

(vii) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 1452H a FAC reported a new, heavily used crossing point of river at YS534678.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR maintain B/5 RAR at XA BINH BA YS445746. C/5 RAR remains at fire support base at FRENCH FORT YS395627. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues. 6 RAR continues present phase of Operation VAUCLUSE. Major tasks will be destruction of base camp found today.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.  
D. Forces  
K. Losses/ Damages  
K1 NIL  
K2 Enemy  
D1 6 RAR UNK/UNK VC Base Camp 3½ tons rice destroyed  
K3 NIL  
K4 NIL  
K5 NIL

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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Sep 66.

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily situation report (SITREP)  
160001 H to 162400H Sep 66.

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN AC of S  
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1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with minor contact. B/5 RAR continued security task in XA BINH BA, C/5 RAR continued security of Fire Support Base in support of Operation VAUCLUSE. 5 RAR minus continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(ii) Long Range patrols. Five patrols continued reconnaissance operations to EAST of Task Force area.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron cleared road at 0715H and secured convoy as normal. At 161300H two troops with infantry support conducted a search and destroy operation vicinity YS412614. One troop moved to objective vic Ba Ria YS3862 whilst other troop moved via YS427607. APC's providing blocking force whilst infantry element /... swept through



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... swept through Objective. Objective was suspected VC location provided by special agent report. Twelve people were detained for interrogation. Troops returned to Task Force Base at 161630H.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force, a total of 12 H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. 105 Field Battery and 161 Field Battery remained at FRENCH FORTRESS in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(v) 5 RAR minus continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5 RAR remained vicinity XA BINH BA YS445745 as security force for area. C/5 RAR continued security of Fire Support Base FRENCH FORTRESS in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(vi) 6 RAR continued Phase III of Operation VAUCLUSE with minor contact. At 1145H B/6 RAR discovered three well built huts and a small tunnel AT YS355663. No evidence of recent use. At 161200H C/6 RAR discovered trail of 20 people at YS356655. Estimate trail used within last 24 hours. At 161300H A/6 RAR discovered VC Company sized camp which appeared to have been hastily evacuated at YS347657. Several cemented graves in area gave appearance of it being a permanent camp. Camp appeared to have been hit by airstrike approximately 7 days ago. At 161403H C/6 RAR discovered a VC overnight resting place used by 7 to 8 persons up until this morning at YS364648. Camp contained cooking area and cooking fats. At 151500HH D/6 RAR discovered seven huts in fenced compound at YS335651. At 161501H B/6 RAR discovered Company size camp at YS356663. At 161450H D/6 RAR contacted one local VC wearing black trousers and a khaki shirt and carrying camouflaged satchel at YS330660. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 single shot MAUSER rifle and 10 rounds recovered.

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At 161610H D/6 RAR discovered rock hollowed out and cemented to form bunker for OP to cover SOUTH and SW at YS330660. At 161710H D/6 RAR discovered enemy camp at YS329656. Camp contained 6 huts with camouflaged tin roofs and contained warm food on tables for 15 to 20 people. Enemy appeared to have withdrawn SOUTH. Withdrawal route engaged by Artillery and airstrike. During day 6 RAR reported "stench" of bodies in area of B52 strike but no bodies could be found.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 161500H aircraft received ground fire from vicinity YS3866 and YS3867. FAC investigated with negative result. At 161730H immediate airstrike was conducted on VC withdrawal route at YS324643. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(ix) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR to continue Operation VAUCLUSE with search and destroy operation SOUTH of area CHERRY. At 170800H Battalion HQ and B/5 RAR to be airlifted from YS345667 to D/6 RAR location YS335665. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. B/5 RAR to remain at XA BINH BA, C/5 RAR to continue security of FRENCH FORTRESS.

- b. Major Unit Operations.  
(1) through (8) no change.  
(9) results (accumulative)

FRIENDLY LOSSES  
NIL

ENEMY LOSSES  
7 VC KIA (BC)  
4 VC WIA  
1 Rifle (UNK)  
1 M1 Carbine  
2 Burp Guns  
2 Chicom rifles  
1 Single shot MAUSER  
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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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15 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
150001H to 152400H Sep 66.

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. B/5 RAR relieved A/5 RAR at XA BINH BA YS445745. C/5 RAR remained at the fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS397628. 5 RAR continued platoon size patrols of TAOR with negative contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron escorted B/5 RAR to XA BINH BA YS445745 and A/5 RAR on return.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 7 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued platoon patrols of TAOR with out contact. At 1000H B/5 RAR relieved A/5 RAR at XA BINH BA YS445745. C/5 RAR remained at the fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS397628. There were negative contacts.

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(v) 6 RAR continued with Phase III of Operation VAUCLUSE with no findings or contacts. Night locations are Battalion HQ YS347666, A Company YS349661, B Company YS340665 and C Company YS362660.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued without significant result. Air strikes were conducted on to YS290750 and YS387742 with negative BDA due to foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continue Phase III of Operation VAUCLUSE. B/5 RAR remain at KA BINH BA YS445745. C/5 RAR remain at the fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS397623. 5 RAR continue patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

15 Sep 66

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

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
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COPY TO: AFV  
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1 ALSG

I OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with 5 RAR securing Fire Support Base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS397625. 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with platoon size patrols. A/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS554746. There were minor contacts during the reporting period.

(ii) At 140845H 1APC Squadron escorted resupply conveyors to XA BINH BA YS445746 and return. At 142000H one troop of 1 APC Squadron conducted night Roadrunner Operation from Task Force area to vicinity YS451734 and return, reporting back in base at 142130H.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total 7 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. C05 Fd Battery and 161 Fd Battery remained vicinity FRENCH FORTRESS in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(iv) A/5 RAR remained vicinity XA BINH BA YS445746. At 141200H C/5 RAR assumed responsibility for security of Fire Support Base FRENCH FORTRESS. D/5 RAR returned to Task Force Base area. Platoon size patrolling of Task Force Base area continued with negative contact.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE Phase III with minor contact. At 140804H A/6 RAR contacted 3 VC believed local at YS353662. Results of contact 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA, one M1 Carbine and one burp gun recovered. VC WIA withdrew SOUTH. At 140900H A/6 RAR discovered platoon size camp at YS353662. Estimate camp was used recently by three to four persons only. At 141026H A/6 RAR whilst searching camp, contacted 12 VC dressed in green shirts and black trousers at YS353662. All VC wore green hats, webbing and home made packs. Results of contact 3 VC KIA (BC); one burp gun, one CHICOM bolt action rifle, one CHICOM semi automatic rifle with folding bayonet, a large quantity of drugs and equipment were recovered. VC withdrew NORTH EAST on contact. Also captured in contact was one tripod mounting with seat, considered to be for pedal radio. At 141500H A/6 RAR discovered well used trail running SOUTH WEST to NORTH EAST at YS353665. Trail was followed with negative result. At 141515H A/6 RAR discovered company size camp at YS353667.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

14 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
130001H to 132400H Sep 66

TO: Commanding General  
IIField Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
APO 96226

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1 ALSG

I OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

- (i) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with assistance from D/5 RAR in securing the fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS397628. 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with platoon size patrols. A/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. There were no contacts
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron escorted resupply conveyes to XA BINH BA YS445746 and return.
- (iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of NIL H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. At 131500H a Battery fire mission was fired on to YS540745 by Battery A 2/35 at the request of PHUOC TUY Sector HQ following a report of a possible VC Battalion in that location. Results unknown.
- (iv) A/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS445746. D/5 RAR remained securing the fire support base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS397628. Platoon size patrol of TAOR continued. There were no contacts.
- (v) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE. C/6 RAR secured feature at YS347665 and A/6 RAR secured feature YS353659. Battalion HQ is located at YS347666 with B/6 RAR. D/6 RAR remains at YS338675. At 131330H A/6 RAR found a trail running NORTH SOUTH from YS351663 and trail running SOUTH WEST from YS354658. Not possible to say if used recently because of very heavy rain. At 131530H B/5 RAR discovered old enemy Company size camp at YS351670 which had not been used for 4 to 5 months. Camp had been previously destroyed by bombing. At 131800H C/6 RAR at YS357657 found bloodstained shirt and a boot both of which had been holed by shrapnel considered to be from B52 strike of 9 Sep 66.
- (vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued without significant result. At 132000H an immediate skyspot was flown at YS540740 following a report that a VC Battalion was there. Eight 500lb bombs were used and no BDA has been possible.
- (vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continue Operation VAUCLUSE. 5 RAR continue patrolling of TAOR. A/5 RAR remain at XA BINH BA YS445746 and D/6 RAR remain securing fire support base at YS397628.

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b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

13 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
120001H to 122400H Sep 66.

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
APO 96226

COPY TO: AFV  
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1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) 6 RAR and 5 RAR continued Phase II of Operation VAUCLUSE with negative contact. 5 RAR, in addition to assisting 6 RAR with Operation VAUCLUSE, continued patrolling of TAOR.

(ii) During reporting period 1 APC Squadron conducted priority maintenance of vehicles. At 121330H one section of APC's escorted Engineer party to LONG PHUOC YS4464 for demolition task.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 7 H and I missions. 105 Field Battery and 161 Field Battery remained in location FRENCH FORTRESS YS396625 in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to assist 6 RAR on Operation VAUCLUSE with D/5 RAR securing the Fire Support Base YS396628. A/5 RAR remained deployed at XA BINH BA YS445746. B/5 RAR and C/5 RAR continued to patrol the TAOR. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued Phase II of Operation VAUCLUSE with company patrolling out from vicinity YS3467. At 121030H C/6 RAR discovered camp with 5 to 6 bed spaces at YS349672. Camp had not been used for several months. During afternoon 6 RAR was resupplied by air in preparation for Phase III of Operation VAUCLUSE. There were no contacts during reporting period.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 120805H FAC observed two buildings under construction in LONG TAN YS488659 and YS489657. Buildings were destroyed by artillery. At 120945H aircraft observed 7 herds of cattle and 50 people moving into LONG PHUOC at YS436630. People were turned back by artillery fire. At 121100H airstrike was conducted against tunnel entrance at YS523659. At 121145H airstrike was conducted against 6 positions in bamboo at YS546697. At 121625H immediate airstrike was conducted against suspected VC radio station at YS358665. Target was sighted by ground troops.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. A/5 RAR to remain XA BINH BA, D/5 RAR to continue security of Fire Support Base YS396628. 6 RAR to commence Phase III of Operation VAUCLUSE as follows.

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- (1) B/6 RAR to secure feature YS347665.
- (2) A/6 RAR to secure feature YS353659.
- (3) C/6 RAR to pass through A/6 RAR and assault feature YS361659.
- (4) C/6 RAR assaults feature YS357665.
- (5) A/6 RAR to sweep through area between B/6 RAR and C/6 RAR.

b. Major Unit Activities

- (1) through to (9) No change.

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly Force Nil.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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12 Sep 66

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110001H to 112400H Sep 66

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
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I OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) 6 RAR and 5 RAR commenced Phase II of Operation VAUCLUSE with minor contact. 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR in addition to securing fire support base for 6 RAR. There was negative contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron did not clear the road as traffic on the road was forbidden in order to not interferewith the elections.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 12 H and I tasks were fired in the reporting period. At 110745H PHUOC TUY Sector HQ reported that an RF patrol at YS433645 made contact with an unknown number of VC and requested artillery support. As a result 4 Battery fire missions were fired with unknown results.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to assist 6 RAR on Operation VAUCLUSE with D/5 RAR securing the fire support base at YS396628. Platoon size patrol of TAOR continued without contact. A/5 RAR remained deployed at XA BINH BA vicinity YS445746.

(v) 6 RAR conducted Phase II of Operation VAUCLUSE moving to the crest of NUI DINH mountains. Night location is vicinity YS340675. At 110845H at YS356673 D/6 RAR contacted 2 local VC. The VC withdrew NW. There were negative results. 40 lbs of polished rice was discovered at this location and destroyed. At 110815H D/6 RAR discovered a company size camp at YS356673. The camp contained a hospital and signs of recent use including fresh blood stained bandages. A small quantity of polished rice was also found in this location. All were destroyed.

(vi) Air support. An airstrike was conducted at 110900H on vicinity YS340675 in support of 6 RAR on Operation VAUCLUSE. BDA will be done by 6 RAR as soon as possible. At 111330H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on YS408693 a suspected new VC camp. There was negative BDA.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continue Phase II of Operation VAUCLUSE. 5 RAR continue security of TAOR with platoon size patrols and also assist 6 RAR on Operation VAUCLUSE.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) No change

II STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

D1. D/6 RAR C1 110845H/110850H Aust Nil Nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Enemy

D1. D/6RAR UNK/UNK Company size camp including hospital destroyed Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

11 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
100001H to 102400H Sep 66

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
APO 96226

COPY TO: AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) A/5 RAR conducted search and cordon operation in DUC MY village YS455733 with negative results. B/5 RAR and C/6 RAR with 1 APC Squadron conducted ROADRUNNER SOUTH TWO to LONG HAI YS4450 with negative contact. 6 RAR continued PHASE 1 of Operation VAUCLUSE with minor contacts. At 101200H agent report received by Task Force stated VC force was located at YS440625. At 101514H a Task Force patrol conducted air assault into LZ447625 and swept EAST to WEST through objective with negative contact. Patrol was lifted back to Task Force Base by APC.

(ii) At 100802 1 APC Squadron with B/5 RAR and C/5 RAR conducted ROADRUNNER SOUTH TWO from Task Force Area to LONG HAI YS4450 and return, reporting back in location at 101640H at 101700H one section of 1 APC Squadron lifted Task Force patrol from YS435626 to Task Force Area.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force, a total of four H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. During afternoon 161 Battery moved from Task Force area to FRENCH FORTRESS YS396628 in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(iv) At 100605 H A/5 RAR conducted cordon and search operation of DUC MY YS455733. At 101031H A/5 RAR discovered a collection of VC flags in earthen ware pot in rubber plantation at YS444739. No contacts were made. D/5 RAR continued to secure Fire Support Base at FRENCH FORTRESS YS 396628 in support of Operation VAUCLUSE. At 100802H B/5 RAR and C/5 RAR with 1 APC Squadron conducted ROADRUNNER SOUTH TWO as previously reported. At 101730H B/5 RAR assumed responsibility for security of 6 RAR Base area. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE PHASE I the search and destroy operation in the NORTH of Area CHERRY. At 100830H A/6 RAR contacted 4 to 5 VC dressed in black and carrying weapons at YS353688. On contact VC withdrew WEST, C/6 RAR moved to intercept. Results 1 VC KIA (BC) one rifle not yet identified, captured. At 100902H A/6 RAR contacted 6 VC wearing black, some carrying automatic weapons, at YS 353688 VC withdrew NORTH on contact. Results 1 VC WIA. At 100910H C/6 RAR contacted one local VC at YS 353689.

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Results 1 VC WIA. At 101235H C/6 RAR contacted 3 local VC at YS354685. On contact VC fled WEST towards A/6 RAR. At 101345H C/6 RAR contacted 5 VC wearing black at YS351633. On contact VC withdrew WEST. Results 1 VC WIA 1 friendly WIA, and evacuated. D/6 RAR located hut at YS350684 and recovered eight kerosine tins containing documents and stationary. Documents to be backloaded to Task Force area 11 Sep 66.

(vi) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no engagement sightings. AIRCAP was provided for ROADRUNNER SOUTH TWO. At 101630H airstrike was conducted on suspected VC location at YS287725.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. A/5 RAR to remain vicinity BINH BA as security force for area. D/ 5 RAR to remain FRENCH FORTRESS to secure Fire Support Base. 5 RAR minus to continue patrolling of TAOR. 6 RAR to commence PHASE 2 of Operation VAUCLUSE the search and destroy operation on to the main features of mountain range in Area CHERRY.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through to (8) no change

(9) Results (accumulative)

Friendly Losses

1 WIA

Enemy Losses

1 VC KIA(BC)  
3 VC WIA  
1 Rifle  
8 tins documents

II STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	A/6 RAR	C1	100830H/100845H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	A/6 RAR	C1	100902H/100908H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	C/6 RAR	C1	100910H/100920H	Friendly	None	No
D4.	C/6 RAR	C1	101235H/101240H	Friendly	None	No
D5.	C/6 RAR	C1	101345H/101358H	Friendly	None	No

K. LOSSES/ DAMAGES

K1. Enemy Losses

D1.	4 to 5 /unk	1 VC KIA (BC)	1 Rifle	NIL
D2.	6/unk	1 VC WIA	NIL	NIL
D3.	1/unk	1 VC WIA	NIL	NIL
D4.	3/unk	NIL	NIL	NIL
D5.	5/unk	1 VC WIA	NIL	NIL

K2. Enemy Losses NIL

K3. Friendly Losses

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D4. 5/unk 1 Friendly WIA NIL NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

10 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
090001H to 092400H Sep 66

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force, Vietnam  
ATTN: AC of S  
APO 96226

COPY TO: AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) 6 RAR and 5 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE. The Companies of 6 RAR searched their respective AOs. Companies of 5 RAR secured the fire support bases and in addition saturation patrolling was carried out by company and platoon sized patrols. A Task Force platoon size patrol also operated to South of TAOR. There were no contacts by 1 ATF units.

(ii) APC Squadron continued to support Operation VAUCLUSE and to escort resupply convoys to XA BINH BA. At 090650H they cleared the road between 1 ATF Base Area and XA BINH BA and secured the road for the resupply convey.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. At 091930H an RF contacted an unknown number of VC on the outskirts of HOA LONG village vicinity YS 430646. Heavy small arms fire was reported. Requests for artillery support resulted in 10 Regiment missions and 5 Medium Battery missions being fired in area bounded by YS 430653, YS 440653, YS 430636 and YS 440636. A Task Force patrol reported hearing shouts and groans from area engaged.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to support 6 RAR on Operation VAUCLUSE. B/5RAR secured the Fire Support Base at YS434706. D/5RAR secured the Fire Support Base at YS 396628. Both companies heavily patrolled their areas. A/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA YS 448735 and conducted company size patrol of AO. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation VAUCLUSE with the companies searching their AOs. At 090910H at YS 348713 C/6 RAR found fresh blood stains on trees. This finding was not followed up due to the primary commitment. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air support. At 090400H a B52 strike was conducted on NUI DINH mountains in following areas: Area bounded by YS 328665, YS 358655, YS 354636 and YS 323647 and area bounded by YS 349668, YS 375675, YS 379662, YS 352655. No BDA as yet has been carried out by ground BDA will be done as part of Operation VAUCLUSE.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR and 5 RAR will continue Operation VAUCLUSE extending Phase 1 for a further day. A/5RAR conducts a cordon and search operation of DUC MY YS 455733. This follows a report received from a Catholic priest at BINH GIA that the VC were expected to infiltrate today to remain for the elections. Cordon will be in position by first light and the company will be assisted by APCs and engineer demolition teams. 5 RAR will also conduct an operation road runner South to LONG HAI vicinity YS 445495 with 1 APC Squadron. No field artillery will be redeployed as all is completely committed to Operation VAUCLUSE, however medium artillery can cover the route except for the last 2 kilometers. Air cover by A1s will be flown for both forward and return journeys. Time of departure from 1 ATF base location is 100800H and return commencing at 101530H.

b. Major Unit Activities

(i) Through (a) no change

II STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

K Losses/Damages

K1 Nil

K2 Nil

K3 Nil

K4 Nil

K5 Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

9 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
080001H to 082400H Sep 66.

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

COPY TO: AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY  
a. General

(i) 5 RAR completed Operation TOLEDO and deployed in support of Operation VAUCLUSE, a search and destroy operation in Area CHERRY. At 080802H 6 RAR commenced Operation VAUCLUSE with the airlift of the battalion into LZ ARDATH YS377737.

(ii) At 081300H 1 APC Squadron lifted Battalion HQ 5 RAR and B/5 RAR from BINH BA YS440737 to Task Force Base Area. Elements of 1 APC Squadron (8 tracks) remained with A/5 RAR vicinity BINH BA YS444747.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force, a total of 41 H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. 103 Battery and 105 Battery remained in location Area TENNIS YS433705 in support of Operation VAUCLUSE.

(iv) 5 RAR deployed companies in support of Operation VAUCLUSE. At 080730H D/5 RAR secured LZ ARDATH YS377737 for air lift of 6 RAR. On completion of airlift D/5 RAR was airlifted back to the Task Force Base Area. C/5 RAR remained at Area TENNIS as security force for Fire Support Base. At 081100H A/5 RAR was airlifted from YS404714 to BINH BA to assume responsibility for security of area. At 081300H Battalion Headquarters plus B/5 RAR commenced movement back to Task Force Area by APC reporting in Base Area at 081325H. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(v) At 080802H 6 RAR commenced Operation VAUCLUSE, a search and destroy operation in Area CHERRY, with airlift of battalion into LZ ARDATH. At 080900H A/6 RAR moved from LZ ARDATH to secure concentration area YS355724. At 081150H A/6 RAR sighted 20 VC dressed in black and carrying weapons at YS351718. VC immediately withdrew NW. At 081600H 6 RAR reported all companies in location concentration area.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 081145H airstrike was conducted against a large tunnel at YS2972.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to commence patrolling of TAOR. A/5 RAR to remain in location BINH BA YS444747 with task of providing security for area. C/5 RAR to remain Area TENNIS as security force for Fire Support Base. At 090800H D/5 RAR to move by APC to FRENCH FORTRESS vicinity YS3962 with the task of securing area by 091000H. At 091000H 105 Field Battery escorted by 1 APC Squadron to move from Area TENNIS to FRENCH FORTRESS to establish Fire Support Base in support of Operation VAUCLUSE. 6 RAR to commence Phase I of Operation VAUCLUSE the search and destroy operation in the NORTH of Area CHERRY.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation VAUCLUSE
- (2) S&D
- (3) Clear Area CHERRY
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS000000
- (5) 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 Fd Regt
- (6) HQ 1 ATF
- (7) 080802H
- (8) to be advised
- (9) Results (accumulative) Nil

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

- C1. PHUOC TUY YS000000 S&D VAUCLUSE 080802H/Cont
- C2. PHUOC TUY YS000000 Security Nil 081600H/Cont  
Patrolling

D. Friendly Forces

- D1. A/6 RAR C1 081150H/081200H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

- D1. 20/UNK Nil/Nil Nil Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

8 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
070001H to 072400H.

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

COPY TO: AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation TOLEDO moving South searching the area South of AO 19. There were no contacts. 6 RAR prepared for Operation VAUCLUSE and continued security of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron had one troop remain with 5 RAR on Operation TOLEDO. In addition convoys were escorted to BINH BA YS450735 to resupply 5 RAR.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 24 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. In addition Battery fire missions were fired at request of PHUOC TUY Sector HQ at YS431655 following report of VC Platoon in the area, at YS289650 suspected VC mortar location and at YS288639 a likely VC withdrawal route. 103 Battery and 105 Battery redeployed to new locations at YS433705 for Operation VAUCLUSE.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Operation TOLEDO. Companies swept South from their locations in an S and D operation. There were no contacts or findings.

(v) 6 RAR prepared for Operation VAUCLUSE preliminary operations which commences tomorrow. In addition 6 RAR continued responsibility for close security of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 1028H a local was sighted moving out of LONG TAN vicinity YS489654, carrying a loaded basket. Artillery was fired with no known result.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR concluded Operation TOLEDO and return to 1 ATF base less one Company which is to secure an LZ for the heli landing of 6 RAR. 6 RAR commence preliminary operations for Operation VAUCLUSE moving by helicopter to a secure LZ and then on foot to a concentration area.

b. Major Unit Activity

(1) through (9) no change

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II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Nil

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

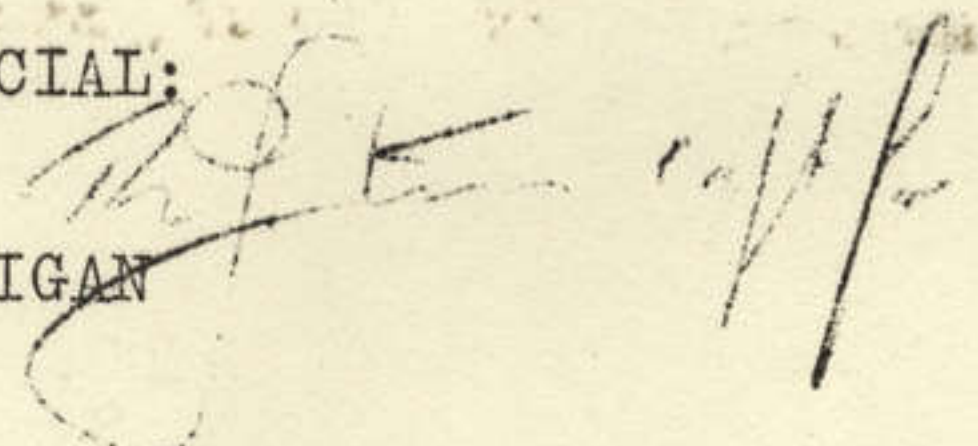
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NUI DAT

7 Sep 66

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

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

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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR completed Operation TOLEDO and commenced deployment in support of Operation VAUCLUSE, a search and destroy operation in Area CHERRY by 6 RAR. 6 RAR prepared for Operation VAUCLUSE and continued patrolling of the TAOR. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued escort tasks for resupply of 5 RAR. One troop remained in support of 5 RAR on Operation TOLEDO.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 103 Field Battery remained in direct support 5 RAR.

(iv) 5 RAR completed Operation TOLEDO. At 061600H 5 RAR commenced deployment of companies in support of Operation VAUCLUSE, a search and destroy operation in Area CHERRY by 6 RAR. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. At 061210H 6 RAR discovered 3 ton of rice and a bunker 24 metres by 10 metres by 6 metres deep at YS382692. Rice and bunker were destroyed. 6 RAR commenced preparation for Operation VAUCLUSE, a search and destroy operation in Area CHERRY commencing 8 Sep 66.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 061300H aircraft received ground fire from YS496658. Target engaged by artillery.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to deploy companies for support of Operation VAUCLUSE as follows.

(a) A/5 RAR to secure feature NUI NGHE YS3972.

(b) B/5 RAR to continue securing fire support base YS440739.

(c) C/5 RAR to move to position TENNIS YS432708 and secure as Fire Support Base for initial stages of Operation.

(d) D/5 RAR to secure LZ YS378735 for air assault of 6 RAR on 8 Sep 66.

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6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR and preparation for Operation VAUCLUSE.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. 6 RAR C2 061210H/061245H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses Nil

K2. Enemy Losses

D1. UNK/UNK Nil 3 ton rice

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

6 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
050001H to 052400H Sep 66.

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

COPY TO: AFV  
HQ NZ Force Vietnam  
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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation TOLEDO with Company mobile blocking patrols. There were no contacts. 6 RAR concluded the Company size patrol in area West of 1 ATF base and continued platoon patrols of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued escort tasks for resupply of 5 RAR. One troop extracted A/6 RAR at 0900H at the conclusion of their patrol.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. H and I fire missions were fired at request of PHHOC TUY Province headquarters.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Operation TOLEDO. At 0948H C/5 RAR at YS410752 discovered a camp with weapon pits for 40 men, some with overhead cover. At 1051H A/5 RAR found trails of 1 or 2 men at YS385746 approximately 2 days old. At 1230H A/5 RAR found a company size installation at YS386745 with trail running North to South in vicinity. The installation covered an area 100 metres by 50 metres and contained 4 pits with overhead cover, one to three months old, and a field kitchen. A trail ran East to West. Nearby at YS386745 were 4 pits with overhead cover and 18 pits without overhead cover also 1 field kitchen last used six months. All installations were destroyed.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR. A/6 RAR concluded their patrol in the area West of the Task Force area returning to their base location by APCs at 1100H. Platoon size patrol continued without contact.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 1710H a FAC sighted a group of 17 to 20 people at YS413655. Group broke up into two parties, one party moving South and one moving North, when FAC flew over. At 1130H a preplan airstrike was conducted on YS365687 a reported location of 200 VC. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Operation TOLEDO with an extension of AO 19 into AO 17 and continue intensive patrolling of whole of area. 6 RAR continue platoon size patrols of TAOR.

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b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces Nil

K. Lossess/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. 5 RAR UNK/UNK 46 weapon pits destroyed Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

5 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
040001H to 042400H Sep 66.

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

COPY TO: AFV  
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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued current phase of Operation TOLEDO in AO 19 with negative contact. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with A/6 RAR continuing company size operation to WEST of Task Force Area. There were no contacts. At 040900H RF Company from Sector HQ BA RIA commenced movement to XA BINH BA YS4474 to assume responsibility for protection of area from 5 RAR. Company was in location at 041500H.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued to provide one troop of APC's in support of 5 RAR on Operation TOLEDO. At 040900H one troop escorted RF Company from NUI DAT to XA BINH BA.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. 103 Field Battery remained in direct support of 5 RAR on Operation TOLEDO.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Operation TOLEDO providing company blocking positions within AO 19. Companies continued saturation patrolling of AO 19 with each company deploying two platoon patrols. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. A/6 RAR continued company operations to WEST of Task Force Area searching along Eastern edge of mountain feature as far SOUTH as YS3764. There were no contacts during the reporting period.


(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. Airstrike scheduled for 041130H was cancelled due to weather.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue Operation TOLEDO. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. A/6 RAR to complete Company operation and to be lifted back to Task Force Area by APC's during morning.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change

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II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives, no change

D. Friendly Forces NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

4 Sep 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

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

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

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued current phase of Operation TOLEDO in AO 19 with minor contact. 6 RAR continued company size patrol with A/6 RAR with minor contact

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued to provide one troop of APCs with 5 RAR on Operation TOLEDO.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 16 H and I missions.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Operation TOLEDO providing company mobile blocking patrols. At 0830H at YS396707 A/5 RAR discovered a one month old installation which had been occupied within last 7 days. The installation covered an area 650 metres by 50 metres and contained 70 weapon pits with overhead cover and 30 weapon pits without overhead cover. 3 day old trail for approximately 20 men headed East from the area. These installations were destroyed. At 0910H D/5 RAR contacted 5 VC dressed in grey/black shorts. VC fled South after the contact. One VC was wounded and captured. He was evacuated to 1 ATF but died shortly after. Results of contact were 2 VC KIA by body count, three 7.92 rifles captured. At 1056H A/5 RAR found trail of 2 men leading West made this morning at YS398745. At 1538H at YS414762 C/ 5 RAR contacted one local VC. Result 1 VCC badly wounded. He has been evacuated and will be interrogated.

(v) 6 RAR continued to patrol TAOR and A/6 RAR continued company patrol West of the Task Force Area. At 1355H A/6 RAR at YS367688 contacted 2 VC. Result 1 VC KIA by body count 1 VC WIA, 1 Chicom bolt action rifle with folding bayonet recovered. Some documents were recovered but it has not been possible to evaluate these and this will be done tomorrow. At 1455H at YS367688 A/6 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in black. Result 1 VC WIA and one Chicom bolt action rifle recovered. At 1553H at YS366686 A/6 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in white. Results one 9mm AW magazine recovered. VC were contacted in a camp containing 13 weapon pits, numerous shelters and a

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clay oven. Articles of clothing had been left out to dry. Follow up produced negative results.

(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 1840H at YS342677 a position that appeared to be a mortar base plate position was sighted. Position was within range of A/6 RAR and immediate skyspot was flown. TOT was 2120H and 8 500lb bombs were used. There was negative BDA.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues Operation TOLEDO. 6 RAR continues patrolling TAOR and A/6 RAR continues search and destroy operation West of the Task Force area.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) no change

(9) losses (accumulative)

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NIL

3 VC KIA (BC)  
2 VC WIA  
1 VCC  
5 Rifles  
117 weapon pits destroyed

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	D/5 RAR	C1	030910/030925	Friendly	None	No
D2.	C/5 RAR	C1	031528/031540	Friendly	None	No
D3.	A/6 RAR	C2	031355/031410	Friendly	None	No
D4.	A/6 RAR	C2	031455/031520	Friendly	None	No
D5.	A/6 RAR	C2	031553/031601	Friendly	None	No

K. Losses/Damage

D1.	5/UNK	2 VC KIA (BC)	3x7.92 rifles	Nil
D2.	1/UNK	1 VCC	Nil	Nil
D3.	2/UNK	1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA	1x7.62 chicom	Nil
D4.	2/UNK	1 VC WIA	1x7.62 chicom	Nil
D5.	2/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
K2.	Nil			
K3.	Nil			
K4.	Nil			
K5.	Nil			

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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3 Sept 66

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

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

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

a. General

(i) 5 RAR commenced the next phase of Operation TOLEDO reporting in position at 021635H. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with A/6 RAR commencing a company search and destroy operation to the WEST of the Task Force Area. C/6 RAR moved to area BINH GIA to assist in security of the village during the visit of the Chief of State SVN. At 021730H a Task Force vehicle received one round of small arms fire from WEST at YS425647. There were no casualties.

(ii) At 020800H 1 APC Squadron lifted 5 RAR less one company from the Task Force area to XA BINH BA vicinity YS440739. At 0900H one troop lifted C/6 RAR from Task Force Area to BINH GIA YS487777 and remained with C/6 RAR during security task. At 020900H one troop escorted 103 Artillery Battery from Task Force area to YS440739 and remained in location under command 5 RAR for the duration of Operation TOLEDO.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 020900H 103 Field Battery escorted by one troop of APCs moved forward from Task Force Area to gun position YS440739 and came in direct support 5 RAR for Operation TOLEDO.

(iv) At 020800H 5 RAR less C/5 RAR commenced movement forward by APC to A019 in support of Operation TOLEDO with the task of establishing blocking positions in A019 by 021700H. At 021030H all companies commenced movement by foot from XA BINH BA YS440739 to respective blocking positions. At 021635H all companies reported in blocking positions as follows:

Battalion HQ and B/5 RAR -	YS440739
A/5 RAR -	YS393745
C/5 RAR -	YS411745
D/5 RAR -	YS379738

At 021645H all companies commenced platoon size patrolling of A019 with each company deploying two platoon patrols. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

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(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of the Task Force Area with negative contact. At 020900H C/6 RAR with one troop of APCs moved from the Task Force area to BINH GIA YS487777 to assist in the security of the village during the visit of the Chief of State SVN. At 021410H C/6 RAR reported back in Base location. At 021232H A/6 RAR commenced three day search and destroy operation to the WEST of the Task Force Area with the following tasks:

- (a) Reconnoitre approaches and deployment positions in preparation for Operation VAUCLUSE.
- (b) Determine enemy activity in area of search and
- (c) Destroy any enemy located.

One company assumed responsibility for the protection of 5 RAR Base Area. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(vi) Air Support. Air Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 021050H airstrike was conducted against a Battalion size camp at YS514693. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue Operation TOLEDO with patrolling of A019 from company bases. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of Task Force Area. A/6 RAR to continue company operation to WEST of Task Force Area.

b. Major Unit Activities.

- (1) Operation TOLEDO
- (2) Blocking Operation
- (3) Block enemy forces attempting to move SOUTH through A019.
- (4) PHUOC TUY PROVINCE YS000000
- (5) 5 RAR, 1 APC Sqn minus, 103 Fd Battery
- (6) HQ 1 ATF
- (7) 020800H
- (8) To be advised
- (9) Nil

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

- C1. PHUOC TUY YS000000 TOLEDO 020800  
C2. PHUOC TUY YS000000 S&D 020800H/cont

D. Friendly losses Nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

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K3. Nil

K4. Nil

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR prepared for the next phase of Operation TOLEDO. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued to provide 6 APCs at XA BINH BA in vicinity YS4474 with C/5 RAR.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 21 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR prepared for the next phase of Operation TOLEDO which commences tomorrow. C/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA vicinity YS4474.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR. There were no contacts in the reporting period.

(vi) Air support. An airstrike was conducted on YS371663 at 1100H. There was negative BDA due to dense foliage. Air surveillance of TAOR continued without significant results.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR commence next phase of Operation TOLEDO with the mission of destroying any enemy force moving into Area of Operations 19. The concept of operations is as follows:

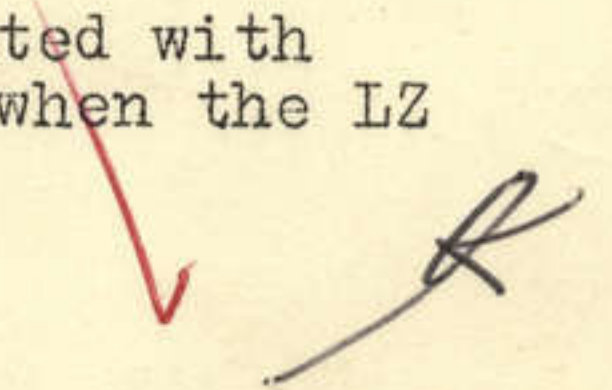
(a) 5 RAR with supporting elements, is to establish blocking positions in AO 19 by 021700H Sep 66.

(b) AO 19 is to be further divided into areas of responsibility for companies.

(c) 5 RAR is to move to BINH BA area by APC morning 2 Sep 66 and then move on foot to the allotted areas.

(b) A section of mortars to be located with A Coy is to be flown in on 2 Sep 66 when the LZ is secured.

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(e) Companies are to establish base locations near their LZs. They are then to patrol their allotted areas with up to two platoons out at a time to detect and block movement from the North.

At 0900H tomorrow C/6 RAR and a troop of APCs will move to BINH GIA YS4871 to assist in security of village for visit of Chief of State. 52 Ranger Battalion will be inside the village and C/6 RAR and the APCs will be deployed NORTH, SOUTH and EAST of the village.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) No change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 121, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 300001H to 302400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
  - a. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil.
  - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:  
Visual reconnaissance observed the following:
    - (1) (301055H). Evidence of recent heavy traffic on trail at YS5567. The trail runs NORTH-SOUTH in grid square.
    - (2) (301500H). 4 huts, 6 people and approximately 100 head of cattle at YS42662.
4. omitted.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil.
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 120, CP location YS4366.
- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 290001H to 292400H September 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (291220H). 6 RAR apprehended 50 people and 7 ox-carts near their perimeter wire, at YS448667. They were escorted to the Task Force Southern check-point and released.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) (290200H). A Sector HQ report states that an unknown VC battalion moved to EO-ONG (vic YS308717), PHOUC TUY Province on 24 Sep 66. They were located at the cross-roads near SAO stream (vic YS291729). The battalion possibly consists of 400 men with 3 heavy guns. They are reported to be preparing an attack on the PHU MY post (YS252746). Time of the attack is unknown. VC troops also reported to be at the NHUM stream junction (vic YS272748).

(2) (291330). An air reconnaissance aircraft observed the following:-

(i) Extensively used main and secondary tracks in grid squares YS2774, YS2775, YS2874 and YS2875.

(ii) A fully laden wagon with grass on the top heading SOUTH WEST at YS572651. The cart moved under cover of trees each time the aircraft approached.

(iii) (291730H). A sympathiser reported to Sector HJ that at 281400H an estimated 2 VC companies (regular troops), designation C28 and C29, appeared in quadrangle YS460830, YS480830, YS480810 and YS460810. They were wearing fatigues and hard hats covered with nylon. They were armed with individual and CSW. Their intention is unknown. A later report states that on 29 Sep 66 moved 1000 metres WEST and are presently located along the sides of a road. ARVN evaluation C-3.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. Additional details furnished by Returnee LE VAN SANG (see INTSUM No 119). The 1st and 2nd battalions of the 4th Regiment are currently located within YS510800, YS560800, YS510835 and YS560835. An estimated 2,500 kgs of rice is located at YS528807. Questioning continues.

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

a. Nil.

b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 10. omitted.

11. - 13. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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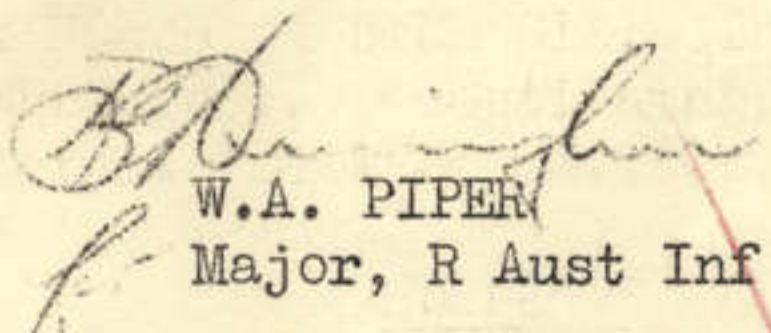
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 119, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 280001H to 282400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
  - a. - g. omitted;
  - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (261030H). A Sector Agent reported a VC battalion at YS310720. The VC were wearing yellow and black fatigues. A watchtower at YS272727 was also reported. ARVN evaluation is B-2, US evaluation is F-2.
    - (2) (270900H). A Long Le Sub-Sector agent reported a VC company in the area of THI VAI Temple at YS286713. The VC were wearing assorted uniforms and are fully armed regular soldiers, they also have CSW's. No evaluation.
    - (3) (281205H). Visual Reconnaissance aircraft reported the presence of a number of people and cattle at YS469656 and YS485652.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
  - a. (281300H). A VC rallied to the village priest at BINH GIA (YS495775). He was evacuated to the Chieu Hoi Centre at BARIA via 1 ATF. The returnee was SAN of the 1st Battalion of the 4th Regiment of the VC 5th Division. His rank was soldier and he was a section member. He had an Chicom type 56 (AK-47) assault carbine in his possession. The returnee related that the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 4th Regiment are approximately 9 hours walk NORTH of BINH GIA. The 3rd Battalion is somewhere in BIEN HOA Province. Questioning of the returnee is being undertaken and full details will be advised.
  - b. 

<u>CAPTIVES</u>	<u>RETURNEES</u>	<u>SUSPECTS</u>
VC Nil	1	Nil
  - c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:
    - (a) Type 56 (AK-47) assault carbine.
    - (b) One
    - (c) Chicom
    - (d) BINH GIA (YS495775)
    - (e) 1st Battalion, 4th Regiment, 5th Division.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 118, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 270001H to 272400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (270600H). Elements of 1 Fd Sqn observed 1 Vietnamese 400 metres outside their perimeter wire at approximately YS443666. It was not possible to say if the VCS was armed. Own troops engaged with one round of small arms fire and the VCS fled. No results.
- (2) (270940H). A Task Force vehicle, travelling SOUTH on National Highway 15, received approximately five rounds of small arms fire from YS378548. A man was observed fleeing from this area, however due to rapid acceleration of the vehicle, no fire was returned. There were no casualties. This information was passed to BARIA Sector HQ.

b. - f. omitted.

g. ENEMY AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE:

Approximately 5 rounds of small arms fire.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (271120H). Report from BARIA Sector HQ. A VCC, captured 2 days ago, stated that 308 battalion of 274 Regt was located at YS555630. Sector is co-ordinating plans to engage this area.
- (2) (261730H). An agent report (census grievance) stated that one hard core VC battalion was camped at YS280740. The VC were well armed with CSW and individual weapons. They wore mixed black and fatigue clothing and helmets. The VC forbade the people to enter the area to cut wood. ARVN evaluation is B-1, no US evaluation.
- (3) (272008H). A report from 10th ARVN Div stated that the VC were aware of an ARVN operation in PHUOC TUY Province. Therefore the VC had placed mines along Inter-Provincial Route 2 from YS435920 to YS460830. No evaluation. This report was passed to 2 FFV.
- (4) (272025H). A report from BARIA Sector HQ stated that 2 VC were arrested in DAT DO (YS4960) carrying grenades. Their intention was to create an incident during an Australian weapons display.
- (5) (272035H). At 271000H BARIA Sector HQ received a report that one main force VC battalion was located at YS540690. The VC declared to farmers at LONG TAN (YS4865) that their intention was to attack DAT DO (YS4960) District Sub-Sector, date of attack unknown. ARVN evaluation is B-1 and US is F-3.
- (6) (27 Sep) A visual reconnaissance aircraft reported several instances of people and cattle in the area bordered by YS4667, YS4665, YS5167 and YS5165.

4. omitted.

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5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

- a. Nil
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 117, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 260001H to 262400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (261230H). B/6 RAR found a company size camp at YS473680. The camp was 6-8 weeks old, there were no recent tracks in the area.
  - b. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil.
  - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (261230H). A forward air controller reported people on the road moving WEST. Artillery engaged, with results unknown.
4. omitted.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil.
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 116, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 250001H to 252400H September. 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD. There were no contacts with Task Force elements within the TAOR during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (251100H). An ARVN patrol from XUAN MOC (YS6569) contacted an unknown number of VC at YS622645. Results were 1 VC KIA and 6 VC WIA.
  - b. - g. omitted.
  - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (251030H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft reported heavily used trails from YS537615 heading NORTH to YS560640 and then heading NORTH EAST to YS573653. People were observed heading NORTH WEST on a trail at YS559641 towards some huts. There were also people in these huts.
    - (2) (251242H). A FAC observed numerous people in LONG PHUOC (YS4464) on the main road travelling both EAST and WEST. Artillery engaged with unknown result.
4. omitted.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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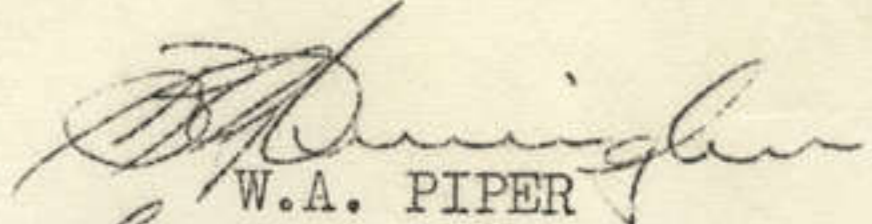
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 115 CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 240001H to 242400H September.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (240820H). D/6 RAR apprehended 5 people in a paddy at YS383668. Interrogation indicated that they were local farmers. They were evacuated to LONG LE Sub-Sector.
    - (2) (240930H). 2 Troop 1 APC Sqn apprehended 6 people at YS465655. Interrogation revealed they were civilians picking fruit. They were evacuated to LONG LE Sub-Sector.
  - b. - h. omitted.
4. omitted.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil.
  - b. No change to INTSUM No. 102.
6. - 7. omitted.
8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS:
  - (1) (240920H). Sector HQ reported that a VC battalion was located at YS560640 on the 21st Sep. The battalion was armed with individual and CW, and were reported to be defending a food dump with intention of moving food to other areas. ARVN evaluation was B-1. FAC investigated at 1700 hrs and reported only 14 cows, 4 people and 5 huts in the area. Comment. A prisoner taken by 6 RAR on 18 Aug 66 claimed that there was a large cache of rice approximately 10 kilometres EAST of LONG TAN and that this cache was guarded by a battalion with crew-served weapons, including 82mm mortars.
9. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 114, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 230001H to 232400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one minor contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) Reference INTSUM No 113 para 3 a. (1). The rice cache reported as being sealed with cement was wrong, and should be changed to read "sealed with earth and timber".
    - (2) Reference INTSUM No 113 para 3 a. (2). 11 graves found at YS511679, has now been increased to 13.
    - (3) (231750H). D/6 RAR contacted 4 VC at YS375675. The VC fired first and were dressed in black trousers and khaki shirts and wore hats. VC withdrew NORTH WEST, there were no casualties. Artillery engaged withdrawal routes, results unknown.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (231845H). There was an immediate airstrike on huts and VC at YS505651 reported by a Task Force patrol. No BDA as yet.
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. Unknown.
  - h. omitted.
4. omitted.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 113, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 220001H to 222400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements within the TAOR during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) Late entry. 21st September. A Task Force patrol found a rice cache sealed with cement and several huts at YS505669. There was also a small rice-mill partially dug in nearby and a centrifugal pump was recovered. The patrol was unable to destroy the cement constructions but did destroy the rice mill and the huts.
    - (2) (221305H). A Task Force patrol found a battalion size camp, extending for 400 metres NORTH WEST, at YS511679. A preliminary search revealed on AK 47 rifle and 11 graves, probably caused by air strikes in the area 18 August 66. The camp was not destroyed.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (221220H). An airstrike was conducted against 15 new huts at YS5765. BDA revealed 8 huts destroyed and 4 heavily damaged.
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil.
  - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (221020H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft reported many well used trails EAST of NUI DAT in the grid squares:- YS4867 and YS4868.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
  - a. Nil
  - b. Nil

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c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

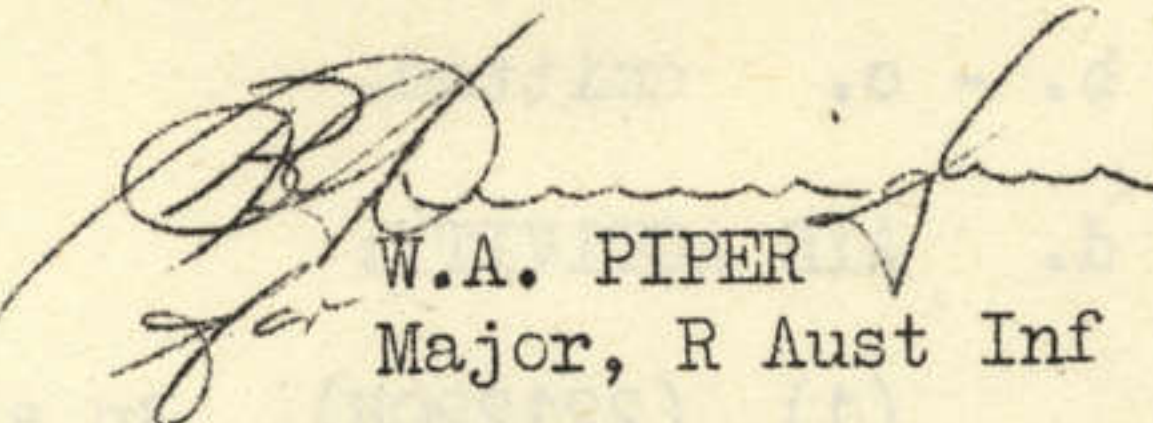
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| a. AK47 rifle | a. Centrifugal Pump |
| b. 1          | b. 1                |
| c. Not known  | c. Not known        |
| d. YS511679   | d. YS511679         |
| e. Not known  | e. Not known        |

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

- a. Nil
- b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

  
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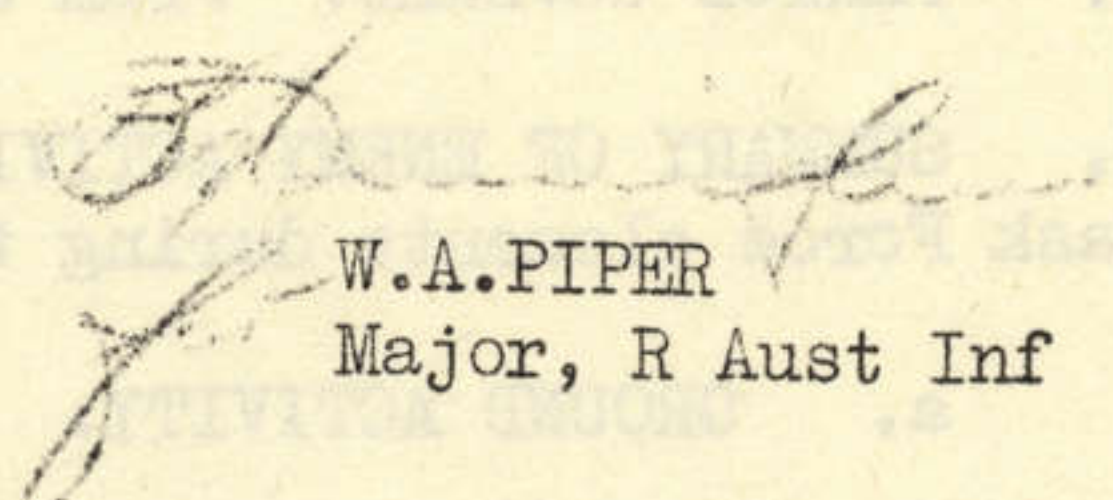
1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 112, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 210001H to 212400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD; There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (210930H). A soldier was wounded by a booby-trapped grenade at a Task Force rubbish dump. Investigation established that the booby-trap was laid by VC who infiltrated the area at an unknown time.
    - (2) (211600H). A patrol from 5 RAR found a container of fish at YS458664. Fresh tracks headed EAST. Comment. In view of all the movement in and around LONG TAN (YS4865) recently, this area is possibly a known location where supplies for the VC are left.
    - (3) (212050H). C/5 RAR reported small arms fire from YS323621. Area was engaged with artillery and mortar fire. Results not known.
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil.
  - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) (210901H). An air reconnaissance aircraft observed 50 people in 3 groups moving WEST along a track at YS425694. Elements of 5 RAR in armoured personnel carriers from BINH BA were sent to investigate but they did not encounter the people.
4. Nil.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil.
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 111, CP location YS4366.
- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 200001H to 202400H September 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements within the TAOR during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) Correction to INTSUM No 110, paragraph 3 a. (5). Grid reference should read YS395628.
- (2) (200845H). A/6 RAR found a VC observation post at YS328638, which had not been used recently. Trails led NORTH and NORTH WEST from the area.
- (3) (201106H). 6 RAR detained a monk at YS327645 who was escorted to BARIA Sector HQ. Also at this location five huts were found. Four suitcases inside the huts contained food and clothing.
- (4) (201305H). C/6 RAR found a building at YS327623 which had been used as a hospital approximately one year ago. There were no signs of the hospital having been used since.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) Late entry. During the night of 19/20 September a rallier from HOA LONG (YS4264) was killed by the VC whilst visiting relations. BARIA Sector HQ are investigating.
- (2) (201240H). A FAC observed 20 foxholes at YS383699.
- (3) (201415H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed cattle and approximately 25 people in the vicinity of YS4765. The observer also reported people in a padi field at YS4664 and YS4764.

4. Nil.

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

a. Nil

b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

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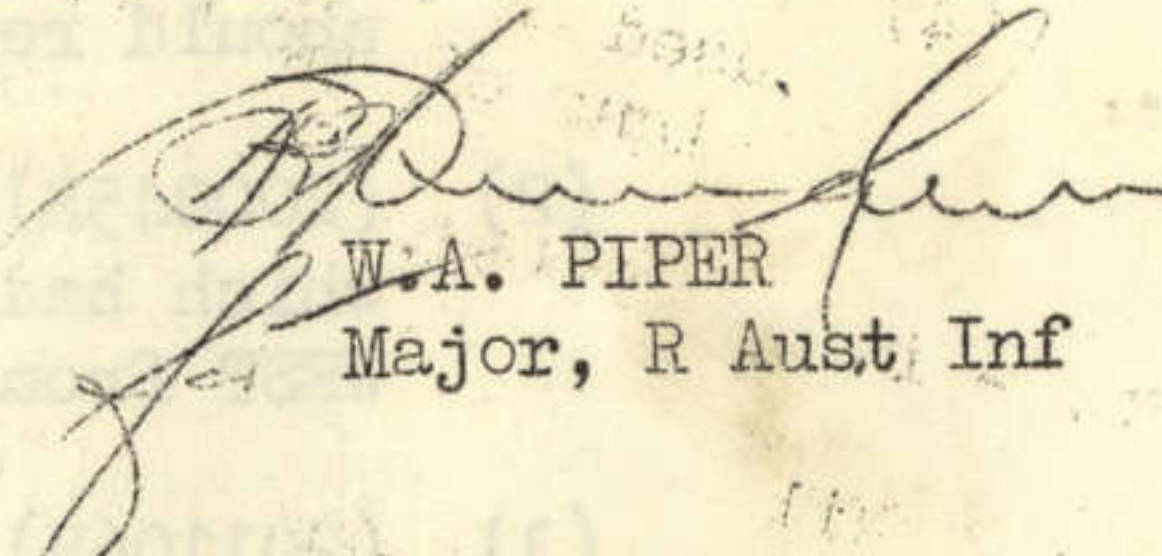
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6. - 10: omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 110, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 190001H to 192400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (191225H). B/6 RAR apprehended three Buddhist nuns at YS326643.
- (2) (191310H). B/6 RAR found 2 bunkers with over head protection and 3 huts at YS329641. They had not been used for sometime.
- (3) (191800H). 6 RAR found bunkers built into caves in the cliffs at YS329638. At YS329635 there was a similar installation with pits for approximately one platoon. The installations were not destroyed.
- (4) (192222H). A/2/35 heard small arms fire passing over a battery listening post vicinity YS427662. No rounds were received into the battery area.
- (5) (192225H). C/5 RAR reported that their perimeter was being probed by approximately 3 VC in vicinity YS440688. Automatic fire passed overhead but no rounds landed in company area.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Unknown.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (191505H). An air reconnaissance aircraft reported the following:-  
A new hut at YS578653, YS578658, and YS578661. The 3 huts are adjacent to previously destroyed huts. At YS577708 there is an area cleared by air-burst, and a person was seen moving quickly across the clearing.
- (2) Initial translation of documents recovered on 17 Sep at YS337657 (para 3 a. (2) INTSUM No 108) indicate that this camp was recently occupied by a propaganda unit or cell probably under control of the CHAU DUC district Commission (para 3 h. (5) INTSUM No 101). It is now believed that this unit is responsible for VC activity in the districts of LONG LE and DUC THANH and operates directly under the VC provincial HQ.

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4. omitted.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No109, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 180001H to 182400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (171615H). Late entry. A Task Force patrol contacted 4 VC at YS515679. Results were 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA (possible). The VC withdrew WEST.
- (2) (181320H). D/6 RAR found two huts at YS327667, but there were no signs of recent use. The huts were destroyed.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (181240H). An airstrike was conducted on diggings and trenches at YS386747. Bombs were on target.

g. Not known

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (181045H). An aircraft observed numerous people, ox carts and cattle in LONG PHUOC (YS4464).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a.	<u>KIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
	Ground Forces	1	Nil
	<u>WIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
	Ground Forces	Nil	1

b. Nil

c. Nil

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5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No. 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 108, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 170001H to 172400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (171335H). D/6 RAR sighted on VC at YS358645. D company followed up but lost the trail.
- (2) (171610H). 6 RAR found a major installation at YS337657. The installation consisted of 30 well constructed buildings covering an area 200 metres square. There were many bunkers and tunnels. Found in the installation were documents, mortar bombs constructed as mines, smoke grenades, M-1 carbine magazines, clothing, medical supplies, 20-30 sheets of corrugated iron, soap and cooking oil. Three and half tons of rice were also found and destroyed. Tracks from the NORTH, EAST and the WEST lead into the camp. Comment. Installation to be destroyed tomorrow, (18 Sep 66).
- (3) (171710H). D/6 RAR found a camp for 3 people at YS333648. It had been last used 2-3 days ago.
- (4) (171955H). An informer reported to Sector HQ that 150 VC dressed in mixed uniforms and carrying assorted weapons were at YS294637.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (171000H). A sympathiser reported to Sector HQ that a large concentration of VC, size unknown, were at YS272687. Movement of civilians in this area has been prohibited. US evaluation F-3. PHU MY artillery engaged area. Results not known.
- (2) (171455H). An air reconnaissance aircraft reported many cattle and people in LONG PHUOC (YS450645). Artillery fired to the NORTH of the location.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. - b. Nil

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c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

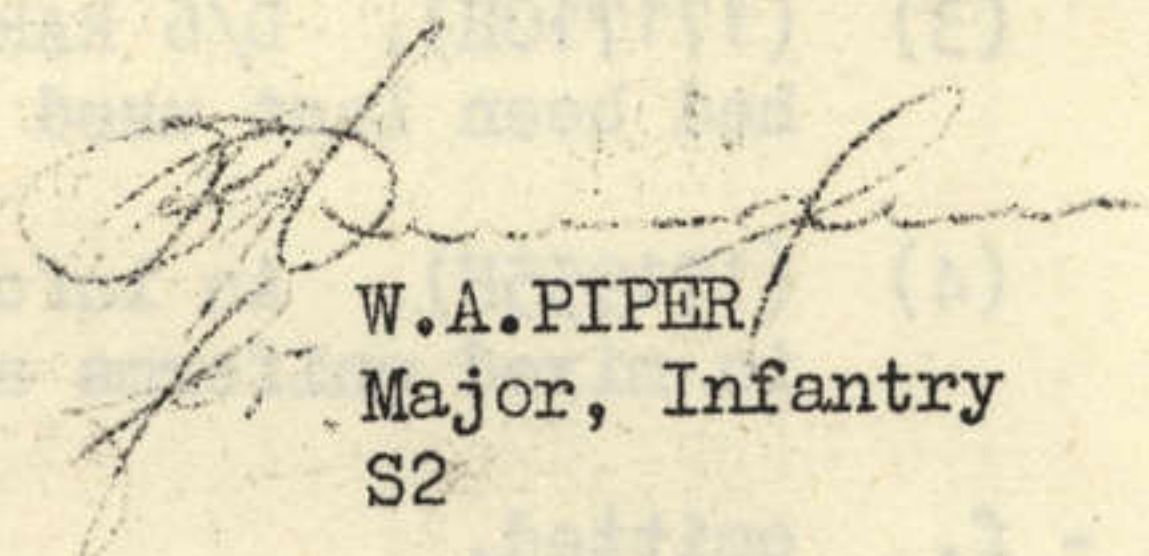
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| a. Smoke grenades | a. 81 mm mortar rigged for booby traps. |
| b. 25             | b. 2                                    |
| c. Not known      | c. Not known                            |
| d. YS337657       | d. YS 337657                            |
| e. Not known      | e. Not known                            |
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|--------------------------|--|
| a. M-1 carbine magazines |  |
| b. 5                     |  |
| c. Not known             |  |
| d. YS337657              |  |
| e. Not known             |  |

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

- a. Nil
- b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 73.

  
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 107, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 160001H to 162400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one minor contact in the TAOR during the reporting period; other reports confirm the use by the VC, of the NUI DINH hill mass (YS3365), for camps and resting places. Agent reports of battalion-sized forces indicate a re-deployment of VC troops.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (161200H). B/6 RAR found three well built huts and a small tunnel at YS355663. There was no evidence of recent occupation.
- (2) (161205H). C/6 RAR discovered tracks, running EAST-WEST, of 20 people at YS356655. Estimated that the tracks were used in the last 24 hours.
- (3) (161245H). A/6 RAR found a company sized VC camp, apparently hastily evacuated, at YS347657. Several graves cemented over gave the appearance that it was a permanent camp. The camp appeared to have been hit by an airstrike 7-10 days ago.
- (4) (161403H). C/6 RAR found an overnight resting place for 7-8 persons, used up to this morning, at YS364648. A cooking area and cooking pots were found. One trail runs EAST from this location and another runs SOUTH EAST.
- (5) (161501H). B/6 RAR found a company sized camp that had not been recently used at YS356663. Some remains of medical supplies were found and the camp had been partially destroyed by artillery fire.
- (6) (161450H). D/6 RAR contacted 1 local VC at YS330660. The VC was wearing khaki shirt, black trousers, no footwear and was carrying a camouflaged satchel containing black clothing. When contacted the VC was moving from NORTH EAST to SOUTH WEST. Results 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 x single shot Mauser rifle with 10 rounds of ammunition.
- (7) (161501H). D/6 RAR found 7 huts in a fenced compound at YS335651. Not recently used.
- (8) (161610H). 6 RAR discovered a hollowed out rock that had been cemented to form a bunker for an observation post at YS330650. The bunker covered the area to the SOUTH and SOUTH WEST.

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(9) (161710H). D/6 RAR found an enemy camp of six huts with tin roofs, camouflaged with palm shrouds, at YS329657. On tables, warm food for 15-20 persons was found. Artillery and mortars engaged possible withdrawal routes and an immediate airstrike was conducted at YS324643.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (161715H). An immediate airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC withdrawal route at YS324643.

e. - f. omitted.

g. ENEMY AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE:

An estimated 10 rounds of small arms fire.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) (160800H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft reported 10 ox carts and 4 people were on the road in LONG PHUOC (YS4464), heading NORTH EAST. Also, there were people entering LONG TAN (YS4865).

(2) (160840H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed 4 people heading NORTH, around LONG TAN (YS4865), on a trail at YS466650.

(3) (161500H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft received 9-10 rounds of small arms fire from the area:- YS3866 - YS3867. A FAC searched the area with negative results.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. <u>KIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
Ground Forces	1	Nil

b. Nil

c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

- (a) Single shot MAUSER rifle and ammunition.
- (b) 10 rounds.
- (c) Not known
- (d) YS330660
- (e) Not known

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## 5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

- (a) Nil
- (b) No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 7. omitted.

## 8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS:

- (1) (160945H). A National Police agent report received from BARIA Sector HQ, stated that on the 15th September an estimated VC battalion moved from YS460860 to YS 350780. ARVN evaluation is B - 3 and US evaluation is F - 3.
- (2) (160945H). A BARIA Sector HQ agent stated that at 151400H he sighted a VC battalion resting at YS290740. The VC were carrying heavy weapons. ARVN evaluation is B-3, US evaluation is F-3.
- (3) (160945H). A BARIA Sector HQ agent stated that at 160830H a VC battalion, wearing ARVN uniforms, were at YS350725. ARVN evaluation is B-3. US evaluation is F-3.
- (4) (161533H). A BARIA Sector HQ agent reported that at 161000H he sighted a VC battalion moving from YS315660 to YS329670. The VC were wearing green uniforms and carrying rice. No evaluation.
- (5) (162030H). A National Police agent reported that at 151130H 2 VC companies were located at YS336665. The VC were armed with crew served weapons, wearing fatigues and helmets. ARVN evaluation is C-2.

Comment. Given that the VC operating in PHUOC TUY Province consists of 5 VC division, (with two regiments) D445 battalion and local guerrillas, the above reports, when added to others over the past seven days, would tend to indicate that more VC have entered the Province. It cannot be ascertained at this stage whether this is caused by VC units moving EAST temporarily from the RSSZ in the face of Operation BATON ROUGE or is the result of a deliberate plan to strengthen 5 Division.

9. -10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 106, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 150001H to 152400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

Nil.

- b. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (151707H). A National Police report received by Sector HQ stated that a VC battalion was in the area YS555665, YS555675 and YS565672 at 1430 hrs on the 12 Sep 66. The report stated that there were many CHICOM advisers and the troops were NORTH Vietnamese. It also stated that the battalion was digging foxholes and erecting tents. The area was engaged by artillery with unknown results. ARVN evaluation was C - 3, US evaluation F - 3.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. Nil

- b. (1) Reference generator device for pedal-radio reported in INTSUM No 103 para 3a (2) 14 Sep 66, the following details are marked on the equipment:-

"Tripod Mount model 1643/U Electrical Generator  
HOWARD IND. Inc US"

c. Nil

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

a. Nil

- b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

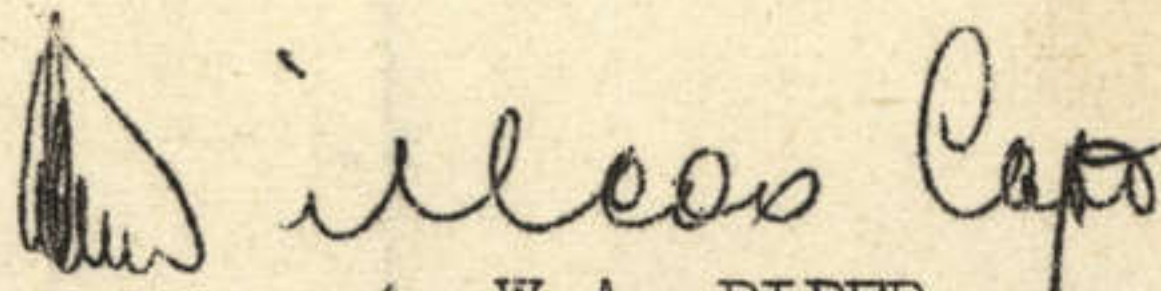
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6. - 10. omitted.  
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- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 140001H to 142400H September 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were several minor contacts within the TAOR during the reporting period. Various reports have indicated a major change in the disposition of Main Force VC.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (140840H). A/6 RAR contacted 3 local VC at an old company sized camp at YS353662. Results were 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (possible), 1 x burp gun and 1 x M-1 rifle recovered.
- (2) (141026H). A/6 RAR contacted 15 local VC who were moving from the SOUTH at YS353662. The VC wore mixed dress of green shirts, black trousers and vice-versa. All wore soft hats, webbing, and carried weapons slung. Also home made packs were carried. Results were 3 VC KIA (BC). Captured:-1 x burp gun, 1 x Chicom bolt action rifle, 1 x Chicom semi-automatic rifle with folding bayonet. Also a large quantity of medical supplies and clothing was recovered. A tripod mounting with a seat, possibly for the use of a pedal radio was also found. The VC contacted were carrying medical supplies, possibly to a hospital at YS356673, reported in INTSUM No 102, paragraph 3a (4).
- (3) (141200H). A Task Force patrol reported on a suspected VC battalion position, INTSUM No 104, paragraph 3h (1). A platoon sized camp was found in the area, last used approximately 2 weeks ago. There were no further signs of the enemy.
- (4) (141515H). A/6 RAR found a well used trail running to the NORTH EAST at YS353665. The trail was followed NORTH EAST to YS354666 but no sign of recent activity was found.
- (5) (141600H). A/6 RAR found a company sized camp at YS353667.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (141120H). A RAAF aircraft reported approximately 50 people on roads in LONG PHUOC (YS4464). Other groups of people and cattle were approaching the village on the road from LONG DIEN (YS4359). Three groups of people, 4-5 in each group, were observed leaving LONG TAN (YS4865) on the road to LONG DIEN.
- (2) (141130H). An aircraft reported 5 uniformed persons at YS2975. A FAC immediately investigated but observed nothing.  
Comment. There have been several reports of up to battalion size forces in this area over the past 6 days, however there has been no indication of their identity.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a.	<u>KIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
	Ground Forces	5	Nil
	<u>WIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
	Ground Forces	Nil	1

b. Nil

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c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

- |                     |                      |                       |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Burp Gun unknown | a. Rifle M-1         | a. Bolt action rifle  |
| b. 2                | b. 1                 | b. 1                  |
| c. Chicom           | c. US                | c. Chicom             |
| d. YS353662         | d. YS353662          | d. YS353662           |
| e. Unknown          | e. Unknown           | e. Unknown            |
| d. Semi-automatic   | a. Medical equipment | a. Clothing           |
| b. 1 rifle          | b. Quantity unknown  | b. Quantity not known |
| c. Chicom           | c. Not known         | c. Not known          |
| d. YS353662         | d. YS353662          | d. YS353662           |
| e. Not known        | e. Not known         | e. Not known          |
- a. Tripod with chair mounted, possible used for a pedal radio.  
b. 1  
c. Not known  
d. YS353662  
e. Not known

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

- a. Nil  
b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 7. omitted.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS:

- (1) (141000H). A Sector agent reported that a VC battalion was located in the vicinity of YS4480 and planned to cross Inter-Provincial Route 2 at 141200H and move EAST. Aerial observation sighted nothing, but the country there is very thick. A second report from Sector HQ stated that there was a VC Main Force platoon at YS5079 on the 12th of September. Three sections of 12 men, 1xMG and 1x SMG per section, the remainder with M-1 rifles, made up the platoon. ARVN evaluation for both reports is C - 2, and US evaluation is B - 2.
- (2) (141700H). Sector HQ agent report. 2 VC battalions, one assumed to the D445 battalion were sighted in the area of YS520660. When sighted they moved to YS490675 and YS502655. ARVN evaluation is B - 3. No US evaluation. Comment. Task Force patrols in the vicinity at this time did not report any signs of enemy movement.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. No change to INTSUM No 78.

12. No change to INTSUM No 78. However, agent reports, red haze and aerial reconnaissance tend to confirm that 274 Regiment has crossed Inter-Provincial Route 2 and is probably located approximately 10 kilometres NORTH EAST of BINH GIA (YS4978).

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 104, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 130001H to 132400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

## a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (131435H). A/6 RAR found a track running NORTH - SOUTH from YS351663, and another running SOUTH-WEST at YS354658. It was not possible to state whether the track was used recently or not, owing to rain.
- (2) (131604H). 6 RAR found an old enemy company sized camp at YS35156705. The camp was 4-5 months old and had been previously destroyed by bombing.
- (3) (131910H). G/6 RAR found a blood stained shirt and a boot at YS357657. The boot had the name HSI LAO inside and both it and the shirt had shrapnel holes. The shirt has a blue shield with a yellow bar through it and a cluster of stars around the shield. No tracks were found in the area. Estimate the shirt and boot have been there since the B-52 air strike on 9 Sep 66.

b. - c. omitted.

## d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) A SKYSPOT mission was flown against VC battalion location at YS540745.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

## h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) Delayed entry. (121600H). The Census Grievance Team reported a VC battalion at YS560590 and another battalion at YS520640. ARVN evaluation was B - 1, US evaluation B - 3. Comment. From an assessment of current enemy locations, these units were probably elements of the D445 Battalion.
- (2) Delayed entry. (121700H). The Census Grievance Team reported a VC battalion at YS270750. ARVN evaluation was B - 2, US evaluation B - 3.
- (3) (131500H). Sector HQ reported that an ARVN sympathiser stated that there was a VC battalion at YS540745. The area was engaged by artillery. Results not known. Comment. Red haze and aerial reconnaissance support this information.
- (4) (131500H). Sector HQ reported that an agent from LONG KAI stated that there was a VC battalion of 300 men at YS509695. The battalion was armed with 1 x 81 mm mortar, 2 x 60 mm mortars and carrying individual weapons. They were dressed in mixed uniforms camouflaged with leaves. Source stated they were North Vietnamese. ARVN evaluation C - 3, no US evaluation as yet. Comment. A friendly patrol was in the same area at the time, but did not report any VC.



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4. Nil.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
  - a. Nil.
  - b. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 103, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 120001H to 122400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts within the TAOR during the reporting period. Air reconnaissance reports indicate increasing movement EAST of Inter-Provincial Route 2 and in the vicinity of LONG PHUOC (YS4464) and LONG TAN (YS4865).

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (121125H). 6 RAR found a camp for 5 to 6 persons at YS349672. The camp had not been used for several months.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (121115H). A strike aircraft engaged with cannon a small hut hidden by trees at YS522657. The subsequent defoliation revealed trenches and pits which appeared to be in fresh condition.
- (2) (121625H). On the observation of an aerial, an immediate air-strike was conducted against a suspected VC radio station at YS358665.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed the following throughout the day:-

(1) At 0945H several herds of cattle and 50 people moving into LONG PHUOC (YS4464). Artillery fired 2 rounds of white phosphorous at YS368673 but this did not deter the people from continuing. At 1200H numerous cattle and buffalo, estimated at 2,000, attended by approximately 300 people, were scattered in LONG PHUOC village, mainly SOUTH on LONG TAN road (YS445643).

(2) In LONG TAN at YS488659 and YS489657 two buildings were under construction. Artillery fired 6 rounds into the village with unknown results. Numerous sightings were made of groups (4-6 persons) entering and leaving LONG TAN by road at YS489654, between 0900H - 1200H. Comment. There have been increasing numbers of people moving into and out of both the above villages for the past 4 days, despite warnings by the Vietnamese Information Service and by leaflet drops. While most of the people are probably innocent civilians, it is thought that the VC may be taking advantage of the situation to resupply their troops, to stockpile food and to repair tunnels destroyed on previous operations.

(3) (121145H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed numerous well used foot tracks in the area of YS5570. There were signs of digging at YS554702.

(4) (121820H). An observation post on NUI DAT (YS4367) heard one burst of automatic weapon fire from the WEST, no estimate of distance was possible.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

Nil

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5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

a. Nil.

b. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 102, CP location YS4366.
- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 110001H to 112400H September 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were several minor contacts with local force VC within the TAOR during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (110040H). Baria Sector HQ reported that a VC squad was contacted SOUTH WEST of HOA LONG at YS409634. There were no further details.
- (2) (110735H). Baria Sector reported than an RF patrol contacted an unknown number of VC at YS433645.
- (3) (110845H). 6 RAR contacted 2 local VC at YS349689. 40 lbs of unpolished rice was discovered and destroyed.
- (4) (111100H). D/6 RAR found a coy size camp at YS356673. The camp contained a hospital with fresh blood-stained bandages. The hospital showed signs of recent use. A small quantity of polished rice and documents were also found in the area. Comment. These casualties were probably caused by the B-52 strike on the 9 Sep 66.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (110900H). Three immediate air strikes were made in support of 6 RAR in the area YS340674. All bombs were on target.
- (2) There was a pre-planned airstrike at YS468693.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (111030H). Sector HQ reported that a rallier surrendered at BINH BA (YS4574). A helicopter evacuated him to BARIA.
- (2) (111930H). B/5 RAR reported 2 VC probing perimeter wire at YS439666. One shot was fired by B Company and VC moved off to the SOUTH EAST. No results.
- (3) (111615H). Anti Tank Platoon 5 RAR sighted 2 elephants at YS392721 moving NORTH to SOUTH. Dust trail indicated that they could be towing something.
- (4) (111907H). An Air OP reported an explosion at YS3872. There were no further details.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. - b. Nil.

c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

40 lbs of unpolished rice.

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5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

a. Nil.

b. In future, status of lines of communication will be reported as follows:-

(1) RED (CLOSED). VC controlled or extensive interdiction. Requires major military operations or Engineer effort to open. Inter Provincial Route 2 from BINH BA (YS4574) - NORTH.

(2) AMBER (MARGINAL). Controlled by either side. Employing adequate security forces, road is used by RVN, US, FWMA forces; frequent incidents occur. Inter-Provincial Route 2 from NUI DAT (YS4367) to BINH BA.

(3) GREEN (OPEN). Controlled by RVN, US, FWMA forces. Minimum security forces required. Isolated incidents may occur. Traffic moves on a regular basis. Highway 15 from BARIA to VUNG TAU. Inter-Provincial Route 2 from NUI DAT to BARIA.

6. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change from INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 101, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 100001H to 102400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were several minor contacts with elements of a local VC platoon operating in the NORTHERN foothills of Nui Dinh (YS3365).

## a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (100830H). A/6 RAR contacted 4 or 5 local VC, dressed in black without hats, at YS353688. The VC withdrew NORTH WEST. 1 VC KIA (BC) and one unidentified weapon recovered.
- (2) (100902H). A/6 RAR contacted 6 local VC, dressed as in previous contact, at YS353688. Some of the VC were armed with automatic weapons. 1 VC WIA.
- (3) (100910H). A/6 RAR contacted 1 local VC at YS353689, who withdrew NORTH. No results.
- (4) (101235H). C/6 RAR sighted 3 local VC at YS 354685, who withdrew WEST. No results.
- (5) (101345H). C/6 RAR contacted 5 local VC at YS35156832, who withdrew WEST. 2 VC WIA. Comment: All these contacts are believed to have been with the same group of 6 VC.

b. - c. omitted.

## d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (101000H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft reported that trail activity in the area, YS5267, YS5867, YS5269, and YS5869, which ceased on commencement of operation TOLEDO has resumed in the past 48 hours. Trails WEST of 52 Easting and NORTH of LONG TAN (YS4865), however are still not being used. The heaviest trail activity is in the grid squares YS5468 and YS5668.
- (2) (101010H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed a cart trail running SOUTH from feature 126 (YS522714) and crossing a stream at YS520680. It had been used by vehicles within the past 24 hours. Comment: Red Haze reports in the area indicate the possible presence of VC EAST of 126 feature.
- (3) (101630H). An airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC location at YS287725. No BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

## h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (101000H). An agent report from BARIA Sector HQ. A VC battalion is based at YS290720. The battalion's mission is to prevent traffic travelling on highway 15 from the 9th - 15th September. ARVN evaluation is B-2 and US evaluation is F-3. Comment: An airstrike was conducted against this location. No BDA due to foliage.
- (2) (101000H). An agent report from BARIA Sector HQ. A VC regiment is located between YS290710 and YS290640. Their intention is to attack elements of 48 regiment (ARVN) in PHU MY (YS2574). ARVN evaluation is B-2 and US evaluation is F-3.
- (3) (101500). A Task Force patrol reported a suspected enemy camp at YS439629.

- (4) (101641H). A/5 RAR found a collection of VC flags in earthen ware pots in a rubber plantation at YS444734.
- (5) (101700H). D/6 RAR located a hut at YS350684 and recovered 8 kerosine tins full of documents and stationary, some signed by officers of the CHOU DUC commission. To be evacuated to-morrow. Comment. The CHOU DUC commission is responsible for protection and control of observation posts etc on NUI DINH hills (YS3365).
- (6) (101700H). B/6 RAR found a platoon sized camp at YS352681, recently used but not within the last 24 hours.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. <u>KIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
Ground Forces	1	Nil

<u>WIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
Ground Forces	3	Nil

b. Nil

c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

- a. 1 Rifle. Unknown.
- b. 1
- c. Not Known
- d. YS353688
- e. Not Known

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 100, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 090001H to 092400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was only one contact within the TAOR during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (090930H). 6 RAR heard a single shot in the vicinity of YS3470. The direction from which the shot came and the distance is not known.
- (2) (091007H). 6 RAR found fresh blood on a tree at YS348713. Comment. The most recent contact in this area was by Long-Le sub sector with a platoon of VC in the vicinity of YS439610 at 072030 hrs.
- (3) (091688H). 6 RAR found well used tracks running NORTHWEST to SOUTHWEST at YS361688. It was impossible to tell if they were used recently.
- (4) (091935H). Hoa Long sub-sector reported a contact at YS430646. Mortars engaged probable VC locations at YS438642 and YS440642. At 2030 hrs Task Force artillery engaged possible withdrawal routes at the following locations, YS430658, YS440653, YS430635 and YS440626. Results unknown. Comment. This is the second time in two days that Hoa Long has reported such an incident. There has been no indication of the type or strength of VC contacted, but it is believed that the enemy intention was to enter the village to persuade the people not to vote on the 11th September.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (090400H). An arc-light strike took place in the areas bounded by, YS328664, YS357653, YS351634 and YS322648. And YS347667, YS375674, YS379662 and YS352653. There have been no troops in the area to assess damage but air observation confirmed that all bombs were on target.

e. - f. omitted.

g. ENEMY AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE:

One single round of unknown calibre.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (091700H). A FAC observed many trenches and fox-holes at YS 468693.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change from INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 99, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 080001H to 082400H September.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one sighting and one contact within the Task Force TAOR during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) Late Entry. (072030H). Baria Sector HQ reported a VC platoon moving from YS430645 to YS428650. Sector engaged with artillery with unknown results.
- (2) (081119H). Elements of the 52nd Ranger Battalion (ARVN) contacted 15-20 VC at YS336627. Results 3 ARVN WIA.
- (3) (081150H). A/6 RAR sighted 20 VC at YS351718, they were dressed in black and were all carrying weapons. The VC were travelling SOUTH EAST and on contact withdrew NORTH WEST, considered to be local VC.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (082130H). Agent report from Baria Sector HQ. At 081200H there were 300 VC, well armed including crew served weapons, between YS346665 and YS355666. ARVN evaluation is C - 2 and US evaluation is F - 3.  
Comment. This report is supported by previous agent reports, RED HAZE reports and reports by VR of recent track use. VC are probably from 274 Regt, however the figure of 300 is probably exaggerated.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 98, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 070001H to 072400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (072025H). 6 RAR observed two lights on perimeter wire. The lights were engaged by SA fire and as a result, possibly two persons were heard going EAST on A/6 RAR's right flank. Results unknown.
- (2) (072035H). 5 RAR engaged an unknown number of persons on their perimeter wire with SA fire in grid square YS4568. Results unknown.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (070741H). A FAC observed signs of recent activity on a track running NORTH and SOUTH between YS517674 and YS520677.
- (2) (071140H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed fresh diggings in various areas of grid square YS4465.
- (3) (071202H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft heard two loud explosions beneath it at YS3774. A check on the area showed no sign of an explosion or of any movement. After check of area, aircraft landed at Baria to check for damage; there was no damage. The speed of the aircraft was 60 knots, height was 700 feet and aircraft was circling at the time.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not Known.

h. omitted.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 97, CP location YS4366.
- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 060001H to 062400H September 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (061210H). 6 RAR discovered 3 tons of rice and an old bunker measuring 24 x 10 x 6 feet at YS382692. The rice was destroyed.

b. -c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (061300H). An observation aircraft received automatic weapon fire from YS496658. Artillery engaged the area. Unknown results.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Unknown.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) (061100H). A Sector HQ report stated that VC were located at YS488657 and YS480657, possibly elements of D445 Battalion. The VC were due to be resupplied at 060900H. Sector HQ obtained this information from a VC captive. Australian evaluation is F- 6. The target was engaged by artillery.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 96, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 050001H to 052400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (050948H). C/5 RAR found weapon pits for 40 men, some with overhead cover approximately two weeks old at YS410752.
- (2) (051050H). A/5 RAR destroyed an enemy installation at YS345745, the installation contained 4 pits with overhead cover and 1 field kitchen. Installation was 1 to 3 months old, there were tracks running EAST to WEST in the vicinity.
- (3) (051051H). A/5 RAR destroyed an enemy installation at YS386745. The installation contained 4 pits with overhead cover, 18 pits without overhead cover and 1 field kitchen. The installation was approximately six months old - there were tracks in the vicinity running NORTH to SOUTH. Installations destroyed by A company covered an area 100 by 50 metres and were facing NORTH.
- (4) (050310H). 1 Fd Sqn heard noises and saw a figure running away in front of a Task Force water point at YS437661. No shots were fired.
- (5) (051845H). Sector HQ reported sighting of VC at YS364644. Target engaged by artillery. No known results.
- (6) (052000H). C/6 RAR sighted one man running in front of their wire at YS450670. Engaged by mortar, no results.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (051710H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed the following; A bunker at YS408651, a tunnel entrance at YS410650, 6 huts at YS329654 which appeared to have been recently used.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. omitted.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

Distribution

- List A
- List C
- List D
- COMUSMACV
- MACV COC
- J2 MACV III/10D/CID
- 525 MI GP
- CICV
- Hq 173 AB Bde (Sep)
- SA HQ IO Div XUAN LOC
- Long Le Sub Sector Adviser

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 94, CP location YS4366.
- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 030001H to 032400H September 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were five contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (030910H). D/5 RAR contacted 5 VC dressed in black and grey shorts, at YS375744. The contact resulted in 2 VC KIA and 3 x 7.62 mm rifles captured. The remaining VC withdrew SOUTH.
- (2) (031355H). A/6 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in black, at YS367688. 1 VC was KIA (BC), the other WIA (possible). 1 Chicom bolt action rifle, with folding bayonet, and a pack containing documents were recovered.
- (3) (031445H). A/6 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in black, at YS367688. Results were 1 VC WIA and 1 Chicom bolt action rifle recovered. Enemy withdrew NORTH after contact.
- (4) (031538H). C/5 RAR contacted 1 local VC at YS414762. The VC ran when challenged and was fired upon. Results, 1 VC WIA (captured).
- (5) (031600). A/6 RAR contacted 2 local VC dressed in white, at YS366686. The VC withdrew with no casualties. 1 x 9mm weapon magazine was recovered. The VC were in a camp position for a platoon size unit. The camp contained 13 weapon pits, numerous shelters, clay ovens and articles of clothing.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a.	<u>KIA by</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Possible</u>
	Ground forces	3	Nil
	<u>WIA by</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Possible</u>
	Ground forces	1	1
b.	<u>Captives</u>	<u>Returnees</u>	<u>Suspects</u>
	1 VC	Nil	Nil

c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

- (a) 7.62mm rifles and 9mm automatic weapon magazine.
- (b) Quantity.
  - 5 x 7.62 rifles.
  - 1 x 9mm magazine.
- (c) 5 x 7.62mm Chicom type 56 rifles.
- (d) Location where captured.
  - 3 x 7.62mm rifles at YS375744.
  - 2 x rifles at YS367688.

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1 x 9mm magazine at YS366686.

(e) Enemy unit, if known from which captured.

Not known.

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

(1) (031010H). 5 RAR reported that information had been received that guerrillas had laid mines on TL2, in the vicinity of YS4681.

6. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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Major, S2

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 93, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 020001H to 022400H September 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (021635H). At YS425647 the occupants of a Task Force vehicle, travelling NORTH, felt the blast of an unidentified explosion approximately 30 to 40 metres WEST. A single small arms round followed, hitting a tyre rim. This information was passed to BARIA Sector HQ.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (021030H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed 11 ox carts at YS 279762, moving towards PHU MY (YS2574). This traffic was unusual at that time of day. The information was passed to BARIA Sector HQ.

e. - f. omitted.

g. One small arms round of unknown calibre.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) Late report. (012235H). An agent report from BARIA Sector HQ stated that one VC regiment was in the vicinity of YS340 650. The VC were armed with 4 x 81 mm mortars. Their intention is to attack units in PHOUU TUY Province between now and 5th November. ARVN evaluation is B-3, no US evaluation.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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 Major, S2

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 92, CP location YS4366.
- 2. PERIOD COVERED: From 010001H to 012400H Sep 66.
- 3. ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. - g. omitted.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (011930H). Visual reconnaissance aircraft observed the following:-
  - (a) A hole in the ground about 2ft x 3ft at YS351781, there were no tracks near the hole.
  - (b) An area under trees at YS352779 has fresh loose earth scattered over the ground.
  - (c) A well used new track in area YS374834 moving in direction of YS409855.
  - (d) In the following areas the undergrowth appears to be down trodden. YS422864, YS394861, YS382831, YS361817, YS392803, and YS367797.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

*for* *DeBonville* FLT LT  
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 Major, S2

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ RE HAGERTY

OFFICER COMMANDING

1 APC SQN

NUI DAT

6 SEP 66

SERIAL 11

Numbers 91 - 94

DUTIES

91. To be notified.

REFERENCE TO II F FORCE V

92. In all verbal usage II F Force V is to be referred to by the phonetics Two Force Vee.

DRESS (1 ATF RO 35/66)

93. It seems that the Dengue and Encephalitis carrying mosquito bite during daylight hours.

2. In order to minimise exposure shirts are to be worn at all times by all ranks and the wearing of shorts is forbidden until further notice.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

94. Traffic on INGLEBURN Ave is to be kept to a minimum until after the wet season, this applies particularly to heavy vehicles.

2. Driving or parking is NOT permitted in the drains at the edges of the road.

  
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OC 1 APC SQN

NOTICE

Issued jointly by Commanding General II Field Force Vietnam and Commanding General III Corps ARVN.

TO ALL PEOPLE IN THE III CORPS TACTICAL ZONE

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

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

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

Be courteous to the other driver or pedestrian.

Be patient - many vehicles on narrow roads will cause delays.

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Do not drive at excessive speeds - adjust your speed to the conditions.  
Signal your turns well in advance.  
Do not follow the vehicle in front too closely - he may have to stop suddenly.  
Obey all traffic laws.  
Make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition.  
Pedestrians should look both ways when crossing streets.  
Do not let children dash into the street.

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

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



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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OFFICER COMMANDING

1 APC SQN

NUI DAT

9 Sep 66

SERIAL 12

Numbers 95 =

DUTIES

95. From 12 Sep to 18 Sep 66 2 Tp is duty troop

VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS - OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

96. Country wide Vietnamese elections are scheduled for 11 Sep 66 for the purpose of electing representatives to the Vietnamese Government Constituent Assembly. These are free Vietnamese elections and are in no way sponsored or monitored by any other nation.

2. In order to preclude any action that could be construed as influencing or interfering with the election, the following are to be strictly adhered to:

- a. The town of VUNG TAU is out of bounds from 2200 hrs 9 Sep 66 to 0600 hrs 13 Sep 66.
- b. The immediate vicinity of polling places is out of bounds on 11 Sep 66 to all personnel, whether on duty or not, except to RLA Pro personnel if their duties require them to be there.
- c. No person is to attend any political gathering or give any support to any individual candidate or group of candidates unless specifically authorised to do so by the Commander 1 ATF.
- d. Personal conduct of troops in VUNG TAU or any other town or hamlet, whether on leave or duty, is to be of the highest standard at all times but especially during the pre-election period.

3. Vietnamese employees/interpreters etc are to be allowed time off to vote without loss of pay and may be taken to a election site in unit transport, but NOT to a polling station. If the government declares Election Day a Vietnamese holiday, this action will not be required.

CURFEW - VUNG TAU PENINSULAR AREA

97. Subject to the qualifications set out below, curfew restrictions apply for all troops in the VUNG TAU area from 2100 hrs each day until 0600 hrs the following day.

2. During the periods from 2200 hrs until 2400 hrs on Sun to Fri inclusive in each week and from 2200 hrs on Sat until 0100 hrs on Sun in each week, members of units of 1 ALSG and personnel attached to or allotted for duty with those units on local leave, if absent from units areas will be in breach of curfew unless located within the confines of one of the following areas or premises, establishments or vessels:

- a. 1 ALSG Area.
- b. Any premises or protected area leased and controlled by the Australian, American or Korean Services authorities in VUNG TAU.
- c. Any Australian, American or Korean Services ship or vessel.
- d. The Alaska Barge and Transport Co Club premises in VUNG TAU.

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3. Every member on local leave may proceed from one oth these locations listed in the preceding paragraph direct to 1 ALSG area by service transport only.

4. During the hours set out in paragraph 2 of this order members are not permitted to proceed except in Service transport from one of the above mentioned areas, premises, establishments or vessels to another of them.

5. It is an offence for any person to whom this order applies to travel on the VUNG TAU Peninsular other than in Service transport after 2100 hrs on any night.

RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT - HOA LONG

98. Unless engaged on operations no movement, either by vehicle or on foot, is permitted in HOA LONG after 1700 hrs daily, by any member of 1 ATF including attached personnel.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

99. If any member of AFPO 1 or AFPO 3 has reason to believe that a parcel contains articles contravening quarantine regulations then that parcel may not be despatched until it is opened in the presence of the member despatching it. If the member is unable to be present he may agree for the parcel to be opened in the presence of an officer to prevent undue delay.

ANIMAL MASCOTS, PETS AND ARTICLES SUBJECT TO QUARANTINE CONTROL (MBI 15-1)

100. Australian Quarantine regulations are being contravened by many servicemen returning from overseas. Attempts have also been made to smuggle ammunition and explosives into Australia. With effect 6 Sep 66 all personal equipment and belongings will be inspected by an officer immediately prior to the member boarding A/C for departure from VUNG TAU or in the case of HQ AFV com 145 Sig Sqn and AATTV from SAIGON. Copies of MBI 15-1 have been distributed as a guide to inspecting Officers.

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OC 1 PAC SQN

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OFFICER COMMANDING 1 APC SQN

NUI DAT

19 SEP 66

SERIAL 13

Numbers 100 - 104

DUTIES

100. To be notified.

ENEMY CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS

102. The following instruction has been issued by HQ 1 ATF.
- NO captured weapon may be retained by an individual as a personal war souvenir.
  - Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or soldier who retains a captured enemy weapon for his personal use.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OR DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

- 103.
- In this instruction "explosives" means explosive substance of any kind and includes any ammunition containing a propellant, explosive filling or live cap.
  - Any member in possession of firearms or explosives, unless such are on issue to him as part of his authorised Army equipment, is amenable to the laws of the State or ordinances of the Territory in which he is serving.
  - In accordance with DA 79, former enemy equipment, other than personal effects of captured enemy personnel, is Commonwealth property, and, unless the member has been duly authorised to retain it as a souvenir, its retention is an offence against the Act.
  - Except when acting in the course of his duty, a member will not deliver or transmit to, or attempt to acquire in any way from, any other person, fire-arms or explosives which are the property of the Commonwealth.

SHELL DRESSINGS

104. 1. Every member is to carry a shell dressing at all times. While moving around the area.



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OFFICER COMMANDING 1 APC SQN

NUI DAT

22 SEP 66

SERIAL 14

Numbers 105 - 106

DUTIES

105. To be notified.

INTER TROOP TRANSFERS

106. 1. As a result of personnel RTA, and the induction of replacement personnel, the following transfers will be affective at 0830 hrs 23 Sep 66.

2. To SHQ

From Sp Tp	- Sgt	CLIFFORD	- Sgt	Crewman
" 3 Tp	- Cpl	CHESTER	- Sgt	Crewman

3. To 2 Tp

a. From Sp Tp	- 2Lt	WATTS	- Tp	Offr
b. "	- Sgt	HILL	- Sec	Cond
c. From SHQ	- Cpl	GELHAAR	- Crew	Cond
d. "	- Tpr	POLROY	- Relief	Dvr/Sig
e. Replacement	- Lepl	BURWORTH	- Operator	
f. "	-	To be named	- Crew	Cond

4. To 3 Tp

a. From 2 Tp	- Lt	HOWARD	- Tp	Offr
b. "	- Cpl	O'REILLY	- Sec	Cond
c. Replacement	-	To be named	- Crew	Cond
d. "	-	" "	-	" "
e. "	-	" "	-	Operator

5. To Sp Tp

a. From 3 Tp	- 2Lt	SAVAGE	- Tp	Offr
b. " SHQ	- Sgt	RILEY	- Tp	Sgt
c. " 3 Tp	- Cpl	BANNISTER	- Sec	Cond
d. " SHQ	- Tpr	BURNS	- Relief	Dvr
e. Replacement	-	To be named	- Crew	Cond

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6. It is the responsibility of crew commanders taking over vehicles to check all CES and equipment.
7. Items on personal issue will remain on charge to that person.
8. Crew commanders may, if they desire take their own .50 Cal MG to their new vehicle.

*[Handwritten Signature]* Maj  
OC 1 AEC SQN

NOTICE

1. The following members are to report to the Sqn Ord Room, reference Taxation Certificates.

Tpr D W SCARRELL  
Lcpl W G SMITH  
Tpr F S JOHNSTON  
Tpr P L HOLMES

Tpr P S MCHAMARA  
Tpr G D NEWMAN  
Lcpl W F GREIG

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5 RAR  
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09 14 30 H Sep 66

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OPORD 15-66 OPERATION ROAD RUNNER SOUTH TWO

Reference: A. Pictomap Series L8020 Sheet No 6429-1-N 1:25000  
B. Series L701 Sheet 6442 IV Sheet 644 1:50000

1. SITUATION.

a. En Forces.

- (1) Two weeks ago on the LONG HAI Road a convoy was fired on in the vicinity of 4355. Further sniping is to be expected.
- (2) It is assessed that from one to two platoons of local forces are located in the hills along the road.
- (2) An unconfirmed report places the HQ of 275 Regt in the vicinity of 4462.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Friendly patrols are to be expected in the vicinity 4462.
- (2) Popular Force outposts are loc at 427559 and 435527.
- (3) An ARVN Engr unit is loc 4351 constructing an airstrip to the WEST of the LONG HAI Rd.
- (4) A NUNG bn is loc in the hills EAST of LONG HAI and SOUTH of 51 Northing.

c. Composition of Force.

(1) Comd:

1 PKY 2TP - B Coy

(a) Whilst moving in APCs: OC 1 APC Sqn.

2 PKY 9-98-82 98 (b) When dismounted: OC Sp Coy 5 RAR.

82A (c) Reaction Force: 2IC 5 RAR.  
82B

(2) Under comd:

3 PKY 3TP 5th C Coy  
SPT 4 UN

- B Coy 5 RAR
- C Coy 5 RAR
- One sect mortars (track mounted)
- Elms Aslt Pnr Pl
- Elms Sig Pl
- Elms Admin Coy
- 1 APC Sqn

(3) Reaction Force under comd if required

- Anti Tk Pl
- Aslt Pnr Pl
- One composite pl of Admin Coy

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(4) In sp:

Bty A2/35 Arty  
One airborne FAC  
Aircap  
Four RAAF IROQUOIS  
One SIOUX

(5) Force to be known as PANTHER FORCE.

2. MISSION. PANTHER FORCE is to traverse rd HAO LONG YS 4163--LONG DIEN 4259 - LONG HAI YS 4449 to demonstrate our intention and ability to use and keep the road open.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) The force is to move tactically along the road ready to use fire and movement if necessary.

(2) The force is to be mounted in APCs.

(3) The reaction force is to be at 30 mins notice to move by RAAF hel.

(4) Aircap is to be provided for the journey both ways.

b. A Company. NOT involved in the Op. Remains BINH BA.

c. B Company.

(1) Grouping. Normal. Total strength of 90 all ranks to participate.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move in leading APC elms for journey to LONG HAI

(b) Move in rear APC elms for return journey to NUI DA.

(c) Be prepared to dismount and aslt if ordered.

d. C Company.

(1) Grouping. Normal. Total strength of 90 all ranks to participate.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move in rear APC elms for journey to LONG HAI.

(b) Move in leading APC elms for return journey to NUI DA.

(c) Be prepared to dismount and aslt if ordered.

e. D Company. NOT involved in this Op. Remains FRENCH FORCE.

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect part of PANTHER FORCE.

(b) One sect remains BINH BA.

(c) One sect remains base loc.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) PANTHER FORCE Sect.

- i. Provide close fire sp as required remaining mounted in APCs.
- ii. 90 rds HE and 10 rds WP per tube to be carried.

(b) Remainder: Normal fire sp.

g. Anti Tk Platoon.

(1) Grouping. Normal.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Carry out normal allotted tasks.
- (b) Form part of reaction force if required. Ready to move at 30 mins notice by air from either LZ on patrol route or from TIGER 5 pad.

h. Aslt Pioneer Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Four Aslt Pnrs to form part of HQ elm.
- (b) Remainder of pl normal.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Provide two mine detector teams for PANTHER FORCE.
- (b) Form part of reaction force if required. Ready to move at 30 mins notice by air from TIGER 5 pad.

i. Admin Composite Platoon.

(1) Grouping. As directed by OC Admin Coy.

(2) Tasks. Form part of reaction force if required. Ready to move at 30 mins notice by air from TIGER 5 pad.

j. 1 APC Sqn.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) OC 1 APC Sqn comds force whilst moving and inf are mounted in APCs.
- (b) Tac grouping for move as directed by OC 1 APC Sqn.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Provide APCs to lift 200 marching personnel.
- (b) Provide one sect of mortar APCs.
- (c) Move in accordance with SOP.

k. Artillery.

(1) Grouping. Bty A 2/35 Arty in sp.

/(2) Tasks.



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(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide FOO party with PANTHER FORCE.

(b) Provide sp on call for the move to and from LONG HAI.

1. Aviation.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In sp from 100800H One Airborne FAC  
Aircap  
One SIOUX

(b) In sp and on call from 100800H Four RAAF IROQUOIS

(2) Tasks.

(a) FAC ac to check rd before move and provide cover for force.

(b) Aircap to cover both journey to and from LONG HAI.

(c) SIOUX to carry CO 5 RAR as directed during day and also provide additional air recce cover.

(d) RAAF IROQUOIS to be on call for move of reaction force if required.

m. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Timings.

(a) Mortar APCs report mortar line for loading 100715 H

(b) Inf APCs marry up 100745 H

(c) H hour + depart 100800 H

(d) SIOUX reports TIGER 5 100800 H

(e) FAC airborne 100800 H

(f) Aircap commences 100800 H

(g) Depart LONG HAI 101530 H

(h) FAC airborne 101530 H

(i) Aircap 101530 H

(2) RV Inf APCs. Corner CANBERRA Avenue and TL2.

(3) Route. 1 ATF base area to HOA LONG YS 4163 to LONG DIEN YS 4259 to LONG HAI YS 4449. Return via BARIA YS 3860.

(4) Start Point. CANBERRA Ave TL 2.

(5) Speed

(6) Density.

(7) Action on Ambush.

As per 1 APC Sqn SOP.

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(13) Swimming Safety

B and C Coys are to nominate two life-savers each for rescue duties if required.

(8) Report Lines. Each Northing is to be known by a letter of the alphabet commencing at G 4080. G

(9) Free Fire Zones. EAST of rd BARIA - LONG HAI between 57 Northing and 52 Northing. (A) mortar shoot is to be conducted on the return journey into area 4456, 4556 from between 420576 and 426565.

(10) Rules of Engagement. As currently promulgated. IF IN DOUBT DON'T SHOOT.

(11) Turn Around. Turn left at 448491. Turn left at 451491.

(12) Lunch Site. Vicinity 443499 (near advisers villa)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Dress.

(1) Inf Elms. Ptl order plus overnight kit.

(2) Others. Normal.

(3) All groups to take swimming trunks and towel.

b. Rat.

(1) All elms to take one days cbt rat.

(2) Lunch at LONG HAI is to be provided by 5 RAR as arranged by Bn 2IC. (Incls all pers in force, Amd, Arty, Inf).

c. Water. Full bottles to start op.

d. Canteen. Limited scale of beer and soft drinks to be taken as arranged by 2IC 5 RAR

e. Med.

(1) Coy med ords.

(2) Evac by hel.

f. Ammo. Normal.

g. Admin Coy Elm of Force. Ten men as detailed by OC Admin Coy.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Comd whilst on move. in APCs: OC 1 APC Sqn

b. Comd when inf dismounts: OC Sp Cpy 5 RAR

c. Comd Gp. HQ Gp 10 (detailed separately) plus Admin Coy. elms 10.

d. Radio.

(1) Frequencies.

(a) PANTHER FORCE comd net: 44-9 (C Coy altn)

(b) BARIA Sector: 46.9

(c) 1 ATF: 59.25

(c) Others as per SOIs.

(2) Callwords.

(a) OC Sp Cpy control: 97

(b) Rear Link to 1 ATF 21

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(c) OC 1 APC Sqn TANGO 9

(d) BARIA Sector MILTON TIMING

(e) Others normal

e. Passwords, Points of Origin, Q Hour. As issued.

f. KAC and Ops Codes. As issued.

g. <u>Nicknames.</u>	<u>Meaning.</u>	<u>Issued By.</u>
GOLF, HOTEL etc	Report line (Northings crossed crossed)	APC Sqn

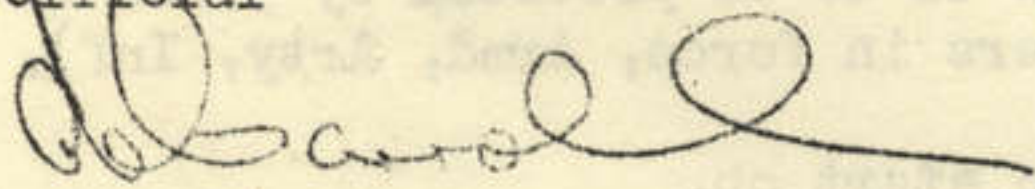
h. Synchronization of Watches.

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Annex Z (Distribution) to OPORD 15-66 (OP ROAD RUNNER SOUTH TWO)

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Sp Coy		7
Mor Pl		8
Anti Tk Pl		9
Aslt Pnr Pl		10
Sig Pl		11
Admin Coy		12 - 14
1 APC Sqn	(6)	15 - 20
1 Fd Regt	(5)	21 - 25
Brn A 2/35 Arty		26
103 Fd Bty	(2)	27 - 28
161 Recce Flt		29
HQ 1 ATF	(16)	30 - 45
1 ATF ALO	(2)	46 - 47
BARIA Sector		48
CO		49
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FROM: 5 RAR

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TO: B Coy C Coy Sp Coy Mor Pl  
A/Pnr Pl Admin Coy 2IC IO  
FCC 1 APC Sqn A Bty 2/35 Arty  
1 ATF Avn 1 ATF

INFO: A Coy D Coy

Warning Order. Operation ROAD RUNNER SOUTH TWO. D Day 10 Sep 66.  
H hour 0800H. orders group this loc 091600H Sep 66. fol to attend.  
OC B Coy OC C Coy OC Admin Coy OC Aslt Pnr Pl OC Mor Pl 2IC IO  
rep 1 APC Sqn BC 103 Fd Bty rep A Bty 2/35 Arty rep 1 ATF Avn 1 ATF

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OPORD 14-66 OP VAUCLUSE

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50000 Sheets 6442 I, 6442 II, 6442 III, 6442 IV.  
1:25000 Sheets 6430 IIS, 6430 IIIS.  
1:25000 Enlargement NUI DINH HILLS.

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) It is believed that there is one and possibly two companies of Main Force VC in the AO. These forces are probably part of 274 Regt and can be expected to have local guerilla forces in support to provide trail watchers, sentries and carrying parties.
- (2) There are also observation posts in the AO and these can be expected to be well dug in and protected with overhead cover.
- (3) To date the VC have regarded these hills as being a safe haven and move with impunity throughout the area. Apart from reconnaissance patrols, friendly activity has been limited to artillery fire and air strikes. VC control of the area has not yet been seriously contested and in view of this, the enemy are probably using this area not only to hide and rest but to prepare and position themselves for harrassment prior to and during the National Elections on 11 Sep 66.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3 SAS Sqn have been conducting reconnaissance patrols in the WARBURTON Mountains area since 20 Jul 66. A number of these patrols engaged the VC and inflicted casualties.
- (2) A/6 RAR has conducted patrols in strength through the NE approaches to the area from 2 Sep 66. These have made minor contact. 6 RAR is to clear MT WARBURTON from NORTH to SOUTH.
- (3) Air: Arclight targets have been requested as follows:

Target	UTM Coordinates	TOT
(a) 3-9-1	YS 328664 YS360652 YS 354636 YS323647	090400H Sep 66
(b) 3-9-2	YS 347668 YS375674 YS 377661 YS 349655	090430H Sep 66

/c. Attachments and

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c. Attachments and Detachments.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| (1) Under command from 080800H:   | Six APCs of 1 ATF Sqn<br>One support sect of<br>1 APC Sqn |
| (2) Remaining in direct support:  | 103 Fd Bty  |
| (3) Remaining in support:   | 105 Fd Bty<br>161 Fd Bty<br>A Bty 2/35 Arty               |
| (4) In support at two hours notice to move<br>ready reaction force company from 080800H | One tp of 1 APC Sqn                                       |
| (5) In support for general troop movement<br>from AM 8 Sep 66:                          | Sqn elms  |

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to provide general support for 1 ATF.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations.

- (1) Secure LZ area PAULINE for fly in of 6 RAR on 8 Sep 66.
- (2) Provide one company at XA BINH BA until 12 Sep 66.
- (3) Secure gun area at TENNIS vic YS 432706 from 071200H to 091700H.
- (4) Secure gun area at FRENCH FORT vic YS 3962 from 091000H to 241800H.
- (5) Provide one company as ready reaction force at two hours notice to move for operations in support of XA BINH BA or VAUCLUSE from 080800H.

b. A Company.(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from time of arrival at LZ vic YS 405715 on 7 Sep 66 until return to XA BINH BA 8 Sep 66: Elms Aslt Pnr Pl

(b) Under command from time of departure of Bn HQ from XA BINH BA 8 Sep 66:

Six APCs of  
1 APC Sqn  
One sp sect of  
1 APC Sqn  
One sect of  
mortars  
Det of Aslt Pnr

(c) Under command of C Coy from 081200H until 091700H: (Time on 9 Sep could be changed)

One pl of A Coy

(2) Tasks.

(a) Secure LZ at vic YS 405715 by 071200H and with Aslt Pnr Pl elms develop LZ as much as possible prior to extraction on 8 Sep 66.

(b) Coy less one



(b) Coy less one pl, plus elms of Aslt Pnr Pl, move by air from LZ to XA BINH BA AM 8 Sep 66.

(c) One pl under command C Coy 081200H to 091700H is to move out on foot from extraction LZ to TENNIS vic 432706 AM 8 Sep 66. A Coy APCs are to collect this pl at TENNIS at 091700H for return to XA BINH BA.

(d) Carry out tasks detailed in OP WOOLLOOMOOLLOO until 12 Sep 66.

(e) Be prepared to conduct a search of DUC MY for VC suspected of hiding in tunnels in area. Search to take place 10 Sep 66.

(f) Send one pl to VUNG TAU daily for recreation from 13 Sep 66 onwards.

c. B Company.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Return to base PM 8 Sep 66 by APC.

(b) Send one pl to VUNG TAU daily for recreation commencing 9 Sep 66.

(c) Be prepared to provide one pl to C Coy from 10 Sep 66 to 15 Sep 66 incl, (to replace C Coy pl at VUNG TAU) if C Coy is required for a reaction task.

(d) Be prepared to replace D Coy at FRENCH FORT area on 16 Sep 66 to protect the guns.

(e) Participate in Road Runner to LONG HAI Sat 10 Sep 66.

Depart NUI DAT 100800H, depart LONG HAI 101630H. Details separate.

d. C Company.

(1) Grouping. Under command from 081200H until 091700H:

One pl of A Coy

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move to TENNIS and secure it by 071200H

(b) Protect gun area at TENNIS until 091700H. (Timing could be advanced).

(c) Move to base area by APC 091700H. (Timing could be advanced.)

(d) Remain on two hours notice to support 6 RAR or VAUCLUSE or A Coy at XA BINH BA from 091700H.

(e) Be prepared to provide one pl daily from 14 Sep 66 to VUNG TAU on recreation. This pl is to be replaced for reaction force tasks by a pl of B Coy (until 15 Sep 66) or by a pl of D Coy (16 Sep 66 onwards).

(f) Continue with existing R and C arrangements. B Coy is to provide a replacement pl for the reaction force task.

(g) Provide normal inner TAOR security patrols daily until further notice.

(h) Participate in Road Runner to LONG HAI Sat 10 Sep 66. Depart NUI DAT 100800H, depart LONG HAI 101630H. Details issued separately.

e. D Company.(1) Grouping. No change.(2) Tasks.

(a) Move by air from present loc to base area 8 Sep 66.

(b) Move by APC to FRENCH FORT area to protect gun area. Depart 090000. Area secured by 091000H.

(c) Provide one pl daily from 12 Sep 66 to VUNG TAU for recreation.

(d) Be prepared to provide one pl to C Coy from 16 Sep 66 onwards if required for reaction force tasks.

f. Mortar Platoon.(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command A Coy from departure of Bn HQ from XA BINH BA:

One sect mortars  
(APC mounted)

(b) Pl less one sect - base area.

(2) Tasks. Normal fire support.Anti Tank Platoon.(1) Grouping. No change.(2) Tasks. Provide patrols as per Annex A.Assault Pioneer Platoon.(1) Grouping. No change except XA BINH BA water point det is to be under command A Coy from time of departure of Bn HQ on 8 Sep 66 until return to base 12 Sep 66.(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue to operate XA BINH BA water point until 12 Sep 66.

(b) Carry out pioneer tasks as directed in the bn base area.

i. Armour.(1) Grouping.(a) Under command A Coy at XA BINH BA from time of departure of Bn HQ 8 Sep 66: Six APCs  
One sp sect

(b) In support at two hours notice to move C Coy on reaction force tasks: One tp

(c) In support for general tp movement from AM 8 Sep 66: Sqn elms

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move Bn HQ and B Coy back to base area PM 8 Sep 66.

(b) Pick up pl of A Coy at TENNIS at 091700H and return to XA BINH BA. (This time subject to change - could be earlier).

- (c) Carry out tasks as directed by OC A Coy.
- (d) Move C Coy from TENNIS to base area at 091700H. (Could be earlier).
- (e) Move D Coy from NUI DAT base area to FRENCH FORT area 090900H.
- (f) Provide APCs on 14, 16, 19, 21 and 24 Sep 66 for inf/armd patrols in BINH BA area. (See Annex A).
- j. Arty.
- (1) Grouping. Normal
- (2) Tasks. Deployment for fire support:
- (a) 103 Fd Bty is to move to TENNIS from XA BINH BA PM 7 Sep 66 then to CANBERRA AVE at 091700H.
- (b) 105 Fd Bty is to move to TENNIS at 071200H then to FRENCH FORT at 091700H. (Could be earlier).
- k. Engineers.
- (1) Grouping. Elms and equipment to be advised, to be under command A Coy 10 Sep 66 for search of DUC MY. Arrive A Coy PM 9 Sep 66.
- (2) Tasks. Assist A Coy with DUC MY search.
- l. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) D Day for VAUCLUSE. 8 Sep 66.
- (2) Timings.
- (a) 071200H: C Coy secures TENNIS for guns.
- (b) PM 7 Sep 66: D Coy secures LZ and crossings.
- (c) PM 7 Sep 66: A Coy secures LZ vic 405715.
- (d) PM 7 Sep 66: Aslt Pnr elms join A Coy
- (e) AM 8 Sep 66: A Coy minus extracted by air to XA BINH BA. One pl of A Coy moves to TENNIS.
- (f) AM 8 Sep 66: D Coy extracted to base by air.
- (g) PM 8 Sep 66: Bn HQ and B Coy return to base.
- (h) AM 9 Sep 66: D Coy secures FRENCH FORT area.
- (i) 091700H: C Coy departs TENNIS. (Could be earlier).
- (j) 091700H: Guns move to FRENCH FORT and CANBERRA AVE. (Could be earlier).
- (k) 10 Sep 66: A Coy searches DUC MY.
- (l) 10 Sep 66: LONG HAI Road Runner.
- (m) 12 Sep 66: A Coy returns to base.
- (3) TAOR Patrols. Patrols of one days duration are to resume within the TAOR. Annex A gives details. Admin Coy is to provide seven men daily for inclusion in these patrols.
- (4) LONG HAI Road Runner 10 Sep 66. B and C Coys plus elms of Sp and Admin Coys to participate. Depart NUI DAT 100800H and depart LONG HAI 101630H. Details issued separately.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Rations.

- (1) All elements excl A Coy are rationed up to return to base.
- (2) A Coy is to be on daily resupply from 8 Sep incl fresh midday meal.
- (3) B and D Coys are to be on fresh rations whilst at FRENCH FORT.

b. Water.

- (1) XA BINH BA water point is to remain open until 12 Sep 66.
- (2) If necessary water resupply is to be taken to the FRENCH FORT area.

c. Medical. Normal.d. Ammunition. Current scales.e. R and C, R and R. Both to continue .f. Day Recreation VUNG TAU. All Coys to participate.g. Admin Coy Patrolling. Seven men daily to be provided for inclusion in TAOR patrols. ELms to be advised for Road Runner 10 Sep 66.5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.a. Bn HQ. Departs BINH BA PM 8 Sep 66 for base area.b. Radio.

- (1) Frequencies. As per current SOIs.
- (2) Callwords and Callsigns. As per current SOIs.

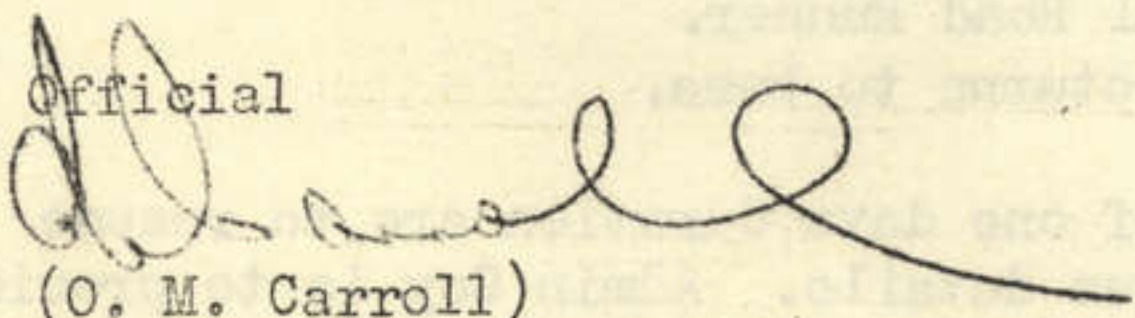
c. Passwords, Points of Origin, Q Hour. As currently issued plus further issue to follow.d. KAC and Op Codes. As per current SOIs.e. Nicknames. As currently issued.f. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge

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Annexes: A. TAOR Patrol Details.  
Z. Distribution List.

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Annex A (TAOR Patrol Details) to OPORD 14-66 OP VAUCLUSE.

1.	Serial (a)	Date (b)	Time Out (c)	Time In (d)	Sub Unit to Provide (e)	Remarks (f)
	1	9 Sep 66	0800	1600	B Coy	
	2	10 Sep 66	0800	1600	Anti Tk Pl	
	3	11 Sep 66	0800	1600	B Coy	
	4	12 Sep 66	0800	1600	B Coy	
	5	13 Sep 66	0800	1600	Anti Tk Pl	
	6	14 Sep 66	0800	1600	B Coy	Inf/APC patrol from base to incl BINH BA
	7	15 Sep 66	0800	1600	A Coy	
	8	16 Sep 66	0800	1600	Aslt Pnr Pl	As for serial 6
	9	17 Sep 66	0800	1600	A Coy	
	10	18 Sep 66	0800	1600	D Coy	
	11	19 Sep 66	0800	1600	D Coy	APCs meet inf at BINH BA and pat- rol estate
	12	20 Sep 66	0800	1600	A Coy	
	13	21 Sep 66	0800	1600	A Coy	As for seria ial 11.
	14	22 Sep 66	0800	1600	Anti Tk Pl	
	15	23 Sep 66	0800	1600	D Coy	
	16	24 Sep 66	0800	1600	D Coy	As for ser- ial 11

2. Routes and areas are to be confirmed by the CP on the after-noon preceding each scheduled patrol.

3. Admin Coy is to submit details of the seven members participating in each patrol to the coy concerned by 1600 hrs on the day preceding the patrol. The senior member of the group is also to report to the patrol commander at this time for instructions.

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Annex A (Task Patrol Details) to Order 11-66 of VANGUARD

Serial	Rank	Name	Time Out	Time In	Remarks
1	B Coy		1800	0800	
2	A Coy		1800	0800	
3	B Coy		1800	0800	
4	B Coy		1800	0800	
5	A Coy		1800	0800	
6	B Coy		1800	0800	
7	A Coy		1800	0800	
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Annex Z (Distribution List) to OPORD 14-66 OP VAUCLUSE

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Mor Pl		10
Anti Tk Pl		11
Aslt Pnr Pl		12
Sig Pl		13
Admin Coy	(3)	14 - 16
1 APC Sqn	(2)	17 - 18
1 Fd Regt	(6)	19 - 24
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6 RAR	(2)	27 - 28
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OPS 226

Frag Order 4-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE). This supplements Frag Order 3-3-66.

Reference: Same as Frag Order 3-3-66.

1. Attached at Annex A are movement details for 7, 8 and 9 September 1966.

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Annex: A. Movement Details.

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Annex A (Movement Details) to Frag Order 4-3-66 (Op VAUCLOSE)

OPS 226

Serial	Date	Time	Unit	From	To	Method	Remarks
1	7 Sept 66	1330 hrs	105 Fd Bty	1 ATF Base	TENNIS (YS433706)	ABC	Area secured by C/5 RAR
2		1500 hrs	103 Fd Bty	Binh Ba (YS4474)	TENNIS	APC	
3	8 Sep 66	0300 hrs	6 RAR	1 ATF Base	Bn LZ YS376736	Airmobile	Appendix 1
4			D/5 RAR	Bn LZ	Base	"	"
5		0930H (approx)	A/5 RAR	YS405715	Binh Ba	"	"
6		1100H (approx)	Bn HQ + B/5 RAR	Binh Ba	Base	APC	
7			One Pl C/5 RAR	TENNIS	Base	APC	Proceed on R and C
8	9 Sep 66	0900 hrs	D/5 RAR	Base	French Fort YS3962	APC	- 2 <del>4</del>
9		1000 hrs	105 Fd Bty	TENNIS	French Fort	APC	- 3 <del>4</del>
10		1100 hrs	103 Fd Bty	TENNIS	Base	APC	- <del>24</del> 24.
11		1430 hrs	C/5 RAR (-)	TENNIS	Base	APC	- 7 2 <del>4</del> .

*0900 hrs RAR  
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Appendix 1 : Sequence of Events - Airmobile Operations.

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Appendix 1 (Sequence of events - Airmobile Operations) to Annex A (Movement Details) to Frag Order 4-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE)

Serial	Depart Canberra Ave	Arrive Bn LZ	Depart Bn LZ	Arrive Canberra Ave	Remarks
1	0800	0806	0807	0813	Insertion 6 RAR. Also RAAF C and C ship to pick up CO 6 RAR at Canberra Ave at 0800 hrs and CO 5 RAR at Binh Ba at 0815 hrs. Fly as required.
2	0814	0820	0821	0827	
3	0828	0834	0835	0841	
4	0842	0848	0849	0855	
5	0856	0902	0903	0909	Commence extraction D/5 RAR
6	0910	0916	0917	0923	
7	0924	0930	0931	0935*	* Arrive A/5 RAR PZ
7a	Shuttle A/5 RAR from PZ to Binh Ba.			0935 - 0945	
8		0955	0956	1002	
9	1003 +	1009			+ Number of aircraft as required.

- Notes:
1. Each UH1D will carry 7 troops
  2. Aircraft will refuel individually at Baria as necessary.

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OPORD 1-9-66 (OPERATION VAUCLUSE)

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1. SIT

a. En Forces - Annex A

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Arty fire base protected by Coy 5 RAR loc area YS 3963 from D + 2.
- (2) 1 APC Sqn carrying out show of force as deception measure area YS 2963 on D - 1
- (3) One Coy 5 RAR assist in protection 6 RAR base loc

c. Atts and Dets

- (1) In DS - 161 Bty RNZA
- (2) In Sp - 1 Fd Regt less 161 Bty.
- (3) On Call - Elms 1 Fd Sqn RAE for assistance with LZ const and dml.  
RAAF Iroquois  
161 Recce Flt ac.

2. MSN

6 RAR is to search NUI DINH hills and destroy en and en installations loc.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Op

- (1) Deception plan D-1 to incl APC show of force YS 2963, air and arty strikes SOUTH and SW of main feature.
- (2) Move by air on D - 1 to LZ in conjunction with extraction of elms 5 RAR from same LZ.
- (3) Move by ni where nec to SL for Phase 1.
- (4) Search of main feature from NE to SW by phases with sectors allocated to Coys. Particular attention to be paid to ridges and reentrants.
- (5) All signs of recent en mov to be fol up.
- (6) After search of main feature, search EAST slopes.
- (7) No resup until D + 2 then air sup incl air drop if nec.
- (8) All rifle coys normal atts and dets.

b. Gen. Outline See Annex P

- (1) Prelim ops (D-1)
  - (a) Deception plan as above.

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- (b) Bn move by hel to LZ ARDATH YS 3773 or altn LZ CAPSTAN YS 3673.
- (c) Bn move on foot to conc area YS 3572.
- (2) Phase 1 - (D Day)
  - (a) Three coys move to search sectors A B and C (Annex P)
  - (b) One coy and Bn HQ move to YS 3768
  - (c) Ni har YS 3768
- (3) Phase 2 (D + 1 to D + 2)
  - (a) Bn moves up spur from YS 3568 to top of feature YS 338674
  - (b) Coys search and clear to Phase 2 line.
- (4) Phase 3 (D + 3 to D + 5)
  - (a) Two Coys move to NUI ONG CAU (YS 3666) searching on route.
  - (b) One coy searches towards NUI DINH (YS 3365) as far as Phase 3 line.
  - (c) One coy and Bn HQ remains YS 338674.
- (5) Phase 4 (D + 6 to D + 9)
  - (a) One coy searches SW astride ridge line to hill YS 3262.
  - (b) One coy searches reentrant from YS 353659 to astride creek YS 325633.
  - (c) One coy searches astride ridge from YS 342666 to hill YS 3163. Bn HQ move with this coy.
  - (d) One coy moves to NUI DINH YS 3365 as res then searches ridge to hill YS 326641.
- (6) Phase 5 (D + 10 to D + 12)
  - (a) Bn HQ and two coys move EAST and NE to search features YS 3662 and 3865.
  - (b) Two coys move NE to search SE and EAST slopes of main feature to YS 3865.
  - (c) Bn then concs.
- (7) Phase 6 (D + 13 to D + 15)
  - (a) One coy moves NW and searches NE slopes of main feature to area YS 3667 then moves EAST for air extraction.
  - (b) Remainder extracted by APC.

c. A Coy

- (1) Prelim ops - leading coy responsible for securing conc area and protection of Bn har party which will move with A Coy.
- (2) Phase 1 Search Sector B
- (3) Phase 2 Search spur running ENE from YS 342674
- (4) Phase 3 Search NUI ONG HUU feature.
- (5) Phase 4 Search reentrant to YS 325633.
- (6) Phase 5 In conjunction with D Coy search SE and EAST slopes of main feature.
- (7) Phase 6 Remain with Bn HQ YS 3865 until extraction by APC.

d. B Coy

- (1) Phase 1 Search sector C
- (2) Phase 2 Search ridge to SW of YS 338668.
- (3) Phase 3 Search ridge to saddle YS 337662
- (4) Phase 4 Search ridge from NUI DINH to YS 326641 (with Bn HQ)
- (5) Phase 5 In conjunction with C Coy search feature YS 3662 then to YS 3865.
- (6) Phase 6 Remain in Bn loc YS 3865 until extraction by APC.

e. C Coy

- (1) Phase 1 Search sector A
- (2) Phase 2 Search ridge running ENE from YS 343668
- (3) Phase 3 Search NUI ONG CAU
- (4) Phase 4 Search ridge through NUI THI to YS 3262
- (5) Phase 5 In conjunction with B Coy search feature YS 3662 then to YS 3865
- (6) Phase 6 Remain in Bn Loc YS 3865 until extraction by APC.

f. D Coy

- (1) Phases 1 - 3 Bn res. Move with Bn HQ
- (2) Phase 4 Search ridge from NUI DINH to YS 316636
- (3) Phase 5 In conjunction with A Coy search SE and EAST slopes of main feature
- (4) Phase 6 Search EAST and NE slopes of main feature then move to YS 3867 for hel extraction.

g. Mor Pl

- (1) Two sects remain base loc
- (2) One sect to be on 30 min stand by for hel lift to Phase 2 area on D + 1 with sect first line ammo.
- (3) Subsequent moves to be advised.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl

- (1) Aslt Pnr Pl less one sect to move with Bn HQ.
- (2) To carry hand saws and axes and small range of explosives.
- (3) Additional explosives and 2 chain saws to be held at Ech for move fwd by hel when called. One member Aslt Pnr Pl to be under comd Ech for advice on mov of stores.
- (4) One sect to remain in base loc for security of area.

j. Atk Pl

Remain base loc for security D Coy area.

k. Arty

Normal atts

l. Engrs

- (1) Elms remain on call 1 Fd Sqn area with chain saws and explosives.
- (2) Tasks envisaged, preparation of LZ and destruction of VC installations loc.

m. Coord Instr

(1) Order of move from base area D - 1

A Coy (incl Bn har party)  
B Coy  
Bn HQ (incl Aslt Pnr Pl (-) )  
C Coy  
D Coy

(2) Timings

(a) To be advised - no move before 0900H, D - 1

(b) D Day 9 Sep 66

(3) Routes, har areas - see Annex P

(4) Topographical Names - see Annex Q

(5) Bn Har Party moves with A Coy D - 1. To be prep to receive sub units into conc area.

4. Adm and Log

a. Rats

(1) 4 days (24hr packs) on the man

(2) First resup D + 1 or D + 2, and every two days thereafter. Each resup to incl 1 C rat and 1 24hr pack if possible.

b. Ammo

(1) Revised first line (140 rds/rifle) on the man/ with wpn.

(2) Bn res with A Ech

(3) No flame, 106mm or 81mm to be carried initially

(4) Mor first line to be prepared for air del.

(5) A marker balloon to be carried by each Coy. Each air drop to incl marker balloon.

c. Water

(1) Local resources to be used wherever possible as resup may be difficult and time consuming.

(2) Water to be sterilized before use.

d. Batteries

(1) Three per sta carried within sub units.

(2) No standard resup.

e. Resup

(1) By hel not before D + 1

(2) Air drop avail on four day forecast. Confirmation on Drop Day - 2  
Planned air drop for D + 7

(3) Air drop code. A Coy - A. B Coy - J. C Coy - C. D Coy - R.  
Sp Coy - S.

(4) Demands to be sent in clear to A Q Sect on altn Bn frequency.

(5) Del to be con on sub unit cmd net where possible

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f. A Ech

- (1) No move from present loc.
- (2) Air despatch crew att from Det A D Coy.
- (3) Prepare ammo and resup demands and arrange ac booking.
- (4) Have first set of sub unit kit bags ready for del with first resup.
- (5) Be prepared to del chain saws and explosive kits.

g. Med

- (1) RAP with Bn HQ
- (2) Casevac as decided by Bn HQ. Only serious cas to be evac by air before first resup.
- (3) NOTICAS. SOP. Regt number will be used and NOT Coy codes.
- (4) Anti malaria and Anti mite refer 6 RAR A579 dated 3 Sep.

h. Str Returns. To Adjt by 1600H D-2 together with nominal roll of rear party.

5. Comd and Sig

a. Bn HQ

Moves as shown Anx P.

b. Comms. Radio only - no line to be carried.

c. Current SOI apply.

Lt Col  
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CO 6 RAR

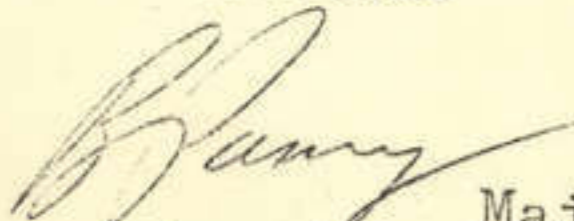
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Annexes - A En Sit  
 P Routes, har areas  
 Q Topographical Names

Distribution

- List F (25)
- HQ 1 ATF (6)
- 1 APC Sqn (1)
- 1 Fd Regt (6)
- 1 Fd Sqn (1)
- 5 RAR (2)
- 3 SAS Sqn (1)

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ENEMY SITUATION

1. General

275 Regiment after the battle of LONG TAN withdrew in a general NE direction and they are now believed to be in the vicinity of HQ 5 DIV VC in the North of PHUOC TUY or South of LONG KHANH province.

274 Regiment about the time of the LONG TAN battle moved from the West and sat astride interprovincial highway No 2 from the 80 northing, North to the vicinity of PHUOC TUY province boundary. When it became obvious that the 275 Regimental attack had failed 274 Regiment returned Westwards in the general area 3778, 3782. One report stated that D445 Bn (also known as 860 or B. RIA Bn) were with them. This latter point may have been correct in part as D445 has an intimate knowledge of the terrain and elements may be attached to these main Regiments as guides.

Operation Toledo which sped 275 Northwards in their retreat, developed in its final phase, to the West and searched and cleared positions known to be "home ground" to 274 Regiment. By this time the Regiment had withdrawn. It is thought that it has moved to the NW but it must be appreciated that it could have moved SOUTH to the Area of Operation VAUCLUSE.

AREA OF OPERATIONS

2. General

- a. The permanent VC on this feature are believed to consist of a VC Commission named the CHAU DUC DISTRICT COMMISSION, elements to guard them who also man the various observation posts in the area and a communications & liaison platoon.

Composition

- b. The district commission is split into two sections namely.
- (1) Section 1 (Political)  
Consisting of a secretary, an executive officer, a political officer and their staff.
  - (2) Section 2 (Military Affairs)  
Consisting of a Chief of Military Affairs his executive officer and staff.

The communications and liaison platoon has a strength of twenty - six men whose weapons vary. It is most likely that the VC killed by A Coy recently came from this platoon.

The guards and staff of the observation posts amount to approx 100 men.

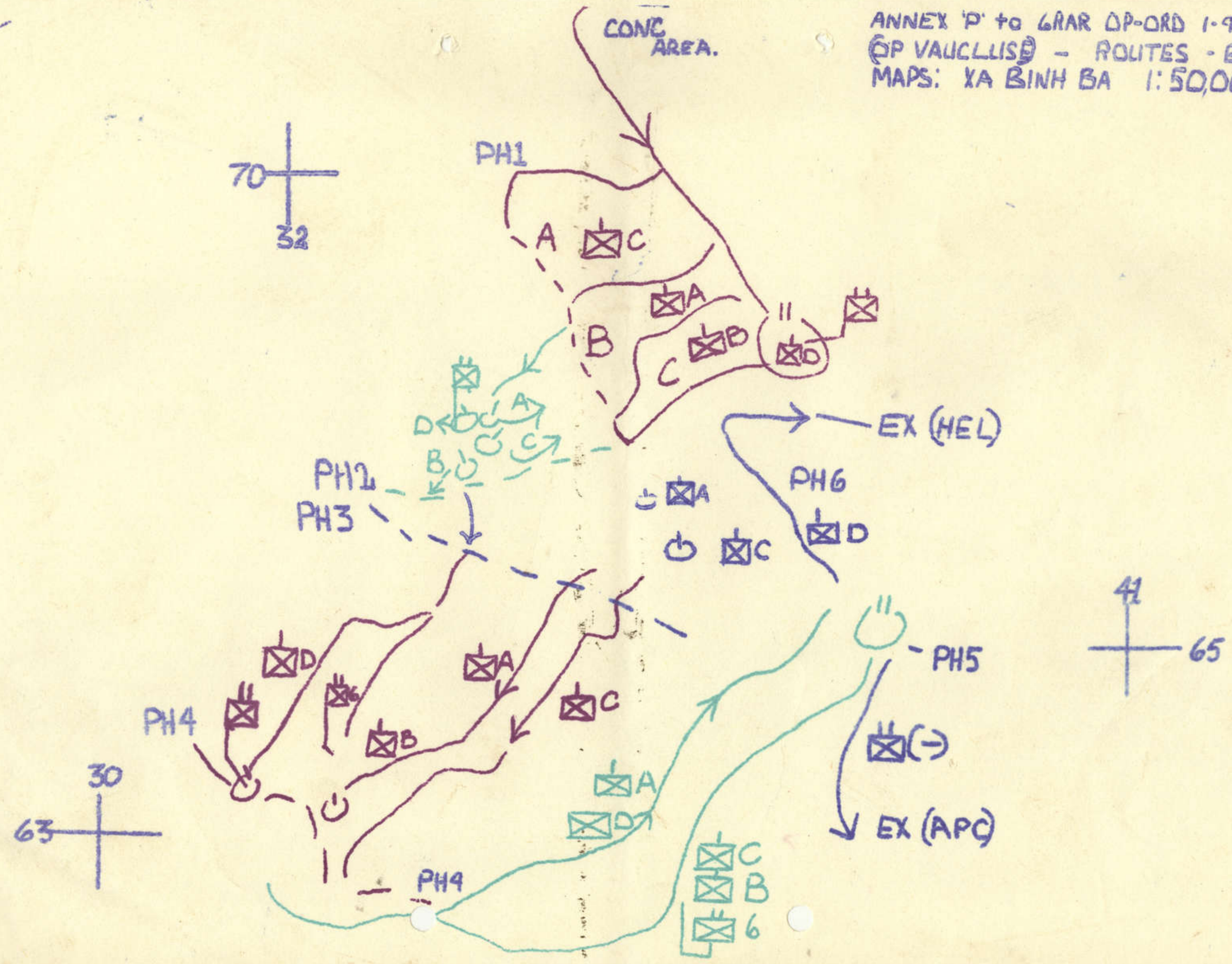
Location

- c. The last reported location of the CHAU DUC DISTRICT COMMISSION was at GR 341655 (15 Jul)

Conclusion

- d. It is expected that only small groups of enemy will be encountered, the maximum being SQUAD/PLATOON size. However the possibility of elements of 274 Regiment or D445 Bn being in the area cannot be ignored.

ANNEX 'P' to 6RAR OP-ORD 1-9-66  
(OP VAUCLISE) - ROUTES - ETC.  
MAPS: YA BINH BA 1:50,000

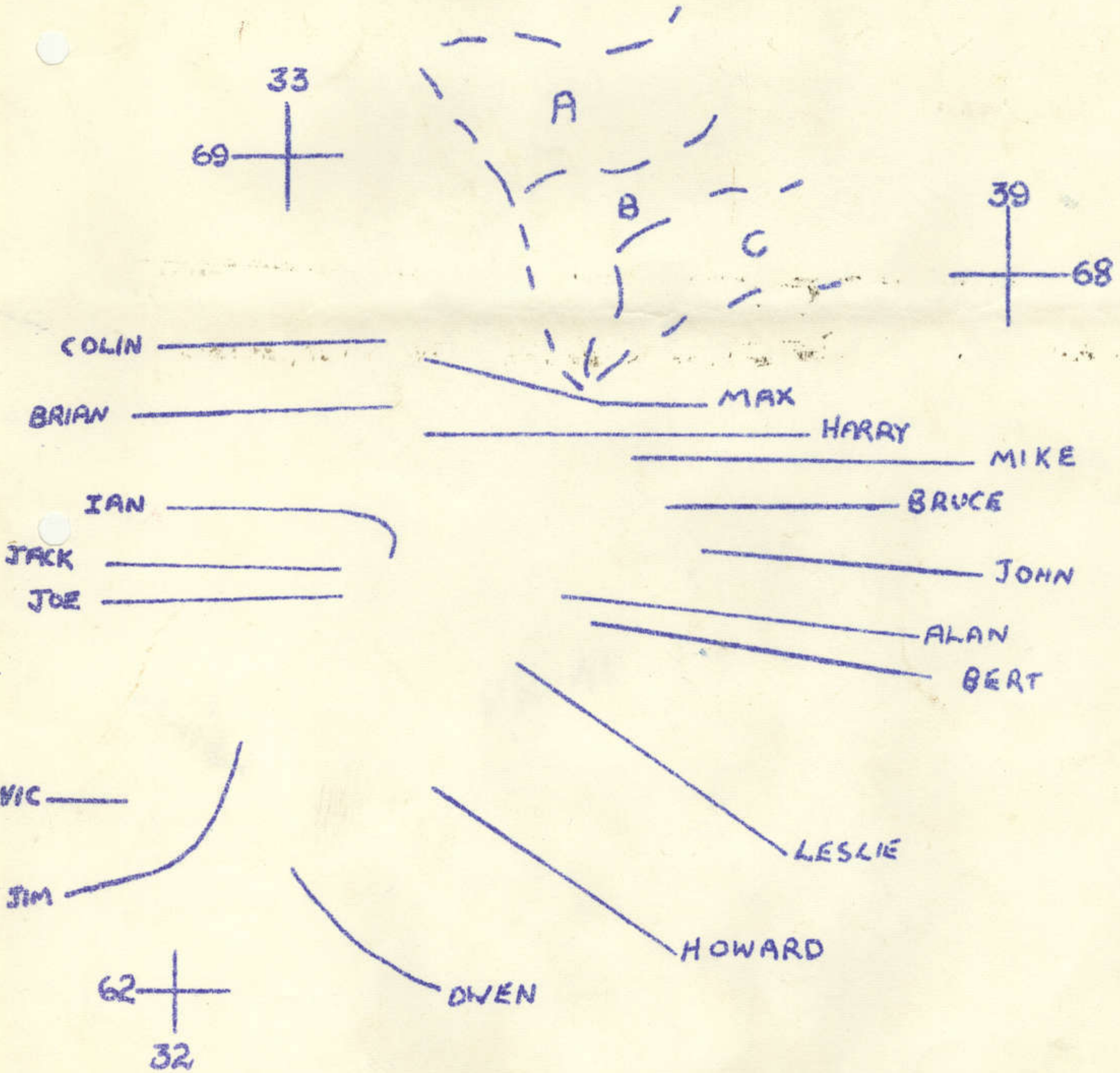


ANNEX Q TO GRAR  
OPORD 1-9-66 (OP VAUCLUSE)  
MAP XA BINH BA 1:50,000  
TOPOGRAPHICAL NAMES

LZ ARDATH

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Change 1 to Frag Order 3-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE)

Reference: Same as Frag Order 3-3-66.

1. In paragraph 2, change grid reference to read YS3365.
2. In paragraph 3.d.(5) (b) add following detail as last sentence.  
"1 Fd Regt RAA less 103 Fd Btry RAA move to FRENCH FORT  
YS3962".

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Frag Order 3-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE)

Reference: A. Frag Order 2-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE) dated 18 Jul 66.

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

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

1:25,000 Enlargement NUI DINH HILLS.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Detailed enemy information is attached at Annex Q.
- (2) It is believed that there is one and possibly two companies of Main Force VC in the AO. These forces are probably part of 274 Regt and can be expected to have local guerilla forces in support to provide trail watchers, sentries and carrying parties.
- (3) There are also Observation Posts in the AO and these can be expected to be well dug in and protected with overhead cover.
- (4) To date, the VC have regarded these hills as being a safe haven and move with impunity throughout the area. Apart from reconnaissance patrols, friendly activity has been limited to artillery fire and air strikes. VC control of the area has not yet been seriously contested and in view of this, the enemy are probably using this area not only to hide and rest, but to prepare and position themselves for harrassment prior to and during the National Elections on 11 Sep 66.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 3 SAS Sqn have been conducting reconnaissance patrols in area since 20 July 1966. A number of these patrols engaged the VC and inflicted casualties.
- (2) A/6 RAR has conducted patrols in strength through the NE approaches to the area from 2 September 1966. These have made minor contact.
- (3) Current ARVN, RF and PF dispositions are attached at Annex A.
- (4) 12th Aviation Group provides one airmobile company in support on 8 September from 0745H hours.
- (5) Air: Airlight targets have been requested as follows:

Target	UTM Coordinates	TOT
I. 3-9-1	YS 328664	090400H Sep
	YS 360652	
	YS 354636	
	YS 323647	
II. 3-9-2	YS 347668	090430H Sep
	YS 375674	
	YS 377661	
	YS 349655	

2. MISSION: 1 ATF conducts search and destroy operations in mountain areas NW of BARIA, centre of mass YS 4365.

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EXECUTION:

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3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) 6 RAR conducts an airmobile move from 1 ATF Base Area to an LZ secured by one company 5 RAR on 8 August.
- (2) Battalion conducts search and destroy operations in area of operation (Annex P) from 9 to approximately 24 September.
- (3) TF 6 RAR prepares four LZs, each capable of taking an airmobile company, at tactical points in area of operation.
- (4) 52nd Ranger Battalion provides a blocking force in vicinity of YS 2964, YS 3063, YS 3163, YS 3162, YS 3262 and YS 3362 to block off the southern exit routes from the area.
- (5) Defoliation of the area will be requested.

b. 5 RAR:

- (1) Secure LZ (with one company) for airmobile operation 6 RAR on 8 August as arranged with 6 RAR.
- (2) Provide protection for gun areas with one company at each location as follows:
  - (a) XA BINH BA.
  - (b) Area TENNIS YS 433708 from 071400H September until 091700H September.
  - (c) FRENCH FORT YS 3962 from 091200H September until 241800H September.

Effect direct liaison with 1 Fd Regt RAA for details of timings and locations.

- (3) Maintain one company at XA BINH BA YS 4474 until approximately 12 September.
- (4) Provide one company for protection of 6 RAR Base Area from 081200H September.
- (5) Maintain one company as ready reaction force at two hours notice for operations in support of XA BINH BA or VAUCLUSE from 080800H September.

c. 6 RAR:

- (1) Conduct an airmobile operation from 1 ATF Base Area to a secure LZ NORTH of the area of operation. LZ to be secured by one company 5 RAR.
- (2) Conduct extensive search and destroy operations from 9 September to approximately 24 September 1966 through the NUI DINH hill mass to destroy all VC personnel and bases.
- (3) Clear four landing zones at tactical points, each capable of taking an airmobile company.

d. 1 Fd Regt RAA:

- (1) Provide 105 Fd Btry RAA in general support of 1 ATF but at priority call for CB.
- (2) Provide 103 Fd Btry RAA in direct support 5 RAR.

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- (3) Provide 161 Fd Btry RNZA in direct support 6 RAR.
  - (4) Provide A Btry 2/35 US Arty in general support 1 ATF but at priority call to 6 RAR.
  - (5) Be prepared to deploy as follows:
    - (a) 071200H September: 1 Fd Regt RAA less 103 and 161 Btrys to area TENNIS YS 433706. On the completion of this, 103 Btry also to TENNIS.
    - (b) 090700H September: 161 Fd Btry RNZA to FRENCH FORT YS 3962. At the completion of this, 103 Fd Btry RAA to base locations. *1 Fd Regt RAA less 103 Fd Btry RAA move to French Fort YS 3962.*
- e. 1 APC Sqn:
- (1) Move elements 1 Fd Regt RAA to gun positions as required. Effect direct liaison with 1 Fd Regt RAA.
  - (2) Maintain six APCs in support of one company 5 RAR at XA BINH BA.
  - (3) Place one troop at two hours notice to move ready reaction force company from 5 RAR from 080800H September.
- f. 1 Fd Sqn RAE:
- (1) Be prepared to support 6 RAR with Combat Engineer teams from 110800H September. Movement by helicopter.
  - (2) Be prepared to assist 6 RAR with construction of LZs in NUI DINH hill area.
- g. 3 SAS Sqn:
- (1) Continue to provide surveillance patrols EAST of Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT 2) as ordered.
  - (2) Patrol tasks are to give early warning of approach to 1 ATF Base Area from EAST.
- h. Aviation (161 (indep) Recce Flt):
- (1) Provide one H 13 in support 6 RAR from 080800H September.
  - (2) Continue fixed wing surveillance flights as previously ordered.
- i. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) D Day. 8 September 1966.
  - (2) Air (USAF):
    - (a) One FAC ground radio operator in support 6 RAR from 080800H September.
    - (b) FAC aircraft on call to 6 RAR from 080800H September.
  - (3) Air (RAAF):
    - (a) Provide two HU1Bs 9 Sqn RAAF in direct support of 6 RAR from 080800H September.
    - (b) Provide further two HU1Bs 9 Sqn RAAF in general support of 1 ATF daily from 0800 hours.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

- a. Forecast of logistic support, including transport requirements and 81mm mortar ammunition, and method of resupply to be advised to HQ 1 ATF as soon as possible.
- b. DUSTOFF facility exists as normal. DUSTOFF aircraft will be based at 1 ATF DUSTOFF pad YS 434665 0700 hours H to 1700 hours H daily.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal: 1 ATF SOI.
- b. A rebroadcast station will be deployed by 103 Sig Sqn on VC HILL (YS 2645) for the duration of the operation.
- c. Light aircraft is available for aerial rebroadcast if required.
- d. Command: HQ 1 ATF remains present location.

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Distribution: Annex Z (Distribution)

- Annexes:
- A. Friendly Forces.
  - P. Area of Operations.
  - Q. Intelligence.
  - Z. Distribution.

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Annex A (Friendly Forces) to Frag Order 3-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE)

1. ARVN UNITS:

52nd Ranger Bn (-)	YS 513544
52nd Ranger Co 2	YS 384614
101st Arty Btry A3 Plt	YS 477597
101st Arty Btry A2 Plt	YS 463778
101st Arty Btry A1 Plt	YS 655686
35th Arty Btry B2 Plt	YS 381613
Co B 5th MP Bn	YS 376605, YS 376608
PHU MY Post	YS 236770

2. RF:

Sector HQ	YS 377608
455 RF Co	YS 396607
576 RF Co	YS 450583, YS 488583
577 RF Co	YS 425573, YS 431547
578 RF Co	YS 285630
586 RF Co	YS 451584
609 RF Co HQ	YS 264673
611 RF Co	YS 655686
612 RF Co	YS 515536
613 RF Co	YS 463778
614 RF Co	YS 445746
615 RF Co	YS 503557
637 RF Co	YS 293464
701 RF Co	YS 252745
771 RF Co	YS 477597
772 RF Co	YS 396609
787 RF Co	YS 419636
LONG LE Sub Sector	YS 419636
LONG DIEN Sub Sector	YS 430596
DAT DO Sub Sector	YS 477597
DUC THANH Sub Sector	YS 463778
XUYEN MOC Sub Sector	YS 655686
A & C Co	YS 382620
26 Boat Co	YS 377571
RF Int Plt	YS 376608
RF Int Sqd one each sub sector	
361, 910 Mech Plt	YS 382620
Psywar CA	YS 382620

Training Centre

3. PF:

1 Plt	YS 382620
2 Plt	YS 419637
3 Plt	YS 364610, YS 374610
4 Plt	YS 356614
5 Plt Squad A	YS 374602
5 Plt Squad B	YS 376616
5 Plt Squad C	YS 370613
6 Plt Squadd A & B	YS 376610
6 Plt Squad C	YS 378574
7 Plt Squad A	YS 384614
7 Plt Squad B	YS 381616
8 Plt	YS 330612
9 & 10 Plt	YS 318610

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11 & 12 Plt	YS 300614
13 Plt	YS 306610
14 & 19 Plt	YS 268668
15 Plt	YS 301561
16 Plt	YS 275446
17 Plt Squad A & B	YS 373610
17 Plt Squad C	YS 376612
18 Plt Squad A & B	YS 377571
18 Plt Squad C	YS 380606
20 Plt	YS 430596
21 Plt Squad A	YS 427596
21 Plt Squad B	YS 427606
21 Plt Squad C	YS 414607
22 Plt	YS 464596
23 Plt	YS 449492
24, 25, 26 Plt	YS 396506, YS 419517
27 Plt	YS 370540
28 Plt Squad A	YS 348517
28 Plt Squad B	YS 326503
28 Plt Squad C	YS 308494
29 Plt 1/2 Squad A	YS 277468
29 Plt 1/2 Squad A	YS 278439
29 Plt Squad B	YS 277470
29 Plt Squad C	YS 274459
29 Plt Squad C	YS 277429
29 Plt Squad C	YS 278439
30 Plt Squad A & B	YS 266455
30 Plt Squad C	YS 276433
31 Plt Squad A	YS 285420
31 Plt Squad B	YS 278438
32 Plt	YS 262461
33, 34, 35 Plt	YS 477597
36 Plt Squad A & B	YS 515536
37 Plt	YS 463776
38 Plt	YS 490777
39, 40, 41 Plt	YS 485772
42, 43, 44, 45 Plt	YS 498774
46, 47, 48 Plt	YS 655686
49 Plt	YS 647692

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Annex Q (Intelligence) to Frag Order 3-3-66 (Op VAUCLUSE)  
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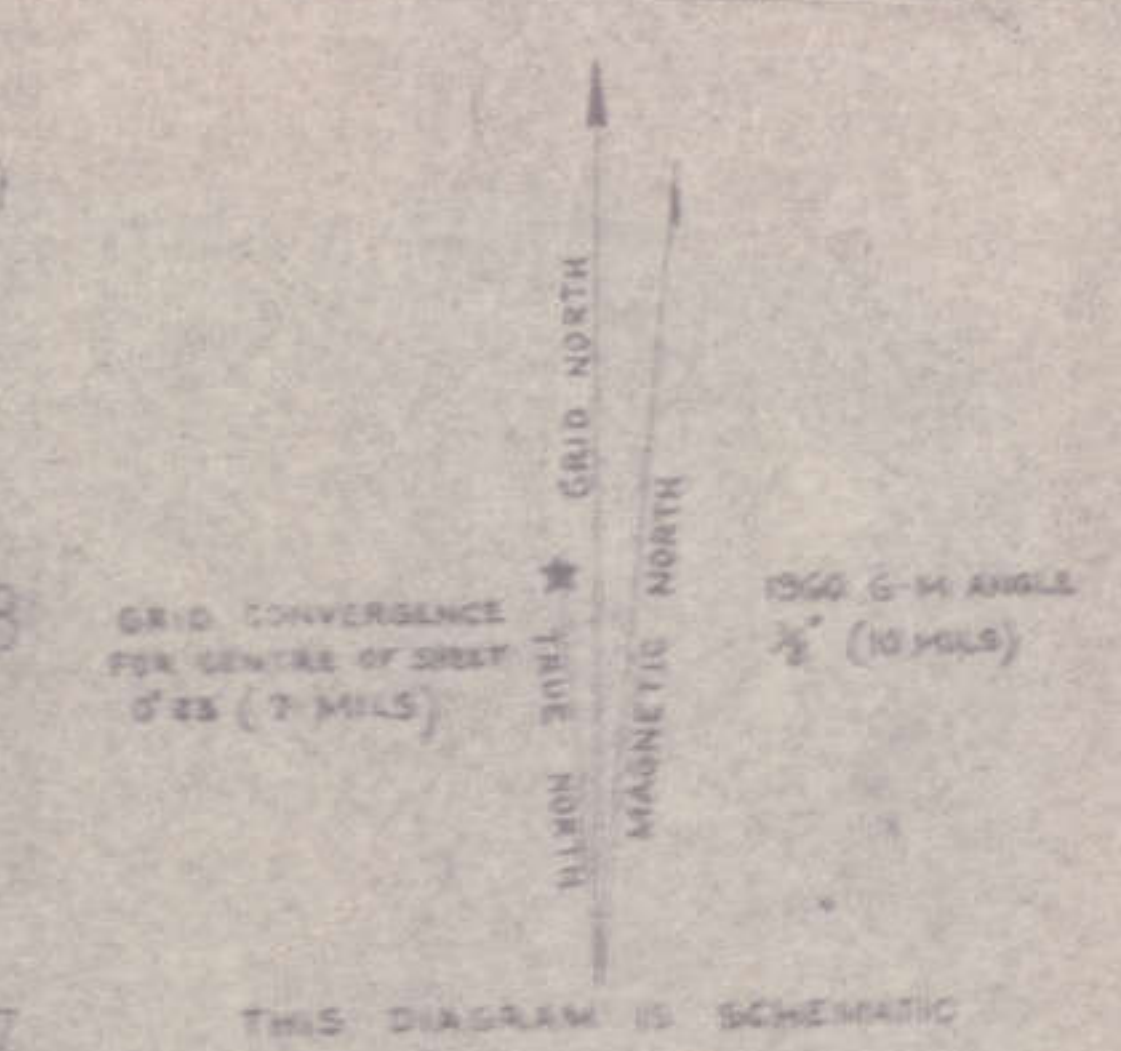
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- Track
- Reported track Exact path not defined
- Forest clearing where no timber occurs
- Clearing where timber occurs
- Open forest ground visible between trees
- Close forest 100% ground cover
- Timber boundary
- Creek both perennial & non-perennial
- Village area, dwelling, pagoda
- Swamp, Paddy, Scrub
- Mangrove, Rubber
- VC Tracks (from captured map)

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547 Sig Tp	10
1 ARU (Log Co)	11
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FRAG ORDER 2-13-66 OP TOLEDO

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000 Pictomap Series L8020  
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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Op TOLEDO originally scheduled for completion on 22 Aug 66 has been further extended.

(2) 173 Abn Bde (Sep), with 2/18 Inf Bn remaining under opcon, is to destroy VC forces and installations in areas of operation shown on Annex F.

(3) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) concept of operations is shown on Annex P and is further explained as follows:

(a) 4/503 lands at position RUBY in AO14 and secures a fire support base.

(b) 1/503 lands at LZ DIAMOND in AO 15 and moves SOUTH through objectives shown on Annex P.

(c) 2/503 lands at position RUBY in AO 14 and moves SOUTH through objectives in AO 16.

(d) 2/18 lands at LZ JADE and establishes a blocking position based on position PEARL in AO 17.

(4) 1 ATF is to establish further blocking positions in AO 19.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Under command from 020800H  
Sep 66 for the duration of the operation 1 APC Sqn (-)

(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 support from 020800 H Sep 66  
for the duration of the operation One H 13 of 161  
Recce Flt. RAAF  
IROQUOIS as required

(5) In support as required through-  
out the operation Demolition teams  
of 1 Fd Sqn

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to destroy any enemy force attempting to move through area of operations 19.

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3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

- (1) 5 RAR, with supporting elements, is to establish blocking positions in AO 19 by 021700 H Sep 66.
- (2) AO 19 is to be subdivided into areas of responsibility as shown on Annex Q.
- (3) 5 RAR is to move to BINH BA area by APC AM 2 Sep 66 then move on foot to the allotted areas. (Annex Q).
- (4) A sect of mors, to be located with A Coy, is to be flown in on 2 Sep 66 when the LZ is secured.
- (5) Coys are to establish base locations at the LZs shown on Annex Q. They are then to patrol their allotted areas with up to two platoons out at a time to detect and block movement from the NORTH.

b. A Company.

- (1) Grouping.
  - (a) Normal attachments.
  - (b) One sect of mors in location from arrival at base LZ in Area NATALIE.
- (2) Tasks.
  - (a) Move to SOUTH WEST rubber corner vic 420738 on the second lift of the APCs departing A Coy base at 0905 H.
  - (b) Wait 30 minutes after the departure of D Coy then move on foot to vic 392744 and secure the LZ shown in Area NATALIE for a coy base location. (Annex Q).
  - (c) Patrol Area NATALIE with up to two platoons out at a time to detect and block movement from the NORTH.
  - (d) Be prepared to sweep Area SAMANTHA when ordered.

c. B Company.

- (1) Grouping. No change.
- (2) Tasks.
  - (a) Move to BINH BA on the first lift of the APCs departing junction CANBERRA Ave - TL2 at 0800H.
  - (b) Secure the Bn HQ/gun area vic 438739 on arrival at BINH BA (Annex Q.) and protect the Arty recce party.
  - (c) Be responsible for the coordination of defence of the Bn HQ gun area.
  - (d) Patrol Area PAMELA in conjunction with APCs with up to two platoons at a time to detect and block movement from the NORTH.
  - (e) Be prepared to relieve C Coy in Area ESME when ordered

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(f) Be prepared to sweep either Areas JILL or RHODA when ordered.

d. C Company.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move to SOUTH WEST rubber corner vic 420738 and secure the area for the arrival of A and D Coys at approx 0930 H.

(b) When A and D Coys have arrived and APCs departed, move NORTH to vic 421746 then WEST to secure a coy base at the LZ shown in Area ESME (Annex Q).

(c) Patrol Area ESME with up to two platoons out at a time to detect and block movement from the NORTH.

(d) Be prepared to change over with B Coy into Area PAMELA when ordered.

(e) Be prepared to sweep either Areas RHODA or JILL when ordered.

e. D Company.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal attachments.

(b) Anti Tk Pl under command from 020900 H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move to SOUTH WEST rubber corner vic 420738 on the second lift of the APCs departing D Coy base at 0900 H.

(b) Marry up with A Coy and Anti Tk Pl at junction CANBERRA Ave and TL2 at 0905H.

(c) Move on foot from 420738 to vic 378736 and secure the LZ shown in Area PAULINE for a coy base location.

(d) Patrol Area PAULINE with up to two platoons out at a time to detect and block movement from the NORTH.

(e) Be prepared to sweep Area MARILYN when ordered

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Sect at present under command C Coy at BINH BA to return to Bn base AP AN PHU.

(b) One sect to accompany Bn HQ to gun area vic 478639. To be track mounted.

(c) One sect to be in location A Coy from time of securing LZ NATALIE

(2) Tasks.

(a) Sect returning to 5 RAR base loc from BINH BA:

/ i. To provide

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- i. To provide fire support for the base area.
  - ii. To be back loaded on normal APCs (NOT mor APCs) when the second lift is completed
- (b) Sect accompanying Bn HQ:
- i. As many mor rounds as possible are to be loaded on APCs reporting 1600 H 1 Sep 66.
  - ii. Mor sect to be track mounted prior to departure on first lift 0800 H 2 Sep 66
  - iii. Provide fire support from vic 438739 for operation
- (c) Sect under command A Coy:
- i. To be on stand by with sling loads to fly in to LZ NATALIE when the area is secured.
  - ii. 200 HE per tube (total 400 rds) are to be taken.
  - iii. Provide fire support for the operation.
- g. Anti Tank Platoon.
- (1) Grouping. Under command D Coy.
  - (2) Tasks.
    - (a) Marry up with D Coy at junction CANBERRA Ave and TL2 at 0905 H 2 Sep 66.
    - (b) To be mounted in APCs by 0900 H 2 Sep 66.
    - (c) As directed by D Coy.
- h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.
- (1) Grouping. Normal.
  - (2) Tasks.
    - (a) Take over operation of water point at 5 RAR villa BINH BA.
    - (b) Form part of Bn HQ group and assist with defence.
    - (c) Pioneer tasks as required.
- i. Armour.
- (1) Grouping.
    - (a) Sqn (-) under command for movement to BINH BA.
    - (b) One tp plus one sect of mor APCs under command for the operation.
  - (2) Tasks.
    - (a) Provide APCs to load mortar rounds at 5 RAR mor line at 1600 H 1 Sep 66.
    - (b) Provide two stores APCs at Bn HQ 5 RAR at 0715 H 2 Sep 66.
    - (c) Provide mor APCs to load mors and crews at mor line at 0715 H 2 Sep 66. Then join main column at TL2 at 0800 H.

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(d) Provide APCs to lift Bn HQ and the rifle coys on 2 Sep 66 as follows:

i. 0750H: At CANBERRA Ave and TL2 : Bn HQ group and B Coy. Depart 0800H for vic 438739.

ii. 0900H: At NUI DAT: D Coy. To then marry up with main column at CANBERRA Ave TL2.

iii. 0900H: At CANBERRA Ave TL2: Anti Tk Pl and A Coy. Depart 0905H.

(e) Escort guns forward on second lift.

(f) Provide one tp and one mor sect to remain with Bn HQ for tasking throughout remainder of operation.

j. Artillery.

(1) Grouping

(a) Normal attachments.

(b) 103 Fd Bty to relocate to vic 438739.

(c) Gun recce party to move in first lift with B Coy.

(2) Tasks

(1) Provide support throughout the operation.

(2) Recce party marry up with B Coy on first APC lift at 0800H 2 Sep 66.

(3) Marry up with second lift of APC's at corner TL2 and Canberra Ave at 0900 H 2 Sep 66.

K. Engineers Engineers demolition parties are on call if required.

L. Aviation

(1) One SIOUX to be available in the Bn HQ forward area from 0900 H 2 Sep 66.

(2) RAAF IROQUIOS to be on call 2 Sep 66 for fly forward of mor sect. Sling loads are required.

(3) RAAF IROQUIOS required in support for resupply tasks daily throughout the operation.

m. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Areas of responsibility, base locations Annex Q.

(2) Security All ranks are to wear red hatbands. These are to be renewed where necessary.

(3) Timings

(a) First lift departs 0800 H 2 Sep 66.

(b) Second lift departs 0800 H 2 Sep 66.

(c) Coys to be in position by 1700 H 2 Sep 66.

(4) Order of March

(a) First lift

Bn HQ, Aslt Pnr Pl, B Coy, gun recce party.

(b) Second lift

A Coy, D Coy, Anti Tk Pl, 103 Fd Bty.

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(5) Rules of Engagement Particular care should be taken as in some cases boundaries are ill defined and US forces are operating to the NORTH. Also, civilian workers can be expected in rubber plantations and rubber jungle fringes. Again:

(a) Fire only:

i. When fired at.

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

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

(6) Civic Action Medcap by RMO to continue when possible.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rations

(1) One days C ration and one days 24 hour pack are to be carried.

(2) Resupply thereafter is to be daily by air.

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

c. Ammunition

(1) Maximum to be carried.

(a) 7 mags per SLR

(b) 7 mags per M16

(c) 8-9 belts per M60 (in lilo inners)

(d) 9-12 rounds per M79

(e) Max mags available for OMC

(f) 81mm Mor max possible within limits of APC and sling load space

d. Medical

(1) RMO with Bn HQ - Medcap when possible

(2) Normal med attachments to apply

(3) Normal med kits to be carried

(4) Evacuation by DUSTOFF

(5) Shell dressings to be carried.

e. Additional Stores

(1) Bn HQ Following to be loaded 1600H 1 Sep 66

(a) 11' x 11' : one

(b) Tables folding : five

(c) Chairs : six

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(2) Assault Pioneer Pl Two chain saws to be loaded 1600H  
1 Sep 66 on APCs.

f. R and C : R and R Both to continue during the operation.  
See Annex B for details.

g. Echelon Bags Two to be prepared.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Bn HQ

(1) On first lift of APCs

(2) Located vic 438739

b. Radio

(1) Frequencies As per current SOIs

(2) Callwords and Callsigns As per current SOIs

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

d. KAC and Op Codes. As per current SOIs

e. Nicknames                      Meaning                      Given By

LONG JUMP	Stand To	All call signs
DULL KNIFE	Stand Down	All call signs
JAZZ BAND	Clearing patrols out	All call signs
SPRING DAY	Clearing patrols in	All call signs
HIGH FLAG	Move/Moving Now	All call signs
SOFT MUSIC	In position or in ambush	All call signs
MOON DOWN	Lift/Lifting ambush	All call signs
DEEP WATER	Harbour	All call signs

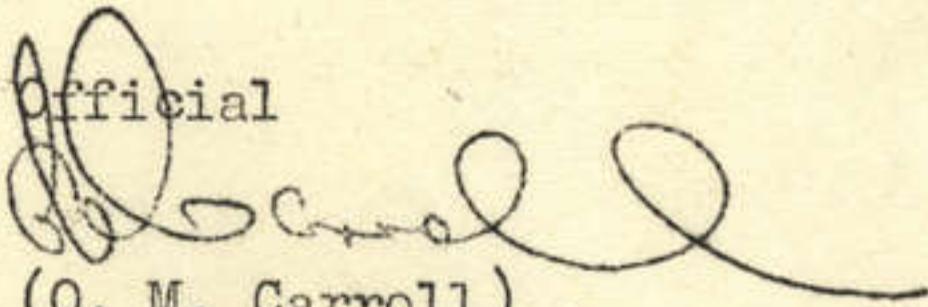
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Annexes A. Intelligence - Enemy  
B. R and C, R and R Arrangements  
P. Operational Overlay 173 Bde/1 ATF  
Q. Operational Overlay AO 19  
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Annex A (Intelligence) to Frag Order 2-13-66 to Op TOLEDO

1. GENERAL.

a. 274 Regt has been located in NORTH WESTERN and NORTH CENTRAL PHUOC TUY during the latter half of August. Information received indicates that this regiment has been considering an attack on the 5 RAR company at BINH BA. This attack was timed for late August or early September as a face saving operation after the serious reversal suffered in mid August. The presence of friendly forces to the NORTH of BINH BA recently must have discouraged any VC plans for an attack on the 5 RAR company, but none the less it is possible that 274 Regt is within or SOUTH EAST of their first field base in the SOUTH EAST corner of the HAT DICH. It is also possible that 274 Regt has withdrawn into the uncontrolled area of SOUTHERN LONG KHAN, across the NORTHERN border of PHUOC TUY. There have been reports of 605 Bn of 250 NVA Regt operating with 274 Regt to make a four battalion force comprising 265 Bn, 308 Bn, 800Bn and 605 Bn. It should be remembered that 274 Regt has the integral support of U306 AA Coy, U308 RR Coy and V310 81mm Mor. Pl.

b. Some local guerilla and mobile VC units may be encountered within the area of operations as on Op SYDNEY, particularly to the WESTERN edge along the SONG CA and its tributary, the SUOI DA DEN. Guerillas are used as couriers between the NORTHERN areas of PHUOC TUY and the WARBURTON MOUNTAIN area. They are usually in groups of six to twelve men. Their activity has been greatly reduced in the past month to what it had been in early 1966. The guerilla units which have been stationed in the area are:

The DUC THANH Company (80 men)

The 50th Platoon (35 men)

The BINH BA Platoon (33 men)

Most of the BINH BA Platoon have been captured.

2. RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY.

a. 5 RAR contacted small groups of guerilla and mobile VC on Op SYDNEY, and discovered many significant enemy installations and tracks. These are shown on

b. There has been a constant pattern of VC movement from the NORTH EAST to the SOUTH WEST of the area of operations. Tracks run along the SUOI LUP and are fed from several branches to the NORTH. The main track leaves the SUOI LUP in square YS 4074 and continues in a SOUTH WESTERLY direction between KOM-LA-VAN YS 395739 and NUI NGHE until it reaches the tributary of the SONG CA immediately to the SOUTH of the SUOI DA DEN. Other tracks branch off this running WEST, to the WEST of KOM LA VAN. VC movement has been reported along all major creeks in the area. However VC use of the tracks in this area is only infrequent now as they have been forced to shift their axis of movement further to the NORTH WEST.

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c. In connection with the recent VC raids on PHU MY YS 2574 there has been a fair amount of movement along the track system which runs across the plains to the NORTH and NORTH EAST of NUI THI VAI YS 294711. This track system has been used extensively by 274 Regt and by mobile units during the past four weeks, and it is possible that members of these units may attempt to escape the sweep of 173 Abn Bde by moving away to the SOUTH WEST on these tracks.

d. There has been regular evidence of VC use of gardens at YS 3477. A FAC received ground fire from this area at 301150H August 66.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. The guerilla units are not capable of tackling forces of above section strength.

b. The main force and mobile units could, by suitable combination, give a company a hard fight for its existence.

4. LIKELY ENEMY REACTIONS.

a. All VC units who are located to the SOUTH of the sweeping force of 173 Abn Bde will probably attempt to escape around the sides of this force, to the NORTH EAST, and, more particularly to the NORTH WEST.

b. Enemy troops who feel that withdrawal to the flank may be cut off may attempt to flee SOUTHWARDS, in order to reach the sanctuary of the WARBURTON MOUNTAIN area. If strong enough pressure can be maintained by the WESTERN edge of the 173 Abn Bde sweep, some VC may be forced into contact with the 5 RAR blocking force particularly along the SUOI DA DEN and SONG CA. These VC will be in the process of flight from a pursuer and are likely to avoid or withdraw from contact, rather than fight their way through one of our positions. Hence our forces should be poised at all levels for short range pursuit and blocking of any VC who come into contact with 5 RAR.

The 5th Platoon (25 men)  
The 11th Platoon (22 men)

Most of the 11th Platoon have been captured.

RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY

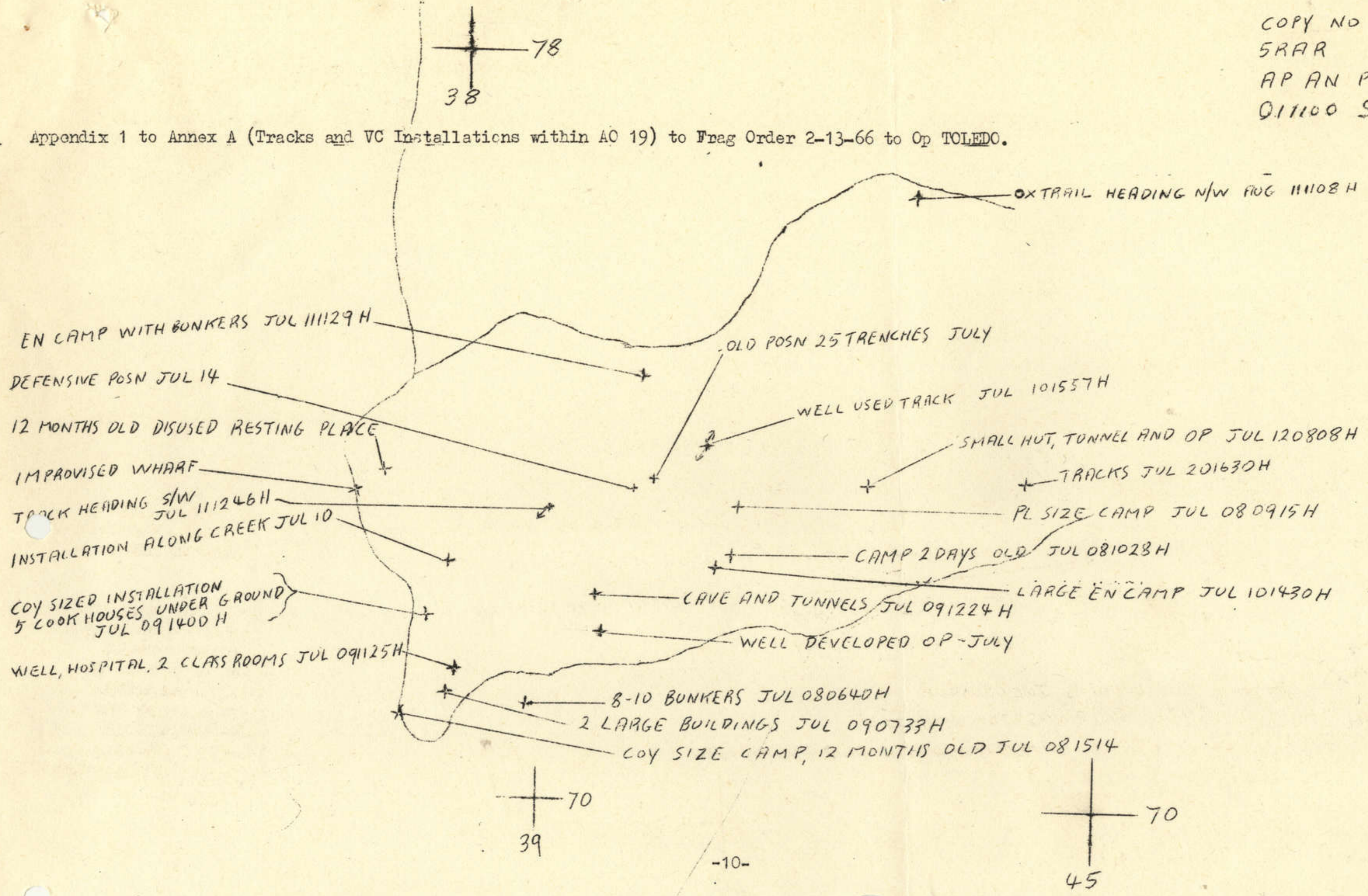
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Annex B (R and C, R and R Allocation) to Frag Order  
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1. R and C. The following allocations are to apply  
during the operation:

a. 1000H 5 Sep 66 - 1000H 7 Sep 66

B Coy	35
Bn HQ	5
Admin Coy	13
Sp Coy	10

b. 1000H 7 Sep 66 - 1000H 9 Sep 66

B Coy	28
Bn HQ	5
Admin Coy	13
Sp Coy	17

c. 1000H 9 Sep 66 - 1000H 11 Sep 66

C Coy	30
Bn HQ	5
Admin Coy	15
Sp Coy	13

d. 1000H 11 Sep 66 - 1000H 13 Sep 66

C Coy	33
Bn HQ	5
Admin Coy	15
D Coy	10

2. R and R. The following are to apply during the operation:

a. A Coy

(1) 5 Sep 66 Two  
(2) 6 Sep 66 Three

b. B Coy 6 Sep 66 Three

c. C Coy 6 Sep 66 Three

d. D Coy

(1) 3 Sep 66 Two (NOT to go on op)  
(2) 6 Sep 66 Three

e. Sp Coy

(1) 5 Sep 66 Four  
(2) 6 Sep 66 Three

f. Admin Coy

(1) 5 Sep 66 One  
(2) 6 Sep 66 Two

g. Bn HQ 6 Sep 66 Two

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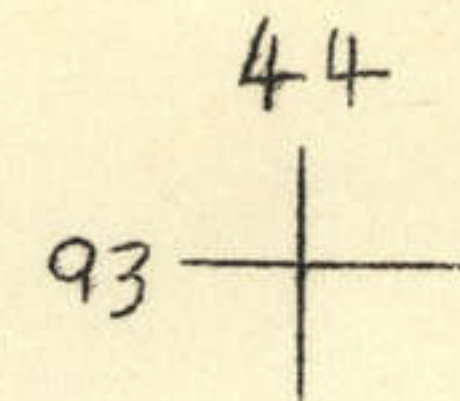
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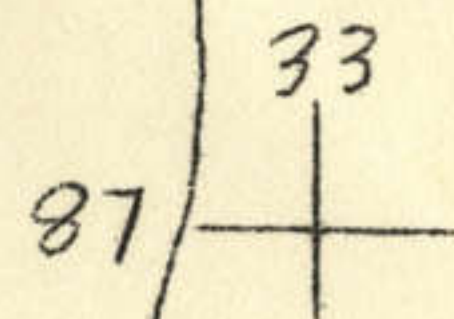
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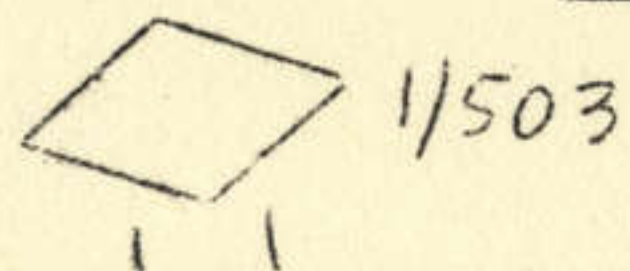


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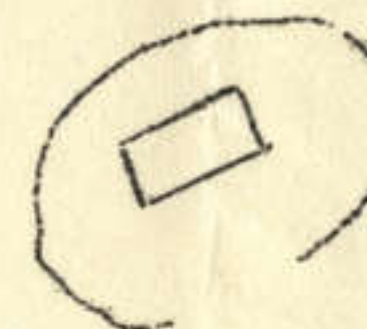


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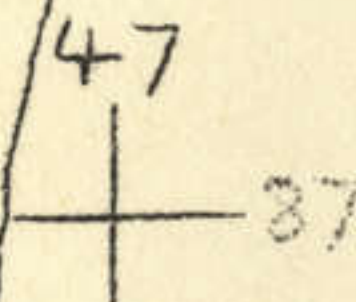


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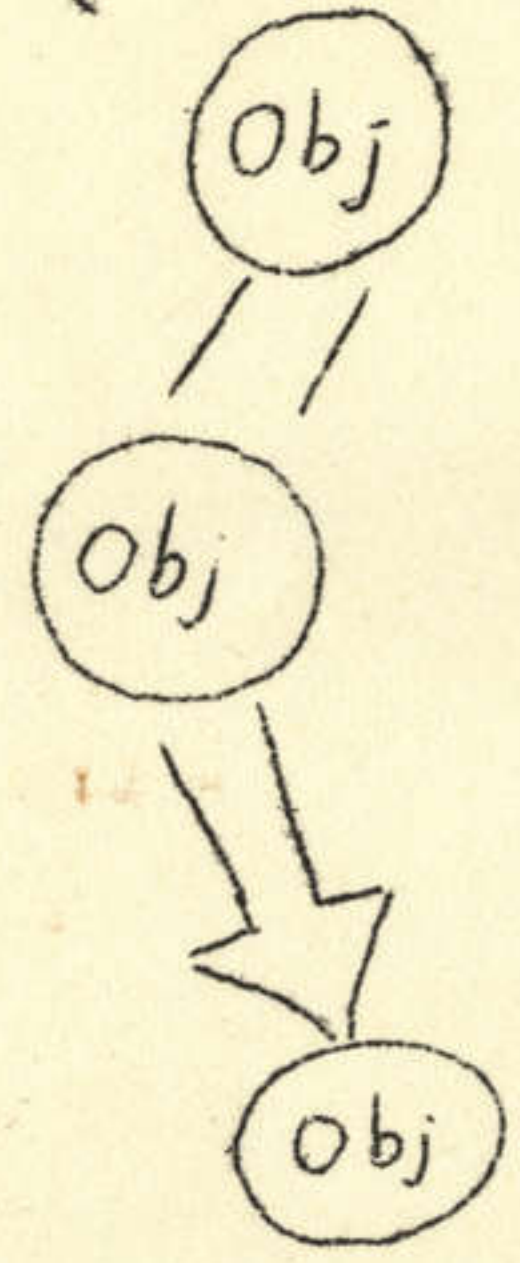
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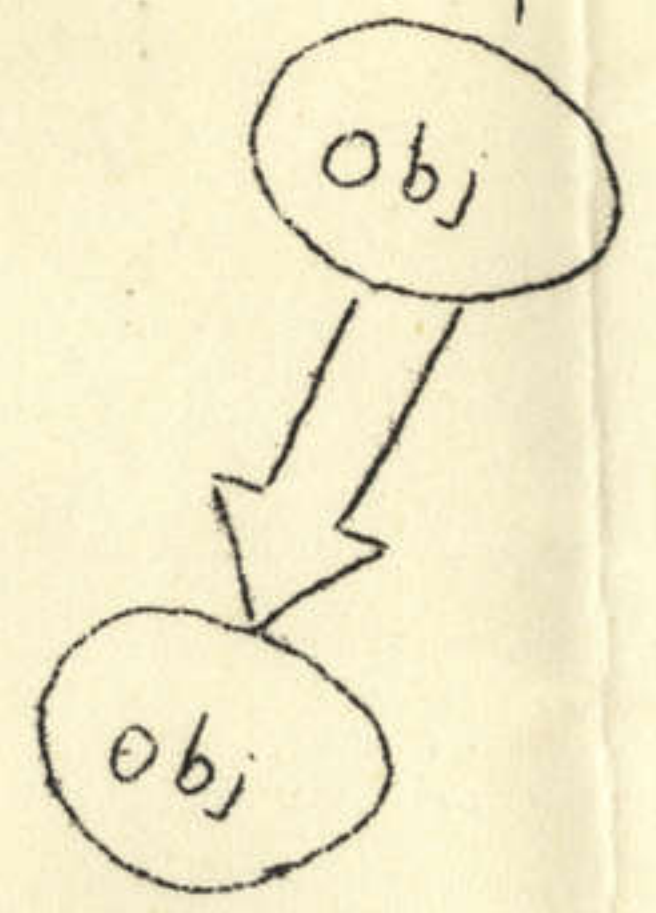
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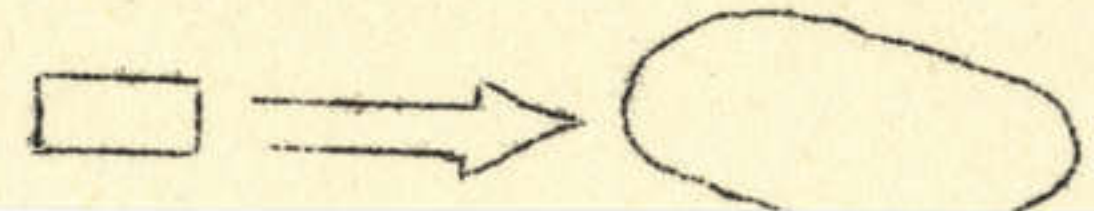
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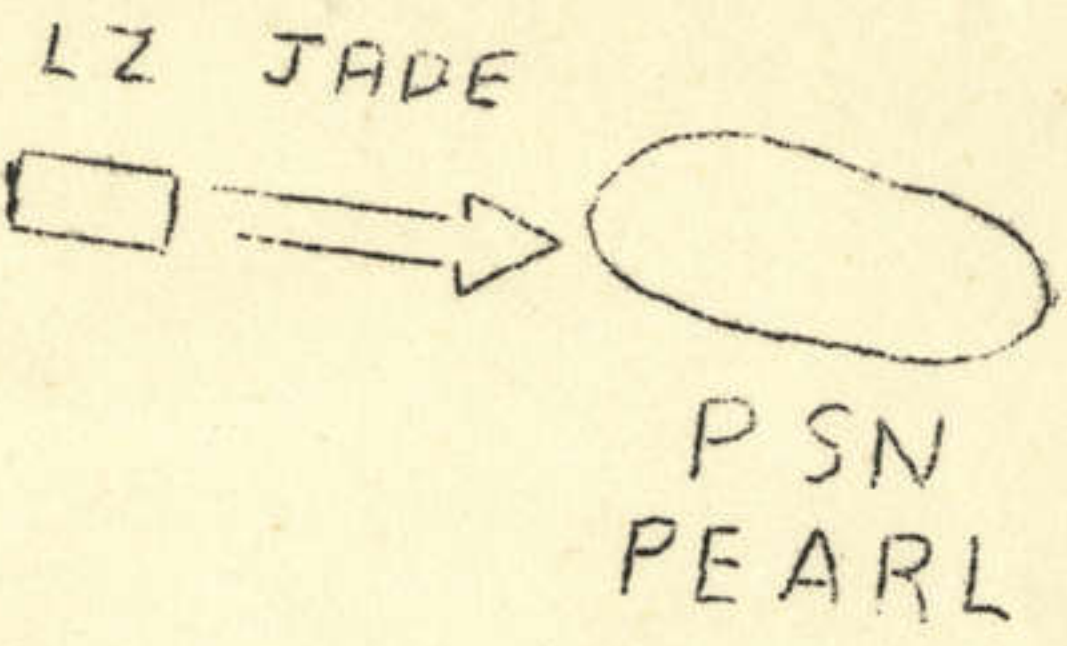
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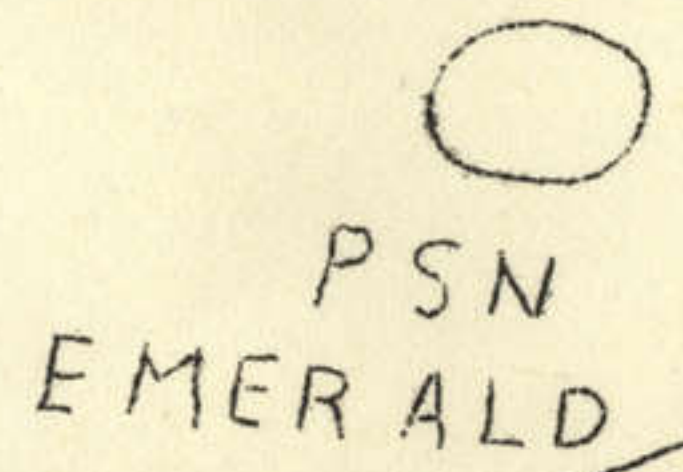
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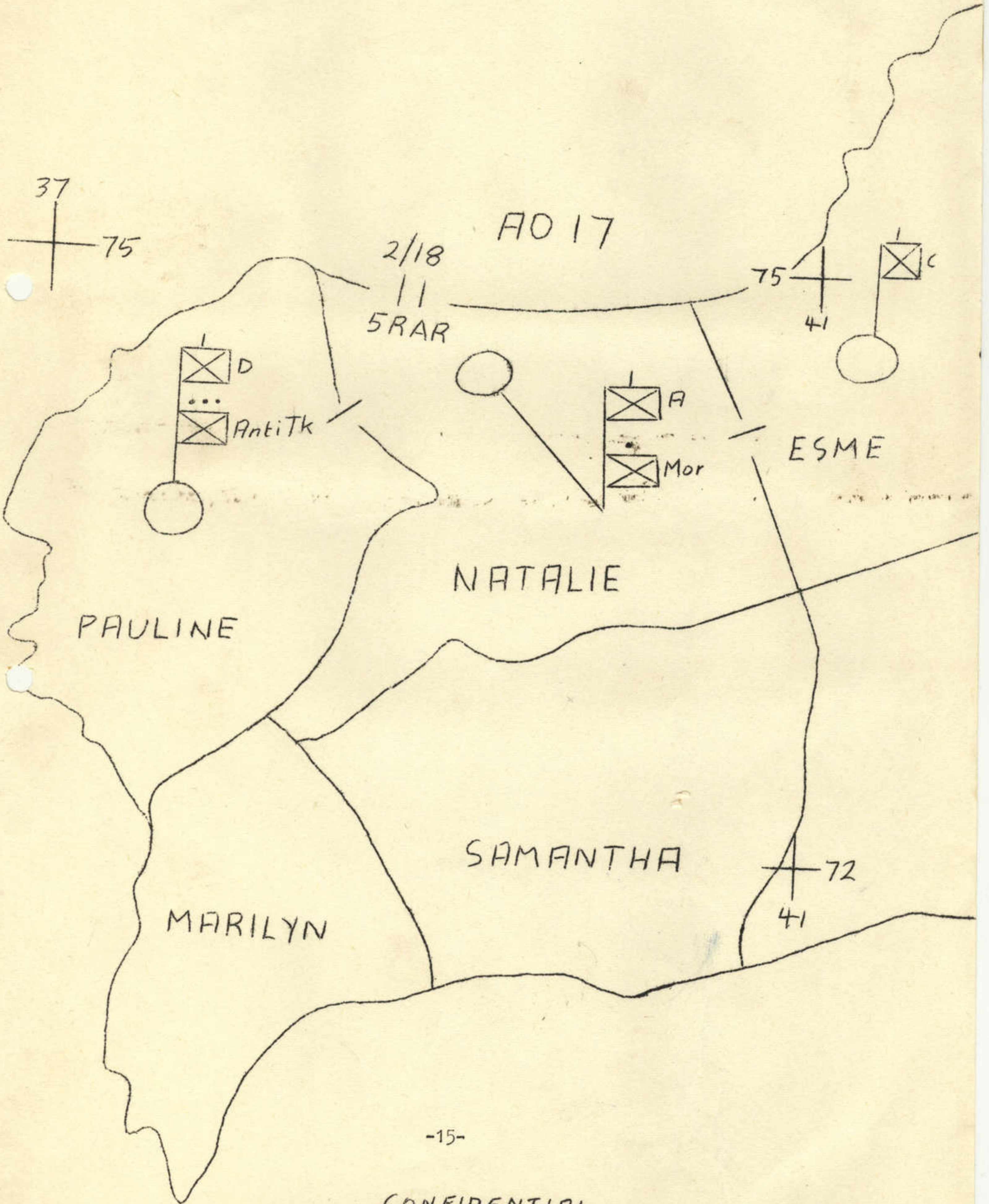
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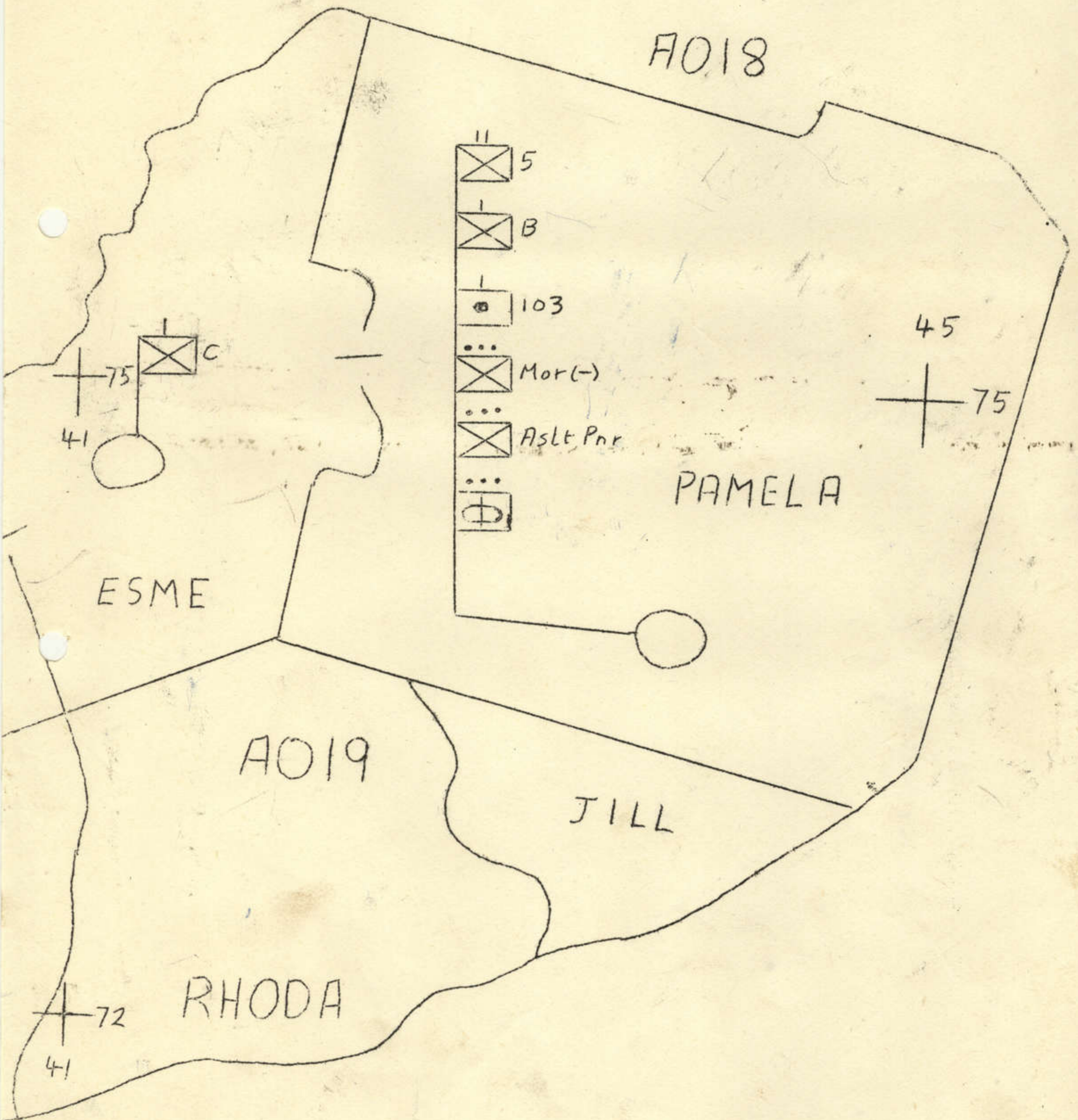
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Aslt Pnr Pl		12
Sig Pl		13
Admin Coy	(3)	14 - 16
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From: 5 RAR

ORIGINATORS NUMBER

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1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 2/18 Inf Bn remain under opcon 173rd Abn Bde (Sep).

(2) 173rd Abn Bde (Sep) mission is to destroy VC forces and installations in areas of operation shown at Annex P.

(3) Concept of Operations: Annex P.

(a) 4/503 lands at psn RUBY in AO 14 and secures Fire Support Base.

(b) 1/503 lands at LZ DIAMOND in AO 15 and moves SOUTH through objectives shown at Annex P.

(c) 2/503 lands at psn RUBY in AO 14 and moves SOUTH through objectives in AO 16.

(d) 2/18 lands at LZ JADE and establishes a blocking psn based on psn PEARL in AO 17.

(e) 1 ATF establishes further blocking psns in AO 19.

c. Attachments and Detachments: No change.

2. MISSION: 1 ATF will destroy any enemy force attempting to move through the ~~given Area of Operation.~~ AO 19

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) 5 RAR, with under command 1 APC Sqn (-), will establish blocking positions in AO 19.

(2) 5 RAR security company will remain at BINH BA

b. 5 RAR:

(1) Establish blocking positions as necessary in AO 19 by 021700H Sep 66.

(2) Continue to provide one rifle company for security at BINH BA.

c. 6 RAR:

(1) Place one rifle company on standby at two hours notice to move as ready reaction force from 021700H September.

(2) Continue limited patrolling of 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Continue preparation for Operation VAUCLUSE. Be prepared to commence this operation 8 September.

SECRET-NOFORN

/d. 1 Fd Regt RAA:

SECRET - NOFORN

d. 1 Fd Regt RAA:

- (1) Move 105 Fd Btry RAA to CANBERRA Avenue gun position by 021000H September.
- (2) Retain 103 Fd Btry RAA at CANBERRA Avenue gun position.
- (3) Continue to provide fire support in accordance with current allocation.

e. 1 APC Sqn:

- (1) 1 APC Sqn less one tp to be under command 5 RAR from 020800H September for duration of operation.
- (2) Maintain one troop on two hours standby from 021700H September to move one rifle company 6 RAR as ready reaction force.

f. 1 Fd Sqn RAE:

- (1) Continue priority of work in 1 ATF Base Area.
- (2) Be prepared to support 5 RAR with demolition teams as required.

g. 3 SAS Sqn:

- (1) Provide surveillance patrols EAST of Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT2).
- (2) Patrol tasks are to give early warning of approach to 5 RAR AO and to 1 ATF Base Area from the EAST.

h. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt:

- (1) Provide visual reconnaissance over AO 19, as shown at Annex P.
- (2) Other VR tasks as directed by HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) Be prepared to locate one H13 with HQ 5 RAR.

i. Coordinating Instruction:

- (1) D Day 2 September.
- (2) 5 RAR to be in position by 021700 H September.
- (3) Boundaries: Annex P.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS Changes to unit logistic requirements to be advised to HQ 1 ATF as soon as possible.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal. S01
- b. Command. HQ 1 ATF remains present location.

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Annexes: A. Intelligence.  
P. Operations Overlay.

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Frag Order 2-8-66 to Op TOLEDO

1. GENERAL:

- a. Over the past month, the main indications of enemy activity in the AO, have been agent reports to the effect that groups of VC have been sighted, whose intention it was to attack BINH BA.
- b. It is considered that only 274 Regt has the capacity to carry out such a plan at this stage and that the HQ plus one battalion is located in the HAT DICH area while the other two battalions are probably down in the mountain mass in the SOUTH of the province. There is also a possibility that 605 Bn 250 NVA Regt is operating with the 274 Regt.
- c. Local guerilla forces can also be expected in the AO. There are the CHAU THANH Platoon 50 Pl (BINH BA) and the BINH BA local pl (total strength of about 60 men.
- d. There have been numerous reports of base installations throughout the area and it is also quite possible that elements of 275 Regt have infiltrated across interprovincial Route 2 to join 274 Regt in the HAT DICH Area.

2. RECENT SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY:

- a. (291555H July). A CHINOOK received heavy ground fire from YS4072.
- b. (021200H August). D/5 RAR found VC camp which included a classroom and hospital at YS 397705.
- c. (270900H August). A field approximately 300 metre square had been reported as being worked on every night and during the day. A FAC received ground fire from this vicinity (YS 3477) at 301150H August 66. On Sunday 28 Aug 66 the area was defoliated.

3. OPERATION SYDNEY: This operation revealed numerous camps, diggings and evidence of frequent VC use of the area around NUI NGHE (YS 3972).

4. VR REPORTS: Over the past ten days an impression of ever-increasing use of the roads running from Highway 15, NORTH through the gardens at YS 3477, has been building up. From the garden area at YS 3477 the road continues NORTH to the HAT DICH or else can be observed swinging EAST where it joins inter-provincial Route 2 at YS 455869.

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Anx P (Op Overlay) to Frag Order 2-8-66 to Op TOLEDO

Reference : Maps : VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheets 6442 I & IV, 6443 II & III

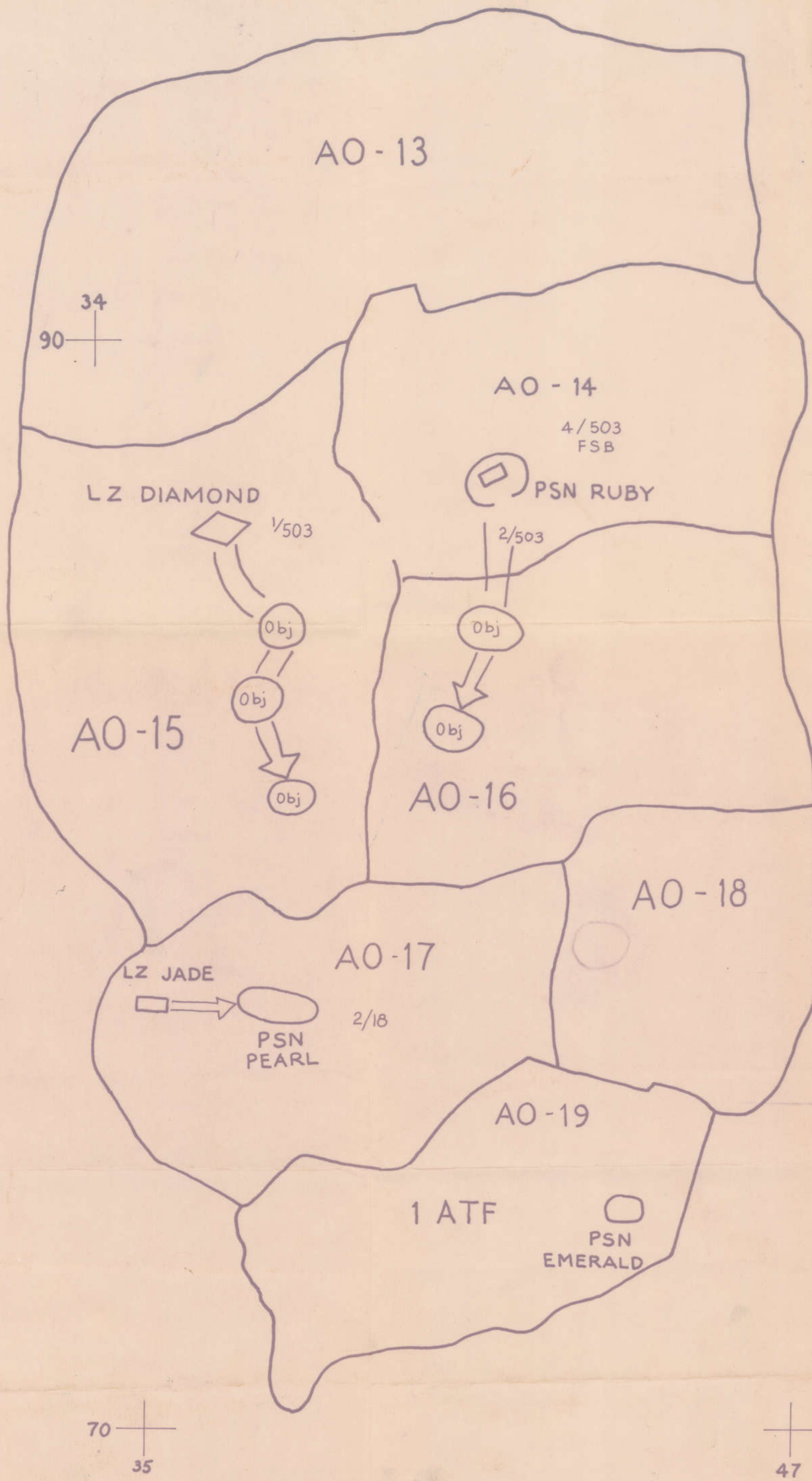
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