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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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2 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H July 1968

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC - RE

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR. FSPB HOTEL, YT102207, was abandoned at 011600H.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH: 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD, YT133275; 2 Tp, 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, FSPB KIAMA, YT093145.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 109 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Sect 104 Fd Bty moved from FSPB HOTEL to FSPB CONCORD. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD

(d) 1 Fd Sqn continued development of 1 ATF Fwd Base, LONG BINH.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE with minor contact. At 010150H, 10 Pl D Coy engaged approximately 3 enemy at YT159097 with unknown result. A Coy conducted RIF in YT1217, YT1317 and YT1216. B Coy conducted RIF in YT1515, YT1615, YT1414 and YT1514. C Coy conducted RIF in YT1019 in YT1119, YT1118 and YT1020, D Coy conducted RIF in YT1608, YT1508, YT1507 and YT1609. Locations: 1 RAR (-) FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT134176; B Coy, YT149146; C Coy, YT112192; D Coy, YT159092.

(f) 3 RAR continued local patrol operations in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. Locations: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operation in AO BIRDSVILLE with minor contact. At 011450H, element of the tracker platoon sighted and engaged one enemy at YT131241. Enemy returned fire and escaped. B Coy conducted RIF in XT9923, XT9924, YT0024, YT0023. D Coy conducted RIF in YT1025, YT1125, YT1225, YT1224, YT1124, YT1023, YT0923 and YT0823. V Coy conducted RIF in YT0318, YT0418, YT0519, YT0619 and YT0719. W Coy conducted RIF in YT0524, YT0523, YT0623, YT0424 and YT0522. Locations: 4 RAR (-) FSPB CONCORD; B Coy YT001238; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962; D Coy YT088234; V Coy FSPB CONCORD; W Coy YT043241.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
010929H	YT177143	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 1 tunnel entrance uncovered 5 metres trench uncovered
011410H	YT168168	VC Base Camp	50 metres 'T' shaped trench exposed 1 bunker damaged

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES Nil
2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR and two in AO BIRDSVILLE.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

2. Add to para 1, C (3) of previous SITREP:

"At 301215H an ARU patrol, at YS508693, located an enemy camp containing two .45 Cal Grease Guns (US) and a quantity of assorted ammunition.

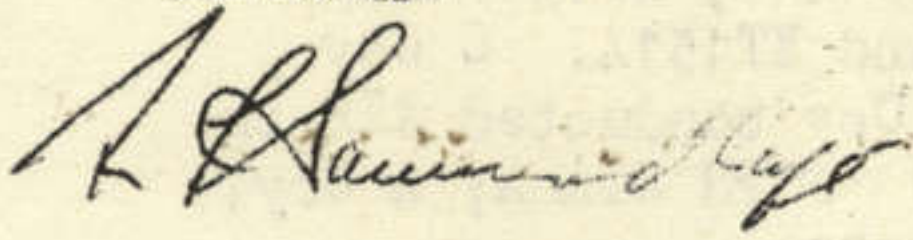
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

3 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 020001H to 022400H Jul 1968.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TOAR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. 1 Tp conducted a roadrunner operation from FSPB CONCORD to YT001255 and return, via QL1 and Route 314. Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH; 1 Tp FSPB CONCORD YT033175; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB KIAMA YT093145.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 66 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty FSPB KIAMA; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. A Coy conducted recce in force in YT1216, YT1217, and YT1218. B Coy conducted recce in force in YT1515, YT1514, and YT1414. C Coy conducted recce in force in YT1018, YT1118, and YT1119. D Coy conducted recce in force in YT1507, YT1407, YT1408 and YT1509. Locations: 1 RAR (-) FSPB KIAMA, A Coy YT128176; B Coy YT149146; C Coy YT111185; D Coy YT147083.

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. Location: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. B Coy conducted recce in force in YT0023, YT0024 and YT0025. D Coy conducted recce in force in YT0924, YT0925, YT0823 and YT0724. V Coy (-) conducted roadrunner operation with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. W Coy conducted recce in force in YT0322, YT0423, YT0222 and YT0221. Locations: 4 RAR (-) and V Coy, FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, YT003244; D Coy, YT088234; W Coy YT043242; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 1 Fd Sqn concluded development of 1 ATF FWD Base, LONG BINH.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
020743H	YT177143	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 50 metres trench exposed
020755H	YT177143	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 1 small foot-bridge destroyed.
020810H	YT518845	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed.
021325H	YT168186	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 20 metres trench destroyed.
021614H	YT381890	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.

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(i) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: NIL

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR and 102 Fd Bty return to 1 ATF Base, being relieved in AO BIRDSVILLE by 3 RAR and 161 Fd Bty.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
- Platoon - One
- Squad - Fourteen

AO BIRDSVILLE. (2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR and one in

(3) Small Unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

2. Amendment to previous sitrep. In para 2, after "two 45 cal grease guns (US)" add magazine.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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4 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations without contact. 2 Tp escorted convoys between NUI DAT and FSPB KIAMA. Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH; 1 Tp FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB KIAMA YTO93145.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 71 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty deployed by road to FSPB KIAMA relieving 102 Fd Bty which returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KIAMA.

(d) 1 RAR concluded operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact and returned by air to 1 ATF Base. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE by air and commenced recce in force operations without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-) FSPB KIAMA; A Coy YT132167; B Coy YT113182; C Coy YT146144; D Coy YT147092.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. B Coy conducted recce in force in XT9924, YTO322, YTO023, YTO123 and YTO124. D Coy conducted recce in force in YTO823, YTO724 and YTO725. W Coy conducted recce in force in YTO222, YTO322 and YTO422. Locations: 4 RAR (-) and V Coy FSPB CONCORD; B Coy YTO03244; D Coy YTO88234; W Coy YTO22221; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
030806H	YS327807	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed.
031020H	YT181082	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 50 metres trench destroyed.
031220H	YS404731	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 3 tunnel entrances uncovered, 20 metres trench damaged.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil.

2 Enemy Losses: Nil.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

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c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Fourteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn had two LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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Time	Description	Remarks
0800	1st Platoon destroyed 1 bunker	1st Platoon destroyed 1 bunker
0900	2nd Platoon destroyed 2 bunkers	2nd Platoon destroyed 2 bunkers
1000	3rd Platoon destroyed 3 bunkers	3rd Platoon destroyed 3 bunkers

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5 Jul 68

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and
1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations
in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: A Sqn(-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp FSPB
CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB KIAMA YTO93145.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations.
114 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty
and A Bty 2/35 Arty 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 (US) FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd
Bty FSPB KIAMA.

(d) 1 RAR commenced patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact.
Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without
contact. A Coy conducted recce in force in YT1315, YT1316 and YT1317. B Coy
conducted recce in force in YT1118, YT1119 and YT1219. C Coy conducted recce in
force in YT1314, YT1414, YT1513 and YT1514. D Coy conducted recce in force in
YT1408, YT1508, YT1509 and YT1609. Locations: 3 RAR(-) FSPB KIAMA; A Coy YT132167;
B Coy YT118196; C Coy YT146144; D Coy YT163096.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact.
At approximately 1330H at YTO31215, 3 Pl W Coy found 6 M16 magazines (4 filled) in
new condition. At approximately 1515H at XT992240, B Coy located a suspected rocket
launching site; the site was in a clearing and consisted of a number of short posts
secured by blue wire with small pits dug in the area. The site has not been used
recently. B Coy conducted recce in force in XT9824 and XT9924. D Coy conducted
recce in force in YTO723, YTO724, YTO725 and YTO823. W Coy conducted recce in force
in YTO222, YTO223, YTO322 and YTO423. V Coy conducted recce in force in YTO717,
YTO817. Locations: 4 RAR(-) and V Coy FSPB CONCORD; B Coy XT992240; D Coy Y TO88234
W Coy YTO22221; C Coy BORSOSHIE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damaged Assessment
041010H	YS194714	VC Base Camp	5 Structures Destroyed. 1 Structure damaged.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

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c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Fourteen
- (2) 2 SAS SQN has four LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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6 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB KIAMA YTO93145.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 97 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KIAMA.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. A Coy conducted recce in force in YT1416, YT1417, YT1516, YT1215, and YT1216. B Coy conducted recce in force in YT1118, YT1119, YT1019 and YT1020. C Coy conducted recce in force in YT1213, YT1313, YT1314, YT1514, and YT1614. D Coy conducted recce in force in YT1508, YT1509, YT1609, YT1708 and YT1808. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy YT132167; B Coy YT103199; C Coy YT170146; D Coy YT163096.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. B Coy conducted recce in force in XT9824, XT9924, XT9925 and YT0023. D Coy conducted recce in force in YT0823, YT0722, YT0721, YT0620 and YT0520. W Coy conducted recce in force in YT0322, YT0222, YT0423, YT0122, YT0121, YT0120, YT0220 and YT0320. V Coy conducted recce in force in YT0418, YT0517, YT0717 and YT0716. Locations: 4 RAR (-) and V Coy FSPB CONCORD; B Coy XT992240; D Coy YT058205; W Coy YT022221; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
050828H	YS618897	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 1 bunker damaged. 20 metres trench damaged.
050924H	YS343857	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 20 metres trench damaged.

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, with supporting elements, commences recce in force operations in AO KATOOMBA, centre of mass YS4656.

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c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
- Platoon - Two
- Squad - Eleven

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 1805H at YS612732 a LRRP contacted approximately 25-30 enemy with the result 13 enemy KIA (BC).

(4) Results:

- (a) ENEMY LOSSES: 13 KIA (BC)
- (b) FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil.

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Time	Location	Target Description	Remarks
0800H	YS612732	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 30 bunkers damaged, 13 enemy KIA.
0800H	YS612732	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 30 bunkers damaged, 13 enemy KIA.

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7 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H July 1968.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE AO KATOOMBA and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt deployed to AO KATOOMBA, centre of mass YS4656, and commenced recce in force operations without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-), Patrol Base BARRACUDA YS480600; 1 Tp YS458564.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations without contact. 3 Tp conducted recce in force throughout 3 RAR area of AO BIRDSVILLE. 2 Tp deployed to AO KATOOMBA, to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp, Patrol Base BARRACUDA; 3 Tp FSPB KIAMA YTO93145.

(c) F Troop, 2/11 ACR came under operational control, 1 ATF at 061200H. Location: LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 101 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) deployed to the HORSESHOE HILL to support operations in AO KATOOMBA. Locations: 102 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KIAMA.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR without contact. A Coy deployed to AO KATOOMBA to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; A Coy, Patrol Base BARRACUDA.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. A Coy conducted recce in force in YT1214, YT1215, YT1315, YT1316 and YT1317. B Coy conducted recce in force in YT1118, YT1018, YT1119 and YT1020. C Coy conducted recce in force in YT1714, YT1715, YT1314, and YT1214. D Coy conducted recce in force in YT1409, YT1410, YT1909, YT1908 and YT1609. Locations: 3 RAR (-) FSPB KIAMA; A Coy YT128159; B Coy YT101202; C Coy YT170146; D Coy YT163096.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. B Coy conducted recce in force in XT9824, XT9823 and XT9923. D Coy conducted recce in force in YTO420, YTO520, YTO620, 0621, YTO720 and YTO719. W Coy conducted recce in force in YTO322, YTO222, YTO221, YTO323 and YTO423. Locations: 4 RAR (-) and V Coy, FSPB CONCORD; B Coy XT996237; D Coy YTO58205; W Coy, YTO26209; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
061207H	YT244176	VC Base Camp	1 Secondary explosion, white smoke to 150 ft.
061530H	YT199134	Bunker System	1 bunker destroyed, 1 trail cut.

(i) Results.

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: NIL

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Two
- Platoon - Two
- Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn have three LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Actions Contact. At 0910H at YS292730 a LRRP contacted 6-8 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 2 enemy WIA.

(4) Results:

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

(b) ENEMY LOSSES: 1 KIA (BC)
2 WIA.

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Serial	Description	Location	Remarks
1	Company	YS 292 730	2 LRRPs deployed
2	Platoon	YS 292 730	2 LRRPs deployed
3	Squad	YS 292 730	2 LRRPs deployed

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8 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H July 68.

To; Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TCAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE
AO KATOOMBA and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued recce in force operations
in AO KATOOMBA without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-), Patrol Base BARRACUDA
YS480500; 2 Tp, YS454570.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations
without contact. 2 Tp conducted recce in force in AO KATOOMBA. 3 Tp
conducted Recce in force South of Route 1 in AO BIRDSVILLE. Locations: A Sqn (-)
LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp, Patrol Base BARRACUDA; 3 Tp,
FSPB KIAMA YTO93145.

(c) F Tp, 2/11 ACR conducted Recce in force in area centre
of mass YTO416 without contact. Locations: F Tp, LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF
operations. 58 H & I missions were fired during the reporting period.
Locations: 102 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), HORSESHOE HILL
YT4962; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty,
FSPB KIAMA.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without
contact. A Coy continued operations in AO KATOOMBA with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; A Coy, Patrol Base BARRACUDA.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without
contact. A Coy conducted recce in force in YT1214, YT1215, YT1314, and YT1315.
B Coy conducted recce in force in YT1018, YT1019, YT1218, and YT1219. C Coy
conducted recce in force in YT1213, YT1313, YT1714, and YT1715. D Coy
conducted recce in force in YT1310, YT1410, YT1907, YT1908, and YT1609.
Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128159; B Coy, YT114175; C Coy,
YT170146; D Coy, YT163096.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without
contact. B Coy conducted recce in force in XT9923, XT9924, YT0023 and YT0022.
D Coy conducted recce in force in YT0619, YT0621, YT0819, YT0820 and YT0821.
W Coy conducted recce in force in YT0220, YT0320, and YT0323. Locations:
4 RAR (-) and V Coy, FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, XT996238, D Coy, YT058204; W Coy
YT026209; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YT4962.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
070805H	YT524584	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 1 Enemy structure damaged

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
070915H	YS453784	Troops in contact	3 Enemy KBA (BC) 3 Enemy KBA (POSS) 1 Mortar Destroyed.
071658H	YS427771	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 2 Bunkers uncovered and damaged.

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

A. Personnel: 3 KBA (BC)
3 KBA (POSS)

B. Material: 1 Mortar (poss 60 mm)

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

C. SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

(1) COMPANY - TWO
PLATOON - ONE
SQUAD - THIRTEEN

(2) 2 SAS have two LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. At 1730H at YS487615 the Northern checkpoint at DAT DO was fired upon by 4 - 5 enemy with the result 1 AUST KIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

(4) RESULTS:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 AUST KIA.

2 ENEMY LOSSES: NIL.

(2) Amendment to previous SITREP. In Para 1.C.3 Amend "1 enemy KIA (BC) " To read "2 enemy KIA (BC). Amend Para 1.C.(4) accordingly.

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

9 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 0812400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG 11 in AO BIRDSVILLE, AO KATOOMBA and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued recce in force operations in AO KATOOMBA without contact. Locations: C Sqn, patrol base BARRACUDA YS480500.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations without contact. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base from FSPB KIAMA, YTO93145. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD, YTO33175; 2 Tp patrol base BARRACUDA; 3 Tp, 1 ATF Base.

(c) F Tp, 2/11 ACR continued recce in force in area, centre of mass YTO614, and returned to LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 111 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. A Coy continued operations in AO KATOOMBA with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; A Coy, YT130146; D Coy, YT163096.

(f) 3 RAR continued recce in force operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128159; B Coy, YT114175; C Coy, YT130136; D Coy, YT163096.

(g) 4 RAR continued recce in force operations in AO BIRDSVILLE with minor contact. At 081840H listening post from 12 Pl D Coy engaged 6 enemy at YTO75205 with no known results. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, XT996238; D Coy, YTO58204; W Coy, YTO26209; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
080710H	YT159224	VC Bunker Complex	1 large bunker destroyed 1 secondary explosion with black and brown smoke to 200 feet.
081100H	YS621793	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 spider hole destroyed.
081701H	YS432865	VC Base Camp	2 tunnel entrances uncovered

(i) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

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c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - One
Squad - Thirteen
- (2) 2 SAS has four LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
0010H	Y118224	VC bunker complex	1 large bunker destroyed 1 secondary explosion with plank and brown smoke to left
0015H	Y1182173	VC base camp	2 bunkers destroyed
0017H	Y118285	VC base camp	1 bunker destroyed 2 tunnel entrances uncovered

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

10 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001 to 092400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE, AO KATOOMBA and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued recce in force operations in AO KATOOMBA without contact. Location: C Sqn patrol base BARRACUDA YS480560.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations without contact. At 0755H at YS493541 an APC of 2 Tp detonated a mine (poss M16); there was no damage to personnel or vehicle. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp patrol base BARRACUDA; 3 Tp, 1 ATF base.

(c) F Tp, 2/11 ACR continued recce in force in area, centre of mass YTO717 without contact. Location: F Tp (1-), YTO78175.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 116 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, 1 ATF base; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA YTO93145.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. A Coy continued operations in AO KATOOMBA with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. At 1155H at YS458565 the anti-tank Pl detonated an M16 mine with the result of 1 Aust DOW, 5 Aust WIA. Locations 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy, Patrol Base BARRACUDA.

(f) 3 RAR continued recce in force operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128159, B Coy, YT116170; C Coy, YT170146, D Coy, YT164099.

(g) 4 RAR continued recce in force operations in AO BIRDSVILLE with minor contact. At 1950H at YTO23191 3 Pl V Coy sighted 2 enemy who were engaged with mortars with unknown result. At 2112H at YTO23191 3 Pl V Coy contacted 2 enemy with the result 1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail), 1 pack captured. Locations: 4 RAR (-) and V Coy, FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, YT994242; D Coy; YTO58204; W Coy, YTO26209; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
090840H	YT278257	VC Staging Area with bunkers	4 bunkers destroyed Vehicular trail cut, 1 fighting position uncovered
091435H	YS592866	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 30 metres trench uncovered

(i) 1 Aust CA Unit carried out the following activities during the period 29 Jun - 5 Jul 68:

1 Construction continued at BANH High School. Construction of toilet facilities at various schools throughout the province was completed

2 Construction of 10 houses in LONG DIEN (127 now completed.)

3 Medical, hygiene, agriculture land, educational assistance continued.

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(i) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust DOW
5 Aust WIA
- 2 Enemy losses: 1 WIA

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR continue. Operations in AO KATOOMBA conclude.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - One
Squad - Thirteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

11 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and concluded operations in AO KATOOMBA.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt concluded operations in AO KATOOMBA and returned to 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations without contact. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD; YTO33175; 2 Tp and 3 Tp at 1 ATF Base.

(c) F Tp, 2/11 ACR (US), returned to LONG BINH and carried out maintenance in preparation for future operations.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 64 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) moved from HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base. 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA, YTO93145.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. A Coy concluded operations in AO KATOOMBA and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128159; B Coy, YT116170; C Coy, YT170146; D Coy, YT14084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. At YTO23195, 3 Pl V Coy while following blood trail from contact reported in previous sitrep located a claymore in a recently occupied camp. At XT993247, 5 Pl B Coy found camp containing 60 lbs of rice, a claymore, a quantity of explosives and other equipment which was destroyed. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy XT994242; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL; D Coy, YTO58204; V Coy YTO24208.

(h) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Material: 2 claymore mines
60 lbs rice.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three
Platoon - Two
Squad - Twelve.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRP's deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

12 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H July 1968.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR and AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained at 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD, YTO33175; 2 Tp and 3 Tp, 1 ATF Base.

(c) F Tp 2/11 ACR (US) remained at LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 83 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty moved to HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Locations: 102 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KIAMA, YTO93145; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; D Coy, HORSESHOE HILL.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128159; B Coy, YT116170; C Coy, YT170146; D Coy YT146084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. At 110845H 1 Pl W Coy located a company size enemy camp at YTO21196. A quantity of documents and clothing was captured. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, YTO10239; D Coy, YT058204; V Coy, YT030237; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
111040H	YS529716	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 large pit destroyed, 1 secondary explosion with grey smoke to 50 feet
111505H	YS500716	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.

(i) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES - NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

A Personnel - Nil

B Materiel - Quantity documents and clothing.

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b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
- Platoon - One
- Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At YS609737 at 111900H a LRRP engaged an unknown number of enemy with the result, 5 enemy KIA (BC). At YS380721 a patrol from 4 RAR located a platoon size base camp; a quantity of medical stores were captured. At YS379715 a patrol from 4 RAR located a pressure type cylindrical mine.

(4) Results.

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES - NIL

(b) ENEMY LOSSES.

1 Personnel - 5 enemy KIA (BC)

2 Materiel - Quantity of medical supplies, one pressure type cylindrical mine.

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NUI DAT

13 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR and AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 2 Tp moved from 1 ATF Base to FSPB KIAMA, YTO93145. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD, YTO33175; 2 Tp, FSPB KIAMA; 3 Tp, 1 ATF Base.

(c) F Tp 2/11 ACR was relieved by E Tp at LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 145 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrol activity in 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; D Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128156; B Coy, YT116170; C Coy, YT170146; D Coy, YT146084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, YTO09239; D Coy, YTO58204; V Coy, YTO30230; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
120948H	YS668757	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
121525H	YS605804	VC Base Camp	1 vegetable garden destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed.

(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil.

2 Enemy Losses: Nil.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - One
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

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(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. a. Additional to LRRP contact at YS609737 at 111900H, reported in previous SITREP, 5 enemy only were sighted. 4 individual weapons were captured.

b. Add to para 1, c, (4), (b), 2 of previous SITREP: 1 SKS rifle; 2 M1 carbines; 1 MA2 carbine.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Image Assessment
1200H	YS609737	1 base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed
1215H	YS609804	1 base Camp	1 vegetable garden destroyed 2 bunkers destroyed

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NUI DAT

14 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE, AO SALMON and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp moved to HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962, to support operations in AO SALMON. Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp, FSPB KIAMA YTO93145; 3 Tp, HORSESHOE HILL.

(c) E Tp 2/11 ACR remained in LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 74 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, HORSESHOE HILL; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy deployed to AO SALMON, centre of mass YS5258, and commenced operations with minor contact. At approximately 1100H at YS534607 a SAS patrol contacted 5 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC). C Coy moved to HORSESHOE HILL to support operations in AO SALMON. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL; D Coy YS529595.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128156; B Coy, YT116170; C Coy, YT171146; D Coy, YT146084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. At approximately 1530H at YTO85258 the Anti Tank Pl found an old camp containing 1 AK47 in poor condition. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, YTO10239; D Coy, YTO58204; V Coy, YTO30236; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
130930H	YS353760	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers damaged
131520H	YS320708	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged 20 metres trench uncovered
131625H	YS500716	VC Bunker Complex	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers damaged 1 pit destroyed 4 'L' shaped trenches exposed 6 circular pits uncovered

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a. Personnel - 1 KIA (BC)

b. Material - 1 AK47.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
- Platoon - One
- Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPS deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact - Nil.

(4) Results - Nil.

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1300H	Y333780	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers damaged
1330H	Y332008	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged 20 meters trench uncovered
1345H	Y330376	VC Bunker Complex	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers damaged 1 pit destroyed 1 VC engaged trench exposed 6 bunkers with movement

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NUI DAT

15 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE, AO SALMON and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations.
Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH; 1 Tp FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp FSPB KIAMA YTO93145; 3 Tp YS521585.

(c) E Tp 2/11 ACR remained in LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 127 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
Locations: 102 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KIAMA; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. C and D Coys continued operations in AO SALMON without contact. At 1040H at YS522583 SAS Ptl 14 detonated an M16 mine with the result 1 Aust WIA. Locations: 1 RAR (-) HORSESHOE HILL; A and B Coys 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS521585; D Coy YS515570.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-) FSPB KIAMA; A Coy YT128156; B Coy YT116170; C Coy YT170146; D Coy YT143084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. At approximately 1130H at YTO78196 11 Pl D Coy found 3 M16 magazines (filled), 24 tracer rounds and 1 ammunition box. At approximately 1400H at YTO67194 11 Pl D Coy found 19x60MM mortar bombs. Locations: 4 RAR (-) FSPB CONCORD; B Coy XT994243; D Coy YTO58204; V Coy YTO30236; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
140330H	YS326667	Suspected VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
141010H	YS313820	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 50 metres trench destroyed. 3 bunkers uncovered. 150 metres trench uncovered.
141430H	YS613667	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 15 metres trench damaged. 1 footpath uncovered.

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(i) 1 Aust CA Unit conducted the following activities during the period 6-12 Jul 68.

- 1 Construction of the science block at BARIA highschool continued.
- 2 The following projects were completed.
 - Playgrounds for 11 schools.
 - Provision of furniture to school at DUC THANH.
 - Eight houses in LONG DIEN. (135 houses now completed).
- 3 Medcapn Dentcap and education assistance continues.

(j) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 WIA (EVAC)
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 19x60mm mortar rounds
3xM16 magazines
84 rounds SA ammo.
- b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.
- c. Small Unit Action:
 - (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Fourteen.
 - (2) 2 SAS has one LRRP deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
 - (3) Small Unit Action with contact: Nil.
 - (4) Result: Nil.

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16 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE, AO SALMON and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp assisted in a search of area YS4362. Location: C Sqn, 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 1 Tp, FSPB CONCORD YTO33175; 2 Tp, FSPB KIAMA YTO93145; 3 Tp, YS435625.

(c) E Tp 2/11 ACR remained in LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 58 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in 1 ATF TAOR and AO SALMON with minor contact. B Coy replaced C and D Coys in AO SALMON. At 1430H at YS545574 B Coy and 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt were engaged by one AK 47 and a command detonated mine with the result 1 AUST KIA, 4 AUST WIA. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; B Coy, YS435625.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128156; B Coy, YT116170; C Coy YT170146; D Coy, YT146084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, XT994243; D Coy, YTO58204; V Coy, YTO39244; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
151122H	YT309264	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 road cut in two places.
151445H	YS572769	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 2 trails uncovered
151530H	YT246274	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
150835H	YS623805	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 small bunker damaged, 1 large bunker exposed.

(i) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES - 1 AUST KIA
4 AUST WIA
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES - NIL

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b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR continue. Operations in AO SALMON conclude.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - Two
Squad - Fourteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact. A search of area YS4362 was carried out by 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, A Coy 1 RAR and 1 Div Int unit with the result 2 suspects detained.
- (4) Results:
 - (a) FRIENDLY LOSSES - NIL
 - (b) ENEMY LOSSES - 2 suspects detained.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
151225H	YS4362A	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 road cut in two places.
151315H	YS4362B	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 2 trails uncovered
151330H	YS4362C	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
150825H	YS4362D	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 small bunker damaged, 1 large bunker exposed.

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17 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Jul 68.

To: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and 1 ATF TAOR. Operations in AO SALMON concluded.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base on conclusion of operations in AO SALMON. Locations: A Sqn (-), LONG BINH; 2 Tp, FSPB KIAMA YTO93145; 3 Tp, 1 ATF Base.

(c) E Tp 2/11 ACR Remained in LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 146 H & I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base on conclusion of operations in AO SALMON. Locations: 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD, YTO33175; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB KIAMA.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in 1 ATF TAOR. B Coy concluded operations in AO SALMON with minor contact. At 1100H at YS539572 B Coy was engaged by one AK47; fire was returned and possible enemy withdrawal routes were engaged with artillery with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties. Locations: 1 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 3 RAR (-), FSPB KIAMA; A Coy, YT128156; B Coy YT116170; C Coy, YT170146; D Coy YT146084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Locations: 4 RAR (-), FSPB CONCORD; B Coy, XT988237; D Coy YTO58204; V Coy YTO37249; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
161325H	YS623805	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 2 Small Bunkers uncovered.
160825H	YS605825	VC Garden	Garden 50 x 100' Destroyed.
161328H	YS623805	VC Base Camp	1 Small bunker damaged, Trail cut.
161718H	YS582867	VC Garden	1/8 Acre rice destroyed.
161826H	YS326667	VC Base Camp	2 Tunnel entrances uncovered.
161710H	YS623791	VC Base Camp	1 Structure Damaged.

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(i) RESULTS:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES - NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES - NIL.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - TWO

Platoon - TWO

Squad - FIFTEEN

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Action With Contact - NIL.

(4) Results: NIL.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
10:30	10 30 30	VC Base Camp	5 Bunkers destroyed, 2 killed
10:45	10 35 30	VC Base Camp	VC Base destroyed
11:00	10 40 30	VC Base Camp	VC Base destroyed
11:15	10 45 30	VC Base Camp	VC Base destroyed
11:30	10 50 30	VC Base Camp	VC Base destroyed
11:45	10 55 30	VC Base Camp	VC Base destroyed
12:00	11 00 30	VC Base Camp	VC Base destroyed

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18 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Jul 68.

TO. Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO BIRDSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp and 3 Tp escorted road convoys between LONG BINH and 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-) LONG BINH; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) E Tp 2/11 ACR remained in LONG BINH.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 58 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 FD Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base, 104 FD Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CONCORD YTO317; 161 FD Bty FSPB KIAMA YTO914.

(e) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 1 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Location: Bn HQ, FSPB KIAMA YTO914; A Coy, YT122168; B Coy, YT116170; C Coy, YT170146; D Coy, YT146084.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BIRDSVILLE without contact. Location: Bn HQ, and W Coy, FSPB CONCORD YTO317; B Coy, XT988237; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy, YTO63192; V Coy, YTO37250.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrike were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
171105H	Y 577799	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed, 1 secondary explosion white smoke to 100 ft, 5 bunkers destroyed, 50 meters trench destroyed.
171125H	YS575796	VC Base Camp	1 secondary explosion white smoke to 100 ft.
171535H	YS433863	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
171752H	YS572769	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.

(i) Results:

1. FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL
2. ENEMY LOSSES: NIL

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b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: Operations in AO BIRDSVILLE conclude. HQ 1 ATF (Fwd) moves from LONG BINH to area YS210820. 3 RAR deploys by air to AO YASS centre of mass YS2583. 4 RAR deploys by air to AO WAGGA centre of mass YS3181. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt with D Coy 1 RAR and 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt commence RIF in area centre of mass YS4375.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Two
Squad - Fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact. At 1740H at YS485816 a LRRP contacted 5 enemy with the result 1 AUST WIA, 1 Enemy KIA (poss) and 2 enemy WIA. The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results:

- (a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 AUST WIA
- (b) ENEMY LOSSES: 1 Enemy KIA (poss)
2 Enemy WIA.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Notes
171100H	YS210820	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed, secondary explosion white smoke to 100 ft, 2 bunkers destroyed, 50 meters trench destroyed.
171120H	YS210820	VC Base Camp	1 secondary explosion white smoke to 100 ft.
171130H	YS210820	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
171150H	YS210820	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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19 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR. Operations in AO BIRDSVILLE concluded, and operations commenced in AO YASS (YS2684) and WAGGA (YS3080). HQ 1 ATF (Main) moved from LONG BINH to YS211821. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt group commenced RIF to North of 1 ATF Base in area of DUC THANH YS4678.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt with 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and D Coy 1 RAR commenced RIF along Route 2 North of 1 ATF Base. A total of 12 roadblocks consisting of timber and grass were cleared. There was no contact with the enemy. Locations: C Sqn(-), YS457840; 3 Tp, YS455875.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp and 2 Tp moved from LONG BINH and secured FSPB ARCHER YS2084 for the fly-in of 3 RAR, and FSPB CHESTNUT YS2379 for the fly-in of 4 RAR. The area for the HQ 1 ATF (Main) at YS211821 was also secured. 3 Tp operated with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt group North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-), YS212821; 1 Sect 3 Tp, YS485875; 2 Sect 3 Tp, YS468816; 3 Sect 3 Tp YS435826.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 7 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 104 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty moved by road to FSPB CHESTNUT and FSPB ARCHER respectively. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) ceased to be in General Support of 1 ATF. Locations: 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB CHESTNUT, YS2379; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB ARCHER, YS2084.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR without contact. D Coy conducted RIF with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 2 North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 RAR(-), 1 ATF Base; D Coy(-), YS457840; 10 Pl, YS455875; 11 Pl, YS468816; 12 Pl, YS435826.

(e) 3 RAR moved by air to FSPB ARCHER and deployed into AO YASS centre of mass YS2684 without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy, FSPB ARCHER, YS2084; A Coy, YS241857; B Coy, YS226837; C Coy, YS248841.

(f) 4 RAR moved by air to FSPB CHESTNUT and deployed into AO WAGGA centre of mass YS3080 with minor contact. At 1520H at YS237807 B Coy fired on 1 enemy soldier with result 1 enemy WIA. During the sweep a small camp was found which contained 1 Mossin Nagant rifle, and a small quantity of rice and fish. The food was destroyed. At 1630H at YS236796, the leading elements of D Coy fired on 2 enemy and wounded one. During the subsequent sweep of the area a 10 man camp containing 1 Garrand rifle, ammunition, a small loud speaker, cooking utensils and a quantity of documents was found at YS238794. A large blood-trail was also found and 11 Pl commenced to follow this. At 1805H at YS240791 the enemy soldier was again sighted and engaged, but again escaped. The trail was lost at this point. A search of this area revealed a food cache at YS238793 containing 12 x 1 cwt bags of rice, 1 new portable tape recorder and a quantity of salt, milk and sugar. The rice is to be recovered to 1 ATF Base. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB CHESTNUT, YS2379; B Coy, YS241798; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962; D Coy, YS237794; V Coy, YS271807.

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(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Boab Damage Assessment
180820H	YS376885	VC Base Camp	Two pits destroyed, one pit damaged.
180855H	YS376885	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed, one bunker damaged, one secondary explosion white smoke to 100 ft.
181134H	YS349836	VC Base Camp	Nil assessment due smoke and foliage.
181200H	YS436867	VC Base Camp	Two bunkers destroyed, 10 metres trench destroyed. 5 metres trench uncovered.

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personal: 2 Enemy WIA

b Material: 1 Mossin Nagant rifle
1 Garrand rifle
1 Portable tape recorder
1 Loudspeaker
1500 lbs (approx) rice
Qty ammunition and grenades
Qty documents
Qty other foodstuffs (destroyed)

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: Present Operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - Two
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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20 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AOs YASS and WAGGA, the 1 ATF TAOR, and commenced operations in AO GUNNING, centre of mass YS2080. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at YS211821.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt group continued RIF operations astride Route 2 North of 1 ATF Base. At 0110H at YS435825 a flare was tipped in front of 12 Pl D Coy 1 RAR's position. Approximately 6 enemy were seen and engaged with SA and .5 cal. A sweep at first light found heavy blood trails and drag-marks, 1 RPGs launcher with 4 rounds, 4 packs and a quantity of documents and SA ammunition. Result: 1 Enemy KIA (Poss). Locations: C Sqn (-), YS457840; 2 Tp, YS472837.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp escorted the final convoy from LONG BINH to 1 ATF Base, and then escorted C Coy 1 RAR from 1 ATF Base to area HQ 1 ATF (Main). 3 Tp continued operations in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-), YS211822; 3 Tp (-), YS457840; 1 Sect 3 Tp, YS472837.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 38 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) with 1 Pl A Coy 1 RAR deployed to YS458781 to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 102 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB CHESTNUT, YS2379; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB ARCHER, YS2084; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), YS458781.

(d) 1 RAR. C Coy moved by road to area YS211821 to commence operations in AO GUNNING, centre of mass YS2080. 1 Pl A Coy moved with A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) to YS458781. D Coy continued RIF operations with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Locations: 1 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy, YS211822; D Coy (-), YS457840; 10 Pl, YS472837.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO YASS with minor contact. At 0910H at YS223830 4 Pl engaged an estimated 2 enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 SKS and 2 packs captured. A Coy moved to YS255860 and secured the area for FSPB HAWK. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy; FSPB ARCHER, YS2084; A Coy, YS255860; B Coy, YS230840; C Coy, YS269839.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WAGGA with minor contact. At 1007H at YS242791 11 Pl fired upon 1 enemy with negative results. In the general area several small camps were found. At 1513H at YS244794 10 Pl contacted 2 enemy with negative results. At 1655H at YS254793 D Coy contacted an estimated 6 enemy SA fire was engaged, and the enemy detonated a Claymore. Result: 3 Aust WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC). D Coy found a company sized camp at YS236795 and captured quantities of medical supplies, documents and ammunition. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy, FSPB CHESTNUT, YS2379; B Coy, YS303822; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962; D Coy, YS254793; V Coy, YS295822.

(g) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

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Time	Co-ordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
191436H	YS573768	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged
191052H	YS572769	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1x40 metre trench : destroyed.
191000H	YS376727	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1 pit destroyed
190830H	YS291728	VC Base Camp	2 large bunkers destroyed.
191632H	YS367734	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed

(h) 1 Aust CA Unit. During the period 13-19 Jul 68 the following activities were carried out:

- 1 Work continues on BARIA High School Science block.
- 2 10 houses were completed at LONG DIEN, making a total of 145 houses completed.
- 3 AP SOUI NGHE Market was completed.
- 4 Medcaps, Dentcaps and hygiene assistance continues.
- 5 A new programme of agricultural research in construction with CORDS was commenced.

(i) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 3 AUST WIA.
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 2 VC KIA (BC).

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Operations in present areas continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - Two
Squad - Fifteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Remarks: Reference previous SITREP period 180001H to 182400H. The body of the enemy soldier wounded in B Coy's 4 RAR's contact at 1520H has been found. Amend para 1.a. (1)(h) "Results" to read 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA.

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NUI DAT

21 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AOs YASS, WAGGA and GUNNING and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Group continued RIF operations astride Route 2 in general area YS4588 without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS463883; 3 Tp YS458781.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp carried out RIF with 9 Pl C Coy 1 RAR in area YS2181. 3 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) YS212821; 2 Tp YS213806; 3 Tp YS463883.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty moved by air from FSPB ARCHER to FSPB HAWK. Locations: 102 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB CHESTNUT YS2379; 161 Fd Bty FSPB HAWK YS2586; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) YS458781.

(d) 1 RAR. C Coy continued operations in AO GUNNING without contact. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS212821; D Coy YS463883.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO YASS without contact. FSPB ARCHER was abandoned and FSPB HAWK occupied. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB HAWK YS2586; B Coy YS247826; C Coy YS269839; D Coy YS274868.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WAGGA with minor contact. At 1450H at YS274793 12 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 enemy WIA. At YS294833 3 Pl V Coy found a cache containing 30 x 81mm mortar bombs. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB CHESTNUT YS2379; B Coy YS304814; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS258792; V Coy YS299833.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
201050H	YS326667	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed.
201632H	YS320708	VC Base Camp	40 metres trench uncovered.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)
1 Enemy WIA

b Materiel: 30 x 81mm Mortar bombs

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three
Platoon - Two
Squad - Thirteen

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- (2) 2 SAS Sqn have two LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
0200H	Y230000	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
0205H	Y230000	VC Base Camp	40 targets remain unaccounted

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NUI DAT

22 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H July 1968.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO's YASS, WAGGA and GUNNING and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Group continued RIF operations astride Route 2 in general area YS4881. At 1500H 2 Tp C Sqn were fired upon by 1 RPG at 100 metres range with negative results. Location: C Sqn YS463782.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained at HQ 1 ATF (Main). 3 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) YS212821; 3 Tp YS463782.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 104 Fd Bty moved by air from FSPB CHESTNUT to FSPB DYKE. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 102 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB HAWK YS2586; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR. C Coy continued operations in AO GUNNING without contact. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Pl A Coy returned to 1 ATF Base with A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS212821; D Coy YS463782.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO YASS with minor contact. At 0920H at YS237862 3 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At 1500H at YS236861 3 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC). Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB HAWK YS2586; B Coy YS252819; C Coy YS285853; D Coy YS294879.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WAGGA with minor contact. FSPB CHESTNUT was abandoned and FSPB DYKE occupied. At 0825H at YS293833 1 Pl V Coy contacted 1 VC with result 1 VC WIA and 1 pack, 1 AK47 magazine, 1 claymore mine and a quantity of clothing captured. At 0837H at YS302810 5 Pl engaged an estimated section sized enemy force with negative result. At 1045H at YS255793 10 Pl engaged 2 enemy with result 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK50, 1 bolt action rifle and a quantity of webbing captured. At 1015H at YS299834 3 Pl V Coy engaged 2 VC with result 2 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK47 captured. At 1105H at YS304794 5 Pl engaged 2 - 5 enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 PW. At 1232H in vicinity YS291832 3 Pl V Coy sighted an enemy ambush. The enemy engaged 3 Pl V Coy with 3 claymores and 10 weapons with negative results. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy YS304814; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS262793; V Coy YS296829.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
211150H	YS377726	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed
211300H	YS393701	VC Base Camp	Negative due to smoliage
211530H	YS374722	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed. One bunker damaged.

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(h) Results.

- 1 Friendly losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy losses:
 - a. Personnel: 7 VC KIA (BC)
1 Enemy WIA
1 PW
 - b. Materiel: 3 AK47
1 AK50
1 AK 47 magazine
1 bolt action rifle
1 claymore mine
1 pack

b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. Op ARUNTA concludes, Op MERINO continues. HQ 1 ATF (Fwd) returns to 1 ATF Base.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - Two
Squad - Fourteen
- (2) 2 SAS has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 1130H at YS608782 a LRRP contacted one enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 M1 carbine captured. The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results.

- (a) Friendly losses: Nil
- (b) Enemy losses: 1 enemy KIA (BC)
1 M1 carbine captured

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
2110H	YS608782	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed
2130H	YS608782	VC Base Camp	Negative due to foliage
2150H	YS608782	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed. One bunker damaged.

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23 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO's YASS, WAGGA and GUNNING and the 1 ATF TAOR. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Group concluded RIF operations to the North of 1 ATF Base. HQ 1 ATF (FWD) returned from YS212821 to 1 ATF Base.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Group concluded RIF operations to the North of 1 ATF base without contact and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn 1 Armd Regt 1 ATF Base

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) continued operations in AO GUNNING in area YS2178. 1 Tp A Sqn escorted HQ 1 ATF (FWD) from YS212821 to 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp A Sqn remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) YS212821; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base

(c) Task Force artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 23 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 102 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 104 Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB HAWK YS2586; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR. C Coy continued operations in AO GUNNING in support of A Sqn without contact. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS212821.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO YASS without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB HAWK YS2586; B Coy YS251804; C Coy YS276864; D Coy YS323868.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WAGGA. At 0930H at YS260795 3 Pl W Coy found a base camp with result 2 MOSSAN NAGANT rifles, 100 x 0.50 cal rounds, 100 x 7.62 mm rounds SAA and a quantity of food stuffs captured. At 1038H at YS267797 11 Pl engaged 3 VC with negative result. At 1440H at YS306839 2 Pl V Coy contacted an estimated 2 platoon strength enemy force. The enemy were engaged with small arms and artillery with result 3 VC KIA (POSS). The enemy withdrew into a bunker system which was engaged with LFT. 1 Pl V Coy moved to area of contact but 1700H both 1 Pl V Coy and 2 Pl V Coy withdrew to allow two airstrikes to be placed on the camp. V Coy will investigate the position at first light. At 1400H at YS252793 3 Pl W Coy found 9 VC type gas masks and a quantity of medical supplies, all of which were destroyed. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy YS303814; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS265790; V Coy YS297828.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage assessment
221030H	YS560781	VC Base Camp	One tunnel entrance uncovered
221518H	YS698878	VC Trench System	Five bunkers destroyed Ten fox holes destroyed Fifty metres of trench destroyed
221500H	YS698782	VC Base Camp	Neg due smoliage
221458H	YS378848	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed
221715H	YS311843	VC Base Camp Tps in contact	Two bunkers destroyed
221910H	YS311843	VC Base Camp Tps in contact	Neg due smoliage MSN finally aborted due proximity friendlies

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(h) Results.

- 1 Friendly losses: Nil
- 2 En losses
 - a. Personnel: 3 VC KIA (POSS)
 - b. Material: 2 Mossan Nagant rifles
100x50 cal rounds
100x7.62 mm rounds SAA
quantity of food
quantity of medical supplies

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Operations continue. C Coy 1 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - Two
Squad - Sixteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRR's deployed.
- (3) Small unit action with contact. Nil
- (4) Nil

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
2210Z	Y200701	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2215Z	Y200870	VC French System	Five targets destroyed
2218Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2220Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2225Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2230Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2235Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2240Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2245Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed
2250Z	Y200870	VC Base Camp	One target destroyed

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24 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 23000H to 232400H Jul 68.

To: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO's YASS, WAGGA and GUNNING and the 1 ATF TAOR. 1 RAR carried out a Cordon and search of VINH THANH and LA VAN villages; (YS4677).

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt supported 1 RAR on cordon and search operations. Locations: C Sqn 1 ATF.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt; A Sqn (-) moved from YS212821 to FSPB DYKE YS2780 with C Coy 1 RAR. 3 Tp supported 1 RAR on cordon and search operations, and approximately 1600H escorted D Coy 1 RAR and A Bty 2/35 ARTY (US) from 1 ATF Base to YS251754. At 0627H at YS465781 an APC of 3 Tp detonated a M16 mine. There were no casualties and the vehicle suffered only light damage. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB DYKE YS2780; 3 Tp YS251754.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 33 H & I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 ARTY (US) deployed to YS251754 to support operations in AO WAGGA. Locations: 102 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB HAWK YS2586; A Bty 2/35 ARTY (US) YS251754.

(d) 1 RAR; 1 RAR(-) carried out a cordon and search of VINH THANH and LA VAN villages YS4677. The operation was supported by C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 319 females and 218 males were screened and a total of 15 persons detained, 4 as suspect VC. 3 M26 grenade launchers and a quantity of medical supplies were captured. C Coy moved with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt into AO WAGGA. D Coy moved with 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and A Bty 2/35 ARTY (US) to YS251714. Locations: 1 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS305835; D Coy YS251754.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO YASS with minor contacts. Coys continued RIF in the following areas: A Coy YS2586; B Coy YS2481; C Coy YS2786; D Coy YS3387. At 1350H at YS340875 D Coy engaged 2 enemy and captured 2 packs. At 1605H at YS334874 the leading element of D Coy contacted 6 - 10 VC. The enemy returned the fire and then broke contact withdrawing North to NE. Results: 1 AUST WIA, 1 ENEMY KIA (BC); 1 ENEMY KIA (POSS). Two packs containing 2 metal tripods and theodolite equipment were captured, and will be recovered for examination on 24 Jul 68. At YS242875 1 Pl found a camp containing 14 bunkers in various stages of construction, Much of the work in the camp was recent. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB HAWK YS2586; B Coy YS251804; C Coy YS276864; D Coy YS334875.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WAGGA. B Coy continued RIF in area YS3180, and D Coy in area YS2679. W Coy moved to support V Coy in the assault on the enemy bunker position at YS307838 found on 22 Jul 68. After preparatory artillery fire V Coy moved into the area of the enemy position and at 1130H came under heavy RPG, AW and claymore fire. Repeated attempts were made to take the position but were unsuccessful. The position consists of a bunker complex surrounded by a thorn hedge and it is estimated to contain 20 enemy.

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At approximately 1500H V Coy broke contact and withdrew to enable air strikes to be placed on the camp. V Coy suffered 1 NZ WIA with the original contact and 1 NZ WIA again in the area of the camp at approx 1730H. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy YS304816; D Coy YS265790; V Coy and W Coy YS297830; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support: Three airstrikes were used against the occupied camp in area YS307838 between 1520H and 1603H. There was no BDA due to weather and smoke.

(h) Results.

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 AUST WIA (Evac)
- 2 NZ WIA (Evac)

- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 1 ENEMY KIA (BC)
- 1 ENEMY KIA (Poss)

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 3 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base. 4 RAR continues present operation.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three
- Platoon - Three
- Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit action with contact. Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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25 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO's WAGGA, GUNNING and the 1 ATF TAOR. Operations in AO YASS concluded with 3 RAR returning to 1 ATF Base.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt; 2 Tp moved from FSPB DYKE YS2780 to FSPB HAWK YS2586 and escorted A Coy 3 RAR from FSPB HAWK to 1 ATF Base. A Sqn HQ and 1 Tp remained at FSPB DYKE. 3 Tp remained in support of D Coy 1 RAR and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). At 1245H at YS235856 3 Sect 2 Tp contacted an unknown number of enemy with result 1 VC KIA(BC), one RPG2 round, and one US compass captured. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp FSPB DYKE YS2780; 3 Tp YS251754.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 16 H & I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty returned by air to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 102 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) YS251754.

(d) 1 RAR; C Coy continued operations in AO WAGGA with 4 RAR. D Coy remained as protection force to A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS303819; D Coy YS251754.

(e) 3 RAR concluded operations in AO YASS with minor contact and returned to 1 ATF Base. At 0715H at YS235856 10 Pl contacted 1 VC with unknown result. Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WAGGA. At 1215H after preparatory air strikes, B and W Coys assaulted bunker system at YS307838 found on 22 Jul 68. C Coy 1 RAR was used as reserve force and V Coy as flank protection force. The camp was found to be abandoned and the bunkers badly damaged by arty and air strikes. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy YS311825; V Coy YS294817; W Coy YS316826; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
241015H	YS305840	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged.

(h) Results.

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: 1 Enemy KIA(BC)
 - b Materiel: 1 RPG2 round
1 US pattern compass

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- b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: 4 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base.
- c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - One
Squad - Fifteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: NIL.
- (4) Results: NIL.

2. Remarks: Reference previous SITREP for period 230001H to 232400H Jul 68 para 1.a.(1)(e). On examination the instruments reported as theodolites proved to be artillery type directors of Russian Origin.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
210130	YS305840	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

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26 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC - RE

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG 11 in 1 ATF TAOR. Operations were concluded in AOs WAGGA and GUNNING with the return of 4 RAR and elements of 12 Fd Regt, 1 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to 1 ATF Base.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 and 3 Tps returned to 1 ATF Base. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 104 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base by air, and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) returned to 1 ATF Base by road. Location: 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US); 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR. C and D Coys returned to 1 ATF Base. Location: 1 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF. Location 3 RAR; 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR concluded operations in AO WAGGA and returned to 1 ATF Base by air. FSPB DYKE YS2780 was abandoned. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
251226H	YS393701	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers damaged.

(h) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hour. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three
Platoon - One
Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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27 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H July 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base Location:
C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF Base Location:
A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 10 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period, Location: 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
261417H	YS313821	VC Base Camp	One bunker damaged One bunker uncovered 30 metres trench destroyed 20 metres trench uncovered
261437H	YS487861	VC Base Camp	Four bunkers destroyed One fighting position destroyed One structure destroyed
261817H	YS328805	VC Base Camp	One bunker destroyed One bunker damaged 20 metres trench destroyed 50 metres trench uncovered

(h) 1 AUST CA Unit activities for the period 20-26 July 68 included:-

1 Work on BARIA High School Library and Science block.

2 Continuation of rehousing project at BARIA and LONG DIEN. 130 houses have been completed at LONG DIEN, and 26 at BARIA.

3 Medcap, Dentcap and hygiene assistance.

4 Agricultural research on land rear AP SUOI NGHE in conjunction with CORDS.

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(i) Results.

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses: Nil

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Three
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS has four LRRP's deployed.

(3) At 0829H at YS276808 a LRP contacted an unknown number of enemy with results 1 enemy KIA (BC). At the same location at 1030H the LRRP again contacted an unknown sized enemy force with result 3 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy KIA (Poss). The LRRP again made contact at 1220H with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted. During extraction an Iroquois aircraft of 9 Sqn RAAF engaged the enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (Poss).

(4) Results.

(a) Friendly losses: Nil

(b) Enemy losses: 5 enemy KIA (BC)
2 enemy KIA (Poss)

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28 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H July 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 18 H and I mission were fired during the reporting period.
Locations: 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 1 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
261037H	YS623792	VC Base Camp	1 large sheet metal and wood structure destroyed
261037H	YS619797	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 1 large wood structure destroyed
261135H	YS323834	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 1 structure destroyed

(h) Results:

1. Friendly Forces: Nil.

2. Enemy Forces: Nil.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present activities continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Two
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact.

(4) Results. Nil.

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2. Remarks: Referred previous SITREP, period 260001H to 262400H July 68.

a. Para c (3). Delete lines 4, 5, 6 and 7 and insert:

"3 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted at 1220H. During extraction the enemy were engaged by LFT and Iroquois aircraft with result 1 enemy KBA (BC) and 1 enemy KBA (Poss)".

b. Para C (4) (b). Amend to read: 4 Enemy KIA (BC)
1 Enemy KBA (BC)
1 Enemy KBA (Poss)

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
261037H	YB62379Z	VC Base Camp	1 large chest destroyed wood structure destroyed
261037H	YB62377Z	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 1 large wood structure destroyed
261135H	YB62383Z	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 1 structure destroyed

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1. Friendly Forces: Nil.

2. Enemy Forces: Nil.

3. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present activities continue.

4. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One Platoon - Two Squad - Thirteen
- (2) 2 BAR Bn has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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29 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Location:
C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Location:
A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF
Operations. 16 H and I mission were fired during the reporting period.
Locations: 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR remain^od in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR
patrols. Location: 1 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR
patrols. Location: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR
patrols. Location: 4 RAR(-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
280648H	YS301793	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 2 tunnel entrances closed, 40 metres trench uncovered.
280834H	YS626906	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 2 pits uncovered.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses: Nil

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR Group deploys to AO
KIMBERLEY centre of mass YS2875.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Four
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) At 1045H at YS673585 a LRRP contacted approx 30 enemy
with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted. At 1630H at YS623663
a LRRP contacted the enemy on insertion with result 1 enemy KIA (Poss). The
LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results:

(a) Friendly Losses: Nil

(b) Enemy Losses: 1 enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy KIA (Poss)

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Notes
280648H	YB30173	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 2 tunnels entrances closed, 40 meters trench uncovered.
280834H	YB22200	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 pits uncovered.

(a) Results: 1 friendly losses: NI
 2 enemy losses: NI

(b) Results: 1 friendly losses: NI
 2 enemy losses: NI

(c) Small Unit Actions:
 (1) Company - One
 Platoon - Four
 Squad - Thirteen
 (2) S BAR 8pm has three LBRPs deployed.
 (3) At 1045H at YB27385 a LBRP contacted approx 30 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BO). The LBRP was extracted. At 1630H at YB23663 a LBRP contacted the enemy on insertion with result 1 enemy KIA (POW). The LBRP was extracted.

(4) Results:
 (a) Friendly losses: NI
 (b) Enemy losses: 1 enemy KIA (BO)
 1 enemy KIA (POW)

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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30 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H July 1968.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR and commenced recce in force operations in AO KIMBERLEY. C Coy 3 RAR conducted a search operation in HOA LONG village (YS4264) in conjunction with 1 Div Int Unit.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-), remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp commenced operations in AO KIMBERLEY with 1 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, YS272781.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 102 Fd Bty moved by road to FSPB GLADSTONE to support 1 RAR operations in AO KIMBERLEY. 15 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB GLADSTONE.

(d) 1 RAR deployed by road and air to FSPB GLADSTONE (YS263738) and commenced recce in force operations in AO KIMBERLEY, centre of mass YS3278, with minor contact. At 291655H 6 Pl B Coy engaged 2 enemy at YS272756. Both enemy were KIA and 2 individual weapons were captured. Locations: 1 RAR (-), FSPB GLADSTONE, YS272756; A Coy, YS287742; B Coy, YS272756; C Coy, YS272781.

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962.

(g) Air support. There were no significant airstrikes in the reporting period.

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES - NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES.

a Personnel - 2 KIA (BC).

b Materiel - 1 Chicom 7.62mm rifle
1 US .30 cal carbine.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - Seven
Squad - Ten

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) A search operation in HOA LONG village (YS4264), conducted by C Coy 3 RAR and 1 Div Int Unit, resulted in the detention of one suspect and the destruction of several tunnels.

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- (4) Results:
- (a) FRIENDLY LOSSES - NIL
 - (b) ENEMY LOSSES - 1 Detainee.

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31 Jul 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Jul 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR and AO KIMBERLEY.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp continued operations with 1 RAR in AO KIMBERLEY with minor contact. At 1410H at YS290783 3 Sect 3 Tp and 7 Pl C Coy 1 RAR sighted 6 enemy and engaged them with unknown result. Locations: A Sqn (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, FSPB GLADSTONE YS262740.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 45 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty, FSPB GLADSTONE.

(d) 1 RAR continued recce in force operations in AO KIMBERLEY with minor contact. At 1215H at YS262772 9 Pl C Coy were engaged by MG fire from an estimated 2 enemy with the result 1 Aust WIA; possible enemy withdrawal routes were engaged with mortar fire. At 1120H at YS266758 4 Pl B Coy found an enemy camp containing 100 rounds 7.62mm tracer ammunition, 2 sets of black clothing and cooking utensils. Locations: 1 RAR (-), FSPB GLADSTONE; A Coy, YS300744; B Coy, YS277755; C Coy, YS271779.

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrike was:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
301532H	YS327807	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 40 metres trench destroyed, 50 metres trench uncovered.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust WIA (evac).

2 Enemy Losses: 100 rds 7.62 tracer.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Four
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS has two LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

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(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At approx 0940H at YS375718 2 Pl 1 ARU found a camp containing 8 very old 60mm mortar bombs.

(4) Results.

- (a) Friendly Losses: Nil.
- (b) Enemy Losses: 8 x 60mm mortar bombs.

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Time	Location	Target Description	Result
0940H	YS375718	VI Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 40 metres trench destroyed, 50 metres trench unroofed.

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NUI DAT

1 Aug 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H ~~Aug~~ ^{Jul} 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR; operations in AO KIMBERLEY continued.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.. Elements of C Sqn conducted recce to area YS4387 with Province officials. Location: C Sqn, 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp continued to support 1 RAR operations in AO KIMBERLEY without contact. Locations: A Sqn (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, FSPB GLADSTONE YS262740.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 41 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty, FSPB GLADSTONE.

(d) 1 RAR continued recce in force operations in AO KIMBERLEY without contact. At 1115H at YS343758 1 Pl A Coy found a large enemy base camp which had been used recently; some personal documents were found in the camp. At 1145H at YS271749 12 Pl D Coy found a small camp containing 50lbs of rice, clothing and 4 Mossin Nagant rifle stocks. At 1315H at YS307756 2 Pl A Coy found a Coy size enemy camp which had been used within the last 7 days; 1 AK47 magazine was found in the camp. At approximately 1345H at YS315755 1 Pl A Coy found an enemy camp possibly used within the last 4 days. Locations: 1 RAR (-), FSPB GLADSTONE; A Coy, YS326769; B Coy, YS310777; C Coy YS278780.

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; C Coy, HORSE SHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
310909H	YS756643	VC Base Camp	3 tunnel entrances closed. 1 secondary explosion with grey smoke to 150 ft.
311047H	YS756643	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged.
311705H	YS487862	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 4 bunkers damaged.

(h) Results.

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a. Personnel: Nil
 - b. Materiel: 50lbs rice
4 Mossin Nagant rifle stocks
1 AK47 magazine

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b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours. Present operations continue. Aust Land Clearing Team, 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and W Coy 4 RAR deploy to AO WARBURTON, centre of mass YS3169, and commence land clearing operations. 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) and V Coy 4 RAR move to YS454838 and establish FSPB AVENGER.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Four
Squad - Fourteen
- (2) 2 SAS has three LRRPs deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Result
2100H	YS3169	VC base camp	3 tunnel entrances closed, secondary explosion with grey smoke for 100 ft.
2110H	YS3169	VC base camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.
2120H	YS3169	VC base camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged.

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ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 3 ATF

FROM 1 Jul 68 TO 31 Jul 68.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND SUMMARIES ISSUED
APPRECIATIONS MADE

1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 182-68.
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H July 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (LATE ENTRY) (301215H) At YS 508693, a patrol from 1 ARU found an enemy base camp which had been previously bombed out. Found in the camp were the following:
 - 1 x US helmet
 - 1 x 20mm Aircraft shell
 - 2 x 7.62mm rounds
 - 2 x M1 magazines
 - 2 x torches
 - 2 x US .45 cal grease gun magazines
 - 8 x clips for Garand.
 - several links of .30 cal Browning ammunition
 - 1 x pamphlet
 - 1 x combination tool
 - 1 x pair of HO CHI MINH sandals
 - (2) (010105H) At YT 159097, 10/D/1 RAR contacted three enemy moving EAST to WEST. On contact the enemy scattered NORTH. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties are unknown.
 - (3) (011450H) At YT 131241, a dog tracker team from 1 RAR saw an enemy with a slung rifle. Fire was exchanged with negative results.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (010756H) At YS 593781 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and 40% coverage. Results: Negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (2) (010929H) At YT 177143, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 85% on target and had 40% coverage. One structure was destroyed, one tunnel entrance uncovered and 15m of trench uncovered.
 - (3) (011210H) At YS 398734, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: 15m of trench and one tunnel entrance were uncovered.
 - (4) (011232H) At YS 326803, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. 15m of trench and one tunnel entrance were uncovered.
 - c.d. Omitted.
4. Omitted
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68
8. Omitted
- 9.10. No change to Special Int Report " Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11Jun68.
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 183-68.
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H July 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (021830H) At YS 382652, 4 RAR found a suspected OP which has had regular use recently.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (020743H) At YT 177143, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: 50m of trench exposed, one bunker damaged, one bunker destroyed.
 - (2) (020755H) At YT 177143, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: one small footbridge and one bunker destroyed.
 - (3) (020816H) At YS 518845, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed.
 - (4) (021325H) At YT 168186, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: one bunker and 20m of trench destroyed.
 - (5) (021521H) At YS 600803, VR sighted a hut approx 10 ft. x 20 ft. in good condition. At YS 586864, they sighted a new footbridge over a river.
 - (6) (021555H) At YT 168186, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: 50m of U-shaped trench and one bunker destroyed.
 - (7) (021600H) At YS 423705, VR sighted two trenches approx six feet x four feet on an ox-cart track.
 - (8) (021630H) At YS 381890, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed and one bunker damaged.
 - c. d. Omitted.
4. Omitted
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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 184/68
- 2. Period covered from 030001 H to 032400 H (Jul 68)
- 3. Summary of Enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1).(031605H). At HEAVYWEIGHT (YS 4265) D/1 RAR reported a single shot followed by a burst of AW fire, incoming from YS 427650.

b. Air Activity

(1). (030806 H). At YS 327807 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One tunnel entrance and one bunker destroyed.

(2).(031020 H). At YT 181082 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: 2 bunkers and 50 meters of trench destroyed.

(3).(031220 H). At YS 404731 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, 3 tunnel entrances and 20 meters of trench uncovered.

(4). (031820 H). At YS 603585 VR fired on one motorised sampan which was approximately 20 ft long. Results: unknown.

c and d. Omitted.

- 4. Omitted
- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsum 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9 and 10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation in Phouc Tuy Province" dated 11 Jun 68.
- 11. Omitted.

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- 1 Australian Task Force Intsum NO.185-68.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
Nothing to report.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (040745H) At YS 2771, VR engaged six enemy (approx). Results: unknown.
 - (2) (041025H) At YS 194714, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: five structures destroyed and one damaged.
 - c.d.Omitted
4. Omitted
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted
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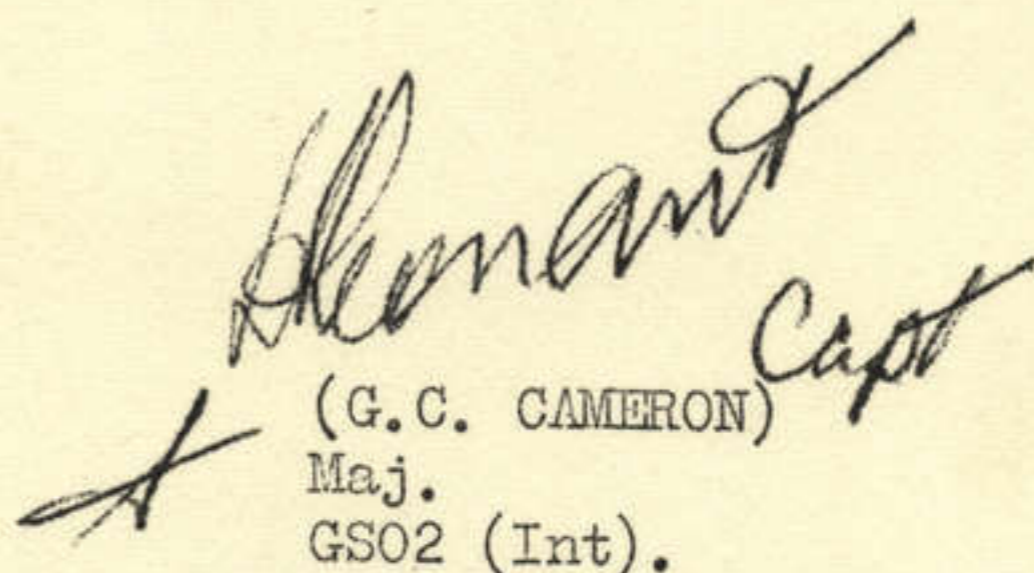
1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 186-68.
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Jul 68
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (051805H) At YS 612732, a 1 ATF six-man LRRP contacted 25 plus enemy moving SOUTH to NORTH, dressed in khaki greens. They were armed with 1 RPD, SKSs, AKs and M1s. Results: 13 enemy KIA(BC), unknown no. of enemy KIA (POSS). There were negative friendly casualties but one M 79 was damaged.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (050815H) At YS 618897, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: 20m of trench destroyed, 20m of trench damaged, one bunker destroyed, and one bunker damaged.
 - (2) (050913H) At YS 343857, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed, two bunkers damaged and 20m of trench damaged.
 - (3) (051320) At YS 520850, VR sighted a company-size base camp. It consisted of 50-60 freshly dug spider holes encircling a diameter of 150m. Camouflage was fresh and heavy trail activity was also noted.
 - c. Omitted
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force elements.
 - (1) (051400H) At YS 241796, a 1/43 ARVN LRRP contacted an estimated company of enemy who withdrew WEST. There were negative friendly casualties and enemy casualties were unknown. At 051558H they were reinforced by one company of 1/43 ARVN. Found were 50 kilos of rice and four gallons approx. of Soy Sauce. There was negative further contact.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. KIA by

Ground Forces	CONFIRMED 13	POSSIBLE Unknown.
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 - c-f. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
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- 9.10. No change to Special Int. Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11 Jun 68.
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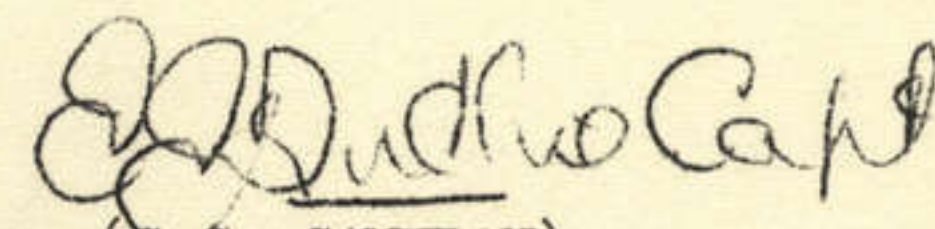
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2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (060910H) At YS 292730, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted an estimated eight enemy who were cutting wood. Results: one enemy KIA (BC), two enemy WIA(escaped). The enemy KIA was wearing a khaki uniform and US boots.
 - (2) (061630H) At YS 412697, a patrol from 12/4 RAR found a suspected enemy minefield 200m x 200m approx.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(060805H) At YS 592764, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: one foot-bridge and two bunkers were destroyed and 25m of trench were uncovered.
 - (2)(061015H) At YS 404731, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed, one bunker damaged and 30m of trench uncovered.
 - (3)(061150H) At YT 244176, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: one trench uncovered and one secondary explosion.
 - (4)(061515H) At YT 199134, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy bunker and minefield complex. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed.
 - c. Secondary Explosions
 - (1) a. Friendly Aircraft.
 - b. Eight MK 82
 - c. One
 - d. 150 feet
 - e. White
 - f. Unknown.
 - d. Omitted
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted
 - b. KIA by

	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	1	-
WIA by		
Ground Forces	2	-
 - c-f. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68
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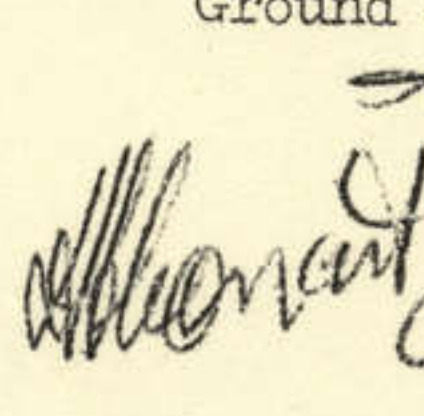
for 
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 188-68.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (071730H) At YS 487615, the northern checkpoint of DAT DO came under attack from an unknown number of enemy. C/4 RAR assisted and contacted four to five enemy. Results: 1 Aust KIA, enemy casualties unknown.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (070810H) At YS 6174, VR sighted several pits. It could not be ascertained whether they had been used recently.
 - (2) (070830H) At YS 524584, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed, one structure damaged.
 - (3) (071000H) Between YS 602686 and YS 598757, VR reported that ox-carts had recently travelled along Route 328.
 - (4) (071000H) At YT 159224, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy staging area. There was negative BDA.
 - (5) (071010H) At YT 255220, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy staging area. There was negative BDA.
 - (6) (071130H) At YS 453784, an airstrike was conducted in support of troops in contact. Results: three enemy KBA (BC), three enemy KBA (POSS) and one small calibre mortar tube destroyed.
 - (7) (071700H) At YS 570856, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was negative BDA.
 - (8) (071715H) At YS 427771, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed, two bunkers uncovered and damaged.
 - c. Omitted
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements
 - (1) (070845H) At YS 4576, an RF platoon contacted an estimated enemy company. Results: enemy losses unknown and negative friendly casualties. The enemy withdrew NORTH-WEST.
 - (2) (070900H) At YS 4677, DUC THANH received six rounds of mortar fire from YS 453784. Results: three enemy KBA (BC), three enemy KBA (POSS), one mortar tube destroyed. (See 3.b. para 7)
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted
 - b. KBA

	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
	3	3
 - c-e Omitted.
 - f. Enemy Weapon Losses

Individual	Nil
Crew-Served	One
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68
8. Omitted.
- 9,10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11 Jun 68
11. Amendment to 1 ATF Intsum No. 187-68.

Amend Para 3.a.(1).	Delete one enemy KIA (BC)	
	Insert two enemy KIA (BC)	
Amend Para 4.b.	Delete KIA by	Confirmed
	Ground Forces	1
	Insert KIA by	Confirmed
	Ground Forces	2


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 189-68.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (081830H) At YT 083204, 12/D/4 RAR contacted six enemy five of whom were carrying AK-47s and one a rifle. Results unknown.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (080710H) At YT 159224, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: one large bunker destroyed and one secondary explosion.
 - (2) (081015H) At YS 285724, VR sighted two bunkers and one military structure.
 - (3) (081100H) At YS 621793, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and 100% coverage. Results: two bunkers and one firing pit destroyed.
 - (4) (081415H) At YS 557646, VR reported two huts destroyed by Arty.
 - (5) (081415H) At YS 564652, VR reported a small hut three to four days old.
 - (6) (081530H) At YS 463816, VR reported a roadblock. Two groups of three people were moving SOUTH from it.
 - (7) (081701H) At YS 432865, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 85% coverage. Results: two tunnel entrances uncovered.
 - (8) (081830H) At YS500715, VR reported a new and fairly large camp.
 - c. Secondary Explosions
 - (1) (a) Friendly Aircraft
 - (b) 8 x MK 82
 - (c) One
 - (d) 200 feet
 - (e) Black and brown smoke
 - (f) Unknown
 - d. Omitted.
4. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9,10. No change to Special Int. Report " Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11 Jun 68.
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 190-68.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact and two mine incidents with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (090810H) At YS 493541, 2/2/A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine believed to be an M16. There were no friendly casualties.
 - (2) (091204H) At YS 458565, A Tk Pl/1 RAR patrol detonated a mine. Results: 6 Aust WIA.
 - (3) (092112H) At YT 023191, 3/V/4 RAR fired on two enemy. Results: one enemy WIA. Mortars engaged enemy withdrawal route with unknown results. Two packs were captured.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (090840H) At YT 278257, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: four bunkers damaged, one fighting position uncovered and one vehicular trail cut.
 - (2) (091435H) At YS 592866, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed and 30m of trench uncovered.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements
 - (1) At YS 507528, an ambush patrol engaged an estimated 50 enemy who were moving EAST. Artillery from DAT DO fired in support. Results: negative friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. WIA by
Ground Forces

Confirmed	Possible
1	-
 - c-f. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9,10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11Jun68.
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 191-68.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (101300H) At XT 993247; 4 RAR located an enemy base camp containing a four gallon drum of rice, one bamboo bangalore torpedo, one chicom claymore, a hammock, empty flare containers, parachutes and US water bottles. All were destroyed. 500m EAST of this camp, two old bunkers with an interconnecting trench system and an empty store room were found.
 - (2) (101330H) At YT 024197, 4 RAR found a camp capable of holding eight persons. It had been occupied the night before and it had a claymore set up for firing.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (100900H) At YS 627905, VR sighted four camouflaged charcoal kilns each with a diameter of ten feet. Two small tin-roofed huts were also sighted.
 - (2) (101000H) At YS 466742, FAC received SA and RPG ground fire. A LFT engaged the area with unknown results.
 - (3) (101605H) At YS 434807, VR sighted a camouflaged ox cart.
 - (4) (101620H) At YS 686873, VR sighted a large camp consisting of 3000m of trench system and 25 bunkers. 2000m of trench were uncovered but were sighted due to a recent defoliation mission in the area. Three AA-type circular pits and 150 other pits (approx) were also sighted within a 200m radius. The camp did not appear to have been used recently
 - (5) (101620H) At YS 598808, a small hut which appeared part of gardening operations was destroyed by rockets.
 - (6) (101620H) At YS 668870, VR sighted a small base camp with one large hut 15 ft. x 10 ft., 30-40m of open trench and a large square opening which appeared to be a well. Recent ox-cart tracks lead to this camp from Route 328 and the area had been used in the last 24 hours.
 - (7) (101650H) At YS 530887, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1) (100825H) At YS 499555, an ARU/MAT team located a booby-trapped mine which they destroyed.
 - (2) (101210H) At YS 258801, 18 ARVN Div contacted an estimated squad of enemy who withdrew SOUTH. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties were unknown.
4. Omitted
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11Jun68.
11. Omitted.

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1. Australian Task Force Intsum No 192-68.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (110845H) At YS 380721, a patrol from 4 RAR located an enemy camp capable of holding a platoon. Some medical stores in the form of drugs were found. The camp had not been used for at least four months.
 - (2) (110855H) At YS 381716, 4 RAR found an enemy base camp capable of holding a company. It had been used in the last two or three weeks. The camp consisted of trenches, one bunker and a bamboo hut in good condition. A suspected mortar base plate position was located near the building. Recovered were a quantity of morphine, cooking utensils an Australian sweater, a Vietnamese water bottle and some clothing.
 - (3) (110930H) At YS 378724, 4 RAR located an enemy camp at least nine months old. It consisted of seven trenches, two bunkers and a twenty foot tunnel. The camp was capable of holding a platoon.
 - (4) (111050H) At YS 376721, 4 RAR located an enemy camp capable of holding a squad and used in the last three months. It consisted of a bunker and two tunnels along a creek. A B-52 strike had caused minor damage to the camp.
 - (5) (111140H) At YS 377717, 4 RAR located an enemy camp capable of holding a squad. It had been used in the last six months and consisted of two bunkers and 30 feet of tunnel. Recovered from it were a quantity of torch batteries and some morphine.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (111040H) At YS 529670 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: one large pit and two bunkers destroyed, one secondary explosion.
 - (2) (111050H) At YS 408750, FAC sighted two pits and a recently used trail.
 - (3) (111100H) At YS 398734, FAC sighted one tunnel entrance and 20m of crescent-shaped trench.
 - (4) (111315H) At YS 321709, FAC sighted fresh digging under trees.
 - (5) (111500H) At YS 534764, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was negative BDA due to foliage.
 - (6) (111510H) At YS 500716, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Three bunkers were destroyed and one damaged.
 - c. Secondary Explosions
 - (1) (a) Friendly Aircraft
 - (b) 4 x MK 117, 4 x MK 82, 4 x MK 81.
 - (c) One
 - (d) 50 feet
 - (e) Grey Smoke
 - (f) Unknown
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements
 - (1) (110720H) At YS 505558, a fourteen year old boy had his right leg blown off when the M16 mine he was trying to conceal from a clearing patrol exploded. A patrol from HOI MY EAST found the boy who was was a suspected local guerilla.
 - (2) (110800H) At YS 383553, an ARVN convoy travelling from VUNG TAU to BARIA had one vehicle destroyed by a command detonated mine. Results: friendly casualties; three KIA, 12 WIA and one 2½ ton truck destroyed. A sweep of the area revealed nothing.
4. a-c. Omitted
 - d. Report of Detainees 4 JUL 68-10 JUL 68.

Detainees	Released as Innocent Civilians	Suspects
13 (Total)	12	1
 - e-f. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted

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- 7. No change to Intsum No. 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Special Int Report " Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11Jun68.
- 11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 193-68.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (LATE ENTRY) (111930H) At YS 608738, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted five enemy. Results: five enemy KIA (BC), 2 x M1s, 1 x M2 and 1 x SKS CIA. Also captured was a pack containing clothing, rice and documents amongst which was an award for best soldier of D445 in 1966.
 - (2) (121440H) At YS 415763, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted two enemy carrying an RPG and an RPK with unknown results.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (120948H) At YS 668757, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 10% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed.
 - (2) (121525H) At YS605804, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy food-producing area. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: one vegetable garden and two bunkers destroyed.
 - (3) (121600H) At YS 408767, VR reported three fresh pits.
 - c.d. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. KIA by

	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	5	-
 - c.e. Omitted.
 - f. Enemy Weapons Losses
 - (1) Individual Four
 - (2) Crew-Served Nil
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11 Jun68
11. Omitted.

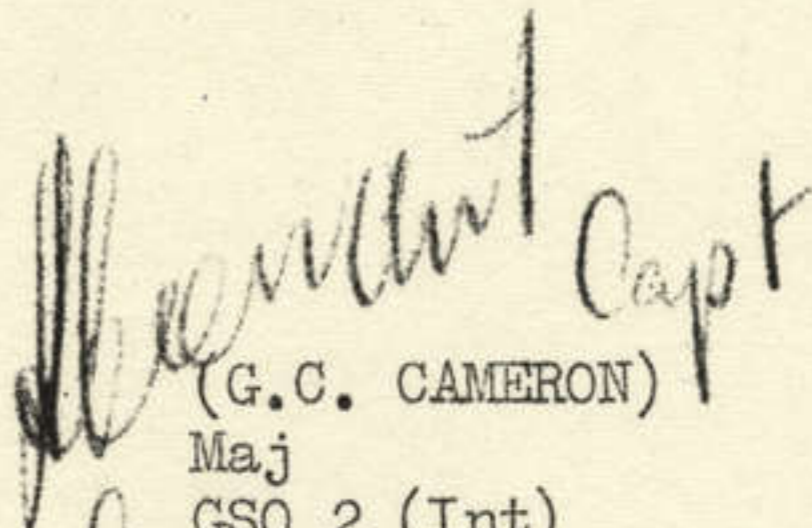
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 194/68.
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts by Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity. Nothing to report.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1)(130930H). At YS 353760 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Four bunkers destroyed and three bunkers damaged.
 - (2)(131158H). At YS 428788 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: No BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (3)(131520H). At YS 320708 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 50% coverage. Result: One bunker damaged and 20 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (4)(131630H). At YS 313821 VR reported one bunker and 15-20 metres of trench exposed. At YS 333858 three bunkers and one pit exposed.
 - (5)(131630H). At YS 500716 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 70% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers damaged, four trenches exposed and six circular pits uncovered.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(130140H). At YS 516552 an RF/PF Patrol contacted a party of 5-6 enemy dressed in black and armed with AK 47s. Fire was exchanged and two enemy were seen lying on the ground. The patrol withdrew and the area was engaged with mortar fire. Results: Two enemy KIA (possible). There were negative friendly casualties.
 - e-f. Omitted.
4. a-c. Omitted.

d. PW	RETURNNEES	DETAINEES
-	-	2
		(Detailed report to follow)
- e-f. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum 81-68.
Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9,10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Jun 68.
11. Omitted.


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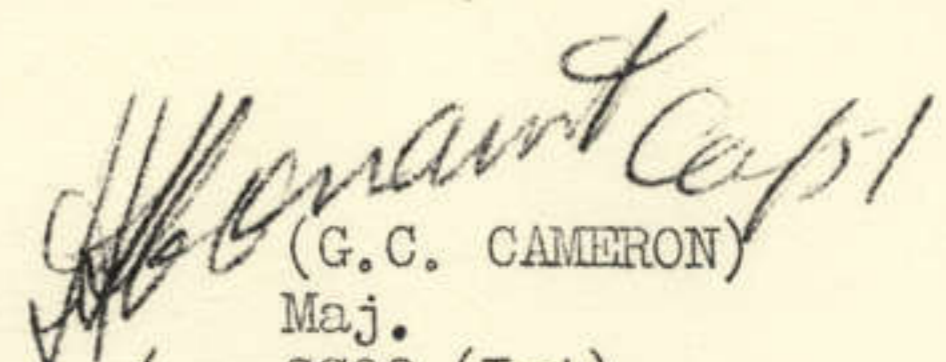
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No. 195-68.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) LATE ENTRY (131035H) At YS 534598, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC). A sweep of the area resulted in a second contact with an estimated five enemy. Result unknown. The enemy withdrew SOUTH-EAST.
 - (2) (141040H) At YS 522583, a 1 ATF LRRP (see Para 3 a.(1)) detonated a booby trap which had been planted in an APC track. Results : 3 Aust WIA.
 - (3) LATE ENTRY) (131300H) Vic YS4063, at HOA LONG CHECKPOINT , two people were detained, one for having excess clothing and the other for carrying medicine. The first person, a male, was taken to 10 MID for questioning. The second was evacuated to BARIA Hospital.
 - (4) (141130H) At YS 518582, a patrol from 1 RAR found pieces of shrapnel and the outer casing of a mine with th words MO5 written on it. The mine was buried from four to five inches in the ground
 - (5) (141300H) At YT 067194, 11/D/4 RAR found a cache containing 19 x 60mm mortar bombs plus a quantity of other military items.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (140810) At YS 526884, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed, one damaged and a trail uncovered.
 - (2) (141010H) At YS 313820, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 20% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed, three bunkers uncovered, 50m of trench destroyed and 150m uncovered.
 - (3) (141130H) Between YS 623805 and YS 624804, VR reported an enemy base camp with structures and bunkers. It appeared either to be occupied or occupied recently.
 - (4) (141430H) At YS 613667, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and 30% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed, 15m of trench damaged, and one footpath uncovered.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements
 - (1) (142030H) At YS 4659, a friendly ambush patrol ambushed an unknown number of enemy. Results: 5 enemy KIA (BC) . Two friendly troops were WIA.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. KIA by

Ground Forces	Confirmed	Possible
	1	-
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. PW

	RETURNEES	DETAINEES
	-	2
 - e.f. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9,10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11 Jun68.
11. Omitted


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No. 196-68.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (151430H) At YS 545574, an APC from 3/A/3 Cav Regt received a burst of automatic weapon fire and detonated a mine of unknown type. Results: 1 Aust. KIA and 4 Aust WIA.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (150800H) At YS 514644, FAC sighted a number of small pits and six bunkers.
 - (2) (150835H) At YS 623805, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 60% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed, one damaged and one exposed.
 - (3) (151149H) At YS 443863, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (4) (151300H) At YS 560771, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 70% on target and had 45% coverage. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (5) (151304H) At YS 555778, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

c.d. Omitted.

4. Omitted
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted
- 9.10. No change to Special Int Report " Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11Jun68.
11. Amendments to 1 ATF Intsum No 195-68.
 - Para 3a.(2) delete 3 Aust WIA and insert 1 Aust WIA.
 - Para 3d.(1) delete 5 enemy KIA (BC) and insert 5 enemy KIA (POSS).

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 197-68.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (161100H) At YS 539572, B/1 RAR was engaged by one enemy with an automatic weapon, possibly an AK-47. There were negative friendly casualties and enemy casualties were unknown.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (160755H) At YS 550778, FAC sighted a small hut and some trench with overhead cover.
 - (2) (160810H) At YS 603803, FAC sighted a crescent-shaped bunker with vegetable gardens nearby.
 - (3) (160810H) At YS 567589, Possum sighted several bunkers and trenches which were engaged with unknown results.
 - (4) (160820H) At YS 567597, Possum sighted a sampan landing point and heavy trail activity nearby.
 - (5) (160850H) At YS 605825, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy food-producing area. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: 50m x 100m of food-producing area destroyed.
 - (6) (160830H) At YS 623805, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed and two damaged.
 - (7) (161135H) At YS 562777, Possum sighted a possible tunnel uncovered by a previous airstrike
 - (8) (161205H) At YS 574578, Possum observed five bunkers connected by track to a target which had been hit before.
 - (9) (161400H) At YS 623805, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and 70% coverage. Results: one bunker was damaged and a trail cut.
 - (10) (161710H) At YS 623791, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 50% on target and had 10% coverage. Results: one structure damaged.
 - (11) (161718H) At YS 582867, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy food area. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: $\frac{1}{8}$ of an acre of corn was destroyed.
 - (12) (161826H) At YS 326667, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 10% coverage. Results: one tunnel entrance uncovered.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1) (160255H) At YS 585630, 585 RF Coy ambushed an unknown number of enemy. Contact was broken at 0300. Results: one enemy KIA (BC) and one rifle captured.
4. Omitted
5. No change to Intsum NO 81-68.
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted
- 9,10. No change to Special Int. Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11JUN68
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 198-68.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (171740H) At YS 485816, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted five enemy. Results: two enemy WIA and one Aust WIA.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (171105H) At YS 577799, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: one structure, five bunkers and 50m of trench destroyed and one secondary explosion.
 - (2) (171125H) At YS 575996, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was on target and one secondary explosion resulted.
 - (3) (171522H) At YS 433863, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed.
 - (4) (171752H) At YS 572764, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed and one bunker and 20m of trench damaged.
 - c. Secondary Explosions
 - (1) (a) Friendly Aircraft
 - (b) 2 x MK 117
 - (c) One
 - (d) 100'
 - (e) White Smoke
 - (f) Unknown
 - (2) (a) Friendly Aircraft
 - (b) 4 x MK 87s
 - (c) One
 - (d) 50'
 - (e) White Smoke
 - (f) Unknown
 - d. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. WIA by

	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	2	-
 - c-f Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 11 JUN68
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 199-68.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (181442H) At YS 239806, 4 RAR contacted four unarmed porters. They recovered 50lbs of rice (approx) which was destroyed, grey uniforms and a pack containing 25 x 7.92 mm ammunition. There was no further result and the enemy withdrew NORTH to NORTH EAST.
 - (2) (181520H) At YS 237807, 4 RAR contacted an estimated three enemy who were porters and armed. Results: one enemy WIA, one Mosin Nagent, one bayonet, fish, one M26 grenade and five 7.92mm rounds captured. Approx 50lbs of rice was also captured and was destroyed in situ. The enemy withdrew SOUTH.
 - (3) (181630H) AT YS 236796, 4 RAR contacted approximately two enemy. Results: 1 enemy WIA, and one Garard rifle captured. Approximately 20m NORTH of the area of contact a squad-sized camp was discovered. Several bags of clothing, one M79 round, one M76 grenade, one fragmentation grenade, eight electric detonators, 45 rounds of 7.62 Chicom ammo, cooking utensils, approx. 50lbs of rice, tins of food, medical equipment one small loudspeaker, some chickens and four bags of documents were captured. The camp had been occupied by both males and females and the initial readout of documents indicated that some occupants were deserters. The original enemy was contacted by 11/4 RAR again and he was believed wounded again. Results: negative friendly casualties and two packs captured.
 - (4) (181830H) At YS 238793, 4 RAR found a food cache, built on a platform. It contained approx. 1500lbs of rice, one bag of salt, one bag of tinned milk, sugar, and one new National Tape Recorder. Approx. 1000lbs of rice were returned to 1 ATF and the rest was destroyed
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (180820H) At YS 376885, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: two weapon pits destroyed, one damaged and 15m of trench uncovered.
 - (2) (180855H) At YS 376885, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was on target resulting in one bunker destroyed, one damaged and one secondary explosion.
 - (3) (181137H) At YS 349836, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was negative BDA.
 - (4) (181209H) At YS 436867, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed, 20m of trench destroyed and 50m of trench uncovered.
 - (5) (181820H) At YS 398700, VR sighted an enemy base camp containing two pits and tunnel entrance.
 - c. Secondary Explosions
 - (1) (a) Friendly Aircraft
 - (b) 8 x MK 117
 - (c) One
 - (d) 100 ft.
 - (e) White Smoke
 - (f) Unknown
 - d. Omitted
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. WIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 2
 - c-e. Omitted
 - f. Enemy Weapon Losses
 - (1) Individual two
 - (2) Crew-Served nil
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68
6. Omitted
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68
8. Omitted
- 9,10. No change to Special Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11Jun68.
11. Omitted.

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Approx 500 lbs of rice was recovered and was...
 one paymaster, fish, one M16 grenade and five...
 who were porters and armed. Results: one enemy KIA...
 (2) (181200Z) AT YS 231807, 4 BAR contacted an...
 result and the enemy withdrew NORTH to NORTH EAST...
 and a pack containing 25 x 7.92 mm ammunition...
 They recovered 50 lbs of rice (approx) which was...
 (1) (181440Z) AT YS 232806, 4 BAR contacted four...
 Ground Activity

1000 lbs of rice were returned to 1 ATF and the rest was destroyed...
 of tinned milk, sugar, and one new National Tape Recorder...
 form. It contained approx 1500 lbs of rice, one bag of salt, one bag...
 (4) (181300Z) AT YS 232733, 4 BAR found a food cache, built on a plat...
 two packs captured...
 was believed wounded again. Results: negative friendly casualties and...
 the initial report of documents indicated that some occupants were...
 captured. The camp had been occupied by both males and females and...
 one small independence, some chickens and four bags of documents were...
 cooking utensils, approx 50 lbs of rice, tin of food, medical equipment...
 after grenades, eight electric detonators, 45 rounds of 7.62 Glimco ammo...
 Several bags of clothing, one M16 round, one M16 grenade, one fragment...
 SOM NORTH of the area of contact a ground-aided camp was discovered...
 Results: 1 enemy KIA, one enemy WIA, and one enemy rifle captured...
 (3) (181630Z) AT YS 232756, 4 BAR contacted approximately two enemy...
 Air Activity

- (1) (180800Z) AT YS 230655, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base...
 camp. It was 800 on target and had 30% coverage. Results: two bunkers...
 pits destroyed, one bunker and 15m of trench uncovered.
- (2) (180850Z) AT YS 230655, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base...
 camp. It was on target resulting in one bunker destroyed, one bunker...
 and one secondary explosion.
- (3) (181130Z) AT YS 230336, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base...
 camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was negative...
 results.
- (4) (181200Z) AT YS 230657, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base...
 camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: two bunkers...
 destroyed, 20m of trench destroyed and 30m of trench uncovered.
- (5) (181800Z) AT YS 230700, VE sighted on enemy base camp containing...
 two pits and tunnel entrance.

Secondary Explosions

- (1) (a) Friendly Airstrike
- (b) 8 x M117
- (c) One
- (d) 100 ft
- (e) White Smoke
- (f) Unknown

1. Enemy Weapon Losses
 (1) Individual two
 (2) Crew-Served nil
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 No change to Inform No 111-68
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 No change to Special Int Report "Extraction 1800G TUV Province" dated 13 June 68
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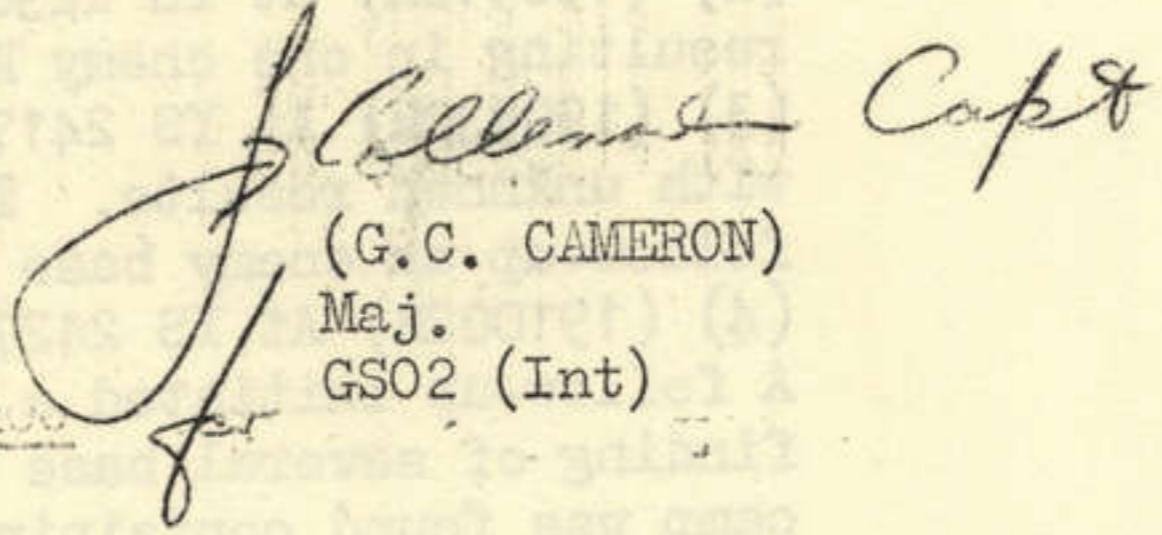
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1. Australian Task Force Intsum No 200-68.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were six contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (190110H) At YS 435826, 12/D/4 RAR an estimated six enemy who came from the EAST. The enemy returned fire with AK-47s and withdrew NORTH. The area was engaged with mortars and arty. A later sweep revealed drag marks and blood trails, one to the EAST and the other to the WEST. Found in the area were documents, four packs, one AK-47 mag and ammo, one RPG-2 launcher and four RPG-2 rounds.
 - (2) (190910H) At YS 223830, 4/B/3 RAR contacted approx one enemy resulting in one enemy KIA (BC); one SKS and two packs captured.
 - (3) (190930H) At YS 241792, 11/D/4 RAR contacted approx three enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew SOUTH-EAST. During the follow-up an enemy base camp was found. Nothing further to report.
 - (4) (191002H) At YS 242791, 11/D/4 RAR engaged one enemy who fled SOUTH. A follow-up initiated a contact with an unknown number of enemy and the finding of several base camps. At YS 236795, a company-size base camp was found containing medical supplies, documents and ammunition.
 - (5) (191513H) At YS 244794, 10/D/4 RAR contacted one to two enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew SOUTH to SOUTH-EAST.
 - (6) (191615H) At YS 250795, 4 RAR found an enemy base camp capable of holding a squad. A quantity of rice and grain was destroyed.
 - (7) (191635H) At YS 246794, 4 RAR found a company-size base camp on a creek line. Two shelters with tables were found but no bunkers were found.
 - (8) (191846H) At YS 254793, 4 RAR found an enemy camp capable of holding a squad plus. It contained tunnels and holes and one old grave.
 - (9) (191655H) At YS 254793, 4 RAR contacted approx four enemy. Results: one enemy KIA (BC). The enemy were armed with AK-47s and withdrew WEST taking the enemy KIA's weapon with them. Friendly casualties were three Aust. WIA.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (190715H) At YS 399733, VR sighted two bunkers.
 - (2) (190840H) At YS 377726, VR sighted an enemy base camp consisting of bunkers and connecting trenches.
 - (3) (190845H) At YS 374722, VR sighted two crescent shaped bunkers connected by a trench line.
 - (4) (190900H) At YS 291728, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed.
 - (5) (191020H) At YS 376727, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Result: one bunker and one pit destroyed.
 - (6) (191110H) At YS 572769, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: 40m of trench and one bunker destroyed.
 - (7) (191436H) At YS 573768, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 20% coverage. Results: two bunkers damaged.
 - (8) (191632H) At YS 367734, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1) (190830H) At YS 428556, an unknown number of enemy detonated a mine under a Mike-Force jeep resulting in four persons WIA and one jeep destroyed. The enemy withdrew EAST covered by AW fire.
 - (2) (191200H) At YS 449582, an estimated enemy platoon ambushed an RF squad. Results: One RF KIA one M2 carbine lost. The enemy withdrew SOUTH-EAST with unknown casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 2
 - c-e. Omitted

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- f. Enemy Weapons Losses
 (1) Individual One
 (2) Crew-Served One
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted
9.10. No change to Int. Report " Enemy Situation - PLUOC TUY PROVINCE" dated 19 Jul 68.
11. (1) Amendment to 1 ATF Intsum No 199-68, Para 3 a.(3)
 Amend one enemy WIA to read one VC KIA (BC)


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 201-68.
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(201100H) At YS470891, C/1 Cav Regt found a small base camp containing one and a half 44 gal drums of rice, 12 sacks of tea, two shelters and a quantity of corn. A cornfield was found nearby. The rice was destroyed.
 - (2)(201300H) At YS245796, 2/W/4RAR found a base camp containing 380 sq yds of plastic, 100 yds of nylon, a quantity of split peas and AK-47 ammo.
 - (3)(201300H) At YS255793, D/4RAR found a large base camp consisting of 20 bunkers. They also found one stick-type mine, four claymores, two old stoves and a quantity of AK-47 ammo.
 - (4)(201450H) At YS274793, 12/D/4RAR contacted three enemy, one of whom was carrying an LMG. Results: One enemy KIA (BC) and one enemy WIA. Enemy withdrew NORTH.
 - (5)(201604H) At YS294833, 3/V/4RAR sighted two enemy moving WEST from a cache which was later found to contain 30x81mm mortar rounds.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(201015H) At YS672581, VR sighted a sampan which pulled up onto the beach. Two people emerged and headed along Route 328.
 - (2)(201030H) At YS326667, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - (3)(201330H) At YS684862, VR sighted four foxholes situated in the open.
 - (4)(201530H) At YS697783, FAC sighted a possible enemy base camp. The ground is trodden down and a well used trail leads to the area.
 - (5)(201550H) At YS398700, VR sighted an enemy base camp.
 - (6)(201625H) In vic YS5779, VR sighted several ploughed gardens.
 - (7)(201700H) At YS320708, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: 40 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (8)(201740H) At YS375723, FAC sighted an old bombed out enemy base camp. Several tunnel entrances and a possible pit were sighted.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

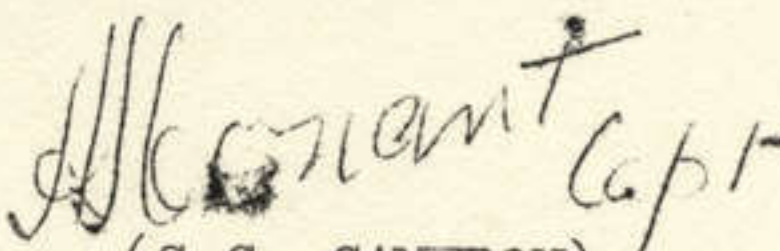
- a. Omitted.
- b. KIA by Confirmed
 Ground Forces 1
 WIA by
 Ground Forces 1

c-f. Omitted.

5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Enemy Situation - Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 202-68.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TEN contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity

- (1)(LATE ENTRY 191400H) At YS552564, a 1 ATF LRRP sighted two enemy wearing packs and carrying AK-47s who approached from the EAST along a track. They withdrew quickly NORTH WEST before they could be engaged.
- (2)(210825H) At YS293833, 1/V/4RAR contacted one enemy dressed in black. Results: One enemy WIA; one pack, one AK-47 mag and one claymore mine captured.
- (3)(210837H) At YS302810, 4/B/4RAR contacted a squad of enemy with unknown results. Enemy were moving WEST to EAST along a track.
- (4)(210920H) At YS237862, 3/A/3RAR heard movement and on follow up contacted one enemy resulting in one enemy KIA (BC) and one AK-47 captured. More enemy were suspected and mortars engaged likely withdrawal routes to the NORTH. A sweep of the area revealed nothing.
- (5)(211010H) At YS301793, 5/B/4RAR located a coy size enemy base camp which had been hit by a B52 strike. A number of radio aerials were found suggesting a possible radio installation. One of the bunkers had been used the previous night and fresh footprints were found in the area.
- (6)(211015H) At YS299834, 3/V/4RAR contacted two enemy dressed in black. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC) and two AK-47s captured.
- (7)(211045H) At YS255793, 10/D/4RAR contacted two enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC) and one AK-47 captured.
- (8)(211105H) At YS304794, 5/B/4RAR contacted approx three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC) and one enemy PW. Remaining enemy withdrew SOUTH to SOUTH EAST.
- (9)(211130H) At YS608782, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted one enemy moving SOUTH on Route 328. Results: One enemy KIA (BC) and one M1 carbine captured.
- (10)(211232H) In vic YS299834, 3/V/4RAR surprised a party of enemy lying in ambush. Enemy engaged pl with three claymores and ten small arms. The pl withdrew with nil casualties. Arty engaged the area and a later sweep revealed nothing.
- (11)(211500H) At YS236861, 3/A/3RAR contacted three enemy moving SOUTH to NORTH. Results: One enemy KIA (BC) and a quantity of AK-47 mags captured.
- (12)(211500H) At YS456803, 2Tp/CSqn received an RPG round from the vic YS456804. Fire was returned and four persons were seen in the area. There were no known results.
- (13)(211550H) At YS261793, 4RAR found a pl size enemy base camp covering an area 50x70 metres and consisting of five bunkers with OHC and 12 open fire trenches. The camp had been used by two to three persons that morning.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(211030H) Between YS582881 and YS582894, VR reports several rice paddies under fresh cultivation.
- (2)(211135H) At YS377726, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
- (3)(211225H) At YS393701, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 20% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (4)(211300H) At YS578811 and YS578809, VR sighted log bridges.
- (5)(211550H) At YS343855, VR reported 20-30 metres of trench and one bunker undamaged in area of previous airstrikes.
- (6)(211530H) At YS374722, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and one bunker damaged.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

- b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 8
WIA by
Ground Forces 1
- c. Omitted.
- d. PW - 1 VC
- e. Omitted.
- f. Enemy Weapons Losses.
(1) Individual - 5
- 5. No change to Intsun No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsun No 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
- 11. Omitted.

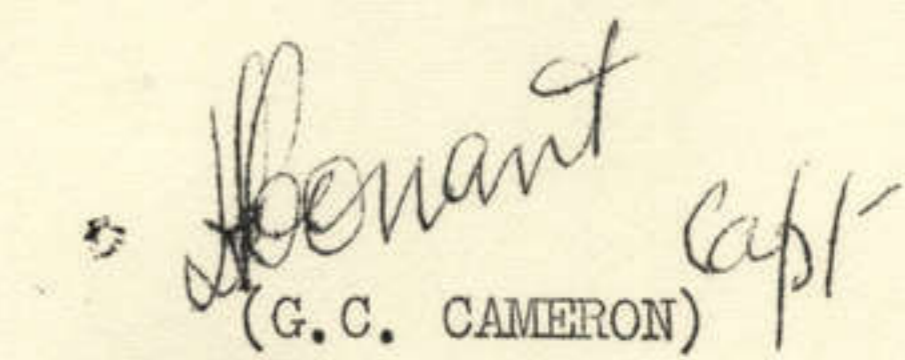
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 203-68.
2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (220930H) At YS 260795, 3/W/4 RAR located a well used base camp with two and a half feet of overhead cover. Results: two Mosin Nagant rifles, a quantity of dried fish, 100 x 50 cal rounds and 100 x 7.62mm rounds were found.
 - (2) (221038H) At YS 267797, D/4 RAR contacted one enemy with nil results. The enemy withdrew WEST.
 - (3) (221055H) At YS 227797, 4 RAR contacted three enemy with nil results. The enemy withdrew WEST.
 - (4) (221000H) At YS 284833, 4 RAR found an enemy base camp containing slit trenches and bunkers.
 - (5) (221400H) At YS 252793, 4 RAR found one 50 cal box containing nine enemy gas masks and three bags of crystal.
 - (6) (221440H) At YS 306839, 2/V/4 RAR contacted an estimated two platoons of enemy. The enemy withdrew into bunkers and were engaged by arty and LFT. Results: three enemy KIA (Poss).
 - (7) (221600H) At YS 504676, 1 ARU found a tunnel which they destroyed.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (221400H) At YS 592921, VR sighted five enemy hiding under a tree.
 - (2) (221458H) At YS 378848, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed.
 - (3) (221518H) At YS 698878, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: five bunkers, ten foxholes and 50m of trench destroyed.
 - (4) (221715H) At YS 311843, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: two bunkers destroyed.
 - c.d. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. KIA by

Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	3
Nil	
 - c-e. Omitted
 - f. Enemy Weapons Losses
 - (1) Individual Two
 - (2) Crew-Served Nil
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Int Report "Enemy Situation - PHUOC TUY Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
11. Omitted


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1. Australian Task Force Intsum No 204-68.
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity

(1) (230627H) At YS 465781, an M16 mine was detonated by an APC from 3/A/3 Cav Regt. There were no casualties and light damage was sustained by the vehicle. NOTE: there is a possibility that this mine was laid by friendly forces.

(2) (230915H) At VINH THANH and LA VAN hamlets (YS 4677) 1 RAR detained 15 persons in a cordon and search operation. They have been handed over to the civil authorities.

(3) (230940H) At YS 303814, 6/B/4 RAR found a tunnel complex.

(4) (231000H) At YS 307839, W/4 RAR and V/4 RAR assaulted an enemy bunker system which was occupied by an estimated 20 enemy. Repeated attempts to take the position were unsuccessful and at 1500H 4 RAR withdrew to allow air strikes to be placed on the camp. Results: two NZ were WIA; enemy casualties were unknown.

(5) (231350H) At YS 340875, D/3 RAR contacted two enemy on a track. Results: negative friendly casualties and enemy casualties unknown. Two packs were captured and the enemy withdrew NORTH - NORTH EAST.

(6) (231605H) At YS 334874, 12/D/3 RAR contacted an estimated six to ten enemy wearing light grey-green uniforms and Chinese caps.

11/D/3 RAR then assaulted from the flank. Results: one Aust WIA, one enemy KIA (BC) and one enemy KIA (Poss). Two theodolites were captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH - NORTH EAST.

(7) (231400H) At YS 242375, 1/A/3 RAR found an enemy camp containing 14 bunkers in various stages of construction. Work on approximately 25 fighting pits was thought to have taken place as late as yesterday.

(8) (231700H) At YS 464716, 1 RAR found six circular holes approx. two feet in diameter and ten feet deep with a slope of 60°. The holes were three to four feet apart in a circular layout. They were situated in long grass; several freshly cut poles, apparently used for measuring, were found nearby.

(9) (231850H) At YS 481665, 3 RAR found fresh tracks and five sleeping bays which had used within the last day.

(10) (232005H) At HOA LONG, (YS 4163), AW and SA fire was heard.

Flares were also sighted. The disturbance ceased at 232125H.

Nothing further to report.

(11) LATE ENTRY (222300H) At YS 382673, a patrol from 4 RAR sighted a party of ten enemy moving from SOUTHERN HOA LONG towards YS 382653. The area was engaged with Arty with unknown results.

b. Air Activity

(1) (230934H) At YS 698800 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(2) (231330H) At YS 575853, VR sighted several bunkers and pits.

(3) (231454H) At YS 698782, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 40% coverage. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(4) (231458H) At YS 378848, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed.

(5) (231500H) At YS 562837, VR sighted a suspected base camp with only one pit observed. There was heavy foot track activity in the area.

(6) (231518H) At YS 576845, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: one bunker destroyed and three damaged.

(7) (231518H) At YS 698878, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: five bunkers, ten foxholes and 50m of trench destroyed.

(8) (231520H) At YS 307839, three airstrikes were conducted on an enemy base camp in support of troops in contact. They were all 100% on target and had 80% coverage. There was negative BDA.

(9) LATE ENTRY. (221555H) At YS 715902, FAC sighted an enemy base camp consisting of two large bunkers and 50m of trench. Further bunkers and trench were observed adjacent to this camp.

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- c.d. Omitted.
- 4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. KIA by

	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	1	1
 - c. Omitted
 - d. PW

	Returnees	Detainees
Nil	Nil	15
 - e.f. Omitted.
- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Int Report "Enemy Situation - PHUOC TUY Province" dated 19Jul68
- 11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 205-68.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(240715H) At YS335874, 3RAR contacted one enemy who walked onto their LZ. Results: Nil friendly casualties and enemy casualties unknown. Captured were two hats, one belt and a water bottle. Drag marks were found leading from the area.
- (2)(241245H) At YS235856, 3/2/ASqn received AW fire from an unknown number of enemy. The enemy were engaged and a sweep of the area conducted by 3/A/3RAR. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The enemy was dressed in greens and webbing and was carrying one RPG-2 round, three AK-47 mags and a US compass.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(240925H) At YS373772, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (2)(241045H) At YS305840, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and two bunkers damaged.
- (3)(241134H) At YS328805, VR sighted several bunkers and trenches.
- (4)(241200H) At YS494851 and YS489860, VR reported suspected base camps.
- (5)(241220H) At YS592917, VR sighted a large base camp which had been partly bombed out. The camp showed signs of being used in the last 24 hours.
- (6)(241314H) At YS341876, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (7)(241330H) At YS341876, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

- (1)(242050H) At YS427607, one pl of 9/10 RF Coy outpost was attacked by a pl of enemy using SA and D40's. Contact was broken at 2120H. Enemy withdrew NORTH WEST. Nil friendly casualties. Enemy losses unknown.
- (2)(242050H) At YS427592, a PRU ambush patrol fired on five enemy with SA and claymores. Enemy returned fire with SA. Contact was broken at 2110H. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), four enemy KIA (POSS); one M1 rifle captured.
- (3)(242110H) At YS432596, enemy fired three rounds of 60mm mortar into the compound. There were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	1

c-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for July 68.

(1) Enemy KIA	-	35
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	8
KBA	-	3
KBA (POSS)	-	3
(2) PW's	-	1
Detainees	-	65
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil

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| (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed | - | 14 |
| (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed | - | 2 |
| (5) Tons of Rice Captured | - | Nil |
| (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed | - | 2.25 tons |
| (7) 122mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
| (8) 122mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
| (9) 107mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
| (10) 107mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int. Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 206-68.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.

Nil
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(250800H) At YS692772, VR sighted two sets of ox-cart tracks running SOUTH parallel to Route 328 and crossing Route 329 at the above grid.
 - (2)(251145H) At YS393701, VR sighted eight tunnel entrances, three fighting positions and two bunkers.
 - (3)(251226H) At YS393701, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 10% coverage. Results: Two bunkers damaged.
 - (4)(251335H) At YS308786, VR sighted a tunnel entrance uncovered previously by B52 strikes.
 - (5)(251540H) At YS613667, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One spider hole destroyed.
 - (6)(251615H) At YS671670, VR reported a log bridge across a stream with tracks on either side of it.
 - c-d. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a-f. Omitted.
 - g. Cumulative Totals for Jul 68.

(1) Enemy KIA	-	35
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	8
KBA	-	3
KBA (POSS)	-	3
(2) PW's	-	1
Detainees	-	65
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	14
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	2
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	Nil
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	2.25 tons
(7) 122mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil
(8) 122mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil
(9) 107mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil
(10) 107mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.

11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 207-68.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(260829H) At YS276808, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC) and one grenade captured.
 - (2)(261030H) At YS276808, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC) and one enemy KIA (POSS).
 - (3)(261220H) At YS276808, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The patrol was extracted.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(261250H) At YS276808, an ac extracting a 1 ATF LRRP engaged one enemy. Results: One enemy KBA (BC).
 - (2)(261417H) At YS313821, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: 30 metres of trench destroyed, 20 metres of trench uncovered and one bunker damaged.
 - (3)(261437H) At YS487861, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: Four bunkers, one fighting position and one structure destroyed.
 - (4)(261600H) At YS756642, YS756646, YS756648, YS759643, YS759646 and YS759648, VR reports tunnel entrances, recently used.
 - (5)(261817H) At YS328805, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: 20 metres of trench destroyed, 50 metres of trench uncovered and one bunker destroyed.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(261130H) At YS449727, an ARVN patrol contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: Two civilians KIA, two RF MIA; two carbines and one PRC-10 radio lost.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. KIA by Ground Forces.

Confirmed	Possible
4	1
KBA by RAAF	
1	-
 - c-f. Omitted.
 - g. Cumulative Totals for Jul 68.
 - (1) Enemy KIA

KIA	-	39
KIA (POSS)	-	5
WIA	-	8
KBA	-	4
KBA (POSS)	-	3
 - (2) PW's

PW's	-	1
Detainees	-	65
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
 - (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 14
 - (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 2
 - (5) Tons of Rice Captured - Nil

- (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 2.25 tons
- (7) 122mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- (8) 122mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- (10) 107mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
- 11. Omitted.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 208-68.
- 2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Jul 68.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) (271000H) At YS 400755, a 1 ATF LRRP sighted three enemy whilst being extracted. LFT engaged with unknown results.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) (271010H) At YS 319573, VR sighted a sampan which pulled into the river bank. Its two occupants hid in some bushes.
 - (2) (271110H) At YS 623792 and YS 619797, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: two large metal and wooden structures destroyed and two bunkers damaged.
 - (3) (271135H) At YS 323834, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: three bunkers destroyed and one structure destroyed.
 - (4) (271300H) At YS 592793, VR sighted an underground bunker with OHC four to five feet high.
 - (5) (271315H) At YS 395758, a VR ac received ground fire. There was no damage and casualties were nil. Fresh diggings were sighted in the area.
 - (6) (271530H) At YS 556832, VR sighted fresh digging and tracks around old base camp. At YS 594775, VR sighted a bomb crater filled in with spoil. At YS 600803, a tin-roofed hut was sighted 40m EAST of a tunnel entrance.
 - (7) (271620H) At YS 331706, FAC sighted five large military structures approx 10' x 20'. There are approx three to four bunkers and possibly more under the structures. There were also signs of recent activity in the area.
 - c-d. Omitted.

- 4. a-f. Omitted
- g. No change to Intsum No 207-68.
- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted
- 7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9.10. No change to Int Report "Enemy Situation - PHUOC TUY Province" dated 19 Jul68.
- 11. Miscellaneous.
 - (1) Amend 1 ATF Intsum No 207-68, Para 3 a (2) by deleting one enemy KIA (Poss) and inserting one enemy KIA (BC); and Para 3 a.(3) by deleting one enemy KIA (BC) and inserting one enemy KIA (Poss).

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 209-68.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(281045H) At YS673585, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted 30 enemy dressed in khaki, pith helmets and webbing. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The patrol was extracted.
- (2)(281430H) At YS503561, ARU found two hand grenades in a house in HOI BA, the occupants were taken to sub-sector for interrogation.
- (3)(281630H) At YS623663, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (POSS).

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(280648H) At YS301793, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two tunnel entrances closed, 40 metres of trench uncovered, three bunkers damaged and two bunkers destroyed.
- (2)(280830H) At YS603603, VR sighted a bunker under a dead tree.
- (3)(280834H) At YS626906, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 10% coverage. Results: Two pits uncovered and one bunker destroyed.
- (4)(281115H) At YS605833, VR sighted two tunnel entrances and at YS593814, one tunnel entrance.
- (5)(281710H) At YS623663, LFT engaged area during a 1 ATF LRRP extraction resulting in one secondary explosion.
- (6)(281730H) At YS541581, VR sighted two large bunkers and one tunnel entrance.

c. Secondary Explosions.

- (1) (a) LFT
- (b) 7.62mm GPMG
- (c) One
- (d) 50 ft
- (e) Unknown
- (f) Unknown

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

- (1)(280940H) At YS443730, a road clearing patrol from 655 RF Coy contacted an estimated pl of enemy with unknown results.
- (2)(280900H) At YS460730, a friendly road clearing patrol contacted an estimated squad of enemy with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	1	1

c-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jul 68.

(1) Enemy KIA	-	40
KIA (POSS)	-	5
WIA	-	3
KBA	-	4
KBA (POSS)	-	3
(2) PW's	-	1
Detainees	-	67
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil

- (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 14
- (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 2
- (5) Tons of Rice Captured - Nil
- (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 2.25 tons
- (7) 122mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- (8) 122mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed - Nil
- (10) 107mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed - Nil

- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
- 11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 209-68.
2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(291155H) At YS 439699, a Provost patrol sighted two persons carrying rifles who ran across the road from WEST to EAST. No further action was taken.
 - (2)(291040H) At YS 397722, 2P1/ARU found a tunnel entrance. It will be blown by engineers.
 - (3)(291403H) At AP DONG Hamlet (YS 4264), a cordon and search was conducted. Results: One person detained; one tunnel blown plus a quantity of star pickets, detonators and assorted stores captured.
 - (4)(291655H) At YS 272756, 6/B/1RAR contacted two enemy dressed in black, wearing packs and US pistol belts. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); One Chicom 7.62mm rifle and one M1 captured.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(291435H) At YS205843, FAC sighted five men dressed in grey on heavily laden bicycles heading WEST. They were not armed and no further action was taken.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. KIA by Ground Forces Confirmed
2
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Detainees - 1
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Enemy Weapons Losses
 - (1) Individual - 2
 - g. Cumulative Totals for Jul 68.

(1) Enemy KIA	- 42
KIA (POSS)	- 6
WIA	- 4
KBA	- 4
KBA (POSS)	- 3
(2) PW	- 1
Detainees	- 68
Hoi Chanh	- Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 16
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 2
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	- Nil
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	- 2.25 tons
(7) 122mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed	- Nil
(8) 122mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed	- Nil
(9) 107mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed	- Nil
(10) 107mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed	- Nil

- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsum Np 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
- 11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 211-68.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(300940H) At YS 375713, 2/1ARU located an old enemy base camp containing eight 60mm mortar bombs which were old and rusty. The camp was approx 30 metres in diameter and consisted of seven pits
- (2)(301120H) At YS 266758, 4/B/1RAR located an enemy base camp containing two pair of black pyjamas, 140 rounds 7.62mm tracer, 12 fishing lines, assorted knives, forks, a large pot and three structures which appeared to be beds. A tunnel was also located at the camp site and heavy track activity was also noticed in the area.
- (3)(301215H) At YS 262772, 9/C/1RAR were engaged by one or two enemy using a MG at a range of 50 metres. Results: One Aust WIA; enemy casualties unknown.
- (4)(301410H) At YS 290783, 7/C/1RAR and 3/3/ASqn contacted approx six enemy wearing greens. There were no friendly casualties and the enemy withdrew WEST with unknown casualties.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(300920H) At YS 575658, FAC sighted a trail leading to an unknown number of bunkers.
- (2)(300945H) At YS 639639, FAC sighted six pits in a treeline at the edge of a clearing.
- (3)(300955H) At YS 705621, FAC sighted 50 - 75 metres of trench with several trails leading into the area.
- (4)(301025H) At YS 563778, VR sighted a large garden ready to be cropped within one week. At YS 624824, fresh rice shoots were sighted. Ox-cart and foot tracks were also sighted on Route 328. Some tracks lead into several gardens at YS 6382, YS 615805 and YS 6080. Tracks on and beside Route 328, lead SOUTH from THUA TICH for at least 10,000 metres.
- (5)(301230H) At YS 357904, VR sighted one enemy wearing black shorts and light green shirt run WEST of the Brimstone Trail.
- (6)(301445H) At YS 650720, FAC sighted a large base camp beneath thick jungle. It extended for about 100-250 metres around the above co-ordinates.
- (7)(301450H) At YS 601801, FAC sighted three wooden huts, two with sheet metal roofs and one with a thatched roof.
- (8)(301545H) At YS 558830, VR sighted an old base camp being rebuilt. Several large bunkers and 40 metres of trench were observed. At YS 557834, a tunnel entrance with fresh soil nearby was sighted. At YS 552829, a fresh base camp with several pits and 20 metres of trench was sighted. Tracks in the area had been well used.
- (9)(301545H) At YS 582783, VR sighted several fresh pits which were suspected to be part of a larger camp.
- (10)(301600H) At YS 327807, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: 40 metres of trench and four bunkers destroyed, three bunkers damaged and 50 metres of trench uncovered.
- (11)(301645H) At YS 564782, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. There was no BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- (12)(301730H) At YS 564782, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 70% on target and had a 100% coverage. There was no BDA due to smoke and foliage.

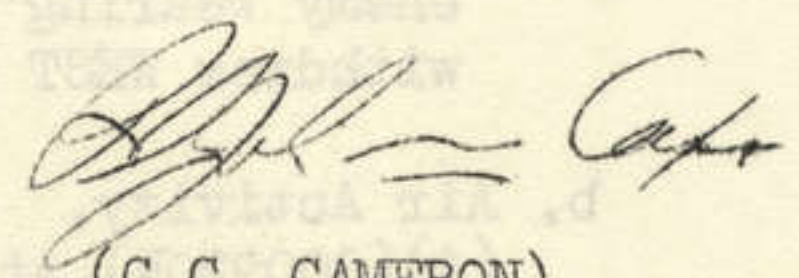
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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b-f. Omitted.

- g. No change to Intsum No 210-68.
- 5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
- 6. Omitted.
- 7. No change to Intsum No 111-68.
- 8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation Phuoc Tuy Province" dated 19 Jul 68.
- 11. Miscellaneous.
 - (1) Ref 1 ATF Intsum dated 29 Jul 68. Amend para 1 by deleting "209-68" and inserting "210-68".



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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 212-68.
2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H Jul 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(311000H) At YS 281757, B/1RAR found a sign in Vietnamese reading "Danger No Entry" with a skull and crossbones illustration.
- (2)(311015H) At YS 284764, 4/B/1RAR found a new track with enemy mine markers consisting of 18 inch sticks arranged in pairs. Also seen were five parallel sticks in centre of track at 50 metre intervals.
- (3)(311115H) At YS 343758, 1RAR found an enemy base camp 200x200 metres consisting of three weapon pits, 25 bunkers and 15 tunnels. Found in the camp was foodstuff and a wallet containing docs.
- (4)(311315H) At YS 307756, 2/A/1RAR found a pl size enemy base camp consisting of 15 bunkers with OHC, camp had been used in the last week. One AK-47 mag was found.
- (5)(311445H) At YS 271749, 12/D/1RAR found a small enemy base camp with five bunkers. 50lbs of rice and other foodstuffs were found and destroyed. Five Mosin Nagant rifle stocks were also found.
- (6)(311445H) At YS 315755, 1/A/1RAR found an enemy base camp consisting of 20 bunkers, communication trenches, a lecture hut and a 25 metre range.
- (7)(311445H) At YS 307756, 2/A/1RAR found an enemy base camp consisting of eight bunkers and trenches. This camp and that in para 3 a. (4), are to destroyed by air on 1 Aug 68.

b. Air Activity

- (1)(311000H) At YS 669868, VR engaged a new hut with rockets. Results: One hut damaged and one storage pit uncovered.
- (2)(310909H) At YS 756643, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 10% coverage. Results: Three tunnel entrances closed and one secondary explosion with grey smoke to 150 ft.
- (3)(311047H) At YS 756643, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and two bunkers damaged.
- (4)(311220H) At YS 580704, VR sighted an enemy base camp with one bunker and one tunnel entrance.
- (5)(311550H) At YS 563867, VR sighted a base camp consisting of one bunker, a trench and tunnels.
- (6)(311555H) At YS 556868, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: 30 metres of trench destroyed.
- (7)(311625H) At YS 367773, VR sighted two fresh pits and cut logs on the ground.
- (8)(311625H) At YS 395749, VR sighted one new pit and a tunnel entrance.
- (9)(311645H) At YS 492848, VR reported several bunkers which have been airstruck but not destroyed.
- (10)(311705H) At YS 487862, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed and four bunkers damaged.

c. Secondary Explosions.

- (1) (a) Friendly ac
 (b) 12x500 LO's
 (c) One
 (d) 150 ft
 (e) Grey
 (f) Unknown

d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
- a., b., c. Omitted
- d. Detainees. (261600 H Jul 68). At YS 444654 1 ARU detained 27 civilians who were in a Prohibited Area. They were later released as innocent civilians.
- e., f. Omitted.
- g. Cumulative Total for Jul 68
- | | | | |
|------|--|---|----------------|
| (1) | Enemy KIA | - | 42 |
| | KIA (POSS) | - | 6 |
| | WIA | - | 8 |
| | KBA | - | 4 |
| | KBA (POSS) | - | 3 |
| (2) | PW | - | 1 |
| | Detainees | - | 95 |
| | Hoi Chanh | - | Nil |
| (3) | Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed | - | 16 |
| (4) | Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed | - | 2 |
| (5) | Tons of Rice Captured | - | Nil |
| (6) | Tons of Rice Destroyed | - | 2.3 short tons |
| (7) | 122mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
| (8) | 122mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
| (9) | 107mm Rockets Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
| (10) | 107mm Rocket Warheads Captured/Destroyed | - | Nil |
5. No change to Intsum No 81-68.
6. Omitted.
7. No change to Intsum 111-68.
8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Situation in PHUOC TUY" dated 19 Jul 68.
11. Reference Intsum No 211-68, para 3.b. (6). Correct Grid Reference to YS 652922.

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OUTLINE ORBAT DETAILS
32 AND 33 NVA REGTS

1. 32 NVA Regt. This Regt arrived in SVN at PLEIKU PROVINCE, in Jan 65 and operated there until early Mar 68 when it was assigned to DARLAC PROVINCE. It is presently believed to be in the process of reassignment from II CTZ to III CTZ moving into III CTZ via the PARROTS BEAK (CAMBODIA) and the MICHELIN Plantation (40 miles NW of SAIGON). Information suggests that the 996 Bn/32 NVA Regt remained in II CTZ.
2. 33 NVA Regt. This Regt arrived in SVN at PLEIKU PROVINCE, in early Aug 65 with 3 inf bns and 8 support coys. In early 1967 the Regt relocated itself in DARLAC PROVINCE and since that time there has been no sign of the 2nd Bn. At the present time the 2nd Bn is not carried in ORBAT holdings of 33 NVA Regt. The 33 NVA Regt is presently believed to be in the process of relocating into III CTZ in company with 32 NVA Regt.
3. AKAs
 - a. 32 NVA Regt. CONG TRUONG, (Worksite 32); CONG TRUONG 3; 350th Regt, 725 Gp; Workshop 1; Worksite 11; 320th Regt; Workshop 32.
 - b. 33 NVA Regt. CONG TRUONG 33; 529D; A520; 270 Regt; Worksite 33; VINH PHU Regt.
 - (1) K-1 Bn. H-1; D-1; D602 Gp; 311th Bn; Xa-1.
 - (2) K-3 Bn. H-3; 331; D-3; 331st Bn.
4. Organisations. See Annex A.

Annex: A. Organisations of 32 and 33 NVA Regts

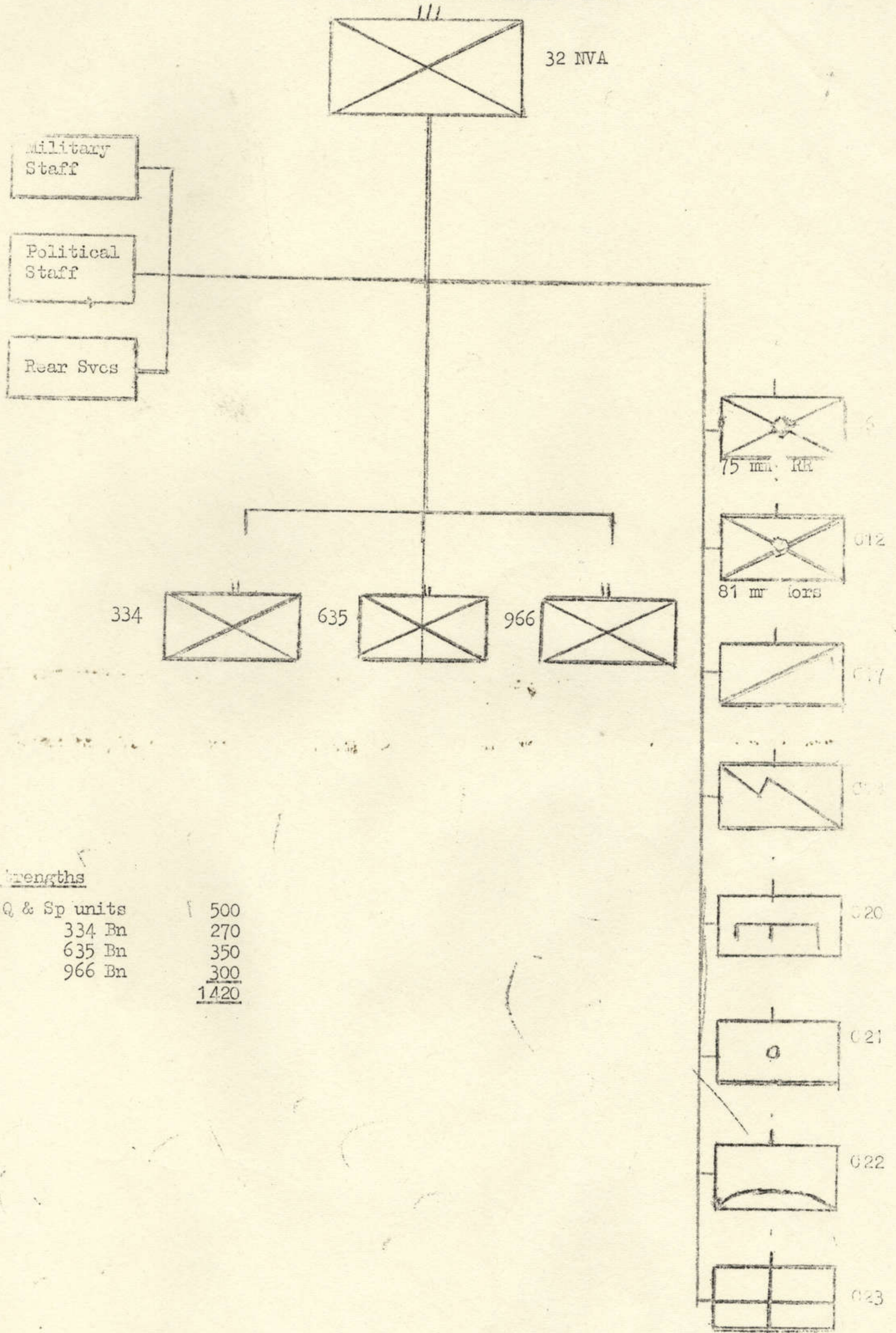
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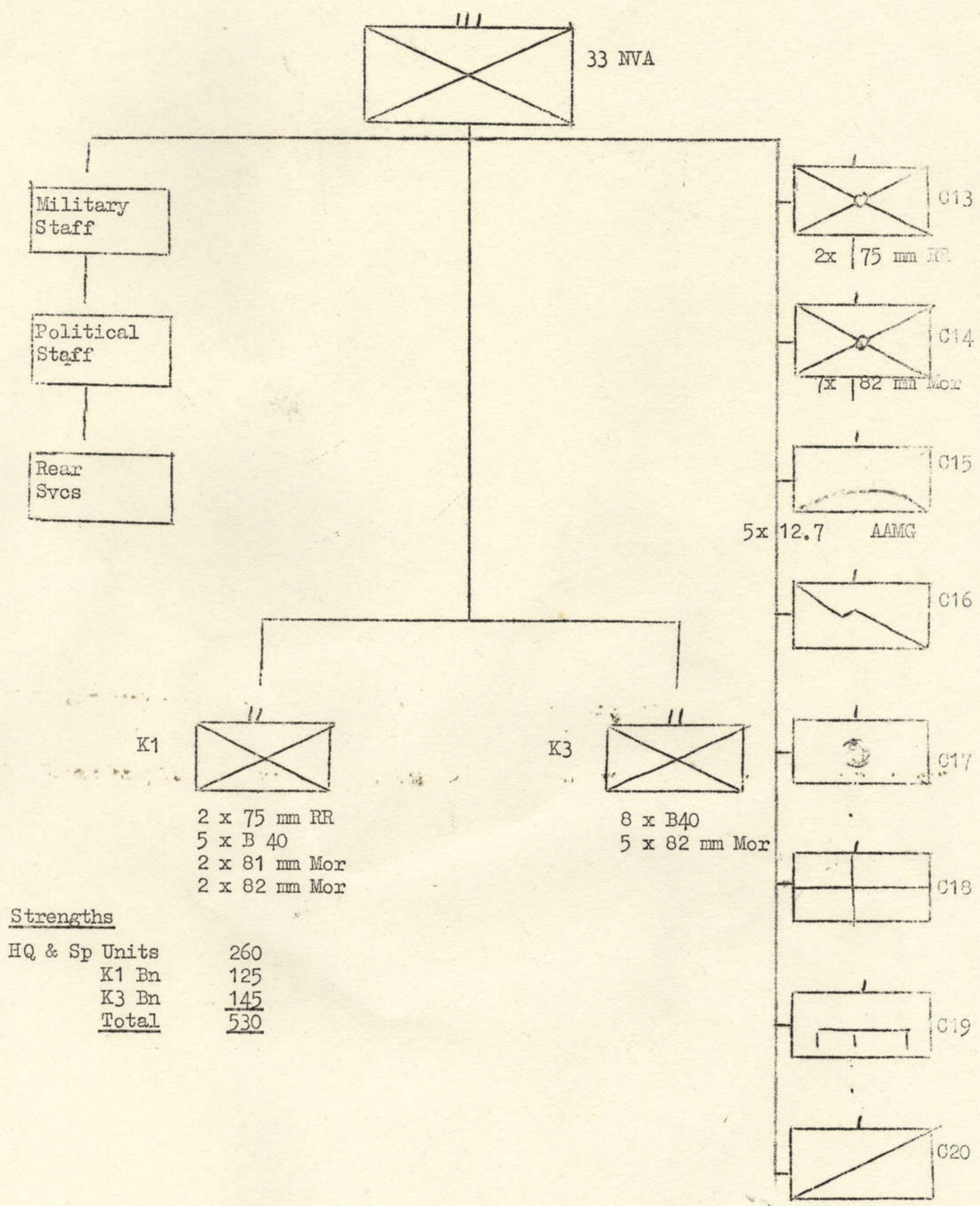
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ORGANISATIONS OF 32 AND 33 NVA REGTS



Strengths

HQ & Sp units	500
334 Bn	270
635 Bn	350
966 Bn	300
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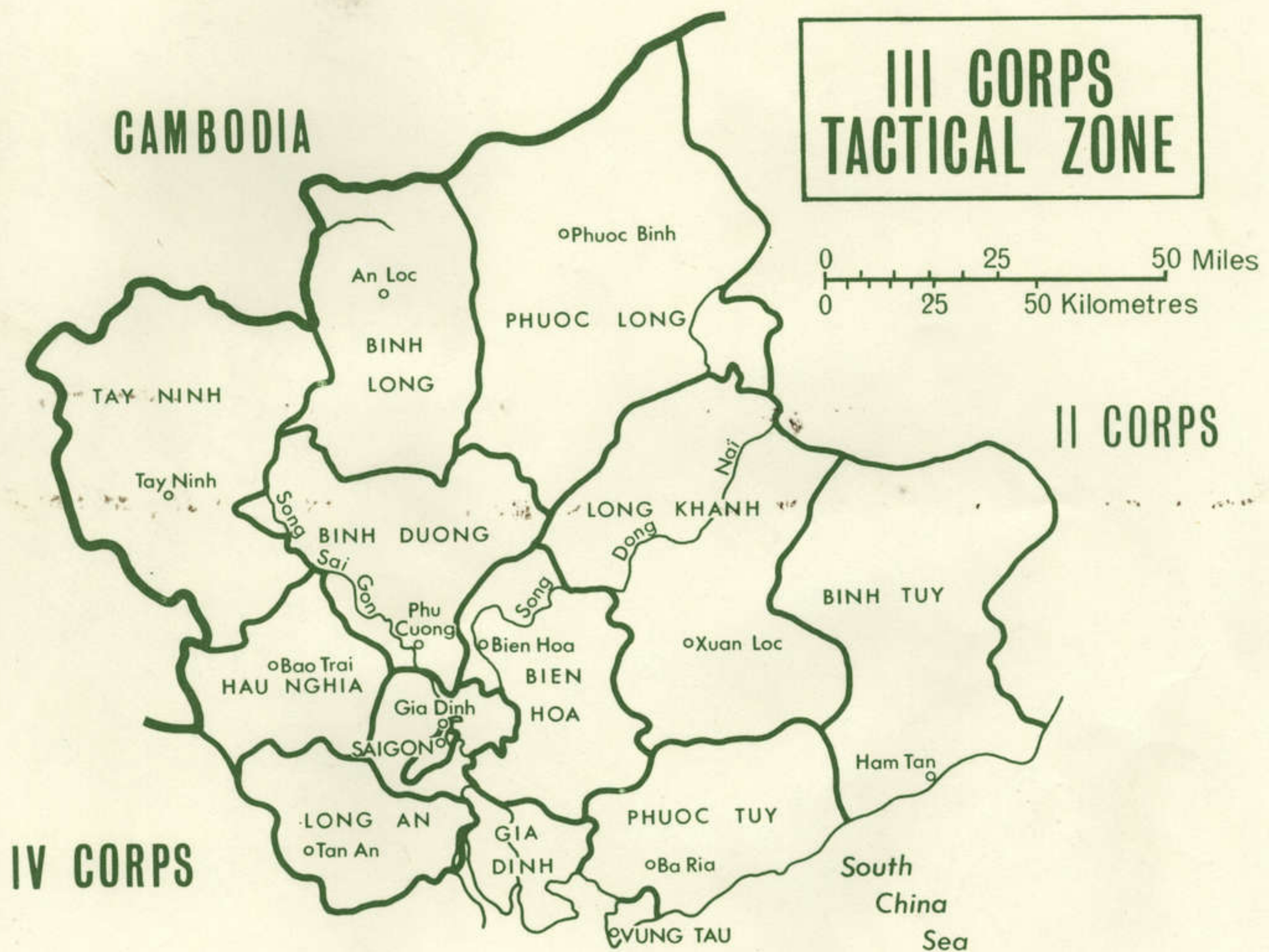


Strengths

HQ & Sp Units	260
K1 Bn	125
K3 Bn	<u>145</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>530</u>



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Section 1 III Corps

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the reporting period, the enemy continued to avoid large scale contact wherever possible. No new major redeployments toward the CMD were noted; contact lessened on the outskirts of SAIGON; and evidence continued to be received of lessening enemy morale in localized areas. During the reporting period, there were 192 enemy initiated incidents reported compared to 143 last week. There were 42 rocket and mortar attacks compared with 44 last week.

2. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents in III Corps for the period are:

a. At 160258H, XS 740998, in GIA DINH Province, 2-27 Inf, 25th US Inf Div night defensive position received SA, AW, RPG and heavy mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an estimated NVA Bn. The fire was returned with organic weapons, supported by a light fire team, a Spooky and arty. Results: 56 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 3 US KIA and 39 US WIA. 29 AK-47 rifles 3 RPG-7 launchers, 10 rounds of RPG-2 and 3 LMG's were evacuated to Bn CP.

b. At 161445H, XT 885015, in GIA DINH Province, A/1-26th Inf, 1st US Inf Div received AW and RPG from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team and arty. The VC broke contact at 2100H. Results: 25 VC KIA; 11 US KIA and 24 US WIA.

c. At 171030H, XT 883089, in BINH DUONG Province, A/1-4th Cav received SA and RPG fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons. Results: 11 VC KIA; 3 US WIA. 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-2 launcher and a quantity of documents were evacuated to Bn CP. Document readout identifies C6 and C7 companies of the K2 Bn DONG NAI Regt.

3. Summary. The enemy's capability continues to be reduced as allied contact and psychological operations continue to take a heavy toll of his units. Enemy threats of increased rocket attacks into SAIGON have not occurred, and it is obvious that aggressive allied counter-rocket programs, particularly the suppression of waterborne logistics craft NORTH and WEST of the CMD, have deterred the delivery of large amounts of ammunition to close in firing points. Significant rocket caches have also been discovered along the SAIGON River. Since 27th May, a total of 9 enemy Bns have been rendered non-combat effect, however, the enemy still retains 11 Bns in the CMD, with an additional 15 Bns, which could be committed, in peripheral areas. The enemy intention of rebuilding his forces by infiltration of new personnel is continuing and could continue until August. The size of the present rate of infiltration cannot be accurately assessed, but in view of recent heavy enemy losses, the influx of an additional 20,000 new personnel could be envisaged. Based on analysis of reports available to 22nd June 1968, the probable locations of VC/NVA divisions and regiments normally operating in the CFZ are:

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<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Southern War Zone D
274th VC Inf Regt	SOUTH of Highway 20, vicinity DINH QUAN
275th VC Inf Regt	Vicinity BOI LOI Woods
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	Northeast of BEN CAT
141st NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of BINH MY
161st NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of BINH MY
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	Vicinity of BAO TRI
271st VC Inf Regt	Vicinity of TRA CU
272nd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed Southwest of HOC MON
273rd VC Inf Regt	Vicinity XS 7792
<u>88th NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vicinity XT 7714
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed WEST of LAI THIEU
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Elements in Northern Capital Military District (CND)

4. Enemy Losses. For the week there were 1126 enemy KIA (BC), 224 PW, 352 individual weapons and 66 crew-served weapons captured. There were 169 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 12.4 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

5. Campaign TOAN THANG (Complete Victory), Phase II, continued in III. CTZ with all US/FW Forces in the CTZ being engaged. For the week enemy losses were : 477 KIA (BC), 63 PW/detainees, 3 returnees, 145 SA, 48 crew-served weapons, 28,872 SA rounds, 329 HE rounds, 30 grenades, 12 mines, 3.5 tons of rice, 6 107mm RKT, 4 122mm RKT, 32 122mm RKT warheads captured; 12 booby traps, 342 HE rounds, 13 SA, 1 crew-served weapon, 678 SA rounds, 95 sampans, 145 grenades, 6.4 tons of rice, 60 mines, 2 122mm RKT MTR and .75 tons of miscellaneous food destroyed. In Operation TOAN THANG 2, ARVN and US combined forces, in GIA DINH Province, had 103 enemy KIA. ARVN forces had 40 independent large unit operations for the week, but contacts were moderate to light.

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6. During the period, 1 RAR was located in AO BIRDSVILLE and spent the time in patrolling with very little contact with the enemy. 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF base engaged on base defence and local patrolling. During a sweep A Coy and 1 Tp/A Sqn found and destroyed a large camp to the NORTH of BINH BA Plantation. D Coy assisted in a Cordon and Search of LONG DIEN after which five people were detained.

7. 4 RAR spent the period in AO THREDBO on Operation KOSCIUSKO with several contacts and kills. They also found new camps and camps showing signs of re-working and recent occupation. Documents found by 2/W Coy, on 18th June, identified C4/D445, unfortunately, they were dated January 1968, so the information was of little tactical value although of intelligence

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value. The best find was the 57mm RR complete with ammunition which was collected by C Coy.

8. 1/V/4 RAR patrolling from the HORSHOE contacted a large group of enemy near a base camp. This action was the highlight of the period. Although, only three enemy bodies were counted, there were definitely more killed judging by reports from patrol members and the noises heard when the area was engaged by artillery and a light fire team. The enemy contacted are thought to be C25, the LONG DAT Unit, which operates in the area and which had been harassing DAT DO for some time.

9. Another important facet of the contact is the fact that the enemy were dressed in ARVN uniforms. This is not a new trick, (it was used during TET in BARIA) but it gives a timely warning. All ranks should be aware that this practice is being used now and will be used again.

10. Totals for the period were 11 enemy KIA (BC), 7 enemy KIA (poss), four individual and four crew-served weapons captured.

11. Attached as an Annex to this report is a sheet showing Vietnamese Army badges of rank. All ranks who deal with ARVN should be aware of these. In the last few months, there have been two unfortunate incidents caused by Australian soldiers not knowing the Vietnamese rank system.

11. Not only did these incidents insult and hurt the Vietnamese involved, they nearly lost the Task Force the services and assistance of a Vietnamese unit whose contribution to the success of Task Force operations has been substantial.

(C) Other Information

VC MONITORING US TRANSMISSIONS. Recently a PW stated that the 272nd VC Inf Regt has a three-man monitoring cell located in the regimental HQ. The cell monitors US radio transmissions which can be translated and relayed to units affected by the intercepted messages. COMMENT: Enemy monitoring of US and allied radio transmissions have been reported in the past; normally only ARVN units were monitored due to the lack of english translators; this latest report could indicate an improvement in enemy warning capabilities; (Extracted from COMNAVFORV INTSUM 143-68)

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III CTZ) and North Vietnam

(A) Enemy Activity

12. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents increased this week. There were 20 attacks in I CTZ; 17 attacks and 2 ambushes in II CTZ; and 27 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

I Corps Tactical Zone

13. US/FW Forces were engaged in 13 large unit operations in I CTZ for the reporting period. In Operation SCOTLAND II, in QUANG TRI Province, elements of 1st and 3rd US Marine Divs had 500 enemy KIA against 36 US KIA. In Operation JEB STUART III, in QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN Provinces, elements of 1st US CF had 138 enemy KIA against 13 US KIA. In Operation MAMELUKE THRUST, in QUANG NAM Province, elements of 1st and 3rd US Marine Divs had 148 enemy KIA against 24 US KIA. ARVN Forces carried out 15 large unit operations with light to moderate contacts.

II Corps Tactical Zone

14. US/FW Forces carried out 7 large unit operations in II CTZ for the week, and ARVN Forces carried out 17 large unit operations, however, contacts with the enemy were light to moderate only.

IV Corps Tactical Zone

15. US/FW Forces carried out two large unit operations in IV CTZ for the week. In Operation TRUONG CONG DINH/PEOPLES ROAD, in DINH TUONG Province, the 9th US Inf Div had 214 enemy KIA for 7 US KIA. ARVN Forces conducted 66 large unit operations with moderate to light contacts.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary: The number of large unit operations decreased from 172 to 162. The number of operations with contact increased from 76 to 78. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 2019 (adjusted) to 1819.

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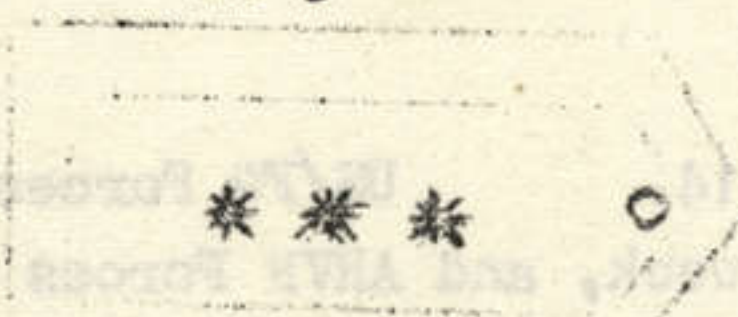
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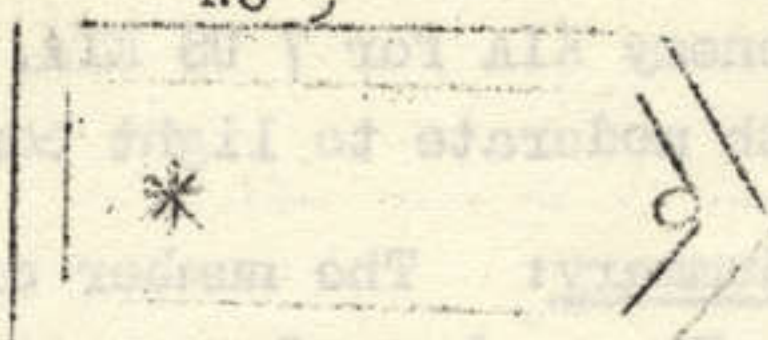
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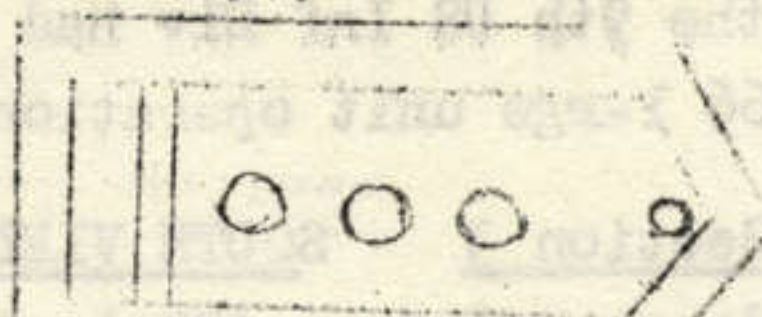
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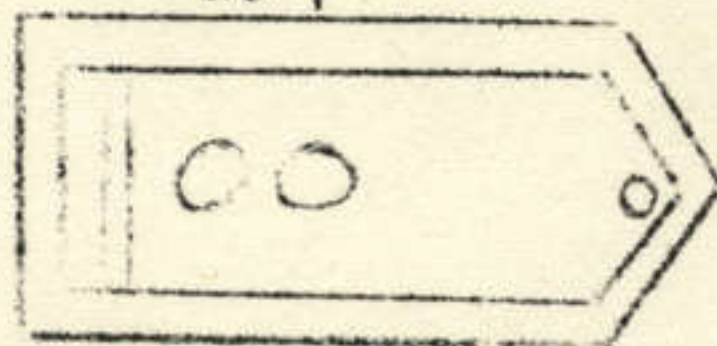
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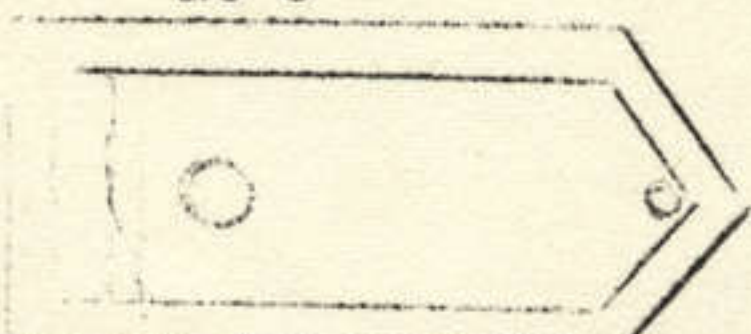
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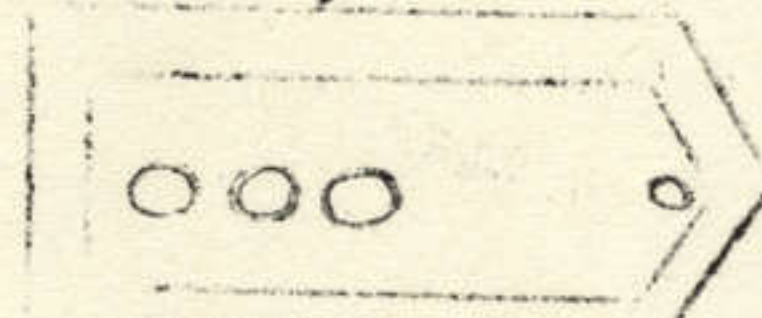
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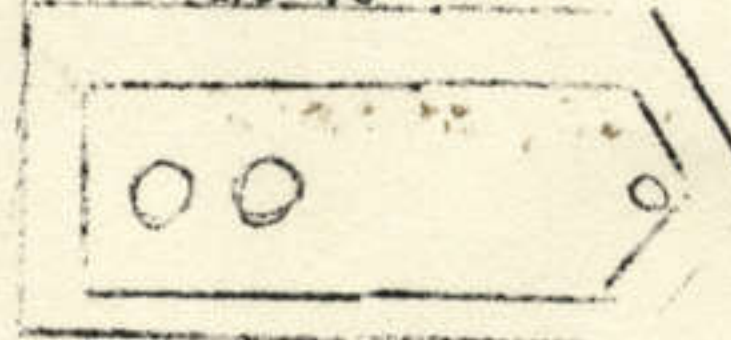
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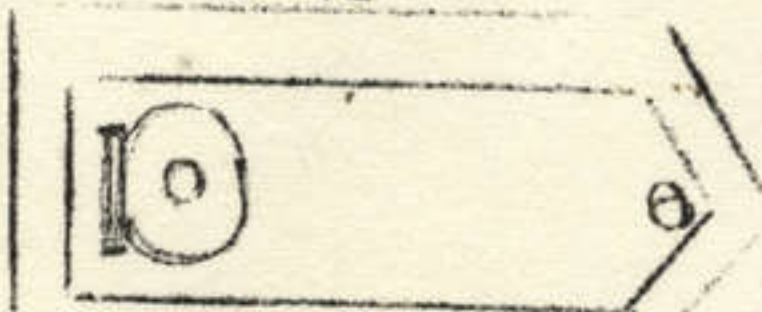
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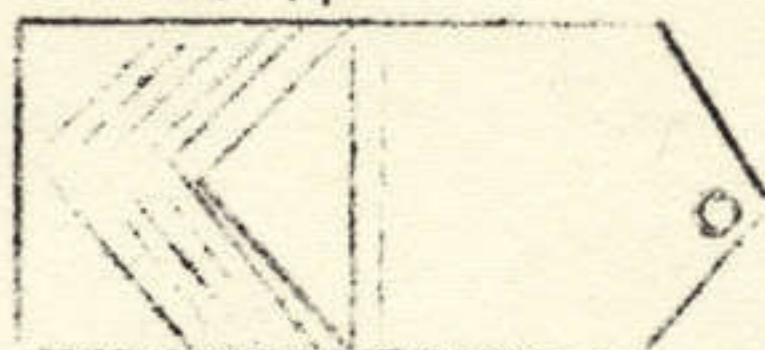
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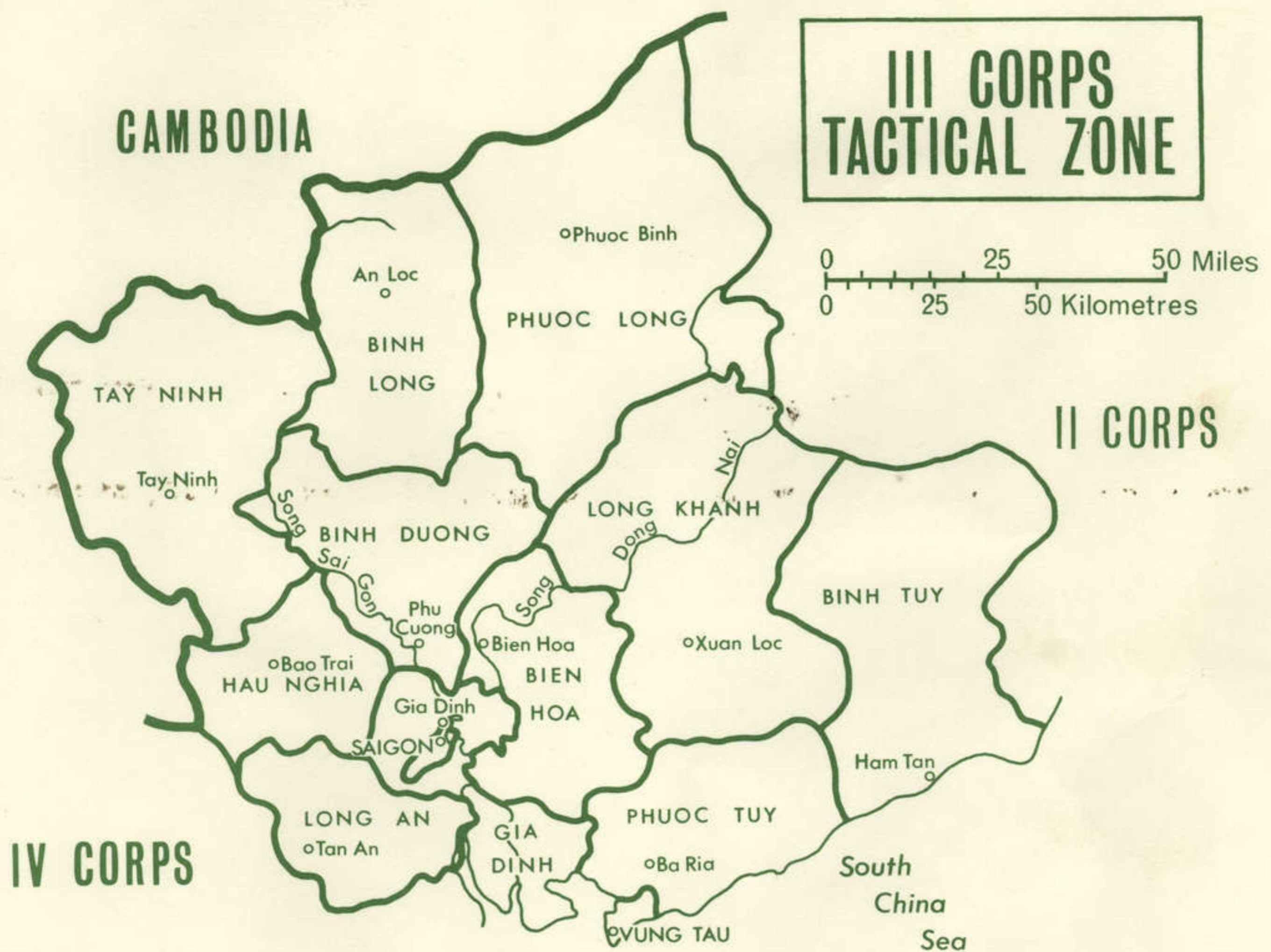
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(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the reporting period, contact with enemy units was unusually light, and it has been generally concentrated in the GO VAP District and an area 6 km SOUTH of BEN LUC. Harassing attacks by fire and limited objective ground attacks continued to be noted throughout the Corps Zone, with emphasis on known supply and infiltration corridors, indication that the enemy continues to move both supplies and personnel forward to augment units near to the CMD. During the reporting period, there were 138 enemy initiated incidents reported compared to 192 last week. There were 17 rocket and mortar attacks compared to 42 last week.

2. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents in III Corps for the period are:

- a. At 251135H, XS 608708, in LONG AN Province, A&B/2-47th Inf, 9th US Inf Div received SA, AW, RPG and 60mm mortar fire from an estimated enemy Bn. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty. Between 1300H and 1409H, A&B/5-60th Inf and B&C/2-39th Inf reinforced and additional support was provided by arty, a light fire team, a Spooky and air strikes. Contact continued as of 2355H. Results: 2 NVA KIA and 4 NVA PW; 9 US KIA and 19 US WIA. Between 260001H and 261000H, XS608708, 1st Bde elements found 40 enemy KIA, 14 individual weapons, 4 crew-served weapons, and 13 returnees (Hoi Chanh) were evacuated to 1st Bde Command Post.
- b. At 281035H, XS 607734, in LONG AN Province, A/4-47 Inf, 9th US Inf Div received SA and AW fire from an est VC Coy. The fire was returned with organic weapons, reinforced by A/2-47th Inf. At 1358H A&C/6-31st Inf received SA fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by gunships. Additional reinforcements were called in to set up blocking positions which resulted in the Northeast block receiving enemy SA and AW fire. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and CS gas. The VC finally broke contact at 1715H. Results: 27 VC KIA; 4 US KIA, 12 US WIA and 1 Tiger Scout KIA. 12 individual weapons were evacuated to 1st Bde CP.
- c. At 281200H, XT 500233, in HAU NGHIA Province, A&B/2-22nd Inf, 25th US Inf Div and elements of the 34th ARVN Rangers received SA, AW and RPG fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team and an airstrike. Contact was broken at 1835H. Results: 8 VC KIA; 3 US KIA, 12 US WIA; 8 ARVN KIA and 6 ARVN WIA.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

3. Contacts with the enemy SOUTH of SAIGON and current intelligence suggests that the enemy intends to initiate the next series of thrusts against the CMD from the SOUTH and the Southwest. Although additional reinforcements are still reaching III CTZ, it appears that any immediate attacks will be on a minor scale unless the enemy is successful in establishing an early foothold in the Capital. A COSVN document dated 13th June 1968 indicates that July attacks may be orientated against the Southern Precincts of the CMD with the Northern Precincts scheduled for attack in mid to late August.

Enemy Locations

4. Based on analysis of reports available to 282400H June 1968, the probable locations of VC/NVA divisions and regiments normally operating in the III CTZ are:

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<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Southern War Zone "D"
274th VC Inf Regt	Southeast of DINH QUAN
275th VC Inf Regt	Vicinity of BOI LOI woods
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	Northeast of BEN CAT
141st NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of BINH MY
165th NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of BINH MY
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	Vicinity of BAO TRI
271st VC Inf Regt	Vicinity of TRA CU
272nd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed between HOC MON-MY HANH (XT 6503)
273rd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed NORTH of RACH KIEN
<u>88th NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed Southeast of Iron Triangle
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed in GO MON District
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Elements between LAI THIEU and BINH MY

Enemy Losses

5. For the week there were 791 enemy KIA (BC), 62 enemy PW and 205 individual weapons and 19 crew-served weapons captured. There were 55 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 18.1 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

6. Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) continued in III CTZ with all US/PW Forces in the CTZ being engaged. For the week enemy losses were: 259 KIA, 231 PW/detainees; 168 SA, 22 crew-served weapons, 10,320 SA rounds, 746 HE rounds, 157 grenades, 9 mines, 18.85 tons of rice and .6 tons of miscellaneous food captured; 2 booby traps, 391 HE rounds, 3 SA, 2 crew-served weapons, 1,518 SA rounds, 69 sampans, 127 grenades, 3.84 tons of rice, 58 mines, 1 122mm RKT WHD and 1.1 tons miscellaneous food destroyed. Additionally within the Corps there 48 ARVN large unit operations for the week but contacts with the enemy ranged from moderate to light.

(C) Other Information

7. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses. Attached as a Annex to this report is a selected listing of enemy losses for the period from 1st January through to 30th June 1968.

8. Finding of Enemy Arms Caches. On 27th June, in Eastern HAU NGHIA Province, friendly forces located a major enemy cache eight kilometres Northeast of DUC HOA (vic XS 6699). The cache included 76 complete 122mm rockets, 50 complete 107mm rockets; 161 rounds of RPG-2, 32 rounds of 75mm RR ammunition, 18 anti-tank mines, 2 LMG's and mixed SA ammunition. The 122mm rockets were found, lightly covered with dirt, along rice paddy fields.

9. On 29th June, four enemy arms caches, with an estimated total weight of 26 tons, were discovered near the "PARROTS BEAK" (vic XS 2993) in IV CTZ. This find is the largest recovered by friendly forces in SVN since the beginning of the war.

10. Over recent weeks, PW's have reported serious shortages of rocket ammunition particularly in central III CTZ. As IV CTZ contains enemy logistics centres which also serve III CTZ, the loss of these caches would have seriously hampered the enemy offensive capability against the Capital Military District. (Extract COMNAVFORV INTSUM 158-68)

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III CTZ) and North Vietnam

(A) Enemy Activity

11. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased this week. There were 10 attacks in I CTZ, 4 attacks in II CTZ and 11 attacks in IV CTZ.

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(B) Friendly Activity

12. I Corps Tactical Zone. US/FW Forces conducted 14 large unit operations in I CTZ for the period. In Operation JEB STUART III, in THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI Provinces, elements of 1st US Cav Div had 224 enemy KIA against 20 US KIA. ARVN Forces carried out 19 large unit operations, and in Operation LAM SON 235, the 1st ARVN Div had 148 enemy KIA against 26 ARVN KIA.

13. II Corps Tactical Zone. In II CTZ for the week, there were 7 FWF and 18 ARVN large unit operations but contacts ranged from light to moderate.

14. IV Corps Tactical Zone. For the week there were 2 US and 78 ARVN large unit operations, however, contacts with the enemy were only light to moderate.

(C) Other Information

15. Enemy Propaganda Warfare. In II CTZ on 6th May, an enemy document was found containing instructions for the insertion of a chemical round in the 82mm mortar. The process called for the extraction of TNT from the projectile by dissolving the charge in boiling water. The TNT charge was then to be replaced by the chemical irritant "CS". Lead was to be used to compensate for any weight loss. Final instructions were for painting the treated rounds, which were to be labelled "USA", with a red circle and the indicator "CS-1" to indicate irritant gas, and two blue circles to indicate a nerve gas.

16. There were no indications of the nerve gas filler to be used, and the overall instructions suggest that the primary purpose for the manufacture of these rounds would be for propaganda alleging United States use of a nerve agent. (Extract from MACV DISUM 181-68)

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

17. For the week, the number of friendly large unit operations increased from 162 to 188. The number of operations with contact decreased from 78 to 75. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 2518 (adjusted) to 1193.

Discussion Point

18. South Vietnam Situation Analysis. Since early May until the end of June, there has been a marked lull in enemy initiated incidents in SOUTH VIETNAM. So far this year, enemy peak aggression periods have been Tet, 18th February, 5th March and 5th May. At the end of June, enemy initiated incidents were at their lowest level for 1968.

19. MACV recently completed a study of enemy activities for the year and commenting on the present situation, they discounted any possibility that the enemy is purposely de-escalating the war, and they suggested three reasons for the present lull:

- a. The enemy is preparing for another major offensive.
- b. The enemy is being pre-empted by allied harassment and offensive action.
- c. The enemy has lost momentum and effectiveness because his forces are weaker.

20. Each of these proposals was related in turn to each CTZ, and in particular to the two major battlefield areas of the DMZ in I Corps and SAIGON in III Corps. From analysis, it was possible to see a variety of reasons contributing to the present lull. The increased use of B-52 airstrikes in III CTZ have been extremely effective, but if any major single factor emerged, it was the effectiveness of allied pre-emptive ground and airstrikes.

21. It is worth noting, that when there has been a flurry of enemy initiated incidents recently, the manpower involved and the rate of fire was, in most cases, below the pre-Tet level of operations.

22. In summary, the indications are that the country-wide lull in enemy activity is not of the enemy's choosing. The situation has been forced on him. There could be implications in the enemy's lessening of activity, but there is considerable evidence that the enemy intention is to increase the tempo and intensity of the war.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOSSES

1 January through 30 June 1968

The following listings pertain to enemy personnel and equipment losses through ARVN actions from the period 1 January through 30 June 1978 inclusive. NFI indicates that a specific item is not further identified.

1. ENEMY PERSONNEL LOSSES

- a. KIA - 15,050
- b. VCC - 1,824
- c. CH - 385
- d. VCS - 3,362
- e. POSS - 292

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT LOSSES

(a) Rocketry and Related Equipment:

- 250 x 122mm rockets (complete)
- 18 x 122mm rockets without warheads
- 75 boxes 122mm rocket warheads
- 21 x 122mm rocket motors
- 57 x 122mm rocket warheads
- 3 x 122mm rocket launchers with sights
- 138 x 122mm rocket fuzes
- 167 x 107mm rockets
- 67 x 107mm rocket launchers
- 99 x RPG-7 rocket launchers
- 463 x RPG-2 rocket launchers
- 7 x RPG-7 rocket launcher sights
- 2 x RPG-2 rocket launcher sights
- 53 x M-72 LAWs
- 12 x RPG-2 cleaning rods
- 1 x RPG cleaning kit
- 1 x RPG-7 repair kit
- 3 x CHICOM RPG RL's (nfi)
- 3 x RPG RL's (nfi)
- 1 x RPG-2 telescopic sight

(b) Mortars/Recoilless Rifles and Related Equipment:

- 2 x 82mm mortars (complete)
- 26 x 82mm mortars
- 8 x 82mm mortar tubes
- 2 x 60mm mortars with sights
- 41 x 60mm mortars
- 6 x 60mm mortar tubes
- 7 x 60mm mortar baseplates
- 7 x 60mm mortar sights
- 10 x 82mm mortar baseplates
- 8 x 82mm mortar sights
- 5 x 82mm mortar bipods
- 1 x 90mm recoilless rifle
- 14 x 75mm recoilless rifles
- 1 x CHICOM 57mm recoilless rifle with bipod
- 2 x 57mm recoilless rifles
- 1 x 75mm recoilless rifle bipod
- 4 x mortar sights (nfi)
- 2 x 82mm mortar bore brushes
- 1 x 42mm mortar sight
- 1 x 75mm recoilless rifle mount
- 1 x 60mm mortar bipod
- 1 x 82mm mortar firing pin
- 1 x 82mm mortar firing table

2 x RUSSIAN MGs (nfi)
2 x MG barrels (nfi)
2 x MG drums (nfi)
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(c) Automatic Weapons and Related Equipment:

- 26 x .50 calibre machine guns
- 7 x 12.7mm AA MGs (nfi)
- 1 x CHICOM AA MG (nfi)
- 1 x RUSSIAN AA MG (nfi)
- 8 x AA MGs (nfi)
- 1 x CHICOM HMG (nfi)
- 31 x CHICOM MGs (nfi)
- 29 x MGs (nfi)
- 11 x HMGs (nfi)
- 6 x .30 MGs
- 3 x barrels, .50 cal Mgs
- 1 x CHICOM MG barrel (nfi)
- 8 x AA MG tripods (nfi)
- 1 x AA MG mount (nfi)
- 2 x MG tripods (nfi)
- 2 x EAST GERMAN MGs (nfi)
- 2 x MG mounts (nfi)
- 1 x .30 cal MG tripod
- 2 x RUSSIAN MGs (nfi)
- 4 x MG barrels (nfi)
- 2 x MG drums (nfi)
- 1 x CHICOM HMG magazine
- 1 x 12.7mm AA MG cleaning kit
- Spare parts for 12.7mm AA MG
- 1 x AA MG sight
- 1 x AA MG bipod

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(c) .50 cal MG tool kit related Equipment:

- 1 x AA MG frame (nfi)
- 3 x 12.7mm AA MG tripods
- 1 x 12.7mm AA MG feed tray

(d) Other Weapons and Related Equipment:

- 37 x M-79s
- 6 x flame throwers
- 86 x crew-served weapons (nfi)

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- 3 x barrels, .50 cal Mgs
- 1 x CHICOM MG barrel (nfi)
- 8 x AA MG tripods (nfi)
- 1 x AA MG mount (nfi)
- 2 x MG tripods (nfi)
- 2 x EAST GERMAN MGs (nfi)
- 2 x MG mounts (nfi)
- 1 x .30 cal MG tripod
- 2 x RUSSIAN MGs (nfi)
- 4 x MG barrels (nfi)
- 2 x MG drums (nfi)
- 1 x CHICOM HMG magazine
- 1 x 12.7mm AA MG cleaning kit
- Spare parts for 12.7mm AA MG
- 1 x AA MG sight
- 1 x AA MG bipod

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(c) .50 cal MG tool kit related Equipment:

- 1 x AA MG frame (nfi)
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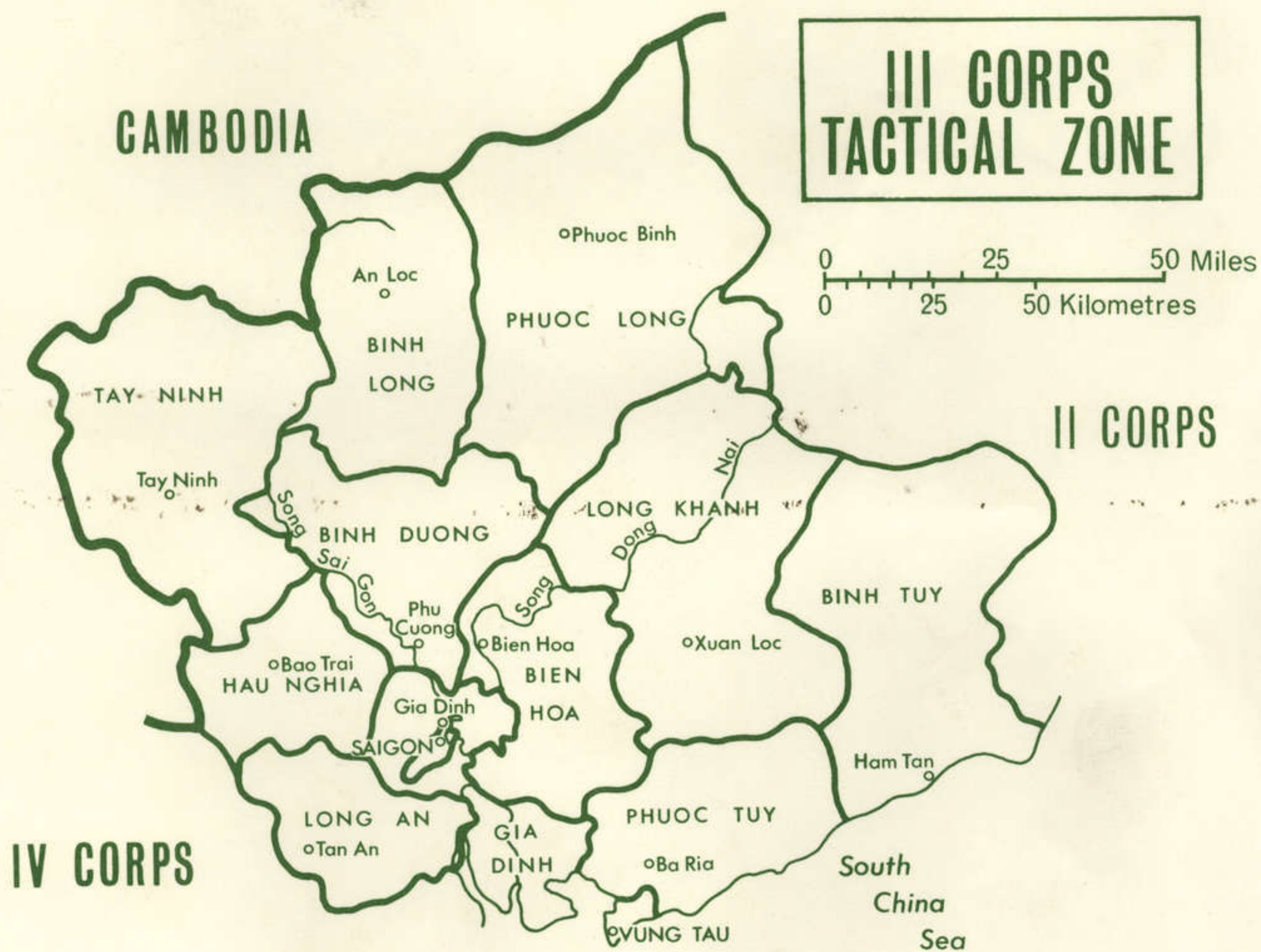
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Section 1 III Corps

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Contacts with the enemy have continued at a low level of activity. It is apparent that the enemy main force units have been withdrawn from operational areas to base areas in order to receive replacements, to resupply and prepare for future courses of action. The latest assessments, on the timing for a new enemy offensive against SAIGON, suggest mid-August as the earliest period for a major attack and late August as the more likely period. As well as resuming attacks against SAIGON, it is almost certain that attacks will be launched against targets in the provincial capitals.

2. During the reporting period, there were 75 enemy initiated incidents compared to 110 for the previous period. There were 16 rocket and mortar attacks compared to 18 last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents in III Corps for the period are:-

a. At 081832H, XT 520217, in HAU NGHIA Province, B&C/3-187 Air Cav, 25th US Inf Div received SA and AW fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and a light fire team. Results: 15 enemy KIA; 4 US KIA and 13 US WIA.

b. At 101547H, XT 475254, in HAU NGHIA Province, C&D/3-187th Air Cav, 25th US Inf Div, received SA and AW from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons, supported by arty, a light fire team and an air strike. Results: 7 enemy KIA; 18 US WIA.

c. At 110045H, XT 493477, in BINH DUONG Province, DAU TIENG Camp received five rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter mortar was returned at the suspected enemy position. There were negative friendly casualties and VC losses are unknown. Two aircraft sustained major damage and one aircraft sustained minor damage.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

3. There has been an increase in reporting, both from agents and PW's, indicating that a series of meetings of high-level cadre is presently being held throughout III CTZ. There are numerous reports that these meetings are being held to prepare and study a critique of the Second Phase offensive and to plan for the Third Phase offensive. Also, the lack of significant contact, the general pulling back of enemy main force units, and the uncertainty evidenced by the enemy in his recent actions all suggest that the enemy's strategy and tactics are undergoing change.

4. If the foregoing is valid, and the enemy is in fact changing his strategy, then several possible courses of action must be considered in addition to the obvious one of merely launching another attack exclusively against SAIGON. Two alternate, possible courses of action which could be considered by the enemy are:-

a. The enemy could pull back for an extended withdrawal. In this case, the enemy would move back into secure base areas to conduct political reorientation, training and area familiarization while continuing to plan future operations. During this period the enemy would strive to develop morale, leadership, counters to the GVN Chieu Hoi Program, and he would attempt to rebuild his infrastructure. Infiltration groups would be integrated into main force units and resupply and restocking of munitions and foodstocks would be undertaken. Caches would be restocked and repositioned in accordance with future requirements. Lines of communication would be improved and new ones developed to counter allied interdiction. Another aim of a withdrawal could be to gull public opinion into believing that the enemy was engaging in a sincere attempt at de-escalation; and it is possible that this could help VC recruitment.

b. A second possible course of action is a change in objectives, ie. a shift in emphasis from the Capital to the countryside. Targets under this strategy would be important Province and District Capitals, such as TAY NINH City, BAO TRAI, TAN UYEN, AN LOC, LOC NINH and SONG BE. These targets are in proximity

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to to known lines of communication and are convenient to established base areas, giving the enemy the advantage of operating over short internal supply lines.

Enemy Locations

5. Based on analysis of reports available up to 132400H July 1968, the probable locations of VC/NVA divisions and regiments normally operating in III CTZ are:

<u>5th VC Div Hq</u>	Southern War Zone "D"
274th VC Inf Regt	Southeast of DINH QUAN
275th VC Inf Regt	Vicinity of BOI LOI Woods
<u>7th NVA Div Hq</u>	Northeast of BEN CAT
141st NVA Inf Regt	Dispersed NNE of BINH MY
165th NVA Inf Regt	Dispersed between BINH MY and PHUOC VINH
<u>9th VC Div Hq</u>	Unlocated
271st VC Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly NW of TAY NINH City
272nd VC Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly WEST of TAY NINH City
273rd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed vicinity of VAM CO DONG River
<u>88th NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed vicinity Michelin
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed vicinity of Iron Triangle
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Elements between LAI THIEU and BINH MY

Enemy Losses

6. For the week there were 290 enemy KIA (BC), 54 PW/detainees; 123 individual weapons and 29 crew-served weapons captured. There were 34 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 17.1 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

7. Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) continued in III CTZ with all available US/FW Forces being engaged. For the period enemy losses were: 185 KIA (BC), 125 PW/detainees, 1 returnee; 67 SA, 11 crew-served weapons, 8,430 SA rounds, 358 HE rounds, 58 grenades, 37 mines, 16.72 tons of rice, .02 tons of miscellaneous food, 1 122mm rocket motor, 3 122mm rockets, and 6 122mm rocket warheads captured; 6 booby traps, 371 HE rounds, 8 SA, 8 crew-served weapons, 7,335 SA rounds, 33 sampans, 524 grenades, 5.58 tons of rice, 302 mines and 5 107mm rockets destroyed. Friendly losses were: 21 KIA, 169 WIA; 1 APC, 1 ROME PLOW, 7 helicopters, 5 tanks, 1 dozer, 3 trucks and 1 ACAV damaged; 2 APC and 7 ACAV destroyed. ARVN Forces carried out 49 large unit operations for the period, but contacts were generally light.

(C) Other Information

8. New Czech Rifle Discovered in LONG AN Province. On 2nd July an element of 1st Brigade, 9th US Infantry Division discovered a Czech-produced "VZ-0" automatic rifle in the possession of a severely wounded NVA soldier near BINH PHOU (XS 6558). The weapon weighs 2.5lbs less than the AK-47 (10.58lbs, loaded), uses the same ammunition and magazines and has a stock made of a plastic wood fill. In effect, with the exception of a 26 percent decrease in weight, it is the same as the AK-47. COMNAVFORV Comment: The discovery of this weapon in the possession of an NVA soldier may indicate equipping of NVA and MF units with the newer rifle, while the older AK-47s are being provided to LF and guerilla units. (Extracted from COMNAVFORV INTSUM 162-68)

Section 2 SOUTH VIETNAM (excl III Corps) and NORTH VIETNAM

(A) Enemy Activity

9. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased this week. There was one attack in I CTZ, there were three attacks in II CTZ, and there were seven attacks in IV CTZ.

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(B) Friendly Activity

10. I Corps Tactical Zone. For the period, there were 14 US/FW Forces and 13 ARVN Forces large unit operations. There were three significant operations in QUANG TRI Province - in Operation KENTUCKY, the 3rd US Mar Div had 133 enemy KIA against 6 US KIA; in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE, the US 1st and 3rd Mar Divs had 225 enemy KIA against 14 US KIA; and in Operation SCOTLAND II, the 1st and 3rd US Mar Divs had 182 enemy KIA against 17 US KIA. In Operation JEB STUART III, in QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN Provinces, the 1st US Cav Div had 126 enemy KIA against 7 US KIA. In Operation HUNG QUANG, in QUANG NAM Province, the 2nd ARVN Div had 161 enemy KIA against 16 ARVN KIA.

11. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 US/FW Operations and 26 ARVN Operations. There were only two significant operations both carried out by ROK forces. In Operation MAENG HO 12, in BINH DINH Province, there were 91 enemy KIA for 13 ROK KIA, and in Operation BAK JEE 17, in KHANH HOA Province, there were 99 enemy KIA for 2 ROK KIA.

12. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were two US large unit operations and 59 ARVN large unit operations for the period. There were no significant contacts.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

13. For the period, the number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 176 to 171. The number of operations with contact increased from 70 to 82, and the number of enemy KIA decreased from 1562 (adjusted) to 874.



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Section 1 III Corps

(A) Enemy Activity

1. For the reporting period, there was a continued decrease in enemy initiated incidents, and the majority of enemy actions consisted of light mortar attacks, of less than 25 rounds each, targetted on allied installations along enemy lines of communication. A notable exception to this pattern was 515 rounds of 60/82mm mortar and 50 rounds of 107mm rocket against a US Base Camp, in BINH DUONG Province, on 4th July 1968. During the reporting period, there were 110 enemy initiated incidents reported compared to 138 last week. There were 18 rocket and mortar attacks compared to 17 last week.

2. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents in III Corps for the period are:-

a. At 300005H, XT 492235, in HAU NGHIA Province, 1-506 Abn, 25th US Div, NDP received SA, AW and RPG and 60mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an est two companies of NVA. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team and arty. Results: 38 NVA KIA; 21 US WIA. There were 12 AK-47 rifles, 9 RPG-2 launchers, 2 LMG, 13 VC protective masks and 40 CHICOM grenades captured.

b. At 300900H, XT 352331, in TAY NINH Province, A/2-22nd Inf (M) received fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons, supported by a light fire team. Results: 18 VC KIA and 2 VC PW/detainees; 2 US KIA and 4 US WIA.

c. At 031130H, XT 625715, in LONG AN Province, A/2-47th Inf, 9th US Inf Div, received SA and AW fire from an estimated platoon of VC. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by gunships reinforced by B/2-47th Inf and an aerorifle platoon. Results 24 VC KIA; 5 US WIA.

d. Between 040220H and 040355H, at XT 490420 in BINH DUONG Province, a 25th US Inf Div Base Camp at DAU TIENG received SA, AW, 40 rounds of RPG, 515 rounds of 82mm and 60mm mortar, and 42 rounds of 107mm rocket fire from an estimated two enemy companies. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a Spooky and a flare ship. Results: 10 VC KIA; 5 US WIA and 55 US WIA. Captured - 6 AK-47 rifles and 1 RPG-2 launcher. Destroyed - 434 satchel charges, 12 rounds of RPG-7, 40 rounds of RPG-2, 40 rounds of 60mm mortar, 16 HG, 3 175lb bangalore torpedos and 1 CHICOM bangalore torpedo. On the base camp, 7 buildings, 11 GP tents and 1 water trailer sustained major damage, other facilities and equipment sustained minor damage.

Enemy Locations

3. Based on analysis of reports available to 062400H July 1968, the probable locations of VC/NVA divisions and regiments normally operating in the III CTZ are:

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Southern War Zone "D"
274th VC Inf Regt	Southeast of DINH QUAN
275th VC Inf Regt	Vicinity of BOI LOI woods (XT 5035)
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	Northeast of BEN CAT
141st NVA Inf Regt	Dispersed NORTH of BINH MY
165th NVA Inf Regt	Dispersed NORTH of BINH MY
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	Vicinity of BAO TRAI
271st VC Inf Regt	Dispersed Northwest of VAM CO DONG River
272nd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed Northwest of VAM CO DONG River
273rd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed Northeast of TAN AN
<u>88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed in vicinity of MICHELIN Plantation
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed in vicinity of Iron Triangle (XT 7127)
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Elements dispersed between LAI THIEU and BINH MY

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Assessment of Enemy Intentions

4. In the CMD, enemy offensive activity has been very light, and indications are that the enemy has withdrawn to intermediate base areas or further while he rebuilds his forces and munitions stocks. A total of 8-10,000 new personnel are expected to enter III CTZ during July, and some time will be required to carry out training and integration of these personnel into their new units. However, should the enemy be ordered to do so by HANOI, he is capable of committing a substantial force against the Capital at the present time.

Enemy Losses

5. For the week there were 373 enemy KIA (BC), 46 PW/detainees, 166 individual weapons and 49 crew-served weapons captured. There were 39 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 62.2 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

6. Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) continued in III Corps with all US/FW Forces in the CTZ engaged. Enemy losses for the week were: 260 KIA, 136 PW/detainees; 76 SA, 30 crew-served weapons, 5,600 SA rounds, 1,157 HE rounds, 101 grenades, 29.64 tons of rice, 1.75 tons of miscellaneous food, .75 tons of salt, 99 107mm RKT and 18 122mm RKT captured; 65 booby traps 297 HE rounds, 49,837 SA rounds, 32 sampans, 111 grenades, 21.50 tons of rice, 47 mines, 2 trucks, .3 tons of salt, .05 tons of miscellaneous food, 4 107mm RKT, 3 122mm rocket motors and 4 122mm RKTS destroyed. Within III CTZ there were also 45 ARVN large unit operations for the week but contact were very light.

(C) Other Information7. 107mm Rocket Characteristics

Calibre	107mm	Weight with fuze	421bs
Warhead without fuze	13.51bs	Filler weight	3.43lbs
Length with fuze	33ins	Stabilization	Spin
Fuze	Chicom Type 1	Country of Origin	Communist CHINA
Native Designation	Type 107-63	Type or Round	HE
Appearance in Country	February 1968		

8. Further to the above, a captured note book from an unidentified 107mm rocket battalion, dated between 5th January and 29th March 1968, revealed the following characteristics of 107mm rockets: The 107mm RL was described as the H12 rocket (RL) which has seven oblique holes in its "back". It weights 19.538 kilograms and measures 840mm with a muzzle velocity of 377 meters per second. The rocket contains seven propellant charges plus a very sensitive detonator, hence firing the rocket in heavy rain is prohibited. The ignition system requires a 9 volt electric current. The maximum range of the rocket is 8,300 meters. The common range of independent action is 300-400 meters, however, when a concerted action is conducted, the safe range is only 600 meters.

Discussion Point

9. Results of the "General Offensive - General Uprising" Since the beginning of this campaign at Tet, the enemy has lost a total of 38,595 men either killed, captured or rallied in III CTZ. Included in this total are 105 experienced officers. The bulk of these losses were sustained by the VC and they have been unable to recruit adequate replacements from their own resources, however, NVA infiltration into III Corps has been greatly increased, and replacement is being effected by the NVA at all levels.

10. Since March, a total of 57 rocket caches have been discovered, and many other munitions caches have been located. A total of 11,364 small arms and crew-served weapons have been captured - this is enough to equip at least 38 battalions or 4 divisions of enemy troops.

11. Since May, along the enemy's main logistic supply routes, the waterways, 955 sampans have been sunk or damaged.

12. Another outcome of the enemy general offensive has been the increased effectiveness of ARVN and National Police; their leadership and morale has increased appreciably.

13. It is obvious that the enemy has had tremendous personnel and logistic problems, and he has been seriously hurt in the last two months. Presently he is rebuilding his forces, but it is assessed that he could launch a series of major attacks at the end of July.

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III CTZ) and North Vietnam

(A) Enemy Activity

14. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased this week. There were 8 attacks in I CTZ, 3 attacks in II CTZ and 13 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

15. I Corps Tactical Zone. US/FW Forces carried out 14 large unit operations for the week. In Operation SCOTLAND II, in QUANG TRI Province, elements of 1st and 3rd US Marine Divs had 216 enemy KIA against 11 US KIA. In Operation JEB STUART III, in QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN Provinces, elements of 1st US Cav Div had 149 enemy KIA against 6 US KIA. In Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA, in QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Provinces, elements of the AMERICAL Div had 122 enemy KIA against 8 US KIA. ARVN carried 17 large unit operations but contacts were only minor.

16. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 US/FW Forces and 16 ARVN Force large unit operations for the period but in all cases there were negligible contacts with the enemy.

17. IV Corps Tactical Zone. For the week, there were 2 US and 74 ARVN large unit operations. Contacts with the enemy ranged from light to moderate.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

18. For the period, the number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 188 to 176. The number of operations with contact decreased from 75 to 70; and the number of enemy KIA decreased from 1708 (adjusted) to 961.

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ROUTINE	16 0730 Z	UNCLAS

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TROOPS INFORMATION SHEET (.) IT IS PROPOSED TO DISCONTINUE PRODUCING THIS IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND PRODUCE A ONE OR TWO PAGE NEWSLETTER COMPRISING ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY ALL UNITS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES FOR EACH WEEK ENDING 2400 HRS FRIDAY (.) THIS HAS THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING CURRENT INFORMATION ON 1 ATF ACTIVITIES PRESENTED IN AN EASILY READ FORM SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SOLDIER (.) THIS WILL THEN BE KNOWN AS THE TROOPS INFORMATION SHEET (.) THE FORM OF THE PREVIOUS PUBLICATION WILL BE CONTINUED AND BE KNOWN AS THE VIETNAM DIGEST (.) IT WILL BE ISSUED ON A MUCH REDUCED SCALE FOR USE BY OFFICERS AND NCO'S (.) COMMENTS FROM ALL ADDRESSEES AND INDICATIONS OF WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL ARE REQUESTED (.) ACK

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TROOPS INFORMATION SHEET AND VIETNAM DIGEST (.) COMMENCING DATE FOR NEW TIS IS SATURDAY 3 AUG 68 (.) INFORMATION FROM UNITS SHOULD COVER PERIOD 270001H JUL 68 TO 022400H AUG 68 AND BE SUBMITTED TO GS03 (INT) HQ 1 ATF ON 3 JUL 68 (.) IN THE FUTURE THE VIETNAM DIGEST WILL BE PRODUCED EVERY MONDAY

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ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY PROVINCE
AS AT 192400H Jul 68.

GENERAL

1. The level of enemy activity in the Province has increased above what was reported in "ENEMY SITUATION" of 11 Jun 68. The activities point to enemy emphasis on particular areas as detailed below.
2. The upgrading of guerilla units and kidnappings to swell the ranks has continued. There are now approximately 200 people missing from the whole of PHUOC TUY. These people are being, in some cases, trained as soldiers. The remainder are being used as free labour to carry ammunition and supplies.
3. At the moment the enemy is confident and feels secure in his base areas. This stems from the lack of major operations by friendly forces in those areas.
4. The following is a study of the same areas examined in "ENEMY SITUATION" dated 11 Jun 68.

AREA 1 BORDER AREA (Vic YS 6090)

5. This area is still an active area of operations for Rear Services Group 84. Apart from extensive track activity, there has been an increase in the number and size of gardens in the area from vic YS 6090 SOUTH to the THUA TICH area. This indicates a determined attempt to increase their food production in spite of friendly air activity.
6. The composite D445/D440 has not been positively identified in contact in this area since 7 Jun 68. It is thought D445 remains in the area.
7. Operations by elements of 11 ACR found numerous base camps - some showing signs of very recent occupation but they had no contact with any sizeable enemy unit.

AREA 2 NUI SAO (YS 516848)

8. Apart from VR finding a camp on the NORTH EAST portion of the feature the area remains as before. It is used as a staging point for EAST - WEST movement. Reports from labourers reaffirm that it is the staging area also for movement to and from DUC THANH.

AREA 3 HAT DICH

9. Activity in this area has remained at a high level. The area bounded by the Blackstone Trail, Engineer Trail and BINH SON Plantation shows signs of large groups moving. Reports from LRRPs in the area state that groups of 80-100 enemy are using the trails.
10. Recent B52 strikes in the area caused some damage and have obviously hindered enemy activities and forced him to resupply and reorganise
11. Further SOUTH the existing base camps are being used. Airstrikes on these are producing some secondary explosions.
12. Agent Reports, VR and other agencies suggest a concentration in the WEST of the HAT DICH adjacent to Route 15. This area is handy to the RSSZ. Operations in the area vic YS 2179 have contacted groups of sampans using the SONG THI VAI.

AREA 4 DUC THANH

13. The enemy has been very active in this area. There have been several company sized actions, the latest on 7 Jul 68 when the DUC THANH post received 6 rounds of 60mm mortar and an RF platoon contacted a company sized force at YS 4576. No positive identification was made but the enemy unit is held as C41, the CHAU DUC Coy.
14. The NUI NHAN (YS4379) camps are still active and movement to the SOUTH WEST along the axis of the SUOI LUP stream is still taking place.
15. SAS patrols in the area have had several sightings and contacts. The level of VC taxation, food collection and kidnapping has increased slightly. There was an assassination in early July.

AREA 5 NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - Route 15

16. The WESTERN portion of the area to the NORTH of NUI THI VAI (vic YS 2974) is being held now as a large training area. On three occasions since late June 68 three separate SAS patrols have reported hearing extensive firing of AW, HMG, rockets and mortars. These three patrols also report hearing a Minigun firing in the area. The patrols have found several small camps and had contacts with small groups of enemy.

AREA 6. LONG DIEN-DAT DO

17. Enemy activity around these population centres has increased. A company sized unit was contacted to the SOUTH EAST of DAT DO on 22 Jun 68.

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18. Reports indicate that the enemy virtually come and go at will, especially into DAT DO. They conducted a harrassing attack on the NORTHERN checkpoint in DAT DO. It also appears that this unit moved into DAT DO to escape 1 ATF operations (See Area 7).

19. These units are thought to be C25, LONG DAT Unit, and VUNG TAU Guerillas plus local hamlet guerilla units.

AREA 7 LONG HAI - LONG GREEN - LIGHT GREEN

20. Harrassing attacks on HOI MY, LO GOM, and PHUOC HAI have continued. A 1 ATF Operation into the area EAST of the LONG HAI hills had small contacts and also a follow on operation in the LONG GREEN. It is thought the larger enemy units split and moved well SOUTH, NORTH into DAT DO and EAST into the LONG GREEN.

21. Reports of NVA personnel being in this area have not been proven conclusively. However, it should be noted that NVA cadre have been in this area since 1966. They were found after contacts with D445 which used to operate in this area.

AREA 8 Route 328

22. This is a new area which has shown signs of activity. During July and late June there has been constant track activity reported by VR. Two SAS ambushes on Route 328 have had success. One had 13 enemy KIA (BC) from a total of over 30. The second had 5 enemy KIA (BC). From the second incident documents were captured which identified C3/D445. One, from a body, identified the "Best Soldier of D445 for 1966". Another, dated early July 1968, mentions BA KIEN OC of C3 and requests an agent in DAT DO look after him when he (KIEN) goes to DAT DO.

23. C3 has not been identified in contact for some two months. Prior to that it was subjected to heavy casualties over a period. It is a possibility that C3, or what was left of it, remained in the LONG GREEN. Also SAS contacts in this area have been with elements of a higher calibre than local guerillas.

CONCLUSIONS

24. The area NUI NHAN and DUC THANH has increased activity and is important to the enemy.

25. The WEST and NORTH WEST of the HAT DICH are very active areas for training, movement and resupply.

26. The population centres have been receiving increased harrassing activity.

27. The enemy plan, as stated in captured documents, is being carried out. That is

- a. Utilize sympathisers to assist the enemy plan within GVN areas.
- b. Motivate the people - either peaceably by propaganda or by terrorism.
- c. Increase their operations and extend enemy influence.

28. His plan to attack major centres and installations has been thwarted - so far. He will continue attempts to carry this out.

29. PHUOC TUY Province, as part of VC BA BIEN Province, is now a direct responsibility of COSVN. It can be expected that activity will increase, both in size of incident and number, and be targeted against the population. That is, BARIA the Provincial Capital (including VAN KIEP Training Centre), DAT DO, LONG DIEN and DUC THANH. 1 ATF Base at NUI DAT must also be considered a target for harrassing attacks by mortar or rocket.

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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 3 ATF

FROM 1 Jul 68 TO 31 Jul 68

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

19 Jul 68

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BEACH ANNEX - PETER BADCOE CLUB
A INSTR 16/68 AMENDMENT NO 1

1. Attached is the new allocation of the Beach Annex for the period 5 Aug 68 to 1 Jan 69


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Spare (10 held by A Branch)

Peter Badcoe Club (4)

Period No	From 1500 hrs	To 1100 hrs	Classification	Unit
1	5 Aug	7 Aug	C	12 Fd Regt
2	7 Aug	9 Aug	A	4 RAR
3	9 Aug	11 Aug	A	4 RAR
4	12 Aug	14 Aug	B	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
5	14 Aug	16 Aug	C	12 Fd Regt
6	16 Aug	18 Aug	A	3 RAR
7	19 Aug	21 Aug	A	3 RAR
8	21 Aug	23 Aug	A	3 RAR
9	23 Aug	25 Aug	A	3 RAR
10	26 Aug	28 Aug	A	3 RAR
11	28 Aug	30 Aug	B	A Sqn 3 Cav
12	30 Aug	1 Sep	FIJK	TFMA to co-ord
13	2 Sep	4 Sep	D	1 Fd Sqn
14	4 Sep	6 Sep	FGHK	HQ Coy to co-ord
15	6 Sep	8 Sep	C	12 Fd Regt
16	9 Sep	11 Sep	A	1 RAR
17	11 Sep	13 Sep	A	1 RAR
18	13 Sep	15 Sep	A	1 RAR
19	16 Sep	18 Sep	A	1 RAR
20	18 Sep	20 Sep	A	1 RAR
21	20 Sep	22 Sep	B	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
22	23 Sep	25 Sep	B	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
23	25 Sep	27 Sep	D	1 Fd Sqn
24	27 Sep	29 Sep	C	12 Fd Regt
25	30 Sep	2 Oct	A	4 RAR
26	2 Oct	4 Oct	A	4 RAR
27	4 Oct	6 Oct	A	4 RAR
28	7 Oct	9 Oct	A	4 RAR
29	9 Oct	11 Oct	A	4 RAR
30	11 Oct	13 Oct	A	4 RAR
31	14 Oct	16 Oct	D	1 Fd Sqn
32	16 Oct	18 Oct	C	12 Fd Regt
33	18 Oct	20 Oct	A	3 RAR
34	21 Oct	23 Oct	A	3 RAR
35	23 Oct	25 Oct	A	3 RAR
36	25 Oct	27 Oct	A	3 RAR
37	28 Oct	30 Oct	A	3 RAR
38	30 Oct	1 Nov	B	A Sqn 3 Cav
39	1 Nov	3 Nov	B	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
40	4 Nov	6 Nov	EGI	104 Sig Sqn to co-ordinate

Period No	From 1500 hrs	To 1100 hrs	Classification	Unit
41	6 Nov	8 Nov	C	12 Fd Regt
42	8 Nov	10 Nov	A	1 RAR
43	11 Nov	13 Nov	A	1 RAR
44	13 Nov	15 Nov	A	1 RAR
45	15 Nov	17 Nov	A	1 RAR
46	18 Nov	20 Nov	A	1 RAR
47	20 Nov	22 Nov	B	A Sqn 3 Cav
48	22 Nov	24 Nov	JKL	1 ARU to co-ordinate
49	25 Nov	27 Nov	D	1 Fd Sqn
50	27 Nov	29 Nov	C	12 Fd Regt
51	29 Nov	1 Dec	EFGH	161 Indep Recce Flt to co-ordinate
52	2 Dec	4 Dec	KJL	HQ Coy to co-ordinate
53	4 Dec	6 Dec	FGH	2 SAS Sqn to co-ord
54	6 Dec	8 Dec	HIJ	CA to co-ordinate
55	9 Dec	11 Dec	A	4 RAR
56	11 Dec	13 Dec	D	1 Fd Sqn
57	13 Dec	15 Dec	A	9 RAR
58	16 Dec	18 Dec	FGI	TFMA to co-ord
59	18 Dec	20 Dec	EJK	HQ Coy to co-ord
60	20 Dec	22 Dec	C	12 Fd Regt
61	23 Dec	25 Dec	FGI	2 SAS to co-ordinate
62	25 Dec	27 Dec	A	1 RAR
63	27 Dec	29 Dec	D	1 Fd Sqn
64	30 Dec	1 Jan	EHJL	1 ARU to co-ord

ANNEX N TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 Jul TO 31 Jul

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INSECT BORNE DISEASES

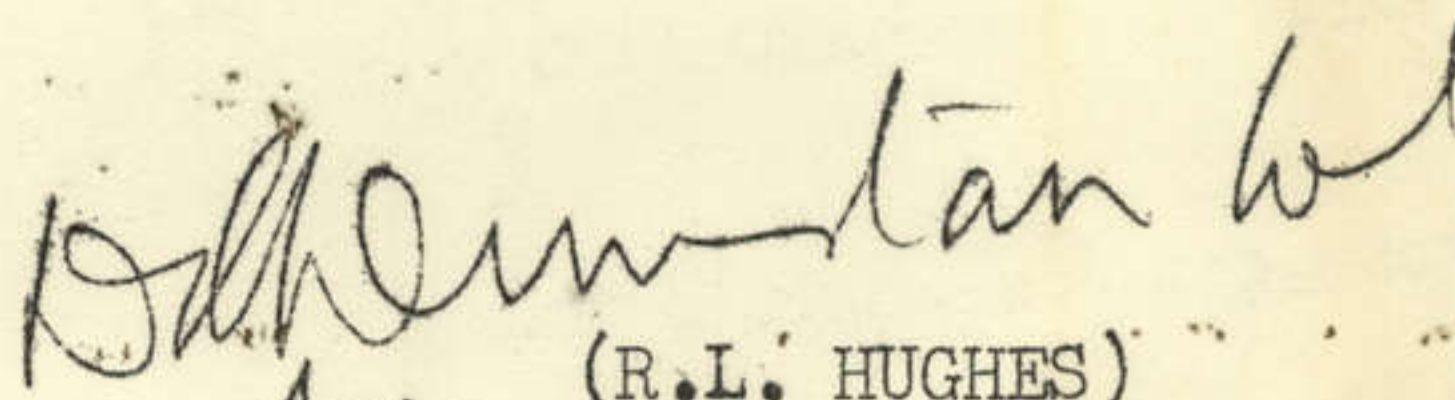
1. We are about to enter the period when the incidence of fevers of various types becomes more prevalent.

2. Units are to check their precautions and troop indoctrination. For the guidance of units recently arrived the following papers are re-issued herewith;

a. COMAFV Directive to Commanders-Insect Borne Diseases, dated 11 Dec 67.

b. SMO AFV (Army Component) Medical Policy Memorandum No 2/68.

3. Medical Policy Memorandum No 2/68 is designed for the guidance of RMOs. Its contents, however, are of value to all regimental officers. Attention is directed also to 1 ATF Standing Operating Procedures Section 8.


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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters
Australian Force
Vietnam

11 Dec 67

Comd 1 ATF
Comd 1 ALSG
Comd AATTV

COMAFV DIRECTIVE TO COMMANDERS
INCIDENCE OF INSECT BORNE DISEASE
(MALARIA, SCRUB TYPHUS, DENGUE, JUNGLE FEVERS, ENCEPHALITIS)

1. I am alarmed at the large number of fevers recently occurring in this Force.
2. Some one hundred of these have been confirmed as malaria - twelve others have been proven scrub typhus and there have been many cases of dengue and jungle fevers. Two of our soldiers have died recently from malaria and scrub typhus. There is no doubt the diseases are caused by insect bites and therefore you are to ensure that all troops under your control take the fullest precautions in preventing insect bites. Insect repellent adequate in quantity and type is available but this in itself is not enough and all precautions must be invoked and you may have to change your procedures and method of operating in the field in order to reduce casualties from the effects of insect bites.
3. You are to inform all troops of the deaths and the manpower wastage resulting from inadequate precautions being taken against largely preventable disease. This Force cannot afford such manpower wastage and I believe that the "cavalier" approach deriving from high morale has led commanders of all grades into a false position concerning the close, regular, and effective observance of the "strict and detailed disciplines" which must be observed entirely, at all times, in order to master preventable diseases.

Signed: D. Vincent

(D. VINCENT)
Maj Gen
COMAFV

6 Feb 68

SMO AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) MEDICAL POLICYMEMORANDUM No 2/68FEVERS IN SVNIntroduction

1. During recent months a significant increase in fevers has occurred in Australian Troops in South Vietnam.
2. SMO AFV has maintained close liaison with U.S. Medical Authorities in theatre and with the Australian Medical Directorate at home, in an effort to give advice to reduce this high fever incidence.
3. In order that inexperienced medical officers can be made aware of the present situation, the following information is promulgated.
4. The basis for much of this information is the Director of Army Health who is rated as a Consultant in Preventive Medicine in the British Army Medical Services, and who has 30 years service including three lots of military operations in the Far East (Malaya and Java 1940-42, Korea 1952-53, Malaya 1953-55).

AIM

5. The aim of this memorandum is to inform all medical officers of the medical policy for advising on the prevention of fevers in Vietnam.
6. Medical officers are to advise their Commanders in accordance with this memorandum, and the promulgation of differing personal views is to cease forthwith.

MALARIA

7. Nearly three years experience of the incidence of malaria in Australian troops in SVN permits an assessment of the position and allows certain assumptions to be made.
8. From the available evidence, which is shown graphically at Annexure "A" it is considered that the following facts can be stated:
 - a. In the area of operation of the AFV the malaria shows a stable epidemiological pattern.
 - b. While transmission occurs throughout the year annual "epidemics" appear with notable regularity.
 - c. The predominating parasite is P. falciparum.
 - d. While transmission occurs throughout the year the period of intense transmission probably begins with a "pre-epidemic" phase in July or August and this "pre-epidemic" phase lasts from July or August until November or December when the "epidemic" phase becomes obvious. This phase is succeeded by a "post epidemic" phase during which the malaria morbidity again reaches the normal average of the locality. This phase lasts from January until April or May when normal morbidity is reached. This phase remains until July or August when "pre-epidemic" conditions begin again.
9. The "epidemic" peaks of malaria appear to be preceded by a rising incidence of Pyrexia of uncertain origin (PUO) which reaches its peak about 4 months before that of malaria i.e., at the beginning of the pre-epidemic phase in July or August each year

10. The rise in PUO begins shortly before the onset of the Rainy Season (June - September) and begins to decline shortly before its end. This is probably indicative of increased mosquito breeding, a rise in the biting rate and the transmission thereby of a number of Arbo-viruses (e.g., Dengue, Chikungunya etc) but at the same time there is probably an increase in the anopheline vector population (1) and an increase in the gametocyte carriers (2) of the local civilian population. Sooner or later these last two factors are concurrent, the number of infected mosquitoes increases and the stage is set round about September for epidemic conditions in November or December.

Notes

1. The anopheline mosquito is the species which transmits malaria. It is a matter of doubt whether the ordinary member of a unit can differentiate between anopheline and culicene mosquitoes. However units should have their quota of men trained in such duties (MBI 142-10 refers). As a general rule it is the exception for anopheline mosquitoes to feed actively during daylight hours unless circumstances reduce the sunlight.
2. The gametocyte stage of the malaria parasite is the stage in the blood of human carriers of the disease which is infective for mosquitoes biting these carriers.
11. It may well be that in the cases of PUO are a number of cases of malaria that have been "missed".
12. On the Staff side, propaganda, inspection and other pressures to increase the standard of anti-malaria discipline should begin in May and be repeated on a heavy scale in August. Whilst the RAAMC theoretically only advises on health and hygiene, RMO's must themselves play an active part in the preventative procedures within their units.
13. It is probably that in the post epidemic and "normal" transmission phases, troops undoubtedly lower their guard in the matter of anti-malarial discipline. New battalions arriving at these times, unless anti-malarial training in Australia has been good, will be particularly vulnerable. 7 RAR and 2 RAR both arrived in Vietnam during low transmission phases.
14. The presence of BT (VIVAX) infections (2 in November, 11 in December) suggests paludrine irregularity. There have been a number of BT (VIVAX) relapses in troops after return from Vietnam. This suggests that paludrine is an efficient suppressant and was being taken.
15. The epidemic phase is probably terminated by:
 - a. A weather change reducing mosquito breeding.
 - b. Reduction of adult mosquitoes by improved anti-malarial measures in units; these would probably be improved in units as a result of the epidemic.
16. The precautions required by day in ambush are slacks, sleeves down and repellents. The use of repellent impregnated veils is probably questionable. They were ill tolerated by British troops in the Malayan operations and it is considered that Australian troops would be equally intolerant. Most troops in Malaya sooner or later devised their own protection, such as triangles of parachute nylon used along with the repellent. Because they had thought it out for themselves they used it. Any idea imposed from outside i.e. a veil, is likely to be unsuccessful.
17. It has been confirmed the insect repellent issued by Aust and U.S. resources is the best and most modern for its purpose.

18. PALUDRINE is still considered by DGMS as the best drug for our use. This, like all anti-malarial drugs is in support of measures taken to avoid being bitten. Paludrine books should be spot checked. Even then it cannot always be assumed that paludrine has been taken. SMO AFV deliberately issued insufficient quantities of paludrine to troops in Borneo operations. Rarely was this detected by platoon Commanders or paludrine books.

19. The term resistant strain malaria should NOT be used. The U.S. authorities agree that some 90% of malaria is preventable in troops who have an adequate dosage of anti-malarial drugs in their body. However patients suffering from malaria are difficult to cure and do not respond to drugs. The Thailand experiment recently issued to all medical officers showed that people taking precautions, and Chloroquine as an adjunct, did not get malaria whilst others on no precautions developed so called "Chloroquine resistant malaria" with some deaths.

20. It is generally agreed that a 5-5½ oz weight cloth is sufficient to stop biting through it. Mosquitoes cannot penetrate a tightly woven cloth (cotton, twills, heavy nylon). It is not considered that the biting through the clothing assembly is significant contribution to mosquito borne illnesses.

SCRUB TYPHUS AND TICKS

21. Ticks do NOT convey Scrub Typhus; while ticks are known to convey illness in Nth Qld and in certain other countries they have yet to be convicted of doing so in Phuoc Tuy Province.

22. The tick is an occupational hazard of combat infantry in SE Asia. Antimite fluid, if properly applied, deters them and what is far more important will deter the larval mite which transmits scrub typhus. A 5% watery emulsion of the issue repellent - diethyl toluamide - into which clothing can be dipped has been useful against ticks.

23. Antimite fluid when properly applied to clothing will greatly reduce mite biting and the incidence of scrub typhus. Laundry, heavy rain, swamp, and paddy patrolling will inevitably govern the length of time the effect is maintained. On the other hand the occurrence of a number of cases within the same time frame is almost certainly a sign that precautions are inadequate and want tightening up. This is verified when a junior leader is heard to say that he doesn't believe in antimiting.

24. RMO's MUST look for eschar - some are being missed.

LEECHES

25. Some people seem to attract leeches. Others are not touched.

26. Leeches are unaesthetic rather than dangerous. Much work has been done on leeches. They convey nothing beyond a sense of loathing and cause some damage to the skin by their bites. After removal early treatment with a high standard of person hygiene will go a long way to reduce skin infections which might result.

27. During Malayan and Borneo operations no serious medical difficulties were encountered from leeches. The standard issue repellent repels leeches when freshly applied. Unfortunately it is washed out by rain, wading and sweating.

LEPTOSPIROSIS

28. This is being sporadically reported and RMO's should warn troops about touching moist ground and care in collection of water prior to sterilisation. The hands always have minute scratches present.

29. Shaving does nothing to increase the incidence of leptospirosis. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a medical officer to disallow shaving on medical grounds for fear of leptospirosis.

DIARRHOEA

30. Although usually occurring sporadically review of inpatient summaries suggests there was a minor outbreak in Dec and in Jan in one unit.

31. It is usual to blame the rations. The rations rarely, if ever, are the cause. Correct investigation inevitably finds dirty dixies or a dirty food handler.

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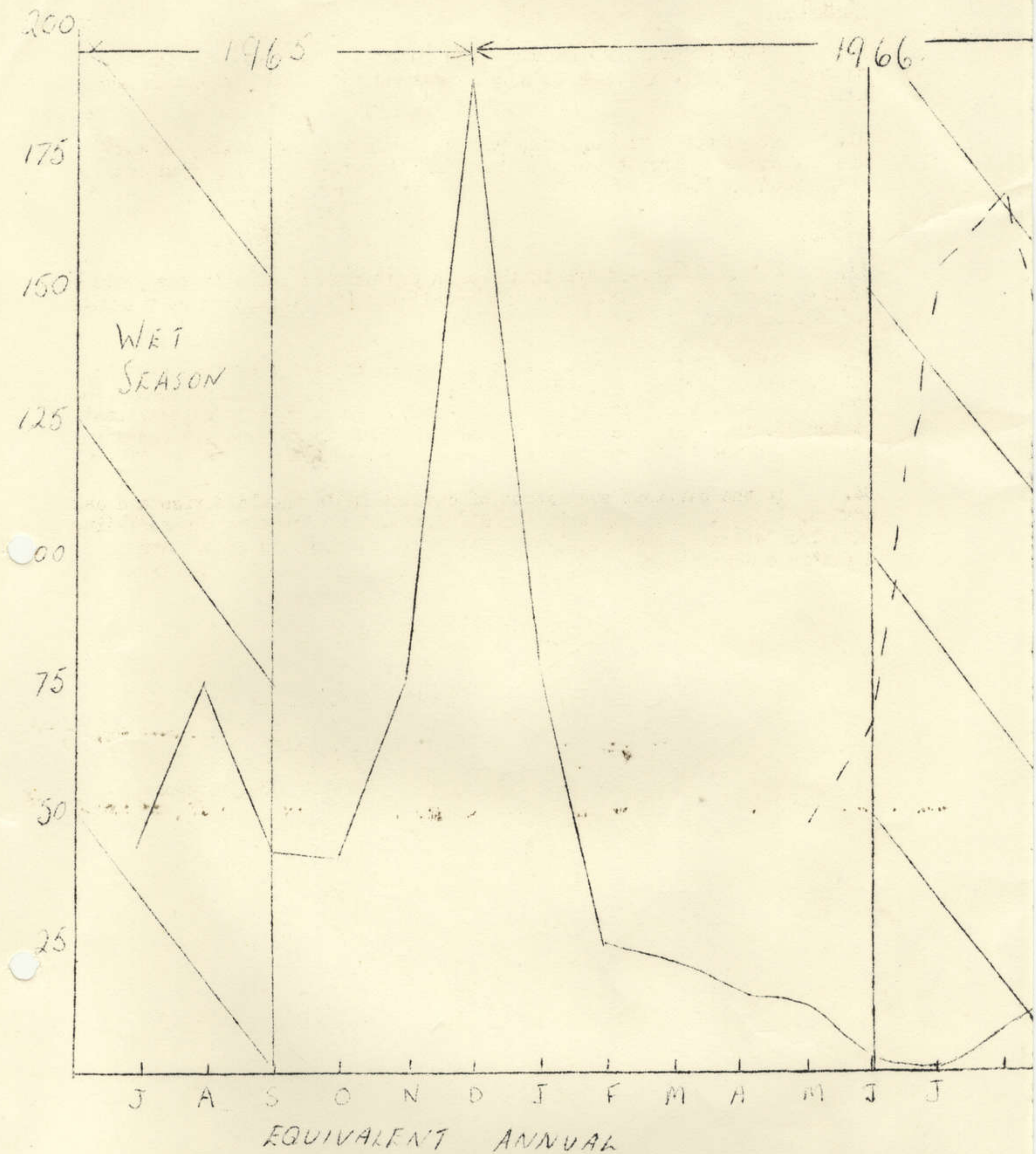
32. All these fevers are in the main preventable and over the years it has been shown the incidence has paralleled the discipline of the unit and the approach of the RMO.

33. RMO's must work as a member of the regimental team and not take subterfuge in trying to run civilian type practices, or hiding behind the PUO umbrella knowing that a month may elapse before scientific confirmation is forthcoming. By then a new current operation is in progress and any interest in the "old" outbreak of fever is lost.

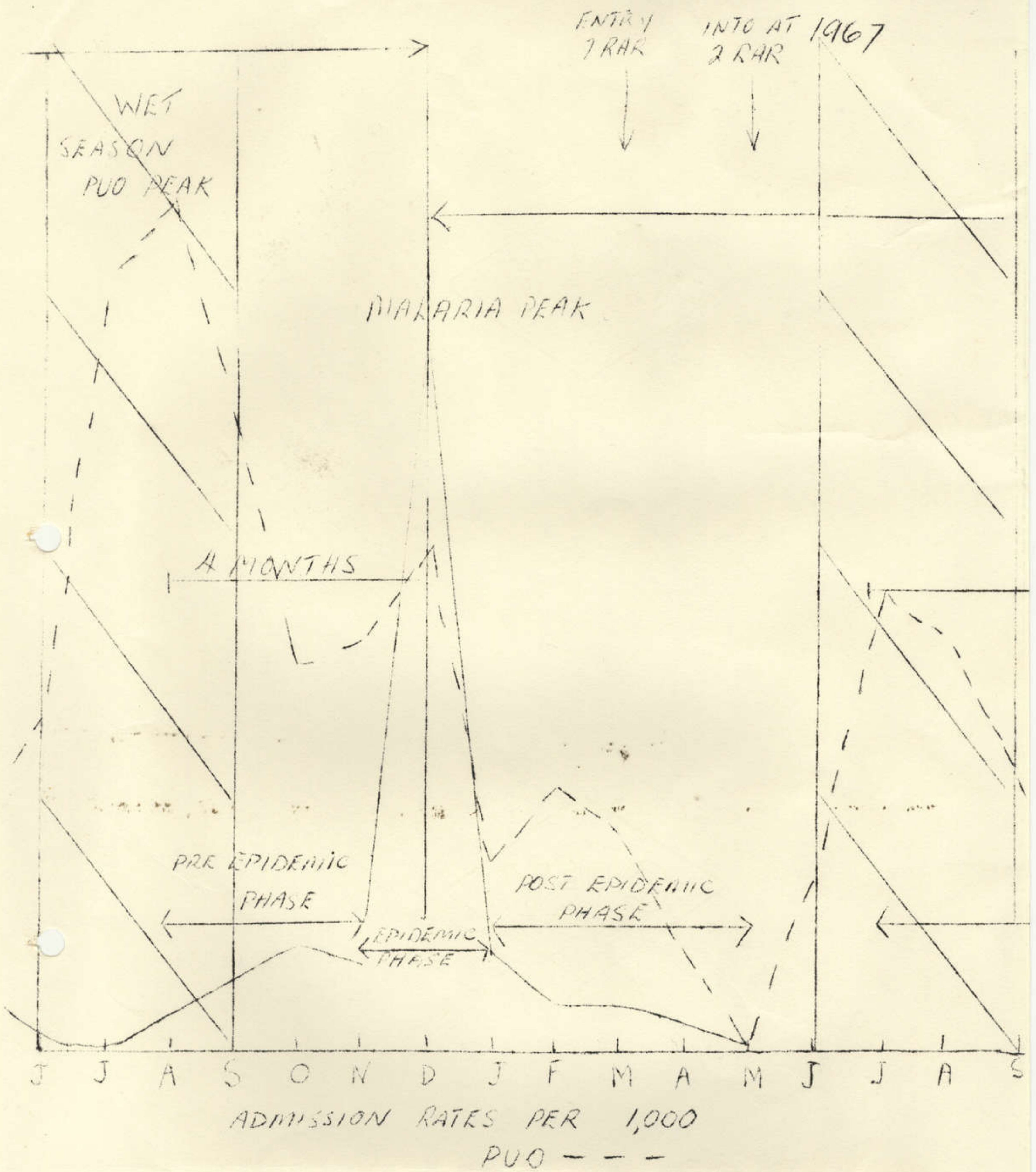
34. At the earliest suggestion of disease RMO's should advise and ask advice. Only in this way will the RAAMC assist in lowering the morbidity rate from disease which is always well above the much lower but more dramatic casualty rate.

Signed: J.T. Dunn

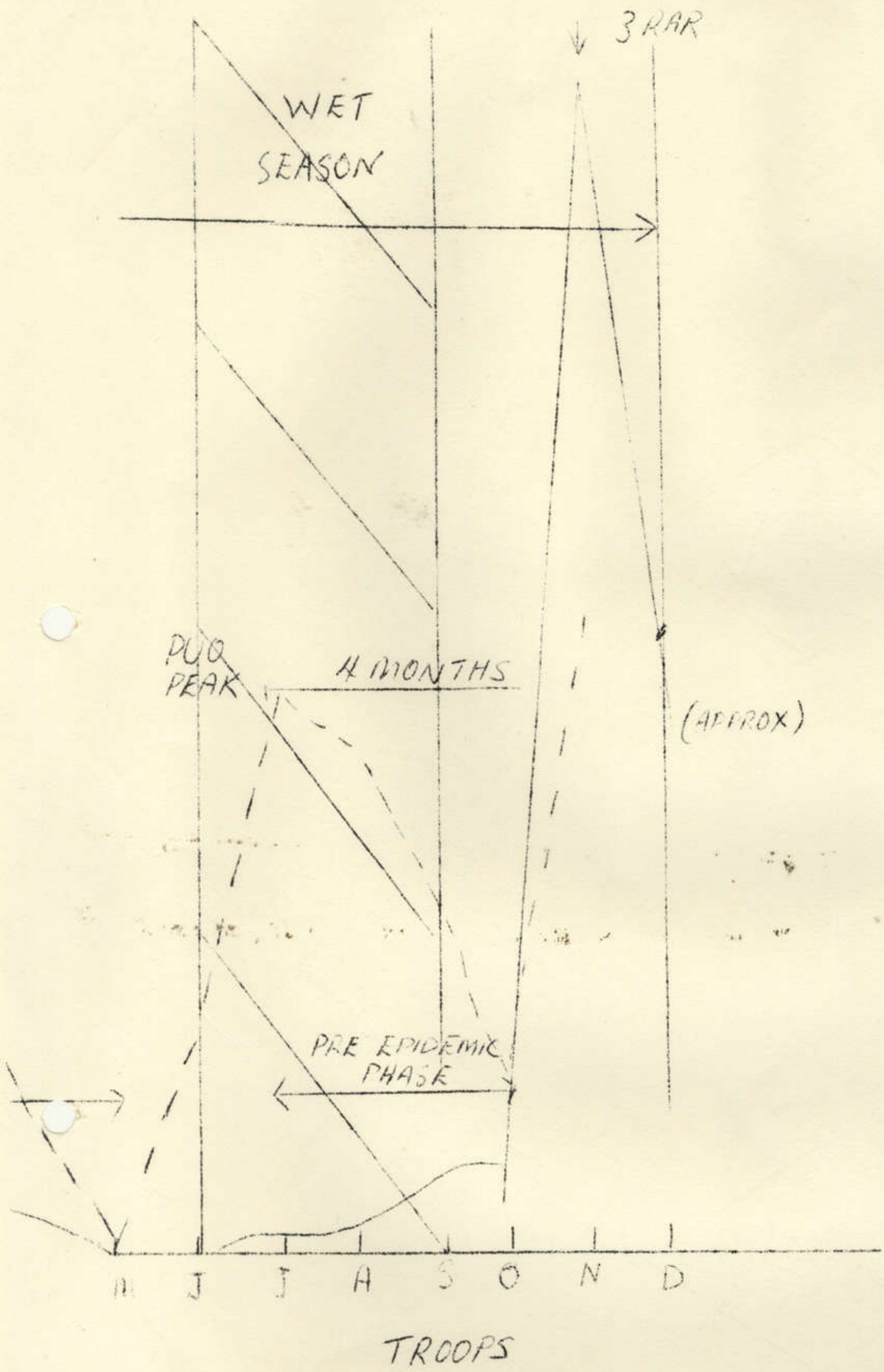
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MALARIA ———



ANNEX A



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REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION TO QUARTERMASTER
COMMISSION

- Reference: A. MBI 166/2 Part 4.
- B. AHQ 74/R2/8 of 11 Jun 68.

1. Attached is a copy of Reference B giving an amendment to the requirement for qualification for appointment to QM Commission.
2. For action as required by paragraph 4 of Reference B.

W.G. Hoffman
 (W.G. HOFFMAN)
 Maj
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Army Headquarters
CANBERRA, ACT

11 Jun 68

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION TO
QUARTERMASTER COMMISSION

Reference: A. MBI 166-2 Part 4.

1. The Military Board has approved the deletion of the requirement for qualification at a Quartermaster Course as a pre-requisite for first appointment to a QM Commission.
2. The approval is of an interim nature only as the AG Branch Officer Review Committee is considering the general question of the appointment of other ranks to commissioned rank.
3. As a consequence of this approval increased opportunity will be available for the training of officers from all sources who are likely to be posted to QM appointments. Thus, in the selection of officers for QM appointments a general requirement will be that the officer has attended either a QM or RQMS course or has had experience in a RQMS posting.
4. Commands are to advise all senior WOs who, by reason of service and seniority, would become eligible for consideration for appointment to QM Commissions by Dec 69 of the nature of the Military Board decision.

Signed K.A. PEDDLE Col

For (C.E. LONG)
Maj Gen
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

8 JUL 68

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58. SECURITY STANDING ORDERS

1. Units are to include in their own standing orders or publish separately, specific orders regarding security. Guidance in preparation of these orders is contained in Military Security Instructions.

2. Unit Commanders are reminded that all ranks are to be briefed on these orders when they join a unit and their attention brought to them at least six monthly intervals through Unit Routine Orders.

Ian H. Maclean

(I.H. MACLEAN)

Maj

GS02 (Ops)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

59. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RSL

1. Honorary membership cards for the RSL are held at 1 ATF and are available to units on request.

2. Units are to advise all members of this facility for honorary membership.

60. BOUNDS - FEMALE OFFICERS QUARTERS

1. The Women's Services Officers' quarters at 1 Aust Field Hospital is out of bounds to all male ranks, excepting those personnel authorized on official military duties

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61. DAMAGE TO ROADS IN THE 1 ATF AREA

1. With the advent of the wet season damage is being done to existing roads, newly repaired roads and roads under construction by vehicles travelling at excessive speeds.

2. To reduce the Engineer effort required to maintain roads during the wet season, the following points are made:


a. Units are to warn drivers of the damage caused to roads by excessive speeds.

b. Units are to warn drivers to reduce speed to 5 mph when:

(1) Travelling over sections of road being repaired.

(2) The road surface is thick with mud and wheel ruts are deep. Also front wheel drive is to be engaged under these conditions.

c. The above requirements are to apply to convoys using the by pass road from the area of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to the HOA LONG check point.


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15 JUL 68

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62. PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY (PROVISIONAL)

- 1. For the purpose of this order, the following definitions apply:

- a. Story. Includes written reports and radio, television and other recorded material.

- b. Responsible Commander. Includes:

- COMAFV
- COMRAAFV
- Comd 1 ATF
- Comd RAAF Vung Tau
- Comd 1 ALSG
- CO AATTV
- CO No 2 Sqn RAAF
- CO RANHFV

and any officer, not below the rank of major (or equivalent), appointed by an officer mentioned above, to act on his behalf in the administration of the policy set out in this order.

- c. Public Relations Officer. Means a Service officer specifically posted to an establishment vacancy as a public relations officer and also includes an officer, warrant or non-commissioned officer appointed by a responsible commander to carry out part time public relations duties in relation to his command.

- 2. The publication of unauthorized, indiscreet or ill-informed statements on Service matters can lead, often inadvertently, to serious military and political consequences.

- 3. A member of the Australian Force Vietnam who has not been specifically authorized to do so by the appropriate Minister or by an officer delegated by him for this purpose, is not to provide information or comment to the Press or other news media, or make any

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public statement, or enter into any discussion, irrespective of whether the information, comment, statement or discussion relates to a classified subject or not, on:

- a. Any matter of Government policy and any matter which is subject to public or political controversy, or which is likely to affect Australia's relations with another Government.
- b. Any Defence or Service matter related to policy, administration, plans, conditions of service or equipment.
- c. Any matter which might affect operational security or affect the conduct of current or future operations.
- d. Impressions deriving from their Service activities related to any matter mentioned in sub-paras a, b and c above.

4. Before any representative of the Press or other news media is admitted on a visit to a headquarters, unit or establishment of Australian Force Vietnam, the responsible commander is:

- a. To approve of the visit.
- b. To arrange for the representative to be accompanied during his visit by a public relations officer.
- c. To ensure, because it is inevitable that circumstances will arise when the representative will speak directly to a member of the Force without the accompanying public relations officer being present, that the representative has been warned that:

(1) No story, based on a conversation with a member of the Force, may be released without it having first been cleared by a public relations officer, irrespective of how or where the information was gained.

(2) All privileges and facilities granted by the Force to the representative will depend on his compliance with the requirement to clear each such story.

5. The accompanying public relations officer is to ensure that every member of the Force who is likely to come into contact with a visiting representative of the Press or other news media is:

- a. Aware of the contents of paragraph 3 of this order.
- b. Given guidance as to any information which may be disclosed regarding the headquarters, unit or establishment and its activities.

6. A public relations officer is not to clear any story which contains information, comment, statement or discussion derived from a member of the Force on a matter specified in paragraph 3 of this order, unless that member has been specifically authorized to give such information, etc, as provided for in that paragraph.

7. The contents of this order are to be repeated in unit ROs at three monthly intervals.

63. SWITCHBOARD - REDESIGNATION

1. With effect from 15 Jul 68 the switchboard designation to the following are changed:

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- a. From EAGLE to ENDEAVOUR; and
 - b. From EVERGREEN to ERUDITE.
2. Units are to amend their Phone Directories accordingly.

Ian H Maclean

(I.H. MACLEAN)
Maj
GSO 2(Ops)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Nil

NOTICE

1. FOUND - WRISTLET WATCH

1. A gold wristlet watch with the inscription "To Tony on his 20th birthday, Love Aunty Pat, 12-9-66", has been found in 1 ARU area.

2. The owner is requested to contact OC 1 ARU.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

19 Jul 68

R1015/1/1

HQ AFV

EVALUATION REPORT - M67 RECOILLESS RIFLE

Reference: A. 1 ATF R1015/1/1 dated 23 Jun 68.
B. AFV SD 2547 of 020650Z Jul 68.

General

1. Although 4 RAR has had little experience with the M67 Recoilless rifle, 1 RAR has employed the weapon during past operations with favourable results.

Roles and Employment

- 2. 1 RAR and 4 RAR have employed the weapon in the following roles:
 - a. Protection of FSPBs.
 - b. Defence of company base areas.
 - c. Strengthening of ambush positions.
 - d. Protection of road convoys.

Advantages and Limitations

- 3. The weapon is considered to have the following advantages:
 - a. It is simple to operate.
 - b. It is uncomplicated and easy to maintain.
 - c. A variety of ammunition is available in theatre.

- 4. The following disadvantages have been encountered:
 - a. The weapon has a large back blast area.
 - b. The ammunition is difficult to man-pack in its present container.

Results of Evaluation Trials

5. 1 RAR has carried out limited evaluation trials using the fleshette round. This round was found to be accurate and effective up to 100 metres with excellent coverage and concentration of the target area.

Operational Effectiveness

6. The weapon was used in the defence of FSPB CORAL on the night 12/13 May 68 and proved to be most accurate and effective using both the HEAT and fleshette rounds. The HEAT round was quite effective as an anti personnel round.

7. It is considered that the major role of this weapon will be in the protection of FSPBs. As HE ammunition becomes more readily available this weapon should play a more dominant role in the defence of FSPBs.

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Conclusion

8. It is recommended that this weapon be issued, in lieu of the Carl Gustav, to all infantry battalions serving in SOUTH VIETNAM as it is a more flexible and acceptable weapon.

9. Furthermore it is recommended that the allocation to the battalions be as follows:

Rifle Companies - 1 per Support Section

Anti-tank Platoon - 4

10. The allocation of this weapon would give the infantry battalions a greater flexibility and hitting power.

Jan. H. Muslean
Maj
f (R.L. HUGHES)
Brig
Comd

For information:

- 1 RAR
- 3 RAR
- 4 RAR

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R569/1/31

20 Jul 68

HQ II Force V

LAND CLEARING - PHUOC TUY PROVINCE - 1 ATF
REQUEST FOR US ARMY SUPPORT

1. US Army support in the form of a Land Clearing Squad of approximately 10 Rome Plows is requested to assist 1 ATF in its next Land Clearing Operation.
2. The operation planned involves the cutting of approximately 30,000 metres of 200 metre wide trails through the lower areas between and to the NORTH EAST of the NUI DINH and NUI THI VAI Mountains. A detailed plan showing the proposed location of the trails is attached as Annex A.
3. Justification for the clearing in this area is as follows:
 - a. The VC use this area as a base camp, training, staging and a resupply transit area. The area is currently accessible only to foot mounted operations and consequently cannot be traversed sufficiently often to control it.
 - b. The area is of importance to the VC in that it is for them a relatively secure area, within one days march by covered approaches to the Province Capital, BARIA, and the many villages along Route 15 to the SOUTH and WEST. The area is also only one days march from the VC HAT DICH Base.
 - c. A recent operation conducted in this area confirmed the fact that the VC are increasing their use of this area as a transit route and staging area.
4. If trails existed 1 ATF would gain the following advantages:
 - a. Ability to mount Armoured and Cavalry operations into the area, and hence more regular coverage.
 - b. A link with the existing US cleared trails through the VC HAT DICH Base and hence alternate access to that area.
 - c. Clear boundaries and effective blocking positions for operations when mounted in the area.
 - d. Continuous helipads for the insertion and extraction of forces on operations.
 - e. Further segmentation of the 1 ATF TAOR.
5. If the US support requested is made available it is estimated that the combined AUSTRALIAN and US teams could accomplish the task in 30 days.
6. 1 ATF would undertake to protect the combined operation.
7. At this time the starting date proposed for the operation is 1 Aug 68, providing no major redeployment is required of 1 ATF before this date.

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8. Your support and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

R.L. Hughes

(R.L. HUGHES)

Brig
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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R220/1/18

Jul 68

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MINUTES OF THE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
HELD AT NUI DAT AT 1030 HRS ON 20 JUL 68

Present:	Brig	R.L. Hughes	Chairman
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	Lt Col	J.D. Kelly	
	Maj	G.J. Cohen	
	Maj	I. Thorpe	
	Maj	J.M. Taylor	
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	Maj	H.A. Benson	
	Maj	W.B. James	
	Maj	A. Weaver	
	Maj	Van Gelder	
	Capt	A. Vickers	
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1. The following points were raised by the Commander and attending members at the July conference:

- a. Security.
- b. Passage of correspondence.
- c. Civilians staying at NUI DAT.
- d. Hygiene in the field.
- e. Saluting.
- f. Fever precautions.
- g. Veh movement at night.
- h. ARL with R and R.
- i. Air despatch equipment.
- j. Final anti-malarial treatment.
- k. R and R to AUSTRALIA.
- l. Shops in BARIA.
- m. Tinea.
- n. Convalescent leave (officers).

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SECURITY

2. The Comd drew attention to the poor standard of security in the Task Force areas, and quoted the following incidents to illustrate his point:

All Units

a. A reported incident of two soldiers in a bar in VUNG TAU talking about taking part in operations in the LONG GREEN next week. It was thought that they could have been from SAS or 1 RAR.

b. The passage of information from LONG BINH to NUI DAT, regarding the withdrawal from AO BIRDSVILLE. In several incidents unit and service representatives had spoken over the radio-relay phone in clear regarding details of the move. The Comd personally heard one of these types of breaches and on questioning the person concerned discovered that this NCO did not realize that he was committing a breach of security.

3. The Comd directed Unit Comds to again remind their personnel of security responsibilities, in particular their administrative organizations, and suggested that units should restrict the number of people permitted to make trunk calls. The Comd reminded all units of the facilities of the teleprinter circuit which is normally available at Task Force HQ Forward.

PASSAGE OF CORRESPONDENCE

4. The Comd stated that he suspected that Unit Comds, when absent from NUI DAT with their unit, were not being kept informed of normal administrative matters by their rear echelons. The Comd had instructed his own staff to ensure that sufficient copies of correspondence were produced for both the forward and rear elements of units. Unit Comds are required to ensure that their own office procedures are adequate.

CIVILIANS STAYING AT NUI DAT

5. The Comd reminded all Unit Comds that his policy was that accommodation would not be made available to civilian visitors. This does not apply to accredited newsmen or the CA Counsellor from the embassy in SAIGON.

Info all Units

HYGIENE IN THE FIELD

6. The Comd advised all units that he was not satisfied that sufficient attention was being paid to hygiene in the field, this included TF HQ Fwd, TFMA and Echelon Areas.

All Units

7. In future all advance parties are to include a hygiene dutyman. All Comds of advance parties will ensure that latrines and shower points are located and installed on DAY 1. All field Comds are reminded of the SOP that latrines or latrine areas are to be located inside the perimeter.

8. The Comd advised that his HQ will publish a suggested scale of hygiene dutyman including understudies for unit requirements. The TF Hygiene Officer will arrange a training course for those units who do not have a hygiene inspector of their own.

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SALUTING

9. The Comd again reminded all units that the paying of compliments to officers in the TF area was still very poor. Unit Comds are required to impress on their subordinates the requirement of paying the necessary compliments to senior officers. All Units

FEVER PRECAUTIONS

10. The Comd advised all Units that 1 ATF A Instruction 20/68 has been published and is to be obeyed by all units, for the good of the individual and the formation as a whole. Unit Comds are to ensure that not only is this instruction obeyed to the letter of the law but also in the spirit of the law. All Units

SMO

11. The Comd asked Maj JAMES to speak on this latest instruction. Maj JAMES spoke in great detail. He stated that due to the large increase in fevers this instruction had been produced after consultation with the DGMS Maj Gen GURNER and Comd 1 ATF Brig R.L. HUGHES DSO. Info all Units

GS02 (Ops)

12. Maj MACLEAN reminded all units that movement of vehicles at night could only be sanctioned by the Comd 1 ATF or GS02 (Ops) through the CP HQ 1 ATF. All Units

13. The Comd reminded all units that the evenings were not to be used for inter-unit social functions. Info all Units

DAAG

14. Maj HOFFMAN reminded all units that ARL with R and R at centres outside Australia will only be approved in those cases where a wife is joining her husband at the R and R centre. Info all Units

15. AFV will not consider a second R and R unless the application is originated by a CO.OC and supported by Comd 1 ATF. All Units

DAQMG

16. Maj GURNEY advised that as a result of the improper use of Air Despatch Equipment during OP TOAN THANG the Force stocks of this equipment had been drastically depleted. These stocks have since been built up. To ensure that this does not happen again units are to ensure that they have personnel properly in the handling of Air Despatch Equipment, and that only such personnel are employed in its handling. All Units

A SQN 2 CAV REGT

17. Advised that they cannot generally afford to keep RTA personnel out of the field for the full two weeks prior to departure for final malarial treatment. Info all Units

18. Maj JAMES, SMO advised that soldiers could be started on the treatment three days before RTA providing they could be trusted to carry on the treatment on their arrival in Australia.

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19. Maj KEMP advised the Comd that he could not get sufficient vacancies for personnel wishing to take their R and R in Australia.

20. The Comd directed the DAAG to consult AFV as any soldier who wished to take R and R to Australia was to be allowed to. The Comd further reminded that it was up to CO/OCs to decide when individuals would take their R and R in regard to operational requirements. Info all Units

TFMA


21. Maj CHRISTOPHERSEN requested that the situation regarding shops in BARIA being out of bounds be clarified. All Units

22. The Comd cancelled the order placing BARIA out of bounds but reminded all units that the shops in BARIA were only to be used by personnel on authorized trips to or through the town and that BARIA was not to be considered as a leave centre.

SMO

23. Maj JAMES advised all units that it was his impression that units were not making sufficient use of the American foot powder currently on issue to combat Tinea. All Units

24. The SMO advise that CO 1 Aust Fd Hosp was not happy with the present system of administrating convalescent leave for officers at the Grand Hotel in VUNG TAU. The Comd directed the DAAG to investigate this and endeavour to find an alternative solution.


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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

25 JUL 68

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CANCELLATIONS

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GS MATTERS

Nil

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

72. ACCOMMODATION 1 ALSG - TRANSIT PERSONNEL

1. All transient OR of 1 ATF, who are being accommodated at HQ Coy 1 ALSG, are to have in their possession mosquito nets and messing gear.

73. WATER POINT - TRAFFIC CONTROL

1. Vehicles moving to and from the water point at LUSCOMBE Airfield are to use the roads to the South and West of the airfield and not the 1 RAR internal roads.

74. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FEVERS BY 1 ATF

1. The following precautions against fevers will be strictly adhered to by all ranks:

a. Suppressive Drugs. One tablet of paludrine (100 mg) will be taken orally by each officer and soldier in 1 ATF twice daily.

b. Supervision of Paludrine Administration.

(1) Within 1 ATF a parade will be conducted by an officer each morning and evening who will personally ensure that all ranks swallow a paludrine tablet.

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(2) A record of all ranks who have swallowed a paludrine tablet on each parade will be entered in a paludrine Roll Book at the parade, and signed by the officer conducting the parade.

(3) If a soldier is absent from a paludrine parade, the officer is responsible to make separate arrangements for the soldier to take a paludrine tablet.

c. Clothing.

(1) Within NUI DAT Base and HORSESHOE Base. Long trousers and shirts will be worn by all ranks, both during the hours of daylight and the hours of darkness. This includes people engaged in strenuous physical activity with the exception of active sport during which time shorts may be worn. Between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs at night shirts are to be worn with sleeves down and buttoned at the wrist. During daylight hours sleeves may be worn rolled above the elbow.

(2) When on Operations out of NUI DAT. All ranks will wear shirts with sleeves rolled down and long trousers at all times, the only exception being soldiers who are actively engaged in preparing or firing mortars and artillery pieces in open FSPBs.

d. Mosquito Nets. These are to be used at all times in base and on operation, except when troops are located in insecure areas such as in ambush. The nets are to be kept in good repair, and the trailing edges are to be tucked in under the mattress or bed roll. Nets will be erected by 1830 hrs daily except where operational requirements preclude.


e. Mosquito Repellant. Repellant is to be applied to exposed areas of skin during the hours of darkness when on operations. As the issue repellant is effective for only three hours, it must be re-applied accordingly. Within 1 ATF base insecticide of the aerosol type is to be sprayed in all occupied offices, lines, and messes at least once daily.

75. CANCELLATION OF HQ 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

1. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 36/68 "Dress Visitors to HQ 1 ATF" is cancelled.

76. AMENDMENT TO HQ 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

1. Amendment to HQ 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 64/68 is published herein.


(W.G. HOFFMAN)
Maj
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AMENDMENT

Amendment No 1

1. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 64/68 is amended in paragraphs 4 and 5 by deleting "HQ AFV" and inserting "HQ 1 ATF".

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

27 JUL 68

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- 1. PREPARATION OF PARCELS AND PACKAGES FOR TRANSMISSION TO AUSTRALIA BY POST

GS MATTERS

Nil

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

77. TAXATION RETURNS 1967/68

1. As a guide to the preparation of Income Tax returns for the financial year ending 30 Jun 68, the following relevant extracts of Financial Instructions for the PMF are to be promulgated in Unit ROs:

a. Maximum amounts which may be claimed as concessional allowances in respect of dependants (subject to any other separate income of dependant) are:

(1) Spouse or daughter/housekeeper or housekeeper	Aust \$312
(2) Mother, father, mother in law, father in law	\$312 each Dependant
(3) Invalid relatives being a brother, sister, child or step child not less than 16 years of age, student child 16-21, one child under 16 years	\$208 each dependant
(4) Other children under 16 years	\$131 each dependant
(5) Student children aged 16-21 years	\$208

b. Concessional Allowance Deduction forms should be completed by all members claiming, for any taxation year, to be maintaining a dependant. These forms are required to be furnished each new taxation year. If these forms are not furnished by the member his taxation instalments will be as for a member without dependants.

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c. The following lists most of the pay and allowance which are subject to taxation:

- (1) Active Pay.
- (2) Flying Allowance.
- (3) Higher Duties Allowance.
- (4) Linguists Bounty.
- (5) Parachutists Allowance.
- (6) Special Allowance Medical and Dental Officers.

d. The following allowances are not taxable:

- (1) Marriage Allowance.
- (2) Separation Allowance.

2. a. It should be noted that such allowable deductions for dependants and education expenses, etc, are allowable for part years on a prorata basis. Details regarding general expenses such as medical, dental, etc, allowable for taxation deduction purposes as contained in the Taxation Return form itself, and should be studied closely.

b. If a member is in any doubt regarding what is an allowable deduction in his own interest he should include it in his return and attach a statement giving full details.

3. It is in the interest of the member to submit his return as soon as possible, but in any case no later than 31 Aug 68.

4. Taxation returns are to be submitted in all cases where taxable income exceeds the minimum earnings on which taxation is based, irrespective of whether any tax is payable or not.

5. Taxation refund cheques cannot be cashed at Cash Offices in Vietnam. Therefore it is recommended that one of the following methods be used to obtain any rebates for Financial Year 1967/68:

- a. Sign an authority for the Commissioner of Taxation to pay the refund to the Department of Army for credit to paybook, or
- b. Authorise the Commissioner of Taxation to pay the rebate to a bank account in Australia. The bank must be authorised to open mail addressed to the member care of the bank.

6. An example of Authority for Payment to the Paybook is attached as Annex "A" to this instruction.

7. This instruction is to be reproduced in Unit Routine Orders and any queries directed to servicing paymaster or Unit Liaison Officer, Saigon Cash Office.

78. PURCHASE OF FOOD FROM LOCAL SOURCES

1. Meat. Under no circumstances are units to purchase meat from local sources for consumption by members of 1 ATF. Meat from local sources is likely to be infected because of the absence of competent meat inspectors, inefficient refrigeration, the low standard of hygiene in local food handling and the lack of protection from flies.

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2. Seafood. Great care should be exercised in the purchase of seafoods from local sources. Fresh seafoods must be inspected to ensure there is no unpleasant smell, no sign of decomposition and, in the case of fish, that the eyes are bright, not opaque or shrunken and that the gills are pink. All seafoods purchased, whether fresh or cooked, must be packed in ice for transit to the unit. On arrival at the unit they must be washed and then kept refrigerated until used.

3. Restaurants. A combined Aust/US/GVN inspection team carries out periodic inspections of civilian restaurants to ensure they observe satisfactory standards of hygiene and food preparation. Approved establishments are given an "In Bounds" sign to display. Establishments which do not display an "In Bounds" sign are out of bounds to members of 1 ATF.

4. The following restaurants and hotels in Vung Tau were approved on the Jul 68 inspection:

- a. Grand Hotel.
- b. Neptune.
- c. Paradise.
- d. Soai Kihm Tam (Chinese) Restaurant.
- e. Au Favori Restaurant.
- f. Cynos.
- g. Rendezvous.

5. No eating places in Baria have yet been approved.


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NOTICE

1. PREPARATION OF PARCELS AND PACKAGES FOR TRANSMISSION TO AUSTRALIA BY POST

1. The following information has been prepared for the guidance of members as to the correct method of packing a parcel or packet which is to be sent through the Aust FPO system.

2. The aim of this instruction is to institute proper packing procedures, to decrease the now high incidence of damage occurring to parcels and packages being sent to Australia by servicemen.

3. It should be noted that compensation is not payable on damaged articles, although they be registered, if, in the opinion of the Postal Authorities of the state of destination, the article was not sufficiently packed in accordance with the Post Office Guide, Sec 2. Further to this, articles which are classifiable as "extremely fragile", e.g., fine bone china, glassware, etc., which, owing to their nature are particularly susceptible to breakage, are not liable to payment of compensation in case of damage, no matter how well packed. Further details as to the packing of fragile articles are shown in para. 6.

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4. Packaging General. The fundamental requirements in connection with the packaging of a postal article are that it shall be packed in such a manner as to:

a. Protect the contents from loss or damage arising from the handling and pressure to which the package is unavoidably subject during its transmission through the post.

b. Preserve the contents from the effects of climatic conditions.

c. Prevent injury to any person handling the package; and

d. Prevent the contents escaping and causing damage to other postal articles.

5. In the event of the contents escaping during transmission and damaging other postal articles, the sender is liable to pay compensation for the damaged articles.

6. Fragile Articles. The term fragile articles embraces such items as glass, china, crockery, pictures, musical instruments, gramophone records, hats and millinery, radios, cameras, tape recorders, certain plastic material and any other article or substance which is easily broken. Fragile articles should be packed in a strong container each article should be separately wrapped and surrounded by sufficient quantities of soft packing material to absorb the possible concussion and shocks of postal handling. Generally, about two inches of cushioning material should be placed on all sides of the article. Photos and pictures should be placed between two pieces of stiff card slightly larger than the picture. Hats and millinery may be packed in a stout card container.

7. Non-Fragile Articles. Articles with sharp edges or points must be packed in such a manner that they cannot protrude through the packing and cause injury or damage to Postal Service personnel or containers. The sender of an inadequately packed article of this type is liable to a heavy penalty. Hardware, tools etc., should have a wrapper or cover of sufficient strength to prevent the contents breaking through the outer cover during handling.

8. Long Articles. Long articles are particularly prone to breakage, and great care must be taken when packing them for transmission by post. They should be protected by two pieces of some rigid substance (not wood) which are slightly longer and wider than the article, and of sufficient strength to withstand crosspressure. Alternately, long articles may be packed in a box or casing of sufficient strength to protect the article against breakage.

9. Valuable Articles. Jewelry and the like should be packed in a stout box or case, wholly enclosed in a wrapper which will not tear or break easily. The cover should be securely fastened. Coins should be packed in such a manner that they cannot move about, and they must be sent by registered post.

10. Registered Post. It is recommended that the Registered Post system is used when sending any parcel or package to Australia, as this enables the Post Office to trace the article should it be lost. If the article has been lost, then compensation is payable to the sender of the article. The cost of registration of any article is twenty cents, plus normal postage.

11. Parcels which are not, in the opinion of the Postal Supervisor, Aust FPO 4, packed in accordance with this notice, will be returned to the unit, for repacking by the member, irrespective of the fact that postage stamps may have already been affixed to the article by the postal orderly of the member's unit.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF RO's Part 1 No 77/68
DATED 27 JULY 68

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

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(Capital City in which return lodged)

AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF REFUND TO ARMY
PAY-BOOK

Full Name.....
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Army Number.....

Unit.....

I hereby authorize you to pay any amount due to me in respect of an excess of tax instalment deductions over tax payable for the year of income ended 30th June 19.....to the Collector of Public Moneys, Department of the Army, Canberra, for credit to my paybook.

Please quote file
number if known.....)

Signature.....

Date.....

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