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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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2 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Oct 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 MUSTANG, AO PENRITH and 1 ATF TAOR, and concluded land clearing operations in AO WARBURTON.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp escorted the land clearing team from AO WARBURTON. Locations: A Sqn (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, YS284630.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 44 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 and 161 Fd Bty, FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST without contact. At YS315949 4 Pl located a bunker system consisting of 12 large bunkers and further subsidiary smaller bunkers. The area was still under construction, and appeared to have been used within the last 3 days. Locations: Bn HQ, FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy, YS271918; B Coy, YS306942; C Coy, YS305927; D Coy, FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST with minor contact. At 0806H at YS334903 an estimated 4 enemy fired on the leading elements of 11 Pl. Fire was returned, and the enemy withdrew to the NORTH. The subsequent sweep of the area found 1 transistor radio and quantities of food and ammunition. The result of the contact was 1 Aust WIA, who later DOW, and drag marks indicated 2 en WIA. A Coy commenced to return to 1 ATF Base from FSPB HOKINUI which was abandoned. Locations: Bn HQ, FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy, YS284637; B Coy, YS308903; C Coy YS345879; D Coy, YS336900.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR, and W Coy continued RIF operations in AO MUSTANG without contact. At YS449811 a patrol of W Coy found an arms cache containing 1 x M1 Carbine, 1 x SKS and 1 x M79 grenade launcher without a butt. Locations: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; D Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy, YS435797.

(g) Aust Land Clearing Team concluded operations in AO WARBURTON and commenced to return their equipment to 1 ATF Base. Location: Aust Land Clearing Team, YS284637.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
010915H	YS620864	Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
010954H	YS654637	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

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011145H	YS672620	Base Camp	2 structures destroyed.
011520H	YS598749	Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.

(i) Results.

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 KIA
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a PERSONNEL: 2 en WIA
 - b MATERIEL: 1 x M1 Carbine
1 x SKS Rifle
1 x M79 grenade launcher
1 x radio

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - three
Platoon - two
Squad - twenty-three
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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3 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 02000H to 022400H Oct 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 PENRITH, AO MUSTANG 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 continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp provided escort for the return of the Aust Land Clearing Team from AO WARBURTON to 1 ATF Base. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 27 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 and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH West with - out contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS257919; B Coy YS279937; C Coy YS287909; D Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST with minor contact. At 1515H at YS330882 C Coy contacted 2 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At YS336903 a patrol of D Coy found a cache containing 1 Anti Tank stick grenade, 300 lbs of rice and some 7.62 mm short ammunition. A Coy returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS322911; C Coy YS332882; D Coy YS336900.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR with W Coy continuing RIF operations in AO MUSTANG. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS435797.

(g) Aust Land Clearing Team concluded the move back to 1 ATF Base. A total of 22,200 metres of trail were cleared in AO WARBURTON during the period of operation.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
021259H	YS695823	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 1 bunker damaged.
021402H	YS671621	VC Base Camp	2 large bunkers destroyed. 1 structure destroyed.

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(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 En KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 AK47
1 Anti Tank stick grenade

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with one coy 4 RAR carry out a one - day search operation in AO MACE, centre of mass YS2479. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty four

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 1103H at YS433831 1 Pl W Coy and elements of the 4 RAR Tracker Team contacted 4 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC), 2 en WIA (bloodtrails), 1 AK47 and 1 light AW of unknown type captured. At 1155H at YS448815 2 Pl W Coy 4 RAR found a camp occupied by approx 10 enemy. The camp was attacked with result 6 en KIA (BC), 2 en WIA (bloodtrails), 1 x M1, 4 x SKS rifles, 3 x M26 grenades and quantities of clothing, equipment and documents captured. At 1500H at YS461793 3 Pl W Coy 4 RAR contacted 3 enemy without result.

(4) Results:

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

(b) ENEMY LOSSES:

1 Personnel: 7 En KIA (BC)
4 En WIA

2 Materiel: 1 AK47
1 M1 carbine
4 SKS
1 AW unknown type
3 M26 grenades

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4 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Oct 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 PENRITH, AO MUSTANG and the 1 ATF TAOR, and carried out a one day operation in AO MACE centre of mass YS2479.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) supported by V Coy 4 RAR, carried out a search operation in AO MACE, centre of mass YS2479. At 1032H at YS236796 1 Pl V Coy contacted an estimated 4 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47 captured. Caches were found at YS241799, YS241798 and YS239798 which yielded 562 x 100 lb bags of rice (28.1 tons), 10 x 100 lb bags of salt, 4 bags of sandals, 2 bags of hockey boots, 5 bolts of black plastic and 2 bolts of white calico. 17.6 tons of rice were recovered, the remainder of the foodstuffs and equipment being destroyed because of deterioration and inaccessibility.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 51 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 and 161 Fd Bty, FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ, FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy, YS244905; B Coy, YS257919; C Coy, YS286908; D Coy, FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST without contact. At YS333882 C Coy found a camp consisting of 31 bunkers each approx 10 ft by 10 ft and with 2-4 ft of OHC. At YS345900 10 Pl found a recently used camp containing 2 chicom grenades and quantities of 7.62 short ammunition, clothing and documents. Locations: Bn HQ, FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy, 1 ATF Base; B Coy, YS322911; C Coy, YS332882; D Coy, YS336900.

(f) 4 RAR W Coy continued operations in AO MUSTANG without contact. V Coy assisted A Sqn 3 Cav Regt on a search operation in AO MACE. Locations: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; W Coy, YS435797; D Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
030850H	YS627896	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 2 bunkers uncovered
030925H	YS573843	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 1 small structure destroyed
031053H	YS329820	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers damaged
031441H	YS673618	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed 4 bunkers damaged 40 metres trench destroyed 40 metres trench uncovered

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(h) Results.

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: 1 En KIA (BC)
 - b Material: 1 AK47
2 Chicom grenades
Qty 7.62 short ammunition
28.1 tons rice
1000 lbs salt
4 bags sandals
2 bags hockey boots
5 bolts black plastic
2 bolts white calico.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. B Coy 4 RAR relieves D Coy on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty three
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil.

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5 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H Oct to 042400H Oct 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 MUSTANG, AO PENRITH 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 remained in 1 ATF Base. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 37 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 and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST with minor contact. At 1216H at YS267907 6 Pl engaged 4 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC). At 1530H at YS266906 4 Pl contacted 2 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC). At 1600H at YS254895 3 Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 en WIA; the subsequent sweep discovered a system of 9 bunkers, all with OHC, which was still under construction. The camp contained 2 x PPS41 SMGs, approx 400 lbs of rice, a large quantity of clothing, some medical supplies and documents. At 1815H at YS266906 B Coy contacted 1 enemy without result; a sweep of the area located an old enemy base camp consisting of 5 bunkers with 1 new bunker under construction. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS256889; B Coy YS268906; C Coy YS286908; D Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS339926; C Coy YS332882; D Coy YS348910.

(f) 4 RAR. W Coy continued operations in AO MUSTANG. B Coy relieved D Coy on HORSESHOE HILL. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS436797.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
041012H	YS647787	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.
041500H	YS683784	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.

(h) 1 Aust CA Unit carried out the following activities during the period 30 Sep to 4 Oct 68:-

1 Construction of DUC THANH market continued and is now 35% completed.

2 Medcaps, Dentcaps and agricultural research continued.

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(i) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES :
 - a Personnel : 2 en KIA (BC)
1 en WIA
 - b Materiel : 2 PPS 41 SMGs
400 lbs rice
qty clothing, medical supplies
and documents.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), supported by one tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, move to area YS4678 to engage targets to the East of that location, returning to 1 ATF Base the same day. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty Four.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn have four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 0415H at YS595584 a LRRP contacted 2 enemy in a sampan with the result 1 en KIA (BC).
- (4) Results:
 - (a) FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL
 - (b) ENEMY LOSSES : 1 en KIA (BC)

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6 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Oct 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 PENRITH, AO MUSTANG and 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, 2 Tp escorted A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) to and from YS4578. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 28 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) moved to YS4578 and engaged targets to the East and North East of that location before returning to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST with minor contact. At 0900H at YS257889 1 Pl was engaged by an estimated 2 enemy with AK 47 and grenades with result 5 Aust WIA. Fire was returned, and the area of the enemy's withdrawal engaged by Artillery, with unknown results. At 1400H at YS259878 A Coy contacted 4 enemy. The fire was returned, and the enemy withdrew into a bunker system concealed in heavy bamboo. The leading elements of A Coy then came under heavy AW fire. The area was engaged by Artillery, and then assaulted by 1 and 2 Pls, but without further contact. There were no casualties. A search of the camp found the following:- 1 X printing press; 1 x typewriter; 1 x transceiver of unknown type; 4 x transistor radios; 400 lbs of rice and a quantity of documents of medical supplies. The camp consisted of 6 bunkers, each approx 20' x 8' x 6' with OHC. At 1510H at YS277882 C Coy contacted 4 enemy with the result 2 en KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47 and 1 x M1 captured. Locations: BN HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS271876; B Coy YS278879; C Coy YS276879; D Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH with minor contact. At 1105H at YS360917 D Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 en KIA (BC). Locations: BN HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS346928; C Coy YS334875; D Coy YS361919.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR; W Coy continued operations in AO MUSTANG. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS456797.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
050855H	YS255800	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 2 Bunkers damaged, Numerous Foxholes destroyed

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Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
051015H	YS583925	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers Destroyed 3 Bunkers Damaged.
051620H	YS267908	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed.

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES : 5 AUST WIA (4 Evac)

2 ENEMY LOSSES :

a Personnel : 3 En KIA (BC)

b Materiel : 1 x AK 47
1 X M1
1 x Printing Press
1 x Typewriter
1 x Transceiver
4 x Transister radios
400 lbs rice
Qty documents and medical equip.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: W Coy 4 RAR concludes operations in AO MUSTANG and returns to 1 ATF Base. Other operations continue.

C. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact:

a At 1457H at YS397794 3 Pl W Coy 4 RAR contacted an estimated 3 enemy in a camp consisting of 8 bunkers with the result 1 en KIA (BC). A search of the camp revealed the following:-

1 x Springfield Rifle
1 x Russian AW of unknown type
1 x M1 Rifle
3 x M26 grenades (1 equipped for booby trap)
2 x M25 grenades
1 x B41 rockets
Qty's of ammunition, documents and foodstuffs.

b At 1806H at YS288735 a LRRP contacted an estimated 12 enemy in oxcarts with the result:- 8 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results:

a FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL

b ENEMY LOSSES :

1 Personell - 12 en KIA (BC)

2 Materiel - 1 x Springfield Rifle
1 x Russian AW of Unknown type

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1 x M1 Rifle
3 x M26 Grenades (1 equipped for booby
trap)
2 x M25 Grenades
1 x B41 Rocket
Qtys of ammunition, documents and
foodstuffs.

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7 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Oct 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO PENRITH and the 1 ATF TAOR and concluded operations in AO MUSTANG.

(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. 88 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 and 161 Fd Bty, FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST without contact. At YS264876 A Coy found an enemy base camp consisting of 4 bunkers which had been built with the previous three weeks; 1 box of medical supplies was found in the camp. Locations: 1 RAR (-), FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy, YS272878; B Coy, FSPB CEDAR; C Coy, YS304860; D Coy, YS277852.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST without contact. At YS323870 the Anti-tank pl found an enemy base camp consisting of 10 bunkers and inter-connecting trenches, to which recent improvement had been made. At YS340905 D Coy located a bunker system; furniture found in the camp suggests that this may have been a HQ site. A Coy deployed by air from 1 ATF Base to AO PENRITH WEST and B Coy re-deployed by air within that AO. Locations: Bn HQ, FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy, YS310830; B Coy, YS380871; C Coy, YS362876; D Coy, YS361919.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. W Coy concluded operations in AO MUSTANG and returned by air to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 4 RAR (-), 1 ATF Base; B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
060845H	YS594917	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed. 1 Bunker damaged.
060939H	YS603861	VC Base Camp	20 metres trail destroyed.
061305H	YS626906	VC Base Camp	3 Bunkers destroyed. 2 Bunkers uncovered. 5 metres trench uncovered. 1 Tunnel entrance uncovered.
061415H	YS250902	VC Base Camp	3 Bunkers destroyed. 1 Bunker damaged.

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Material: 5 lbs med sups.

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt with one Troop 3 Cav Regt and D Coy 4 RAR deploy to AO COUGAR centre of mass YS2480 and commence RIF operations. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Four
Squad - Twenty six

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Two. At 1210H a LRRP from VAN KIEP LRRP School engaged 3 enemy at YS544804 with claymores and small arms with the result 3 enemy KIA (poss). The ptl was immediately engaged by approx 30 enemy. Ptl returned fire and withdrew, suffering 1 WIA. Ptl was extracted and area engaged by LFP, airstrike and arty with unknown result. At 1900H a Possum aircraft sighted 5 enemy on beach at YS655578. Enemy fired on Possum who returned fire. 3 enemy fled and two bodies remained on the beach. Result: 2 enemy KBA (poss).

(4) Results:

- a FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 ARVN WIA
- b ENEMY LOSSES: 3 KIA (poss)
2 KBA (poss)

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From 070001H to 072400H Oct 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO PENRITH and the 1 ATF TAOR, and commenced operations in AO COUGAR, centre of mass YS2480.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, supported by D Coy 4 RAR and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt deployed to AO COUGAR. During the night 7/8 Oct the following positions were ambushed: YS223763; YS213787; YS208814; YS218801. At 2010H at YS208814 12 pl D Coy 4 RAR contacted 2 enemy in a canoe with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC). The other occupant dived overboard and was not again seen. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS235780; 1 Tp YS223763; 2 Tp YS213787; 4 Tp YS208814.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 1 Tp deployed to AO COUGAR in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS235780.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 36 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 and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST with minor contact. At 1130H at YS275845 10 pl engaged 1 enemy with unknown results. At 1445H at YS274827 11 pl contacted 2 enemy. The subsequent sweep found a bloodtrail indicating 1 enemy WIA. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS272878; B Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889; C Coy YS304854; D Coy YS273821.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS323844; B Coy YS378879; C Coy YS362880; D Coy YS365912.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy deployed to AO COUGAR in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS235780.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
071025H	YS383767	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
071155H	YS260908	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 10 metres trench uncovered.
071306H	YS655759	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
071552H	YS254895	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged.

(h) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 1 En KIA (BC)
1 En WIA (bloodtrail)

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Two
Squad - Twenty one.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 1320H at YS523706 a patrol of 9 pl 4 RAR contacted 2 enemy with the result 1 En KIA (BC).

(4) Results:

a FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL

b ENEMY LOSSES: 1 En KIA (BC).

2. Remarks. Reference SITREP for period 050001H to 052400H Oct 68 para 1 c (4) (b): delete 12 En KIA (BC); insert 9 En KIA (BC).

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9 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Oct 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH II in AO PENRITH, AO COUGAR and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO COUGAR. D Coy 4 RAR and 1 Tp A Sqn continued to support C Sqn; V Coy 4 RAR deployed to the area at 0800H, returning to 1 ATF Base at 1700H. At 1237H at YS242791 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR was ambushed by an unknown number of enemy with result 2 Aust KIA and 6 Aust WIA. The ambush was initiated with Claymore mines. A camp consisting of 2 bunkers and fighting pits was found in the area. At YS242795 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR found a rice cache containing 9 x 80lb bags of rice. The cache was capable of holding more, and appeared to have been partially emptied during the last 3 days. At YS241796 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR located a cache containing 12 x 80lb bags of rice. Locations: C Sqn YS236781.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 1 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS236781.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 40 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 and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST. At 0940H at YS302849 7 Pl engaged 2 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. The remaining enemy soldier was seen to withdraw into a camp and was engaged by artillery. At 1113H at YS304848, while sweeping towards the camp, 7 Pl came under heavy automatic weapon and sniper fire and was not able to proceed. 7 Pl was extracted and contact broken at approximately 1300H, with the result 2 Aust KIA and 5 Aust WIA. Enemy casualties are unknown. Two LFTs supported the action. C Coy withdrew to allow the camp to be engaged with airstrike, but was prevented from following this up by time and terrain. The camp will be subjected to further airstrike on 9 Oct and then taken. At 1311H at YS283838 10 Pl contacted 1 enemy soldier with result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS272878; B Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889; C Coy YS299850; D Coy YS284837.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST with minor contact. At 1050H at YS323848 2 Pl contacted an estimated 10 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). A suspected camp in the area will be investigated tomorrow. At 2150H at YS369864 5 Pl engaged an estimated 5 enemy moving from WEST to EAST with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). A further sweep of the area will be carried out at first light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS323846; B Coy YS375865; C Coy YS362880; D Coy YS365912.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO COUGAR, and V Coy deployed to AO COUGAR returning to 1 ATF Base at 1700H. Location: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS236781.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
080750H	YS604833	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed 2 structures destroyed 1 structure damaged

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
080925H	YS549683	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 10 metres trench destroyed
081433H	YS571792	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1 tunnel destroyed
081731H	YS301847	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed 2 bunkers uncovered 100 metres trench uncovered and damaged

(h) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 4 Aust KIA
11 Aust WIA (evac)
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: 4 Enemy KIA (BC)
 - b Material: 2 x AK47
1680 lbs rice

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

c. Small Unit Action:

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Two
Squad - Twenty
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact:- NIL
- (4) Results: NIL.

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10 Oct 68

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO PENRITH, AO COUGAR and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO COUGAR. At 1515H at YS242789 elements of 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR engaged 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 M1 carbine captured. A small camp containing 3 x SKS rifles, 1 x Mossin Nagant, 1 x M26 grenade and small quantities of SA ammo, docus and cooking equipment was found in the area. At 1200H at YS242799 D Coy 4 RAR found a cache containing 3 x 100 lb bags of rice. Further caches were found in the area during the afternoon, bringing the total found to 233 x 100lbs. The majority of this rice was recovered, and will be backloaded to 1 ATF Base on 10 Oct 68. Locations:- C Sqn (-) YS238781; 4 Tp YS237734.

(b) A Sqn continued to support 1 ATF operations. 1 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 3 Tp conducted the daily road runner and convoy escort on QL15. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS237734; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS238781.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 22 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 and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST. C Coy entered the area of the enemy base camp at YS302846 without opposition, the area having been previously subject to airstrikes. The camp was approximately two coy size and was estimated to have contained 30-40 enemy at the time of C Coy's initial contact on 8 Oct. D Coy moved into the camp to assist in the detailed search which to date has revealed 1 En KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and large amounts of clothing, medical supplies, documents and equipment. 34 bunkers have been found. At 1910H at YS275885 3 Pl 1 RAR contacted an estimated 3 enemy with unknown result. A sweep of the area will be carried out at first light. At YS286838 11 Pl found an old camp of 10 bunkers that showed signs of being used in 8/9 Oct. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS272878; B Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889; C Coy YS303845; D Coy YS302845.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST with minor contact. At 1029H at YS318874 a ptl of Sp Coy engaged 1 enemy without result. At 1755H at YS375865 B Coy contacted 1 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. A sweep at first light of the area of 5 Pls contact at YS369864 at 082150H Oct revealed a further 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS331845; B Coy YS375865; C Coy YS362881; D Coy YS354907.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt with results as shown in para (a) above. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS238781.

(g) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
090817H	YS301847	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 100 metres trench exposed and damaged.

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090839H	YS301847	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered, 25 metres trench uncovered.
090931H	YS301847	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 70 metres trench collapsed.
091014H	YS423817	Tunnel Complex	4 tunnel entrances uncovered and damaged.
091156H	YS301847	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.
091320H	YS325847	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers uncovered, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered, 3 fighting positions destroyed.
091630H	YS325847	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 3 fighting positions damaged.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 4 En KIA (BC)

b Materiel:

3 x AK47

1 x M1

3 x SKS rifle

1 x Mossin Nagant

1 x M26 Grenade

11.5 Tons rice

Qtys of SA ammo, docus, medical supplies and general equipment.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - Two
Squad - Nineteen.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 081650H at YS627862 a LRRP contacted 8 enemy with the result 6 en KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted on 9 Oct.

(4) Results:

(a) Friendly losses: Nil

(b) Enemy losses: 6 enemy KIA (BC).

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11 Oct 68

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO PENRITH, AO COUGAR and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO COUGAR. At 1230H at YS242797 15 x 100 lb bags of rice were found; this was in the same area as previously reported caches. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS237780; 2 Tp YS213787; 4 Tp YS215803.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 3 Tp continued the daily road runner and convoy escort operations on QL 15. Locations A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp(-) YS237780.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 24 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 and 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH WEST without contact. C Coy continued to search the enemy base camp at YS302846; 67 bunkers were located, 30 of which were in use or being rebuilt. A further 2 AK47's, 1 B40, 100 lbs of rice and 17 packs were recovered. 3 Pl A Coy swept the area (YS275885) of their contact at 091910H and found 2 en KIA(BC), 2 AK47's, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 Chicom field telephone, 100 feet of cable, 40 lbs of rice, quantity of 7.62mm short ammunition, 2 packs and a quantity of clothing. At 0930H at YS276888 3 Pl A Coy located an enemy base camp consisting of approximately 50 bunkers, half of which were recently constructed. At 1030H at YS301838 12 Pl D Coy found 6 old bunkers which had been used within the previous 24 hours. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS272878; B Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889; C Coy305857; D Coy YS287814.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST with minor contact. At 0315H at YS370867 4 Pl B Coy sighted 80 enemy moving from EAST to WEST; elements of the group were ambushed and a sweep at first light revealed 2 en KIA(BC), 4 RPG rounds, 1 Chicom grenade and 11 drag marks indicating further enemy casualties. At 1555H at YS325851 A Coy contacted an estimated 5 enemy with result 1 en KIA(BC) and 1 x M1 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS328853; B Coy YS371866; C Coy YS362881; D Coy YS354907.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR, and D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 4 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS237780.

(g) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
100829H	YS669868	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed
100930H	YS415807	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered
101240H	YS519869	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed

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(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: 5 en KIA(BC)
 - b Materiel: 4 x AK47s
1 x M1
1 x B40
3 x Chicom grenades
4 x RPG rounds
1 x Chicom telephone
1600 lbs rice.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR, less B Coy, concludes operations in AO PENRITH WEST and returns to 1 ATF Base. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - two
Platoon - two
Squad - twenty.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1000H	YB66666	WV base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed
1005H	YB12307	WV base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker entrance uncovered
1010H	YB12308	WV base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed

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12 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Oct 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 PENRITH, AO COUGAR and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO COUGAR. At 1245H at YS232811 a cache containing 10 x 100 lb bags of rice was found. Locations: C Sqn YS237780.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 3 Tp continued road runner and convoy escort operations on QL15. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS237780.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 40 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty returned by air to 1 ATF Base from FSPB CEDAR. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(d) 1 RAR concluded operations in AO PENRITH WEST and returned by air to 1 ATF Base. B Coy remained in FSPB CEDAR continuing to provide security for that area. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy FSPB CEDAR YS2889.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST with minor contact. At 0850H at YS329847 1 Pl A Coy contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47 captured. At 0955H at YS329847 2 Pl A Coy engaged 2 enemy with the result 2 en KIA (BC) and 2 AK 47's captured. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB KWINANA YS3187; A Coy YS342852; B Coy YS371866; C Coy YS362869.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR, with D Coy remaining in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS237780.

(g) 1 Aust CA Unit carried out the following activities during the period 7 - 11 Oct 68:-

1. Erection of windmill at DUC THANH.
2. Erection of DUC THANH market now 40% complete.
3. Medcaps, Dentcaps, agricultural assistance continued.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
110820H	YS708772	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 2 pits destroyed
111240H	YS269889	VC Base Camp	9 bunkers destroyed 5 bunkers uncovered 25 metres trench destroyed
111452H	YS332907	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed
111545H	YS393804	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed

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(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES

a Personnel : 3 KIA (BC)

b Materiel : 3 AK 47's
1000 lbs rice

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. B Coy 1 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base from FSPB CEDAR YS2889. 3 RAR re-deploys by air to AO DICKSON centre of mass YS5889. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt with D Coy 4 RAR and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conclude operations in AO COUGAR and return to 1 ATF Base.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two
Platoons - Nil
Squad - Twenty five

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 1200H at YS753786 a LRRP contacted 3 enemy with the result 2 en KIA (BC), 1 PW (female). At 1720H at YS604772 a LRRP contacted 2 enemy with the result 2 en KIA (BC) 1x M1 and 1 x SKS captured. Both LRRP's were extracted.

(4) Results.

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL

(b) ENEMY LOSSES :

1 Personnel : 4 en KIA (BC)
1 PW

2 Materiel : 1 x M1
1 x SKS

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13 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Oct 68

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in 1 ATF TAOR, commencing operations in AO GARRAN, centre of mass YS5487, and concluding operations in AO PENRITH and AO COUGAR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base on conclusion of operations in AO COUGAR. Elements of 3 Tp continued road runner and convoy escort operations on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 20 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

161 Fd Bty deployed by air from FSPB CEDAR YS2889 to FSPB BASS YS4990 to support operations in AO GARRAN, FSPB CEDAR was abandoned. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. B Coy returned by Air to 1 ATF Base from FSPB CEDAR. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO PENRITH EAST and re-deployed by air to AO GARRAN. A Coy Air assaulted into FSPB BASS securing that area for the fly in of the remainder of the Bn and 161 Fd Bty. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy YS505918; B Coy YS519894; D Coy YS503903.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy returned to 1 ATF Base on conclusion of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO COUGAR. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
120813H	YS690883	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed
120900H	YS68688745	Suspected weapon Factory	1 bunker destroyed
120940H	YS684875	VC Base Camp	3 structures destroyed
121237H	YS339910	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 6 bunkers uncovered, 100 metres trench uncovered
121320H	YS684875	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed
121433H	YS339910	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed, 30 metres trench exposed
121647H	YS682786	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed

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(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy losses: Nil

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty deploy to AO DOWNER and commence RIF operations. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty-five
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Target Damage Assessment
1200H	120000N 105000E	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed
1205H	120000N 105000E	Suspected weapon factory	1 bunker destroyed
1210H	120000N 105000E	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed
1215H	120000N 105000E	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 6 bunkers uncovered, 100 metres trench uncovered
1220H	120000N 105000E	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed
1225H	120000N 105000E	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed, 30 metres trench exposed
1230H	120000N 105000E	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed

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14 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Oct 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 DICKSON 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 continued to support 1 ATF operations. Location: A Sqn, 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 104 Fd Bty deployed by air from 1 ATF Base to FSPB FLINDERS YS5289. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB FLINDERS, YS5289; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB BASS YS4990.

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

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH (AO GARRAN) with minor contact. At 1337H at YS539893 5 Pl contacted 1 enemy without result. At 1626H at YS542892 B Coy contacted 1 enemy with the result 1 enemy WIA (PW), 1 AK47 captured; the enemy subsequently DOW. At 1825H at YS544892 B Coy engaged one enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK50 captured. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy, FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy, YS539927; B Coy, YS544892; D Coy, YS527911.

(f) 4 RAR deployed by air to AO DICKSON SOUTH (AO DOWNER) and commenced RIF operations without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS505866; B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy, YS512862; D Coy, YS513831; V Coy, YS521855; W Coy, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
130930H	YS306904	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 2 structures destroyed
131235H	YS332907	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers uncovered 1 tunnel entrance uncovered
131434	YS286838	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed 6 bunkers damaged 30 metres trench uncovered
131658	YS658772	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers damaged

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 KIA (BC)
1 DOW

b Material: 1 AK47
1 AK50

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty four

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 0950H at YS418802 a LRRP contacted 2 enemy with the result 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 x M2 Carbine captured. Further enemy were heard in the area, and the patrol was extracted and the area engaged with Artillery with unknown result.

(4) Results:

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

(b) ENEMY LOSSES:

- 1 Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
- 2 Material: 1 x M2 Carbine

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
1300H	YS3020M	VO Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 2 bunkers damaged
1315H	YS3020M	VO Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers damaged 1 bunker entrance uncovered
1330H	YS3020M	VO Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed 6 bunkers damaged 10 bunker trench uncovered
1345H	YS3020M	VO Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers damaged

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15 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Oct 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 DICKSON 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 continued to support 1 ATF operations. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrols in 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH with no contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy YS556916; B Coy 546893; D Coy FSPB BASS YS4990.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with no contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy YS513832; C Coy YS516864; V Coy YS526844, W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
140812H	YS275895	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 1 tunnel entrance opened up.
140847H	YS279880	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker damaged
140940H	YS608587	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed.
141240H	YS276888	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 3 bunkers damaged 1 tunnel entrance uncovered.
141518H	YS349921	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed
141835H	YS731633	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses: Nil

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours:- A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with elements of 1 RAR and 1 Fd Sqn commence road clearing operation in AO IVAN centre of mass YS5963.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Twenty Four
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil

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16 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation (SITREP)
 From 150001H to 152400H Oct 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 DICKSON and the 1 ATF TAOR, and commenced a road clearing operation on LTL 23 in AO IVAN, centre of mass YS5963.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements of A Sqn HQ and 2 Tp, supported by 4 Pl 1 RAR, commenced road clearing operations on LTL 23 in AO IVAN. Elements of 1 Tp conducted road - runner operations and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) YS631652, 1 and 3 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH with minor contact. At 1045H at YS561906 the leading elements of 1 Pl were fired on by 1 enemy soldier. The fire was returned without result. At 1505H at YS562-907 3 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC), 1 en WIA and 1 AK47 and 1 RPG round captured. At 1705H at YS562907 the leading elements of A Coy again contacted an estimated 3 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC), 1 en WIA and 1 AK47, 1 RPG7 round and 2 sets of webbing captured. At YS559911 A Coy found a cache containing 4 x 50lb bags of rice and quantities of clothing. In a camp at YS546893 B Coy found a cache containing 400lb of rice, 1 x Mossin Nagent and a quantity of other foodstuffs. Another cache of 300lb of rice was also found in the same area. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy YS561-906; B Coy YS543892; D Coy YS546913.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact. At 1220H at YS526826 11 Pl D Coy contacted 5 enemy with the result 2 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 SKS rifle and 5 packs captured. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS523894; C Coy YS529868; D Coy YS523813; V Coy YS534836; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
151605H	YS625801	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed. 1 structure destroyed. 1 tunnel entrance destroyed. 3 bunkers uncovered.

(h) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: 4 en KIA (BC)
2 en WIA
 - b Materiel: 3 x AK47
1 x SKS rifle
1 x Mossin Nagent
2 RPG rounds
900 lbs rice

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b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours. A Sqn road clearing operation along LTL 23 in AO IVAN concludes. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unti Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
- Platoon - One
- Squad - Twenty Three

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 0845H at YS388873 a LRRP engaged 1 enemy resulting in 1 en KIA (BC); the LRRP then came under heavy automatic weapon fire and withdrew to air evacuation LZ. During the extraction ground fire was directed at a helicopter resulting in 2 Aust WIA (Including 1 helicopter crewman).

(4) Results:

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: 2 Aust WIA (not evac)

(b) ENEMY LOSSES: 1 KIA (BC)

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Time	Location	Target Description	Remarks
1100H	YS388873	1 enemy soldier	Engaged by LRRP, KIA (BC)
1100H	YS388873	2 Aust WIA	Result of ground fire during extraction

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17 ~~Oct~~ ^{Sept} 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Oct 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 DICKSON and the 1 ATF TAOR, and concluded road clearing operations in AO IVAN.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt completed road clearing operations on LTL 23 (AO IVAN) and returned to 1 ATF Base. Road runner and convoy escorts on QL15 continued. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 28 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH with minor contact. At 0835H at YS562907 2 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy with nil results. At 1325H at YS559911 1 Pl found a cache containing 2 x 200lb bags of rice and 100lbs of glutamate. At 1330H at YS547886 B Coy found an enemy camp containing 900 yards of material, 1 Singer sewing machine, assorted tailors equipment, 200lbs of rice flour, 2 AK47 and 1 x M1 carbine. At 1542H at YS548887, while searching the camp, 6 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA(BC), 1 enemy WIA. 1 AK47, 1 AK50 and a set of basic webbing were captured. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; B Coy YS548882; D Coy YS559868.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact. At 1410H at YS532826 V Coy found an occupied enemy base camp. After preliminary artillery bombardment the camp was entered and searched, resulting in 8 bolt action rifles, 1 grease gun type weapon, quantity of paper, proporganda material, qty books, 1 x transistor radio, qty amplifying equipment and loudspeakers, 250lbs of rice and 50lbs of salt being captured. At 1547H, while searching the camp, 2 Pl sighted an estimated 2 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA(BC). At 1410H at YS532826 a patrol from 11 Pl were fired upon by an estimated 3 enemy with negative results. Locations: Bn HQ YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS538862; D Coy YS523817; V Coy YS545838; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessments
161030H	YS259878	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 3 Bunkers uncovered, 20 metres trench destroyed, 200 metres trench uncovered

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses :

a. Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy WIA

b. Material: 650 lbs of rice
200 lbs of rice flour
50 lbs of salt
100 lbs of glutamate
8 bolt action rifles
grease gun
3 AK47
1 AK50
1 M1
1 x Sewing machine
assorted tailors equipment
900 yards material
qty paper
qty properganda material
1 x transistor radio
amplifying equipment
several loud speakers

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - One
Squad - Twenty two

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

2. REMARKS

Ref SITREP period 150001H to 152400H. Para 1.a (e) line 4 should read 3 enemy KIA (BC). Amend para 1. a (h) Enemy Losses to read 6 enemy KIA (BC).

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18 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Oct 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 DICKSON and 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. Roadrunner and convoy escorts on QL15 continued. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 13 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH with minor contact. At 0831H at YS561904 3 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA(BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At 0905H at YS568906 2 Pl contacted 4 to 5 enemy, with result 3 enemy KIA(BC) and 2 AK47, 1 pack and 3 sets of personal webbing captured. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy YS561906; B Coy YS548887; D Coy YS578889.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact. V Coy continued to search the camp found on 16 Oct 68 in area YS544832. At 0837H while searching the camp 3 Pl V Coy were fired on by approximately 3 enemy. Fire was returned with no result. The camp consisted of 19 bunkers, 15 huts, 2 kitchens and Medical Aid Post and was capable of holding 50 to 70 persons. In addition to the items found on 16 Oct 68 the following were found: quantities of womens' clothing, childrens' toys, a further loudspeaker, a Gestetner duplicator, some printing blocks and stationery. At YS491918 8 Pl C Coy found a camp of 8 bunkers with a cache containing 80 lbs of rice and a quantity of dried peas and flour. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS538862; D Coy YS547816; V Coy YS549833; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessments
170830H	YS659779	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 1 Bunker uncovered

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses :

a Personnel: 4 enemy KIA(BC)

b Material : 3 AK47
1 x loudspeaker
1 x Gestetner duplicator
80 lbs of rice
Quantities of:-
Clothing, foodstuffs,
printing blocks and
stationary.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty two

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 161805H at YS681834 a LRRP contacted 5 enemy with result 3 enemy KIA(BC) and 1 enemy KIA(Poss). The LRRP was extracted on 17 Oct 68.

(4) Results: 3 enemy KIA(BC)
1 enemy KIA(Poss)

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19 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Oct 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 DICKSON and 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. Roadrunner and convoy escorts on QL 15 continued. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy YS577898; B Coy YS545879; D Coy YS571889.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact. At 1540H at YS568854 8 pl engaged 1 enemy without result. A sweep of the area disclosed a bunker containing: 3 x sets webbing, 2 x Chicom grenades and a small quantity of ammunition and food. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS568854; D Coy YS554817; V Coy YS556836; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
181010H	YS606593	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed
181210H	YS658772	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged
181452H	YS563783	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered
181545H	YS646762	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 5 metres trench destroyed

(h) 1 Aust Civil Affairs carried out the following during the period 14 Oct to 18 Oct 68:-

- 1 Erection of market and windmill at DUC THANH continued.
- 2 Medcaps and Dentcaps continued.
- 3 Agricultural research continues.

(i) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: Nil
 - b Materiel: 2 x Chicom grenades
quantity food, ammo and equpt

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- b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.
- c. Small Unit Actions:
 - (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty one.
 - (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPS deployed.
 - (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
 - (4) Results: Nil

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Time	Location	Remarks
1800	VC Base Camp	1 platoon destroyed, 1 platoon captured
1900	VC Base Camp	2 platoon destroyed, 2 platoon captured
2000	VC Base Camp	1 platoon destroyed, 1 platoon captured
2100	VC Base Camp	2 platoon destroyed, 2 platoon captured

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20 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Oct 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 DICKSON and
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. 'Roadrunner and convoy escorts on
Route 15 continued. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations.
22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd
Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289;
161 Fd Bty FSPB BAS. YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR. Location:
1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH. At 0750H
at YS573897 2 Pl ambushed 1 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). 2 Pl were then
engaged by an estimated enemy platoon sized force which included at least 3
machine guns and unk number of RPGs. Accurate RPG fire into a M60 position
resulted in 2 Aust KIA and loss of 1xM60 and 1xM16. 2 Pl was reinforced by 1 Pl
and with arty and LFT support both pls moved to A Coy location. Results of contact
were 7 en KIA (BC), 2 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA (evacuated), 4 Aust WIA remained on
duty. At 0810H at YS577898 A Coy engaged an unknown number of enemy with result
1 en KIA (POSS). Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy YS567890;
B Coy YS545879; D Coy YS567890.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with
minor contact. At 1130H at YS564834 2 Pl V Coy engaged 1 enemy with nil result.
Locations: Bn HQ YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS571856; D Coy
YS558810; V Coy YS556836; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

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

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 2 Aust KIA
6 Aust WIA
1 M60
1 M16

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 7 enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy KIA (POSS)

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twenty one.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRLPs deployed.

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- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

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21 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H Oct 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO DICKSON 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 continued to support 1 ATF operations. Road runner and convoy escort operations on QL 15 continued. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 16 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35th Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

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

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON NORTH without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A Coy and D Coy YS567890; B Coy YS569876.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact. At 1328H at YS558002 12 Pl were fired on by a single enemy with result 1 AUST KIA. Fire was returned with no result. At 1658H at YS 565830 1 Pl V Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 NZ WIA (evac), enemy casualties unknown. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS571856; D Coy YS558810; V Coy YS562825; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. There were no airstrikes during the reporting period because of weather.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust KIA
1 NZ WIA (evac)

2 Enemy Losses: NIL

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours:- 1 RAR deploy one Coy to secure FSPB WILTON YS5476. 3 RAR (-) conclude operations in AO DICKSON (NORTH) and return by air to 1 ATF Base. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact:- NIL.

(4) Results:- NIL.

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2. REMARKS

Reference Sitrep for period 190001 to 192400H Oct 68 para 1.a.
(1)(e) 2 Pl contact at 0750H at YS573897; the M60 reported as missing was
hit by RPG fire and destroyed. Add to results "9 enemy KIA (poss)".
Amend para 1.a. (1)(h) accordingly.

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22 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H Oct 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 DICKSON (modified) and 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. 3 Tp with A Coy 1 RAR moved from 1 ATF Base to establish FSPB WILTON YS5476. Road runner and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. Location: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB BASS YS4990.

(d) 1 RAR continued to carry out patrols in 1 ATF TAOR. A Coy, with 3 Tp A Sqn, moved to and secured the area for FSPB WILTON YS5476. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS543767.

(e) 3 RAR concluded operations in AO DICKSON NORTH with A, B and D Coys returning to 1 ATF Base by air. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS YS4990; A, B and D Coys 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH, and commenced operations in the extension of the AO to the SE (AO HACKET: centre of mass YS5878). C Coy moved by air to the area YS594821. At 1630H, at YS546800, 10 Pl D Coy found a base camp 30 yards x 80 yards, 3 bunkers 6'x6'x6' each with OHP, 1 kitchen, 12 hammock spaces. The following items were found: 8 x AR15 full magazines, 1 full yellow smoke grenade, used morphine containers. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS588825; D Coy YS553806; V Coy YS567818; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
211155H	YS516835	VC Base Camp	1 Trail cut.
211225H	YS657779	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed.
211400H	YS750697	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed
211620H	YS772692	VC Base Camp	3 structures destroyed, 2 structures damaged.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 8 x AR15 full magazines
1 x smoke grenade yellow

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Bn HQ and C Coy 3 RAR return to 1 ATF Base. 161 Fd Bty deploys to FSPB WILTON YS5476. 104 Fd Bty and W Coy remain at FSPB FLINDERS.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Three
Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
2100H	YS5476	161 Fd Bty	Deploying to FSPB WILTON
2200H	YS5476	104 Fd Bty	Deploying to FSPB WILTON
2300H	YS5476	104 Fd Bty	Deploying to FSPB WILTON
2400H	YS5476	104 Fd Bty	Deploying to FSPB WILTON

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H Oct 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 DICKSON (modified) and 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Tp remained at FSPB WILTON YS5476. Roadrunner and convoy escort operations on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. NO H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty deployed by air to FSPB WILTON YS5476. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(d) 1 RAR continued to provide patrols in 1 ATF TAOR. A Coy remained under operational control of 4 RAR with the task of the defence of FSPB WILTON. 5 Pl continued to provide protection for an Engineer Recce Party NORTH EAST of 1 ATF Base in area YS5171. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(e) 3 RAR completed the move back to 1 ATF Base. Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact. At 1109H at YS564800 11 Pl contacted an estimated 6 enemy in a small bunkered camp with the result 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy WIA (blood trail). The following items were captured: 1 x SKS, small ammo box of medical supplies, some documents. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS590805; D Coy YS552796; V Coy YS575799; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
221218H	YS685901	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 3 caves destroyed 3 caves damaged 1 spider hole destroyed
221440H	YS554915	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1 trail cut

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy WIA

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b Material: 1 x SKS, documents and medical supplies.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours:- C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) and elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt move to FSPB WILTON YS5476.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Two
Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. Nil
- (4) Results. Nil

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24 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Oct 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 DICKSON and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt moved to FSPB WILTON YS5476. Location: C Sqn FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Tp remained at FSPB WILTON with 3 Sect escorting 2 Pl W Coy along Route 327 to the EAST and return. 1 Sect 1 Tp supported C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) during the move to FSPB WILTON, returning to 1 ATF Base at 1400H. Road-runner and convoy escort operations on QL 15 continued. Location: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) moved by road to FSPB WILTON and engaged targets to the NORTH and EAST of that location. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrolling. A Coy remained at FSPB WILTON YS5476: 5 Pl completed its Engine Recce Party protection task and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB WILTON YS5476.

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

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS608800; D Coy YS553797; V Coy YS577788; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
230906H	YS552567	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
230947H	YS658773	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 1 bunker damaged.
231434H	YS704876	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed. 1 structure destroyed. 10 metre trench destroyed. 30 metre trench uncovered.

(h) Results: NIL.

b. Plans Summary for Next 24 Hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

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(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: At 1400H at YS755785 a LRRP contacted 7 enemy with result 1 Aust WIA, 7 en KIA (BC), 3 AK47 and 1 M1 Garand captured; the LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results:

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 Aust WIA.

(b) ENEMY LOSSES:

1 Personnel: 7 KIA (BC).

2 Materiel: 3 AK47
1 M1 Garand.

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25 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Oct 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 DICKSON and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, with elements of A Coy 1 RAR and 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, carried out RIF to the East of FSPB WILTON in the area YS5575, YS5477 and YS5375. Location: C Sqn FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Tp supported C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, and carried out RIF with elements of A Coy 1 RAR to the North East of FSPB WILTON in area YS5778. Roadrunner and convoy escort on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3Tp FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. NO Hand I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB WILTON YS5476.

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

(f) 4 RAR continued operation in AO DICKSON. C Coy deployed by air to YS562850 and D and V Coy deployed by air to YS577870, re-commencing RIF without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS573855; D Coy YS588868; V Coy YS572865; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support: at 1450H at YS779707, RPG fire was directed at a helicopter of 9 Sqn RAAF during the extraction of a LRRP; the aircraft was not hit and a Light Fire Team engaged the area resulting in 1 enemy KBA (BC). Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
240300H	YS637777	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed
240910H	YS650820	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 10 metres of trench uncovered
241106H	YS640832	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged 1 structure destroyed
241209H	YS333882	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1 bunker damaged 50 metres of uncovered
241536H	YS789712	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 2 structures damaged
241742H	YS570901	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed

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(h) Results:

- (1) Friendly losses: Nil.
- (2) Enemy losses: 1 KBA (BC).

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. A Coy 3 RAR with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt deploy to AO EVERGLADE centre of mass YS2477, and commence RIF in area YS2282.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. At 1310H at YS779707 a LRRP engaged 1 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC) 1 M1 captured; the LRRP was extracted. At 1620H at YS366868 a LRRP sighted 18 enemy in a clearing; the area was subject to airstrike and the LRRP extracted at 1700H. A Light Fire Team and artillery also engaged the area but results could not be determined due to darkness.

(4) Results:

- (a) Friendly losses: Nil
- (b) Enemy losses:
 - 1. Personnel: 1 KIA (BC)
 - 2. Material: 1 M1 rifle.

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Time	Location	Remarks
240300H	YS237711	3 bunkers destroyed
240410H	YS237711	1 bunker destroyed
241010H	YS237711	1 bunker destroyed
241200H	YS237711	1 bunker destroyed
241330H	YS237711	1 structure destroyed
241740H	YS237711	3 bunkers destroyed

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26 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Oct 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 DICKSON (Modified) and 1 ATF TAOR, and commenced operations in AO EVERGLADE centre of mass YS2477.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO DICKSON conducting RIF to the East of FSPB WILTON. Locations: C Sqn FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp deployed to AO EVERGLADE in support of C Coy 3 RAR. 3 Tp remained at FSPB WILTON with elements conducting RIF to the East of that area. Road Runner and convoy escorts on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS228820; 3 Tp FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrolling. A Coy patrolled in the area adjacent to FSPB WILTON with minor contact. At 1820H at YS553773 1 Pl contacted 5 enemy with unknown results - a sweep will be conducted at first light. At YS549776 2 Pl found 1 M2 carbine and a quantity of SA Ammo. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(e) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrolling. C Coy deployed by APC to AO EVERGLADE, centre of mass YS2477 and commenced RIF operations in area YS2282 with minor contact. At 1840H at YS223823 a patrol from 9 Pl engaged one enemy resulting in 1 en KIA (BC), the area will be searched at first light. Locations: 3 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS228820.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON (Modified) without contact. At YS582868 D Coy found a cache containing 1 1917 Springfield rifle and 1 other rifle of unknown make. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS581862; D Coy YS584868; V Coy YS572865; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
250825H	YS641830	Occupied VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed 1 Stream cut in two places, 1 en WBA
250900H	YS682834	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed 1 bunker uncovered
250900H	YS674832	VC Base Camp	3 Platforms destroyed
251220H	YS599805	VC Base Camp	2 Structures destroyed
251650H	YS610882	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers damaged 10 metres covered trench destroyed

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(h) Results;

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES : NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES

a Personnel : 1 KIA (BC)
: 1 WBA

b Materiel : 2 rifles
: 1 M2 Carbine
Qty SA ammunition

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

c. Small Unit Actions;

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Nineteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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Time	Location	Description	Remarks
2200Z	Y041830	Occupied VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1 structure out in two pieces, 1 on WBA
2300Z	Y06030	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 1 bunker uncovered
2300Z	Y041832	VC Base Camp	3 structures destroyed
2315Z	Y041832	VC Base Camp	2 structures destroyed
2315Z	Y041832	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers damaged 10 metres covered trench destroyed

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27 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H Oct 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 AOs DICKSON and EVERGLADE and in the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued RIF operations in AO DICKSON to the East of FSPB WILTON in area YS5677 without contact. Location: C Sqn FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp continued to support 3 RAR on operations in AO EVERGLADE, and 3 Tp continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt on RIF operations East of FSPB WILTON. Roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL15 continued. The roadrunner group assisted BIEN HOA Province Forces to sweep an area vicinity YS210826 following a contact at approx 0800H. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS225815; 3 Tp FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 10 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base by air from FSPB WILTON. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrolling with minor contact. At FSPB WILTON at 2000H 2 enemy were sighted on the wire; they were engaged with SA with no known results. At YS549776 2 Pl found 1 x M2 carbine in a cache. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB WILTON YS5476.

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. C Coy continued operations in AO EVERGLADE with minor contact. At 2045H at YS224823 a section of 3 Pl C Coy ambushed 5 enemy moving from the South with the result 3 VC KIA possible. Locations: 3 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS225815.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact. At 0805H at YS573865 V Coy sighted 15 - 20 enemy; the Coy engaged the enemy and Artillery fired on possible withdrawal routes with unknown results. At 1620H at YS516884 3 Pl W Coy observed 3 enemy moving to the East and another group of unknown strength to the West. The two groups engaged each other with result 1 VC WIA possible, the groups then returned in the directions from which they had come. The area was engaged with artillery fire with unknown results. Locations: B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS581861; D Coy YS592888; V Coy YS574893; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
260910H	YS610879	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 30 metres trench uncovered.
261150H	YS609916	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 1 spider hole destroyed.
261230H	YS637883	VC Base Camp	1 small secondary explosion. 1 small secondary fire.
261430H	YS637858	VC Base Camp	15 fighting pits destroyed. 10 fighting pits damaged.

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(h) 1 Aust CA Unit carried out the following activities during the period 22 - 25 Oct:

- 1 Erection of Windmill at LA VAN YS4677 (95% complete).
- 2 Maintenance of schools in BARIA.
- 3 Medcaps, Dentcaps and agricultural research continued.

(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: 3 enemy KIA (Poss)
1 enemy WIA (Poss)
 - b Materiel: 1 x M2 Carbine.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 3 RAR (-), A Sqn (-) and Sect 161 Fd Bty deploy to AO EVERGLADE and commence operations. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, A Coy 1 RAR and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) return to 1 ATF Base abandoning FSPB WILTON. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - One
Squad - Seventeen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
20:00	YS4677	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 30 metres trench uncovered.
21:00	YS4677	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 1 spider hole destroyed.
22:30	YS4677	VC Base Camp	1 small secondary explosion. 1 small secondary fire.
23:00	YS4677	VC Base Camp	15 lighting pits destroyed. 10 lighting pits damaged.

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28 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Oct 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 DICKSON, AO EVERGLADE and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt concluded operations in the area of FSPB WILTON, YS5476, and returned to 1 ATF Base. Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) deployed with 3 RAR(-) to AO EVERGLADE and commenced operations without contact. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp YS224827, 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 Arty(US), escorted by C Sqn and 3 Tp A Sqn, returned to 1 ATF Base; FSPB WILTON was abandoned. One section 161 Fd Bty deployed to FSPB NELSON YS2181 in support of 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty(US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. A Coy returned from FSPB WILTON to 1 ATF Base. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE with minor contact. Bn HQ and D Coy deployed to AO EVERGLADE, establishing FSPB NELSON and commenced RIF operations. At 1132H at YS224827 8 Pl C Coy contacted 3 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA(BC), 1 bag of AK-47 ammunition and some documents captured. At 1920H at YS240811 12 Pl contacted 4 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA(Poss). Locations: Bn HQ FSPB NELSON YS2181; C Coy YS224827; D Coy YS240803; A and B Coys 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact. At 1151H at YS569897 2 Pl V Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA(BC) and 1 AK-47 captured. At 1615H at YS569899 a sentry of 11 Pl fired on 2 enemy with unknown result. In the area of YS541889 3 Pl W Coy found a base camp consisting of approximately 200 bunkers. It is estimated that the camp was occupied by 300 - 400 persons within the last 7 days. Destruction of the camp will commence on 28 Oct 68. At YS541890 3 Pl W Coy found a grave containing a body approximately 24 hours old. Locations: Bn HQ YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS562881; D Coy YS569899; V Coy YS560901; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
270909H	YS781708	VC Base Camp	2 Structures destroyed
271605H	YS610882	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed

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(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: 3 enemy KIA(BC)
1 enemy KIA(Poss)
 - b Materiel: 1 x RPD
1 x AK-47
Quantity SA ammunition.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR deploy to AO WATSON, centre of mass YS6284, and commence RIF operations. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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Type	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
VC Base Camp	YS6284	VC Base Camp	2 Structures destroyed
VC Base Camp	YS6284	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed

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29 ~~Oct~~ 68

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH II in AO DICKSON, AO EVERGLADE and 1 ATF TAOR and commenced operations in AO WATSON centre of mass YS6284.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) continued to support 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE. Road runner and convoy escort operations on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp YS 227820; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 20 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty deployed by air to FSPB LION YS6181 to support 1 RAR operations in AO WATSON. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR deployed by air to AO WATSON, centre of mass YS6284, and commenced RIF operations without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YS598817; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS637805; A Coy YS620834; B Coy YS585815.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE with minor contact. At 1950H at YS241800 12 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 en KIA (poss). At YS242796 D Coy located a cache containing 100 metres of plastic; 11 new US ponchos, and a quantity of soap. At YS241799 D Coy found a 100 lbs bag of rice. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB NELSON YS2181; C Coy YS227820; D Coy YS 241799; A and B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS563882; D Coy YS568898; V Coy YS551913; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were;

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1240H	YS359825	VC Base Camp	36 fighting positions exposed
1432H	YS661820	VC Base Camp	2 structures destroyed
1630H	YS281833	VC Base Camp	50 metres trench and numerous wpn pits and bunkers exposed

(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 1 en KIA (poss)

Material: 100 lbs rice; 100 metres plastic; 11 ponchos.

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

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c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

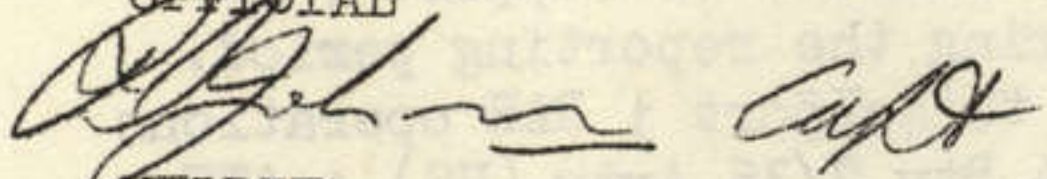
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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
1430H	YB339825	VC Base Camp	VC Base Camp exposed
1435H	YB601820	VC Base Camp	2 structures destroyed
1500H	YB281833	VC Base Camp	50 meters trench and numerous VC pits and bunkers exposed

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E29
30 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H Oct 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 DICKSON, AO EVERGLADE, AO WATSON 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. A Sqn (-) continued to support 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE. Road runner and convoy escort operations on QL 15 continued with minor contact. At 0755H at YS253704 elements of Sp Tp were engaged by an estimated 9 enemy using AW and CD mines; there were no friendly casualties and fire was returned with unknown results. Locations: A Sqn (-), FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp, YS222844; 3 Tp, 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 30 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 LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty, FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ, YS598817; A Coy, YS607844; B Coy, YS581834; C Coy, FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy, YS639812.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE with minor contact. At 1145H at YS247804 10 Pl D Coy engaged 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail). At 1403H at YS247794 10 Pl, while searching the area of their previous contact, engaged one enemy without result. At 0735H at YS289827 the Aslt Pnr Pl received light SA fire with no result. At YS242795 11 Pl D Coy found a small cache containing 4 x 60 lb bags of salt. Locations: Bn HQ, FSPB NELSON YS2181; C Coy, YS222844; D Coy, YS241799; A Coy and B Coy, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact. At 1150H at YS565875 9 Pl C Coy contacted 3 enemy with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ, YS505866; B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy, YS579882; D Coy, YS577892; V Coy, YS547917; W Coy, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
291157H	YS760792	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
291300H	YS607885	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 weapon pit destroyed, 1 tunnel destroyed.
291658H	YS674803	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 10 metres trench uncovered.
291740H	YS749768	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 100 metres trench uncovered.

(h) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 1 En WIA (bloodtrail).

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 4 RAR concludes operations in AO DICKSON and returns to 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty and protection elements from 4 RAR remain in FSPB FLINDERS. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Coy 3 RAR commence RIF in AO RAPIER centre of mass YSA588. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Nineteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

2. Remarks. Reference SITREP for period 280001H to 282400H Oct 68 para 1.a. (1) (e) line 2; 12 Pl conducted a sweep of the contact area on 29 Oct locating 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 MI Carbine (Destroyed). Delete "1 en KIA (poss)" and amend para 1.a. (1) (h) Results accordingly.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
2115H	YS4588	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
2130H	YS4088	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 weapon pit destroyed, 1 tunnel destroyed.
2150H	YS4488	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 10 metres trench uncovered.
2210H	YS4588	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 100 metres trench uncovered.

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31 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Oct 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 EVERGLADE, AO WATSON and 1 ATF TAOR and commenced operations in AO RAPIER, centre of mass YS4587; operations in AO DICKSON (Modified) concluded.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, with 3 Tp A Sqn and A Coy 3 RAR, deployed to AO RAPIER and commenced operations with out contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS455840; 1 Tp YS456894; 4 Tp YS459878.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) continued to support 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE. 3 Tp deployed to AO RAPIER and commenced operations in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Road runner and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp YS222844; 3 Tp YS455840.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 21 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 LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. At YS609845 3 Pl found a coy sized camp. The camp showed no signs of recent use. At YS635830 10 Pl found a newly constructed camp capable of holding 20 persons. Bn HQ YS598817; A Coy YS614857; B Coy YS586854; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS633834.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE with minor contact. At 0955H at YS248795 10 Pl D Coy engaged 5 enemy with unknown results. At 1110H at YS225837 9 Pl C Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 En KIA (BC), 1 En WIA (bloodtrail) and 1 AK 47 captured; a follow up produced no further results. At YS225823 Sp Coy elements found a bunker system of 8 bunkers. Tracks leading NORTH EAST from the complex indicated a large quantity of rice had been removed within the last 48 hours. A Coy deployed to AO RAPIER in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB NELSON YS2181; A Coy (-) YS455840; C Coy YS222844; D Coy YS246794; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR concluded operations in AO DICKSON (Modified) and returned by air to 1 ATF Base. Small protective elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the position previously occupied by Bn HQ at YS505866. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS5289 and YS505866.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
301156H	YS684885	VC Base Camp	2 Structures damaged 10 Metres trench destroyed
301302	YS299875	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed 2 Bunkers damaged
301653	YS612914	VC Base Camp	1 Structure destroyed 3 Bunkers destroyed 50 metres trench damaged and uncovered

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301720H	YS607844	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed 1 Bunker uncovered
301750H	YS607844	VC Base Camp	5 Bunkers destroyed 1 Bunker uncovered

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 En KIA (BC)
1 En WIA (bloodtrail)

b Material: 1 x AK 47

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two

Platoon - NIL

Squad - Eighteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: NIL

(4) Results: NIL

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Type	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
301720H	YS607844	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed 10 metres trench destroyed
301730H	YS607844	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers damaged
301750H	YS607844	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 3 bunkers destroyed 50 metres trench damaged and uncovered

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1 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Oct 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 EVERGLADE, AO WATSON, AO RAPIER and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO RAPIER without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS457841; 2 Tp YS453886; 3 Tp YS458884.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) continued to support 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE and 3 Tp continued operations with C Sqn in AO RAPIER. Road runner and convoy escorts continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp YS213788; 3 Tp YS457841.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 20 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 LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1142H at YS644829 11 Pl D Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 2 en KIA (BC), 1 BAR, 1 Chicom rifle, 2 transistor radios and some documents captured. At YS635831 D Coy found a camp of 12 bunkers, 6 of the bunkers were under construction. At YS601853 1 Pl found a camp consisting of 12 structures with bunkers underneath. At YS622856 A Coy found a camp consisting of 20 bunkers. Locations: Bn HQ YS598817; A Coy YS629851; B Coy YS595867; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS648830.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE without contact. At approx 1700H 1 x 60mm mortar round impacted in FSPB NELSON YS2181 without damage or casualties. At YS257796 11 Pl found a cache containing 40 x 100 lb bags of rice and 9 x 100 lb bags of salt. All were destroyed. A Coy continued operations with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO RAPIER. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB NELSON YS2181; C Coy YS213788; D Coy YS255795; A Coy YS457841; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Security elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the Bn HQ position. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS5289 and YS505866.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
310837H	YS564800	VC Base Camp	2 fighting positions destroyed.
310955H	YS677907 YS694916 YS699907 YS682898 (B52)	VC Base Camp	15 metres trench destroyed, 6 bunkers destroyed, 2 tunnels destroyed, 1 large base camp and tunnel complex destroyed, 1 secondary fire with 75 ft white smoke which burned for 1½ hours.

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311301H	YS550922	VC Base Camp	1 structure damaged.
311651H	YS683905	VC Trucks	1 truck destroyed.

(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: 2 en KIA (BC)
 - b Materiel: 1 x BAR
1 x Chicom rifle
2 tons rice
900 lb salt

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Nineteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. During the insertion of a LRRP as a follow up to a B52 strike in area YS673905 3 enemy trucks containing an unknown number of enemy were seen. These were engaged by LFT, Artillery and Tac Air with result 3 trucks destroyed.
- (4) Results: 3 enemy trucks destroyed.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Following the pattern established during August, the enemy continued with widespread attacks by fire throughout the entire zone with the heaviest attacks being directed against NDP's, RF/PF outposts, FSPB's and Special Forces Camps. This was especially noticeable in the Northwestern areas of the III CTZ and in particular the 25th US Infantry Division's TAOI between CU CHI and KATUM.

2. Heavy ground attacks have been launched against three installations in close proximity to the Cambodian border in TAY NINH Province, these were:- Special Forces Camps at KATUM and THIEN NGON and an RF outpost at PHUOC TAN. All of these attacks were repulsed, and enemy losses in these engagements were 135 KIA at KATUM, 82 KIA at THIEN NGON and 146 KIA at PHUOC TAN. Friendly losses were relatively light. Also in an area just NORTH of PHUOC TAN (XT 014430) a sizeable ground attack was launched against an ARVN unit. This action resulted in 125 VC KIA for 5 ARVN KIA. Other than these ground attacks, the enemy generally tended to avoid contact. When contact was established it was usually with units of company or platoon size.

3. Statistics over the past two weeks show that there were 170 enemy initiated actions and 54 rocket and mortar attacks for the week ending 21st September, and for the week ending 28th September there were 150 enemy initiated actions and 34 rocket and mortar attacks. Details for some of the enemy initiated actions for the period are:-

a. At 160121H, XT 445451, in BINH DUONG Province, A/1-5th Inf, 25th US Inf Div received SA, AW, RPG and mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force followed by a ground attack. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team and arty. Results: 42 NVA KIA; 2 US KIA and 5 US WIA.

b. At 162330H, XT 543304, in HAU NGHIA Province, FSPB POPE received SA, AW, RPG, and 82mm mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force followed by a ground attack. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by airstrikes, a light fire team and a Spooky. Results 131 NVA KIA and 4 NVA PW; 4 US KIA and 48 US WIA.

c. At 210435H, YS 240926, in BIEN HOA Province, B & C, 3 RTAVF received SA, AW and RPG fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a Spooky, a light fire team and reinforced by an additional 2 companies. Results: 43 enemy KIA; 4 THAIS KIA and 11 THAIS WIA.

d. At 250255H, XT 330898, in TAY NINH Province, a Special Forces Camp at KATUM received 150 rounds of 82mm and 60mm mortar, and 20 rounds of 122mm RKT fire followed by a ground attack from an estimated two reinforced companies of VC. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty. At 0420H, the VC breached the NW perimeter and employed flamethrowers and satchel charges on bunkers and mortar positions. The fire was returned with organic weapons, supported by a Spooky and airstrikes. The VC started to withdraw at 0515H. Results: 47 VC KIA and 6 VC PW; 12 CSF KIA and 17 CSF WIA.

e. At 270005H, XT 087816, in TAY NINH Province, a Special Forces Camp at THIEN NGON received SA, AW, RPG, 10mm, 82mm and 120mm mortar and 107mm and 122mm RKT fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, Spectre and a Spooky. The VC broke contact at 0800H. Results: 82 VC KIA and 3 VC PW; 4 CSF KIA, 4 US WIA and 9 CSF WIA.

Enemy Locations

4. During the past week there were only a few positive identifications of enemy forces, and it is assessed that elements of the 9th VC and 7th NVA Regts are operating from base camps in CAMBODIA. The probable dispositions of enemy forces at present is believed to be:-

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<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	War Zone "C".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of BOI LOI Woods.
88th NVA Inf Regt	SE of TAY NINH City.
275th VC Inf Regt	SW of DAU TIENG.
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	N of LOC NINH vicinity of Cambodian border.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	E and NE of LOC NINH.
141 NVA Inf Regt	NE of LOC NINH.
165th NVA Inf Regt	SW of LOC NINH.
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	NW of TAY NINH City.
271st VC Inf Regt	W of TAY NINH City. Elements near PHUOC TAN vicinity of Cambodian border.
272nd VC Inf Regt	W and NW of TAY NINH City. Elements near PHUOC TAN vicinity of Cambodian border.
273rd VC Inf Regt	Elements N of TAY NINH City.
174th NVA Inf Regt	Elements SE of TAY NINH City also W of MICHELIN.
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vicinity of BOI LOI Woods.
<u>CU CHI VC Inf Regt</u>	Possibly in the FILHOL Plantation area.
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed between LAI THIEU and PHU CONG.
<u>THU DUC VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed in the THU DUC area (XS 9396).
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	Vicinity of TRANG BANG. (This regiment was previously known as the QUYET THANG Regt, but recently captured enemy documents have been referring to the regiment by an AKA of 268 Regt. MACV has decided that this Regt will in future be referred to as the 268 Regt.)

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

5. During the past week, the enemy decreased his expenditures of rockets and 120mm mortar ammunition, however, he still appears to have adequate supplies of ammunition in areas close to the Cambodian border. On the other hand, allied operations are still capturing large ordnance caches which must be having an adverse effect on enemy operations.

6. The recent ground attacks against KATUM, THIEN NGON and PHUOC TAN are evidence of continued enemy efforts to draw allied concentrations to the NORTH and away from SAIGON. The enemy is conforming to his plan of maintaining pressure on our forces in the Northern peripheral areas while he completes his logistical and sub-region force deployments in the SOUTH. The attacks by enemy elements operating from base camps in CAMBODIA, with short supply and attack routes, provide the enemy with relatively simple and effective means of maintaining this pressure. We can expect the present pattern of attacks to continue in the NORTH, and further attacks could again be launched against TAY NINH and LOC NINH cities.

7. Around the Capital Military District, due to allied pre-emptive action, enemy forces have been unable to mount an offensive action since the "Third Offensive" began, but it is estimated that after a series of attacks in the Northern areas of the CTZ, the enemy Sub-region forces will launch attacks against SAIGON, however, we would expect that main force elements to move SOUTH before the enemy could exploit any successes that he might develop.

8. Harassment and probing of Provincial centres is expected to be continued throughout the entire III Corps Tactical Zone.

Enemy Losses

9. For the week ending 21st September, there were 1151 enemy KIA (BC), 80 PWs, 277 individual weapons, and 72 crew-served weapons captured. There were 56 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 21.9 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

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10. For the week ending 28th September, there were 866 enemy KIA (BC), 76 PWs, 334 individual weapons, and 41 crew-served weapons captured. There were 79 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 49.9 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

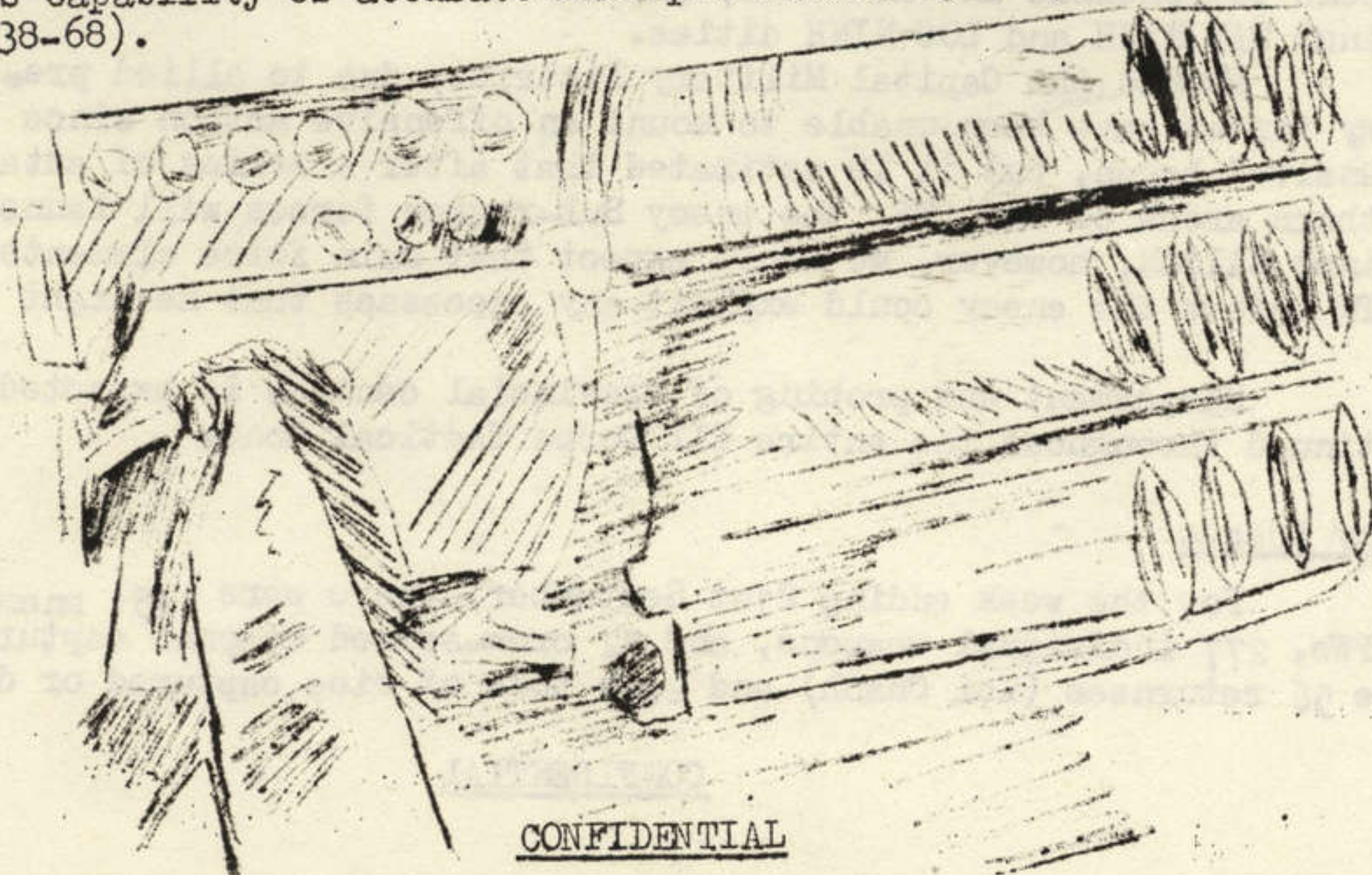
11. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) for the week ending 21st September the results were: Enemy losses: 675 KIA, 261 detainees, 1 returnee; 156 SA, 43 crew-served weapons, 25,609 SA rounds, 289 HE rounds, 151 grenades, 8 mines, 21 122mm RKT and 16.35 tons of rice captured; 20,410 SA rounds, 578 HE rounds, 148 grenades, 24 sampans, 38 mines, 21 booby traps, 4 SA, 1 crew-served weapon, 1 122mm RKT warhead and .7 tons of rice destroyed. Friendly losses: 71 KIA, 461 WIA; 4 helicopters, 6 tanks, 1 APC and 1 ACAV damaged; 3 APC, 2 ACAV, and 1 truck destroyed.

12. Results for the week ending 28th September were: Enemy losses: 256 KIA, 220 detainees, 7 returnees; 88 SA, 14 crew-served weapons, 8,180 SA rounds, 713 HE rounds, 80 grenades, 23 mines, 7 107mm RKT, 3 122mm RKT motors and 11.4 tons of rice captured; 1,575 SA rounds, 301 HE rounds, 71 grenades, 26 sampans, 35 mines, 34 booby traps, 9 crew-served weapons, 1 122mm RKT, 2 SA and 39.17 tons of rice destroyed. Friendly losses: 22 KIA, 195 WIA, 2 MIA; 5 helicopters, 2 tanks, 1 APC damaged; 1 tank, 2 APC, 3 ACAV and 3 trucks destroyed.

13. During the two week period ARVN forces carried out an additional 108 large unit operations resulting in 120 enemy KIA against 25 ARVN KIA.

(C) Other Information

14. Multiple 107mm Rocket Launcher Captured in Sub-Region 3. On 15th September in the vicinity of XS 893721 - 7km east of CAN GIOUC, the 4/46th ARVN Regt and B/3-39, 9th US Inf Div, acting in response to information given by a Hoi Chanh on the location of a weapons cache, captured twelve 107mm rocket launcher tubes with mount. The cache was dug out of a tree line on the edge of a rice paddy. The rocket launcher tubes were in pairs contained in ventilated brackets. The mount accepts four tubes across its width and is capable of accepting three stacks. There is an electrical outlet on the mount which appears to be the firing mechanism. The 12-tube mount weighs approximately 500 pounds, suggesting that it was transported to the cache location by boat. The Hoi Chanh stated that the weapon was supposed to be used in an attack on SAIGON, but that the electric firing apparatus had not been delivered. IIFV Comment: According to information provided by [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], who was captured in mid-June, in the past the enemy has referred to the practice of firing rockets in salvo from field expedient launchers as multiple tube launchings. The capture of this weapon indicates that the mount for multiple tube launchings is also available. Pieces of apparently similar weapons have been found previously, however, this is the first complete launcher captured. The utilization of the mount, although difficult to transport, greatly enhances the enemy's capability of accurate multiple launchings. (Extracted from IIFV PERINTREP 38-68).



15. Enemy Caches. The enemy in SOUTH VIETNAM does not have a logistical system capable of supporting him while engaged in actual combat and must depend almost exclusively on pre-positioned caches to maintain his operations. If their caches can be discovered by allied forces, the enemy can be dealt a tactical blow before he even mounts an offensive. The following is a compilation of information submitted to this HQ by OPCON units and CICV: The enemy's use of caches is extremely varied and difficult to fit into a pattern. There are, however, some common denominators which may aid in locating caches. The first of these is the placement of caches. Since the enemy must be able to re-locate his caches, they are usually placed near some identifiable feature, either natural or man-made. These include: high grounds near streams, nipa palm along stream edges, grave yards (in or near graves) and vegetable gardens far from populated areas. They are found along enemy LOCs on both land and water routes. Numerous caches have been located along the SAIGON river, for example. Others are found in the vicinity of known logistical centres such as BINH MY or MY HANH. Another established type of cache area is in the vicinity of major objectives and near known rocket firing points; thus, many caches have been found in the CMD since that area is both a major objective and the site of firing positions. Another common denominator is the method of defence of cache sites, whether by physical guards or by booby traps. Through an analysis of a series of small contacts in a particular area or a series of booby traps, it may be possible to ascertain a general area the enemy is anxious to keep sacrosanct. A concentrated effort may then be made in that area to discover any caches that may be present. Once into a general area, there are certain specifics to be looked for. The enemy uses either above ground, underground, or under water cache sites. The least common method is the above ground cache, which may be well concealed from the air but easily detected from the ground. It will usually consist of some sort of platform arrangement and will depend more on being in an isolated area for protection than on camouflage, booby traps or guards. There are may areas in III CTZ which will not support underground caches because the level of the water table is too high. Both bunkers and tunnels are used extensively for caches. Indicators to look for may be: differences in foliage growth, height and colour, soil composition or colour; withered or deteriorated stalks in bamboo thickets; ant mounds that appear to be evenly spaced; and well travelled trails that lead to unoccupied huts. Entrances to underground caches may be concealed in animal pens, fireplaces, haystacks, hut flooring or manure piles. A particularly ingenious cache is the underground cache which may be reached only by use of an underwater tunnel entrance. Under water cache sites can consist simply of sunken sampan loads of equipment. The equipment will usually be waterproofed. If any enemy unit is being pressed by allied forces, they may simply throw unprotected weapons and ammunition into pools and streams. In summary, it must be said that no pattern of caches or signs have been determined that lead to easy discovery. The surest method of locating caches continues to be through the medium of HOI CHANH, PWs or other informants. Mine detectors and metal prods coupled with meticulous searches are useful, however, and they have succeeded in uncovering numerous caches throughout the III CTZ. (Extracted from IIFV PERINTREP 38-68)

16. Infiltration Analysis. Over the past three months, enemy infiltration into the III CTZ has increased considerably. During the most recent reporting period, 1 - 28th September, there were a total of 23 new infiltration groups identified. These groups entered the III CTZ during the months of July, August and September. The total estimated strength of these groups is 7,480. Most of the infiltration groups entered the III CTZ through the Western Corridor which runs from the FISHHOOK (vic XT 5890), through War Zone "C", and into TAY NINH. Of the 23 groups, 18 are unconfirmed due to the lack of sufficient reports. The strength figures for all groups ranged from 70 in the 720 Infiltration Group to 600 in the 298 Infiltration Group. The average strength of the 23 infiltration groups was 325. (Extract from IIFV PERINTREP 39-68).

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

(A) Enemy Activity

17. For the week ending 21st September, there were 10 attacks in I CTZ; there were 5 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ; and there were 13 attacks in IV CTZ. For the week ending 28th September, preliminary reports indicate that there were 13 attacks in I CTZ; 11 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ; and 15 attacks and 1 ambush in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity (Period 15th-28th September Inclusive)

18. In I CTZ there were 24 Free World and 32 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 2,620 enemy KIA against friendly losses of 285 KIA.

19. In II CTZ there were 11 Free World and 44 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 513 enemy KIA against friendly losses of 144 friendly KIA.

20. In IV CTZ there were 4 US and 143 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 689 enemy KIA against friendly losses of 117 KIA.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

21. For the week ending 21st September, the number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 180 to 173. The number of operations with contact decreased from 98 to 89. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 2886 (adjusted) to 2867.

22. For the week ending 28th September, the number of Friendly large unit operations increased from 173 to 193. The number of operations with contact remained at 89, and the number of enemy KIA decreased from 3380 (adjusted) to 2866.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 274-68.
2. Period covered from 010001 H to 012400 H Oct 68.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity

(1)(010806 H) At YS 334903, 11/D/3 RAR contacted four enemy, one of whom was armed with an RPD. Fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew NORTH. Results: One AUST WIA, one enemy KIA (POSS), one enemy WIA. Captured were: Two packs, 150 rounds 7.62 mm ammunition, 30 lbs rice, one civilian type transistor radio and a quantity of clothing and cooking utensils.

(2)(010845 H) At YS 315949, 4/B/1 RAR found a square sized enemy base camp recently used.

(3)(011030 H) At YS 443805, 3/W/4 RAR found a letter box. One letter was recovered from it.

(4)(011105 H) At YS 449811, 3/W/4 RAR located a weapons cache. Recovered were: One M1 Carbine, one SKS rifle, one M79 grenade launcher without butt and 10 rounds of .30 calibre ammunition.

(5)(011115 H) At YS 484709, V/4 RAR found an enemy base camp extensively damaged by air or arty strikes.

(6)(011145 H) At YS 445812, 3/W/4 RAR found an old camp previously struck by arty with one recently used bunker in good condition.

(7)(011145 H) At YS 447812, 3/W/4 RAR found an old camp with a well used EAST-WEST track in the vicinity.

b. Air Activity

(1)(010710 H) At YS 232786, VR reported ROUTE 15 had two roadblocks made of branches spaced 40 metres apart.

(2)(010845 H) At YS 620864, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: No BDA due to smoke.

(3)(010915 H) At YS 620864, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.

(4)(010954 H) At YS 654637, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged.

(5)(011016 H) At YS 672620, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two structures destroyed.

(6)(011225 H) In vic YS 4379, a RAAF helicopter was fired on by an unknown number of enemy. The aircraft was not hit.

(7)(011520 H) At YS 598749, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.

(8)(011545 H) At YS 248776, RAAF sighted one enemy.

(9)(011745 H) At YS 596891, a RAAF helicopter received ground fire. Fire was returned by an LFT with unknown results. There was no damage to the aircraft.

c. Omitted.

- d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements
- (1)(010025 H) At YS 655686, an unknown number of enemy fired two RPG 2 rounds into an RF Post. Results: Two RF WIA.
- (2)(010130 H) At YS 651685, two civilians were assassinated by an unknown enemy element.
- (3)(012135 H) At YS 506544, Sector forces engaged an unknown number of enemy who were moving EAST. The enemy withdrew NORTHWEST without returning fire. There were no friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

- a. Omitted
- b. KIA by
Ground Forces
WIA by
Ground Forces
- 1
- Possible
1
- c. Omitted
- d.e. Omitted
- f. Enemy Weapon Losses
- (1) Individual - 3
- (2) Crew served weapons - Nil
- g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68
- | | | |
|---|---|-----|
| (1) Enemy KIA (BC) | - | Nil |
| KIA (POSS) | - | 1 |
| WIA | - | 1 |
| (2) PW | | Nil |
| Detainee | | Nil |
| Hoi Chanh | | Nil |
| (3) Individual Weapons captured/destroyed | - | 3 |
| (4) Crew Served Weapons captured/destroyed | - | Nil |
| (5) Tons of rice captured | - | Nil |
| (6) Tons of rice destroyed | - | Nil |
| (7) 107mm Rockets captured/destroyed | - | Nil |
| (8) 107mm Rocket warheads captured/destroyed | - | Nil |
| (9) 122mm rockets captured/destroyed | - | Nil |
| (10) 122mm rocket warheads captured/destroyed | - | Nil |

5.6. Omitted.

7.8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 27 Sep 68.

11. Miscellaneous

- a. Reference INTSUM 273-68, para 4 g (1). Amend enemy KIA (BC) to 48.
- b. Three People Sniffer missions flown during the reporting period showed the following results:
- (1) Area: YS 2381 - YS 2581 - YS 2377 - YS 2577. Five maximum readings at YS 247788, 235800, 234805, 234808 and 233799, at 011400 H.
- (2) Area: YS 5493 - YS 5993 - YS 5488 - YS 5988. 11 strong readings, at 011645 H.
- (3) Area: YS 3682 - YS 3679 - YS 4482 - YS 4479. 31 maximum readings were obtained at 011500 H.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 275-68.
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(020930H) At YS 336903, 3RAR found and destroyed a cache containing 300lbs rice, six new mag carriers, 50 rounds 7.62mm short and one anti-tank stick grenade.

(2)(021103H) At YS 433831, 1/W/4RAR contacted four enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); two enemy WIA. Captured were one Chicom PPS SMG and one AK-47. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST, WEST and EAST.

(3)(021155H) At YS 448815, 2/W/4RAR contacted ten enemy in a camp. Results: Six enemy KIA (BC); two enemy WIA. Captured were one M1 carbine, four SKS rifles, three M26 grenades, quantity SA ammo; one map, one photo album, cooking utensils, clothing and documents.

(4)(021440H) At YS 459796, 3/W/4RAR contacted three enemy dressed in greens and carrying packs and weapons. The enemy withdrew with unknown results.

(5)(021515H) At YS 330882, C/3RAR contacted two enemy heading WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and a pack captured. The remaining enemy withdrew WEST.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(020838H) At YS 261793, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed.

(2)(020925H) At YS 316950, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.

(3)(020930H) At YS 245801, FAC sighted three ox-carts accompanied by four men pulling logs WEST along the Rome plough trail.

(4)(021053H) At YS 329820, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and three bunkers damaged.

(5)(021145H) At YS 672620, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

(6)(021259H) At YS 695823, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and one bunker damaged.

(7)(021402H) At YS 671621, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and one structure destroyed.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces.	8
WIA by	
Ground Forces	4

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 8

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g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

- (1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 8
- KIA (POSS) - 1
- WIA - 5
- (2) PW - Nil
- Detainee - Nil
- Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 11
- (4) to (5) - Nil
- (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - .15 tons
- (7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 27 Sep 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer Missions flown during the reporting period showed the following results.

- (1) Area YS 5261 - 5255 - 5761 - 5755; 23 maximum readings and 29 strong readings were recorded at 021400H.
- (2) Area YS 5493 - 5488 - 5993 - 5988; 34 maximum readings and 38 strong readings were recorded at 021300H.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 276-68.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(031032H) At YS 236796, 2/V/4RAR contacted four enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47, a pack and documents captured.
- (2)(031115H) At YS 345900, 10/D/3RAR located three bunkers containing 20lbs clothing, two Chicom grenades and documents.
- (3)(031145H) At YS 333882, C/3RAR located an enemy base camp consisting of 31 bunkers.
- (4)(031305H) At YS 454808, 3/W/4RAR located three bunkers.
- (5)(031410H) At YS 241798, V/4RAR located three caches containing 252x100lb bags of rice.
- (6)(031630H) At YS 239798, V/4RAR located five caches containing 310x100lb bags of rice, 10x100lb bags of salt, four bags of sandals, two bags of hockey boots, five bolts of black plastic and two bolts of white calico.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(030850H) At YS 627896, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and two bunkers uncovered.
- (2)(030925H) At YS 573843, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Three bunkers and one small structure destroyed.
- (3)(031019H) At YS 559845, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (4)(031155H) At YS 603873, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers damaged.
- (5)(031441H) At YS 673618, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Six bunkers and 40 metres of trench destroyed, four bunkers damaged and 40 metres of trench uncovered.
- (6)(031800H) At YS 565829, VR sighted a possible base camp on the SOUTH EAST side of trail.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	9
KIA (POSS)	-	1
WIA	-	5
(2) Nil		
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	12
(4)	-	Nil

- (5) Tons of Rice Captured - 12.6 tons
- (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 15.65 tons
- (7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 27 Sep 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. One People Sniffer Mission was flown during the reporting period and showed the following results; At 031000H.

- (1) Area: YS 5488 - 5493 - 5988 - 5993. Eight maximum readings at:-
YS 546898, YS 546928; YS 550911, YS 552916, YS 561927, YS 574913,
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 277-68.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FIVE contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(040415H) At YS 595584, a 1 ATF LRRP engaged a sampan resulting in one enemy KIA (BC) and one sampan sunk.
 - (2)(041216H) At YS 267907, 6/B/1RAR contacted four enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). Remaining enemy withdrew EAST. A sweep of the area revealed an old base camp consisting of six bunkers with connecting tunnels.
 - (3)(041220H) At YS 415807, 3/W/4RAR found a tunnel complex with camouflaged entrances.
 - (4)(041400H) At YS 250902, A/1RAR located an enemy base camp consisting of 16 bunkers with OHC.
 - (5)(041530H) At YS 266906, 4/B/1RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). Remaining enemy withdrew SOUTH EAST.
 - (6)(041600H) At YS 254895, 3/A/1RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy WIA. Enemy withdrew SOUTH EAST. A sweep of the area revealed a base camp consisting of nine bunkers with OHC. Captured were two PPS SMG's, 400lbs of rice, one bag of medical supplies, one bag of documents and a large quantity of clothing.
 - (7)(041815H) At YS 266906, 6/B/1RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew WEST with unknown results.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(040840H) At YS 259792, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One trail cut.
 - (2)(040929H) At YS 643742, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (3)(041012H) At YS 647787, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, one bunker and one structure damaged.
 - (4)(041330H) At YS 623737, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 20% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (5)(041500H) At YS 683784, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.
 - (6)(041515H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 489672, a recently constructed pit.
 - (b) At YS 494669, two spider holes and recent track activity in area.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(LATE ENTRY 032145H) At YS 647657, a PRU squad ambushed an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.
 - (2)(042030H) At YS 445583, I&R P1 ambushed an unknown number of enemy. Results: Blood trails found in area. Captured were two M26 grenades, three carbine mags, one medical book and a watch.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
 Ground Forces 3
 WIA by
 Ground Forces 1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.
 (1) Individual - 2

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	12	
KIA (POSS)	-	1	
WIA	-	6	
(2)	-	Nil	
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	14	
(4)	-	Nil	
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	12.6 tons	
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	15.85 tons	
(7) to (10)	-	Nil	

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 27 Sep 68.

11. Omitted.

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ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY
AS AT 041200 H Oct 68

General

1. The bulk of the activity in PHUOC TUY for the past week has occurred in the vicinity of DUC THANH with an element of C 41 CHAU DUC Company identified in a contact on 2 Oct 68. Several contacts have been made in the NORTHERN HAT DICH. Generally, the level of activity throughout PHUOC TUY has decreased from that of the previous week.

EASTERN BORDER AREA

2. Heavy track activity in the vicinity of the Border. This, coupled with strong People Sniffer readouts and sightings of new camps by VR, indicates continued use by a large group. Rear Services Group 84 continues to occupy the area, conducting re-supply and maintaining numerous gardens.

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3. Little track activity reported.

HAT DICH

4. A small number of contacts (5) have been made with what are thought to be Rear Services elements of SR-4 who operate in the area, although one enemy killed was a member of 1/274 VC Regt. This unit had been contacted previously in the area. Camps and caches found continue to show signs of recent use.

DUC THANH

5. Several contacts with local guerillas took place to the WEST and NORTHWEST of DUC THANH. A PW captured on 30 Sep 68 was a BINH BA guerilla returning from an unsuccessful rice collection mission.

6. Documents recovered after a contact with 10 enemy in a camp on 2 Sep 68 indicated that they belonged to C 41 Company which has been operating in the area WEST of DUC THANH for some time.

7. An unsuccessful attempt was made to mortar BINH BA Post on 29 Sep 68 with no casualties or damage.

NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15

8. Harassing of Route 15 by cratering and roadblocks continues with the bulk of this activity taking place in the vicinity of THAI THIEN. Local guerillas, possibly with the assistance of a small engineer element, are held responsible.

9. The area vicinity YS 2479 had been known as an enemy rice collection point for some time. On 3 Oct 68, it was searched and approximately 56,000 lbs were recovered or destroyed. It is interesting to note that this amount of rice would feed an average size enemy regiment for 30 days.

LONG DIEN - DAT DO

10. Little enemy activity in the reporting period. Agent reports continue to indicate the presence of local guerillas and point towards a future increase in their activities.

LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN - LONG HAI

11. C 25 LONG DAT Company continues to be reported in the area to the EAST of LONG HAI mountains although they are relatively quiet at the moment.

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12. VR has reported the tracks through the LIGHT GREEN are in constant though light use with both foot and oxcart traffic. Some illegal sampan activity has been noted in the mouth of the SONG RAI and off the coast in vicinity YS 6758.

ROUTE 328 - THUA TICH

13. Small groups of enemy are using Route 328 at night to the vicinity of YS 6169 then WEST and eventually SOUTHWEST to mingle with farmers in the legal areas.

14. Gardens in the vicinity of THUA TICH continue to be cultivated by what are thought to be Rear Service elements of Group 84.

CONCLUSIONS

15. Although there has been an overall lull in enemy activity for the past week continued interdiction of ROUTE 15 can be expected.

16. Enemy Main Force units have left the NORTHWEST area of PHUOC TUY. Present indications are that they have moved to the NORTH and EAST to the border area.

17. Attacks by fire can still be expected against BARIA and harassing attacks in LONG DIEN and DAT DO.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 278-68.
2. Period covered from 050001 H to 052400 H Oct 68.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were SIX contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(050818 H). At XOM CAT (YS 3961), Det 1 Div Int Unit and Infantry elements detained three persons who were handed over to Civil authorities.
 - (2)(050900 H). At YS 257889, A/1 RAR contacted two enemy carrying AK-47s. The enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown losses. A sweep of the area revealed a bunker with OHC. Results 5 AUST WIA.
 - (3)(051105 H). At YS 360917, D/3 RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). Remaining enemy withdrew SOUTH to SOUTHEAST. Arty engaged the area with unknown results.
 - (4)(051400 H). At YS 259878, A/1 RAR contacted four enemy with unknown results.
 - (5)(051457 H). At YS 397794, 3/W/4 RAR contacted two to three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). A sweep of the area revealed a camp consisting of eight bunkers, two cookhouses and a well. Captured were: One SPRINGFIELD rifle, one M1 rifle, one SOVIET AW, one RPG 7 round without propellant, nine assorted magazines, four grenades, one booby-trap grenade, 60 lbs rice and three packs with personal effects.
 - (6)(051500 H). At YS 259878, A/1 RAR located six bunkers with OHC and a cookhouse. A search revealed: One Printing Press, one typewriter, one radio transceiver (type unknown), four transistor radios, 400 lbs of rice and a quantity of documents and medical supplies.
 - (7)(051510 H). At YS 277882, C/1 RAR contacted four enemy who approached from the NORTH, dressed in webbing and wearing packs. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 and one M1 carbine captured.
 - (8)(051730 H). At YS 288732, a 1 ATF LRRP ambushed three ox carts and eight enemy moving WEST to EAST along a track. Results: Eight enemy KIA (BC). Patrol received fire from six to eight enemy from the WEST and an LFT engaged the area. A further six ox carts were seen on the track. The patrol was extracted.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(050855 H). At YS 255800, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged and numerous foxholes destroyed.
 - (2)(050955 H). At YS 581931, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (3)(051015 H). At YS 583925, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and three bunkers damaged.
 - (4)(051620 H). At YS 267908, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.
 - (1)(052010 H). At YS 453757, 650 RF Coy contacted an estimated platoon of enemy. Results: Five enemy KIA (POSS), one enemy PW. Captured were: One rifle and two RPG-2s. The enemy withdrew WEST and NORTHWEST.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Ground Forces Confirmed 12

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 3

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses (1) Individual - 5

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

- (1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 24
- KIA (POSS) - 1
- WIA - 6
- (2) PW - Nil
- Detainee - 3
- Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (3) Individual Weapons captured/destroyed - 19
- (4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - Nil
- (5) Tons of rice captured - 12.6
- (6) Tons of rice destroyed - 16
- (7) to (10) - Nil

5.-8. Omitted.

9.-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Situation PHUOC TUY Province' dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. One People Sniffer mission was flown at 051000 H with the following result:

(1) Area YS 2777 - YS 2782 - YS 3377 - YS 3382. 32 maximum readings were recorded.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 279-68.
2. Period covered from 060001 H to 062400 H Oct 68.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (061045 H). At YS 323870, A/Tk platoon, 3 RAR, found an old Company sized base camp not recently used.
 - (2)(061155 H). At YS 340905, D 3/RAR found a bunker system with one bunker with fittings suggesting that it had been used by a VIP.
 - (3)(061210 H). At YS 544804, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted an unknown number of enemy near a base camp. Results: Three enemy KIA (POSS), one ARVN WIA. The patrol was extracted and the area engaged with artillery and an airstrike, with unknown results.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(060939 H). At YS 603861, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: 20 metres of trail destroyed.
 - (2)(060945 H). At YS 250745, VR sighted one person moving along a trail. When sighted he disappeared into the scrub.
 - (3)(060945H) At YS 594917, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.
 - (4)(061007H) At YS 610913, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (5)(061305H) At YS 626906, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed, two bunkers uncovered, five metres of trench and one tunnel uncovered.
 - (6)(061415H) At YS 250902, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed and one damaged.
 - (7)(061500H) At YS 571792, VR sighted a tunnel entrance with fresh diggings nearby.
 - (8)(061724H) At YS 544804, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (9)(061830H) At YS 580577, VR sighted one enemy in the water near fishing nets. Enemy withdrew and area engaged by LFT with unknown results.
 - (10)(061900H) At YS 655578, VR sighted five enemy. The enemy were engaged and fire was returned. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS). No damage to ac.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(060830H) At YS 477557, R&I elements contacted an enemy squad. Results: Nil friendly casualties. Enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown losses. Captured were a pack and four bags of rice.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.

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- b. KIA by
- | | Confirmed | Possible |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Ground Forces | - | 3 |
| KBA by | | |
| Army Aviation | - | 2 |
- c. Omitted.
- d. Detainees - 22 (One released as an Innocent Civilian remainder handed over to Civil Authorities.) (See Para 11 (b)).

e-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	24
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	6
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	Nil
Detainee	-	25
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	19
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	12.6
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	16
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. At 1830H one People Sniffer mission was flown.
- (1) Area YS 2489 - 2689 - 2488 - 2688. Three maximum readings were recorded.
- b. Add to Intsum No 274-68:- (06 Oct 68) At YS 410633, Det 1 Div Int Unit and GMP's detained 22 persons. One was released as an Innocent civilian and the remainder handed over to Civil authorities.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 280-68.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(071139H) At YS 275845; 10/D/1RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew WEST with unknown result.
- (2)(071320H) At YS 523706, 9/C/4RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).
- (3)(071445H) At YS 274827, 11/D/1RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy WIA. Captured were 20lbs rice. Enemy withdrew WEST.
- (4)(071750H) At YS 274827, A/1RAR located and destroyed 1200 lbs rice.
- (5)(072010H) At YS 208814, 12/D/4RAR contacted two enemy in a canoe. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(070837H) At YS 570855, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 60% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (2)(071025) At YS 383767, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.
- (3)(071155H) At YS 260908, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and 10 metres of trench uncovered.
- (4)(071306H) At YS 655759, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
- (5)(071430H) At YS 380700, VR sighted four ox-carts moving EAST. Three of the ox-carts contained reddish cylindrical objects four feet long and two inches in diameter.
- (6)(071430H) At YS 654866, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (7)(071552H) At YS 254895, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers damaged.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

- (1)(071535H) At YS 358618, US personnel working in a quarry received sniper fire from vic YS 358619. There were no friendly casualties.
- (2)(071540H) At YS 582573, LFT engaged one sampan resulting in one sampan being destroyed and one secondary explosion.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	2
WIA by	
Ground Forces	1

c-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	26
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	7
KBA (POSS)	-	2

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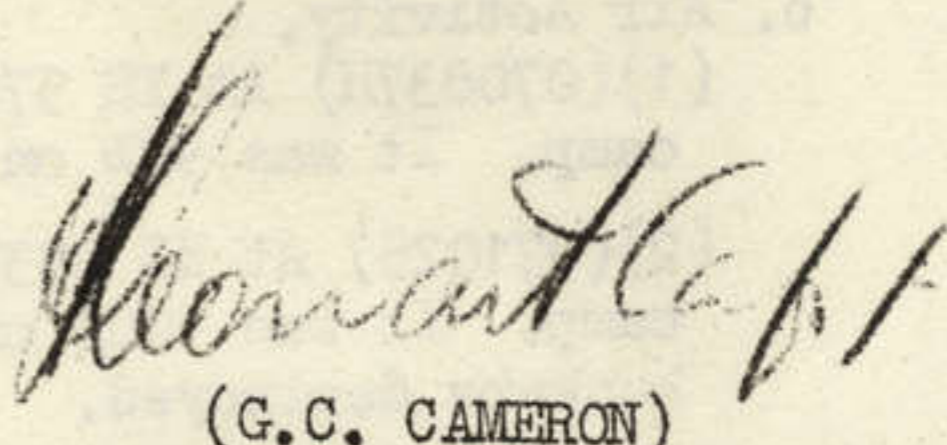
(2) Enemy PW - Nil
 Detainee - 25
 Hoi Chanh - Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 19
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - Nil
(5) Tons of Rice Captured - 12.6
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 16.5
(7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. At 070845H, one People Sniffer mission was flown.
(1) Area YS 2370 - 2387 - 2690 - 2687. 24 maximum readouts were recorded.



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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 281-68.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were SIX contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(081045H) At YS 302849, C/1RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 captured. Enemy withdrew EAST.
 - (2)(081113H) At YS 304848, 7/C/1RAR whilst conducting a sweep after the contact (para 1), came under heavy AW fire from an estimated enemy coy. LFT supported and contact broke at 1300H. Results: Two Aust KIA and five Aust WIA. One enemy KIA (POSS). DUSTOFF helicopter was forced to withdraw after sustaining heavy enemy ground fire.
 - (3)(081050H) At YS 323848, 2/A/3RAR contacted a squad of enemy in a base camp. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The enemy withdrew NORTHEAST.
 - (4)(081140H) At YS 242745, 10/D/4RAR located 720 lbs of rice in bags on two platforms. The cache had been used recently and showed signs of a larger quantity of rice having been lately removed.
 - (5)(081311H) At YS 283838, 10/D/1RAR ambushed one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 captured.
 - (6)(081245H) At YS 240790, 12/D/4RAR were engaged with a claymore fired by an unknown number of enemy in the vic of a coy sized enemy base camp. Results: Two Aust KIA and six Aust WIA. Enemy casualties unknown. Captured were one SOVIET Atk grenade, three CD mines, one M16 mine and two claymores.
 - (7)(081300H) At YS 258798, 2/V/4RAR recovered a wooden pressure mine.
 - (8)(081630H) At YS 247796, 12/D/4RAR found a bunker system and fresh tracks.
 - (9)(081715H) At YS 241796, 11/D/4RAR located 960 lbs of rice which was destroyed.
 - (10)(082150H) At YS 369864, 5/B/3RAR contacted an estimated five enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47, three packs and a quantity of documents captured.

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- (11)(071600H) At YS 323844, A/3RAR located a further 2200 lbs of rice which was destroyed.
- b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(080750H) At YS 604833, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two structures and four bunkers destroyed and one structure damaged.
 - (2)(080814H) At YS 255895, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 40% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (3)(080900H) At YS 397794, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (4)(080915H) At YS 566812, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 60% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (5)(080925H) FAC sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 673581, footprints of 12 persons.
 - (b) At YS 671581, a footbridge.
 - (c) At YS 671585, a footbridge.
 - (6)(080925H) At YS 550683, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and ten metres of trench destroyed.

(7)(081433H) At YS 571792, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One tunnel and one bunker destroyed.

(8)(081712H) At YS 301847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

(9)(081731H) At YS 301847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and 100 metres of trench uncovered and five bunkers destroyed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(082135H) At YS 436586, PF elements ambushed an estimated squad of enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS).

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces.	5	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 3

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	31	
KIA (POSS)	-	5	
WIA	-	7	
KBA (POSS)	-	2	
(2) PW	-	Nil	
Detainee	-	25	
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil	
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	22	
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil	
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	12.6	
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	19.1	
(7) to (10)	-	Nil	

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. At 081000H one People Sniffer mission was flown.

(1) Area YS 7476 - 7481 - 7976 - 7981. 13 maximum readings were recorded.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 282-68.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(090715H) At XOM CAT (YS 3861), Det 1 Div Int Unit detained one person who was taken to Sector and later released as an innocent civilian.
- (2)(091000H) At YS 266838, 11/D/1RAR located a new base camp consisting of ten bunkers with OHC with signs of recent use.
- (3)(091029H) At YS 318874, Sp/3RAR contacted one enemy with nil result.
- (4)(091130H) At YS 243899, C Sqn/1 Armd Regt located a base camp large enough for 5-8 persons. Found were digging equipment, 60 lbs of rice, one M26 grenade and 30 rounds 7.62mm ammo.
- (5)(091350H) At YS 242798; D/1RAR located several caches containing a total of one ton of rice. One cache was located whilst digging a lantrine.
- (6)(091515H) At YS 242789, 11/D/1RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one M1 carbine captured. A search revealed a box of documents and drugs, three SKS rifles, one Mosin Nagant rifle, 100 rounds of 7.92mm and one box of 7.62mm ammo.
- (7)(091515H) At YS 301847, C/1RAR and D/1RAR began searching a base camp hit previously by airstrikes. Found were large amounts of equipment, medical supplies, clothing and documents.
- (8)(091600H) At YS 243799, C sqn/1 Armd Regt and D/1RAR located a cache containing 11 tons of rice most of which is to be recovered.
- (9)(091755H) At YS 375865, B/3RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and one pack captured.
- (10)(091910H) At YS 275885, A/1RAR contacted three to four enemy moving EAST to WEST. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); two AK-47s, 1,000 ft of cable, one field telephone and two Chicom grenades captured.

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- (11)(081650H) At YS 627862, a 1 ATF LRRP ambushed eight enemy wearing packs heading WEST. Results: Six enemy KIA (BC).
- b. Air Activity.
- (1)(090817H) At YS 301847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: 100 metres of trench damaged and two bunkers exposed.
 - (2)(090839H) At YS 301847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One tunnel and three bunkers destroyed and 25 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (3)(090931H) At YS 301847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: 70 metres of trench and two bunkers destroyed.
 - (4)(091014H) At YS 423817, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Four tunnel entrances uncovered and damaged.
 - (5)(091156H) At YS 301847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and one damaged.
 - (6)(091320H) At YS 325847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed, four bunkers and one tunnel uncovered.
 - (7)(091603H) At YS 325847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and three fighting positions destroyed.

(8)(091720H) At YS 301845, a helicopter received ground fire from an unknown number of enemy. There were no hits on the ac.

(9)(091730H) At YS 325847, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Three bunkers damaged.

(10)(091750H) At YS 324847, two further airstrikes were conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, six bunkers exposed, one hut destroyed and one tunnel exposed.

(11)(091800H) In vic YS 3970, a VR ac received one round SA fire with nil result.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(091940H) At YS 660696, friendly elements contacted an estimated pl of enemy using 60mm mortars and SA. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties are unknown.

(2)(092000H) At YS 274626, 578 RF Coy ambushed an enemy squad. Results: One RF WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	4
KIA Not during reporting period	6

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 1 (Innocent civilian).

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 8

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	42	See Para 11.
KIA (POSS)	-	4	

WIA	-	7
KBA (POSS)	-	2

(2) PW	-	Nil
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Detainee	-	26
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Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
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(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	30
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(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	Nil
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(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	24.6
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(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	19.1
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(7) to (10)	-	Nil
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5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Ref Intsum No 281-68, para 3 a. (2). Delete "One enemy KIA (POSS)" and insert "One enemy KIA (BC)".

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 283-68.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(100315H) At YS 370867, B/3RAR sighted 80 enemy heading WEST. 20 enemy were engaged with claymores. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); four RPG-2 rounds, one Chicom grenade and one pack captured. 11 drag marks were found indicating the enemy had withdrawn EAST, WEST and SOUTH.
- (2)(100930H) At YS 276888, 3/A/1RAR found an enemy bunker system consisting of 50 bunkers 12ftx6ftx5ft deep with OHP. The camp showed signs of recent occupation.
- (3)(101010H) At YS 295835, D/1RAR found an old bunker with an EAST-WEST track nearby. It had not been used for several days.
- (4)(101010H) At YS 305846, 9/C/1RAR found an enemy camp which was suspected to be occupied. Arty was called onto the camp but there are no further details at this stage.
- (5)(101030H) At YS 301838, 12/D/1RAR found six old bunkers with OHP. A NW-SE track ran through the camp which had been used as an eating place by an unknown number of enemy within the last 24 hours.
- (6)(101200H) At YS 242803, C Sqn/1 Armd Regt and D/4RAR found a cache containing 15x100 lbs bags of rice.
- (7)(101415H) At YS 301845, C/1RAR completed the search of a base camp which consisted of 67 bunkers, 30 of which had been in use. Recovered were 100 lbs of rice, 17 packs, two AK-47s and an RPG-2 launcher.
- (8)(101555H) At YS 325851, A/3RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one M1 carbine captured. The enemy KIA was a female dressed in black heading EAST towards a camp which was engaged with mortars with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(100730H) At YS 298818, VR sighted evidence of heavy ox-cart activity heading NORTH.
- (2)(100807H) At YS 669868, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.
- (3)(100910H) VR reported that 80 enemy (see para 3 a. (1)) had approached the contact area at YS 370867 from vic YS 441890 thence to YS 410877. There had been some motorised traffic between the latter two coordinates and there appeared to be a turn around point at YS 441890.
- (4)(100930H) At YS 415807, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers damaged and one tunnel entrance uncovered.
- (5)(101210H) At YS 608869, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One trail cut.
- (6)(101240H) At YS 519869, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Six bunkers destroyed.
- (7)(101436H) At YS 593917, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (8)(101430H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 690883, 10 large bunkers.
 - (b) At YS 704876, two bunkers with fresh dirt and 10 ft logs nearby.
 - (c) At YS 715875, three pits.

(d) At YS 684875, three huts.

(e) At YS 690870, four weapon pits.

(9)(101520H) At YS 708772, FAC sighted an old base camp consisting of 30 metres of open trench, several bunkers and five open pits connected with covered trench work.

(10)(101520H) At YS 663910, FAC sighted one large bunker beneath a tree. More bunkers were sighted nearby.

(11)(101652H) At YS 606914, 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)(101630H) At YS 613847, ARVN elements located a recently vacated enemy POW camp which consisted of a gaol 50ftx20ft with a large bunker inside, six tin-roofed shelters with bunkers underneath and one kitchen. There was freshly cooked rice scattered in the area.

(2)(102000H) At YS 495610, I&R Pl contacted two to three enemy with unknown results.

(3)(102000H) At YS 429569, 615 RF Coy ambushed an unknown number of enemy. There were no friendly casualties and enemy losses are unknown.

(4)(102200H) At YS 242767, an ARVN plt contacted five enemy moving from the jungle towards a culvert. There were no friendly casualties and enemy losses are unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 3

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 3
(2) Crew Served - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 45

KIA (POSS) - 4

WIA - 7

KBA (POSS) - 2

(2) PW - Nil

Detainee - 26

Hoi Chanh - Nil

(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 33

(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 1

(5) Tons of Rice Captured - 25.4

(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 19.2

(7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. At 1335H One People Sniffer Mission was flown.

(1) Area YS 6790 - 7290 - 6785 - 7285. 12 maximum readings were recorded.

- b. Following are amendments to Intsum No 282-68:-
- Para 3 a. (2) - Delete YS 266838 and Insert YS 286838.
 - Para 3 a. (5) - Delete D/1RAR and Insert D/4RAR.
 - Para 3 a. (6) - Delete 11/D/1RAR and Insert 11/D/4RAR
 - Para 3 a. (8) - Delete D/1RAR and Insert D/4RAR.
 - Para 3 a. (11) - Delete WEST and Insert EAST.

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1. Australian Task Force Intsum Number 284-68.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(110850H) At YS 329847, 1/A/3RAR contacted one enemy dressed in greens moving from EAST to WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 captured.
 - (2)(110955H) At YS 349847, 2/A/3RAR contacted two enemy moving from NORTH to SOUTH. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); two AK-47s, webbing and packs captured.
 - (3)(111200H) At YS 753786, a 1 ATF LRRP ambushed three enemy (including one female). Results: Two enemy KIA (BC) and one enemy (female) PW.
 - (4)(111245H) At YS 232811, C/1 Armd Regt found a cache containing 1,000 lbs of rice.
 - (5)(111720H) At YS 604772, a 1 ATF LRRP ambushed two enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); one M1 carbine, one SKS, documents, a quantity of rice and personal effects captured.
 - (6)(111805H) Between YS 342852 and YS 328852, A/3RAR found signs of movement of approx 100 enemy moving in a NORTHEAST to SOUTHWEST direction. It is believed this movement occurred during night 10/11 Oct 68.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(110645H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 464798, a roadblock of branches.
 - (b) At YS 273652, a blown culvert.
 - (2)(110820H) At YS 708772, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed.
 - (3)(111240H) At YS 269889, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results: Nine bunkers and 25 metres of trench destroyed, five bunkers uncovered.
 - (4)(111445H) At YS 497508, ALO reported a new stone hut and ox-cart traffic from hut to YS 490500.
 - (5)(111452H) At YS 332907, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - (6)(111530H) At YS 393804, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - (7)(111600H) At YS 617866, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (8)(111642H) At YS 520865, 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)(110030H) At YS 273652, 578 RF Coy engaged an unknown number of enemy who had blown a culvert on Route 15. There were no friendly casualties and the enemy withdrew with unknown losses.
 - (2)(110220H) At BINH BA Post (YS 4574), 20 rounds of RPG-2 fell outside the post area. There were no casualties. Analysis showed two launchers had been used at a range of 300 metres from the SOUTH by an unknown number of enemy.

(3)(111130H) In vic YS 1687, a vehicle from 35 Sigs (US) was fired on by 10 - 15 enemy with AK-47 and other small arms from both sides of the road. There were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 7

c. Omitted.

d. PW - 1 (Female).

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 5

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 52

KIA (POSS) - 4

WIA - 7

KBA (POSS) - 2

(2) PW - 1

Detainee - 26

Hoi Chanh - Nil

(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 38

(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 1

(5) Tons of Rice Captured - 25.4

(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 19.7

(7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 4 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. There were TWO People Sniffer missions flown during the reporting period.

(1)(111000H) Area YS 4787 - 4792 - 5487 - 5497. 19 maximum readings were recorded.

(2)(111300H) Area YS 2777 - 2773 - 3577 - 3573. 27 maximum readings were recorded.

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11 Oct 68

ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY
AS AT 111200 H OCT 68

General

1. In the last seven days there have been 32 contacts with 1 ATF elements compared with 13 for the week ending 041200 H Oct 68, the majority being in the NORTH WEST HAT DICH Area.

EASTERN BORDER AREA

2. Heavy track activity has continued and the sightings of new structures and bunkers in the vicinity of YS 6887 indicates a very wide dispersal of enemy activity in the area.

3. An agent report from IIFFV indicated the possible presence of C 100, a munitions and weapons repair factory, vic YS 6887. A People Sniffer mission in the area on 10 Oct 68 recorded 12 maximum readings and several sightings of bunkers, tracks and huts within 200 metres of the area given by the agent report.

4. At YS 627862, on 8 Oct 68, a SAS patrol ambushed eight enemy heading EAST carrying a large quantity of cigarettes and other comfort items, possibly for C 100. Another patrol sighted 17 heavily laden porters at YS 753785. At the same reference at 111200 H Oct 68, the patrol engaged three porters also heading NORTH. One was captured. She has been classified as an illegal resident and handed to Sector.

NUI LE - NUI SAO

5. Little activity noted.

HAT DICH

6. 1 ATF operations in this area have continued contact with small groups of enemy who are probably members of Sub-Region 4 forces and rear party elements of 274 VC Regt. The largest contact was with 20 enemy, part of a group estimated at 80, heading WEST at YS 370867 at 100315 H Oct 68. The enemy were laden and had been travelling for some time. The fact they were being forced along and took pains to keep their loads is unusual. It suggests they were carrying important supplies, possibly ammunition or explosives.

7. Several large base camps, one of 67 bunkers, were located by ground troops, the majority of them showing signs of recent occupation.

8. No positive and recent unit identifications have been made from documents recovered during the week.

9. However, from the large quantities recovered and the units either originating, receiving or mentioned in them, it can be said that 1 ATF have been in the main base camps of HQ S-R 4. A number of the documents belonged to 1/274 VC Regt and D 67 Engineer Bn but these are in most cases, over a month old.

10. On 5 Oct 68, at YS 397794, a camp was located following a contact, and documents in the camp indicated that it was probably the HQ of C 41 CHAU DUC Coy. The location was obtained originally from a PW captured by an RF Road clearing patrol in the vicinity of AP SUOI NGHE on 30 Sep 68.

NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15

11. Route interdiction continues with the main effort being made at YS 273652, early morning of 11 Oct 68, when a culvert was blown.

12. Operations in the vicinity of YS 2479 resulted in the discovery of a further 13.5 tons of rice, bringing the total of rice discovered in the general area to 41.5 tons. It is interesting to note that a HOI CHANH who turned himself in to

the THAI TIEN Post on 5 Oct 68 . gave, as one of the main reasons for his defection, the general shortage of food.

LONG DIEN - DAT DO

13. Little activity has been noted during the past week apart from small patrol contacts in the vicinity of DAT DO and LONG DIEN on the night of 10 Oct 68.

LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN - LONG HAI

14. Track activity in the LONG GREEN continues and elements of D 445 LF Bn and C 25 LONG DAT District Coy are still held to be in the general area. A group of five armed enemy at the HO TRAM Cape (YS 6557) was engaged by POSSUM on 6 Oct 68 with two enemy KIA (POSS).

ROUTE 328 - TUA THICH

15. Track activity continues on ROUTE 328 and activity continues on the SUOI TAM BO and SONG RAI Rivers.

CONCLUSIONS

16. MAIN FORCES elements have relocated to the NORTHEAST of the Province. However, activity by elements of S-R 4 continues in the WEST and NORTHWEST. It is probable that interdiction of ROUTE 15 will increase in the area between PHU MY and BARIA, this task having been given to elements of D 67 Engineer Bn.

17. The enemy still retains the capability of conducting harassing attacks by fire against any populated area in the Province.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 285-68.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(120615H) At YS 438915, VR reported the bridge was still blown but could take foot traffic.
 - (2)(120813H) At YS 690883, an airstrike was conducted on ten large bunkers. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed.
 - (3)(120900H) At YS 686874, an airstrike was conducted on a suspected weapons factory. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - (4)(120940H) At YS 684875, an airstrike was conducted on three huts. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two structures destroyed.
 - (5)(121000H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 497606, a roadblock consisting of dirt.
 - (b) At YS 518587, a base camp.
 - (c) At YS 522583, a base camp with two bunkers visible.
 - (d) At YS 550580 - YS 550588, a track used by two to three people.
 - (6)(121237H) At YS 339910, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One bunkers destroyed, six bunkers uncovered and 100 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (7)(121320H) At YS 684875, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and one structure destroyed.
 - (8)(121420H) At YS 260584, VR sighted 50 water buffalo hidden under trees in a restricted area.
 - (9)(121510H) At YS 339910, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed.
 - (10)(121545H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 702608; a bivouac area and tracks of six to eight people on the beach.
 - (b) At YS 732632, a large bunker under construction with OHC.
 - (c) At YS 719618, a large hut in good condition with an iron roof, painted a dark colour.
 - (d) At YS 721641, fresh shellscrapes and one amm pits covering an area 100x25 metres.
 - (e) At YS 705650, tracks of 12-15 people entering a clearing.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(120610H) At YS 433594, three to four enemy hiding in houses fired on the District HQ Compound with SA and B40. There were no friendly casualties and the enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.
 - (2)(120915H) At YS 485592, elements of 1/48 ARVN contacted an enemy pl. At YS 494599, elements 1/48 ARVN contacted an enemy coy. Contact broke at 1230H. Results: Eight ARVN KIA, 23 ARVN WIA, one US KIA, one US WIA. One PRC25 radio was lost. Six enemy KIA (DC).

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	52
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	7
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainee	-	26
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	38
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.4
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	19.7
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Ref Intsum No 284-68 Para 3 a. (3). Enemy PW (female) classed as a Civil Defendant (Illegal Resident) and handed over to Sector authorities.

b. (121500H) There was one People Sniffer mission flown during the reporting period.

(1) Area YS 5179 - 5184 - 5871 - 5884. 23 maximum readings were recorded.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 286-68.
- 2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Oct 68.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1) At YS 418802, a 1 ATF LRRP reported:-
 - (a) (LATE ENTRY)(121450H) Four enemy sighted moving EAST to WEST.
 - (b) (130830H) Seven enemy sighted moving EAST to WEST.
 - (c) (130950H) Two enemy engaged who were moving from EAST to WEST. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); one M2 carbine captured.
- (2)(131337H) At YS 539893, 5/B/3RAR contacted one enemy moving WEST to EAST along a track. The enemy withdrew WEST with no result.
- (3)(131636H) At YS 542892, B/3RAR contacted six enemy. Results: One enemy WIA (DOW)(BC); one AK-47 captured.
- (4)(131825H) At YS 544892, B/3RAR in night location engaged two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 captured.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(130745H) At YS 463814, ALO reported a brush roadblock on Route 2.
- (2)(130815H) At YS 305846, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (3)(130930H) At YS 306904, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and two structures destroyed.
- (4)(131117H) At YS 663910, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (5)(131235H) At YS 332907, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed, three bunkers and one tunnel entrance uncovered.
- (6)(131255H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 738617, an old base camp.
 - (b) At YS 731633, a large base camp which was engaged with mortars and then by VR rockets. Results: One bunker destroyed.
- (7)(131434H) At YS 286838, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Four bunkers and 30 metres of trench destroyed and six bunkers damaged.
- (8)(131658H) At YS 658772, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and two bunkers damaged.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	4 (1 DOW)

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 3

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	56
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	7
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainee	-	26
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	41
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.4
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	19.7
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. One People Sniffer mission was flown at 1500 - 1630H.

(1) Area YS 2866 - 2870 - 3266 - 3270. Four maximum readings were recorded at 299677, YS 309697, YS 312673, YS 310697.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 287-68.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(141415H) At YS 419722, 1 ARU MAT Team located and disarmed a homemade anti-tank mine. 200 metres from the mine was a bamboo stick with a pointed end and 400 metres away were three sticks in the form of an arrow.
 - (2)(141750H) At YS 5592, A/3RAR located a camp consisting of approx 30 bunkers and weapon pits covering an area of 1,000 square metres. Camp believed to be occupied seven days ago.
 - (3)(141805H) At YS 548893, B/3RAR located a bunker system. Camp believed occupied that day. Search continues.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(140812H) At YS 275895, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and one tunnel entrance exposed.
 - (2)(140830H) At YS 618867, VR sighted a camp previously struck on the eastern side by an airstrike. Two bunkers were being rebuilt and a shelter was in the vicinity.
 - (3)(140847H) At YS 279880, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed and one bunker damaged.
 - (4)(140940H) At YS 608587, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed.
 - (5)(141110H) At YS 323908, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One tunnel entrance exposed.
 - (6)(141240H) At YS 276888, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Three bunkers and one tunnel entrance uncovered.
 - (7)(141518H) At YS 349921, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed.
 - (8)(141615H) At YS 628902, a VR ac engaged a suspected occupied hut with unknown results.
 - (9)(141635H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 468495, an old base camp parts of which are still useable.
 - (b) At YS 472495, YS 475495, YS 475494, YS 487502, YS 489504, bunkers at base of overhanging rocks.
 - (c) At YS 483513, an old base camp with signs of recent use.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(142050H) At LONG DIEN (YS 4259), PRU ambushed eleven enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); one M1 carbine captured.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a-f. Omitted.

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g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	56
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	7
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	26
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	41
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.4
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	19.7
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Oct 68.

11. Omitted.

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VC/NVA MINE AND BOOBY TRAP WARFARE

Reference: A. IIFV AVFBB dated 8 Oct 68.

1. A summary of information on enemy mines and booby traps is attached.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

General

1. VC/NVA mine warfare closely parallels that of the CHINESE COMMUNIST Army, although it is heavily influenced by the extensive past guerilla warfare in RVN. Large minefields have not been employed in RVN, the present practice being to use isolated groups of mines or booby traps to create casualties, fear and overcautiousness. They are also used to protect cache or secret areas and to deny movement through particular areas.

Landmines

2. a. Typical places of employment:

- (1) Dirt roads or trails,
- (2) Hard surfaced roads.

- b. Methods of concealment

- (1) Mud smeared on road.
- (2) Refilled holes concealing landmines.
- (3) Tunnel under road (particularly asphalt roads).
- (4) Under dung, grass or other natural cover.

- c. Generally, mines are used wherever troops can be expected to congregate, slow down, or present a good target. Any place that is a good ambush site is a good mine site.

- d. Continued use of armoured elements in the same area results in an increase of anti-tank landmining activity. AT mines are frequently used in pairs and usually laid in, or adjacent to, previously cut tracks.

Booby Traps

3. a. Explosive - typical uses:

- (1) Buildings, to include entranceways, furniture, windows, floorboards, plumbing and electrical circuits.
- (2) Innocent objects, such as fountain pens, cigarette packs and lighters, soap wrappers and rice bags.
- (3) Roads, trails and paths offer excellent locations for booby traps, usually attached to obstacles such as rocks or tree limbs.
- (4) Landing zones may be booby trapped, especially if the LZ has been used previously. Means used to include placement of AT mines with a vertical triggering device which will be set off by rotor wash.
- (5) Cache areas are lucrative booby trap areas. They are usually emplaced in a circular pattern around the cache area. Intense booby trapping is sometimes an indicator of a nearby cache. Tunnel entrances into caches are often booby trapped.

- b. Non - Explosive.

- (1) Generally, employed in the same manner as explosive devices, taking advantage of local materials and natural camouflage.

Markers

4. a. Besides the conventional skull and crossbones sign board for a mined area, the following marking devices have been used:

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- (1) Piece of bamboo stick six to eight inches long with larger joint used as a sleeve at the top. The stick is placed at about 45 degree angle pointing in the direction of the mine or booby trap.
- (2) Tripod formed of bamboo sticks placed above mines, booby traps or panji-pits.
- (3) Sticks of bamboo forming rectangle with mine or booby trap in the middle.
- (4) Sapling stripped except for one branch which points in the direction (usually 50 to 100 metres distant) of the mine or booby trap.
- (5) A single stick which leans against the fork of a forked stick points to the mine or booby trap. This marker may also mark direction of movement.
- (6) Growing grass tied into four sheaves forming a pattern about two metres square. Mine is in centre.
- (7) A circular pattern of rocks about one metre in diameter with smaller circle or single rock inside, indicates mines or booby traps are usually 150-200 metres distant.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 288-68.
- 2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Oct 68.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(150845H) At YS 548893 (see Intsum No 287-68, para 3 a (3)), B/3RAR in the camp located yesterday found a cache which contained 300-400 lbs of rice, one MOSIN NAGANT rifle, a quantity of tin foods and documents. Camp was destroyed.
- (2)(150845H) At YS 388873, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). Patrol came under heavy AW fire from area, which was engaged and silenced. On extraction ac was fired on resulting in two Aust WIA (slight).
- (3)(150907H) At YS 559911, A/3RAR located a cache which contained 200 lbs of rice, eight pairs of HO CHI MINH sandals and 100lbs of blue material.
- (5)(151045H) At YS 561906, 1/A/3RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.
- (6)(151220H) At YS 526826, 11/C/4RAR contacted five enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and one SKS rifle captured. Remaining enemy withdrew SOUTH WEST.
- (7)(151430H) At YS 547885, 6/B/3RAR located and destroyed 300 lbs of rice.
- (8)(151505H) At YS 562907, A/3RAR contacted three enemy moving NORTH EAST to SOUTH WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (DOW); one AK-47 and one RPG-7 round captured.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(150736H) At YS 416755, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (2)(151605H) At YS 625801, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Four bunkers and one tunnel entrance destroyed, three bunkers uncovered.
- (3)(151635H) At YS 738617, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (4)(151630H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 692902, bunkers still useable after airstrike.
 - (b) At YS 703906, bunkers and one pit.
- (5)(151827H) At YS 731633, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
 Ground Forces. 5 (1 DOW)

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 4

- g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.
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|--|---|------|
| (1) Enemy KIA (BC) | - | 61 |
| KIA (POSS) | - | 4 |
| WIA | - | 7 |
| KBA (POSS) | - | 2 |
| (2) PW | - | 1 |
| Detainees | - | 26 |
| Hoi Chanh | - | Nil |
| (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed | - | 45 |
| (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed | - | 1 |
| (5) Tons of Rice Captured | - | 25.4 |
| (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed | - | 20.8 |
| (7) to (10) | - | Nil |

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendment to Intsum No 287-68, para 3 a. (2):- Delete YS 5592 and insert YS 554915.

b. One People Sniffer mission was flown at 1000H.

(1) Area YS 5575 - 5580 - 5975 - 5980. Six maximum readings were recorded.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 289-68.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(160835H) At YS 562907, 2/A/3RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy moving NORTHEAST to SOUTHWEST with unknown results.
 - (2)(161325H) At YS 559911, 1/A/3RAR located and destroyed a cache containing 400 lbs of rice and 100 lbs of sodium glutimate (a cooking additive).
 - (3)(161345H) At YS 545835, V/4RAR located a suspected occupied enemy camp. Arty engaged the area. At 1547H while searching the camp two enemy were engaged resulting in one enemy KIA (BC). The camp consisted of two huts and a cache. Recovered were:- eight bolt action rifles, one grease gun, propaganda material, one transistor radio, amplifying equipment including two loudspeakers and two microphones, 250 lbs of rice (destroyed), 50 lbs of salt (destroyed) and a quantity of cooking equipment.
 - (4)(161410H) At YS 532826, 11/D/4RAR contacted two to three enemy with unknown result.
 - (5)(161435H) At YS 547886, B/3RAR located an enemy base camp which contained 900 yds of cloth, one SINGER sewing machine, assorted tailoring equipment, two AK-47s, one M1 carbine and 200 lbs rice flour. At 1547H while searching the camp 6/B/3RAR contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA; two AK-47s and a set of basic webbing captured.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(160845H) At YS 333887, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (2)(161030H) At YS 259878, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy bunker system. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and 20 metres of trench destroyed, three bunkers damaged and 200 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (3)(161100H) At YS 268578, VR sighted 12 fighting pits in a NORTH - SOUTH line hidden under green bamboo.
 - (4)(161215H) At YS 489855, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (5)(161400H) At YS 659779, FAC sighted two huts in an old base camp.
 - (6)(161447H) At YS 387775, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(161920H) At YS 420637, the RF Post at HOA LONG received three RPG-2 rounds fired by an unknown number of enemy. There were no friendly casualties.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. KIA by Confirmed
 Ground Forces 2
 WIA by
 Ground Forces 1
 - c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 14

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	64
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	8
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	26
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	59
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.1

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Intsum No 288-68:-

(1) Para 3 a. (8) delete "One enemy KIA (BC); one enemy WIA (DOW)" and insert "Three enemy KIA (BC)".

(2) Para 4 b. amend to read "Confirmed - 6".

b. One People Sniffer mission was flown at 1000H.

(1) Area YS 8455 - 7955 - 8560 - 8460. Fifteen maximum readings were recorded.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 290-68.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(170831H) At YS 561904, 3/A/3RAR contacted three enemy moving NORTHEAST to SOUTHWEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 captured.
- (2)(170837H) At YS 544832, two to three enemy fired on 3/V/4RAR whilst they were searching an enemy base camp. There were no friendly casualties. The enemy withdrew SOUTHWEST.
- (3)(170905H) At YS 568906, 2/A/3RAR engaged four to five enemy moving SOUTHWEST. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC); two AK-47s, one pack and three sets of webbing captured. The enemy withdrew SOUTHWEST.
- (4)(171400H) At YS 535861, 8/C/4RAR found an enemy squad sized base camp. 100 metres outside the camp a cache containing 80 lbs of rice, 20 lbs dried peas and six lbs of flour was found on a raised platform covered with plastic sheeting. The cache was destroyed.
- (5)(171520H) At YS 548819, D/4RAR found a track used during morning 17 Oct 68 by five persons.
- (6)(171520H) At YS 548831, 3/V/4RAR found a well used track with a sign of crossed sticks, believed to be an enemy mine marker. At the same location there was an OP built in a tree.

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- (7)(161805H) At YS 681834, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted five enemy dressed in black armed with one RPD, one GARAND and light AWS. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC), one enemy KIA (POSS).

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(170830H) At YS 659779, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two structures and one bunker destroyed, one bunker uncovered.
- (2)(170930H) At YS 730633, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. There was no BDA.
- (3)(171525H) At YS 801698, VR sighted a hut with five large baskets outside.
- (4)(171545H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 265740, an oxcart moving EAST to WEST.
 - (b) At YS 275741, two men dressed in black moving EAST to WEST.
- (5)(171633H) At YS 272721, RAAF sighted an oxcart.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces.	4	-
KIA by		
Ground Forces		
(Not during reporting		
period)	3	1

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 1 (Innocent civilian)

e. Omitted.

- f. Enemy Weapons Losses.
- (1) Individual - 3
- g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.
- (1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 71
 KIA (POSS) - 4
 WIA - 8
 KBA (POSS) - 2
- (2) PW - 1
 Detainees - 27
 Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 62
 (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 1
 (5) Tons of Rice Captured - 25.5
 (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 21.2
 (7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 11 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Intsum No 289-68:-

(1) Para 3 a (3). Add further material recovered:- One GESTETNER duplicator, printing blocks, assorted stationery and assorted female clothing.

(2) Para 11 b (1). Amend coordinates to read YS 5579 - 5584 - 5979 - 5984.

b. One People Sniffer mission was flown at 1100H.

(1) Area YS 6091 - 6086 - 6591 - 6586. Five maximum readings were recorded at YS 653907, YS 619908, 624905, 613874 and YS 626874.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 291-68.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(181540H) At YS 568854, 8/C/4RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew NORTHWEST with unknown result. A sweep of the area revealed a bunker which contained three sets of webbing, two CHICOM grenades, 100 rounds of 7.62mm short ammo, 80 lbs of rice and 10 lbs of dried peas.
- (2)(181830H) At YS 484631, B/4RAR located a cache consisting of 600 lbs of granulated fertilizer, 10 lbs of salt and 10 lbs of sugar.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(180930H) At YS 653913, VR sighted an enemy base camp.
- (2)(181010H) At YS 606593, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
- (3)(181100H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 639830, a suspected enemy base camp.
 - (b) At YS 634827, a suspected enemy base camp.
 - (c) At YS 599805, an enemy base camp also a garden in the area.
- (4)(181210H) At YS 658772, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Six bunkers destroyed and four bunkers damaged.
- (5)(181452H) At YS 563783, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and one bunker damaged.
- (6)(181545H) At YS 646762, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and 20 metres of trench exposed.
- (7)(181630H) At YS 644763, VR sighted three possible tunnel entrances.
- (8)(181700H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 643750, a base camp and fresh track activity.
 - (b) At YS 736729, rice growing in a clearing and three bundles of freshly picked rice.
 - (c) At YS 817694, fresh tracks from a boat-unloading area.
 - (d) At YS 797698, one new hut.
 - (e) At YS 797697, a paddy being harvested.
 - (f) At YS 772692, three huts.
 - (g) At YS 761696, gardens.
 - (h) At YS 760698, paddies.
 - (i) At YS 750697, an enemy base camp with tracks leading to it from a well at YS 758695.
 - (j) At YS 755695 and YS 758699, corn gardens being harvested.
 - (k) At YS 773703, a hut.
 - (l) At YS 772705, two huts and fresh foot tracks.
 - (m) At YS 768713, a hut with fresh track activity in area.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

- (1) LATE ENTRY (171630H) At YS 450578, a patrol from 717 RF Coy engaged an estimated ten enemy with SA fire. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); two M2 carbines captured. The enemy withdrew WEST.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	71
KIA (POSS)	-	4
WIA	-	3
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	27
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	62
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 18 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Two People Sniffer missions were flown during the reporting period.

(1)(181230H) Area YS 6188 - 6192 - 6688 - 6692. 13 maximum readings were recorded.

(2)(181500H) Area YS 3268 - 3271 - 3468 - 3471. There were no readouts.

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ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY
AS AT 181200 H OCT 68

General

1. During the past week there have been 16 contacts with 1 ATF elements, resulting in 19 enemy KIA (BC). All but three of these contacts occurred in the Eastern Border Area.

EASTERN BORDER AREA

2. Thirteen minor contacts with enemy forces were reported this week during Op CAPITAL. Several base camps and caches have been found, including one camp at YS 5592 consisting of 30 bunkers and weapons pits.

3. A People Sniffer mission flown at 171100 H recorded five hotspots at YS 653907 - 619908 - 624905 - 613874 and YS 626874. Unfortunately, no counter-action was possible as low cloud and rain precluded air strikes and later VR, and a re-deployment of heavy artillery at XUAN LOC prevented fire missions by 175mm guns. A second People Sniffer mission recorded two hotspots at YS 619908 and YS 612902 at 181300 H, plus extensive bunkers at YS 612902.

4. It appears that enemy troops have moved out of the operational area towards the NORTHEAST and SOUTHEAST with some minor elements moving to the SOUTHWEST.

5. At 170845 H at YS 567906, A Coy 3 RAR killed three enemy (BC). Documents captured at this contact tentatively identify 2 Coy 2 Bn 274 VC Regt and Infiltration Group 2004. The enemy dead were identified as NVA.

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6. Nothing to report.

HAT DICH

7. 1 ATF LRRPs had two contacts with enemy elements in this area resulting in three enemy KIA (BC). No identification was possible. Agent and LRRP reports continue to note extensive enemy movement, including numerous oxcarts along the engineer trails.

NUI THI VAI - ROUTE 15

8. Apart from extensive oxcart activity, nothing to report.

LONG DIEN - DAT DO

9. There were two contacts each at LONG DIEN and DAT DO with unidentified enemy elements. On 12 Oct 68, LONG DIEN District HQ compound was engaged with SA and RPG-2 fire by some 3-4 enemy. No casualties. On 14 Oct 68 PRU ambushed 11 enemy, killing two (BC). On 12 Oct 68 elements of 1/48 ARVN made two contacts with unidentified enemy elements SOUTHEAST and SOUTHWEST of DAT DO. Results were six enemy KIA (BC), friendly casualties were eight ARVN KIA and 23 WIA, and one US KIA and one WIA.

LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN - LONG HAI

10. Nothing to report.

ROUTE 328 - THUA TICH

11. Enemy track activity continued along Route 328; a 1 ATF LRRP killed three enemy (BC) on 16 Oct 68 just SOUTH of BAU HAM (YS 6883).

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CONCLUSIONS

12. Enemy Main Force units will continue to avoid major contact unless required to act in accordance with long term plans ordered by COSVN. Rear Services 84 will endeavour to conceal their logistic activities, dump^s and caches, and to retain a capability to support the Main Forces. Local Force and District Companies will continue to launch attacks against District HQs, isolated posts and to try to maintain their interdiction of ROUTES 15, 2 and 23. Local Guerillas can be expected to attempt minor harassing and delaying tactics but not to fight any major actions.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 292-68.
2. Period covered from 190001 H to 192400 H Oct 68.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(190750 H). At YS 573987, 2/A/3 RAR contacted one enemy moving SOUTH along a track. An estimated one platoon of enemy re-acted with a well co-ordinated flank attack using RPGs and machineguns. Artillery and two LFTs supported the friendly force and contact was broken after 20 minutes. Results: Enemy - Seven KIA (BC); AUST - Two WIA (DOW), six WIA.
 - (2)190810 H). At YS 577898, A/3 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (POSS). There were no friendly casualties.
 - (3)(191130 H). At YS 564834, 2/V/4 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.
 - (4)(191200 H). At YS 460775 and YS 447721, A/3 Cav detained two persons who were handed over to civil authorities.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(190850 H). VR sighted the following:
 - (a) At YS 787756, an enemy base camp with six bunkers, in good condition but not recently used.
 - (b) At YS 632859, considerable track activity to the SONG RAI.
 - (2)(191300 H). VR sighted the following:
 - (a) At YS 536558, a well used base camp, which was engaged by LFT and artillery. Results: Three huts and one bunker destroyed, three bunkers exposed.
 - (b) At YS 552567, a small recently used enemy base camp.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(190115 H). At VUNG TAU (YS 3048) an estimated 20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire was received. Rounds impacted on 36th Engr Bn, a Petrol Point, the RD Compound and in a civilian hamlet. Results: 11 US WIA, 1 ROK WIA, six civilians KIA and 15 civilians WIA.
 - (2)(190130 H). At YS 276656, elements from SONG-BE Sub-sector engaged two enemy seen digging near a bridge. The enemy withdrew EAST with unknown result. There were no friendly casualties.
 - (3)(190200 H). At YS 258612, Naval units engaged an estimated 50 enemy on shore and in sampans. Results: 11 enemy KIA (BC), nine enemy KIA (POSS). One sampan exploded. Captured were one SOVIET sighting device and a quantity of PE.
 - (4)(191057 H). At YS 277570, 2/43 ARVN found 37 wooden tripods, electrical wire, burnt launchers and rocket covers. Defensive positions had been prepared in the area.
 - (5)(192055 H). At YS 365608, two squads of 577 RF Coy engaged two enemy. Results: One enemy WIA. Captured were one grenade and one flag.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

(a)	Omitted.		
(b)	KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
	Ground Forces	7	1
(c)	Omitted.		
(d)	Detainees - 2		
(e)	- (f) Omitted.		
(g)	Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.		
	(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	- 78	
	Enemy KIA (POSS)	- 5	
	WIA	8	
	KBA (POSS)	2	
	(2) PW	1	
	Detainees	29	
	Hoi Chanh	Nil	
	(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 62	

- (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 1
- (5) Tons of rice captured - 25.5
- (6) Tons of rice destroyed - 21.2
- (7) - (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report "Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" of 18 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. (1) LATE ENTRY. (181630 H). The following co-ordinates were engaged by 175mm guns as a result of People Sniffer missions flown on 18 Oct 68:
 YS 624905 - YS 619908 - YS 612902 - YS 653913 - YS 613874 - YS 626874. There was no BDA.

(2)(191000 H). A People Sniffer mission recorded three maximum readings in the area YS 2572 - YS 2582 - YS 2972 - YS 2982, at YS 279783, YS 279787 and YS 282783.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 293-68.
- 2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Oct 68.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(200735H) At YS 330612, A/3 Cav reported two craters 10 ft wide and four ft deep. The road was still passable.
- (2)(201328H) At YS 565830, 12/D/4RAR were engaged by an unknown number of enemy. Results: One Aust KIA. Arty engaged the area with unknown results.
- (3)(201705H) At YS 568828, 1/V/4RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Result: One NZ WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

b-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Ground Forces
(Not during reporting period)

Possible
9 (See para 11)

c-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	78
KIA (POSS)	-	14
WIA	-	8
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	29
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	62
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 18 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Intsum No 292-68:-

- (1) Para 3 a. (1). Amend grid reference of contact to read YS 571899 and enemy casualties add Nine enemy KIA (POSS).
- (2) Para 3 a. (2). Amend grid reference to read YS 575896.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 294-68.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(211630H) At YS 546800, 10/D/4RAR located a squad sized enemy base camp used approx 14 days ago. Recovered from the camp were eight AR-15 mags (complete with ammo), one smoke grenade and a quantity of used morphine containers.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(211155H) At YS 516835, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: One trail cut in two places.
 - (2)(211225H) At YS 657779, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and one structure destroyed.
 - (3)(211400H) At YS 636776, FAC sighted a tunnel entrance.
 - (4)(211400H) At YS 657773, FAC sighted an underground bunker system.
 - (5)(211400H) At YS 750697, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - (6)(211545H) At YS 463814, VR sighted a number of persons building a roadblock on Route 2. On being seen the persons moved SOUTH along the road.
 - (7)(211620H) At YS 772692, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Three structures destroyed and two damaged.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(210602H) At BINH BA Post (YS 4474), an unknown number of enemy fired five rounds of mortar; none of which landed in the post. There were no friendly casualties.
 - (2)(211950H) At YS 470780, a PF ambush squad fired on an enemy squad. There were no friendly casualties and the enemy withdrew with unknown losses.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a-f. Omitted.
 - g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.
No change to Intsum No 293-68.
- 5-8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 18 Oct 68.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. One People Sniffer mission was flown from 1100 to 1300H.
 - (1) Area YS 5879 - 5885 - 6079 - 6085. Eight maximum readings were recorded.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 295-68.
- 2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Oct 68.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(221109H) At YS 564800, 11/D/4RAR contacted six enemy in a squad sized base camp. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA; one SKS rifle and a quantity of medical supplies and documents captured. Remaining enemy withdrew NORTH.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(220935H) At YS 298798, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

(2)(221218H) At YS 685901, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker, three caves and one spider hole destroyed and three caves damaged.

(3)(221330H) VR sighted:-

(a) At YS 640832, rice being harvested.

(b) At YS 641830, a recently used base camp.

(c) At YS 647828, an old base camp.

(d) At YS 650820, a well prepared base camp mostly below ground.

(4)(221440H) At YS 554915, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and one trail cut.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	2
WIA by	
Ground Forces	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	80
KIA (POSS)	-	14
WIA	-	9
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	29
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	63
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 18 Oct 68.

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- (3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 67
- (4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 1
- (5) Tons of Rice Captured - 25.5
- (6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 21.2
- (7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 18 Oct 68.

11. Omitted.

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1. Heavy Weapons Losses - A - (1) Individual (1)
 2. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68
 37 - (1) Heavy KIA (10)
 11 - KIA (102)
 2 - KIA
 2 - KIA (102)
 1 - KIA
 23 - KIA
 11 - KIA

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

During the past week enemy initiated activity continued at a low level both in frequency and intensity. The enemy continued with his attempt to avoid contact with friendly forces by operations and refused to initiate any major combat actions.

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Between 15-19 October, flights along the Cambodian border NW of TAY BINH City revealed a significant increase in enemy logistic activity with sightings of crates, trucks, trucks around areas and signs of considerable vehicular movement. The evaluation of this activity is that elements of the 9th VC Division have been engaged on extensive resupply in preparation for future tactical operations, also enemy war stocks in War Zone "U" have probably been replenished.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past week enemy initiated activity continued at a low level both in frequency and intensity. The enemy continued with his attempt to avoid contact with friendly forces on sweep operations and refused to initiate any major combat actions.

2. Between 12-14th October, visual reconnaissance flights along the Cambodian border WNW of TAY NINH City revealed a significant increase in enemy logistic activity with sightings of crates, truck turn around areas and signs of considerable vehicular movement. The evaluation of this activity is that elements of the 9th VC Division have been engaged on extensive resupply in preparation for future tactical operations, also enemy war stocks in War Zone "C" have probably been replenished.

3. Statistics for the week ending 19th October showed that there were 55 enemy initiated ground actions, 16 mortar attacks and 3 rocket attacks for the week compared to 88 enemy initiated ground actions and 20 mortar attacks during the previous period.

Enemy Locations

4. During the week there were no confirmed reports of major relocations of enemy forces. There have been recent reports that the 1st NVA Division has entered the III Corps Tactical Zone and is currently operating in Northern PHUOC LONG Province, but there has been no verification of these reports. The present analysis on the probable locations of enemy divisions and regiments is:

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	War Zone "C".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of the CRESCENT (XT 4053)
88th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly in SE War Zone "C".
275th VC Inf Regt	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	N of LOC NINH in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	NE of LOC NINH.
141st NVA Inf Regt	NE of LOC NINH.
165th NVA Inf Regt	Elements dispersed NW of AN LOC.
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	Unlocated, probably NW of TAY NINH City, in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
271st VC Inf Regt	NNW of TAY NINH City, in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
272nd VC Inf Regt	NNW of TAY NINH City, in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
273rd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed in base areas N of NUI BA DEN.
174th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, elements NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Probably in the vicinity of BOI LOI Woods.
<u>268th VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed in TRANG BANG area.
<u>274th VC Inf Regt</u>	Unlocated, possibly dispersed in Southern LONG KHANH Province.
<u>CU CHI VC Inf Regt</u>	Probably in the FILHOL Plantation area.
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed between TAN UYEN and LAI THIEU.
<u>THU DUC VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed in the THU DUC area.

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Assessment of Enemy Intentions

5. It is assessed that all of the enemy main force regiments in the Northern III CTZ are now combat effective and have the option of conducting attacks against various targets in TAY NINH, BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG Provinces. Sub-regional forces around SAIGON have avoided contact during the week, but they will attempt to maintain pressure on the CMD by harassment, terrorism and interdiction of lines of communication.

6. Present indications are that the enemy plans to initiate a widespread "Fourth Phase" offensive early in November, but the timing will be affected by both friendly operations and weather conditions. According to PWs and ralliers, the "Fourth Phase" offensive will probably be prolonged and "may extend into late December". It can be expected that the enemy will increase his propaganda and political efforts in an attempt to alienate the people from the present government.

7. According to available intelligence, the enemy plans to make the next phase a determined military effort in an attempt to cause the United States to withdraw from the war, the Government of SOUTH VIETNAM to fall and a coalition government to be formed.

Enemy Losses

8. For the week, there were 357 enemy KIA (BC), 137 PWs and 331 individual weapons and 23 crew-served weapons captured. There were 79 returnees (Hoi Chanh), and 21 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

Friendly Activity

9. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) the results for the week were:-Enemy losses: 229 KIA, 156 detainees, 3 returnees; 248 SA, 12 crew-served weapons, 2,930 SA rounds, 41 HE rounds, 6 grenades, 2 mines, 3.60 tons of rice, .15 tons of miscellaneous food and .02 tons of salt were captured; 1 crew-served weapon, 11 booby traps, 17 mines, 14 sampans, 162 grenades, 188 HE rounds, 4,700 SA rounds and .53 tons of salt were destroyed. Friendly losses: 17 KIA, 148 WIA; 3 helicopters, 2 tanks, 9 ACAVs and 1 AVLB damaged; 1 SA and 1 crew-served weapon lost; 1 helicopter and 3 ACAVs were destroyed.

(C) Other Information

10. Rocket Attack on VUNG TAU. Between 0115H and 0130H on 19th October the VUNG TAU Special Zone came under attack from 122mm rockets which were fired from a launching site on LONG SON Island (vic YS 269564). A total of 14 impact points have been accounted for, and the results of the attack were: 6 civilians killed, 7 wounded; 1 RD cadre KIA, 1 WIA; US Army 4 WIA. Five civilian houses were damaged with no damage to military installations.

11. Following the rocket attack, at 0215H, in the vicinity of YS 258 612, PBRs intercepted a large sampan with 15-20 enemy on board. The sampan was fired upon and a secondary explosion occurred. Results: 11 enemy KIA (BC); weapons, equipment and documents captured.

12. Information obtained from a rallier states that he was a member of 6 Coy, 2 Bn, 84A Regt, and he had been involved in the rocket attack from LONG SON against VUNG TAU on 19th October. He reported that five 122mm rocket tubes were used and six rounds were fired from each totalling 30 rockets. After the firing, the party departed LONG SON by sampan to return by river to their northern camp area, however, the sampan was intercepted and sunk by PBRs in vic YS 258 612. There were 30 persons on the sampan, and the rallier felt that most were killed while he escaped and hid in the swamps for 2½ days before he decided to surrender as a Chu Hoi (returnee).

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Section 2 SOUTH VIETNAM (excl III CTZ) and NORTH VIETNAM(A) Enemy Activity

13. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased this week. Preliminary reports indicate that there were 9 attacks in I Corps; there were 5 attacks in II Corps; and there were 8 attacks in IV Corps.

(B) Friendly Activity

14. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 13 FW and 14 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 526 enemy KIA against 36 friendly KIA.

15. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 FW and 21 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 56 enemy KIA against 8 friendly KIA.

16. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were 2 US and 66 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 334 enemy KIA against 17 friendly KIA.

(C) Other Information

17. Deteriorating Enemy Morale in IV Corps. Since the beginning of October there has been a marked upsurge in the number of ralliers in IV CTZ. The average for the month is a the very high rate of 29 per day compared with the average of 19 per day from 1 January to 30 September.

18. PWs captured in IV Corps on 16 October stated that the commander of the 261B VC Main Force Battalion had assembled the remnants of the battalion, collected their weapons and disbanded the battalion. This battalion is known to have suffered at least 138 KIA through B-52 strikes and follow-up sweeps between 5-7th October.

19. The combination of the disbandment of a MF battalion, and failure to reassign personnel together with the confiscation of weapons, and a marked rise in ralliers indicates that there has been a considerable deterioration in the enemy's morale.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

20. The number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 188 to 182. The number of operations with contact decreased from 93 to 83. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 1821 (adjusted) to 1243.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

VIETNAM DIGEST

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated actions again declined this week, and these actions were distributed throughout the III CTZ. No major relocations of enemy forces were detected.
2. The enemy continued to avoid contact, while friendly forces on sweep operations continued to uncover caches of food, medicines and ordnance stocks.
3. Statistics for the week ending 12th October showed that there were 88 enemy initiated ground actions compared to 91 for the previous week. There were also 20 mortar attacks compared to 19 rocket and mortar attacks in the previous week. There were no rocket attacks reported in III Corps for the week. Details of some of the enemy initiated actions for the week are:-

a. At 060908H, XT 718857, in BINH LONG Province, A/1-4th Cav, 1st US Inf Div received SA fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons. Results 24 enemy KIA; 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. At 061330H, XT 707849, A/1-4th Cav also received 8 rounds of RPG fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team and airstrikes. Results: 19 enemy KIA; 2 US WIA.

b. At 070850H, XT 554247, in BINH DUONG Province, A & B/2-12th Inf, 25th US Inf Div received SA, AW and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and a light fire team. Results: 67 NVA KIA and 6 NVA PW; 8 US KIA and 6 US WIA.

c. At 080050H, XT 552248, in BINH DUONG Province, A & B/2-12th Inf and B & D/3-187th Inf received SA, AW, M-79, RPG and 35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and a light fire team. Results 72 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW ; 7 US WIA.

d. At 111250H, XS 755647, in LONG AN Province, E/2-39th Inf, 9th US Inf Div received SA and AW fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, gunships and airstrikes. At 1345H reinforcements were inserted and the enemy finally broke contact at 1800H. Results: 52 enemy KIA; 5 US KIA and 2 US WIA.

e. At 110715H, XT 529224, in HAU NGHIA Province, A & D/2-12th Inf, 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, a light fire team, and airstrikes. Results: 24 enemy KIA; 1 US WIA.

Enemy Locations

4. With the continued lull in enemy initiated activity, there has been little positive identification of enemy main force elements during the week, and the present analysis on the probably locations of enemy divisional and regimental forces is:-

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	War Zone "C".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly SW of DAU TIENG.
88th NVA Inf Regt	Dispersed W of the MICHELIN Plantation.
275th VC Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly in War Zone "C".
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	N of LOC NINH vicinity of Cambodian border.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	Dispersed NE of LOC NINH.
141st NVA Inf Regt	Elements NE of LOC NINH.
165th NVA Inf Regt	Elements dispersed NW of AN LOC.

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9th VC Div HQ NW of TAY NINH City, vicinity of the Cambodian border.
271st VC Inf Regt Western War Zone "C", vicinity of the Cambodian border.
272nd VC Inf Regt NW of TAY NINH City, vicinity of the Cambodian border.
273rd VC Inf Regt Elements dispersed NW of NUI BA DEN.
174th NVA Inf Regt Elements NW of MICHELIN Plantation.

101st NVA Inf Regt Possibly in vicinity of BOI LOI Woods.

268 VC Inf Regt NW of CU CHI.

274th VC Inf Regt Unlocated, possibly dispersed in Southern LONG KHAN Province.

CU CHI VC Inf Regt Possibly in the FILHOL Plantation area.

DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Dispersed between TAN UYEN and LAI THIEU.

THU DUC VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the THU DUC area.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

5. The present lack of significant enemy action indicates that the enemy is analysing his recent failures and also planning for future major offensive actions.

6. It is assessed that both the 5th VC and 7th NVA divisions have both had time to refit and absorb replacements, and both divisions are fully combat ready and capable of mounting attacks in the Northern III CTZ. The most likely targets are the fire support bases around TAY NINH City, THIEN NGON, KATUM, LOC NINH and AN LOC. THE 273rd regiment of the 9th division is also believed to be combat ready, but the other regiments are probably engaged on regrouping and refitting.

7. Around SAIGON, the sub-regional forces have been unable to coordinate in any significant activity, and they have been subjected to constant friendly force sweep operations which have kept the enemy off-balance by inflicting heavy casualties and causing serious logistics and morale problems. on 7/8th October, the 101st NVA Inf Regt suffered 147 KIA NE of TRANG BANG in sub-region 1.

8. Captured documents have stopped referring to a "climaxing offensive" and documents and PW's are now beginning to refer to a "Fourth" offensive and a "Winter-Spring" campaign. There have also been reports that the morale of enemy soldiers has been weakened through their recent defeats, and civilian sympathizers have expressed the conviction that the Allies were too strong to defeat militarily. However, it is expected that attacks in the NORTH of the III CTZ could be resumed at any time, and prior to the US elections early in November, a determined effort could be made to launch a major offensive against SAIGON. It is certain that the enemy will try to strengthen his infrastructure in order to improve his political bargaining position at the PARIS Peace Talks.

Enemy Losses

9. For the week, there were 668 enemy KIA (BC), 81 PWs and 416 individual weapons and 115 crew-served weapons captured. There were 60 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 32 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

Friendly Activity

10. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) the results for the week were: Enemy losses :- 538 KIA, 210 detainees, 5 returnees, 298 SA, 40 crew-served weapons, 30,970 SA rounds, 269 HE rounds, 112 grenades, 14 mines, 3 122mm RKT motors, 3 122mm RKT warheads, 1 122mm RKT and 13.02 tons of rice were captured; 191,800 SA rounds, 1155 HE rounds, 2060 grenades, 36 sampans, 145 mines, 17 booby traps, 1 SA, 13.04 tons of rice and .02 tons of salt were destroyed. Friendly losses: 44 KIA, 213 WIA; 3 helicopters, 1 tank, 1 APC

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and 1 ACAV damaged; 1 helicopter, 1 APC, 2 ACAV and 2 trucks destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 67 large unit operations resulting in 110 enemy KIA against 31 ARVN KIA.

(C) Other Information

11. COSVN Policy Directive. An agent reports that during a conversation with a member of the COSVN (Central Office for SOUTH VIETNAM) Staff, he was told of the issuance of a policy directive to all forward headquarters. Among the points covered were:-

a. The 4th (sic) general offensive will coincide with the November elections.

b. The 5th, 7th and 9th divisions have been ordered to relocate to their base areas in War Zones "C" and "D", plus a few units have been ordered to CAMBODIA. Once within these bases, the units were to receive replacements and political training.

c. Local Force units have been ordered to conduct harassing attacks against US and ARVN base camps.

d. Rocket and mortar attacks were to be mounted against Allied base camps and also the SAIGON area.

12. Captured PWs have also mentioned the use of Local Force units to create one or more "Approach Corridors" which will be used by the divisions as they move against the Capital. In one instance, a PW stated that his unit's mission was to attack base camps in HAU NGHIA Province in an effort to support units moving from BA THU (XT 2604 - BASE AREA 367, CAMBODIA) to SAIGON. (EXTRACT from COMNAVFORV INTSUM 243-68).

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

(A) Enemy Activity

13. For the week ending 12th October, preliminary reports indicate that there were 9 attacks in I Corps; there were 9 attacks and 1 ambush in II Corps; and there were 6 attacks in IV Corps.

(B) Friendly Activity

14. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 15 FW and 14 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1121 enemy KIA against 72 friendly KIA.

15. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 FW and 15 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 126 enemy KIA against 9 friendly KIA.

16. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were 2 US and 70 ARVN large unit operations which resulted in 244 enemy KIA against 30 friendly KIA.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

17. The number of friendly large unit operations increased from 181 to 188. The number of operations with contact decreased from 96 to 93. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 1810 (adjusted) to 1527.

1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 297-68.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(240905H) At YS 545773, 3/A/3 Cav located and destroyed a crop of rice and corn, also a shelter which had been used recently.
 - (2)(241200H) At YS 561851, Arty fire produced a secondary explosion.
 - (3)(241310H) At YS 779707, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted one enemy moving SOUTHWEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one M1 carbine and a quantity of documents captured. During extraction ac received SA and RPG fire. LFT engaged the area resulting in one enemy KBA (BC).
 - (4)(241600H) At YS 366868, a 1 ATF LRRP sighted 18 enemy at a range of 600 metres armed with three long barrelled weapons moving WEST to EAST along a track. Arty and LFT engaged area and an airstrike was conducted with unknown results. Patrol was extracted.
 - (5)(241900H) At YS 446720, 1 ARU MAT Team detained a female suspect who was handed over to civil authorities.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(240300H) At YS 636776, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.
 - (2)(240815H) At YS 265805, VR sighted three enemy wearing black and carrying large packs heading WEST.
 - (3)(240910H) At YS 650820, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and ten metres of trench uncovered.
 - (4)(241100H) At YS 661820, VR sighted six huts and pits also fresh tracks in area.
 - (5)(241106H) At YS 640832, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two bunkers damaged and one structure destroyed.
 - (6)(241209H) At YS 333882, 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 50 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (7)(241340H) At YS 789712, VR sighted five huts and one possible built up bunker. Large earthenware pots were seen outside huts and three lots of food drying in a clearing. One enemy was seen outside a hut and an airstrike called in. After airstrike food in clearing had been camouflaged.
 - (8)(241450H) At YS 781708, VR sighted a possible occupied enemy base camp.
 - (9)(241515H) At YS 789712, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (10)(241536H) At YS 789712, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed and two structures damaged.
 - (11)(241651H) At YS 360820, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (12)(241742H) At YS 570901, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 20% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed.
 - (13)(241815H) In vic YS 3897, VR sighted bunkers, trenches and recently used tracks in area of coffee plantation.

c. Secondary Explosions.

- (1) (a) Friendly arty
- (b) 105mm
- (c) One
- (d) Unknown
- (e) White
- (f) Unknown

d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	1
KBA by LFT	1

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 1 (female).

Detainee Report for Week Ending 232400H Oct 68.

Total Detained - 4 Released as Innocent Civilians - 2
 Handed to Civil Authorities for further investigation - 2

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	88
KIA (POSS)	-	14
WIA	-	9
KBA (BC)	-	1
KBA (POSS)	-	2
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	30
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	68
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 18 Oct 68.

11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 298-68.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(250903H) At YS 548777, 2/A/1RAR found a recently vacated shelter with signs of use by an estimated enemy squad.
 - (2)(251020H) At YS 549776, 2/A/1RAR found one M2 carbine and a quantity of SA ammo.
 - (3)(251300H) At YS 582868, D/4RAR located two very old rifles (a SPRINGFIELD and a MOSIN NAGANT).
 - (4)(251500H) At YS 566773, C Sqn found a highly developed, two level tunnel complex which showed signs of recent use. CS gas was detected at one tunnel entrance.
 - (5)(251820H) At YS 553773, 1/A/1RAR contacted five enemy who withdrew in a northerly direction with unknown losses.
 - (6)(251840H) At YS 223823, 9/C/3RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(250825H) At YS 641830, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: One enemy WBA; one bunker destroyed.
 - (2)(250900H) At YS 682834, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and one bunker uncovered.
 - (3)(250900H) At YS 674832, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Three platforms destroyed.
 - (4)(251220H) At YS 599805, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two structures destroyed.
 - (5)(251300H) VR sighted bunkers at YS 607915, 610596, 610870, 636884, 636857, 644902.
 - (6)(251438H) At YS 787756, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. There was no BDA.
 - (7)(251315H) At YS 613800, a RAAF ac received five rounds of SA fire from an unknown number of enemy. There were no hits on the ac. LFT engaged the area with unknown results.
 - (8)(251445H) At YS 789712, VR sighted an enemy base camp with at least three huts.
 - (9)(251650H) At YS 610882, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged and ten metres of trench destroyed.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.
 - (1)(251200H) At YS 182865, a squad sized post and at YS 175866, a pl sized post of 462 RF Coy and 452 RF Coy were attacked by an estimated coy sized enemy force using SA, AW and RPG's. Fire was returned and LFT, Tac Air and arty supported. Contact broke at 1400H. At 1430H an ARVN and PF Reaction force arrived and swept the area. Results: Seven RF KIA, one RF WIA, one civ WIA. One BAR, three carbines and one PRC-10 radio were lost. The enemy withdrew with unknown losses.

(2)(251730H) At YS 457749, elements of 655 RF Coy contacted an estimated enemy squad attempting to mine the road. Contact broke at 1800H. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties are unknown. Captured were one rifle, one rifle grenade adaptor and one roll of electric wire. The enemy withdrew EAST.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	1
WBA by	
USAF	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 3

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	89
KIA (POSS)	-	14
WIA	-	9
KBA (BC)	-	1
KBA (POSS)	-	2
WBA	-	1
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	30
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	71
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	1
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 25 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. One People Sniffer mission was flown from 1300 - 1500H.

(1) Area YS 6186 - 6194 - 6686 - 6694. Eight maximum readouts were recorded at:- YS 622937 - 652935 - 659883 - 623886 - 645917 - 662915 - 663923 - 664934.

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ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY
AS AT 251200 H OCT 68

General

1. During the past week there have been eight contacts by 1 ATF elements resulting in 18 enemy KIA (BC) and nine KIA (POSS).

EASTERN BORDER AREA

2. Six contacts with enemy forces were reported this week during OP CAPITAL, including one well co-ordinated flank attack on 19 Oct 68 by an enemy platoon against 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR at YS 571899.

3. At 221109 H Oct 68 at YS 546800, D/4 RAR contacted six enemy in a small base camp and killed two (BC). One was identified as a member of K8. D 440 LF Bn, and the other was a medic from 84 Rear Services Group.

4. People Sniffer read-outs reported hot-spots in YS 5987, YS 6188 and YS 6191 on 23 Oct 68.

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5. Nothing to report.

HAT DICH

6. A sighting was made at YS 366868 at 241630 H Oct 68 of 18-20 enemy, dressed in dark clothing, (some carrying bushes) moving from WEST to EAST across an old fire support base. The enemy were engaged by airstrikes (Napalm and bombs), LFT and BLACKHORSE artillery, but with unknown results. However, napalm was seen to fall on one group of enemy.

7. It is evident that the enemy is making use of lateral routes in this area, which lies between his two traditional base areas of the HAT DICH and THUA TICH.

8. 1 ATF LRRPs have reported extensive enemy range practices/rehearsals in the NORTHERN HAT DICH, which included medium mortars, RCL, HMG, AW, RPG and SA fire for extended periods. It could be 84A or Sub-Region 4 forces who are conducting these range practices.

9. A HOI CHANH from 2 Bn 84A NVA Arty Regt, who surrendered to GVN authorities at LANG PHUOC HOA (YS 2862) on 23 Oct 68, stated that his unit was based in vicinity YS 2782 on 17 Oct 68. On that date his company moved via THAI THIEN, and then sampan to LONG SON ISLAND, from where they fired 122mm rockets at VUNG TAU on the night 18/19 Oct 68. His group consisted of 30 men: 17 were killed shortly after the rocketting by naval gunfire, and the remainder scattered into the mangroves of the RSSZ. A second member of 84A NVA Arty Regt surrendered to GVN authorities, at AP LONG CAT (YS 2961) on 24 Oct 68. Both are now under interrogation at XUAN LOC.

DUC THANH

10. There were two minor incidents reported in this area. At 210602 H Oct 68, BINH BA Post (YS 4474) received five rounds of mortar fire and at 211950 H Oct 68, a PF ambush fired on an enemy squad at YS 470780. There were no friendly casualties and enemy losses are unknown.

NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15

11. At 192055 H Oct 68 at YS 365608, two squads of 577 RF Coy contacted two enemy and wounded one without loss. Route 15 was reported cratered but passable to traffic at YS 330612 at 200735 H Oct 68.

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12. At 231830 H Oct 68 the I & R Pl ambushed an enemy squad at YS 45573. One enemy KIA (BC), two enemy WIA; one AK-47 captured. The enemy withdrew SOUTH.

LONG HAI - LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN

13. Nothing to report.

ROUTE 328 - THUA TICH

14. Enemy track activity continued probably as a result of his re-deployment of 84 Rear Services, Provincial administrative and political cadres who are known to be normally located in this area.

CONCLUSIONS

15. Enemy forces are continuing to avoid contact but are prepared to stand and fight whenever they are cornered as shown by the sharp re-action to the patrols of A Coy 3 RAR. 274 VC Regt is well trained, well equipped, and is familiar with the area. However, it has been kept on the run for weeks by our operations and has been subjected to heavy and continuous airstrikes and artillery fire, in addition to ground actions.

16. 274 VC Regt has probably dispersed into unit or coy groups. It needs time now to re-group and re-supply before it can undertake major actions. The Regimental Commander may decide to move WEST to the HAT DICH, EAST to the MAY TAO, or NORTH into SOUTHERN LONG KHANH Province.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 299-68.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(260805H) At YS 573865, 1/V/4RAR contacted an estimated 20 enemy moving WEST to EAST. Enemy were dressed in greens, webbing and packs, some wore camouflaged dress. Enemy withdrew EAST and NORTHEAST with unknown results.
 - (2)(260810H) At YS 3761, C Sqn with Det 1 Div Int Unit conducted a Selective Pick-up operation. Results: One enemy liaison cadre, one nurse, two enemy supply personnel and one enemy suspect detained and handed to civil authorities.
 - (3)(261005H) Between YS 548776 and 552776, C/1 Armd Regt located and destroyed a quantity of planted corn, peanuts and tobacco.
 - (4)(261020H) At YS 549776, 2/V/4RAR found one 44 gal drum containing a rifle bolt and a quantity of SA ammo. One M2 carbine less bolt was found in area.
 - (5)(261030H) At YS 552777, C/1 Armd Regt found and destroyed one bunker with OHC.
 - (6)(261620H) At YS 516884, 3/W/4RAR sighted three enemy moving to the EAST and another group of unknown strength to the WEST. The two groups engaged each other resulting in one enemy WIA (blood trail). The first group withdrew EAST and the other group WEST.
 - (7)(262000H) At YS 543767, 1RAR reported two enemy on their perimeter. The area was engaged by arty, mortars and SA with unknown results.
 - (8)(262045H) At YS 224823, an ambush patrol from 3RAR engaged five enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and a pack captured. Late report reveals one enemy KIA (POSS).
- b. Air Activity.
- (1)(260745H) At YS 293552, VR sighted one sampan heading SOUTHEAST downstream with three people aboard. The sampan landed one person on the NORTHWEST bank and continued its journey.
 - (2)(260750H) At YS 267579, VR sighted one hut. Also six fresh trenches and well used tracks running EAST to WEST were seen in the area.
 - (3)(260805H) VR sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 266578, five bunkers.
 - (b) At YS 264576, five bunkers.
 - (4)(260910H) At YS 610879, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged and 30 metres of trench uncovered.
 - (5)(260910H) At YS 283571, FAC engaged and sank one sampan leaving LONG SON Island whilst trying to mingle with a fishing fleet.
 - (6)(261150H) At YS 609916, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and one spider hole destroyed.
 - (7)(261230H) At YS 637883, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One secondary explosion.
 - (8)(261434H) At YS 637858, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: 15 fighting positions destroyed and ten damaged.
 - (9)(261533H) At YS 565902, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.

(10)(261555H) VR sighted:-

(a) At YS 685795, six huts in good condition.

(b) At YS 684793, two large bunkers with OHC, also recent foot tracks in area.

(11)(261600H) FAC sighted:-

(a) At YS 769694, one structure.

(b) At YS 769693, one structure in good condition.

(12)(261650H) At YS 514884, a VR ac received ground fire. There were no hits on the ac.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(260525H) At YS 424596, elements of 787 RF Coy reported a grenade thrown at an ambush party by an unknown number of enemy. Results: Three RF WIA. Enemy withdrew with unknown losses.

(2)(260910H) At YS 283571, Sector elements contacted an enemy squad with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces.	1	1

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 5

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 2

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 90

KIA (POSS) - 15

WIA - 9

KBA (BC) - 1

KBA (POSS) - 2

WBA - 1

(2) PW - 1

Detainees - 35

Hoi Chanh - Nil

(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 73

(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed - 1

(5) Tons of Rice Captured - 25.5

(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed - 21.2

(7) to (10) - Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 25 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. One People Sniffer mission was flown from 0830 to 1000H.

(1) Area YS 6677 - 6683 - 7077 - 7083. Five maximum readouts were recorded at YS 672825 - 673806 - 671788 - 659777 - 674778.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 300-68.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(270940H) At YS 427701, 1 ARU found two CHICOM stick grenades.
 - (2)(271132H) At YS 224827, 8/C/3RAR contacted three enemy dressed in grey with ARVN boots. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); a quantity of AK-47 ammo and documents captured.
 - (3)(271151H) At YS 569897, 2/V/4RAR contacted two enemy dressed in black. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and one pack captured. Enemy withdrew SOUTH.
 - (4)(271225H) From YS 541889 to YS 538887, 3/W/4RAR located a bn sized enemy base camp consisting of 200 bunkers, pits, communication trenches and two CP bunkers. It is estimated that the camp was used within the last seven days by 300-400 persons. One new and two old graves were found in the area.
 - (5)(271615H) At YS 569899, 11/D/4RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results. Recovered were one RPD Type 56, one spare barrel for CHICOM type 58, one cylindrical mag and a quantity of 7.62mm ammo.
 - (6)(271920H) At YS 240811, 12/D/3RAR contacted four enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (POSS). Enemy withdrew SOUTH.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(270835H) At YS 327904, an airstrike was conducted on a suspected enemy HQ. There was no BDA.
 - (2)(270909H) At YS 781708, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two structures destroyed.
 - (3)(270930H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 329818, four tunnel entrances.
 - (b) At YS 313840, one enemy near a tunnel entrance. LFT engaged area with unknown results.
 - (4)(271100H) VR reported:-
 - (a) In vic YS 6491, tracks of approx 100 persons moving SOUTHEAST to NORTHWEST.
 - (b) At YS 635913, a single strand rope bridge.
 - (5)(271225H) At YS 591821, FAC sighted an enemy base camp approx 50 metres square.
 - (6)(271240H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 753769, three huts and a bunker.
 - (b) At YS 749768, three bunkers.
 - (c) At YS 768767, two bunkers, a hut and pits.
 - (d) At YS 768763, five bunkers and pits.
 - (7)(271440H) At YS 789712, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 20% coverage. There was no BDA. VR observed five structures after the strike and signs of track activity.
 - (8)(271605H) At YS 610882, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed.
 - (9)(271635H) At YS 607885, FAC reported a fairly new enemy base camp.

(10)(271700H) At YS 482513, FAC reported a suspected enemy OP.

(11)(271923H) At YS 277844, VR reported an enemy base camp in good condition in an area previously bombed. There were numerous fresh tracks in area. One enemy wearing black was seen.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(271015H) At YS 655655, XUYEN MOC Int Coy ambushed an estimated coy of enemy. AW and SA fire were exchanged and contact broke at 1245H. The enemy withdrew SOUTHEAST. Results: Two RF WIA, two RF MIA and the District Chief MIA. One enemy KIA (BC) and one AK-47 captured.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces.	2	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 1

(2) Crew Served - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	- 92
KIA (POSS)	- 16
WIA	- 9
KBA (BC)	- 1
KBA (POSS)	- 2
WBA	- 1
(2) PW	- 1
Detainees	- 35
Hoi Chanh	- Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 74
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 2
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	- 25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	- 21.2
(7) to (10)	- Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 25 Oct 68.

11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 301-68.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(281230H) At YS 241799, D/3RAR located and destroyed 100 lbs of rice.
 - (2)(281507H) At YS 567905, 12/D/3RAR located a bunker complex of ten very old bunkers.
 - (3)(281950H) At YS 241800, 12/D/3RAR contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). Enemy withdrew WEST.
 - (4)(282110H) At YS 242796, D/3RAR located a cache consisting of 100 metres of plastic, six lbs of bar soap, two baskets, two bags of elastic bands and 11 new US ponchos. Cache was destroyed.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1)(281315H) At YS 359825, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: 36 fighting positions exposed.
 - (2)(281430H) At YS 661820, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two structures destroyed.
 - (3)(281550H) At YS 281833, VR reported an occupied enemy base camp.
 - (4)(281630H) At YS 281833, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Numerous weapon pits and bunkers uncovered and 50 metres of trench exposed.
 - (5)(281735H) At YS 280840, VR reported an occupied enemy base camp with weapon pits, bunkers and perimeter trenches.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. KIA by

Ground Forces	Confirmed 1
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 - c-f. Omitted.
 - g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	- 93
KIA (POSS)	- 16
WIA	- 9
KBA (BC)	- 1
KBA (POSS)	- 2
WBA	- 1
(2) PW	- 1
Detainees	- 35
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 74
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 2
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	- 25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	- 21.2
(7) to (10)	- Nil
- 5-8. Omitted.
- 9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 25 Oct 68.
11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 302-68.
2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were FIVE contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(290730H) D/3RAR reported:-

- (a) At YS 204834, a roadblock.
- (b) At YS 206831, a roadblock and a blown culvert.
- (c) At YS 208828, a roadblock and a blown culvert.
- (d) At YS 244759, a roadblock and a blown culvert.
- (e) At YS 245759, two holes six feet by 30 feet diameter.

(2)(290735H) At YS 289827, Aslt Pnr Pl/3RAR received light SA fire from an unknown number of enemy. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties are unknown.

(3)(290755H) At YS 253704, elements of A Sqn received AW fire from an estimated nine enemy. Two small CD mines were detonated from a range of 150 metres. There were no friendly casualties or damage. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction with unknown losses.

(4)(291005H) At YS 242795, 11/D/3RAR found 240 lbs of salt.

(5)(291145H) At YS 247804, 10/D/3RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy WIA. The enemy withdrew SOUTH.

(6)(291150H) At YS 565875, 9/C/4RAR contacted three enemy with unknown result. The enemy withdrew SOUTH.

(7)(291403H) At YS 247794, 10/D/3RAR contacted one enemy near a recently used bivouac area. The enemy withdrew EAST with unknown result.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(290830H) At YS 496506, VR sighted a new hut and ox-cart tracks.

(2)(290830H) At YS 688822, VR sighted five huts and fresh tracks in area.

(3)(291100H) At YS 685823, VR sighted two ox-carts. The area was engaged by arty. Results: Two ox-carts destroyed.

(4)(291100H) At YS 688822, VR sighted a base camp. The area was engaged by arty. Results: Four huts destroyed, one hut and one bunker damaged and one tunnel entrance collapsed.

(5)(291100H) At YS 693824, VR sighted a large base camp which showed signs of recent use.

(6)(291157H) At YS 760792, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.

(7)(291245H) At YS 608879, VR sighted one old bunker.

(8)(291300H) At YS 607885, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two bunkers, one weapon pit and one tunnel entrance destroyed.

(9)(291415H) At YS 742749, VR sighted a recently used base camp.

(10)(291658H) At YS 674803, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and ten metres of trench uncovered.

(11)(291740H) At YS 749768, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed and 100 metres of trench uncovered.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Ground Forces	Confirmed
Not during reporting period.	1 (See para 11)
WIA by	
Ground Forces	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(1) Individual - 1 (See para 11)

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	94
KIA (POSS)	-	16
WIA	-	10
KBA (BC)	-	1
KBA (POSS)	-	2
WBA	-	1
(2) PW	-	1
Detainees	-	35
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	75
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	2
(5) Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
(6) Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2
(7) to (10)	-	Nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 25 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Ref Intsum No 301-68:-

- (1) Para 3 a. (3):- Add one further enemy KIA (BC) and one M1 carbine destroyed.
- (2) Para 3 b. (4):- Delete YS 281833 and Insert YS 280840.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum Number 303-68.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Oct 68.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(300925H) At YS 609845, 3/A/1RAR found a coy sized enemy base camp. There were no signs of recent activity except by a possible caretaker group.
- (2)(300955H) At YS 248795, 10/D/3RAR contacted five enemy in a base camp with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties. The base camp of eight bunkers and a tunnel complex was destroyed.
- (3)(301010H) At YS 609837, 3/A/1RAR found an enemy water point.
- (4)(301110H) At YS 225837, 9/C/3RAR contacted two enemy, one of whom was wearing a steel helmet. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail); one AK-47 captured. Wounded enemy withdrew SOUTHEAST.
- (5)(301420H) At YS 635836, 10/D/1RAR found a bunker system suspected to be occupied.
- (6)(301500H) At YS 609854, A/1RAR destroyed one bunker and damaged 13 others.
- (7)(301500H) At YS 604854, 1/A/1RAR located an old enemy base camp.
- (8)(301903H) At YS 225823, A/3 Cav found a bunker system. Tracks to NORTHEAST indicated that a rice cache had been removed from the area in the past 48 hours.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(301050H) At YS 684885, FAC reported an enemy base camp of six huts, one bunker and 30 metres of trench.
- (2)(301118H) At YS 535861, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was no BDA.
- (3)(301130H) VR reported:-
 - (a) At YS 634787, a partly completed hut and two bunkers.
 - (b) At YS 693824, a small base camp.
- (4)(301156H) At YS 684885, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two structures damaged and ten metres of trench destroyed.
- (5)(301302H) At YS 299875, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and two bunkers damaged.
- (6)(301530H) At YS 334884, an LFT engaged an unknown number of persons in a river with unknown results.
- (7)(301653H) At YS 612917, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Three bunkers and one structure destroyed, one bunker and 50 metres of trench damaged.
- (8)(301720H) At YS 607844, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and one bunker damaged.
- (9)(301750H) At YS 607844, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Five bunkers destroyed and one bunker uncovered.

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- (10)(291830H) FAC sighted:-
 - (a) At YS 743765, an old base camp with numerous useable bunkers

(b) At YS 744772 and YS 746772, tunnel entrances and fox holes.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	1
WIA by	
Ground Forces	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.

(a) Individual - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

Enemy KIA (BC)	-	95
KIA (POSS)	-	16
WIA	-	11
KBA (BC)	-	1
KBA (POSS)	-	2
WBA	-	1
PW	-	1
Detainees	-	35
Hoi Chanh	-	Nil
Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	76
Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	-	2
Tons of Rice Captured	-	25.5
Tons of Rice Destroyed	-	21.2

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Int Report "Situation PHUOC TUY Province" dated 25 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. One People Sniffer mission was flown during the reporting period.

(1) Area YS 3084 - 3090 - 3484 - 3490. One hotspot was recorded at YS 334883.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 304-68.
2. Period covered from 310001 H to 312400 H Oct 68.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(310745 H). At PHU MY (YS 2574), A/3 Cav and Det 1 Div Int Unit detained nine persons in a Selective Pickup operation. Six were held as VCI suspects and three were released as innocent civilians.
- (2)(310915 H). At YS 635831, D/1 RAR located an enemy base camp which consisted on 12 bunkers; six of which were under construction. The camp appeared to have been vacated hurriedly and there was evidence that an oxen had been used in the vicinity.
- (3)(310955 H). At YS 601853, 1 RAR found an enemy base camp which consisted of 12 bunkers with houses on top. It is estimated that the camp has been used by approximately 100 persons within the past month.
- (4)(311142 H). At YS 311142, 11/D/1 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a base camp. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC). Captured: One BAR, one CHICOM rifle, two civilian type radios and a quantity of documents were recovered.
- (5)(311425 H). At YS 257796, 11/D/3 RAR located a cache containing two tons of rice and 900 lbs of salt, which was destroyed.
- (6)(311700 H). FSPB NELSON (YS 2181) received one round of 60mm mortar fire from an unknown number of enemy. There were no friendly casualties.

b. Air Activity.

- (1)(310837 H). At YS 564800, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Two fighting positions destroyed.
- (2)(310955 H). In area YS 677907 - 694916 - 699907 - YS 682898 a B52 airstrike was conducted. Results: Six bunkers, two tunnels and 15 metres of trench destroyed. An enemy base camp at YS 685908 was also destroyed. There was one secondary fire which burned for 90 minutes, emitting a white smoke column to 75 feet.
- (3)(311000 H). At YS 348836, one RPG round was fired at a People Sniffer mission aircraft. There was no hit to the aircraft. Artillery engaged the area with unknown results.
- (4)(311055 H). At YS 407736, VR sighted one loaded oxcart with canopy, heading SOUTH. The oxcart took evasive action when aware of the aircraft.
- (5)(311301 H). At YS 550922, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed.
- (6)(311320 H). VR reported:
 - (a) At YS 269840, an enemy base camp.
 - (b) At YS 273839, an enemy base camp.
 - (c) At YS 260843 - 266843 - 265841 - YS 265838 a complex containing four new enemy base camps.
 - (d) At YS 269849, a suspected enemy base camp.
 - (e) At YS 262851, a suspected enemy base camp.
- (7)(311500 H). At YS 301838, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was no BDA.
- (8)(311600 H). In vicinity YS 6790, several enemy and three trucks were seen in a clearing. The area was engaged by Airstrike, LFT and Artillery. Results: Three trucks destroyed.
- (9)(311600 H). In vicinity YS 6491, VR reported the tracks of 100-150 persons with 20-30 oxcarts, heading NORTH WEST through a clearing.

c. Secondary Explosions.

- (1) H & I gunfire.
- (2) 105 mm Howitzer.
- (3) ONE
- (4) - (6) Unknown.

d. Incidents Not Involving Task Force Elements.

- (1)(311515 H). In Vic YS 2570, a vehicle carrying five US personnel was ambushed by an unknown number of enemy. The vehicle crashed injuring two persons.
- (2)(311820 H). At YS 291627, a PF Squad contacted six enemy approaching a bridge. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, there were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a. Omitted.
- b. KIA by Ground Forces Confirmed
2
- c. Omitted.
- d. Detainees - 6
- e. Ammunition expenditure by the enemy: One 60mm mortar round.
- f. Enemy Weapon Losses
 - (1) Individual - 1
 - (2) Crew Served - 1
- g. Cumulative Totals for Oct 68.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	- 97		
KIA (POSS)	- 17		(Corrected figure)
WIA	- 11		
KBA (BC)	- 1		
KBA (POSS)	- 2		
WBA	- 1		
(2) PW	- 1		
Detainees	- 44		
Hoi Chanh	- Nil		
(3) Individual Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 76		
(4) Crew Served Weapons Captured/Destroyed	- 3		
(5) Tons of rice captured	- 25.5		
(6) Tons of rice destroyed	- 23.2		
(7) - (10)	- Nil		

5-7. Omitted.

8. Number and Types of Vehicles. Three destroyed of which one was a Tip Truck. There are no further details on the type/make of these vehicles.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Situation in PHUOC TUY' dated 25 Oct 68.

11. Miscellaneous.

Reference INTSUM No 290-68 of 17 Oct 68. Correct figure of KIA (POSS) and bring forward for the rest of the month.

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9A. Where a casualty does not wish his NOK to be notified by the Army a request to this effect is to be included in para 5 of the Noticas signal. The request is to show why he does not wish his NOK to be advised by the Army and is to show an additional NOK who can advise the NOK.

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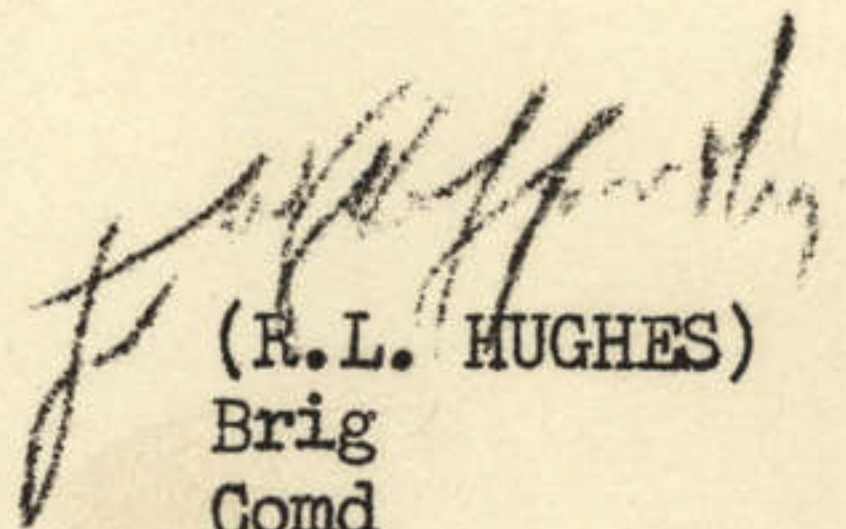
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5 Oct 68

See Distribution below:

1 ATF ADMIN INSTR 13/68
AMENDMENT NO 2

1. Delete Annex 'A' dated 19 Apr 68.
Insert new Annex 'A' dated 5 Oct 68.


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ANNEX A TO
 1 ATF A INSTR 13/68
 DATED 5 OCT 68
 (Amendment No 2)

ALLOCATION FOR CONVOY DUTIES
MINOR UNITS

SERIAL	DATE	PROTECTION PARTY AND CONVOY COMD	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
25	6 Oct	2 SAS Sqn	
26	13 Oct	104 Sig Sqn	
27	20 Oct	161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
28	27 Oct	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	
29	3 Nov	1 ARU	
30	10 Nov	1 Aust CA/8 Fd Amb	
31	17 Nov	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	
32	24 Nov	HQ Coy 1 ATF	
33	1 Dec	TFMA	
34	8 Dec	2 SAS Sqn	
35	15 Dec	104 Sig Sqn	
36	22 Dec	161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
37	29 Dec	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	

NOTES

1. Grouping

a. HQ COY 1 ATF includes HQ 1 ATF LAD, Det 1 Div Int Unit, 1 ATF Det AFV Pro Unit, A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp.

b. 1 Aust CA Unit/8 Fd Amb group including A Sect 33 Dental Unit to be co-ordinated by 1 Aust CA Unit.

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HQ 1 ATF
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14 Oct 68

Distribution: See below

'Q' INSTRUCTIONS NO 3/68
CONSIGNING PERSONAL EFFECTS THROUGH MFO

Reference: A. AFV Admin Instr No 70.

General

1. To avoid confusion the following procedures are to be followed. Responsibilities of both members and units are set out below.

Responsibility of Member

2. a. Pack container.
- b. Mark container in accordance with Annex A.
- c. Prepare:
 - (1) Inventory of contents (three copies).
 - (2) Part A of Certificate of Safety and Cleanliness of Personal Effects (Annex B), (four copies).
 - (3) Complete Statutory Declaration (Annex C), (two copies).
- d. Deliver container and above documentation to his unit (normally unit Q Store).

Responsibility of Unit

3. a. Note in MFO Register, date and details of delivery by member.
- b. Complete Part B of Certificate of Safety and Cleanliness (Annex B).
- c. Insert into container:
 - (1) One copy of Inventory.
 - (2) One copy of Safety and Cleanliness Certificate.
- d. Ensure that external markings are correct (Annex A).
- e. Bind container with either wire or banding straps.
- f. Prepare four copies of AAF T58 (Application for Space) (Annex D).
- g. Deliver to Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT the following documents:
 - (1) Three copies of AAF T58 (one copy will be returned to unit as advice of call forward).

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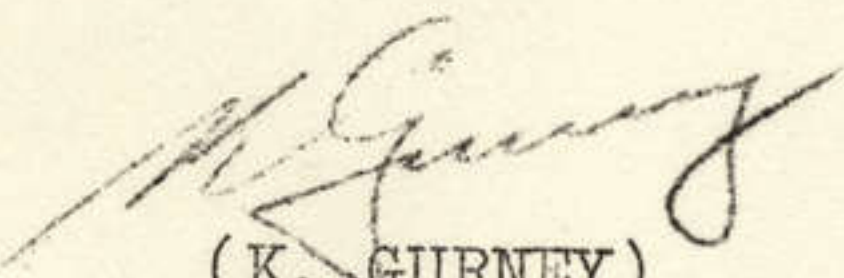
- (2) One copy of Inventory.
- (3) Two copies of Safety and Cleanliness Certificate.
- (4) One copy of Statutory Declaration.
- h. Retain remaining copies of documentation on unit file.
- i. Note in MFO Register date of delivery of documentation to Movements.
- j. Secure consignment until called forward by Movements.

Responsibility of Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT

- 4.
 - a. Final check of documentation.
 - b. Call forward of consignment from unit.
 - c. On forwarding of consignment and documentation, in particular Statutory Declaration to Movements Sydney.
 - d. Advise unit of date of despatch so that unit MFO Register may be endorsed accordingly.

Conclusion

- 5. Do this and your MFO consignment will get to its destination.


 (K. GURNEY)
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- Annexes:
- A. Container Markings
 - B. Certificate of Safety and Cleanliness of Personal Effects
 - C. Statutory Declaration
 - D. Application for Space

Distribution:

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CONTAINER MARKINGS

1. Each container is to have the top and one end painted yellow and addressed in black. The following are examples of the methods of addressing personal effects:

a. To a unit:

123456 SPR R. FORD

7 FD SQN RAE

CASULA NSW

CON No ND 305

c/- MFO

MEAS 35" x 20" x 12"

SYDNEY

WT 105 LBS

b. To a private address:

123456 SPR R. FORD

121 HIGH STREET

PORT PIRIE SA

CON No ND 305

c/- MFO

MEAS 35" x 20" x 12"

SYDNEY

WT 105 LBS

2. Consignment Number is allotted by Movements and endorsed on the copy of the Application for Space returned to the unit.

3. Ensure all old markings are obliterated.

CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY AND CLEANLINESS
OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

(To be prepared in quadruplicate)

A. DECLARATION BY MEMBER PRIOR TO RTA

I,.....(NUMBER).....(RANK).....

.....(NAME IN BLOCKS)

.....(UNIT) CERTIFY that, my unaccompanied baggage does NOT contain any of the following articles, as defined in AFV (Army Component) Routine Order Part 1 No 29/68:

- a. Dangerous weapons.
- b. Explosives.
- c. Firearms.
- d. Ammunition.
- e. Blasphemous or pornographic material.
- f. Essences of wines or spiritous liquor.
- g. Any items containing information of a security nature.
- h. Soiled items.

I am aware of the requirements of AHQ Admin Instr No 8 and AFV (Army Component) RO Pt 1 No 29/68 relating to cleanliness and prohibited goods. I also understand that any item of clothing or equipment contained in my baggage which is soiled, dirty or contaminated in any manner is liable to be destroyed by Quarantine Authorities in Australia.

Date.....Signature of Consignor.....

B. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

I certify that I have inspected the contents of this consignment and that:

- a. They are free from insect infestation and have been cleaned in accordance with instructions contained in AHQ Administrative Instruction No 8.
- b. This consignment does not contain any dangerous weapons, firearms, explosives, incendiaries, ammunition or, to the best of my knowledge any drugs or essences of wines or spirituous liquor.

The trunk contains personal effects of (no, Rank, Name Unit)

Date

Signature, Rank and Appointment
of Inspecting Officer

Distribution:

- 1&2 To MC Det with T58s "Application for Space" and G93 "Statutory Declaration".
- 3. Packed with consignment.
- 4. Unit file

(CUSTOMS FORM G93 PRO FORMA)

Passengers' Personal Effects and/or Furniture and Household Goods and/or Other Goods Shipped to Australia Prior to Departure of Owner

To Collector of Customs.....
(Port in Australia at which baggage will be landed)

I,.....on behalf of my wife and.....children
(Names in Full) (No. of Children)

Shipped per.....on or about.....packages containing
(Name of Ship) (date of shipment) (No of packages)

- (i) * my/our own personal effects
 - (ii) * my/our own furniture and household goods
 - (iii) * other goods
- } consigned to

.....
Name and Address of Consignee)

2. All the goods contained in the packages are * my/our own personal property and are not intended for gift, sale, exchange or trade except the following:-

List goods which are not
own personal property or
which are intended for
gift, sale, exchange or
trade. {

3. All the goods contained in the packages shipped which are * my/our own personal effects, have been in *my/our possession and are not intended for gifts, sale, exchange or trade.

4. All the goods contained in the packages shipped which are *my/our own furniture and household goods have been in *my/our use for at least one year except the following:-

List own furniture and
household goods which
have not been in use at
least one year. {

5. I estimate the value of the goods contained in the packages shipped to be:-

- (i) * my/our own personal effects \$A.....
- (ii) * my/our own furniture and household goods which have been in *my/our use for (at least one year \$A.....
(under one year \$A.....
- (iii) Other goods \$A.....

6. * I/We propose to travel to Australia on or about.....per.....

7. I declare that the statements made above are true and correct.

* Delete which is not applicable Signed.....date....
Address.....

Note: Section 234(e) of the Australian Customs Act reads:-

"234. No person shall -

(e) Make in any declaration or document produced to any officer any statement which is untrue in any particular or produce or deliver to any officer any declaration or document containing any such statement."

ANNEX D TO HQ 1 ATF

'Q' INSTR NO 3/68

DATED 14 OCT 68

AAF T58

TO: DET 11 MC Gp RAE VUNG TAU
CONSIGNOR 242942 LT P.H. FORD
17 CONST SQN RAE VUNG TAU

EXAMPLE

APPLICATION FOR SPACE

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE TO MOVEMENT CONTROL
EXERCISE GREAT CARE IN COMPILING THIS FORM.
ALL DETAILS REQUESTED MUST BE PROVIDED

CONSIGN NO	NO OF PKGES	CONSIGNEE	PORT OF DESTINATION	DATE READY FOR DISPATCH	DESCRIPTION OF FREIGHT INCLUDING OVERALL DIMENSIONS OF PACKAGES AND VEHICLES	WEIGHT IF LESS THAN 10 S/TONS STATE LBS	CUBIC MEAS	WHERE STORE AT PRESENT	REMARKS INCL DEGREE URGENCY
					CONTENTS	S/TONS LBS	TON/ FT		
	1	242942 LT P.H. FORD 7 FD SQN RAE CASULA BARRACKS LIVERPOOL c/- MFO SYDNEY AUSTRALIA	SYDNEY	NOW	ONE TRUNK CABIN METAL CONTAINING PERSONAL EFFECTS MEAS 35"x20"x12"	105	5	Q STORE 17 CONST SQN PHONE EMU 22	NORMAL

P. FORD LT

.....DATE.13.OCT.68
SIGNATURE AND RANK

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25 Oct 68

Distribution: See below

'A' INSTRUCTION 24/68
1 ATF AREA AMENITIES FUND

Reference: A. AFV Admin Instr No 64 of 25 Jun 68.

General

1. Prior to 4 Jul 68 there were two amenities funds in 1 ATF. They were the Commanders Amenities Fund and the 1 ATF Special Amenities Fund. From 4 Jul 68, the date ASCO assumed full control of Australian Canteens operating throughout the force, these funds were to be amalgamated into the 1 ATF Area Amenities Fund.

Committee

2. The 1 ATF Area Amenities Fund Committee consists of:-

Chairman	D Comd 1 ATF
Secretary	DAAG 1 ATF
Treasurer	SC 'A' 1 ATF
Amen Rep	Amen Officer 1 ATF

3. The committee shall meet at such times as the Chairman decides to advise Comd 1 ATF on amenities matters and to consider bids for expenditure from the fund.

Purpose of the Fund

4. The 1 ATF Area Amenities Fund is to be used for the purchase of supplies, equipment or services which contribute to the entertainment, recreation, comfort, or education of Australian servicemen in the 1 ATF area provided the expenditure benefits the members of the area as a whole.

Authorization of Expenditure

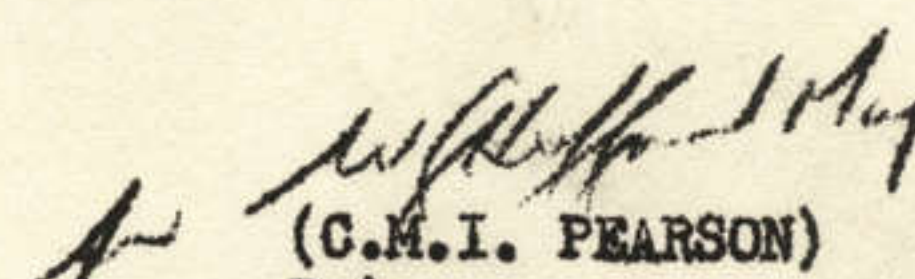
5. All expenditure is to be authorized on behalf of Comd 1 ATF by a majority of the members of the committee, subject to veto by Comd 1 ATF, and books of account are to be kept whereby all expenditure is authorized by the committee and supported by the appropriate vouchers.

Audit

6. The fund is to be subject to the biannual audit of the Regimental Audit Board and the proceedings of that board are to be forwarded to HQ AFV.

Income

7. The income of 1 ATF Area Amenities Fund is to be per capita allocation of three fifths of the two and one half percent profit margin which is paid into VCAF each month.


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FROM: 1 ATF

OPS 1476

TO: LIST Z. LESS SERIALS 26,27,28,30,31,32,33.

INFO:

PRECAUTIONARY WNG ON CARRIAGE OF ELECTRICALLY INITIATED DETONATORS IN VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT WITHIN THE 1 ATF AREA .

- ONE . THE POSSIBILITY OF THE RHOMBIC ANTENNA FARM LOC IN VIC YS442669 CREATING AN RF HAZARD IN RELATION TO ELECTRICALLY INITIATED DETONATORS LOCATED NEAR THE ANTENNA IS SUSPECTED .
- TWO . UNTIL AN INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS OR REJECTS CURRENT SUSPICIONS ALL VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL CARRYING ELECTRICALLY INITIATED DETONATORS WITHIN 300 FT OF THE RHOMBIC ANTENNA FARM PERIMETER ARE TO ENSURE THE DETONATORS ARE ENCLOSED IN A METAL CASE .
- THREE . AIRCRAFT MOVING WITHIN A 300FT VERTICAL RADIUS OF THE SAME AREA ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT PASSENGERS CARRYING DETONATORS IN THE AC OBSERVE THIS WNG CMM DETONATORS CARRIED IN AC IN THIS AREA SHOULD ALSO BE ENCASED IN METAL CONTAINERS

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FROM: 1 ATF

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TO: LIST A LESS SERIALS 4, 22-28

ALL ITEMS OF A DANGEROUS NATURE SUCH AS EXPLOSIVES CMM DETONATORS CMM POL
PRODUCTS CMM AND WET CELL BATTERIES MUST BE DECLARED TO THE CREWMAN BEFORE
BEING LOADED ON ALBATROSS A/C PD ELECTRICALLY INITIATED DETONATORS ARE TO
BE ENCLOSED IN A SEPARATE METALLIC CONTAINER


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FROM: 1 ATF

OPS 1488

TO: II FFORCE V

INFO: 1 FD SQN RAE

BRIDGE STATUS REPORT . MAC DC 02 . LTL 23 YS599637 CMM 120 FT DOUBLE
DOUBLE BAILEY CMM CLASS 45 TRACKED 55 WHEELED CMM LAST INSPECTED 26 SEP 68
CMM CONDITION GOOD . LTL 23 YS607640 CMM 70 FT DOUBLE SINGLE BAILEY CMM
CLASS 60 CMM LAST INSPECTED 26 SEP 68 CMM CONDITION GOOD . LTL 2 YS437692
CMM 40 FT DOUBLE SINGLE BAILEY CMM CLASS 60 CMM LAST INSPECTED 26 SEP 68 CMM
CONDITION GOOD . ROAD AND BRIDGE UPGRADING AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT .
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FROM HQ I ATF

TO. LIST A LESS SERIALS 4, 15 22-29

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INFO. DET 198 WORKS SECTION

Q 2390

REF AFV ADMIN INSTR NO 62 OF 30 MAY 68. MAJOR NEW WORKS FOR PERIOD JAN-JUN 69. ONE. ENGINEER STORES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CANTONMENT FACILITIES ARE SUPPLIED, ON A NON-PAYMENT, BY USMACVN. THUS BEFORE ANY MAJOR CANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION CAN BE CARRIED OUT AT NUI DAT FINANCIAL APPROVAL AND ALLOCATION OF MATERIAL MUST BE OBTAINED FROM USMACVN.

TWO. TO ALLOW TIME FOR INVESTIGATION OF UNIT PROPOSALS AND PREPARATION OF A I ATF WORKS PROGRAMME UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THIS HQ BY 24 OCT 68 OF UNIT REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR NEW WORKS FOR THE PERIOD JAN-JUN 69. THE AIM DURING JAN-JUN 69 WILL BE TO BRING BASIC FACILITIES TO ACCEPTABLE STANDARD THROUGHOUT THE TF PRIOR TO THE NEXT STAGE OF RAISING LIVING STANDARDS WITH HUTTED ACCOMMODATION, ALTHOUGH WORK ON BOTH PHASES MAY BE CONCURRENT.

THREE. MAJOR NEW WORKS ARE DEFINED AS ANY PROJECT WHICH WILL COST MORE THAN AUST \$500 FOR LABOUR AND MATERIALS. UNIT REQUEST MUST CONTAIN COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS OF ALL FACILITIES AND ENGINEER SERVICES REQUIRED. ELECTRICAL DETAILS SHOULD INCLUDE NUMBER AND TYPE OF LIGHTS, POWER POINTS AND ANY SPECIAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS.

FOUR. MINOR NEW WORKS AND REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TASKS ARE NOT TO BE INCLUDED

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER R.L. HUGHES, DSO

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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10 OCT 68

Serial : 35
Numbers : 102

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102. RETURN OF AMMUNITION PRODUCE AND PACKING MATERIALS.

NOTICE

1. NEW MAPS

GS MATTERS

NIL

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

102. RETURN OF AMMUNITION PRODUCE AND PACKING MATERIALS.

Reference: 1 ATF Q Instr 1/68.

General

1. Ammunition produce and packing materials of US origin can either be sold as scrap, returned to the USA for reuse or used within the theatre on maintenance programmes. Because of this there is a continuing requirement to return the following items to US authorities through the agencies shown:

a. Ammunition produce.

(1) Produce Disposal Office - All steel and spiral wrapped steel cartridge cases, all metallic links for small arms ammunition.

(2) Ammunition Supply Point - All brass cartridge cases.

b. Packing Materials - Used, but serviceable, packing materials of the following types are to be returned to the supporting US ammunition supply point:

(1) Box packing wood 81 mm.

(2) Box packing wood 105 mm.

(3) Box packing wood 106 mm.

(4) Container fibre 81 mm.

(5) Container fibre 105 mm.

(6) Container fibre 106 mm.

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(7) Pallet wood 48 in x 48 in.

2. Packing materials are not required to be returned from field locations.

Procedure for Return

3. Units are to segregate all items by type and calibre and advise the ST Officer 1 ATF of quantities required to be returned. After inspection by the 1 ATF Ammunition Technician, if considered necessary, arrangements will be made for return to the appropriate US agency.

4. Quantities for return should be in 5 ton vehicle loads whenever possible.

5. Brass cartridge cases up to and including .50 calibre may be grouped together and are to be packed in sandbags prior to movement.

6. Care is to be exercised to ensure that packing materials are not damaged during handling and fibre containers, when available, are packed in their wooden boxes before return.

7. In addition, prior to the return of consignments of the above salvaged items and produce, the following safety certificate is to be completed and signed by the officer responsible for the sorting and despatch of the items concerned:

"I certify that all the produce and material contained in this consignment has been subject to 100% inspection and found to be free of live primers, explosives or other extraneous material.

Date..... Signature

Vehicle No Rank

Name in Blocks"

(Handwritten Signature)
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NOTICE

1. NEW MAPS

1. The following new maps are now available from the Map Store of A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp.

a. Index for L 7014 VIETNAM 1:50,000 Series maps in common use by 1 ATF. This index diagram like the L 8015 1:25,000 map index recently published, shows sheet boundaries of maps in and around the TAOR, superimposed on a suitable base map.

b. DAT DO (special) 1:10,000 map.

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c. NUI DAT (special) 3rd edition 1:10,000 map. This map is RESTRICTED and may not leave 1 ATF Base Area without HQ 1 ATF G Branch authority.

d. NUI DAT (special) 3rd edition 1:10,000 map with Defence Overprint. This map is CONFIDENTIAL, copies are numbered and may not leave 1 ATF Base Area without HQ 1 ATF G Branch authority.

e. PHUOC TUY Province map. This is a simple one-colour foolscap size map of major features in PHUOC TUY Province and is intended for popular use.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER C.M.I. PEARSON, OBE, MC
COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

25 OCT 68

Serial : 36
Numbers : 103 - 105

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103. FINGER INJURIES - WEARING OF RINGS.
104. UNIT INSPECTION, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.
105. MOWERS LAWN POWER ROTARY 25 INCH ROVER.

NOTICE

1. NEW MAPS
2. RAAMC CORPS DAY 1968

GS MATTERS

NIL

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

103. FINGER INJURIES - WEARING OF RINGS

1. Cases of serious finger injury continue to occur as a result of soldiers wearing rings while on duty. In all cases the injury necessitates hospitalization for 2 - 3 weeks and in most cases results in amputation of all or part of the finger.
2. The injury is caused when the ring catches in a projection as the soldier jumps from a vehicle. This is a preventable injury, requires considerable medical care, results in manpower wastage and causes considerable pain to the soldier.
3. The hazard involved in soldiers wearing a ring is to be brought to the notice of all ranks.
4. To be reprinted in unit routine orders.

104. UNIT INSPECTION, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

1. Unit non technical inspections are to be carried out on all equipment types at least monthly. Attention is to be paid to cleanliness, serviceability and unit maintenance. All equipment requiring repair should be submitted to RAEME without delay. Records of non technical inspections are to be kept, and produced to RAEME on request. After a period of 3 months, these records may be destroyed.

105. MOWERS LAWN POWER ROTARY 25 INCH ROVER

1. Numerous cases have been reported of engine failure due to over-reving. In an attempt to overcome this failure the governed engine speed is to be reduced to 3000 RPM.
2. Units are to submit all subject mowers to their nominated RAEME repair agency to have the necessary adjustments made.

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NOTICE

1. NEW MAPS

1. The following new maps are now available from the Map Store of A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp.

a. 1 ATF Base Defence Map 1 : 10000. This map is SECRET and may only be issued on written authority from Dep Comd 1 ATF. It shows detailed defence information and unit locations down to company level superimposed in red on a grey base map. It also shows DF tasks.

b. Cleared Area Overprint on L607 series map 6430 at scale 1 : 100000. This map shows all land clearing as at Sep 68. Limited quantities only are available.

c. Dyelined sketchmaps as follows:

Title	Vicinity	Approx Grid Ref	Scale	Houses Numbered
NGAI GIAO	DUC THANH	YS4574	1 : 3000	Yes
HUONG GIANG	BA RIA	YS3761	1 : 3000	Yes
XOM CAT	BA RIA	YS3861	1 : 2000	No
PHUOC HOA	Route 15	YS2862	1 : 2000	No
HUONG DIEN	BA RIA	YS3661	1 : 2000	No
BINH BA	DUC THANH	YS4473	1 : 3000	No
BINH GIA	DUC THANH	YS4978	1 : 3000	No
LONG KIEN	BA RIA	YS3961	1 : 2000	No
THAI THIEN	Route 15	YS2379	1 : 3000	No

2. Additional new maps in very limited quantities are available as listed below.

a. Location of Fire Support Bases Overprint on L607 series map 6430 at scale 1 : 100000. This map shows land clearing and Fire Support Bases as at 10 Oct 68. It is available from Arty Tac, HQ 1 ATF.

2. RAAMC CORPS DAY 1968

1. 1 Aust Fd Hosp at VUNG TAU is conducting a social function on 10 Nov 68 to celebrate RAAMC CORPS DAY. The form of the function is:

1100H - Church Service
1200H - Barbecue on the beach at VUNG TAU

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2. All RAAMC personnel of 1 ATF are cordially invited to attend.

3. To assist in catering, would units advise CSM 8 Fd Amb (EBONY 143) by 8 Nov 68 of the members likely to attend.

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ROUTINE

270530 Z OCT 68

OP 111

From: 1 ATF

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To: List A (Serials 1-12 only)

INT 1297

ACQUISITION OF INTELLIGENCE (.) ONE (.) THERE IS AN URGENT AND CONSTANT NEED
TO GAIN INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY INTENTIONS CMM PARTICULARLY OF 274 VC REGT AND
84A NVA REGT (.) ONE OF THE MOST FRUITFUL SOURCES IS A LIVE PW (.)
TWO (.) UNITS IN ACTION ARE REQUESTED TO STRESS THE VALUE OF A PW AND TO TAKE
EVERY PRACTICAL STEP TO OBTAIN ONE BY WHATEVER MEANS POSSIBLE (.) ONE LIVE PW
MAY WELL SAVE US BATTLE CASUALTIES

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Releasing officer's Signature and Rank

J. Cameron

Major

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: 1 ATF

SD 1666

TO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

RECORD OF OP SERVICE IN SOUTH VIETNAM 1967 - 68 .

- ONE . 3 RAR IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPILING A SHORT RECORD OF ITS
OP SERVICE IN SOUTH VIETNAM . BOOK CONSISTS OF A SHORT
NARRATIVE RECORD OF OPS CONDUCTED CMM ACCOMPANIED BY UNIT AND
PR PHOTOGRAPHS . BOOK WHEN PRINTED WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL
RANKS OF THE BATTALION CMM NOK OF KIA AND UNITS SUPPORTING
3 RAR . IT IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNIT AND
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC .
- TWO . UNIT HAS PLANNED INITIALLY FOR BOOK TO BE DELIVERED BY PROJECT
OFFICER TO PRINTERS IN SYDNEY 20 NOV EN ROUTE ADELAIDE WITH
UNIT 19 NOV AIR PARTY . BOOK WOULD THEN BE DISTRIBUTED TO
UNIT MEMBERS APPROX FEB/MAR 69 .
- THREE . REQUEST ADVICE BE SOUGHT FROM AHQ ON CLEARING REQUIREMENT FOR
PROPOSED 3 RAR BOOK AS UNIT IS NOT CERTAIN ON REQUIREMENT FOR
A BOOK WHICH WILL NOT BE MADE AVAL TO THE PUBLIC

John D. Keller
MAJ

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30 Oct 68

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VISIT OF DMT TO 1 ATF
POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Brig G.D. Solomon DMT AHQ is to visit 1 ATF on 15 and 16 Nov 68. The purpose of his visit is:
 - a. To discuss with commanders the standard of training of units and individuals posted to the theatre.
 - b. To ascertain what changes, if any, are needed in the training organization and syllabus to improve this standard.
 - c. To inspect training facilities including ranges available for in theatre training.

2. It is proposed to prepare a paper covering unit views on 1 a and b above to discuss with the DMT on his arrival and to provide a basis for subsequent discussions with unit commanders. Units are requested to submit their views by 10 Nov 68 on any points they would like included. Note form will be sufficient. As a guide it is suggested that comments should cover the following main aspects where applicable:
 - a. Unit Training in Australia.
 - (1) Is the system sound in outline and sequence?
 - (2) Are there any serious omissions which should be included in the future?
 - (3) Are there any aspects currently included which have proved to be unnecessary or should be deleted for any other reason?
 - b. Individual Training.
 - (1) Are there any deficiencies in the reinforcement/replacement system adversely affecting the standard of training on arrival in the theatre?
 - (2) Are there any deficiencies in the standard of training or subjects covered?
 - (3) Is the standard of specialist training adequate? Be specific here by trade and duties.
 - (4) Are there any aspects which are given too much time in the training system e.g. are specialists getting unnecessary general training which is of no value to them here?

3. A detailed itinerary for the visit will be issued later.

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PLAN FOR ASSISTANCE TO SVN
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1. Attached is a draft of 1 ATF outline plan for assistance to the GVN authorities for the Pacification and RD programmes in the Province. It is issued for information and preliminary planning.
2. To ensure this concept begins on a sound and coordinated basis, a meeting will be held at HQ 1 ATF at 1100 hrs on 5 Nov 68 to be attended by the Province Chief, District Chiefs and their Senior Advisers, Comd 1 ATF and Staff as appropriate and 1 ATF/Group Commanders or their 2ICs. This meeting will determine the method of operating the scheme together with the requirement of Province and Districts and the extent that 1 ATF can meet these requirements.
3. It is anticipated that the meeting will conclude by 1230 hrs, after which drinks and luncheon will be served in the officers' mess.
4. It will be appreciated that this instruction is designed to initiate the scheme and will need to be amended and expanded as practical experience is gained. So far it reflects ATF preliminary views only without taking into account Province and Sector views.

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General

1. This paper sets out the outline plan for 1 ATF assistance to the GVN authorities in PPUOC TUY for the Pacification and Revolutionary development programmes in the Province.
2. The concept provides for the affiliation of units with Province districts in order to develop standing liaison and assistance arrangements leading to joint planning and operations.

Grouping

3. Attached at Annex A is the grouping of units and affiliation with Districts.

Planning Committees

4. Consultation and planning between HQ 1 ATF and Province HQ and units with District HQ will be done through the following agencies.
5. Province Committee.
 - a. This Committee will meet on Friday of each week.
 - b. Composition.

Chairman: Province Chief

Members: Comd 1 ATF or Deputy Comd
Sector Senior Adviser
CO 1 Aust CA Unit
GS02 (Ops)
GS02 (Int)
Intelligence and operations officers as nominated by Province and Sector HQ.
 - c. The charter of this committee is given in Annex B.
6. District Committee.
 - a. This committee will meet on Tuesday of each week.
 - b. Composition.

Chairman: District Chief

Members: Unit Comd or nominated senior officer of 1 ATF Group, or in his absence the second-in-command
District Senior Adviser
Representative of 1 Aust CA Unit
Intelligence and operations officers of District, Sub-Sector and the 1 ATF Group.
 - c. The charter of this committee is the same as for the Province Committee (vide Annex B) as applicable at the District level.

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7. Province Intelligence (PHUNG-HOANG) Committee.

a. This committee meets on Wednesday of each week at the Province Intelligence Operations Coordination Centre (PIOCC). It will be attended by GS02 (Int) HQ 1 ATF.

b. The charter of this committee is given at Annex C.

8. District Intelligence (PHUNG-HOANG) Committee.

a. This committee meets on Wednesday of each week at the District Intelligence Operations Coordination Centre (DIOCC). It will be attended by the IO of the affiliated unit.

b. The charter of this committee is the same as for the Province Committee (vide Annex C) as applicable at the District level.

9. Liaison Visits. In addition to the normal committee meetings, visits will be made to Province/Sector HQ and District/Sub-Sector HQ:

a. HQ 1 ATF - Province/Sector HQ. A daily visit will be made by the 1 ATF Liaison Officer and by a representative of the GS02 (Int). CO 1 Aust CA Unit is appointed as 1 ATF Liaison Officer.

b. Units - District/Sub-Sector HQ. A visit by a liaison officer of the 1 ATF Group will be made to the affiliated District HQ at least 3 times each week.

Areas of Activity

10. 1 ATF will take a part in the following areas of activity in assistance of the GVN authorities:

a. Intelligence. Through Intelligence Committee meetings and regular liaison visits intelligence will be collated and disseminated as the basis for combined or unilateral operations.

b. Training of RF and PF. 1 ATF will provide three permanent training teams from Groups 1, 2, and 3 for the training of RF and PF. The composition of these teams and their employment will be decided by the Province Committee when the task is assessed, but as a guide the minimum size is likely to be one officer, one sergeant, three corporals and two other ranks.

c. Elimination of VC Infrastructure (VCI). Based on intelligence gathered in relation to VCI and on the recommendation of the Intelligence Committee at each level, the Province and District Committees will authorize combined or unilateral operations in their own areas of responsibility against the VCI. Separate plans are being prepared to cover this aspect.

d. Destruction of VC Local Forces. Operations as decided by the District Committee will be launched against local forces in the District with District/Group resources. If the task is beyond the capacity of such resources the matter will be referred to the Province Committee. Province Committee originated operations will be implemented by the district concerned if within the capacity of its resources, or alternatively, under Province arrangements where additional resources are required or special circumstances exist. The Comd 1 ATF is to be briefed on proposals prior to the Province Committee meeting.

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e. Development of Defences. The success of the pacification programme is largely dependent on the establishment of the security of populated areas against VC attack. The development of the defences and defensive plans for these areas is a priority task. 1 ATF participation should be principally training, guidance, technical advice, the provision of plant and operators as required and assistance in stores when it is established that they cannot be obtained through GVN or Sector channels.

f. Civil Aid.

(1) District Committees will develop plans for civil aid within their Districts in conjunction with 1 Aust CA Unit. Such plans involving the expenditure of funds, supply of stores or effort beyond the resources of the District Committee are to be submitted to the Province Committee for approval. A copy will be submitted through normal channels to CO 1 Aust CA Unit and thence to HQ 1 ATF prior to consideration by the Province Committee.

(2) Forward planning is essential and priority works lists should be drawn up. Submission of works programme and projects needing approval are to be made in accordance with Annex D (to be issued later).

Operational Command and Control

11. Operations normally will be commanded by the Province Chief at the Province level and the District Chief at the District level or a commander designated by them.

Coordination at 1 ATF

12. The Deputy Commander is appointed to coordinate and supervise 1 ATF activities in this plan.

Conclusion

13. This plan is to be given priority second only to the destruction of main force units. No action is to be taken, however, until HQ 1 ATF orders the plan to be implemented.

Annexes

14. Annex A - Grouping of Units and affiliation with Districts.
Annex B - Charter of the Province Committee.
Annex C - Charter of the Province Intelligence Committee.
Annex D - Works Instructions (to be issued later).

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GROUPING AND AFFILIATION WITH
DISTRICTS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Unit/Group</u>	<u>Commander</u>
1	LONG LE	<u>Group 1</u> 1 RAR 102 Fd Bty Engr Recce Party 1 Fd Sqn Det 1 Aust CA Unit 12 Fd Regt LAD	CO 1 RAR
2	DAT DO	<u>Group 2</u> 4 RAR 104 Fd Bty Engr Recce Party 1 Fd Sqn Det 1 Aust CA Unit 1 Fd Sqn Wksp	CO 4 RAR
3	LONG DIEN	<u>Group 3</u> 3 RAR (9 RAR) 161 Fd Bty Engr Recce Party 1 Fd Sqn Det 1 Aust CA Unit HQ 1 ATF LAD	CO 3 RAR (9 RAR)
4	DUC THANH	<u>Group 4</u> C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Det Fwd Del Tp Engr Recce Party 1 Fd Sqn 1 ARU 104 Sig Sqn Det 1 Aust CA Unit 106 Fd Wksp	OC C Sqn
5	XUYEN MOC	<u>Group 5</u> A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Det 131 Div Loc Bty Engr Recce Party 1 Fd Sqn 2 SAS Sqn 161 (Indep) Recce Flt A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp Det 1 Aust CA Unit HQ Coy 1 ATF Det 3 Cav LAD TFMA	OC A Sqn
6	Not affiliated. Aval on call to other groups for advice or assist- ance.	<u>Group 6</u> 1 Fd Sqn 21 Engr Sp Tp Det 17 Const Sqn Det 1 Div Int Unit Det 1 Fd Hygiene Coy 1 Aust CA Unit PR Psy Ops Sect HQ 1 ATF Det AFV Pro Sect	

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CHAPTER OF THE PROVINCE COMMITTEE

Aim

1. The aim of the Province Committee is:
 - a. To direct and coordinate the efforts of all agencies for the elimination of VC political and administrative organization in the Province.
 - b. To establish the security of the civilian population against VC attack.
 - c. To coordinate civil aid projects undertaken as joint ventures between 1 ATF and Province.

Meetings

2. The committee will meet at 0900 hrs on Friday of each week at Province HQ or at other times as requested by the Province Chief or Commander 1 ATF.

Tasks

3. The committee will perform the following tasks:
 - a. Draw up the Province Outline Plan for the Pacification and Revolutionary Development Programme and allot priorities as a basis for staff and District planning.
 - b. Decide upon military operations to be conducted in the ensuring period, allocate tasks and resources and issue the necessary directions.
 - c. Consider and decide on the submissions made by the District Committees for operations in their areas involving additional resources and allocate the resources.
 - d. Consider District Committee requests for assistance in development of security measures and for civil aid projects and allocate priorities for provision of resources and stores.
 - e. Periodically review the activities of the various agencies involved in the implementation of the Pacification and Revolutionary Development Plan.

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PROVINCE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE (PHUONG HOANG)

1. Composition.

a. GVN Members.

Chairman : Province Chief
: Head of PIOCC
: Deputy Head of PIOCC
: S2
: MSS (Military Security Service)
: NP (National Police)
: PFF (Police Field Force)
: PSB (Police Special Branch)
: CG (Census Grievance)
: PIC (Province Interrogation Centre)

b. FWAMF Members.

: PSO or DPSA
: S2 Advisor
: Province Recce Unit Advisor
: PSB Advisor
: GS02 (Int) 1 ATF
: OC 10 MID (ARVN Att)

Role

2. The Province Intelligence Committee is responsible for allocating tasks, targets and priorities to the PIOCC. The responsibility for the actual execution of such tasks and for the day to day work of the PIOCC remains with the OIC PIOCC.

Duties

3. a. To ensure that the most effective use is made of such technical assets as Sideways Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR), Heat Emissions (RED HAZE), and Airborne Personnel Detector (PEOPLE SNIFFER).
- b. To ensure aerial visual reconnaissance resources are effectively and economically employed.
- c. To ensure the rapid passage of captured documents and translations to relevant organisations represented in PIOCC.
- d. To ensure the most expeditious handling of PW/Returnees/Detainees and the subsequent interrogation reports.
- e. To ensure rapid ground "follow up" where appropriate to information provided by c or d above.
- f. To ensure that a current comprehensive central Black List is maintained at PIOCC.
- g. To ensure the central registration at PIOCC of all agents (by code numbers or code names) employed by any organisation represented at PIOCC.
- h. To ensure that an efficient and simple dossier system be compiled and maintained at PIOCC of all members held on the central Black List.

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i. To ensure the efficient working of the PIOCC recording and filing system.

j. To issue such directions as may be necessary from time to time to ensure the efficiency of the PIOCC.

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