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Releasing Officer's Signature and Rank

M. G. Barwick CAPT

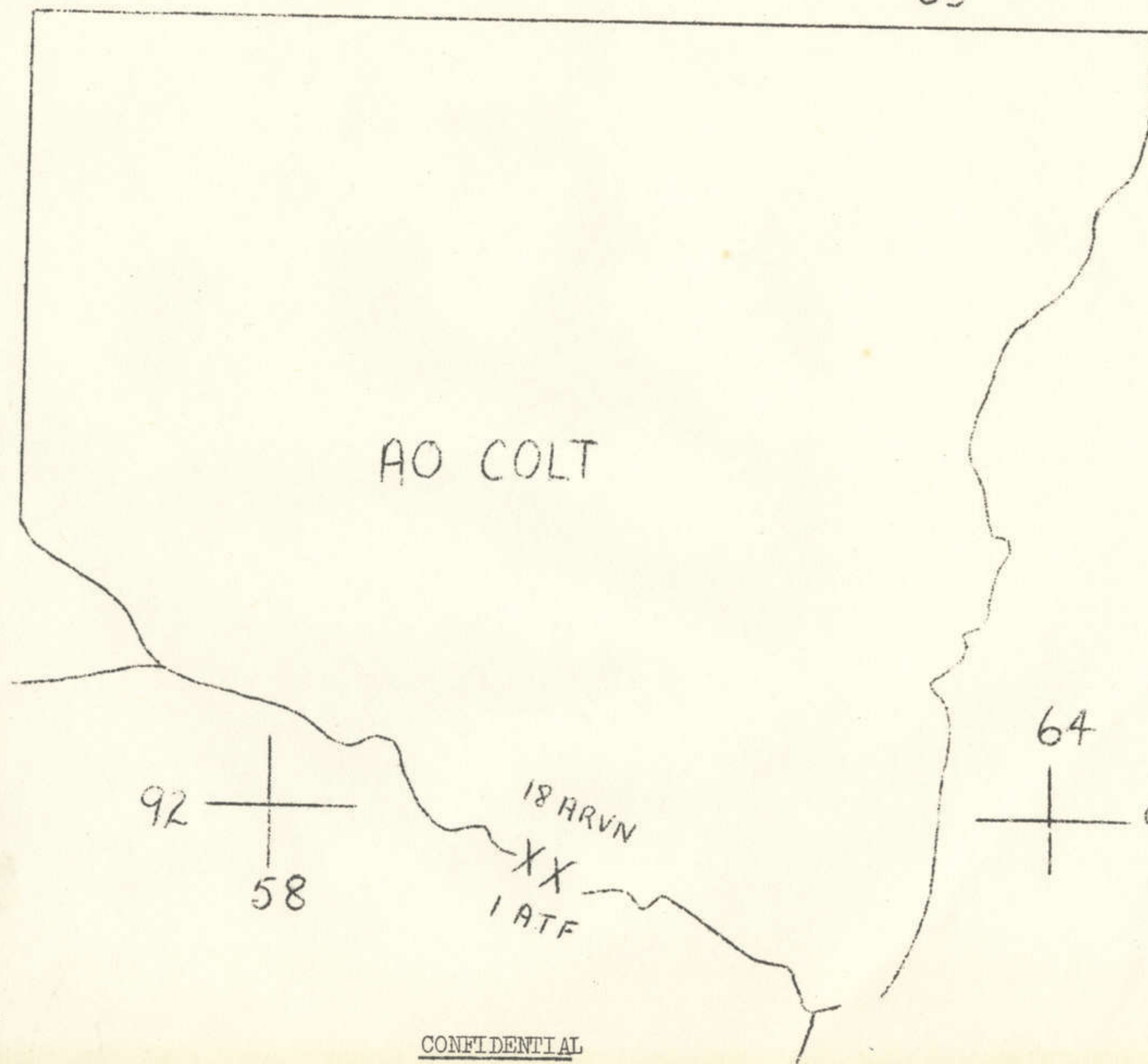
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ANNEX C TO
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FROM: 1 ATF

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ONE . SITUATION . THE SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT OF THE RD ELM OF 1 ATF
ON 3 NOV 68 DEPENDS UPON GAPPING A RIVER OBSTACLE AT YS629654 .

TWO . 1 FD SQN CLN

ALPHA . GROUPING CLN

FIRST . UNDER COMD FROM 021200H (NOV) UNTIL REL
ONE PL 3 RAR CMM ONE MOR SECT 3 RAR .

SECOND . UNDER OP CON FROM 021200H UNTIL REL ONE
TP A SQN 3 CAV REGT CMM TWO M125A1 MOR APC.

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . DEPLOY BY RD TO BR SITE ON 2 NOV 68 AND
SECURE SITE .

SECOND . BR GAP AT YS629654 BY 030730H .

THIRD . COMMENCE MINE CLEARANCE OF ROUTE 328 NORTH
FROM YS629654 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON
3 NOV 68 .

FOURTH . WHEN 1 ATF CONVOY HAS CROSSED THE OBSTACLE
DISMANTLE THE BR AND RETURN TO NUI DAT .

THREE . A SQN 3 CAV REGT CLN

ALPHA . PROVIDE ONE TP OP CON 1 FD SQN FROM 021200H UNTIL REL .

BRAVO . PROVIDE TWO M125A1 APC UNDER OP CON 1 FD SQN FROM
021200H UNTIL REL .

FOUR . 3 RAR CLN PROVIDE ONE PL AND ONE MOR SECT UNDER COMD 1 FD SQN
FROM 021200H UNTIL REL .

FIVE . 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT CMM PROVIDE ONE CESSNA ON CALL TO 1 FD SQN
FROM 021200H UNTIL 021800H .

SIX . COORD INSTRS CLN

ALPHA . AO CHATHAM ANNEX A .

BRAVO . OP TO COMMENCE 021200H .

CHARLIE . 1 FD SQN TO COORD ALLOCATION OF COMBAT TEAMS WITH
A SQN 3 CAV REGT FOR BR OP AND SUBSEQUENT MOV TO
FSPB LION .

DELTA . 1 FD SQN IS TO INFO HQ 1 ATF WHEN BRIDGE AT YS629654
IS READY FOR USE .

SEVEN . ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS CLN

ALPHA . 1 FD SQN RESP .

BRAVO . 1 ATF SOP TO APPLY .

EIGHT . COMD AND SIGNAL CLN 1 ATF SOI TO APPLY

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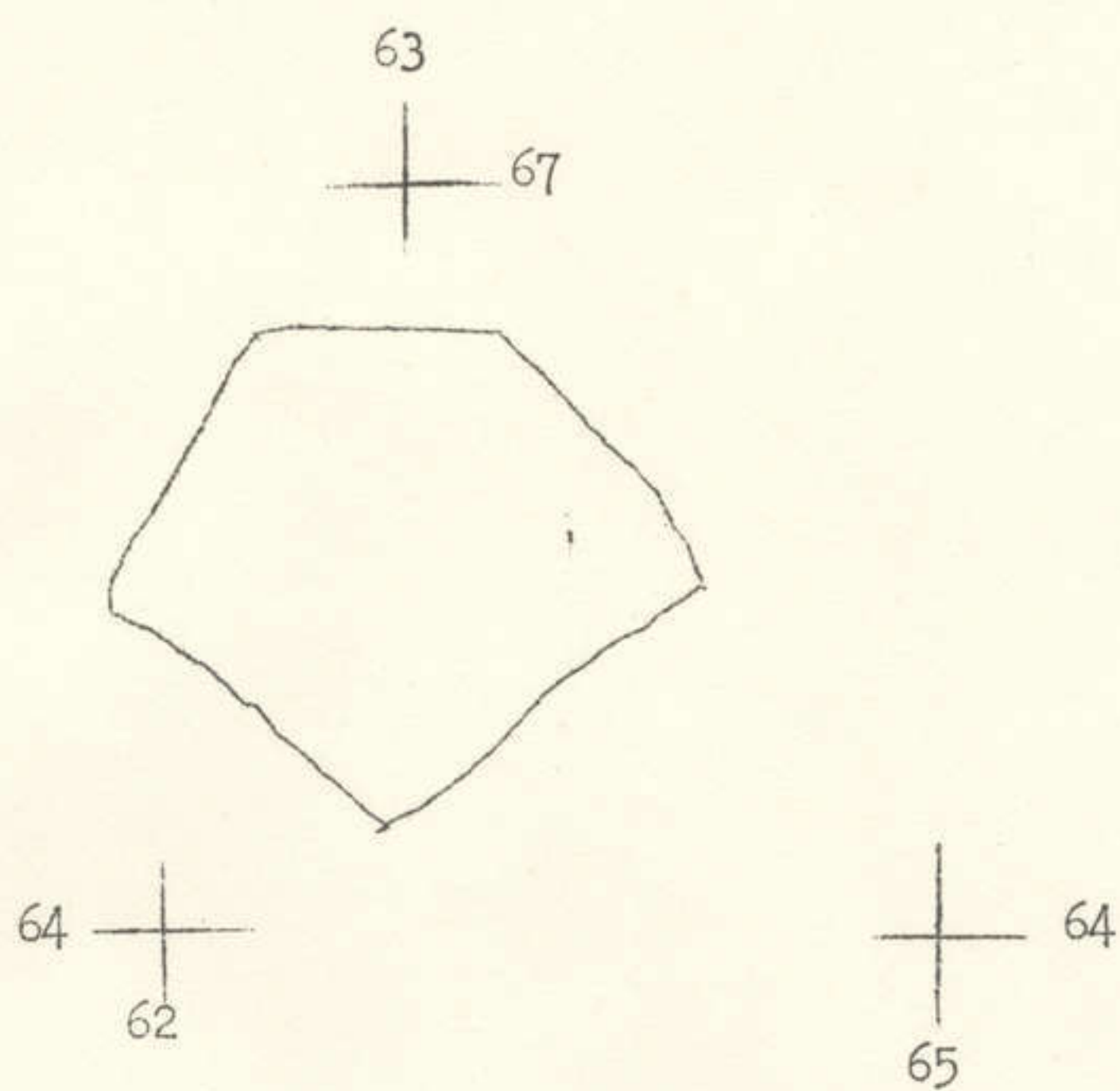
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Distribution below:

ADDITIONAL 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 030800H NOV TO 100800H NOV 68

1. Three additional 1 ARU patrols for period 030800H TO 100800H NOV 68 are attached.

M. G. Barwick Capt
(J.D. KELDIE)
for Maj
GS02 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
FATOC
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FOR PERIOD 030800H TO 100800H NOV 68

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A.	Ptl Serial No.	1 ARU 304/68	305/68	306/68
B.	Sub unit to provide	2 Pl	2 Pl	2 Pl
C.	Callsign and frequency	52 56.05	52 56.05	52 56.05
D.	Controlled by	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Task	Patrol and ambush in Ptl Zone ALICE.	Patrol and ambush in Ptl Zone ALICE.	Patrol and ambush in Ptl Zone ALICE.
F.	Strength	1 : 9	1 : 9	1 : 9
G.	Date/Time Out	031730H	051730H	071730H
H.	Date/Time In	040730H	060730H	081800H
J.	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	-	-	-

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Copy No of

HQ 1 ATF (Main)
THUA TICH

Nov 68

OPS 020

OpO No 66/68 (Op CAPITAL II)

Reference: A. Map, VIETNAM, Series L7014, Sheets 6430 I, II, III and IV.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1 RAR continues Op CAPITAL in AO WATSON.

(2) 4 RAR continues Op CAPITAL in AO CURTIN.

(3) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (less two tps) commence operations in Op CAPITAL in FSPB LION AO from 081200H (Nov).

(4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (less two tps) continues Op CAPITAL in FSPB LION AO. Elms A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with allotted bn Atk elms continues ROAD RUNNER Operations along Route QL 15.

(5) 43 Inf Regt, 18 ARVN Div commenced operations in AO COLT on 6 Nov 68 and continue operations as part of Op CAPITAL II force.

(6) ALFA Bde, ARVN Marine Div commences operations in AO TWIN RIVERS on 10 Nov 68 and continues operations as part of Op CAPITAL II force.

(7) RTAVF Bde (less one battalion) continue operations in AO TAEGER as part of Op CAPITAL II force.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) 4/12 Inf Bn, 199th (LIB) in DS 1 ATF from 100630H (Nov) until rel.

(2) Two tps 2 Sqn 11 ACR in DS 1 ATF from 100630H (Nov) until rel.

2. Mission. 1 ATF is to conduct reconnaissance in force operations in AO FRANKLIN to destroy 274 VC Regt and 84 Rear Services Gp.3. Execution.a. General Outline. The operation is to be conducted in four phases:(1) Phase I. Deployment of additional forces into AO FRANKLIN and re-deployment of 1 ATF elms already operating in AO FRANKLIN.(2) Phase II. RIF operations by combined force in AO FRANKLIN.

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(3) Phase III. Extraction of friendly allied forces from AO FRANKLIN.

(4) Phase IV. Extraction of 1 ATF forces from AO FRANKLIN.

b. HQ 1 ATF.

(1) Comd and con combined forces in AO FRANKLIN.

(2) Coord operations in AO FRANKLIN with adjacent GVN and RTAVF forces.

(3) Be responsible for coord of all airspace within specified AWCC zone.

c. 1 RAR.

(1) Grouping. No change from Frag 0 No 3 to 1 ATF OpO No 59/68.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue RIF operations in AO WATSON.

(b) Be prep to redeploy in to AO PEARCE on 12 Nov 68.

(c) Continue to destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO's WATSON and PEARCE.

d. 4 RAR.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue RIF operations in AO CURTIN.

(b) Continue to destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO CURTIN.

e. 3 RAR.

(1) Continue to provide 1 ATF Reaction Force Coy, engr protection party and elms for cavmobile duties.

(2) Be prepared to provide small forces (up to platoon size) for tasks associated with rd resupply ops into AO FRANKLIN.

f. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(1) Continue offensive operations in FSPB LION AO.

(2) Be prep to react to accessible parts of AO's WATSON and PEARCE on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

g. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Continue offensive operations and escort tasks in FSPB LION AO.

(2) Be prep to react with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt to accessible parts of AO's WATSON and PEARCE on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

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(3) Continue to cmd and coord defence of FSPB LION.

h. 12 Fd Regt.

(1) Arty Tac. Remain FSPB LION to cmd and coord the fire power of arty resources avail to 1 ATF.

(2) Production of air and ground clearances.

(3) 102 Fd Bty. Remain FSPB LION in DS 1 RAR. Be prepared to deploy one sect to vic YS6381 to provide covering fire to 1 RAR operations in the Eastern border area of AO PEARCE on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

(4) 104 Fd Bty. Remain FSPB FLINDERS in DS 4 RAR.

(5) 161 Fd Bty. Remain in 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

i. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). Remain at FSPB LION in gen sp 1 ATF.

j. 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) Continue to provide two combat teams under cmd 1 RAR.

(2) Continue to provide two combat teams under cmd 4 RAR.

(3) Continue to provide one combat team on standby at FSPB LION.

k. 2 SAS Sqn. Continue ptl activity in accordance with 1 ATF ptl programme.

l. Air.

(1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

(a) Continue to provide one H13 in DS 1 RAR.

(b) Continue to provide one H13 in DS 4 RAR.

(c) Provide one H13 in DS HQ 1 ATF at FSPB LION from 0730(H) hrs daily (when ac becomes available).

(d) Continue to conduct VR according to HQ 1 ATF programme.

(2) 9 Sqn RAAF.

(a) Continue to provide resupply sorties as required.

(b) Continue to provide two UH1D ac DS HQ 1 ATF at FSPB LION from 0730H daily.

(3) US Army Aviation.

(a) Provide DUSTOFF with winch daily from 0800H to 1830H, to be positioned at NUI DAT.

(b) Provide LFT daily to be positioned at NUI DAT.

(4) USAF. Continue to provide offensive air support in 1 ATF TAOR as directed by HQ 1 ATF.

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m. 4/12 Inf Bn, 199th (LIB).

- (1) Conduct RIF operations in AO BROWNING.
- (2) Destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO.
- (3) Block enemy movement, through AO, particularly astride axis of land cleared trails.
- (4) Provide early warning to 1 ATF LRRP op in 1 ATF LRRP AO of enemy movement through AO BROWNING.

n. 2/11 ACR.

- (1) Conduct RIF operations in AO PERSHING.
- (2) Block enemy movement through East/West corridor (grid Northings YS86 to 90).
- (3) Be prepared to open route from LTL 2 to FSPB DAMPIER (YS3686) for 4/12 Bn, 199th (LIB) as required.
- (4) Destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO.

o. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) AO's Bdrys. Annex B.
- (2) AO FRANKLIN. Annex C.
- (3) AWCC Area controlled by THUA TICH Arty. Annex D.
- (4) Recce. No air recce of AO FRANKLIN is to take place after 101600H (Nov) unless approved by HQ 1 ATF (Main).
- (5) Timings.
 - (a) Units in DS 1 ATF are to info HQ 1 ATF (Main) 24 hours in advance of their ETA AO FRANKLIN.
 - (b) AWCC opens THUA TICH (YS6181) 101000H (Nov).
- (6) Liaison.
 - (a) Conference. A briefing conf for 1 ATF LO's is to be held at HQ 1 ATF (Main) 101400H (Nov).
 - (b) Allotment. Annex E.
 - (c) Time of Deployment of 1 ATF LO's. Issued separately.
 - (d) LO's from Supporting Formations and Units. LO's are to be in FSPB LION by 101600H.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. General. No change to 1 ATF Frag 0 No 4 to OpO 59/68.
- b. DS Units. All US DS units are responsible for their own administration and logistics.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB LION (YS6181).

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- b. HQ 1 ATF (Rear) remains at 1 ATF Base NUI DAT (YS4367).
- c. HQ 1 RAR loc YS598817.
- d. HQ 4 RAR loc YS506866.
- e. BHQ 4/12 Inf Bn and THQ 11 ACR elms are to info HQ 1 ATF (Main) of their loc ASP after deployment.
- f. Additional points of origin for AO FRANKLIN are to be issued separately.
- g. Callsigns for 1 ATF LO's.

<u>Place</u> (a)	<u>Type</u> (b)	<u>Callsign</u> (c)
BLACKHORSE	Ops	15
	Arty	52
HQ 4/12 Inf	Ops	17
HQ 43 Inf Regt	Ops	83
18 ARVN Div		
FSPB PENNY (18 ARVN Div)	Arty	34
HQ ALFA Bde	Ops	87
ARVN Marines	Arty	54

- h. Communication eqpt for 1 ATF LO's is to be provided by 104 Sig Sqn.

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(C.M.I. PEARSON)
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- Annex:
- A. Enemy Situation Op CAPITAL II.
 - B. AO's Bdrys for all Op CAPITAL II Forces.
 - C. 1 ATF AO FRANKLIN.
 - D. AWCC Area Controlled by THUA TICH Arty.
 - E. Allotment of LO's.

Distribution:

List Z less Serials 26 and 33
4/12 Inf 199th (LIB) (3)
2/11 ACR (3)
SA 18 ARVN Div (3)
ALFA Bde ARVN Marines (3)
RTAVF (3)
AWCC
CP (Rear)

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OPO 66/68
DATED 5 NOV 68

OP CAPITAL II
ENEMY SITUATION

General

1. The area enclosed by the combined AOs of Op CAPITAL contains many major base camps, training areas, logistic installations and main supply routes used by enemy Main Force, Local Force, District and Rear Service units.

Supply Routes

2. The main enemy supply routes run as follows:
- a. South from War Zone 'D' - through UI - and BA BIEN Provinces - across Hwy 1 near HUNG NGHIA (YT3009) and down through Sub-Region 4 to the BINH SON area and NW HAT DICH.
 - b. South from War Zone 'D' - through Eastern BA BIEN Province - across Hwy 1 near NUI CHUA CHAN (YT6110) - South towards the MAY TAO and THUA TICH bases.
 - c. East/West from the MAY TAO - astride the PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH border - across Route 2 - astride the PHUOC TUY/BIEN HOA border - West towards the RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE and South towards the HAT DICH; and return.

Base Camps

3. Main base camps already located within 1 ATF TAOR are contained on 1 ATF 1:50,000 over-printed enemy installations maps. Limited stocks (10 copies) are available for RTAVF, 199 (US) LIB, 11 (US) ACR and ARVN Marine Bde elements who are to operate within 1 ATF TAOR. Similar overprints are not available for other areas.

Activity

4. There has been constant enemy movement throughout the entire area as rice carrying parties, reconnaissance cells and rear service elements carry out their normal duties; and Main Force, Local Force and District troops move to either avoid contact or in order to re-group.
5. The enemy has been recently conducting extensive training activity in both the HAT DICH and THUA TICH areas; and has re-constructed or renovated many old or damaged base camps, rest and transit areas, and logistic installations.

Tactics

6. The enemy can rapidly shift his troops to prepared bases or defensive positions and a small delaying force may well allow successful exfiltration of larger units who wish to avoid contact. The enemy has sufficient local forces or guerrillas available to provide guides for his main force units.
7. The enemy are known to be well armed with modern infantry weapons and their heavy fire support includes HMGs, 81/82mm mortars, 75mm RCLs and RPGs 2 and 7. The enemy's normal practice is to try to delay FWMAF operations with his Local Force elements while protecting his heavy weapons with his Main Force infantry.

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Identifications

8. 1 ATF has mounted numerous operations into or near this region during Aug - Sep - Oct 68. Documents taken from enemy dead or found in base camps confirmed the presence of elements of the following enemy units:

a. West of Route 2.

274 VC Regt (3 Bn)
HQ Sub Region 4
Infiltration Group 2014
D67 Engr Bn
C9 Coy 3 Bn 74 NVA Arty Regt (ex 84A NVA Arty Regt)
C4 Coy 2 Bn 74 NVA Arty Regt
Sig/Recce Coy 74 NVA Arty Regt
84 Rear Services Group

b. East of Route 2.

274 VC Regt (2 Bn)
D440 LF Bn
84 Rear Services Group
Infiltration Group 2004

Current Situation

9. At the present time we consider that one strong element of 274 VC Regt, forces from Sub-Region 4, elements of 84 Rear Services Group and District Coys C240 and C245, are all located in or near the Northern HAT DICH. There has been no recent contact with 74 NVA Arty Regt.

10. We have reliable intelligence that the enemy is trying hard to obtain rice from the area of THAM THIEN (YS2182) and THAI THIEN (YS2279) and to transport it back to his main force back in the LONG KHANH/PHUOC TUY border area, North of THUA TICH (YS6282). Interdiction of lateral trails and night ambushes of rice pick up areas (already passed to RTAVE and 4/12 (US) Inf Bn) should produce good results.

11. Interdiction of Route 2 between XA BANG (YS4584) and CAM MY (YS4590) should greatly hinder enemy reconnaissance activity, movement of couriers, and his resupply, which is becoming critical.

12. East of Route 2, we consider that HQ 274 VC Regt and at least one, (probably two battalions), are located astride the border or just to the North within AO COLT. ARVN elements were in heavy contact with an unknown enemy force, (possibly of battalion size), vicinity YS5896 at 070600H Nov 68. Elements of 84 Rear Services Group are probably located either in the same general area or further East nearer to the MAY TAO.

13. Enemy forces may now try to move North or East away from major contact, or they may be prepared to stand and fight until he ascertains the size of the total forces opposing him, when he will then attempt to exfiltrate his main force.

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ANNEX D TO
1 ATF OPO HQ 66/68
DATED NOV 68

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PROPOSED AWCC BOUNDARY CONTROLLED BY THUA TICH ARTY

SCALE : 4000m to 1 in

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AO FRANKLIN

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AO CURTIN

71
+ 88

AO WATSON

AO PEARCE

82
+ 48

77
+ 62
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DATED 8 NOV 68

ALLOCATION OF LO'S (LNO)

Serial	Type of LO	Place					
		BLACKHORSE	18 ARVN Div HQ 43 Inf Regt	18 ARVN Div FSPB PENNY	HQ ALFA Bde ARVN Marines	Bn HQ 4/12 Inf 199th Bde	HQ 1 ATF (Main)
(a)	(b)				(c)		
1	<u>1 ATF</u> a. Ops b. Arty	Yes Yes	Yes -	- Yes	Yes Yes	Yes -	- -
2	<u>4/12 Inf Bn, 199th (LIB)</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes -
3	<u>18 ARVN Div</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes -
4	<u>ALFA Bde ARVN Marines</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes -
5	<u>11 ACR</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

7 Nov 68

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Distribution below:

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 100800H NOV TO 160800H . NOV 68

1. 1 ATF Ptl Programme for the period 100800H Nov to 160800H Nov 68 is attached.

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for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 A md Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 100800H TO 160800H NOV 68

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A. Patrol No	1 RAR 310/68	311/68	312/68	313/68
B. Sub Unit to Provide	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
C. Callsign and frequency	14 72.00	25. 72.00	34 72.00	45 72.00
D. Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E. Task	Recce and obsn vic YS388693	Recce and obsn vic YS469706	Recce and obsn vic YS456706	Recce and obsn vic YS389682
F. Strength	5	5	5	5
G. Date/Time Out	101300H	101230H	121330H	121300H
H. Date/Time In	121100H	121200H	141130H	141130H
J. Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K. LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L. PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M. Remarks	Search G.S. 3869	Search G.S. 4670	Search G.S. 4570	Search G.S. 3968

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A.	314/68	315/68	316/68	317/68
B.	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
C.	14 72.00	25 72.00	34 72.00	45 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS380695	Recce and obsn vic YS455701	Recce and obsn vic YS448706	Recce and obsn vic YS404674
F.	5	5	5	5
G.	141230H	141300H	161200H	161330H
H.	161130H	161100H	181200H	181130H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Search G.S. 3868	Search G.S. 4569	Search G.S. 4470	Search G.S. 4067

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A.	3 RAR 3127/68	3128/68	3129/68	3130/68	3131/68
B.	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy
C.	10C 58.00	20C 58.00	30C 58.00	10C 58.00	20C 58.00
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS398664	Recce and obsn vic YS386644	Recce and obsn vic YS479652	Recce and obsn vic YS395655	Recce and obsn vic YS391638
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	Section Plus	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	101730H	101730H	101730H	111745H	111745H
H.	110815H	110815H	110800H	120830H	120830H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	Out: Through B Coy In: Through A Coy As briefed	As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Ptl briefing sheets to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure of first ptl.	As for 3127/68	As for 3127/68. Ptl to incl 2 x M60 and to be comd by offr/sgt.	Ptl briefing sheets to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure to first ptl.	As for 3130/68

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A.	3132/68	3133/68	3134/68	3135/68	3136/68
B.	D Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy
C.	30C 58.00	10C 58.00	20C 58.00	30C 58.00	10C 58.00
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS486651	Recce and obsn vic YS404658	Recce and obsn vic YS398639	Recce and obsn vic YS490651	Recce and obsn vic YS391663
F.	Section Plus	1 : 4	1 : 4	Section Plus	1 : 4
G.	111730H	121800H	121800H	121715H	131715H
H.	120815H	130800H	130800H	130830H	140845H
J.	Out: Through D Coy In: Through B Coy As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	Out: Through A Coy In: Through B Coy As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 3129/68	Ptl briefing sheet to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure of first ptl	As for 3133/68	As for 3129/68	Ptl briefing sheets to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure of first ptl

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A.	3137/68	3138/68	3139/68	3140/68	3141/68
B.	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy
C.	20C 58.00	30C 58.00	10C 58.00	20C 58.00	30C 58.00
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS390640	Recce and obsn vic YS472654	Recce and obsn vic YS398664	Recce and obsn vic YS392638	Recce and obsn vic YS484653
F.	1 : 4	Section Plus	1 : 4	1 : 4	Section Plus
G.	131715H	131745H	141730H	141730H	141730H
H.	140845H	140730H	150815H	150815H	150830H
J.	As briefed	Out: Through B Coy In: Through A Coy As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	Out: Through A Coy In: Through D Coy As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 3136/68	As for 3129/68	Ptl briefing sheets to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure of first ptl	As for 3139/68	As for 3129/68

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A.	3142/68	3143/68	3144/68	3145/68	3146/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy
C.	10C 58.00	20C 58.00	30C 58.00	10C 58.00	20C 58.00
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS404658	Recce and obsn vic YS398639	Recce and obsn vic YS480654	Recce and obsn vic YS395655	Recce and obsn vic YS391638
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	Section Plus	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	151800H	151800H	151745H	161730H	161730H
H.	160800H	160800H	160745H	170830H	170830H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	Out: Through B Coy In: Through A Coy As briefed	As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Ptl briefing sheets to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure of first Ptl.	As for 3142/68	As for 3129/68	Ptl briefing sheets to be fwd to 3 RAR CP prior to departure of first ptl	As for 3145/68

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A.	3147/68
B.	B Coy
C.	30C 58.00
D.	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS479652
F.	Section Plus
G.	161715H
H.	170815H
J.	Out: Through B Coy In: Through A Coy As briefed
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for 3129/68

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A.	4 RAR 4249/68	4250/68	4251/68	4252/68	4253/68
B.	Admin Coy	W Coy	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy
C.	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Recce and obsn in grid sq 4867. Ni loc vic YS486675	Recce and obsn in NOEL. Ni loc vic YS489698	Recce and obsn in CARL. Ni loc vic YS509656	Provide obsn and early warning in ROD. Ni loc vic YS490671	Provide obsn and early warning in grid sq 4768. Ni loc YS473681
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	101500H	101200H	111600H	111630H	121630H
H.	111000H	111030H	121000H	120930H	131000H
J.	Out: Via LTL 52 In: B Coy	V Coy	LTL 52	Route 52	Out: V Coy In: B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4254/68	4255/68	4257/68	4256/68	4258/68
B.	C Coy	Admin Coy	V Coy	W Coy	D Coy
C.	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Provide obsn and early warning in STAN. Ni loc vic YS463673	Surveillance bdry Line A/B from Northings 66 to 71. Ni loc vic YS514696	Surveillance bdry Line A Line B from Northings 70 to 72. Ni loc vic YS510710	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS4768. Ni loc YS478681	Recce and obsn in bdry ROD/WALLY. Ni loc vic YS495679
F.	1 : 6	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	121730H	131000H	141500H	131430H	141300H
H.	130800H	141500H	151300H	141000H	151100H
J.	Direct	Out: TL 52	-	Direct	TL 52
K.	-	Grid sq YS5170	EAGLE FARM	-	-
L.	-	EAGLE FARM	As for ptl 4255/68	-	-
M.	-	Air extraction required	Ptl to notify PZ for extraction on 15 Nov	-	-

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A.	4259/68	4260/68	4261/68	4262/68
B.	Sp Coy	C Coy	Admin Coy	W Coy
C.	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS4769. Ni loc vic YS476691	Recce and obsn in grid sq 4866. Ni loc vic YS485667	Obsn and recce in ROD. Ni loc vic YS494671	Provide recce and obsn on bdry STAN/NOEL. Ni loc vic YS474684
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	151430H	151700H	161600H	161530H
H.	161000H	160900H	171000H	170930H
J.	Direct	TL 52	TL 52	Out: C Coy In: B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-

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A.	B Coy B27/68	B28/68	B29/68	B30/68
B.	4 Pl	5 Pl	6 Pl	4 Pl
C.	21	22A, 22B, 22C	23	21A, 21B, 21C
D.	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	Ambush	Ambush and early warning	Ambush	Ambush and early warning
F.	1 : 25	3 : 10	1 : 25	3 : 10
G.	111400H	131500H	151300H	171400H
H.	131100H	151100H	171100H	18 on recall
J.	Direct to YS517593	Direct to areas IAN, FRANK VIC	Direct to area YS523600	Areas IAN, TOM, VIC
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	SOUTH of Route 23. Ambush in PETE, JOCK	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows: 22A - IAN 22B - FRANK 22C - VIC	Ambush as selected by Ptl Comd - area PETE	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd: 21A - IAN 21B - TOM 21C - VIC

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A.	1ARU 307/68	308/68	309/68	310/68	311/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	3 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic of YS441645	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS445640	Night Patrol in AO ALICE	Provide obsn and early warning vic of YS453643	Ambush and patrol in vic of YS451638
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 10	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	121800H	131750H	141700H	141730H	151800H
H.	130730H	140700H	150730H	150720H	160715
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range	-	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice

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A.	312/68
B.	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS440643
F.	1 : 4
G.	161745H
H.	170700H
J.	Direct
K.	-
L.	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice

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MESSAGE FORM

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070400Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z PLUS 18 ARVN DIV
XUAN LOC 4/12 BN 199TH
(LIB) HQ RTAVF BCT

OPS 013

Info: HQ III CORPS (ARVN)

1 ATF OP CAPITAL (OPO NO 59/68) .

ONE . ON 8 NOV THE FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OP CAPITAL
INCREASE CONSIDERABLY .

TWO . WHILST THE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AGAINST 274 VC
REGT DOES NOT ALTER CMM THE INTENSITY OF THE OVERALL OPERATION
WILL INCREASE .

THREE . AS FROM 081800H (NOV) OP CAPITAL SHALL BE KNOWN
AS OP CAPITAL II CMM ALL REF TO OP CAPITAL BEFORE 081800H
(NOV) SHALL BE KNOWN AS OP CAPITAL I FROM THE TIME OF RECEIPT
OF THIS MSG

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From: 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z

OPS 016

Info: TANGO FORCE

OP INSTR NO 67/68 (OP GOLD TOP) .

ONE . SITUATION . IN RECENT MONTHS THE VC OP IN THE VICINITY OF THE COURTENAY RUBBER ESTATE HAVE BEEN USING MOTOR TPT OF VARIOUS TYPES TO TRANSPORT MATERIEL AND FOOD INTO THE NORTHERN BORDER DISTRICT OF 1 ATF TAOR . TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL ENGAGEMENT OF CIVILIANS ON LEGITIMATE BUSINESS 1 ATF ARE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IDENTIFYING LEGITIMATE VEHICLES IN THE AREA .

TWO . MSN CLN 1 AUST CA UNIT ARE TO ARRANGE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND MARKING OF ALL MOTOR TRANSPORT OPERATING FROM AND WITHIN THE COURTENAY RUBBER ESTATE .

THREE . 1 AUST CA UNIT CLN

ALFA . GROUPING CLN

FIRST . IN SP FROM TIME OF DEPARTURE NUI DAT UNTIL REL - PSY OPS SECT HQ 1 ATF .

SECOND . IN SP FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL YS440703 UNTIL 1 AUST CA UNIT CONVOY DEPARTS DUC THANH AO EN ROUTE TO NUI DAT - TANGO FORCE .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . CONFIRM USE OF TANGO FORCE WITH PROVINCE CHIEF PHUOC TUY PROVINCE 24 HRS BEFORE OP DUE TO COMMENCE .

SECOND . MAKE NEC ARRANGEMENTS WITH PROVINCE CHIEF PHUOC TUY FOR THE MARKING AND IDENT OF ALL VEHS IN AREA OF INTEREST .

THIRD . CARRY OUT MARKING AND IDENT OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES IN AREA OF INTEREST .

FOUR . PSY OPS SECT HQ 1 ATF CLN CONDUCT PSY OPS PROGRAMME ARRANGED
WITH CO 1 AUST CA UNIT .

FIVE . TANGO FORCE CLN PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 1 AUST CA UNIT CONVOY FROM
1 ATF BASE TO AREA OF INTEREST AND RETURN . PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR
1 AUST CA UNIT WHILE OPERATION IS IN PROGRESS .

SIX . COORD INSTRS CLN

ALFA . OP IS TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 11 - 13 NOV 68 .

BRAVO . DIRECT LIAISON WITH THE PROVINCE CHIEF APPROVED .

CHARLIE . TASKING OF AC FOR PSY OPS ACTIVITIES TO BE MADE
24 HRS IN ADVANCE OF REQUIRED DATE .

SEVEN . ADMIN AND LOG CLN DA GLO PAINT FOR VEHICLE MARKING AVAL FROM
HQ COY HQ 1 ATF . 1 AUST CA UNIT TO COORD ADMIN AND LOG .

EIGHT . COMD AND SIG CLN NO CHANGE FROM 1 ATF SOI

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

10 Nov 68

OPS 1721

Op Instr 68/68 (HORSESHOE HILL)

To: Maj L.G. WILLIAMS, OC W COY 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

Reference: A. 1 ATF AOs and Patrol Zones, 1:25000.

Time Zone used throughout this instruction: HOTEL.

1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces. Briefing by GS02 (Int) on 16 Nov 68 and verbal briefing, by OC B Coy 4 RAR/NZ (Anzac), on handover.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.

2. Mission. You are to defend and maintain the HORSESHOE HILL (YS4962) defence locality.

3. Execution.

a. Grouping

Under comd from 181000H Nov LP Det, 131 Div Loc Bty,
Sect 81mm Mor, 4 RAR
Radio Det, 104 Sig Sqn

In sp from 181000H Nov 68 A Bty 2/35 Arty (US)
from NUI DAT

b. Tasks

- (1) Maintain the permanent company group defence locality on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) Dominate the HORSESHOE Ptl AO:
 - (a) You are to maintain a minimum of one pl on ptl tasks within your AO at all times from 181800H Nov 68.
 - (b) Patrols in patrol zones PETE, LEN, JOCK and HERB are to be of platoon strength and are to remain within mortar range from HORSESHOE HILL when 105mm artillery support is not available. Patrols are NOT to be deployed SOUTH of Route 23 without HQ 1 ATF approval.
- (3) Maintain Check Points as required by 1 ATF SOP, Chapter 3, Section 11.
- (4) Be prepared to provide an LO, not below rank of Sgt to Sub Sector DAT DO as required.
- (5) Maintain and continue to develop the HORSESHOE HILL defences.
- (6) Report immediately any incident, contact or unusual activity within sight or sound. A priority task is the early reporting of any unusual events in the area of the ARVN outposts on Route 23 and Route 44; specifically any SA fire, mor fire (MORTREP required), flares and explosions.

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(7) Be prepared to foster elements of other units when they have been instructed to use HORSESHOE HILL as a patrol base.

c. Restrictions

(1) You are NOT to engage any gun or mor targets outside 1 ATF TAOR without approval from HQ 1 ATF.

(2) Targets in populated areas, requested by Sector authorities are NOT to be engaged without approval of GS02 (Ops).

(3) Under no circumstances are members to be allowed to enter DAT DO except as an organized body on an authorised mission.

(4) NO Vietnamese Nationals, either civilian or military, are to be allowed into the HORSESHOE HILL location.

(5) Photography of HORSESHOE HILL from the air is prohibited.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) You are to assume responsibility for the HORSESHOE HILL defence locality from OC B Coy 4 RAR at 181000H Nov 68.

(2) The HORSESHOE AO is shown on Reference A.

(3) 4 RAR are to rotate rifle companies at HORSESHOE HILL about every six weeks. HQ 1 ATF is to be advised at least one week prior to any proposed rotation.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. General. W Coy remains under comd of 4 RAR for admin.

b. Material and Supplies.

(1) Ammunition.

(a) Three (3) first lines of SA ammunition and mor ammunition are to be maintained.

(b) Artillery ammunition is the responsibility of 12 Fd Regt.

(2) Rations.

(a) Three (3) days combat ration reserve is to be maintained.

(b) Fresh retions will be resupplied as decided by 4 RAR.

(3) Water. WP in location.

(4) Engineer Stores. Normal.

(5) Medical.

(a) RMO 4 RAR is to visit at least once per week.

(b) CASEVAC by helicopter.

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c. Resupply.

- (1) Resupply may be by road or air. Road movement is NOT to be used more than six times per week.
- (2) Timings for road movement are to be varied constantly.
- (3) Maximum use is to be made of road convoys for back loading to 4 RAR.

5. Command and Signal

- a. W Coy 4 RAR: Under op con HQ 1 ATF wef 181000H Nov 68.
- b. W Coy is to join 1 ATF Comd Net at 181000H Nov 68.
- c. Current SOIs apply.
- d. W Coy is to maintain 24 hr listening watch on Sector Net.
- e. Two interpreters are to be provided for W Coy from 4 RAR resources.

Ack Instructions: Ack to EBONY 50.

(C.M.I. PEARSON)
Brig
Comd

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OPS 025

AVAL OF ADDITIONAL COMBAT TEAMS 1 FD SQN .

ONE . AS FROM 101000H THE FOL ADDITIONAL COMBAT TEAMS ARE

AVAL ON 15 MINUTES NOTICE CLN

ALFA . ONE FROM FSPB LION .

BRAVO . TWO FROM 1 ATF BASE NUI DAT

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OPS 028

DAILY ROUTINE/CONFERENCES HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) .

ONE . 0745 HRS . CP STAFF BRIEF - GS02 OPS OR DUTY OFFR .
TWO . 0830 HRS . OFFENSIVE AIR SUPPORT PLANNING CONF - GS02 OPS .
THREE . 0900 HRS . LO BRIEF - GS02 OPS OR DUTY OFFR .
FOUR . 0930 HRS . G/AQ COORD - GS02 (OPS) CMM DAQMG CMM OC HQ COY .
FIVE . 1000-1015 HRS . VISITORS BRIEF - DUTY OFFICER OR GS03 (INT) .
SIX . 1845 HRS . CP STAFF BRIEF - GS02 (OPS) .
SEVEN . 1900 HRS . COMD BRIEF - COMD CMM GS02 (OPS) CMM GS02 (INT)
CMM CO FD REGT CMM DAQMG

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130345Z NOV 68

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To: LIST B AND C 1 ATF (MAIN)

OPS1743

RELIEF OF FORCE CMM PERIOD 17 - 23 NOV 68 (INCL) .

ALPHA . DURING THIS PERIOD 3 RAR PREPARE FOR HANDOVER AND RTA .

9 RAR ARRIVES AND REGROUPS .

BRAVO . 3 RAR CEASE TO PERFORM 1 ATF DUTIES FROM 170600H NOV 68 .

9 RAR IS TO ASSUME RELEVANT DUTIES AT 240001H NOV 68 . ALLOCATION

OF 3 RAR/9 RAR DUTIES FOR PERIOD 17 - 23 NOV 68 (INCL) ARE AS FOLLOWS

ONE . 1 ATF REACTION COY . WEF 170600H NOV 68 4 RAR
IS TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY .

TWO . TAOR PTLs . 1 RAR ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PTL ZONES CINDY CMM MARY CMM LOUISE . 4 RAR ASSUMES
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONE FRED . 9 RAR IS TO PROVIDE DAILY
ONE PTL IN EITHER PTL ZONE RAY OR WES . 1 ARU ASSUMES
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONE JENNY . SEE 1 ATF PTL TASK
TABLE 17 - 23 NOV 68 .

THREE . ROUTE SECURITY QL 15 . 4 RAR IS TO PROVIDE ONE
PL FOR DAILY ROUTE SECURITY WEF 170600H NOV 68 .

FOUR . 1 ATF PERIMETER PROTECTION . DET 17 CONST SQN
TO PROVIDE TEN SOLDIERS DAILY (1830 - 0630 HRS) FOR PROTECTION
A BTY 2/35 ARTY (US) . A BTY TO LIAISE DIRECT .

FIVE . PROTECTION ENGR WORK PARTY ON TL 52 . HORSESHOE
HILL COY TO PROVIDE DAILY TWELVE SOLDIERS CMM TWO MGS CMM ONE
RADIO . 1 FD SQN TO LIAISE DIRECT WITH HORSESHOE HILL COY .

NOTE . W COY 4 RAR REPLACES B COY 4 RAR ON 18 NOV 68

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140415Z NOV 68

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To: LIST B AND C 1 ATF (MAIN)

OPS1749

RELIEF OF FORCE CMM PERIOD 17 - 23 NOV 68 . 1 ATF OPS1743 OF 13 NOV
68 IS REFERENCE A . AMDT TO REFERENCE A SUB PARA TWO TAOR PTLs .
DELETE 4 RAR ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONE FRED . ADD 9 RAR
ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATROL ZONES RAY CMM WES AND FRED

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14 Nov 68

Distribution below:

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 170800H NOV TO 230800H NOV 68

Reference: A. 1 ATF OPS 1743 of 13 Nov 68.

1. 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period 170800H to 230800H Nov 68 is attached.
2. Reference A allocates patrol zones to units for the period of this Patrol Programme.
3. Amendment to Reference A. 9 RAR assumes responsibility for Patrol Zone FRED.

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(J.D. KELDIE)
for Maj
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A.	Patrol No	1 RAR 317/68	318/68	319/68	320/68
B.	Sub Unit to Provide	D Coy	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy
C.	Callsign and frequency	45 72.00	14 72.00	25 72.00	34 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	Recce and obsn vic YS404674	Recce and obsn vic YS395655	Recce and obsn vic YS454700	Recce and obsn vic YS387687
F.	Strength	5	5	5	5
G.	Date/Time Out	161330H	171330H	170800H	181230H
H.	Date/Time In	181130H	191130H	180830H	201130H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Search GS YS4067	Search GS YS3965	-	Search GS YS3868

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A.	321/68	322/68	323/68	324/68	325/68
B.	B Coy	D Coy	B Coy	A Coy	B Coy
C.	25 72.00	45 72.00	25 72.00	14 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS459697	Recce and obsn vic YS390639	Recce and obsn vic YS468707	Recce and obsn vic YS390696	Recce and obsn vic YS462702
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	180900H	191230H	191000H	201230H	200830H
H.	190930H	211100H	200800H	221130H	210830H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Search GS YS3964	-	Search GS YS3969	-

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A.	326/68	327/68	328/68	329/68
B.	C Coy	B Coy	D Coy	B Coy
C.	34 72.00	25 72.00	45 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS397665	Recce and obsn vic YS456702	Recce and obsn vic YS378698	Recce and obsn vic YS453702
F.	5	5	5	5
G.	211200H	210900H	221300H	220930H
H.	231130H	220830H	241100H	230900H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Search GS YS3966	-	Search GS YS3869	-

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A.	4 RAR 4263/68	4264/68	4265/68	4266/68	4267/68
B.	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy	Admin Coy
C.	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	To provide early wng in ptl zone TLD. N/Loc vic YS471662.	To provide early wng in ptl zone ROD. N/Loc vic YS496663	To provide early wng in the area NUI DAT II. N/Loc vic YS485683.	To provide early wng in ptl zone TED. N/Loc vic YS469667.	To provide early wng in ptl zone NOEL. N/Loc vic YS476696.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	171800H	171730H	181330H	181630H	191200H
H.	180800H	180830H	191100H	190800H	201100H
J.	Via TL 52	Via TL 52	Out: B Coy In : TL 52	Direct	Via V Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4268/68	4269/68	4270/68	4271/68	4272/68
B.	B Coy	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy
C.	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	To provide early wng in ptl zone CARL. N/Loc vic YS505660	To provide early wng in ptl zone STAN. N/Loc vic YS467688	To provide early wng in ptl zone ROD. N/Loc vic YS496663	To provide early wng on the bdry ptl zones WALLY/ALLAN. N/Loc vic YS492687.	To provide early wng in the area of NUI DAT II. N/Loc vic YS486674.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	191600H	201630H	201600H	211100H	211600H
H.	200930H	210830H	211000H	221000H	220930H
J.	Via TL 52	Direct through V Coy	Via TL 52	Out: V Coy In : B Coy	Via TL 52
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4273/68	4274/68	4275/68	4276/68
B.	Admin Coy	B Coy	V Coy	D Coy
C.	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	To provide early wng in NOLL. N/Loc vic YS475684	To provide surveillance on line 4 from NORTHINGS 67 to 70. N/Loc vic YS512689.	To provide early wng in ptl zone STAN. N/Loc vic YS461685.	To provide early wng in ptl zone ALAN. N/Loc vic YS486665.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 9	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	221530H	221000H	231800H	231630H
H.	230900H	231400H	240730H	240930H
J.	Out: V Coy In : B Coy	Out: TL 52	Direct	Via TL 52
K.	-	In area GS YS5268	-	-
L.	-	EAGLE FARM	-	-
M.	-	PZ to be notified by 230900H	-	-

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A.	W Coy 1/68	2/68	3/68	4/68	5/68
B.	1 Pl	2 Pl	3 Pl	1 Pl	2 Pl
C.	71A, 71B, 71C	72A, 72B, 72C	73A, 73B, 73C	71	72A, 72B, 72C
D.	W COY HQ	W COY HQ	W COY HQ	W COY HQ	W COY HQ
E.	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush	Ambush and early wng
F.	3 : 10	3 : 10	3 : 10	1 . 25	3 : 10
G.	181600H	201500H	221400H	241400H	261530H
H.	201300H	221100H	241330H	261500H	281330H
J.	Direct to areas IAN, TOM & VIC	Direct to areas JACK, FRANK & VIC	Direct to areas IAN, TOM & VIC	Direct to GS YS525602	Direct to areas JACK, FRANK & VIC
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows: IAN - 71A TCM - 71B VIC - 71C	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows: JACK - 72A FRANK - 72B VIC - 72C	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows: IAN - 73A TOM - 73B VIC - 73C	SOUTH of Route 23 - Ambush as selected by Ptl Comd WEST of Area LEN	Ambush posns as selected in areas as follows: JACK - 72A FRANK - 72B VIC - 72C

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A.	9 RAR 9001/68	9002/68	9003/68	9004/68	9005/68
B.	C Coy	D Coy	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy
C.	30C 58.00	40C 58.00	10C 58.00	20C 58.00	30C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	1. Recce and obsn vic YS479651 2. To check civilian ID Cards.	1. Recce and obsn vic YS485650 2. To check ID Cards.	1. Recce and obsn vic YS492651 2. To check ID Cards	Recce and obsn vic YS473649	1. Recce and obsn vic YS481644 2. Check ID Cards
F.	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 10 men
G.	171700H	181645H	191630H	201800H	211715H
H.	180815H	190845H	200830H	210730H	220800H
J.	Out: D Coy In : A Coy as briefed	Out: D Coy In : B Coy as briefed	Out: D Coy In : A Coy as briefed	As briefed	Out: A Coy In : B Coy as briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	a. Patrol briefing sheet to be forwarded to CP 9 RAR prior to departure of ptl. b. Carry 2 x 1160s.	As for 9001/68	As for 9001/68	As for 9001/68	As for 9001/68

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A.	9006/6E	9007/68
B.	D Coy	A Coy
C.	40C 58.00	10C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS492648	Ambush vic YS482651
F.	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 10 men
G.	221615H	231700H
H.	230830H	240815H
J.	As briefed	Out: B Coy In : A Coy as briefed
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.	As for 9001/68	As for 9001/68

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A.	1 ARU 313/68	314/68	315/68	316/68	317/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54A 56.05	54B 56.05	54 56.05	54A 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS430635	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS405643	Patrol and ambush in AO ALICE	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS453643	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS409635
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 6	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	171800H	171700H	171700H	181800H	181800H
H.	180730H	180700H	180700H	190715H	190730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Range practice	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Range practice	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road

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A.	318/68	319/68	320/68	321/68	322/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54A 56.05	54B 56.05	54 56.05	54A 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS443640	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS404644	Patrol and ambush in AO ALICE	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS435635	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS403638
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 7	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	191730H	191800H	191700H	201800H	201800H
H.	200730H	200720H	200730H	210715H	210730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Range practice	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Range practice	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road

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A.	323/68	324/68	325/68	326/68	327/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54A 56.05	54B 56.05	54 56.05	54A 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early vic of YS445643	Provide obsn and early vic of YS407649	Patrol and ambush in AO ALICE	Obsn and early wng vic of YS453634	Obsn and early wng vic of YS405638
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 7	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	211800H	211800H	211800H	221800H	221800H
H.	220700H	220730H	220730H	230730H	230730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Range practice	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Range practice	Patrol dropped off by veh on by-pass road

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MESSAGE FORM

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PRIORITY

140830Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: II FFORCE V

OPS 1752

Info: AUST LO II FFORCE V

ATTN AVFBC-M-3 . ONE . ROAD RUNNER OPERATIONS OCT 68 .

NO OF OP

CONTACTS

EN PERS LOSSES
KIA/PW/DETAINÉES

EN WPN CPTR
INDIV/CS

1 (DAILY)

0

0/0/0

0/0

AMT RD TRAVELLED

HWY NO AND COORD FROM/TO

ROADS REPAIRED
OBSTACLES REMOVED

4350 KM

2/YS440770/YS453858

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TWO . COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS OCT 68 . NIL CONDUCTED

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AO FOR "MIKE FORCE"

1. The attached trace, Annex A, shows an area cleared for 3rd Mobile Strike Force ops during the period 102400H - 202400H Nov 68.
2. Cancellation of all H and I and overflights in this area is requested.

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for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)

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160600Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: LIST B AND C 1 ATF MAIN

OPS 1761

REFERENCE HQ 1 ATF OPS 1743 OF 13 NOV 68 . TAOR PTLs .

DELETE 1 RAR ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONES CANDY CMM MARY CMM

LOUISE . INSERT 9 RAR ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONES CANDY

CMM MARY CMM LOUISE CMM FRED

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AO FOR SECTOR TRG - 20 NOV 68

1. Attached at Annex A is a trace of the AO approved for Sector use on 20 Nov 68.
2. Arty and mor fire sp is included in the training.

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(J.D. KELDIE)
for Maj
GS02 (Ops)

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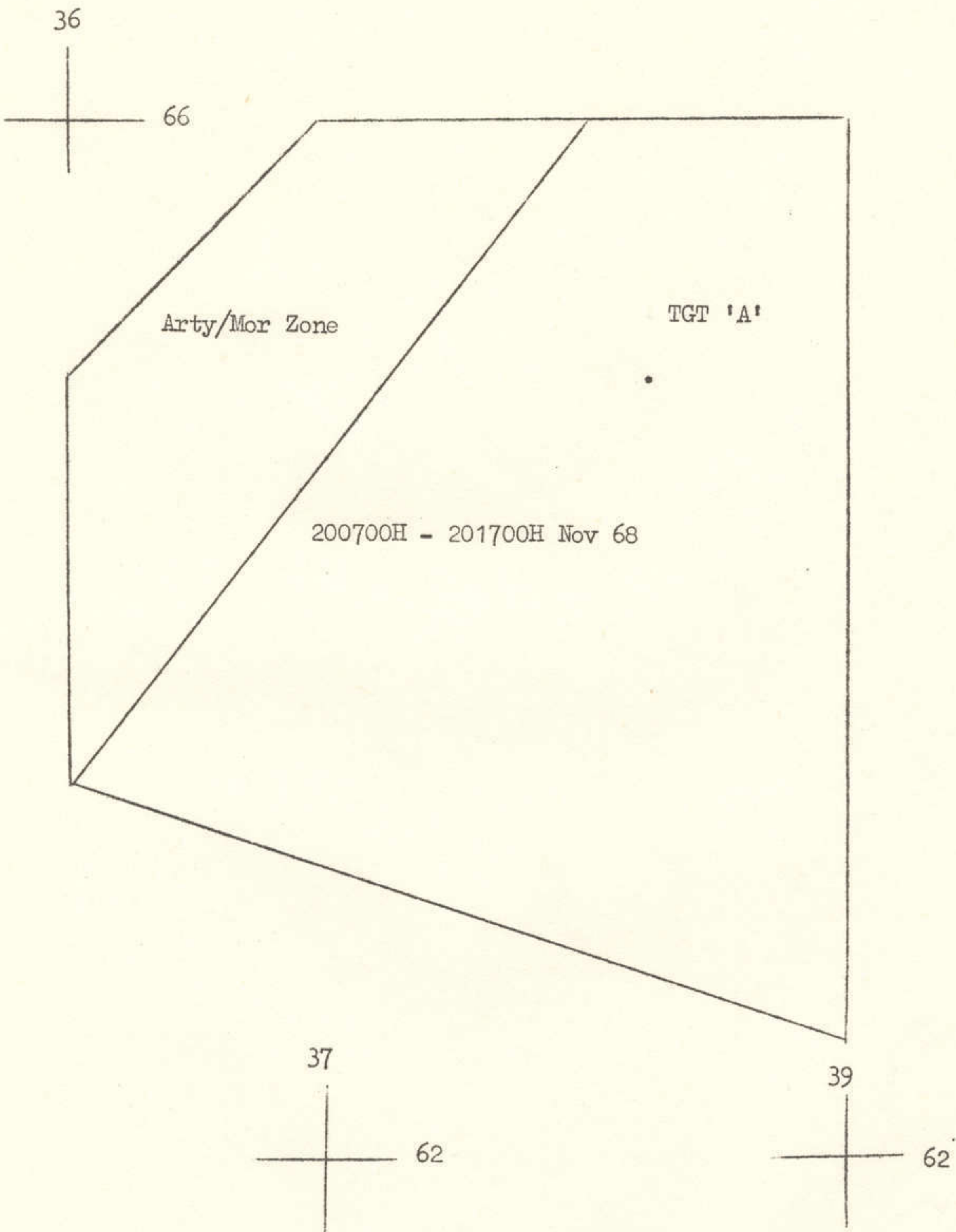
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DATED 16 NOV 68

SECTOR TRG - 20 NOV 68



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HQ 1 ATF
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17 Nov 68

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO
1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 170800H NOV TO 230800H NOV 68

Reference: A. 1 ATF OPS 1743 of 13 Nov 68.

1. The attached Task Tables for 1 RAR and 9 RAR are current.

M.G. Barwick Bapt
for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)

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C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 FD Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR(11)
3/9 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
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A.	1 RAR 318/68	319/68	320/68	321/68	322/68
B.	B Coy	A Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy	B Coy
C.	25 72.00	14 72.00	34 72.00	92J 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP
E.	Recce and Obsn vic YS454700.	Recce and Obsn vic YS387687.	Recce and Obsn vic YS459697.	Early warning YS431683.	Recce and Obsn vic YS468707.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	171100H	181230H	180900H	181845H	191000H
H.	180830H	201130H	190930H	190600H	200800H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	-	To be advised.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Search grid square YS3868.	-	-	-

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A.	323/68	324/68	325/68	326/68	327/68
B.	Sp Coy	D Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy	B Coy
C.	92J 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00	92J 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP	1 RAR Rear CP
E.	Early warning YS431683.	Recce and Obsn vic YS390696.	Recce and Obsn vic YS462702.	Early warning YS431683.	Recce and Obsn vic YS456702.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	191845H	201230H	200830H	201845H	210900H
H.	200600H	221130H	210830H	210600H	220830H
J.	-	To be advised	To be advised	-	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Search grid square YS3969.	-	-	-

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A.	328/68	329/68	330/68	331/68
B.	Sp Coy	A Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy
C.	92J 72.00	14 72.00	34 72.00	92J 72.00
D.	1 RAR REAR	1 RAR REAR	1 RAR REAR	1 RAR REAR
E.	Early wng vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS378698	Recce and obsn vic YS453702	Early wng vic YS431683.
F.	5	5	5	5
G.	211845H	221300H	220930H	221845H
H.	220600H	241100H	230900H	230600H
J.	-	To be advised.	To be advised.	-
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Search GS YS3869	-	-

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A.	9 RAR 9008/68	9009/68	9010/68	9011/68	9012/68
B.	Sp Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	D Coy	Admin Coy
C.	60C 58.00	60C 58.00	95C 58.00	40C 58.00	95C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS411654	Recce and obsn vic YS394645	Ambush at YS394659	Ambush vic YS412656	Recce and obsn vic YS396649
F.	1 NCO and 5 men	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 8 men	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 8 men
G.	171815H	181700H	191710H	201800H	211730H
H.	180655H	190830H	200820H	210710H	220830H
J.	a. Out bu veh to YS417657 b. As briefed. c. In by veh from YS415653 at 0645H.	a. Out by veh to YS411648 b. As briefed - avoid area JENNY. c. In by veh from YS413651 at 0815H.	a. Out by veh to YS417657. b. As briefed. c. In by veh from YS416655 at 0810H.	a. Out by veh to YS419659 b. As briefed. c. In by veh from YS416656 at 0700H.	Out by veh to YS414654 As Briefed. In by veh from YS418658 at 0820H.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	a. Patrol briefing sheet to be forwarded to CP 9 RAR prior to departure of patrol. b. Carry 1 x M60. c. Brief by OC C Coy. d. ARU ptl at YS405643.	a. As for serial 9008/68 except briefing by 2IC D Coy and carry 2 x M60. b. ARU patrol at YS409635	a. As for serial 9009/68 except briefing by 2IC A Coy. b. ARU patrol at YS404644	a. As for serial 9009/68 except briefing by 2IC B Coy. b. ARU ptl at YS403638.	a. As for serial 9009/68 except briefing by CC C Coy. b. ARU ptl at YS407639.

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A.	9013/68	9014/68
B.	B Coy	Sp Coy
C.	20C 58.00	60C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Ambush vic of YS388642	Ambush vic of YS404658
F.	1 NCO and 10 men	1 NCO and 10 men
G.	221600H	231730H
H.	230830H	240745H
J.	a. Out by veh to YS410648 b. As briefed. c. In by veh from YS411648 at 0820H.	a. Out by veh to YS418658. b. As briefed. c. In by veh from YS417657 at 0735H.
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.	a. As for serial 9009/68. b. ARU ptl loc YS405638.	a. As for serial 9009/68 except briefing by OC A Coy.

MESSAGE FORM

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IMMEDIATE

171600Z NOV 68

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FROM: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

OPS 046

TO: LIST Z PLUS 4/12 INF BN 199(LIB), 2/11 ACR,
HQ 18 ARVN DIV, HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

INFO: LO BLACKHORSE, 4/12 INF BN 199 (LIB), HQ 18 ARVN DIV,
HQ 18 ARVN DIV (FWD), HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

FRAG 0 NO 2 TO OPO NO 66/68 (OPS CAPITAL II) .

ONE . SITUATION CLN

ALFA . EN FORCES . ANNEX A (ISSUED SEPARATELY .

BRAVO . FRIENDLY FORCES . NO CHANGE .

TWO . MSN . 1 ATF ARE TO EXTEND RIF OPS INTO AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN .

THREE . EXECUTION . GEN OUTLINE CLN DEPLOYMENT OF 1 RAR AND 4/12 INF BN
WITH DS FD BTYS BY AIR INTO AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN RESPECTIVELY
FOR RIF OPS IN THESE AOs .

FOUR . HQ 1 ATF CLN REMAINS AT FSPB LION (YS6181) TO COMD AND CON OP
CAPITAL II FORCE .

FIVE . 1 RAR CLN

ALFA . GROUPING CLN NO CHANGE .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . CONDUCT AIR ASSAULT TO SEIZE FSPB LYNX (YS7483)
ON 19 NOV 68 .

SECOND . DEPLOY BY AIR TO AO FARRER ON 19 NOV 68 .

THIRD . CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO FARRER .

FOURTH . DESTROY ALL ENEMY ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS
FOUND IN AO .

FIFTH . BE PREP TO EXTRACT FROM AO FARRER TO NUI DAT
ON 26 NOV 68 UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED .

SIX . 4 RAR CLN

ALFA . GROUPING . NO CHANGE .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . CONTINUE PLANNED OPS IN AO CURTIN .

SECOND . BE PREP TO EXTRACT TO NUI DAT ON 30 NOV 68
UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED .

SEVEN . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN CONTINUE PTLs IN FSPB LION AO AND TASKS AS
ORDERED BY HQ 1 ATF .

EIGHT . A SQN 3 CAV REGT CLN

ALFA . CONTINUE TO COMD AND CON FSPB LION .

BRAVO . CONTINUE PTLs IN FSPB LION AO AND TASKS AS ORDERED .

NINE . 12 FD REGT CLN

ALFA . 102 FD BTY REMAINS DS 1 RAR AND REDEPLOYS BY AIR TO FSPB LYNX ON 19 NOV 68 .

BRAVO . 104 FD BTY REMAINS DS 4 RAR AT FSPB FLINDERS .

TEN . A BTY 2/35 ARTY (US) . REMAIN AT FSPB LION IN GEN SP 1 ATF .

ELEVEN . 4/12 INF BN 199TH (LIB) .

ALFA . CONDUCT AIR ASSAULT TO SEIZE FSPB TIGER (YS6491) .

BRAVO . REDEPLOY BY AIR FROM AO BROWNING TO AO GRIFFIN .

CHARLIE . CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO GRIFFIN COMMENCING IN AREA A (ANNEX B) .

DELTA . DESTROY ALL ENEMY ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS FOUND IN AO GRIFFIN .

ECHO . BE PREP TO EXTRACT FROM AO GRIFFIN ON 26 NOV 68 .

TWELVE . 2/11 ACR .

ALFA . CONTINUE TO CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO PERSHING (MODIFIED) .

BRAVO . CONTINUE TO BLOCK EN MOV THROUGH EAST/WEST CORRIDOR (GRID NORTHINGS YS86 TO 90) .

CHARLIE . CONDUCT AMBUSHES IN AREA OF THE CU BI RUBBER (CENTRE OF MASS YS4382) .

DELTA . CONDUCT DIRECT LIAISON WITH DUC THANH AO SUB SECTOR FORCE HQ .

ECHO . CONTINUE TO DESTROY ALL EN ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS .

THIRTEEN. US ARMY AVN CLN

ALFA . PROVIDE ONE AHC FOR AIRLIFT OF 1 RAR AND 4/12 INF BN ON 19 NOV 68 .

BRAVO . PROVIDE SIX CH47 FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 102 FD BTY FROM FSPB LION TO FSPB LYNX AND C BTY 2/40 US ARTY FROM FSPB DAMPIER TO FSPB TIGER (YS6491) .

CHARLIE . CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DUSTOFF AND LFT AC DAILY AS REQUESTED .

FOURTEEN . COORD INSTRS CLN

ALFA . AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN ANNEX B .

BRAVO . AO PERSHING (MODIFIED) ANNEX C .

CHARLIE . NO AIR RECCE OF AOs FARRER OR GRIFFIN IS TO TAKE
 PLACE AFTER 181400H UNLESS APPROVED BY HQ 1 ATF (MAIN).

DELTA . AIR MOV COORD CONF TO BE HELD AT HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)
 AT 181030H .

ECHO . NO CHANGE TO ALLOTMENT OF LOs .

FOXTROT . AIR MOV TABLE FOR 1 RAR AND 4/12 INF BN ISSUED
 SEPARATELY .

FIFTEEN . ADMIN AND LOG CLN NO CHANGE TO PARA 4 OF 1 ATF OPO 66/68 .

SIXTEEN . COMD AND SIG CLN

ALFA . HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) REMAINS AT FSPB LION (YS6181) .

BRAVO . HQ 1 ATF (REAR) REMAINS AT 1 ATF BASE NUI DAT
 (YS4367) .

CHARLIE . HQ 1 RAR LOC TO BE ADVISED AFTER DEPLOYMENT .

DELTA . HQ 4/12 INF BN TO BE ADVISED AFTER DEPLOYMENT .

ECHO . ADDITIONAL POINTS OF ORIGIN FOR AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN
 TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY

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KELDIE

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EBONY FWD

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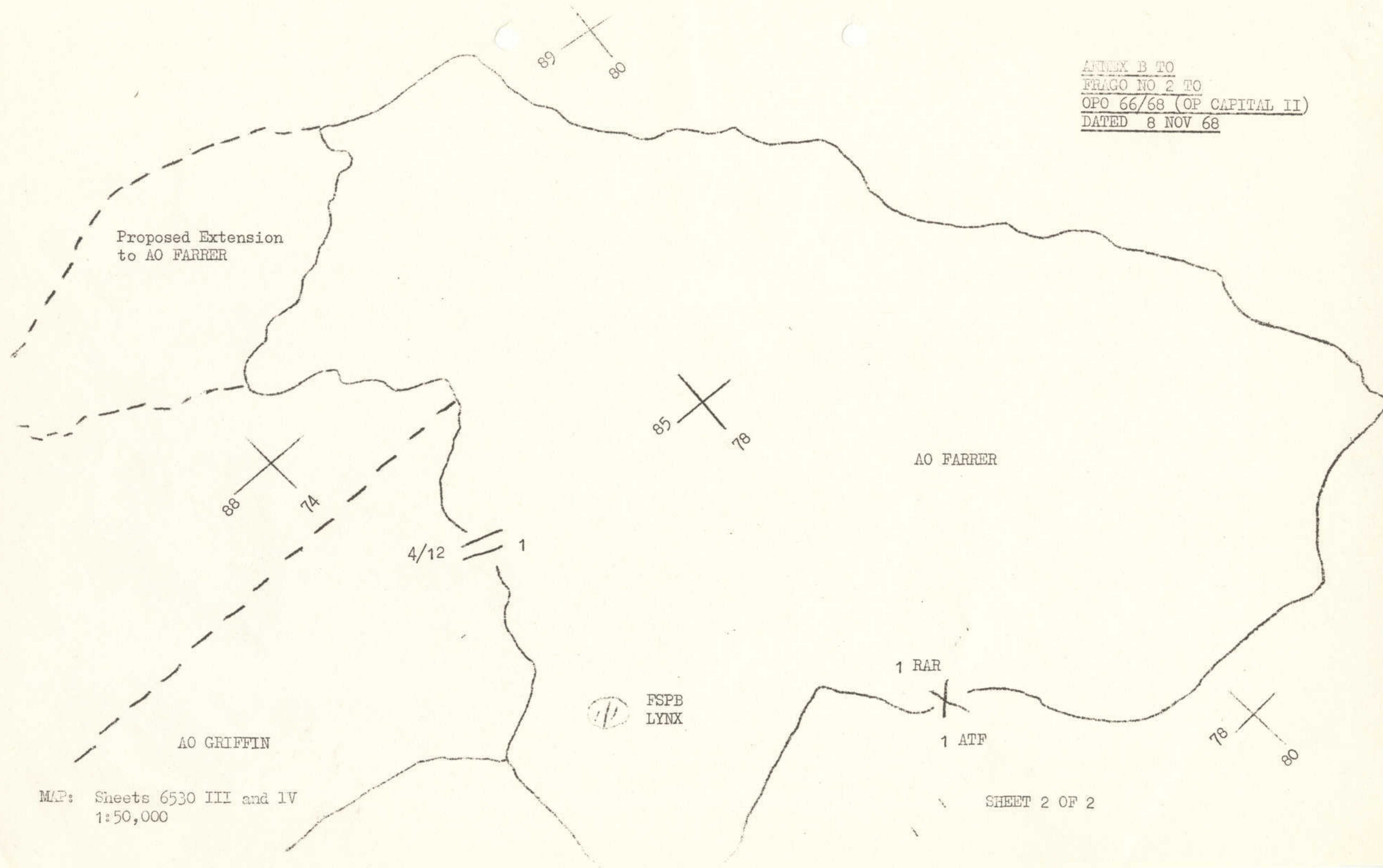
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DATED 8 NOV 68



MAP: Sheet 6430 I and II
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DATED 8 NOV 68



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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF FRAG O NO 2 TO
1 ATF OPO NO 66/68
DATED 8 NOV 68

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MESSAGE FORM

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19 0130Z NOV 68

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FROM: HO 1 ATF (MAIN)

OPS 048

TO: LIST Z

INFO: LO BARIA

OP INSTRUCTION NO 69/68 (OP ALOHA)

ONE . SITUATION CLN

THE CHANGE~~OVER~~ OF 3 RAR AND 9 RAR IS TO BE EFFECTED BY ROAD
TRANSPORT . TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SECURITY IS MAINTAINED UNTIL
3 RAR IS COMPLETE ON HMAS SYDNEY AND 9 RAR IS COMPLETE AT NUI
DAT A ROUTE SECURITY OPERATION IS NECESSARY .

TWO . MISSION .

A SQN 3 CAV REGT IS TO PROVIDE ROUTE SECURITY FOR THE PASSAGE
OF 3 RAR AND 9 RAR CONVOYS BETWEEN 1 ATF BASE NUI DAT AND
RELEASE POINT YS371543 .

THREE . A SQN 3 CAV REGT (LESS SHQ AND TWO TROOPS) CLN

ALFA . GROUPING CLN

FIRST . UNDER COMD FROM 200630H UNTIL REL - ONE
MINI TEAM CMM 1 FD SQN - 1 PL 9 RAR .

SECOND . IN SP FROM 200630H UNTIL REL - CAV MOBILE
FORCE .

THIRD . ON CALL FROM 200630H - ONE CESSNA AC CMM
161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . CLEAR ROUTE FROM 1 ATF BASE TO REL PT .

SECOND . SECURE ROUTE WITH FORCES AVAL .

THIRD . CONDUCT AIR SURVEILLANCE OVER ROUTE
PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY .

FOURTH . BE PREP TO PROVIDE ESCORT CMM AS REQUIRED
OVER SPECIFIED SECTIONS OF THE ROUTE .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN CLN PROVIDE ONE MINI TEAM UNDER COMD A SQN 3 CAV REGT
FROM 200630H UNTIL REL .

FIVE . 9 RAR CLN PROVIDE ONE PL UNDER COMD A SQN 3 CAV REGT FROM 200630H
UNTIL REL .

SIX . 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT CLN PROVIDE ONE CESSNA FWAC ON CALL TO A SQN
3 CAV REGT FROM 200630H .

SEVEN . CAV MOBILE FORCE CLN PROVIDE SP CLN AS REQUIRED TO A SQN 3 CAV
REGT FROM 200630H UNTIL REL CMM CONSISTENT WITH OTHER TASKS .

EIGHT . COORD INSTRUCTIONS CLN .

FIRST . ROUTE IS TO BE CLEARED BY 200730H .

SECOND . CONVOY/PACKET COMDS ARE TO BE BRIEFED BY
A SQN 3 CAV REGT .

THIRD . THE USE OF PYOTECHNICS ALONG THE ROUTE IS TO
BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED .

NINE . ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS CLN
ALFA. . MED CLN A SQN 3 CAV REGT ARE TO MAKE A MED ASSISTANT
AVAILABLE . DUSTOFF NORMAL .
BRAVO . REC . CLN A REC POST IS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE VIC
OF BARIA (YS3760) . EME HQ 1 ATF RESPONSIBLE FOR
PROVISION OF M543 WRECKER .
TEN . COMD AND SIGNAL . CLN 1 ATF SOI APPLIES .

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ROUTINE

200100Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

RESTRICTED

To: 1 ARU

OPS 1781

AVAILABILITY OF 1 ARU PTLs 29 NOV - 16 DEC 68 . YOUR PROPOSAL FOR
USE OF PTL ZONES JULIE CMM GINA CMM PHILIP CMM ALBERT CMM EDWARD CMM
RICHARD CLN NOT APPROVED

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PRIORITY

200100Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: 1 ARU

OPS 1780

Info: ~~PTL PROGRAMME ADDRESSEES~~

REFERENCE A IS 1 ATF PTL PROGRAMME 17 - 23 NOV DATED 14 NOV 68 .

ARU PTLs IN PTL ZONE JENNY ARE CANCELLED . PLEASE AMEND REFERENCE

A ACCORDINGLY

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

21 Nov 68

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Distribution below

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 230800H NOV TO 300800H NOV 68

1. 1 ATF Patrol Programme for period 230800H to 300800H Nov 68 is attached.

M. J. Barwick Capt
(J.D. KELDIE)
for Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
9 RAR (11)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 230800H TO 300800H NOV 68

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A.	Patrol No	1 RAR 332/68	333/68	334/68	335/68
B.	Sub Unit to Provide	B Coy	Sp Coy	D Coy	C Coy
C.	Callsign and frequency	25 72.00	92J 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR Rear	1 RAR Rear	1 RAR Rear	1 RAR Rear
E.	Task	Recce and obsn vic YS462707	Early wng vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS388683	Recce and obsn vic YS453697
F.	Strength	5	5	5	5
G.	Date/Time Out	230945H	231845H	241200H	241600H
H.	Date/Time In	240800H	240600H	261030H	250800H
J.	Route	To be advissd	-	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	-	-	Search GS YS3868	Timings dependent on Range Practices

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A.	336/68	337/68	338/68	339/68	340/68
B.	Sp Coy	B Coy	Sp Coy	A Coy	C Coy
C.	92J 72.00	25 72.00	92J 72.00	14 72.00	34 72.00
D.	1 RAR Rear	1 RAR Rear	1 RAR Rear	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Early wng vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS460698	Early wng vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS394676	Recce and obsn vic YS469707
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	241845H	251600H	251845H	261300H	261600H
H.	250600H	260800H	260600H	281200H	270800H
J.	-	To be advised	-	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Timings dependent on Range Practices	-	Search GS YS3967 (Northern half)	Timings dependent on Range Practices

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A.	341/68	342/68	343/68	344/68	345/68
B.	Sp Coy	B Coy	Sp Coy	D Coy	C Coy
C.	92J 72.00	25 72.00	92J 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00
D.	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS447704	Early wng vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS400708	Recce and obsn vic YS455707
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	261845H	271600H	271845H	281330H	280900H
H.	270600H	280830H	280600H	301200H	290845H
J.	-	To be advised	-	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Timings dependent on Range Practices	-	Search GS YS4070 (Western half)	-

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A.	346/68	347/68	348/68
B.	Sp Coy	B Coy	Sp Coy
C.	92J 72.00	25 72.00	92J 72.00
D.	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Early wng vic YS431683	Recce and obsn vic YS454697	Early wng vic YS431683
F.	5	5	5
G.	281845H	290930H	291845H
H.	290600H	300900H	300600H
J.	-	To be advised	-
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-

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A.	4 RAR 4277/68	4278/68	4279/68	4280/68	4281/68
B.	Sp Coy	C Coy	Admin Coy	B Coy	V Coy
C.	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Provide early wng in ptl zone ALAN. N/Loc vic YS485675	Provide early wng in ptl zone CARL. N/Loc vic YS505660	Provide early wng in ptl zone TED. N/Loc vic YS473666	Surveillance line A between Northings 66 to 69. N/Loc vic YS519679	Provide early wng in ptl zone ROD. N/Loc vic YS496663
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 8	1 and 6
G.	241530H	241530H	251700H	251300H	261630H
H.	250830H	250930H	260830H	261200H	270830H
J.	Via LTL 52	Ltl 52	Via 9 RAR	Out: LTL 52 In : Heli	Ltl 52
K.	-	-	-	Vic GS YS5168	-
L.	-	-	-	EAGLE FARM	-
M.	-	-	-	Notify P2 by 260900H	-

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A.	4282/68	4283/68	4284/68	4285/68	4286/68
B.	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy	Admin Coy	B Coy
C.	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Provide early wng in ptl zone TED. N/Loc vic YS471670	Provide early wng in ptl zone CARL. N/Loc vic YS506661	Provide early wng in ptl zone ROD. N/Loc vic YS492671	Provide early wng in ptl zone STAN. N/Loc vic YS467688	Provide early wng in ptl zone ALAN. N/Loc vic YS485683
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	261700H	271500H	271600H	281500H	281430H
H.	270800H	280900H	280930H	291000H	291030H
J.	Direct	Via LTL 52	Via LTL 52	Out: B Coy In : V Coy	Via B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4287/68	4288/68	4289/68	4290/68
B.	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy
C.	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Obsn and early wng bdry NOEL/STAN. N/Loc vic YS475691	Provide early wng in STAN. N/Loc vic YS475682	Provide early wng in ptl zone TED. N/Loc vic YS479681	Provide early wng in ptl zone ROD. N/Loc vic YS496663
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	291330H	291600H	301500H	301530H
H.	301100H	300830H	011000H	010900H
J.	Via V Coy	Via C Coy	Direct -	Via LTL 52
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-

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A.	W Coy 3/68	4/68	5/68	6/68	7/68
B.	3 Pl	1 Pl	2 Pl	3 Pl	2 Pl
C.	73A, 73B, 73C	71	72A, 72B, 72C	73	72
D.	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ
E.	Ambush and early wng	Ambush	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng
F.	3 : 10	1 . 25	3 : 10	30	30
G.	221400H	241400H	261530H	281500H	301300H
H.	241330H	261500H	281330H	301200H	021100H
J.	Direct to areas IAN, TOM & VIC	Direct to GS YS525602	Direct to areas JACK, FRANK & VIC	Direct to YS504618	Direct to YS517612
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows: IAN - 73A TOM - 73B VIC - 73C	SOUTH of Route 23 - Ambush as selected by Ptl Comd WEST of area LEN	Ambush posns as selected in areas as follows: JACK - 72A FRANK - 72B VIC - 72C	Ambush posns as selected by pl comd in VIC.	Ambush posns as selected by pl comd in PETE SOUTH of Route 23

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A.	8/68
B.	1 Pl ...
C.	71A, 71B, 71C
D.	W Coy HQ
E.	Ambush and early wng
F.	3 : 10
G.	021430H
H.	041500H
J.	Direct to areas FRANK, IAN, TOM
K.	-
L.	-
M.	Ambush posns selected by pl comds as follows: FRANK - 71A IAN - 71B TOM - 71C

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A.	9 RAR 9015/68	9016/68	9017/68	9018/68	9019/68
B.	C Coy	C Coy	C Coy	D Coy	D Coy
C.	30C 58.00	30D 58.00	30E 58.00	40C 58.00	40D 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS475644.	Ambush vic YS401638.	Recce and obsn vic YS395656.	Recce and obsn vic YS492645.	Ambush vic YS404647.
F.	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 10	1 NCO and 8
G.	241700H	241700H	241700H	251630H	251730H
H.	250810H	250730H	250730H	260830H	260800H
J.	a. As briefed. b. Avoid area JIM.	a. As briefed. b. Vehicle to bypass rd.	a. As briefed. b. Vehicle to bypass rd.	Out: D Coy. In: B Coy. As briefed.	a. Vehicle to bypass rd. b. As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	a. Brief sheet to CP 9 RAR by 241200 hrs. b. Carry 2 x M60. c. Adopt final posn after last light.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9015/68	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9015/68 except 1 x MG.

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A.	9020/68	9021/68	9022/68	9023/68	9024/68
B.	D Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy	B Coy
C.	40E 58.00	10C 58.00	10D 58.00	10E 58.00	20C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn YS40366C.	Recce and obsn vic YS484640.	Ambush vic YS393639.	Recce and obsn YS407652.	Ambush vic YS480653.
F.	1 NCO and 10	1 NCO and 10	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 5	1 NCO and 10
G.	251730H	261645H	261630H	261730H	271650H
H.	260810H	270750H	270830H	270730H	280745H
J.	a. Veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	Out: A Coy. In: D Coy. As briefed, but avoid area JIM.	a. Veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	a. Veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for serial 9019/68.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9019/68.	As for serial 9019/68.	As for serial 9015/68.

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A.	9025/68	9026/68	9027/68	9028/68	9029/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy	Sp Coy	Sp Coy	Sp Coy
C.	20D 58.00	20E 58.00	60C 58.00	60D 58.00	60E 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn YS393643.	Recce and obsn vic YS397658.	Ambush vic YS490648.	Recce and obsn vic YS400636.	Recce and obsn vic YS401651.
F.	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 10	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 8
G.	271645H	271645H	281635H	281715H	281715H
H.	280800H	280800H	290800H	290815H	290815H
J.	a. Veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	a. Veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	a. Out: A Coy. b. In: B Coy. c. As briefed.	a. By veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	a. By veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9019/68.	As for serial 9019/68.

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A.	9030/68	9031/68	9032/68	9033/68	9034/68
B.	Admin Coy	Admin Coy	Admin Coy	C Coy	C Coy
C.	95C 58.00	95D 58.00	95E 58.00	30C 58.00	30D 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS475647.	Recce and obsn vic YS400644.	Ambush vic YS393659.	Ambush vic of YS487650.	Recce and obsn vic YS397638.
F.	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 8	1 NCO and 10	1 NCO and 8
G.	291745H	291745H	291630H	301615H Nov	301715H Nov
H.	300720H	300750H	300830H	010830H Dec	010755H Dec
J.	a. Out: D Coy. b. In: A Coy. c. As briefed. Avoid area JIM.	a. By veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	a. By veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.	a. Out: B Coy. b. In: A Coy. c. As briefed.	a. By veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for serial 9019/68.	As for serial 9019/68.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9015/68.	As for serial 9019/68

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A.	9035/68
B.	C Coy
C.	30E 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS408657.
F.	1 NCO and 8
G.	301745H Nov
H.	010700H Dec
J.	a. By veh to bypass rd. b. As briefed.
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for serial 9019/68.

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A.	1 ARU 328/68	329/68	330/68	331/68	332/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54A 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS446636.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS445630.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS452640.	Patrol and obsn in AO ALICE.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS439637.
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	231800H	241800H	251800H	261800H	261800H
H.	240700H	250715H	260730H	270715H	270730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Div Range Practice.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Div Range Practice.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Div Range Practice.	Inserted by veh on by-pass road.	

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A.	333/68	334/68	335/68	336/68
B.	4 P1	4 P1	4 P1	4 P1
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	52 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS440640.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS460640.	Patrol and Ambush in AO ALICE.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS445635.
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	2 - 43	1 - 4
G.	271800H	281800H	281800H	291800H
H.	280600H	290655H	290655H	300700H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Div Range Practice.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Div Range Practice.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Div Range Practice.

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PRIORITY

230115Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: LIST A LESS SERIALS 18 - 28

OPS 1801

Info: ~~OP~~

RESPOSIBILITY FOR PTL AOS CMM 24 - 27 NOV INCL . WEF 240830H NOV
68 9 RAR IS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONES STAN CMM NOEL AND
JOE . ALL REQUESTS FOR GROUND CLEARANCE TO BE DIRECTED TO 9 RAR .
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONES REVERTS TO 4 RAR WEF 272400H NOV 68

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230200Z NOV 68

From: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z PLUS 4/12 INF BN 199(LIB), 2/11 ACR,
HQ 18 ARVN DIV, HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

OPS 061

Info: LO 4/12 INF BN 199(LIB)
LO HQ 18 ARVN DIV
LO HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

EXTENSIONS TO AO FARRER . EFFECTIVE 230800H THE FOLLOWING EXTENSIONS
ARE MADE . FIRST . AREA BOUNDED BY YS790900 - YS820900 - YS820836 .
SECOND . AREA BOUNDED BY YS712900 - SOUTH WEST ALONG LINE OF TRACK
YS725870 - YS744870 - YS744865 - YS752853 .

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John S. Keldie
Maj

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240330Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: LIST A LESS SERIALS 18-28

OPS1810

Info: CP

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL AOS CMM 30 NOV 68 . FROM 300800H TO 301700H
NOV 68 CMM 9 RAR IS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONES STAN CMM NOEL
AND JOE . ALL REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE TO BE DIRECTED TO 9 RAR . PLEASE
CONNECT THIS SIG WITH 1 ATF OPS1801 DATED 23 NOV 68

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Time Zone used throughout this Instr: HOTEL.

General

1. HQ 1 ATF (Main) returns to NUI DAT on 27 Nov 68.
2. 1 ATF SOIs for Nov 68 apply.

Radio

3. 1 ATF Comd Net (VHF)
 - a. No change from 1 ATF SOI item 16.
 - b. On issue codeword OLYMPIC NCS (C/S 42) reverts to HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT. C/S 42 FSPB LION reverts to step-up station C/S 64.
 - c. Codeword OLYMPIC is to be issued by GS02 (Ops).
4. 1 ATF Rear Comd Net (VHF)
 - a. No change from 1 ATF SOI item 16a.
 - b. On issue codeword DUNLOP by NCS this net is to close down and appropriate stations are to switch to 1 ATF Comd Net (Main).
5. 1 ATF Comd Net (HF)
 - a. Closes 270600H Nov 68.
6. Fwd Def Net (VHF)
 - a. The Fwd Def Net is to close 270930H Nov 68.
7. Convoy Net (VHF)-Refer Mov Instr
 - a. Convoy Net opens 270900H Nov 68 on Freq 43-20 MC/S.
8. Misc Radio Nets
 - a. II FFORCE V CG Comd Net (FM). A sta is to be maintained on this net as required. II FFORCE V SOI item 51-5 refers.
 - b. PHUOC TUY Sector Comd Net. A sta is to be maintained on this net as required. III Corps SOI item 54-9 refers.
 - c. 1 ATF Air. RAAF Ops Fwd (ATOLL 2) and 1 ATF Air Fwd (EAGLE HEIGHTS 2) are to close on departure FSPB LION.

SIGCEN

9. 1 ATF SIGCEN NUI DAT - No change.
10. 1 ATF SIGCEN FSPB LION is to close 270600H Nov 68,
11. Signal dispatches will not be accepted at FSPB LION after 261600H Nov 68.

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12. Last scheduled ADS from NUI DAT to FSPB LION 260700H Nov 68.

13. Last scheduled ADS from FSPB LION to NUI DAT 261600H Nov 68.

Line and SWBD


14. EBONY Fwd SWBD is to close 270600H Nov 68.

Radio Relay

15. Radio Relay facilities are to close 270600H Nov 68. Direct user channels close at this time.

Comms Security

16. No change from paras 18, 19 1 ATF Sig Instr 10/68 (Op CAPITAL) dated 311200H Oct 68.


(N.C. MUNRO)
Maj
1 ATF Sig Offr

Distribution:

List Z less serials 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 41, 47, 48.

Aust LO 4/12 Inf Bn 199 (LIB)

Aust LO HQ 18 ARVN DIV

Aust LO HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

Aust LO 2/11 ACR

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24 Z NOV 68

From: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z PLUS 4/12 INF BN 2/11 ACR HQ 18 ARVN DIV
HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

OPS 066

Info: LO HQ 18 ARVN DIV HQ A BDE ARVN MAR 4/12 INF BN
2/11 ACR

FRAG 0 NO 3 TO OPO NO 66/68 (OP CAPITAL II) .

- ONE . SITUATION . EXTRACTION OF 1 ATF FORCE FROM AO FRANKLIN .
- TWO . MISSION . 1 ATF IS TO EXTRACT FROM AO FRANKLIN OVER PERIOD
26 NOV - 30 NOV 68 .
- THREE . EXECUTION CLN
 - ALFA . GEN OUTLINE CLN EXTRACTION IS TO TAKE PLACE BY RD
AND AIR .
 - BRAVO . HQ 1 ATF CLN EXTRACT BY AIR AND RD FROM FSPB LION TO
1 ATF BASE NUI DAT ON 27 NOV 68 .
 - CHARLIE . 1 RAR CLN
 - FIRST . 1 RAR IS TO EXTRACT FROM AO FARRER ON
26 NOV 68 BY AIR .
 - SECOND . ONE SECT MOR PL IS TO PASS TO UNDER COMD
1 FD SQN FROM 261100H UNTIL REL ON
27 NOV 68 .
 - DELTA . 4 RAR CLN
 - FIRST . PROVIDE ONE PL B COY UNDER COMD 1 FD SQN
FROM 261100H UNTIL REL .
 - SECOND . EXTRACT FROM AO CURTIN ON 30 NOV 68
BY AIR .
 - THIRD . COMMENCE BN TRG PROGRAMME ON 1 DEC 68 .
 - ECHO . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN .
 - FIRST . PASS TO OP CON A SQN 3 CAV REGT FROM
270630H UNTIL REL ON 27 NOV 68 .
 - SECOND . EXTRACT FROM FSPB LION TO 1 ATF BASE
NUI DAT ON 27 NOV 68 .

FOXTROT . A SQN 3 CAV REGT CLN .

FIRST . GROUPING CLN

(ALFA) . UNDER COMD FROM 270630H
UNTIL REL - COMBAT TEAM CEM
1 FD SQN - DEF PL HQ COY
1 ATF .

(BRAVO) . ON CALL FROM 270900H - ONE
FW AC 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT .

SECOND . TASKS CLN

(ALFA) . CONTINUE TO COMD AND CO ORD
DEF OF FSPB LION UNTIL
EXTRACTION OF ALL FORCES
COMPLETE .

(BRAVO) . ESCORT 1 ATF CONVOY FROM
BARIA TO FSPB LION ON
26 NOV 68 .

(CHARLIE) . CLEAR ROUTE THEN COMD RD
CONVOY FROM FSPB LION TO
1 ATF BASE (NUI DAT) .

(DELTA) . PROVIDE ONE TP (LESS ONE
SECT) AND TWO MOV CARRIERS
OP CON 1 FD SQN FROM 261100H
UNTIL REL ON 27 NOV 68 FOR
BR SITE PROTECTION .

GOLF . 1 FD SQN CLN

FIRST . GROUPING CLN

(ALFA) . UNDER COMD FROM 261100H
UNTIL REL ON 27 NOV 68 - ONE
PL B COY 4 RAR - ONE MOR
SECT 1 RAR .

(BRAVO) . UNDER CP CON FROM 261200H -
ONE TP (LESS ONE SECT) A SQN
3 CAV REGT - TWO M125AI MOV
APC A SQN 3 CAV REGT .

SECOND . TASKS CLN

(ALFA) . SECURE BR SITE YS629654 BY
261300H .

(BRAVO) . GAP OBSTACLE BY 261530H TO
ENABLE CONVOY TO PASS THROUGH
TO FSPB LION .

(CHARLIE) . PROTECT BR UNTIL CONVOY PASSES
FROM FSPB LION TO NUI DAT ON
27 NOV 68 .

(DELTA) . DISMANTLE BR AND RETURN TO
NUI DAT .

HOTEL . 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT CLN .

FIRST . PROVIDE ONE H13 IN DS EACH 1 RAR CMM 4 RAR
FROM 260700H .

SECOND . PROVIDE ONE H13 DS 4/12 INF BN FROM 0730H
TO 1800H DAILY FROM 270730H UNTIL REL ON
30 NOV 68 .

THIRD . PROVIDE ONE FW AC ON CALL TO A SQN 3 CAV
REGT FROM 270900H UNTIL REL .

INDIA . 2/11 ACR CLN EXTRACT FROM AO PERSHING (MODIFIED) TO
BLACKHORSE AT 261030H .

JULIET . 4/12 BN 199 (LIB) CLN

FIRST . CONTINUE RIF OPS IN AO GRIFFIN UNTIL
30 NOV 68 .

SECOND . EXTRACT TO 199TH (LIB) BASE LONG BINH BY
AIR ON 30 NOV 68 .

KILO . A BTY 2/35 US ARTY CLN PASS TO UNDER COMD A SQN 3 CAV
REGT FOR MOV TO NUI DAT BASE ON 27 NOV 68 .

LIMA . CO ORD INSTRS CLN

FIRST . 1 FD SQN TO HAVE BR AT YS629654 READY FOR
USE BY 261530H .

SECOND . 1 FD SQN ARE TO INFO HQ 1 ATF WHEN BR IS
READY FOR USE ON 26 NOV 68 .

THIRD . EXTRACTION OF 1 RAR BY AIR COMMENCES AT
260700H .

FOURTH . EXTRACTION FROM FSPB LION COMMENCES
AT 271000H .

FIFTH . AO CURTIN REMAINS UNALTERED FROM 27 -- 30
NOV 68 .

SIXTH . AO GRIFFIN IS TO BE EXTENDED ON 27 NOV 68 .
(DETAILS ISSUED SEPARATELY) .

SEVENTH . AIR MOV TABLE FOR MOV OF 1 RAR CMM 4 RAR CMM
4/12 INF BN ISSUED SEPARATELY .

EIGHTH . ROAD MOV INSTR FOR EXTRACTION FROM FSPB
LION ANNEX A .

NINTH . EXTRACTION OF 1 ATF OPS AND ARTY LO'S TAKES
PLACE OF FOL DATES CMM DETAILS ISSUED
SEPARATELY CLN
(ALFA) . 4/12 INF BN - 30 NOV 68 .
(BRAVO) . 2/11 ACR - 26 NOV 68 .
(CHARLIE) . HQ 18 ARVN DIV - 30 NOV 68 .
(DELTA) . HQ A BDE ARVN MAR - 26 NOV 68 .

FOUR . ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS CLN NO CHANGE FROM 1 ATF EXCEPT PP
(AVGAS) CLOSES 261600H AT FSPB LION . TFMA EXTRACTS BY RD TO
NUI DAT ON 27 NOV 68 .

FIVE . COMD AND SIG .

ALFA . HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) LOC THUA TICH UNTIL RD CONVOY DEPARTS
27 NOV 68 .

BRAVO . HQ 1 ATF (REAR) REMAINS NUI DAT .

CHARLIE . 1 ATF SOI apply .

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ANNEX A TO
FRAG 0 NO 3 TO
1 ATF OP 0 66/68
DATED 28 NOV 68

ROAD MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION

References: A. 1 ATF Ops 55 of 210430Z Nov 68.
B. Maps Special Use SE Asia 1:100,000 sheet 6430, series 2607.

1. Situation

a. Enemy. Interdiction of the route between THUA TICH and NUI DAT by minor ambushes and mining is a possibility.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1 RAR concludes ops in AO FARRER and returns to NUI DAT on 26 Nov 68.

(2) 4 RAR continue ops in AO CURTIN until 30 Nov 68.

(3) 9 RAR remains NUI DAT.

(4) Cav, Inf and Engr elms are to conduct br op over SUOI CAY GIA YS6265 on 26 Nov 68.

c. Atts and Dets. Under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for movement from 270630H until arrival NUI DAT, C Sqn (-) 1 Armd Regt, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), HQ 1 ATF convoy, TFMA convoy and unit ech convoys.

2. Mission. To move by rd to NUI DAT on 27 Nov 68.

3. Execution

a. Gen Outline. The rd convoy is to assembly at THUA TICH and depart by 271000H via Routes 328, 23 and 52 to NUI DAT.

b. Order of March:

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Sub-Units</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>No of Vehs</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	C Sqn (-) with 21 Sect (+) of 2 Tp, D & E Pl, and Cbt Engr Team	T3 21 I7	14 4	- To clear routes for move.
2	22 Sect 2 Tp	22	3	+ Mini team
3	2 Tp HQ (-)	2	2	
4	SHQ	9	6	
5	A Bty 2/35	G40	24	
6	31 Sect 3 Tp	31	3	
7	3 Tp HQ	3	3	+ Mini team
8	TF HQ Gp	85	12	4 x ACVs 4 x HQ Coy 4 x Sigs
9	32 Sect 3 Tp	32	3	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
10	TFMA Gp	7	14	6 x TFMA 4 x Def Stores 1 x Wrecker 2 x Tilt beds 1 x LR & Water tlr
11	33 Sect 3 Tp	33	3	
12	Unit Ech Gp	5	16	5 x Arty 5 x 1 RAR 3 x 4 RAR 3 x C Sqn
13	23 Sect 2 Tp	23	3	
			110	

c. Routes to SP. Units to arrange.

d. SP. THUA TICH gates on Route 328 at YS614804.

e. Assy Area. From gates North along Route 328. SSM A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to marshall the convoy.

f. Routes. Route 328, LTL 23 and TL 52.

g. Critical Pts

(1) NUI LA YS6167.

(2) Br in vicinity YS6265.

(3) Brs on Route 23 vicinity NUI ~~NHON~~

(4) DAT DO.

h. Release Pt. NUI DAT perimeter.

i. Timings

(1) FSPB LION packed up by 270845H.

(2) Units ready to move by 270900H.

(3) Units to move to assy area at 270930H, packet comds to ensure packets complete.

(4) Cross SP at 271000H.

(5) ETA NUI DAT approx 271300H.

j. Limitations on Types of Vehs

Centurions and M109s must use Route 52. Care must be exercised on Route 23 where there are numerous narrow brs and culverts.

k. Capacity of Routes. Adequate.

l. Speed. 20 mph (max).

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m. Instructions for towns

- (1) Slow down to 15 mph.
- (2) No halts.

n. Density. 17 VTM.

o. Halts. None planned.

4. Admin Instruction and Logistics

a. Med

- (1) Dustoff normal through SHQ A Sqn 3 Cav.
- (2) Medical asst travelling with SHQ.

b. Recovery. A V, wrecker and fitters tracks travelling with convoy; dependent on cas will recover fwd.

5. Command and Signal

a. Frequencies

- (1) Escort frequency - tk and cav internals.
- (2) Convoy frequency - 43.20.

b. Convoy Authentication Code. Rapid Stroke 5.

c. Call Signs

- (1) A and C Sqns. Normal fixed.
- (2) Packet comds.
 - (a) A Bty 2/35 - Golf 40.
 - (b) TF HQ Gp - 85 (Ops ACV).
 - (c) TFMA Gp - 7 (TFMA rep).
 - (d) Unit ech Gp - 5 (Arty ech rep).

d. Report Lines

- (1) Start line YS614804 - PARADISE LOST.
- (2) Route 327 YS601764 - DARING DAISY.
- (3) SUOI CAY GIA YS629654 - BASHFUL BEVERLY.
- (4) NUI NHON br YS585637 - NAUGHTY NANETTE.
- (5) DAT DO YS488602 - DANCING DIANE.
- (6) NUI DAT YS4566 - LOVELY LADY.

e. Nicknames

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Main Bearing	Convoy tasked

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MESSAGE FORM

IMMEDIATE

250900Z NOV 68

From: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z PLUS 2/11 ACR 4/12 INF BN

OPS 069

Info: LO HQ 18 ARVN DIV HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

MOV OF FRIENDLY FORCES . ONE . ON 30 NOV 68 ELMS OF 18 ARVN DIV ARE
TO TAKE OVER AO GRIFFIN AND AO FARRER NORTH OF YS88 NORTHING . MSN .
CONTINUE RIF OPS IN AREA .

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ROUTINE

280330Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: LIST A LESS SERIALS 22 - 28

OPS 1837

Info: ϕ P

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONE . DURING PERIOD 041600H - 080300H

DEC 68 CMM 9 RAR ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PTL ZONES TONY CMM BRONX

AND PHILIP . ALL REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCES ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO

9 RAR

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

28 Nov 68

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Distribution below

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 010800H DEC TO 080800H DEC 68

1. 1 ATF Patrol Programme for period 010800H Dec to 080800H Dec 68 is attached.

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(J.D. KELDIE)
for Maj
GS02 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
9 RAR (11)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 010800H TO 080800H DEC 68

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A.	Patrol No	1 RAR 349/68	350/68	351/68	352/68
B.	Sub Unit to Provide	A Coy	C Coy	D Coy	B Coy
C.	Callsign and frequency	14 72.00	34 72.00	92J 72.00	25 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Task	Ambush vic YS381695	Ambush vic YS463702	Early wng Vic YS431683	Ambush vic YS452698
F.	Strength	10	10	Section	10
G.	Date/Time Out	301300H	301600H	301845H	011600H
H.	Date/Time In	021130H	010900H	010600H	020800H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	-	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Search GS YS3869	-	FORT COURAGE	-

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A.	353/68	354/68	355/68	356/68	357/68
B.	D Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	A Coy	B Coy
C.	92J 72.00	45 72.00	61 72.00	92J 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Early wng vic YS431683	Ambush vic YS382686	Fighting ptl search sector PHILLIP	Early wng vic YS431683	Ambush vic YS459697
F.	Section	10	A'Tk Pl & Tracking teams	Section	10
G.	011600H	021230H	020800H	021845H	031600H
H.	020800H	041000H	031500H	030600H	040800H
J.	-	To be advised	To be advised	-	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	FORT COURAGE	Search GS YS3968	Proposed APC/Vehicle to sector PHILLIP	FORT COURAGE	This AO taken over by 9 RAR from 041600H to 080800H

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A.	358/68	359/68	360/68	361/68	362/68
B.	A Coy	A Coy	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy
C.	92J 72.00	14 72.00	92J 72.00	92J 72.00	45 72.00
D.	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Early wng vic YS431683	Ambush vic YS390696	Early wng vic YS431683	Early wng vic YS431683	Ambush vic YS404672
F.	Section	10	Section	Section	10
G.	031845H	041400H	041845H	051845H	061300H
H.	040600H	061200H	050600H	060600H	081130H
J.	-	To be advised	-	-	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	FORT COURAGE	Search GS YS3969	FORT COURAGE	FORT COURAGE	Search GS YS4067

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A.	363/68	364/68
B.	A Coy	A Coy
C.	92J 72.00	92J 72.00
D.	1 RAR	1 RAR
E.	Early wng vic YS431683	Early wng vic YS431683
F.	Section	Section
G.	061845H	071845H
H.	070600H	080600H
J.	-	-
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.	FORT COURAGE	FORT COURAGE

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A.	4 RAR 4291/68	4292/68	4293/68	4294/68	4295/68
B.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
C.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
D.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
E.	Early wng in ALAN. N/Loc vic YS485683	Early wng in CARL. N/Loc YS499674	Early wng on Line A in area WALLY. N/Loc YS518679	Ambush in GS YS4968. Loc vic YS492686	Ambush in ROD. Loc vic YS492671.
F.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl
G.	011400H	011530H	021400H	021400H	031530H
H.	021000H	020930H	030930H	031100H	040900H
J.	Direct	TL 52	-	Direct	TL 52
K.	-	-	EAGLE FARM	-	-
L.	-	-	Vic YS516676	-	-
M.	-	-	To notify extraction PZ by 021600H	-	-

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A.	4296/68	4297/68	4298/68	4299/68	4300/68
B.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
C.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
D.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
E.	Ambush in TED. Loc YS467663	Ambush in STAN. Loc YS465683	Ambush in TED. Loc YS467663	Ambush in ROD. Loc YS496663	Surveillance in GS YS4768. N/Loc YS478681
F.	1 Section	1 Section	1 Section	1 Section	1 Section
G.	031730H	041600H	041730H	051700H	051530H
H.	040800H	050830H	050800H	060900H	061000H
J.	TL 52	Direct	TL 52	TL 52	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4301/68	4302/68	4303/68	4304/68
B.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
C.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
D.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
E.	Ambush in ROD. Loc YS496660	Surveillance in GS YS4767 N/Loc vic YS477673	Provide early wng in STAN Loc vic YS461685	Provide early wng in DON N/Loc YS461670
F.	1 Section	1 Section	1 Section	1 Section
G.	061630H	061600H	071700H	071730H
H.	070800H	070900H	080730H	080815H
J.	TL 52	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-

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A.	W Coy 7/68	8/68	9/68	10/68
B.	2 Pl	1 Pl	2 Pl	3 Pl
C.	72	71A, 71B, 71C	72A, 72B, 72C	73A, 73B, 73C
D.	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ	W Coy HQ
E.	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng
F.	30	3 : 10	3 : 10	3 : 10
G.	301300H	021430H	041300H	061400H
H.	021100H	041500H	061100H	081200H
J.	Direct to YS517612	Direct to areas FRANK, IAN & TOM	Direct to areas TOM, JACK & FRANK	Direct to areas IAN, TOM & VIC
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Ambush posns as selected by pl comd in PETE, SOUTH of Route 23.	Ambush posns selected by pl comds as follows: FRANK - 71A IAN - 71B TOM - 71C	Ambush posns selected by ptl comd as fols: TOM - 72A JACK - 72B FRANK - 72C	Ambush posns selected by ptl comd as fols: IAN - 73A TOM - 73B VIC - 73C

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A.	9 RAR 9036/68	9037/68	9038/68	9039/68	9040/68
B.	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy	A Coy	A Coy
C.	40C 58.00	40D 58.00	40E 58.00	10C 58.00	10D 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Recce and obsn vicinity YS488640	Recce and obsn vicinity YS400651	Recce and obsn vicinity YS392660	Ambush vicinity YS489653	Ambush vicinity YS403647
F.	1 : 10	1 : 10	1 : 10	1 : 10	1 : 10
G.	011600H	011700H	011600H	021630H	021730H
H.	020830H	020700H	020830H	030800H	030715H
J.	As briefed.	Veh to bypass rd. As briefed.	Veh to bypass rd. As briefed.	As briefed.	Veh to bypass rd. As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	a. Carry two MG. b. Adapt final posn at last lt.	As for 9036/68	As for 9036/68	As for 9036/68	As for 9036/68

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A.	9041/68	9042/68	9043/68	9044/68	9045/68
B.	A Coy	Sp Coy	Sp Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy
C.	10E 58.00	60C 58.00	60D 58.00	60E 58.00	30C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Ambush YS385648	Recce and obsn vicinity YS488648	Ambush vicinity YS400644	Ambush vicinity YS387642	Ambush vicinity YS384649
F.	1 : 10	1 : 10	1 : 10	1 : 10	Platoon
G.	021600H	031615H	031730H	031600H	In loc
H.	030930H	040830H	040745H	040915H	050900H
J.	Veh to bypass rd. As briefed.	As briefed.	By veh to bypass rd. As briefed.	By veh to bypass rd. As briefed.	As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 9036/68	As for 9036/68	As for 9036/68	As for 9036/68	a. Coy op in area from 041000H to 050900H. b. Coy HQ loc to be advised.

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A.	9046/68	9047/68	9048/68	9049/68	9050/68
B.	C Coy	B Coy	D Coy	D Coy	C Coy
C.	30D 58.00	20C 58.00	40C 58.00	40D 58.00	30C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Ambush vicinity YS386664	Recce and obsn vicinity YS462654	Ambush vicinity YS381642	Ambush vicinity YS384655	Recce and obsn vicinity YS480654
F.	Platoon	1 : 10	Platoon	Platoon	1 : 10
G.	In loc	041745H	In loc	In loc	051715H
H.	050900H	050745H	061000H	061000H	060815H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	Out: B Coy In: A Coy As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for serial 9045/68	As for serial 9036/68	As for serial 9045/68	As for serial 9045/68	As for serial 9036/68

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A.	9051/68	9052/68	9053/68	9054/68	9055/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	Admin Coy
C.	20C 58.00	20D 58.00	60C 58.00	95C 58.00	95D 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Ambush vicinity YS380664	Ambush vicinity YS382647	Recce and obsn vicinity YS459653	Recce and obsn vicinity YS394650	Ambush vicinity YS404659
F.	Platoon	Platoon	1 : 10	1 : 10	1 : 10
G.	In loc	In loc	061800H	071620H	071720H
H.	071000H	071000H	070730H	080850H	080810H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	Veh to bypass rd. As briefed.	Veh to bypass rd. As briefed.
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for serial 9045/68	As for serial 9045/68	As for serial 9036/68	As for serial 9036/68	As for serial 9036/68

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A.	9056/68
B.	Sp Coy
C.	60C 58.00
D.	HQ 9 RAR
E.	Ambush vicinity YS485651
F.	1 : 10
G.	071640H
H.	080815H
J.	As briefed
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for serial 9036/68

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A.	1 ARU 337/68	338/68	339/68	340/68	341/68
B.	3 P1	4 P1	4 P1	4 P1	4 P1
C.	53 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Patrol and ambush in AO ALICE.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS440640.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS437643.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS445638.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS450640.
F.	1 - 37	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	301500H	301800H	011800H	021800H	031800H
H.	020730H	010715H	020700H	030730H	040655H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.

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A.	342/68	343/68	344/68	345/68
B.	4 P1	4 P1	4 P1	4 P1
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS433639.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS455645.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS440635.	Obsn and early wng vic of YS444644.
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	041700H	051700H	061700H	071800H
H.	050715H	060730H	070745H	080730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.	LOCSTAT subject to 18 ARVN Div range practice.

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NUI DAT

29 Nov 68

OPS 1835

Op Instr 70/68 (Op STELLAR BRIGHT)

To: Maj B. WADE, OC 2 SAS Sqn

Reference: A. Map, VIETNAM, Series L7014, Sheets 6430 II and III.

Time zone used throughout instruction: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) HQ 1 ATF continues Op GOODWOOD in AO TOWNSVILLE.

(2) 1 RAR continues Op GOODWOOD in AO TOWNSVILLE.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with allotted bn Atk elms continues road runner operations on Route 15.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Under op con from 9 Dec 68 until
rel on 9 Dec 68

one tp A Sqn
3 Cav Regt

(2) In sp from 090700H (Dec) until
end of op

NUI DAT Arty

2. Mission. To conduct Sqn patrol activities for protracted period in AO STERNUM.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. You are to develop your own concept of operations and complete the following tasks:

(1) Insert 2 SAS Sqn into AO STERNUM by APC.

(2) Establish an initial base from which to operate.

23 (3) Conduct surveillance over area GREEN LIGHT from 6 Dec -
6 Dec 68 with particular emphasis on tracks, bases,
identifications, en movement patterns.

(4) Test communications facilities.

(5) Familiarize squadron with SEISMIC detector equipment.

(6) Test administrative procedures for protracted patrol activities involving major elms of Sqn.

(7) Extract by APC.

b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping. Under comd from 090700H until released on 9 Dec 68 - one mini team 1 Fd Sqn.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide one tp op con 2 SAS Sqn from 090700H until released on 9 Dec 68.

(b) Provide elms for resupply of 2 SAS Sqn on a programme to be arranged with HQ 2 SAS Sqn.

(c) Be prepared to extract 2 SAS Sqn on ²³22 Dec 68.

c. 1 Fd Sqn. Provide one mini team under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 090700H until released on 9 Dec 68.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AO STERNUM and Op area GREEN LIGHT - Annex B.

(2) Duration of operation is 14 days.

(3) 2 SAS Sqn are to coord directly with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for operational movement and resupply when applicable.


4. Administration and Logistics. 1 ATF SOP applies.

5. Command and Signal.

a. 1 ATF SOI applies.

b. Additional points of origin are to be issued separately.

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Annex: A. Enemy Situation.
B. AO Boundaries and area GREEN LIGHT.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OP INSTR 70/68
DATED 29 NOV 68

ENEMY SITUATION
AO STERNUM

1. The area of the proposed SAS operations is currently being used by small elements of enemy local force troops as a transit area. At least eleven small camps have been located by air recce during the last three weeks. All these have been either struck by airstrikes or medium artillery fire. In addition agents have reported that the area has been or is used for high comd meetings.
2. At the present time our knowledge of enemy intentions in PHUOC TUY is incomplete. Any additional information by way of sightings, captured documents or preferably PWs would be of value to 1 ATF. It is not expected that any enemy main force troops will be contacted in the area, but local force, district or guerrilla elements, plns couriers, may well be encountered.
3. It is particularly important that HQ 1 ATF be advised of any indication of enemy movement by large forces (company or above) through this area from North to South or from East to West.
4. Details of known enemy base camps, track/trail activity etc have been issued separately to 2 SAS Sqn.

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HQ 1 ATF

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Nov 68

OPS 1855

OpO No 72/68 (Op GOODWOOD)

Reference: A. Map, VIETNAM, series L7014 sheets 6430 I, II, III and IV.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 4 RAR continue bn training programme in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) 9 RAR continue training and commence Op KING HIT on 10 Dec 68.
- (3) 2 SAS Sqn commence Op STELLAR BRIGHT on 9 Dec 68.
- (4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with allotted bn Atk elms continues Road Runner operations along QL 15.
- (5) RTAVF Bde commences Op GOODWOOD in AO BANGLANE on 3 Dec 68.
- (6) PCF unit from 13 Coastal Cond continues operations in River SONG THI VAI.

c. Atts and Dets

- (1) 4/12 Inf Bn, 199th (LIB) in DS 1 ATF from 030700H until released.
- (2) Two tps, 3/11 ACR in DS 1 ATF from 030700H until released.
- (3) 2nd ARVN AB Bde in DS 1 ATF from 030700H until released.

2. Mission. 1 ATF is to conduct reconnaissance in force operations in AO TOWNSVILLE to destroy elms of 274 VC Regt, other VC elms found, and any installations/assets discovered.

3. Execution

a. General Outline. The operation is to be conducted in four phases;

- (1) Phase 1. Deployment into AO TOWNSVILLE.
- (2) Phase 2. RIF operations by combined force in AOs KILCOY, WONDAI, SHERMAN and MOOSE.
- (3) Phase 3. Redeployment of 4/12 Bn into AO SHENANDOAH on orders from HQ 1 ATF.
- (4) Phase 4. Extraction from AO TOWNSVILLE.

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b. HQ 1 ATF

- (1) Comd and con 1 ATF force in AO TOWNSVILLE.
- (2) Coord operations in AO TOWNSVILLE with adjacent GVN and RTAVF forces.

c. 1 RAR

- (1) Grouping. (all phases)
 - (a) Under comd from 030630H (Dec) until released - four combat teams, 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (b) Under op con from time of arrival FSPB DYKE until released C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (less two tps).
 - (c) In DS from 030630H until released - 102 Fd Bty, 12 Fd Regt - one H13, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - (d) On call - pl 8 inch SP guns at FSPB CHESTNUT (YS2279).
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Deploy by rd to AO WONDAI.
 - (b) Conduct RIF operations in AO WONDAI with specific emphasis on the rapid destruction of 3/274 Bn or other VC elms in the AO.
 - (c) Destroy all enemy assets/installations found in AO WONDAI.
 - (d) Conduct resupply to FSPB DYKE by road. Resupply to forward companies is to be by air.

d. 4 RAR

- (1) Continue battalion training programme at NUI DAT.
- (2) Continue to provide 1 ATF Reaction Coy until completion of Op GOODWOOD.

e. 9 RAR

- (1) Continue battalion training programme at NUI DAT.
- (2) Commence Op BAROSSA on 10 Dec 68.

f. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

- (1) Grouping. (All phases) Under comd from 030630H until rel - one mini team, 1 Fd Sqn.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Provide sqn op con A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 030630H until time of arrival FSPB DYKE (YS2780).
 - (b) Pass to op con 1 RAR from time of arrival FSPB DYKE on 3 Dec 68.
 - (c) Provide one tp as part of 1 ATF Reaction Force NUI DAT.

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(d) Provide one tp in sp 9 RAR training programme from 4 Dec 68 - 7 Dec 68. This tp passes to op con 9 RAR from 100630H for OP KING HIT.

g. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(1) Grouping (all phases) under Comd from 030630H until released - one combat team, 1 Fd Sqn.

(2) Tasks

(a) Comd, coord, and control the deployment of 1 ATF force by rd into AO TOWNSVILLE on 3 Dec 68.

(b) Comd and coord def of 1 ATF Base JULIA in vic YS2280.

(c) Assume the responsibility for patrol tasks in 1 ATF Base JULIA AO.

(d) Provide one tp for 1 ATF Reaction Force NUI DAT.

(e) Provide one tp for OP STELLAR BRIGHT on 9 Dec 68.

(f) Provide one tp op con 9 RAR for OP KING HIT on 10 Dec 68 until released.

(g) Control all traffic using Route QL 15 through AO TOWNSVILLE and coord activities with RTAVF in AO BANGLANE during OP GOODWOOD.

h. 12 Fd Regt

(1) Arty Tac

(a) Deploy to 1 ATF Base JULIA by road on 3 Dec 68.

(b) Comd and coord the fire power and arty resources in DS 1 ATF.

(c) Produce ground and air clearances as required.

(2) 102 Fd Bty In DS 1 RAR for OP GOODWOOD.

(3) 104 Fd Bty Remain at NUI DAT.

(4) 161 Fd Bty Remain at NUI DAT and pass to DS 9 RAR for OP KING HIT on 10 Dec 68.

(5) Det 131 Div Loc Bty

(a) Provide one radar det and one LP at FSPB DYKE.

(b) Provide one LP 1 ATF Base JULIA.

(c) Provide one svy det each FSPB DYKE and FSPB CHESTNUT on 3 Dec 68.

(6) C Bty 2/40 (US) Arty. In DS 1 ATF for OP GOODWOOD.

(7) A Bty 2/35 (US) Arty.

(a) Deploy by road to FSPB CHESTNUT on 3 Dec 68.

(b) Remain in GS 1 ATF from FSPB CHESTNUT.

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i. 1 Fd Sqn

- (1) Provide one mini team under comd C Sqn 1 Armd Regt from 030630H until released.
- (2) Provide one combat team under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 030630H until released.
- (3) Provide four combat teams under comd 1 RAR from 030630H until released.
- (4) Continue to provide one combat team on standby at NUI DAT and one at 1 ATF Base JULIA.
- (5) Provide one engr offr at 1 ATF Base JULIA to comd and coord engineer resources available to 1 ATF during the operation.

j. 2 SAS Sqn

- (1) Continue patrol activity in accordance with 1 ATF patrol programme.
- (2) Commence Op STELLAR BRIGHT on 9 Dec 68.

k. Air

(1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt

- (a) Provide one H13 DS 1 RAR from 030630H until released.
- (b) Provide one H13 DS HQ 1 ATF from 030630H until released.
- (c) Continue to conduct VR according to HQ 1 ATF programme.

(2) 9 Sqn RAAF

- (a) Provide one UH1D ac DS HQ 1 ATF at 1 ATF Base JULIA daily from 040730H for Op GOODWOOD.
- (b) Provide resupply sorties as required.

(3) US Army Aviation

- (a) Provide DUSTOFF with winch daily from 0800H to 1800H to be positioned at NUI DAT.
- (b) Provide LFT daily to be positioned at NUI DAT.

(4) USAF. Continue to provide offensive air support within 1 ATF TAOR as directed by HQ 1 ATF.

l. 4/12 Inf Bn (199th LIB)

- (1) Deploy by road from 199th (LIB) Base LONG BINH to AO KILCOY on 3 Dec 68.
- (2) Conduct RIF operations in AO KILCOY.
- (3) Block enemy movement through AO, particularly in vicinity of eastern AO bdry.
- (4) Be prepared to cooperate with PCF from 13 Coastal Division VUNG TAU in patrolling the western bdry of AO KILCOY.

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(5) Be prepared to redeploy into AO SHENANDOAH on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

(6) Destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO KILCOY.

m. 3/11 ACR

(1) Deploy by road from BLACKHORSE to AO TOWNSVILLE.

(2) Establish base in vic YS3686.

(3) Dominate the following land cleared trails in AO SHERMAN in priority order.

(a) FSPB DAMPIER (YS3686) - YS315875 - YS287890 - YS255859 - YS199845.

(b) FSPB DAMPIER to YS340848.

(c) FSPB DAMPIER to YS365823.

(4) Coordinate your activities in detail with friendly formations using adjacent AOs.

(5) Provide HQ 1 ATF with locstats every hour during daylight hours.

(6) Interdict enemy forces using the specified land cleared trails (para 3 k (3)) by night in AO SHERMAN.

(7) Be prepared to react to assist friendly allied forces operating adjacent to AO SHERMAN on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

n. 2nd ARVN A Bn Bde

(1) Deploy by road to AO MOOSE.

(2) Conduct RIF operations in AO MOOSE.

(3) Interdict any enemy North-South movement through AO MOOSE in particular in the vic of the Western bdry of AO MOOSE.

(4) Destroy any enemy installations/assets found in AO.

(5) Coordinate activities with 3/11 ACR operating in AO SHERMAN.

o. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AOs Bdrys. Annex B.

(2) Reece. No air recce of AOs TOWNSVILLE or MOOSE is to take place after 021200H (Dec) unless approved by HQ 1 ATF.

(3) Timings.

(a) Deployment into AO TOWNSVILLE is to commence at 030700H (Dec).

(b) Route QL 15 is to be cleared to YS227797 by 030730H.

(4) Liaison.

(a) Conference. A briefing conference for 1 ATF LOs is to be held at HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT at 021000H (Dec).

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- (b) Allotment. Annex C. Issued separately.
- (c) Time of deployment of 1 ATF LOs. Issued separately.
- (d) LOs from Supporting Formations and Units. LOs are to be loc with HQ 1 ATF in 1 ATF Base JULIA by 031600H (Dec).

(5) Briefing. Comd 1 ATF is to hold a briefing for all comds operating under comd or in DS 1 ATF at the 1 ATF Conference Room at 011530H (Dec).

(6) Movement.

- (a) Road movement Instruction - Annex D. Issued separately.
- (b) Air Planning Table - Annex E. Issued separately.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General Outline. A Fwd TFMA will not be estb. 1 ATF Units are responsible for daily maint from NUI DAT, coord by HQ 1 ATF. Maint conference daily in DAQMG office at 1400 hrs. All DS Units responsible for their own administration.

b. Materiel and Stores.

(1) Ammo

(a) Gun Ammo.

(i) 102 Bty deploys with 100 rds per gun to FSPB DYKE. 900 rds will be del on day/1 ATF/12 Fd Regt arrangements.

(ii) A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). Deploys with 150 rds per gun. Additional tpt under 1 ATF arrangements.

(iii) Replenishment bids to "Q" branch as normal.

(b) Other Natures. Unit responsibility.

(2) POL

(a) AVGAS pt at HQ 1 ATF loc from 031200 hrs.

(b) DIESO and MOGAS to be provided under unit arrangements. If beyond unit capacity, bids to "Q" branch 1 ATF as normal.

(3) Water. Unit responsibility. Max use to be made of local water resources.

(4) Rats. Combat rats to be eaten. Units may supplement with hotbox meals as normal. Units deploy with three days.

(5) Def Stores. Fol qtys del under "Q" branch 1 ATF arrangements on 3 Dec.

(a) FSPB DYKE

Concertina Coils	Qty 190
8' Pickets	Qty 900
Sandbags	Qty 28000

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(b) FSPB CHESTNUT

Concertina Coils	Qty	280
Pickets 8'	Qty	900
Pickets 2'6"	Qty	600
Sandbags	Qty	28000
Barbed wire rolls	Qty	40

(c) HQ 1 ATF Base JULIA

Concertina Coils	Qty	140
Pickets 8'	Qty	600
Sandbags	Qty	14000
CGI	Qty	200

(d) At each base FSPB comds responsible for allocation of def stores. Additional bids to "Q" branch 1 ATF in accordance with 1 ATF SOP.

(6) Repair and Rec. If beyond scope of unit, report to EME 1 ATF.

(7) Med. 1 RAR estb RAP as required. DUSTOFF as normal. 8 Fd Amb estb RAP in HQ 1 ATF loc.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. HQ 1 ATF (Main) loc at 1 ATF Base JULIA vic YS2280.
- b. HQ 1 ATF (Rear) remains at NUI DAT (YS4367).
- c. HQ 1 RAR loc at FSPB DYKE (YS2780).
- d. HQ 3/11 ACR Gp loc at FSPB DAMPIER (YS3686).
- e. HQ 4/12 Inf Bn (199th LIB) loc to be advised.
- f. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) loc FSPB CHESTNUT (YS2280).
- g. HQ 2nd ARVN A Bn Bde loc to be advised.
- h. Additional points of origin for AO TOWNSVILLE are to be issued separately.
- i. Callsigns for 1 ATF LOs.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Callsign</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)
HQ 4/12 Inf	Ops	73
HQ 3/11 ACR	Ops	28
HQ 18 ARVN Div	Ops	81
1st Bde RTAVF	Ops	11
	Arty	Enterprise 81
2nd Bde ARVN	Arty	Enterprise 82
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j. Communications eqpt for 1 ATF LOs is to be provided by 104 Sig Sqn.

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- ANNEX: A. Enemy Situation Op GOODWOOD.
B. AOs Bdrys Op GOODWOOD.
C. Allotment of 1 ATF LOs (Issued separately)
D. Road Movement Instructions (Issued separately).
E. Air Planning Table (Issued separately).

Distribution:

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4/12 Inf Bn 199th (LIB) (3)
3/11 ACR (3)
HQ 18 ARVN Div (2)
SA 18 ARVN Div
2nd Bde ARVN AB (3)
HQ RTAVF BEARCAT (2).

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OP O NO 72/68
DATED 30 NOV 68

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE
OP GOODWOOD

Characteristics of the area of Operations AO TOWNSVILLE

1. The study area is that bounded by AO KILCOY, AO SHENANDOAH, AO WONDAI and AO SHERMAN (See Annex B).

a. Terrain/Topography. The study area is covered, for the most part, by primary, single and double canopy, forest over terrain varying from lowlying ricelands accompanying streams crossing route QL 15, to steep sloped hills reaching a maximum elevation of approximately one hundred and twenty metres in the Northeastern corner of the study area at YS328980. Large areas of rubber plantation and the BEARCAT base camp dominate the terrain in the Northwest of the study area. Another major manmade feature in the area is the landclearing along routes QL 15, LTL 25, 320 and several smaller unnumbered roads.

b. Track/Trails. The latest 1:50,000 overprint (as at 30 Nov 68) showing current landclearing areas, main access trails for tracked vehicles and main tracks used by enemy forces is to be issued separately.

c. Climate and Weather.

(1) Winds. November through March the winds flow from the North through Northeast. During this period the winds are generally light and variable.

(2) Cloudiness. Normally clear to partly cloudy sky conditions prevail during the Northeast monsoon (mid-November to late March). Convective clouds form over the area during late morning and afternoon. Ceilings with bases between 2000 and 4000 feet become more common as the transition season begins. During the month of December cloud ceilings are seldom low.

(3) Visibility. Visibilities are generally good (7 to 12 miles) throughout the year, but occasionally can be expected to be less than 3 miles in early morning fog and shower activity. Fog forms near sunrise in the valleys and usually dissipates by 0900 hours, but can persist longer. Best over-all visibilities occur during the late morning and afternoon.

(4) Precipitation. Rain normally occurs as afternoon and evening rainshowers and thunderstorms. Usually they begin after 1300 hours and end near 2200 hours.

(5) Temperatures. Temperature remains fairly high and changes little. The maximum temperature occurs in the afternoon and the minimum occurs just before sunrise. Temperatures during the month of November: mean minimum 74, mean maximum 83, extreme high 95, extreme low 63. The high humidities occur during early morning hours (88-99%) and after rainshowers, while the lowest (55-65%) occur during maximum heating in the afternoon.

(6) Turbulence. Turbulence in this area will be insignificant.

(7) Effect on Enemy Capabilities. The combination of high humidity and coolest temperatures in the early morning aggravates malaris (which is already taking a significant toll).

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(8) Effect on Friendly Capabilities. The afternoon "bakeoff" caused by daily highest temperature and lowest humidity will cause severe dust storms around landing helicopters. This factor could cause serious hazards to heliborne operations.

Enemy Situation

2. General. A T-7 Regional HQ has been formed with jurisdiction over Sub-Regions 4,8 (U-1 Province) and 9 (Ba Bien - now called BA LONG Province). The uniting of the three sub-regions under T-7 considerably upgrades the forces in the area East of SAIGON. This Regional HQ (under Colonel LUONG VAN NHA) directly controls 274 VC Regt, 74 NVA Arty Regt (ex 84A), D67 Engr Bn and the following other forces:

- a. Sub-Region 4. Thu Duc Regt; D6 Sapper Recon Bn.
- b. Sub-Region 8. D1 and D2 Sapper Recon Bns.
- c. Sub-Region 9. D440 and D445 LF Bns.

Enemy Forces in or Near AO TOWNSVILLE

3. It is considered that the following enemy units are currently located within proposed operational area:

- a. 3 Bn 274 VC Regt.

(1) This unit is believed to be located in the general area YS3183. The Bn has a present strength of about 250 - 300 men and is well-trained and well equipped. The Regt, and in particular 3 Bn, has gained considerable experience in fighting armour. It is known that large numbers of NVA replacements are serving in 274 Regt - but the total NVA with 3 Bn is not certain.

(2) Base camps are triangular and normally consist of 3 - man bunkers. Companies are usually located 2 - 2.5 kms apart. Troops seldom remain in the same place for more than three days.

(3) Communication is accomplished by runner and by radio (down to companies).

(4) When not moving, the units of 274 Regt eat their first meal between 0500 and 0700 hours.

(5) Basic rice supply points for 3 Bn are the villages of THAI THIEN (YS227796), THAM THIEN (YS212816) and BINH SON (YS2193).

(6) 3 Bn has been kept on the move recently and has had severe problems with malaria and food shortages.

(7) There have been few reports of contacts in recent weeks but agent reports continue to indicate the presence of up to battalion size forces in the overall area.

(8) The enemy possesses an intimate knowledge of the terrain and has permanent base areas complete with trench systems, log and earth bunkers and complex underground tunnels.

(9) Suspected enemy base areas, centre of mass YS305835, YS315835, YS325845 were hit by three B-52 strikes and 175mm artillery fire during night 28/29 Nov 68. BDA is in progress. Another B-52 strike was made on 30 Nov, centre of mass YS265815 with no significant results.

- b. 3 Bn 74 NVA Arty Regt. This unit is understrength but retains considerable potential firepower with its equipment (107mm and 122mm rockets). Its current exact location is unknown but believed to be SE of the BINH SON Rubber estate.

c. 67 Engr Bn. This unit is composed of a HQ element and two companies-C22 and C24 (each of about 50 - 70 men). The mission of this unit is route interdiction and there is some indication that C24 Coy may be targetted against Route 15, operating from an area near THAI THIEN YS2279.

d. It is not considered that the forces of Sub-Regions 8 and 9 are located in AO TOWNSVILLE, but elements from Sub-Region 4 may well be contacted, probably SE of the BINH SON Rubber estate.

e. HQ T-7 is not located but may be also in the area SE of the BINH SON Rubber estate.

f. The usual rear service and guerilla troops are believed to be operating in the area, mainly assisting in the procurement, transportation and storage of rice.

Enemy Camps, Installations and Minefields

4. Known enemy base camps, mined areas, rice caches and contacts reported to 1 ATF from 22 Oct to 30 Nov 68 are marked on the 1:50,000 overprint map issued separately.

Enemy Tactics

5. The enemy has proven his ability to shift his forces rapidly to avoid contact and to disengage from contacts. The enemy has sufficient local knowledge of the area to enable him to move quickly to well prepared, camouflaged defensive positions and by aggressive use of small delaying forces, allow successful exfiltration of his larger units and sub-units.

6. Based on previous patterns of movement the enemy will, if forced to, withdraw North or Northeast unless he has a combat mission which may require him to move Northwest.

7. The enemy units mentioned in para 3 are known to be well armed with modern infantry weapons, and their heavy fire support is provided by HMGs, 82mm mortars and 107mm and/or 122mm rockets. As is normal practice the enemy will probably try to delay our RIF operations with his district and local force elements, while protecting his heavy weapons with his main force infantry.

ORBAT

8. For ORBAT details of enemy units see HQ 1 ATF ORBAT HANDBOOK dated Sep 68.

Current Trends

9. There are indications that the enemy intends to mount operations in the near future probably against LONG THANH, FSB GREY, BINH SON or possibly BEARCAT. Extensive enemy movement has been reported from various sources but nothing firm can yet be obtained.

ANNEX D TO
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DATED 30 NOV 68

ROAD MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION

Reference: A. 1 ATF Ops 1855 dated 30 Nov 68.
B. Maps Special Use SE ASIA 1:100,000, sheet 6430, series L607.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy. See Annex A. Interdiction and minor ambushes on Route 15, and mining of the Firestone Trail are possibilities.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See OpO.

(2) Cavmobile is to clear Route 15 commencing 030630H.

c. Atts and Dets. See OpO.

2. Mission. To move 1 ATF convoys by road to FSPBs DYKE, CHESTNUT and JULIA on 3 Dec 68.

3. Execution

a. Gen Outline. The movement is to be conducted in three phases.

(1) Phase 1. Cavmobile clear Route 15 BARIA to THAM TIEN commencing 030630H and escorts TF recce parties.

(2) Phase 2. C Sqn (-) 1 Armd Regt, 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, D Coy 1 RAR and 1 RAR recce party depart NUI DAT 030700H, clear Firestone Trail and secure FSPB DYKE by 031000H.

(3) Phase 3. A Sqn (-) 3 Cav Regt escort 1 RAR (-), 102 Fd Bty A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), and HQ 1 ATF convoys to FSPBs DYKE, CHESTNUT and JULIA.

b. Order of March and Groupings. As shown in Appendix 1.

c. Routes to SP. Units to arrange.

d. SP. Junction of Engr bypass and feeder road from white gates at YS421665.

e. Assy Area. Feeder road from SP to NE.

f. Routes. LTL 2 and QL 15.

g. Critical Pts.

(1) SONG DINH at YS374610.

(2) THAI TIEN YS2279.

h. Release Pts.

(1) FSPB DYKE YS2780.

(2) FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280.

(3) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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i. Timings

(1) Phases 1 and 2.

- (a) 0615H - Cavmobile/Recce parties RV.
- (b) 0630H - Cavmobile departs.
- (c) 0630H - D Coy 1 RAR RV pick up.
- (d) 0645H - C Sqn gp RV assy area.
- (e) 0700H - C Sqn gp crosses SP.

(2) Phase 3.

- (a) 0645H - 1 RAR (-) RVs pick up.
- (b) 0715H - A Sqn (-), 1 RAR (-) A Bty 2/35, HQ 1 ATF convoys RV assy area.
- (c) 0730H - Convoys cross SP.

(3) 0900H - ETA FSPBs CHESTNUT and JULIA.

(4) 1000H - ETA FSPB DYKE.

j. Limitations on Types of Vehs. Transporters may not be able to get to FSPB DYKE.

k. Capacity of Routes. Adequate.

l. Speed. 20 MPH (max).

m. Instruction for Towns.

- (1) Slow down to 15 MPH.
- (2) No halts.

n. Density. 17 VTM.

o. Halts. None planned.

p. Coord Instr. Coord conference is to be held at A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 021400H. Reps from 1 RAR, C Sqn, A Bty 2/35, TF HQ, Engrs, Sigs are required to attend.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Med

- (1) DUSTOFF normal, through SHQ A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (2) Medical assts with SHQ and Bn HQ.

b. Recovery. Facilities with convoy to recover fwd where practicable.

5. Command and Signal

a. Frequencies

- (1) Escort Frequencies. Tk and cav internals.
- (2) Convoy Frequency. 48.30.

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- b. Convoy Authentication. RUSTY THUNDER 1.
- c. Callsigns. Normal fixed with arms indicators as required.
- d. Report Lines.
 - (1) Start line YS421665 - LEAPING LENA.
 - (2) BARIA/SONG DINH YS374610 - KINKY KATE.
 - (3) PHUOC HOA YS286632 - HOWLING HELEN.
 - (4) PHU MY br YS253744 - PUFFING PETA.
 - (5) THAI THIEN br YS228796 - BOBBING BILLIE.
- e. Nicknames.

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Scored Piston	Convoy halted

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ORDER OF MARCH AND GROUPINGS

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Serial	Unit	PAX		VEHS				REMARKS/Order of March
		AIR	RD	UNIT	TFMA	ALSG	TOTAL	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	TF HQ Adv Party			* 5 LR		* 2 TCV	7	Serials 1, 2, 3 travel with Cavmobile gp, includes D and E pl. C/S 63 on TF Comd Net.
2	SIGS Adv Party			1 LR			1	
3	A Bty 2/35 Adv Party			2 LR			2	
							10	Total to travel with Cavmobile = 10 (serials 1 to 3).
4	COs Party 1 RAR	5						UH-1H, TIGER 5
5	C Sqn (-) 1 Armd Regt 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt D Coy 1 RAR Combat Team 1 RAR recce parties Mini Team (Cav)		95 7 16 3	13 13			13 13	T32; T92B; TA2/I41/Engrs; T3; TA2/I4/Engrs; TA22/I42; TA23/I43; T33; T38D; T38C C Sqn gp = 26 (serial 5).
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6	SHQ(-) and Mor Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Mini team Tac HQ 1 RAR Bn HQ gp 1 RAR incl Sp Coy C Sqn ech		2 10 93	5 13 5 3			5 13 5 3	TA31/I61/Engrs; TA3/SHQ(-)/Tac HQ/FCC; TA81/I8; G10; TA32/Sig pl/HQ; Bn Stores/C Sqn ech; TA33/I62.
							26	HQ/Fd Bty gp = 47 (serials 6 and 7).
7	102 Fd Bty 12 Fd Regt TFMA 1 Fd Sqn		70	* 11 * 1 (3) * 1 (4) * 1		* 6 GS (1) * 1 GS (2)	18 1 1 1	(1) Ammo vehs (2) Bty Stores (3) M543 (4) D8 Dozer/tk tptr Fits in to serial 6 in Order of March
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
8	SHQ(-) 1 Tp and mor sect A Sqn/3 Cav Regt C Coy 1 RAR Mor Sect 1 RAR Combat Team Mini team (cav)		97 10 7 2	18			18 18	TA11/I31/Engrs; TA1/I3; G40; SHQ(-)/TA82/I8; I2; TA12/I32; I1/Def Stores; TA13/I33; TFHQ; 104 Sigs; ALSG
9	A Bty 2/35 1 Fd Sqn TFMA Radar Det			24 * 1 (3) * 1 (4) * 2		* 3 GS (1) * 5 Dump (2) * 2	32 1 1 4 38	(1) Ammo (2) Def Stores (3) TD 15 Dozer (4) D8 Dozer/Tk Tpctr
10	B Coy 1 RAR Combat team		106		* 5 TCV	* 2 TCV	7 7	
11	A Coy 1 RAR Def Stores for DYKE		105		* 4 TCV	* 3 TCV * 4 Dump	7 4 11	Balance = 103 (Serials 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14).
12	<u>TF HQ</u> ACVs HQ Coy Arty Tac 1 Fd Sqn Def Stores	14		4 2 8 (1)		* 2 Dump * 2 TCV * 3 Dump	4 4 2 8 3 21	(1) incl 2 x TD 15 Dozers, 1 x back hog, 1 x LR 1 x Dump (fuel), 1 x Water, 1 x APC, 1 x AWCC Stores
13	104 Sig Sqn 106 Fd Wksp TFMA			3 1 (1)	* 2 TCV * 1 (2)	* 1 GS	6 1 1 8	(1) M543 (2) AVGAS Kit
14	ALSG			* 4			4	3 LRs, 1 M543.

* To return to 1 ATF and 1 ALSG when released on 3 Dec 68.

ENEMY INSTALLATIONS

Reference: A. 1 ATF OP O 72/68 para 4.

1. The following information is forwarded for inclusion in the 1:50000 Map overprint, referred to in Reference A.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grid Reference</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Source</u>
20 Nov 68	YS 255884	Booby trap located	RTAVF
13 Nov 68	YS 256885	Airstrike on enemy base camp. 50 metres of trench destroyed.	RTAVF
30 Nov 68	YS 217844	Enemy base camp uncovered by 161 R airstrike.	
30 Nov 68	YS 290886	Enemy base camp uncovered by 161 R airstrike. Appears to have had recent use.	
30 Nov 68	YS 254880	Numerous bunkers throughout the area, many appear to have been used recently and there is fresh track activity. (Int Comment - probably part of the camp shown on map at YS 252879).	
30 Nov 68	YS 246874	Small camp at the end of well used track running NORTHWEST to SOUTHEAST. Still useable.	161 R
30 Nov 68	YS 288748	Airstrike on enemy base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, four bunkers damaged, ten fighting positions uncovered and damaged, 150 metres of trench uncovered.	ALO
1 Dec 68	YS 314858	Suspected base camp.	Air Photos
1 Dec 68	YS 307857	Old pits and cart tracks.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 278867	Bunkers and commo trenches	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 269865 (Centre of mass)	Suspected base camp.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 215869	Base camp (possibly friendly).	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 365868	Scattered pits on NORTHEAST edge of clearing.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 313888	Suspected cache.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 231878	Extensive trenchwork near clearings.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 231874	Extensive trenchwork near clearings.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 182895	Suspected base camp.	
1 Dec 68	YS 180894	Suspected base camp on EASTERN side of clearing.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 2790-2990-2789-YS 2989	Extensive trenchwork, parts possibly useable.	" "
1 Dec 68	YS 244733	Suspected tunnel entrance and a lean-to and mud structure.	" "