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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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2 Jan 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Jan 69

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

1. a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at Base JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support 1 ATF Operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) JULIA YS2281; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp secured LZs at FSPB CHESTNUT for the fly-in of 1 RAR. 2 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base being replaced by 3 Tp. Following a RF contact in area YS225795, at 312040H at YS227802 2 Sec 2 Tp engaged an estimated 3 enemy withdrawing East with unknown result. Locations: A Sqn (-) JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 4 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. One Section 102 Fd Bty moved by air to FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280. 161 Fd Bty completed the move to FSPB DIGGER'S REST YS2787. A Base Camp at YS308801 was engaged by 102 Fd Bty (-) with the result 5 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers exposed, 1 hut destroyed, 1 hut damaged, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed, 3 tunnel entrances exposed, 15 metres of trench destroyed, 40 metres of trench exposed and miscellaneous tables and cooking utensils destroyed. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty (-) FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3691; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGER'S REST YS2787.

(d) 1 RAR concluded operations in AO WONDAI and moved by air to FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280 for operations astride QL 15. At 1850H at YS 233800 5 Pl contacted 2 enemy without result. At YS234800 4 Pl located 400 lbs of salt. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS233800; D Coy YS231803.

(e) 4 RAR continued Operations in AO [illegible]RAGUL with minor contact. At 1645H at YS326916 4 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At YS330902 7 Pl found a cache containing 20x 81 mm mortar rounds, 20x57mm RR rounds, 40 grenades of unknown type. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3691; B Coy YS331917; C Coy YS333907; D Coy YS310906; W Coy YS365882; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR commenced Operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1550H at YS250860 D Coy contacted an estimated 2 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail) and 1 AK47 and 2 packs captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGER'S REST YS2787; A Coy YS273965; B Coy YS219847; C Coy YS276870; D Coy YS247859.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued Operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 11 AB Bn YS235953.

(h) Air Support: Significant Airstrikes were:-

Time	Co-ords	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
011230H	YS315819	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers uncovered, 3 bunkers destroyed and 15 metres trench destroyed.

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

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

b. Material: 2xAK47s, 20x81mm mortar rounds, 20x57mm RR rounds, 40 grenades unknown type and 40lbs of salt.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has ten LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 1645H at YS421802 a LRRP was engaged by an unknown number of enemy without result. The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results: Nil.

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NUI DAT

3 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 020001H to 022400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at Base JULIA YS2281. The 1 ATF RRF conducted RIF operations in the DUC THANH AO astride LTL 2.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp conducted RIF in conjunction with elements D Coy 1 RAR and 3 Tp (-) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt South of FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280. 3 Tp moved to FSPB BARBARA YS2294. 4 Tp conducted RIF operations astride LTL 2 as part of the 1 ATF RRF. Locations: C Sqn HQ FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280; 1 Tp JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp FSPB BARBARA YS2294. 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) moved to FSPB BARBARA YS2294 and escorted 11 AB Bn to LONG THANH. 2 Tp conducted RIF operations astride LTL 2 as part of 1 ATF RRF. 3 Tp (-) in conjunction with 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements D Coy 1 RAR conducted RIF operations South of FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280. At YS246794 2 Sect 3 Tp with 11 Pl 1 RAR found a recently vacated enemy camp. 1 x 8 inch shell and 1 x 105mm shell, both rigged for command detonation, 100 lbs rice and 30 lbs salt were found in the camp. At YS242787 1 Sect 3 Tp found 2 x 100 lbs bags of rice suspended in trees. Roadrunner and escort duties on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 6 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty (-) FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3691; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787.

(d) 1 RAR remained at FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280 and carried out RIF to the South without contact. A Coy conducted RIF operations in the DUC THANH AO. Locations: 1 RAR (-) FSPB CHESTNUT YS2280; A Coy 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. At 1330H at YS310916 12 Pl found a skeleton. An NVA water bottle was also found. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3691; B Coy YS330919 C Coy YS329899; D Coy YS312906; W Coy YS365882; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0633H at YS248859 10 Pl contacted 3 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 2 AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS266852; B Coy YS222868; C Coy YS276870; D Coy YS237854.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. 11 AB Bn were extracted to BIEN HOA for a maintenance period of 48 hours. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 11 AB Bn BIEN HOA.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
021125H	YS337864	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 pit exposed, 85 metres trench exposed, 2 long pits exposed.

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(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 2 AK47
300 lbs rice
30 lbs salt
2 x shell devices

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. At 011530H at YS659615 a LRRP contacted 9 enemy in an old base camp with the result of 3 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy WIA. At 011750H at YS652603 the same LRRP contacted 7 ener resulting in 4 enemy KIA (BC). At 011805H at the same coordinates the LRRP was attacked by an estimated 70 (+) enemy using 60mm mortars, MG, AW and SA. Results 1 Aust WIA, 1 NZ WIA. The LRRP was extracted 2 Jan 69. (Late entry).

(4) Results:

(a) Friendly Losses: 1 Aust WIA, 1 NZ WIA

(b) Enemy Losses: 7 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA

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4 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at Base JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ and 1 Tp remained in supprt of 1 RAR. 3 Tp returned from FSPB BARBARA YS2294 and then moved to FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787 for escort tasks. Locations: C Sqn(-) YS272654; 3 Tp JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn · 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of 1 RAR. 3 Tp carried out RIF to the south of JULIA. In area YS2479 several small camps were found from which the following was taken; quantity documents, 4 gal drum containing tar and someold clothing. The camps were destroyed. Elements 3 Tp moved to ESPB BARBARA YS2294. Roadrunner and escort duties on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn(-) JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS272654; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 3 Tp FSPB BARBARA YS2294.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 11 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty(-) moved by road to FSPB DRAGNET YS2765. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty (-) FSPB DRAGNET YS2765; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787.

(d) 1 RAR carried out a Cordon and Search of XOM MY XUAN YS2573. The following were detained: 1xsuspected VC Pl Comd, 1 x VC guerilla, 2 draft dodgers, 2 x VC tax payers, 1 x deserter. Locations: Bn HQ YS272654; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS270667; C Coy YS267667 D Coy YS267672.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1315H at YS330919 6 Pl contacted 4 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC) and 2 books of 82mm mortar range tables, 82mm mortar plotting board, compass and mortar equipment found. At 1325H at YS328920 5 Pl contacted 2 enemy with result 2 en KIA(BC) and 3 x AK47 captured. At 1330H at YS323907 9 Pl contacted 2 enemy with the result 1 en KIA(BC) and 2 packs captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3691; B Coy YS330919; C Coy YS330900 D Coy YS308906 W Coy YS365882 V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WANDAI without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS263868; B Coy YS222868 C Coy YS292891; D Coy YS234869.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. 11 AB Bn remained at BIEN HOA. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399 11 AB Bn BIEN HOA.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
031205H	YS364785	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 10 metres trench destroyed, 3 trenches exposed, 9 spider holes exposed.
031405H	YS592600	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 3 bunker entrances exposed, 1 trench exposed.

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(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: Nil.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 4 en KIA (BC).

b Materiel: 3 x AK47
1 x compass
82 mm mortar range tables
82 mm mortar plotting board
quantity dodoments
4 gal drum of tar.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR carry out cordon and search of LANG PHUOC HOA. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Action.

(1) Company - one
Platoon - nil
Squad - fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn have seven LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil.

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5 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001 to 042400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation of TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at Base JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn HQ and 1 Tp ceased to support 1 RAR operations and returned to JULIA YS2281. 3 Tp moved to FSPB BARBARA YS2294. Locations: C Sqn (-) JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 2 and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp carried out cordon and search operations and returned to JULIA. 1 Sec 3 Tp, with Def Pl HQ 1 ATF, carries out night ambush at YS215803. Locations: A Sqn (-) JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 1 Sec 3 Tp YS215803.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. FSPB DRAGNET YS2765 was abandoned and 102 Fd Bty (-) returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGER'S REST YS2787.

(d) 1 RAR carried out a cordon and search of LANG PHOUC HOA YS2862 with the result 1 food agent, 2 food suppliers, 1 Intelligence agent, 1 Propoganda Cadre Member and 1 suspect VC detained. Late entry: In addition to the results listed in SITREP dated 4 Jan 69, 2 suspected VC and 2 further Draft Dodgers were detained. Location 1 RAR; 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1220H at YS330902 in the vicinity of the cache reported on 1 Jan 69 7 Pl found the following: 51x81 mm mortar bombs, 47 grenades, 57x57 mm RCL rounds and 5x75 mm RCL rounds. At 2055H at YS386873 1 Pl W Coy contacted 1 enemy with unknown result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS 330919; C Coy YS330900; D Coy YS313905; W Coy YS365882; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1146H at YS239867 D Coy contacted 2 enemy without result. At 1259 at YS239868 D Coy contacted 1 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At 1449H at YS240868 10 Pl contacted 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK50 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGER'S REST YS 2787; A Coy YS261881; B Coy YS221868; C Coy YS276894; D Coy YS240869.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. 11 AB Bn returned to AO MOOSE from BIEN HOA, and 5 AB Bn moved to BIEN HOA for a 48 hour maintenance period. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn BIEN HOA; 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support: There were no significant airstrikes during the reporting period.

(i) Results:-

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 Enemy KIA (BC)

b Material: 1 x AK47, 1 x AK50, 51 x 81 mm mortar rounds, 47 grenades, 57 x 57 mm RCL rounds and 5 x 75 mm RCL rounds.

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b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours: Present Operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Sixteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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6 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 050001H to 052400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp carried out RIF in the North of AO KILCOY area YS1785 with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Tp moved to FSPB BARBARA YS2294 to assist in night defence. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB BARBARA YS2294.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-), with 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF, carried out RIF in AO KILCOY area YS1785. Recently occupied camps were found at YS165845 and YS183852 and a total of 15 structures and bunkers destroyed. 2 Sect 1 Tp remains in night ambush at YS166844. 3 Tp (-) carries out night ambush at YS227740. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp (-) YS227740; 2 Sect 1 Tp YS166844.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) became in General Support of 1 ATF and occupied FSPB JULIA YS2281. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. A sweep of the area of 1 Pl W Coy's contact at 042055H had no result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS336929; C Coy YS330900; D Coy YS304909; W Coy YS365882; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with contact. At 0916H at YS242873 12 Pl contacted 3 enemy with unknown result. At 1220H at YS219879 4 Pl contacted 5 enemy with the result 1 Aust WIA who later DOW, 2 en KIA (BC) and 2 AK47s captured. At 1225H at YS224871 5 Pl contacted 2 enemy with no result. At 1218H at YS241876 D Coy contacted an unknown sized group of enemy in a base camp with the result 5 Aust WIA and enemy casualties unknown. At YS261891 A Coy found a camp of 6 bunkers, one of which contained a week old body. The bunkers were destroyed. At YS258890 A Coy found another camp of 6 bunkers which contained 1 Chicom claymore, 1 x 60mm mor round and 1 AW of unknown type. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS260890; B Coy YS222879; C Coy YS270903; D Coy YS244876.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Elements of 11 AB Bn carried out ground follow-up of the B52 strike in area YS2595 at 050230H without contact. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn BIEN HOA; 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support.

1 At 1830H at YS327597 an Iroquois aircraft of 9 Sqn RAAF engaged 2 enemy and 2 sampans with the result 1 en KBA (BC), 1 en KBA (Poss) and 2 sampans destroyed.

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2 Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
050230H	YS2595	VC Base Area (B52)	7 bunkers destroyed, 8 bunkers uncovered, 3 tunnel entrances uncovered, 30 metres of trench destroyed, 50-60 fighting pits damaged or destroyed, 2 secondary explosions, subsidence of ground in one location indicating underground system collapsed.
051205H	YS320821	VC Base Camp	30 metres trench uncovered, 1 bunker uncovered.
051325H	YS295995	VC Base Camp	8 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged.

(i) Results.

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

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 en KIA (BC)
1 en KBA (BC)
1 en KBA (poss)

b Materiel: 2 AK47
1 AW unknown type
1 Chicom grenade
1 60mm mor round

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Sixteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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7 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Tp returned to FSPB JULIA from FSPB BARBARA YS2294. C Sqn (-) conducted RIF operations within AO KILCOY vicinity YS 1788, YS1688 without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB JULIA. 2 Sect 1 Tp returned to FSPB JULIA. 3 Tp (-) occupied ambush position at YS227740. At 060555H the ambush was sprung resulting in 1 x 35 ft junk sunk, 1 sampan sunk, 1 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy KIA (Poss). Sp Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS336929; C Coy YS340882; D Coy YS304-909; W Coy YS378892; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1200H at YS221880 5 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 Aust KIA and 5 Aust WIA. Enemy results unknown. At 1300H at YS276867 the Aslt Pnr Pl located a cache containing the following: 15 x M79 rounds, 27 x booby trap devices, 250 x M16 rounds, 3000 x 7.62 mm short rounds, 1500 x 45 calibre rounds, 1000 x 30 calibre rounds, 5500 x SKS rounds, 8000 x 7.92 rounds, 1 x French carbine, 1 x Mauser rifle and 3 x 4.2 booster charges. At 2150H at YS256888 A Coy contacted an estimated 4 plus enemy who were engaged by SA and artillery with unknown results. A sweep is to be conducted at first light.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. 5 AB Bn returned to AO MOOSE from BIEN HOA. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn YS232954; 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
052000H	YS60309140 (CSS)	VC Base Camp	1 large track exposed
060745H	YS308801	VC Base Camp	170 metres trench exposed, 3 tunnel entrances exposed, 1 bunker destroyed, 8 bunkers damaged, 1 hut destroyed.
061408H	YS653604	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 fighting position destroyed.

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(i) Results:

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

2 Enemy Losses: -

a Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (DC)
2 enemy KIA (poss)

b Materiel: 15 x M79 rounds, 27 booby trap devices, 250 x M16 rounds, 3000 x 7,62 mm short rounds, 1500 x 45 cal rounds, 1000 x 30 cal rounds, 5500 x SKS rounds, 8000 x 7.92 mm rounds, 1 x French carbine, 1 x Mausen rifle, 3 x 4.2 booster charges, 1 x 35 ft junk, 1 x sampan.

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

c, Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - one
Platoon - Nil
Squad - fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil.

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8 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 070001H to 072400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp supported A Sqn 3 Cav Regt RIF within AO KILCOY vicinity YS2482, YS2483 without contact. 3 Tp supported B Coy 9 RAR operations within AO WONDAI without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS222882.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp conducted RIF within AO KILCOY vicinity YS2379, 2479. 2 Tp conducted RIF within AO SHERMAN without contact and returned to 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp, with 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF D& E Pl conducted RIF within AO KILCOY vicinity YS2482, 2483. At 1100H at YS247821 an APC detonated an M26 grenade. There were no casualties or damage. Sp Tp continued route security and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; Sp Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS334931; C Coy YS330885; D Coy YS 301930; W Coy YS381896; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At 0900H at YS244876 D Coy located and destroyed 13 bunkers. A further 50 bunkers were located in the vicinity YS245878 and are to be destroyed. At 1340H at YS 245885 10 Pl located 5 x 81 mm mortar rounds, 4 x RPG2 rounds, 9 large steelboxes one containing a quantity of 12.7 HMG ammunition, 100 lbs Chicom CA and a quantity of 7.62 link ammunition. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787 A Coy YS 250890; B Coy YS222882 C Coy YS276918; D Coy YS246887.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE (modified) with minor contact. At 1640H at YS263967 B Coy 5 Bn contacted an est enemy squad resulting in 5 ARVN WIA, (2 of whom later DOW). Enemy casualties unknown. The enemy withdrew South West. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399 HQ 5 AB Bn YS268966.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damge Assessment
062038H	YS659615	Base Camp	1 bunker dest, 1 bunker damaged
070740H	YS379721	Base Camp	1 bunker dest, 2 bunkers exposed and damaged, 1 small pit exposed, 1 pit with tunnel entrace exposed, 10 metres of trench collapsed.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
070917H	YS243885	Base Camp	Neg BDA
071325H	YS593600	Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 2 bunkers uncovered, 3 slit trenches damaged, 3 spider holes damaged.

(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: 2 ARVN KIA
3 ARVN WIA

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 5 x 81 mm rounds, 4 x RPG2 rouds, qty 12.7 HMG rounds, 100 lbs Chicom CH, qty 7.62 link rounds.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 14

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil.

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9 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 080001H to 082400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281. 3 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR operations. At 1305H at YS221886 elements of 3 Tp in support of 5 Pl 9 RAR located a freshly evacuated base camp. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS223886.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp conducted RIF within AO KILCOY vicinity YS2479, YS2579 without contact. 3 Tp together with the HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl conducted RIF in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE. At 1055H at YS277757 3 Tp contacted 5 enemy resulting in 1 Aust WIA; 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and documents captured. Sp Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15. 3 Sect 1 Tp occupied a night ambush position at YS216803. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. At 0758H 104 Fd Bty and BLACKHORSE Arty (US) engaged an occupied base camp located at YS333972 resulting in 12 huts uncovered, 8 huts damaged, 2 huts destroyed, 2 huts slightly damaged, 1 large bunker uncovered. 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS336933; C Coy YS330886; D Coy YS301930; W Coy YS385885; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1052H at YS246890 A Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At 1305H at YS221886 5 Pl supported by elements of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a freshly evacuated camp. The search of the complex is continuing. The following has been recovered: 12 x 60mm mortar rounds, quantity of explosives and detonators, quantity of 81mm mortar rounds, 3 x RPG rounds, 1 x claymore and quantity of rice. Complete details will be reported when the search is completed. At 1545H at YS242896 1 Pl contacted 2 enemy in bunkers which were found to be booby trapped when searched. Results unknown. At 1547H at YS240895 3 Pl contacted 2 enemy who withdrew SOUTH WEST. During the initial contact 5 enemy engaged the Pl from the WEST and 8 - 10 enemy engaged the Pl from the SOUTH. Results 3 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails). When contact broke the enemy withdrew SOUTH along a well used track. Late entry: At 071440H at shell fired by 161 Fd Bty in support of B Coy impacted at YS222884 resulting in 1 Aust WIA (Slight wounds). Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS242894; B Coy YS223886; C C Coy YS276918; D Coy YS245879.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. At 1444H at YS270967 B Coy 5 AB Bn received sniper fire from 1 enemy without result. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 5 AB Bn YS270968; HQ 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

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(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
070917H	YS243885	Base Camp	Late BDA entry. 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 30 - 40 metres trench with overhead cover exposed, 6 pits exposed several small bamboo structures uncovered.
081310H and 081340H	YS340974	Occupied VC Base Camp	1 KBA (poss), 5 huts destroyed, 4 huts damaged, 3 huts slightly damaged, 1 storehouse destroyed, 1 hut exposed, 2 large bunkers exposed.

(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust WIA; late entry: 1 Aust WIA.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
3 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails)

b Materiel: 2 AK47, 12 x 60mm mortar rounds, quantity explosives and detonators, quantity 81mm mortar rounds, 3 x RPG rounds, 1 x claymore, quantity of rice and documents.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 11

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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10 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp escorted C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) to and from FSPB BARBARA YS2294. 3 Tp continued to support B Coy 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS222886.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Sect 1 Tp abandoned night ambush position at YS216803 and returned to FSPB JULIA. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp plus HQ 1 ATF D and E P1 conducted RIF operations in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE vicinity YS2876, YS2976, YS2877. At 1750H at YS265757 an element of 1 Tp struck a mine, thought to be a 105mm shell, resulting in 1 Aust WIA and light damage to the APC. 2 Tp provided route security and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) moved to FSPB BARBARA to engage a base camp at YS331971 and returned to FSPB JULIA YS2281. BDA: 2 huts destroyed, 1 hut damaged, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 tunnel entrance exposed. 5 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS379669.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. At 1445H at YS300942 11 P1 located a camp in which was found a body of indeterminable age and a quantity of medical supplies. At 1445 at YS303943 12 P1 found a battalion sized camp consisting of 30 bunkers, 2 kitchens and a medical post. A body and a quantity of medical supplies were also found in this camp. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS320934; C Coy YS315884; D Coy YS302943; W Coy YS330959; 7 Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At 1300H at YS222882 B Coy found a bunker system consisting of 4 bunkers. Found in the area were 4 x RPG rounds; 1 bangalore torpedo; 75lbs chicon explosive; 2 chicom grenades; 2 tins of grease; 2 x 82mm mortar rounds; 1 saw; 2 tins of VT fuzes for mortar rounds; 200lbs of rice; 30lbs of salt; quantity of womens clothing and notes on deployment of mortars. At 1330H at YS245878 D Coy found a cache containing 2 x SKS rifles; small quantity of ammunition and 1 x 4 gallon drum of medical supplies. At 1510H A Coy located a camp consisting of 12 bunkers extending from YS243895 to YS243897. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS243893; B Coy YS222886; C Coy YS276918; D Coy YS244880.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 5 AB Bn YS233954; HQ 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
091325	YS332973	VC Base Camp	6 huts destroyed, 1 large bunker exposed, 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance collapsed.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
091338H	YS332973	VC Base Camp	6 huts destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged
091515H	YS593600	VC Base Camp	2 pits exposed, negative further BDA possible due to smoke and foliage.

(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: 1 Aust WIA (remained on duty)

b Materiel: 1 APC slightly damaged

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 1 x bangalore torpedo; 4 x RPG rounds; 75lbs of chicom explosive; 2 chicom grenades; 2 x 82mm mortar rounds; 2 tins grease; 1 x saw; 2 x tins of VT fuzes for mortars rounds; 2 SKS rifles; small quantity ammunition; 200lbs of rice rice; 30lbs of salt; quantity of medical supplies.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Twelve

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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11 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ and 1 Tp conducted RIF to the SOUTH of FSPB JULIA vicinity YS2374, YS2474 without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA. 3 Tp continued to support B Coy 9 RAR operations within AO WONDAI. At 2015H at YS222866 3 Tp engaged movement to the WEST of B Coy location with unknown results. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS222866.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp (-) plus elements of 1 ATF D and E Pl conducted RIF vicinity YS2773 and YS2673. 12 section plus elements of 1 ATF D and E Pl carried out night ambush at YS276773. 2 Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL15. 3 Tp provided escort for elements of 2 AB Bde (ARVN) from FSPB BARBARA YS2294 to LONG THANH. Elements of Support Tp provided security for 1 Fd Sqn to PHOUC HAI. 81 Sect supported 1 RAR operations within AO SEAFORTH. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 12 Section YS276773; 81 Section YS293624.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 14 H and I mission were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR commenced land clearing operations in AO SEAFORTH centre mass YS2863 without contact. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy (-) YS293624.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1030H at YS313950 11 Pl found a battalion sized camp consisting of 20 bunkers. At 1130H at YS291951 10 Pl contacted 5 enemy with unknown results. 1 enemy was carrying either HMG or RPG. At 1325H at YS311961 11 Pl contacted 2 enemy without result. At 1630H at YS305967 11 Pl contacted an estimated 10 enemy located in a bunker complex with result 2 enemy KIA (BC). 11 Pl withdrew and the complex was subjected to airstrike. A sweep will be conducted at first light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS320934; C Coy YS315884; D Coy YS302944; W Coy YS330934; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with contact. At 0530H at YS222886 B Coy contacted an estimated 2 enemy without result. Recovered from the contact area were 24 detonators and a quantity of 45 calibre ammunition. At 0955H at YS244885 6 Pl contacted 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail). At 1400H at YS224885 6 Pl found 1 x 82mm mortar complete. At 1525H mortars firing in support of A Coy advancing to contact impacted at YS235895 resulting in 1 Aust WIA. At 1640H at YS240899 3 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. The enemy engaged 3 Pl with HMG, LMG, RPG's and claymores. 2 Pl reinforced 3 Pl and LFT and flare aircraft supported. The contact which did not break until 1934H resulted in 5 Aust WIA, one of whom subsequently DOW, enemy casualties unknown At 1815H at YS240897 1 Pl located a cache containing 14 x SKS rifles, 1 x Thompson SMG, 80 chicom grenades, 12 chicom shrapnel grenades, 1000 x 7.62 rounds and 1000 x 5.56mm rounds. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS240894; B Coy YS222886; C Coy YS276930; D Coy YS248885.

(g) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 5 AB Bn YS234953; HQ 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

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(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
101402H	YS593600	Base Camp	5 bunker entrances exposed, 2 huts destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged
101810H	YS309967	Base Camp	Negative BDA due to failing light.

(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust KIA (DOW)
5 Aust WIA

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 3 enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail)

b Materiel: 14 x SKS rifles, 1 x Thompson SMG, 80 chicom stick grenades, 12 chicom shrapnel grenades, 1000 x 7.62 rounds, 1000 x 5.56 rounds, 24 detonators, quantity .45 ammunition, 1 x 82mm mortar.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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12 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp provided escort for 1 ATF Psy Ops on QL 15. 3 Tp continued to support 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp YS218887; 2 & 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp (-) remained in FSPB JULIA. 11 Sect carried out night ambush at YS166842. 2 Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15. 31 Sect carried out night ambush vicinity YS231802. At 1930H at YS231802 the section detained 1 male suspect. Sp Tp continued to support 1 RAR operations in AO SEAFORTH. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281. 11 Sect YS166842; 2 Tp and Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 31 Sect YS231802; 82 Sect YS293624.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued land clearing operations in AO SEAFORTH and TAOR patrolling without contact. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS293624.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1330H at YS311965 11 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 2 packs and a quantity of documents recovered. At 1339H at YS333968 1 Pl W Coy contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail) and 1 x AK47 captured. At 1801H at YS308965 11 and 12 Pl contact 3 enemy with the result of 1 pack recovered. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3691; B Coy YS290930; C Coy YS315884; D Coy YS311965; W Coy YS330959; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. A Coy conducted a sweep of their previous contact vicinity YS250899. Recovered were: 2500 Chicom detonators, 4 x Anti tank grenades, 4 x shrapnel grenades, 150 lbs rice. The search continues. At 1130H at YS246888, 11 Pl located a bunker system consisting of 13 bunkers. At 1525H at YS250887, 12 Pl located a cache. Recovered were: 200 lbs of food, 80 x .30 calibre rounds, 1 x .30 calibre magazine and a quantity of documents. At 1525H at YS249887, 11 Pl located a cache containing 11 x 4.5V batteries, 20 x friction igniters and 2 x shelters individual. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS241898; B Coy YS218887; C Coy YS236937; D Coy YS246982.

(g) 2 AB Bn (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 2 AB Bde (ARVN) and HQ 5 AB Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
111330	YS789695	Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 5 bunkers uncovered, 1 structure destroyed.

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(i) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail)

b Materiel: 2500 Chicom detonators, 4 x Anti-tank grenades, 4 x shrapnel grenades, 150 lbs rice, 200 lbs foodstuff, 80 x .30 cal rounds, 1 x .30 cal magazine 11 x 4.5V batteries, 20 x friction ignitors, 2 x shelters individual, 1 x AK47, quantity of documents, 3 x packs

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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13 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) for the period from 120001H to 122400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp relieved 3 Tp in support of 9 RAR operations. 4 Tp relieved 1 Tp at FSPB JULIA YS2281. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS218893; 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. At 0730H at YS229805 3 Section 1 Tp detonated an anti-personnel mine without result while moving from night ambush at YS231802 to FSPB JULIA YS2281. 3 Section 1 Tp supported 1 Fd Sqn operations in AO COLO centre mass YS1886. 2 Section 1 Tp plus HQ 1 ATF D and E P1 conducted operations in vicinity YS2080, YS2180. At 1622H at YS210799 this force detained 1 male suspect, 2 sampans and one chicom grenade. 2 Tp (-) conducted RIF operations in AO SHERMAN without contact. Elements of Sp Tp concluded operations in support of 1 RAR. Roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 36 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Late entry: B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) relieved C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) in FSPB JULIA YS2281, at 111200H. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn commenced searching AO COLO centre of mass YS1886 (axis of search QL 15) for enemy assests with negative results. Locations: 1 Fd Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR concluded operations in AO SEAFORTH. Locations: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1408H at YS290930 4 Pl contacted 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47 captured. Late entry. At 112205H at YS330959 W Coy received fire from outside the perimeter resulting in 1 NZ KIA. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3691; B Coy YS290930; C Coy YS307875; D Coy YS290961; W Coy YS341960; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At 0745H at YS222886 B Coy found an 82mm mortar baseplate and barrel. At 1550H at YS240899 A Coy located 2 bodies in graves (died as result GSW) considered to be a result of A Coy contact in vicinity at 101600H. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS241898; B Coy YS219889; C Coy YS262914; D Coy YS244889.

(h) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ AB Bde (ARVN) and HQ 5 AB Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(i) Air support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
121321H	YS789695	VC Base Camp	1 Hut destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered
121344H	YS789695	VC Base Camp	2 Huts destroyed, 5 metres trench collapsed, 1 bunker uncovered

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(j) Results.

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: Late entry: 1 NZ KIA

b Materiel: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 1 KIA (BC)
1 Detainee

b Materiel: 2 sampans, 1 x chicom grenade, 1 AK47

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. 4 RAR to be extracted from AO WARRAGUL and return to 1 ATF Base. 1 RAR to deploy in to AO KILCOY. Other Operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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14 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 130001H Jan to 132400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR operations. 4 Tp conducted road clearing operations from FSPB JULIA YS2281 to FSPB BARBARA YS2294 and returned to FSPB JULIA. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS222884; 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Late entry: At 122317H at YS232801 2 Section 3 Tp contacted 1 ox cart containing an estimated 2 enemy without results. Elements of 1 Tp and 3 Tp secured LZs in support of 1 RAR deployment into AO KILCOY. 3 Section 1 Tp supported 1 Fd Sqn operations in AO COLO. 3 Tp (-) supported 1 RAR RIF operations in AO KILCOY. Roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. FSPB WATTLE YS3691 was abandoned and 104 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base. 102 Fd Bty deployed from 1 ATF Base and occupied FSPB MARGARET YS2084. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued operations in AO COLO without result. Locations: 1 Fd Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR commenced operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 1845H at YS249795 6 Pl contacted 3 enemy carrying AK 47s. Enemy approached from East and were engaged with unknown results. Due to failing light a sweep will be conducted at first light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS179856; B Coy YS245800; C Coy YS191830; D Coy YS215786.

(f) 4 RAR concluded operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI (Modified) with minor contact. At 0915H at YS261911 8 Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK 47 and 1 pack captured. At 0940H at YS222886 B Coy found the following equipment in a camp; 1x82mm mortar round, 1x60mm mortar base plate and bipod, 2 old bolt action rifles of unknown type, 1x case 7.92mm ammunition, 200 x 7.62mm rounds, 1 x RPG 7 round, 1 RPG cleaning rod, 2 AK 47 magazines. At 1110H at YS240899 A Coy located a camp containing 6 x chicom grenades, 6 x anti tk grenades, 6 x claymore stands, a quantity of clothing and human remains approximately 3 days old. At 1215H at YS241899 A Coy found a bunker system consisting of 7 bunkers and a kitchen connected by a communications tunnel. Also found were 8 bodies killed by GSW and/or shrapnel not more than 3 days ago, 7 x chicom anti tk grenades, 9 x chicom blast grenades, 1 x US grenade, 4 chicom claymore leads, 2 x detonators and 1 x M83 smoke grenade. At 1030H at YS221881 B Coy found 1 x 100 lb bag of rice. At 1900H at YS237898 D Coy found a small cache of documents in a metal box. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS241898; B Coy YS222884; C Coy YS262914; D Coy YS237898.

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(h) 2 AB BDE (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. At 2155H at YS262998 B Coy 11 AB Bn contacted an estimated squad sized enemy without result. Locations: HQ 2 AB BDE (ARVN) and 5 AB Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 11 AB Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
131250H	YS773649	VC Base Camp	1 Hut destroyed, 1 hut damaged 4 sleeping shelters destroyed 1 bunker exposed
131321H	YS224686	VC Base Camp	1 structure damaged, 1 structure exposed.

(j) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 AK 47, 1 pack, 1 x 60mm mortar base plate and bipod, 2 bolt action rifles, quantity ammunition, grenades, mortar and RPG rounds, 100 lbs rice, quantity documents.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

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15 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) Period 140001H Jan to 142400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR, and commenced operations in AO ASQUITH centre of mass YS460800. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp continued to support 9 RAR in AO WONDAI without contact. 4 Tp supported A Sqn 3 Cav Regt RIF operations in AO SHERMAN. At 1310H at YS342797 the troop contacted 2 enemy without result. At 1815H at YS269781 a tank from 4 Tp detonated an anti-tank mine with result of 1 tank slightly damaged. 2 Tp supported 1 ATF Land Clearing Team operations in AO ASQUITH and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations:: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281, 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS216893; 4 Tp YS281781.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) conducted RIF in AO SHERMAN, supported by 4 Tp C Sqn. At YS347795 1 Tp located a company size bunker complex. 3 Section 1 Tp support 1 Fd Sqn operations in AO COLO. 2 Tp continued convoy escort and route security on QL15. 3 Section 2 Troop supported 1 ATF Land Clearing operations in AO ASQUITH without incident and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS281781; 81 Mor Sect FSPB MARGARET YS2084.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued operations in AO COLO without result. Locations: 1 Fd Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. Late entry; 1.A sweep at first light of the contact area previously reported (At 131845H at YS249795) revealed 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47. captured. 2. At 131630H at YS209794 11 Pl located a camp 120 metres x 80 metres consisting of 1 x semi completed hut, 1 x pit with sleeping bays, 4 x shelters, 2 x landing points, 1 x sampan, 1 x M1 carbine, 1 x Garrand rifle, quantity of assorted SA ammunition, quantity of documents, photographs and foodstuffs. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS179856; B Coy YS245800; C Coy YS185837; D Coy YS215786.

(f) 4 RAR (-) remained at 1 ATF Base and commenced TAOR patrols. Locations 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1030H at YS225884 B Coy found 10 x RPG 7 rounds, 28 x RPG 2 propellants, 51 x mortar fuzes, 54 fuzes, 280 x primers. 42 x 60mm mortar bombs. At 1130H at YS226884 5 Pl contacted 1 enemy with unknown result. At 1145H at YS227884 B Coy found 1 x Thompson SMG, 2 x US carbines, 2 x Russian carbines. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS244895; B Coy YS227886; C Coy YS262914; D Coy YS229897.

(h) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 2 AB BDE (ARVN) FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 AB Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 11 AB Bn FSPB [illegible] YS2396.

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(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
141340H	YS333888	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 3 Bunkers exposed.

(j) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel 1 Tank slightly damaged

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1xAK 47, 1xsampan, 1xM1 carbine 1xGarrand rifle, 10xRPG 7 rounds, 28xRPG 2 propellant charges, 51xmortar fuzes, 54 fuzes, 280 primers, 42x60mm mortar round assorted SA rounds, quantity documents, quantity foodstuffs.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. 2 AB Bde (ARVN) complete operations in AO MOOSE and are replaced by 2 Marine Bde (ARVN).

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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16 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 150001H Jan to 152400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSIVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. Operations in AO ASQUITH concluded. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp continued to support 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS229887.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp (-) supported 1 RAR operations in AO KILCOY without contact. 3 Tp (-) escorted elements of 2 AB Bde (ARVN) from FSPB BARBARA YS2294 to LONG THANH, YS1392. 2 Tp continued to provide convoy escort and route security on QL 15. 3 Section 1 Tp supported 1 Fd Sqn operations in AO COLO. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and Sp Tp 1 ATF Base. 81 Mortar Section FSPB MARGARET YS2084.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn (-) concluded operations in AO COLO without incident. At 1010H at YS283664 a mine incident resulted in 1 AUST WIA. Locations: 1 Fd Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS163858; B Coy YS248796; C Coy YS185837; D Coy YS216786.

(f) 4 RAR (-) remained at 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrols. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0115H at YS227886 an estimated 3 plus enemy probed B Coy perimeter and were engaged with unknown results. At 1145H at YS229888 B Coy located a camp containing 1 x 82mm mortar tube and baseplate, 2 x 82mm mortar cleaning rods, 2 x 60mm mortar rounds, quantity of clothing and web equipment, quantity of medical supplies, 6 x M16 magazines, 2 x RPG 7 rounds, 4 x AK 47 cleaning kits quantity of plastic, some documents and 100 lb chicom explosive. In addition a grave was located containing a body killed by GSW believed to have resulted from the previous 6 Pl contact in that area. At 1715H at YS237897, B Coy located 2 caches containing 20 x RPG 2 rounds, 7 x RPG 7 rounds, 20 x RPG 2 motors, 7 x RPG 7 motors. At 1800H, at YS237597 D Coy located a cache containing 28 x RPG 2 rounds and 12 booster charges. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS255898; B Coy YS229887; C Coy YS265905; D Coy YS237847.

(h) 2 AB Bde (ARVN) concluded operations in AO MOOSE and were relieved in place by A Bde ARVN Marines.

(i) A Bde ARVN Marines deployed into AO MOOSE. Locations: HQ A Bde ARVN Marines FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 1 Marine Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

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(j) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
151240H	YS566805	VC Base Camp	5 Bunkers uncovered, 1 bunker damaged, 1 hut damaged
151310H	YS330969	VC Base Camp	2 Target posns uncovered
151325H	YS330969	VC Base Camp	6 Bunkers exposed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 partially destroyed

(k) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 WIA

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 1 x 82mm mortar tube and baseplate, 2 x 82mm cleaning rods, 2 x 60mm mortar rounds, 6 x M16 magazines, 4 x AK 47 cleaning kits, 100 lbs chicom explosive, 48 x RPG 2 rounds, 9 x RPG 7 rounds, 32 RPG 2 boosters, 7 x RPG 7 boosters, quantity clothing and web equipment, quantity of medical supplies, documents, quantity of plastic sheeting.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil

(4) Results. Nil.

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17 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 160001H Jan to 162400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation ROAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 4 Tp with elements of A Sqn supported 1 RAR operations in AO KILCOY. 1 Tp continued to support 9 RAR in AO WONDAI. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS248796.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS2281. 1 Tp (-) supported 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI. 3 Sect 1 Tp carried out night ambush at YS232802. 2 Tp remained at 1 ATF Base as RRF and provided elements for escort duties on QL15. 1 Sect 3 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO KILCOY. 3 Sect Sp Tp supported 4 RAR on land clearing operations in area YS4957. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS232802; 3 Sect Sp Tp YS494575.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. At 1400H B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) and 102 Fd Bty angaged an enemy concentration sighted by VR aircraft at YS2287 with unknown result. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (USO FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 0905H at YS248796, 6 Pl contacted 2 enemy without result. At 2050H at YS176847 9 Pl contacted 2 enemy in a sampan with the result 2 enemy KIA (Poss) and 1 sampan destroyed. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS163955; B Coy YS248796; C Coy YS176838; D Coy YS216786.

(e) 4 RAR (-) remained at 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrols. Elements of D Coy supported land clearing operations in area YS4957. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Elements D Coy YS494575.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1430H at YS241898 10 Pl contacted 2 - 3 enemy without result. In addition to items recovered by D Coy on 15 Jan at YS237897 the following were recovered: 104 X Electric detonators, 24 x flash detonators, 1 Sewing machine, 35 x BAR magazines, 3 x SMG magazines, 1 x 60mm mortar sight, 5 x BAR, 4 x Garrand rifles, 2 x M1 carbines, 2 x Thampson SMG's, 8 x SKS rifles, 1 x MG of unknown type, assorted SA ammunition. At YS237896 D Coy found a cache containing 1 x 82mm mortar complete less sight, 9 x 82mm mortar primers, 9 x 82mm bobm fuzes, quantity of tailoring equipment and documents. In the same area 2 other caches containing 42 RPG 2 rounds, 3 x RPG 7 rounds, 61 x RPG 2 boosters and 3 RPG 7 boosters were found. Following the sighting of a occupied enemy camp in area YS2287, C Coy were deployed to the area by air and APC while the camp was engaged by LFT and Artillery. At last light C Coy were in the vicinity of the camp but were not able to enter it. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS255898; B Coy YS229887; C Coy YS229871; D Coy YS237897.

(g) A Bde ARVN Marines continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ A Bde and HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 1 Marine Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

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Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
161301H	YS333888	VC Base Camp	2 Pits exposed, 1 Structure damaged, 5 Metres of trench damaged, 1 Bunker damaged.

(i) Results.

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (Poss)

b Materiel: 5 x BAR's; 4 x Garrand rifles; 2 x M1 Carbines; 2 x Thompson SMG's; 8 x SKS Rifles; 1 x MG of unknown type; 1 x 82mm Mortar complete less sight; 1 x sampan; 42 x RPG 2 rounds; 3 x RPG 7 rounds; 61 x RPG 2 boosters; 3 x RPG 7 boosters; 9 x 82mm mortar primaries; 9 x 82mm mortar fuzes; 1 x 60mm mortar sight; 1 x Necchi sewing machine; qty of tailoring equipment; 104 x electric detonators; 24 x flash detonators; qtys magazines, SA ammo and documents.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - fourteen.

(2) 2 SAS have seven LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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18 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 170001H Jan to 172400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp continued to support 9 RAR operations. 4 Tp, with 3 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn and Def Pl HQ 1 ATF, carried out RIF in the area YS2873 following an aircraft receiving ground fire without result. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS229887; 2 and 3 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) supported B Coy 1 RAR during redeployment in AO KILCOY and then returned to 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp carried out RIF in AO SHERMAN without result. 1 Sect 3 Tp supported 1 RAR on operations in AO KILCOY. 3 Sect 3 Tp supported 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and Def Pl HQ 1 ATF on RIF in the area YS2873. 3 Sect Sp Tp remained in support of 4 RAR on land clearing operations. Road clearing and convoy escort duties on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 3 Tp YS210807; 3 Sect Sp Tp YS493575.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 1850H at YS177826 a Ptl of 8 Pl were fired on by an estimated 7 enemy. Fire was returned without result. At 2115H at YS216800 an ambush from 10 Pl engaged a sampan containing 3 enemy. Fire was returned with AK47 and RPG2. There was no results. B Coy redeployed by APC to the North of KILCOY. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2034; A Coy YS165957; B Coy YS193887; C Coy YS175838; D Coy YS216787.

(e) 4 RAR continued to provide support for land clearing operations in the area YS4957 and TAOR patrols. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; Elements D Coy YS493575.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. Late entry. At 162320H at YS229871 8 Pl engaged between 5 and 15 enemy with the result 1 en KIA (BC) and a pistol captured. C Coy entered the base camp at YS230871 at first light, and a search has so far found 4 en KB Arty (BC) and 1 radio transmitter of unknown type. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS256888; B Coy YS229887; C Coy YS230871; D Coy YS239898.

(g) A Bde ARVN Marines continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ A Bde and 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 1 Marine Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

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Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
171305H	YS789695	VC Base Camp	4 Bunkers destroyed, 1 Bunker uncovered, 10 metres trench with overhead cover destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered, 1 Iron roofed hut destroyed, 1 Thatched hut destroyed.

2 At YS284739 an UH-1H aircraft of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted an estimated 5 enemy and received ground fire from an HMG without damage.

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(i) Results.

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 1 en KIA (BC)
4 en KBArty (BC)

b Materiel: 1 Pistol
1 Radio transmitter.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:-

(1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: At 1730H at YS312846 a LRRP engaged 3 enemy with result 3 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP then came under fire from an estimated 5 enemy while withdrawing to an extraction LZ. During extraction a UH-1H aircraft of 9 Sqn RAAF received hits from AK47 groundfire. LFT supported the extraction. Late entry: At 151030H at YS310846 a LRRP contacted 3 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC).

(4) Results: 4 en KIA (BC).

2. Remarks:

a. Reference SITREP dated 13 Jan 69. Add to para (1) (j) 2 a: 2 en KIA (BC). (See para (1) (g).

b. Reference SITREP dated 14 Jan 69. Add to para (1) (j) 2 a; 8 en KIA (BC). (See para (1) (g).

c. Reference SITREP dated 16 Jan 69. Add to para (1) (k) 2 a; 1 en KIA (BC). (See para (1) (g).

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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19 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 180001H Jan to 182400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 4 Tp relieved 1 Tp in support of 9 RAR. 1 Tp returned to FSPB JULIA YS2281. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 3 Tps 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS229860.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements of Sqn HQ carried out resupply tasks for 1 RAR in AO KILCOY. At 1143H at YS180825 an APC from these elements detonated a mine, thought to be 50 lbs of TNT, with result 3 AUST WIA, 1 of whom DOW, and 1 APC damaged beyond repair. 1 Tp carried out roadclearing and convoy escort tasks on QL15. 2 Tp conducted RIF operations in AO SHERMAN without incident. 3 Sect 3 Tp supported A Marine Bde (ARVN). Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 0045H at YS207794 a patrol of 11 Pl engaged an estimated 2 enemy without result. At 0745H at YS217769 a patrol of 12 Pl engaged 2 - 4 enemy without result. At 1850H at YS165884 a patrol of 6 Pl engaged 2 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS165857; B Coy YS193887; C Coy YS180828; D Coy YS216786.

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

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1400H at YS245870 2 Pl, the leading element of A Coy, contacted an estimated 10 enemy with result 1 Aust WIA who later DOW, 2 Aust WIA; 2 en KIA (BC), 3 en WIA (bloodtrail), and 1 AK47, 1 SKS, and 7 packs of rice captured. At 1415H at the same area, YS245870, 3 Pl, the rear element of A Coy, contacted 2 enemy with result 1 SKS and 1 pack containing food captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS245870; B Coy YS229860; C Coy YS257859; D Coy YS229893.

(g) A Bde ARVN Marines continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ A Bde and 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 1 Marine Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
181316H	YS764654	VC Base Camp	2 Structures destroyed, 1 Platform with foodstuffs destroyed.
181438H	YS328888	VC Base Camp	1 pit destroyed, 1 bunker exposed, 1 Military structure exposed.

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses;
- a Personnel: 2 Aust KIA (DOW)
  4 Aust WIA (2 evac)
- b Materiel: 1 x M113 APC destroyed

2 Enemy losses;
- a Personnel: 2 en KIA (BC)
  3 en WIA (bloodtrail)
- b Materiel: 1 AK47
  2 SKS
  8 packs
  qty foodstuffs.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: HQ A Marine Bde and 5 Marine Bn cease to be in DS of 1 ATF. 3/52 ARVN becomes in DS of 1 ATF and occupies FSPB KATHLEEN. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has five LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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20 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 190001H Jan to 192400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp supported 1 RAR on operations in AO KILCOY, returning to FSPB JULIA. 4 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 3 Tps 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS219879.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp carried out roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL15. 2 Tp moved to AO MOOSE and carried out tasks in support of the moves of A Marine Bde and 52 Regt ARVN including LZ security and convoy escort. 3 Tp carried out tasks in support of 1 RAR. 3 Sect 3 Tp and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF carry out night ambush at YS228799 and YS225805. At 2023H at YS231800 3 Sect 3 Tp and elements of Def Pl contacted anestimated 12 enemy moving from East to West with unknown result. A sweep will be carried out at first light. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 3 Tp YS228799.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 0625H at YS199879 4 Pl engaged an unknown number of enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At approx 0700H B Coy sighted an estimated 70 enemy moving from NW to SE in area YS199886. The enemy were engaged by Artillery while A Coy was deployed by APC to a blocking position on the SW. D Coy was then deployed by air to the West of the area and sweeps conducted without incident. VR showed withdrawal routes leading to the NW and NE. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS191890; B Coy YS203878; C Coy YS192829; D Coy YS172889.

(e) 4 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrolling. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with continious contacts. At 0557H at YS222878 a B Coy ambush patrol contacted a group of enemy, believed to be 20, with result 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 VC PW (WIA), 1 en WIA (blood-trail) and 3 pistols and 1 chicom SMG captured. At 0701H at YS246858 8 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 Aust WIA, enemy casualties unknown. At 0800H at YS245870 2 Pl was engaged by an unknown number of enemy with RPG and SA with the result 3 Aust KIA and 5 Aust WIA. At 0811H at YS222878 a patrol of B Coy cont-acted 1 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC). At 0830H at YS229891 12 Pl contacted 3 enemy with unknown result. At 0920H at YS222878 6 Pl, while sweeping the area of the contact at 0811H, located 1 en WIA (PW). At 1140H at YS220877 6 Pl was engeged by an unknown number of enemy with result 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA, 1 NZ WIA and 1 en KIA(BC). At 1200H at YS249857 9 Pl contacted 10 enemy with result 4 en KIA (BC), 1 en WIA (bloodtrail), 3 AK47, 1 AK50, 3 x RPG2 rounds, and quantities of SA ammo and medical supplies captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS237862; B Coy YS219879; C Coy YS257850, D Coy YS229893.

(g) A Marine Bde and 1 Marine Bn ceased to be DS of 1 ATF and departed from AO MOOSE. 5 Marine Bn remained at FSPB BARBARA YS2294 and passed to operational control of 52 Regt (ARVN).

(h) HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and 3/52 ARVN became in DS of 1 ATF and moved into AO MOOSE. 5 Marine Bn became in DS HQ52 Regt. Locations: HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 3/52 (ARVN) FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

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(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
190900H	YS305967	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 9 Bunkers exposed, 1 Bunker damaged, 2 Structures destroyed, 2 Tunnel entrances exposed, 1 Large bunker exposed, 1 frame hut exposed.
191207H	YS373778	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel destroyed, 2 tunnels uncovered.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 4 Aust KIA
7 Aust WIA (evac)
1 NZ WIA (evac)

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 NVA KIA (BC)
7 en KIA (BC)
2 en WIA (PW)
2 en WIA (bloodtrail)

b Materiel: 4 x AK47
1 x AK50
1 X Chicom SMG
3 x pistols
3 x RPG2 rounds
Qty SA rounds

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

c. Small Unit Actions:-

(1) Company - one
Platoon - nil
Squad - fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has five LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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21 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H Jan to 202400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp moved to AO KILCOY and supported 1 RAR operations. 4 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS222882.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Late entry: At 191716H at YS280809 2 Sect 2 Tp and elements of HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl contacted an estimated 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail), 1 x RPG2 and 1 x RPG2 round captured. 3 Sect 3 Tp and elements of HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl at first light swept contact area previously reported. (Sitrep dated 20 Jan 69 refers. Contact at YS231800 at 192023H). Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC), 3 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails), 1 x Garrand rifle captured. 3 Tp carried out tasks in support of 1 RAR. Road-runner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued. 3 Sect 2 Tp with 2 elements of 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl occupy a night ambush at YS230799. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS230799.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 5 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS165859; B Coy YS203878; C Coy YS192829; D Coy YS172889.

(e) 4 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. W Coy began RIF operations in AO HANNIBAL centre mass YS5861 in conjunction with elements of 2/48 Bn (ARVN) without contact. Locations; 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS560608.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0904H at YS231889 12 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At 1435H at YS250869 7 Pl contacted 2 enemy with unknown results. At 1616H at YS241898 10 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 Aust KIA. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS232884; B Coy YS222882; C Coy YS274858; D Coy YS229893.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; HQ 3/52 Bn (ARVN) FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
201430H	YS789695	Base Camp	3 huts destroyed 3 tunnel entrances exposed 1 bunker exposed

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust KIA

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 3 enemy KIA (BC)
5 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails)

b Materiel: 1 x RPG2, 1 x RPG2 round, 1 x Garrand rifle, 1 AK47 captured.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 14

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Late entry: At 192040H at YS286812 a LRRP contacted an estimated 10 - 12 enemy with unknown results. The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results: Nil.

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22 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 210001H Jan to 212400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO SHERMANS HORSE. At 0825H at YS251801 an element of 2 Tp struck a mine without casualty or damage. 4 Tp continued to support 9 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp YS324853; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS219878.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp conducted roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15. 2 Tp and 3 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO KILCOY and AO SHERMANS HORSE and also supported land clearing operations EAST of FSPB JULIA YS2281. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. NO H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. C Coy deployed by APC to AO SHERMANS HORSE centre of mass YS3184 and carried out RIF. A Coy deployed by APC to area YS1888. D Coy deployed to the area of THAI TIEN YS2279 - YS2380 and conducted night ambushes in that vicinity. At 2115H at YS238804 10 Pl contacted approximately 12 enemy carrying RPGs, AW and SA, moving EAST to WEST. On contact 2 enemy were seen to fall. Complete details will be reported after a first light sweep has been conducted. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS172889; B Coy YS199878; C Coy YS324853; D Coy YS2279 - YS2380.

(e) 4 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. W Coy continued operations in AO HANNIBAL without contact. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL 4962; W Coy YS560608.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0640H at YS221877 B Coy contacted 6 to 10 enemy in a series of contacts resulting in 1 Aust WIA. Enemy casualties: 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA detainee, 3 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails), 1 x SKS rifle, 1 x 45 calibre pistol and 4 packs captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS223859; B Coy YS219878; C Coy YS298859; D Coy YS229893.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 3/52 Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstikes were

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
211450H	YS764654	VC Base Camp	2 huts destroyed, 1 bunker exposed

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust WIA (evac)

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy WIA (PW)
3 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails)

b Materiel: 1 x SKS rifle, 1 x 45 calibre pistol, 4 packs captured.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 14

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: At 0910H at YS324801 a LRRP contacted 3 enemy with the result 1 NZ WIA and 1 enemy KIA (BC); 2 lbs of documents and a transistor radio captured.

(4) Results:

a Friendly Losses: 1 NZ WIA

b Enemy Losses:

1 Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (BC)

2 Materiel: 2 lbs of documents and 1 x transistor radio captured.

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23 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H Jan to 222400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE and returned to FSPB JULIA. At 1010H at YS277755 1 Tp detonated an M16 mine without damage. 2 Tp continued to support 1 RAR operations in AO SHERMANS HORSE and returned to FSPB JULIA. 4 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 4 Tp YS219879.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base as RRF, with elements carrying out roadrunner and convoy escort on QL 15. 2 Tp supported D Coy 1 RAR on operations in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE. 3 Tp supported land clearing operations at FSPB JULIA YS2281 and also C Coy 1 RAR in AO SHERMANS HORSE. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Sect of 102 Fd Bty was deployed from FSPB MARGARET YS2084 to FSPB JULIA YS2281 to support D Coy 1 RAR operations in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE. The Sect returned to FSPB MARGARET YS2084. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. C Coy concluded operations in AO SHERMANS HORSE without contact. D Coy carried out an RIF operation in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE with minor contact. At 1315H at YS288741 12 Pl contacted 3 enemy with the result 1 enemy WIA (PW) who later DOW, and 1 x M1 captured. At 1915H at YS237787 11 Pl contacted an estimated 5 enemy while moving into a night ambush position. A preliminary sweep revealed 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured; a further sweep will be carried out at first light. A first light sweep of the area of 10 Pl contact at 212115H (YS238804) revealed 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and drag-marks leading WEST. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS172889; B Coy YS199878; C Coy YS188834; D Coy YS242802.

(e) 4 RAR continued to provide patrols in 1 ATF TAOR. W Coy continued operations in AO HANNIBAL without contact. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS560608.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS222856; B Coy YS219879; C Coy YS298859; D Coy YS229893.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Both 3/52 and 5 Marine Bns carried out RIF to the EAST of the AO without contact. At YS248962 5 Marine Bn found 10 graves approximately 1 week old. Locations: HQ 52 Regt FSPB BARBARA YS2293; HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2293; HQ 3/52 Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52 Bn (-) YT289016.

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(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
221255H	YS242870	VC Base Camp	3 large bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 secondary explosion.
221645H	YS232875	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered, 1 tunnel entrances collapsed, 10 metres trench collapsed.

(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses; Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 3 enemy KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 2 x AK47's
1 x M1

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - two
Platoon - Nil
Squad - fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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24 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period from 230001H Jan to 232400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 4 Tp continued to support 9 RAR operations. Locations C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS230873.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp continued task of 1 ATF RRF and roadrunner and convoy escort of QL15 and LTL 23. 2 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO KILCOY. 3 Tp provided escort of 18 ARVN DIV I & R Coy from QL 15 to FSPB BARBARA YS2294, and protection for land clearing in the vicinity of FSPB JULIA YS2281. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 2050H at YS247803 an ambush patrol of 4 Pl contacted 3 enemy with unknown result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS192831; B Coy YS201882; C Coy YS236841; D Coy YS242802.

(e) 4 RAR continued to patrol the 1 ATF TAOR. W Coy concluded operations in AO HANNIBAL without contact and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1045H at YS239893 contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 x M1 rifle captured. At 1330H at YS239890 D Coy sighted 1 enemy. The area of the sighting was engaged by mortars without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS230873; B Coy YS219879; C Coy YS307851; D Coy YS241898.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. At 0935H at YS291009 elements of 3 Bn 52 Regt contacted an unknown number of enemy who fired RPG and AK 47. The enemy withdrew South East. 3 Bn 52 Regt followed bloodtrails without result. At 1330H at YS317983 3 Bn 52 Regt contacted an estimated enemy coy in a bunker system resulting in 1 ARVN KIA. LFT and an immediate airstrike supported the contact after which the area was swept without result. 8 bloodtrails were found. At YS301971 5 Marine Bn found a hospital complex of 10 x 4 man bunkers which had been vacated within the previous 24 hours. A further 20 bunkers were found at YS304978. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 5 Marine Bn (-) YS299975; HQ 3/52 (-) FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52 (-) YS307987; 18 ARVN Div I & R Coy YS233945.

(h) Air support. Significient airstrikes were:

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment.
231507H	YS537893	VC Base Camp (Suspected occupied)	1 bunker damaged, 25 metres trench with OHC destroyed, 200 metres trench uncovered, 2 bunkers exposed.

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(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 ARVN KIA

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 en KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 x M1 rifle

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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25 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) Period 240001H Jan to 242400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO SHERMANS SADDLE centre mass YS3089. 2 Tp engaged intelligence targets in NUI THI VAI Mountains and destroyed 1 structure and 3 bunkers. 4 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA; 1 Tp YS316798; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS223876.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp continued roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15. 2 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AOs SHERMANS HORSE and KILCOY. 3 Tp supported land clearing operations in the vicinity of PHU MY YS2377-YS2477. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY and commenced operations in AO SHERMANS SADDLE centre mass YS3089. At 232050H at YS247803 an ambush patrol of 4 Pl contacted an estimated 3 enemy (contact previously reported). A first light sweep located the following: 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK 47, documents including ID papers and a diary, 13 bags of rice totalling 200 lbs. At 1100H at YS235787 the Aslt Pnr Pl found 44½ x 100 bags of rice and 2½ bags of salt weighing approximately 280 lbs. At 1615H at YS235788 11 Pl found 14 x 100 lb bags of rice. At 1645H at YS237787 11 Pl found a further 100 lb bag of rice which had bullet holes through it and was blood-stained. At 1740H at YS259845 a patrol from 7 Pl contacted 10-15 enemy resulting 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 chicom grenade, 7 diaries, 400 lbs rice and 80 lbs salt captured. At 1740H at YS317802 3 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail), 1 AK 47 and 1 pack captured. At approximately 1800H at YS327799 1 Pl found 3 fresh graves believed to be a result from the LRRP contact at YS324801 on 21 Jan. At approximately 1800H at YS320801 3 Pl found 2 AK 47s (unserviceable), 20 lbs rice and a quantity of clothing. At 1900H at YS239790 a patrol from 11 Pl contacted 2 enemy. On engagement the enemy returned fire resulting in 1 Aust WIA. The enemy withdrew East leaving 1 x AK 47 bloodstained and a heavy bloodtrail. 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail). Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS316798; B Coy YS264772; C Coy YS245828; D Coy YS242802.

(e) 4 RAR continued to provide TAOR patrols. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with contact. At 1240H at YS242899 D Coy contacted an estimated Pl strength enemy force in a bunker system. The enemy engaged 12 Pl with heavy MG and claymore fire from a range of 15 metres. Contact continued with the enemy firing RPG and MG and 12 Pl were extracted to permit casualty evacuation. The contact area was engaged by LFTs followed by 2 airstrikes. The airstrikes were followed by further LFT engagement and artillery. Results of contact: 5 Aust WIA and 1 M16 rifle lost during engagement. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS230875; B Coy YS219879; C Coy YS305867; D Coy YS229893.

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(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with contact. At 0906H at YS315992 3 Bn 52 Regt came under heavy enemy fire from a bunker system. The enemy fired RPGs, claymores and SA resulting in 4 KIA (ARVN), 7 WIA (ARVN). The initial contact broke at 0920H. A LFT then engaged the contact area followed by medium artillery. The artillery engagement was followed by an airstrike. After the airstrike 5 Marine Bn was deployed into the contact area. 3 Bn 52 Regt at 1440H again assaulted the enemy held position getting to within 30 metres of it but again came under heavy fire which resulted in 1 KIA (ARVN) and 16 WIA (ARVN). 5 Marine Bn remained in blocking positions to the North West of the contact area vicinity of YT317000. Elements of 11 ACR were also requested to support the action and took up blocking positions to the West. 5 Marine Bn reached the enemy position after last light and are searching the area with the aid of flare aircraft. 3 Bn 52 Regt remains in a position East of the enemy position and 11 ACR elements remain in place to the West in the vicinity of YS3399. Locations: HQ 52 Regt FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 3 Bn 52 Regt YS316992; 5 Marine Bn YS317995; 18 ARVN Div I & R Coy YS233945.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
241241H-1305H	YS602801	Occupied Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 2 huts destroyed, 1 hut damaged, 1 enemy KBA (Poss)

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 6 Aust WIA (Evac)
5 ARVN KIA, 23 ARVN WIA (Evac)

b Materiel: 1 x M16 lost during contact.

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 6 Enemy KIA (BC)
1 enemy KBA (Poss)
2 enemy WIA (Bloodtrails)

b Materiel: 5 x AK 47, 1 x chicom grenade, 3½ tons of rice, 360 lbs of salt quantity of docus and clothing.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

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26 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) Period 250001H Jan to 252400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operations TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA, YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp continued to support 1 RAR operations in AO SHERMANS SADDLE. 2 Tp relieved 4 Tp on tasks in support of 9 RAR in AO WONDAI. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS299790; 2 Tp YS219897; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp continued 1 ATF RRF tasks and provided roadrunner and convoy escort of QL 15. 3 Tp provided convoy escort to FSPB BARBARA and supported 1 RAR in AO KILCOY and land clearing operations in the area of PHU MY 5 YS2475. 1 Sect 2 Tp carries out night ambush with elements of D Coy 1 RAR South of FSPB JULIA. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 2 Tp YS236788.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AOs KILCOY and SHERMANS SADDLE with minor contact. Result of 3 Pl contact of 241740H (previously reported) now amended to read 1 enemy KIA (BC). At 0545H at YS265734 an ambush patrol of 6 Pl engaged 5 oxcarts moving east with result 1 suspect WIA. At 1350H at YS309798 3 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 pack captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS299790; B Coy YS264746; C Coy YS248815; D Coy YS242802.

(e) 4 RAR continued to patrol the 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS230875; B Coy YS219897; C Coy YS282882; D Coy YS229893.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. 5 Marine Bn searched bunkers in the area YS318995 during the night 24/25 Jan 69 without contact. 3/52 ARVN advanced into the camp area at first light, and at 0915H at YS314992 contacted an unknown sized enemy force with result 3 ARVN WIA, enemy casualties unknown. The enemy were seen to withdraw to the North. The complete area of the camp was then searched, a total of 55 bunkers all with OHC being found and destroyed. 5 mines of unknown type a quantity of chicom medical supplies, a quantity of documents were found in the camp. Late Entries. At 241000H at YS323982 5 Marine Bn found 400 rds of AK 47 ammo and 3 x RPG 2 rounds. At 241300H at YS306988 5 Marine Bn found a base camp of 15 bunkers all with OHC, which were destroyed. 18 ARVN Div I & R Coy returned to XUAN LOC. Locations: HQ 52 ARVN Regt FSPB BARBARA YS2294; 3/52 ARVN YS310988; 5 Marine Bn (-) YS318994.

(h) A Tp 3/17 Air Cav became in DS 1 ATF and commenced operations in AO NEVADA centre of mass YS3295 and AO VERMONT centre of mass YT2903 without contact. Location: A/3/17 Air Cav LONG BINH.

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(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time/Date	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
251455H	YS548897	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker destroyed, 25 metres trench exposed

(j) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 3 ARVN WIA (2 Evac)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 en KIA (BC)
1 suspect WIA

b Materiel: 5 Mines of unknown type,
70 bunkers destroyed
400 rds AK 47
3 x RPG 2 rounds
Qty medical supplies and documents.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. A Coy 1 RAR concludes operations in AO SHERMANS SADDLE and returns to AO KILCOY. HQ 52 ARVN moves to FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399 abandoning FSPB BARBARA YS2294.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil

(4) Results. Nil

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27 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 260001H Jan to 262400H Jan 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA, YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp ceased to support 1 RAR operations and return to FSPB JULIA YS2281. At 1408H at YS265780 an element of 1 Tp struck a mine which caused minor damage. 2 Tp continued to support 9 RAR operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp YS242889; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp continued roadrunner and escort tasks on QL 15. At 0800H at YS236788 1 Sect 2 Tp detained 1 suspect. 2 Tp (-) supported land clearing operations in AO KILCOY. 3 Sect 2 Tp supported 52 Regt (ARVN) elements who moved from FSPB BARBARA YS2294 to FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399. 3 Tp supported 1 RAR operations in AO SHERMNAS SADDLE and returned to FSPB JULIA YS2281. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET YS2084; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO KILCOY with minor contact. At 1030H at YS292785 3 Pl were fired on by an estimated 4 enemy with AW and RPG, with result 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail) and 1XM1 Carbine captured. The M16 rifle lost during contact of D Coy at YS242899 at 241240H was recovered. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET YS2084; A Coy YS280806; B Coy YS261763; C Coy YS242810; D Coy YS242802.

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

(f) 9 RAR continued operations AO WONDAI without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy YS230874; B Coy YS219879; C Coy YS282882; D Coy YS242899.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. At 1030H at YS321990 5 Marine Bn found a cache containing 440 lbs of rice, 1Xtypewriter, 570 SA rounds, 5 gals salad oil, 15 gal Nuoc Nam and 2-3 lbs documents. At 1400H at YS315984 5 Marine Bn found a bunker complex consisting of 30 open fox holes, 1 bunker with OHC. In the complex the following was found: 220 lbs of rice, 10 sets of black pyjamas, 20 lbs of dried fish and a first aid kit. Locations: HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; HQ 3/52 (ARVN) YS323003.

(h) 3/17 Air Cav. A Tp continued to operate in AO VERMONT (YT2903) and NEVADA (YS3295). At 1035H at YT215064 elements found 2 rocket launching sites which appeared to have been recently used. Both were aimed in the direction of BEARCAT. At 1435H at YS324957 elements located 10 bunkers under construction which were engaged. Further bunkers were destroyed at YT303049. At 1715H at YT272040 elements engaged 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KBA and 1 enemy KBA (poss). At 1800H at YT272040 elements located an occupied camp which was engaged and then subjected to airstrike with unknown results. Locations: A/3/17 Air Cav LONG BINH.

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(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time/Date	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1453H-1502H	YS623917	Base Camp	25 metres exposed, 2 tunnel entrances exposed, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 shelter exposed.
1800H	YT272040	Occupied Base Camp	No BDA possible due to failing light.

(j) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Material: Minor damage to 1 tank

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 en KBA
1 en KBA (poss)
1 en WIA (bloodtrail)
1 detained

b Material: 1XM1 carbine
660 lbs rice
1Xtypewriter
570 SA rounds
5 gals salad oil
15 gals Nuoc Nam
quantity documents
20 lbs dried fish
10 sets black pyjamas
first aid kit.

b. Plans Summary for Next 24 hours. 1 RAR concludes operations in AO KILCOY and returns to 1 ATF Base. 4 RAR deploys from 1 ATF Base into AO RIVERSDALE centre mass YS2681.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil

(4) Results. Nil

2. REMARKS: Reference SITREP dated 25 Jan 69 para 1 (i) b:- delete 1XM16 rifle lost during contact.

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28 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR. 4 Tp supported the deployment of element of 4 RAR into AO RIVERSDALE centre of mass YS2681. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp YS242899; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp supported the deployment of D Coy 4 RAR from 1 ATF Base to FSPB DYKE YS2780 and the extraction of B Coy 1 RAR from AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE to 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp supported the extraction of Sp Coy 1 RAR from FSPB MARGARET YS2084 to 1 ATF Base and 1 ATF land clearing operations in the vicinity of PHU MY YS2476. 3 Tp cleared and secured the trail from THAI THIEN YS2279 to FSPB DYKE YS2780 during the deployment of element of 4 RAR into AO RIVERSDALE. Roadrunner and escort tasks on QL 15 continued. At 2045H approximately 250 metres WEST of FSPB JULIA YS2281 lights were sighted and engaged by elements of A Sqn. Results unknown but indication of enemy casualties were heard. A sweep will be conducted at first light. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. FSPB MARGARET YS2084 was abandoned and 102 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base. 104 Fd Bty deployed by road into AO RIVERSDALE and occupied FSPB DYKE YS2780. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR concluded operations in AO KILCOY and returned to 1 ATF Base. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR deployed from 1 ATF Base by road and air and commenced operations in AO RIVERSDALE centre of mass YS2681 without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; W Coy YS248797; C Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At 1400H at YS243899 D Coy located two caches containing a total of 50 x 82mm rounds, 26 x 60mm mortar rounds, 30 x RPG2 rounds, 2 x RPG7 rounds, 29 x RPG2 propellants, 66 x 82mm mortar primaries, 73 x 82mm fuzes, 17 x 60mm nortar fuzes, 8 x 60mm mortar primaries, 34 x RPG2 initiators, 1 x telephone, 1 x handset, 4000 yards of twin cable 4 x batteries. At 1410H at YS218876 B Coy located a pack containing 2 x Chicom pistols and holsters, 70 rounds of SA ammunition, quantity of documents. At 1600H at YS242900 D Coy located 5 x RPG7 rounds, 3 x RPG2 rounds, 4 x RPG2 propellants. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS219879; C Coy YS272898; D Coy YS242899.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. At 1000H at YS333972 5 Marine Bn found a hut containing 100 lbs of rice. At 1615H at YS338973 5 Marine Bn found a base camp consisting of 40 open pits, 220 lbs of rice, 5 x sets black pyjamas, quantity of cooking untensils. At YS335973 5 Marine Bn found 10 graves 2 - 4 days old believed to be as a result of the contact at YS315992 on 24 Jan (previously reported). Locations: HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and HQ 5 Marine Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; HQ 3/52 (ARVN) YS297996.

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(h) 3/17 Air Cav. A Tp continued operations in AO VERMONT and NEVADA without result. Elements also operated in AO SHERMAN (modified) without result. Location: A/3/17 Air Cav LONG BINH.

(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damge Assessment
271450H	YS539893	Base Camp	1 bunker damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 pit destroyed.

(j) Results.

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses

a Personnel: 10 enemy KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 2 x Chicom pistol and holsters, 70 rounds SA ammunition, 50 x 82mm rounds, 26 x 60mm mortars rounds, 33 x RPG2 rounds, 7 x RPG7 rounds, 33 RPG2 prop-pellants, 66 x 82mm mortar primaries, 73 x 82mm mortar fuzes, 17 x 60mm mortar fuzes, 8 x 60mm mortar premaries, 34 x RPG2 initiators, 1 telephone, 1 x handset, 4000 yards twin cable, 4 batteries, 220 lbs rice, 5 sets black pyjamas, quantity of cooking untensils, quarility of documents.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 14

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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29 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR and 4 Tp remained in support of 4 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp YS248900; 4 Tp YS296826; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp remained as 1 ATF RRF. 2 Tp carried out route clearance and convoy escort to FSPB DYKE YS2780 and provided protection for land clearing operations in area YS2378. 2 Tp also carried out RIF to the WEST of FSPB JULIA in area YS2180; 2 Sect 2 Tp remain in ambush position at YS212811. 3 Tp provided escort for W Coy 4 RAR into AO SHERMAN. Sp Tp carried out roadrunner and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 2 Tp YS212811.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support Task Force Operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE without contact. W Coy deployed into AO SHERMAN. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS296826; W Coy YS338797; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; V Coy 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At YS242899 12 Pl found a buried cache containing 1 x Chicom MMG, 1 SKS rifle, 3 drum magazines and 45 x 7·62mm short rounds. At YS242900 D Coy found two small caches containing in total 6 x RPG2 rounds, 6 x RPG2 boosters, 3 x 60mm mortar rounds, 156 x 7·62mm short rounds and 2 small tins of medical supplies. At YS245900 D Coy found 30 lbs of rice hidden in trees. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS220882; C Coy YS272898; D Coy YS245900.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 3/52 Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 5 Marine Bn YS239972.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
281234H	YS320699	Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered
281515H	YS627906	Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 hut damaged, 1 bunker uncovered, 5 weapon pits uncovered

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personel: Nil

b Materiel: 1 x Chicom MMG; 1 x SKS rifle; 6 x RPG2 rounds; 6 x RPG2 boosters; 3 x 60mm mortar rounds; 201 x 7.62mm short rounds; 3 magazines; quantity medical supplies; 30 lbs rice.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - one
Platoon - three
Squad - fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

d. Amendment to SITREP dated 27 Jan 69. Para 1 a (d) Delete: "The M16 rifle lost during contact of D Coy at YS242899 at 241240H was recovered." Add that detail to para 1 a (f).

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30 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp continued to support 9 RAR and 4 Tp continued to support 4 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp FSPB MARGARET II YS2285; 4 Tp YS296826; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp supported B Coy 1 RAR deployment and replaced 2 Tp at FSPB JULIA YS2281. 2 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base and relieved 1 Tp of RRF tasks. 3 Tp supported the 9 RAR deployment to FSPB MARGARET II YS2285. Sp Tp conducted roadrunner and convoy escort on QL 15 and LTL 23. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp (-) FSPB MARGARET II YS2285.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty redeployed by air from FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787 and occupied FSPB MARGARET II YS2285. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARGARET II YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR. B Coy deployed by APC to area of PHU MY 5 YS2377 to support land clearing operations. C Coy commenced RIF operations in AO MAGPIE centre of mass YS3964. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS236776; C Coy YS384646.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with contact. At 0903H at YS344796 W Coy contacted 2 enemy with result 1 x M2 Carbine and 1 x AK47 captured. At 1120H at YS349793 1 Pl W Coy was engaged by 4 x AW weapons. The contact resulted in 1 enemy KIA (BC). At 1530H at YS311840 12 Pl contacted 3 - 4 enemy without result. At 1914H at YS356788 W Coy received an assault from a suspected enemy company from the SOUTH EAST, SOUTH and SOUTH WEST. The enemy used RPG and HMG in addition to SA. The enemy broke contact at 1930H approximately, with result 2 NZ WIA and enemy casualties unknown. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS296826; W Coy YS356788; V Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI. B, C and D Coys deployed to the WEST of the AO, and Bn HQ moved to and established FSPB MARGARET II at YS2285. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARGARET II YS2285; B Coy YS192869; C Coy YS174882; D Coy YS164858; A Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 3/52 Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 5 Marine Bn YS228942.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
291243H	YS387794	Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 structure destroyed, 1 6' x 4' pit damaged, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 bunker exposed, 1 bunker entrance exposed

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 2 NZ WIA

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personel: 1 enemy KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 x M2 Carbine, 1 x AK47.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - three
Platoon - one
Squad - fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 0045H at YS407662 a TAOR patrol from 9 RAR sighted 6 enemy. The enemy engaged the patrol who returned fire with SA, M79 and M60. A sweep was conducted at first light with negative results.

(4) Results: Nil

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31 Jan 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF(Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.. 2 Tp concluded operations in support of 9 RAR and returned to 1 ATF Base. 4 Tp continued to support 4 RAR in AO RIVERDALE. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS296826.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. At 1310H at YS233773 2 Sect 3 Tp found a chicom 10 lb pressure-type mine set in the track. Elements of 1 Tp operated in support of 9 RAR in AO WONDAI as did elements of 3 Tp. 2 Sect 3 Tp supported land clearing operations in the vicinity of YS2378. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp (-) FSPB JENNY YS2285.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 6 Hand I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty position, previously known as FSPB MARGARET II, has been renamed FSPB JENNY. Locations; 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2289.

(d) 1 RAR. B Coy continued to support land clearing operations in the vicinity of PHU MY 5 YS2377. C Coy continued RIF operations in AO MAGPIE area YS3964. Locations: 1 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS236776; C Coy YS309750.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with minor contact. W Coy carried out a sweep of the area of their contact at 291914H and found large bloodtrails and several drag marks indicating bodies had been removed. At 0940H at YS298825 10 Pl was fired on by two enemy without result. At 1200H at YS308839 12 Pl contacted two enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC), 1 en WIA (bloodtrail) and 1AK47 and 1 pack captured. At 1225H at YS298828 two enemy who were following 10 Pl were engaged by the rear MG number with result 2 en KIA (BC) and 1AK47 and 1 RPG 2 launcher captured. At 1333H at YS261792 3 Pl V Coy, who had deployed into the area by APC during the morning, contacted an estimated 5 enemy with result 1 NZ WIA (ROD) and 1 en KIA (BC). The sweep from this contact revealed a new enemy camp at YS261793 consisting of 14 shelter bays with OHC and 3 small bunkers. 1 RPG 2 round and booster, 2 packs, 100 lbs of rice and some medical supplies were found. At 1445H at YS272794 4 Pl contacted 2 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC), 1AK47 and 2 packs captured. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS296826; V Coy YS261792; W Coy YS358787; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with contact. 1. At 291245H at YS257890 9 Pl contacted 2 enemy with result 1 en WIA (bloodtrail) and 2 packs containing 13x60mm mortar rounds, 2xRPG 2 rounds, and a quantity of mortar primers and fuzes captured. 2. At 291245H at YS260893 7 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 AUST WIA (ROD). At 1753H at YS165852 11 Pl contacted 3 enemy without result. On follow up 11 Pl located a small hut in which rice was cooking and chicom webbing and 3xAK47 magazines were found. Locs: Bn HQ JENNY YS2285; B Coy YS192869; C Coy YS174881; D Coy YS164858; A Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 3/52 Regt FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 5 Marine Bn YS239972.

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(h) Air Support. Signaficant airstrikes were:

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
301245H	YS309750	VC Base Camp	20 metres trench destroyed 1x bunker damaged 3x bunkers uncovered

(i) Results:

1 Friendly Looses: 1 NZ WIA (ROD)
1 AUST WIA (ROD)

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personel: 5 en KIA (BC)
2 en WIA (bloodtrail)

b Material: 3xAK47
1xRPG 2 launcher
3xRPG 2 rounds
100 lb rice
3xAK47 magazines

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - three
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 1410H at YS260912 a LRRP contacted an estimated 7 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 em KIA (Pos). The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results: 1 en KIA (BC)
1 en KIA (Pos)

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1 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400 Jan 69

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO TOWNSVILLE and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 4 Tp concluded operations in support of 4 RAR. 1 Tp became in support of 4 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp FSPB DYKE YS2780; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements of 1 Tp supported land clearing operations in vicinity of YS2379. 2 Tp contained convoy escort and roadrunner tasks on QL15. 3 Tp supported 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 7 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR. B Coy continued to support land clearing operations in the area of PHU MY 5 YS2379. C Coy continued operations in AO MAGPIE area YS3964 without contact. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS389640.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with minor contact. At 0915H at YS297826 10 Pl contacted 1 enemy with unknown results. At 1020H at YS300830 10 Pl contacted 5-10 enemy in a bunker system who engaged 10 Pl with AK47, RPG 2 and claymores resulting in 2 Aust KIA and 2 Aust WIA. Enemy resluts unknown. The enemy broke contact and withdrew West. At 1015H at YS265790 1 Pl V Coy found an old camp in which was found 15 lbs of rice and quantity of other food-stuffs. A 60mm mortar round was also located in the vicinity of the camp which had been lastily evacuated by an estimated squad sized enemy within the last 24 hours. At 1535H at YS255792 a patrol from 1 Pl V Coy found 6 tunnel entrances. At 1645H at YS298829 11 Pl contacted 2 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS296826; V Coy YS261792; W Coy YS358787; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1845H at YS192882 6 Pl sighted 18 enemy but it is believed more enemy were following those sighted. The enemy were moving North East to South West and were engaged at a range of 300 metres. The enemy withdrew North West. Enemy equipment sighted included 1x mortar barrell, heavy packs and what is thought to be RPGs. The area was engaged by artillery and a LFT with unknown results. A sweep will be conducted at first light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS165855; B Coy YS199879; C Coy YS173881; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. 5 Marine Bn moved to the North to the area of the B52 strike at 1145H (YT2904). 3/52 carried out RIF to the NW of the AO. Locations: HQ 52 Regt FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52 Regt YT216035; HQ 5 Marine Bn YT288016.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Destription	Bomb Damage Assessment
1230H	YS626904	Base camp	2 huts destroyed 6 bunkers exposed 1 bunker damaged

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 2 Aust KIA
2 Aust WIA (evac)

2 Enemy Losses: 15 lbs rice, quantity foodstuffs

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 3
Platoon - 0
Squad - Fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM 1/69.

2. Period covered from 010001 H to 012400 H Jan 69.

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(3)(011645 H). At YS 326914, 4/B/4 RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 and four magazines captured.

(4)(011850 H). At YS 233800, 5/B/1 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew EAST. Enemy casualties unknown.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(011120 H). At YS 755689, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: One secondary fire.

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c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.	KIA by	Confirmed.
	Ground Forces.	2

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 2
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	2
KIA (POSS)	-	nil
KBA	-	nil
KB Arty	-	nil
WIA	-	1
(2) Detainees	-	nil
PW	-	nil
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	2
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	nil
(5) Tons of rice captured	-	nil
(6) Tons of rice destroyed	-	nil
(7) 122mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed	-	nil
(8) 122mm Rockets warheads captured/destroyed	-	nil
(9) 107mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed	-	nil
(10) 107mm Rockets warheads captured/destroyed	-	nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

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12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. One People Sniffer mission was flown during the period.
(1) Area YS 3771 - 3787 - 3871 - YS 3887. Hotspots recorded at:
YS 385870, YS 368768, YS 368813.

b-d. Omitted.

e. Items of reporting significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	EQUIPMENT
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c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.	KIA by	Confirmed.
	Ground Forces.	2

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 2
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 2
	KIA (POSS)	- nil
	KBA	- nil
	KB Arty	- nil
	WIA	- 1
(2)	Detainees	- nil
	PW	- nil
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 2
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- nil
(5)	Tons of rice captured	- nil
(6)	Tons of rice destroyed	- nil
(7)	122mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed	- nil
(8)	122mm Rockets warheads captured/destroyed	- nil
(9)	107mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed	- nil
(10)	107mm Rockets warheads captured/destroyed	- nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 2/69.

2. Period covered from 020001 H to 022400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were three contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) Late Entry. A 1ATF LRRP reported:

(a)(011530 H). At YS 659615, a contact with nine enemy. Result: Three enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA.

(b)(011530 H). At YS 653604, located old bunkers considered to have been used within the last week with fresh track activity in the vicinity.

(c)(011750 H). At YS 652603, seven enemy were contacted. Results: Four enemy KIA (BC). At 1805H, a force of approximately 70-80 enemy attacked the LRRP supported by 60mm mortar fire. The enemy attempted to outflank the LRRP on both sides with two forces of approximately 20 men using the rest of his force as an assault group. The LRRP broke contact and was extracted on the morning of 2 Jan 69.
Results: Total: Enemy KIA (BC) seven, WIA - one.
Friendly Force: One AUST and one NZ WIA (not evacuated).

(2)(020633 H). At YS 248859, 10/D/9 RAR contacted two to three enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), two AK-47 captured.

(3)(021245 H). At YS 249795, 11/D/1 RAR located a platoon sized enemy base camp. One eight inch shell and one 105mm shell were set up for detonation. 30 lbs salt, 100 lbs rice and a quantity of documents were captured. EAST to WEST tracks led from the camp to a boat docking area.

(4)(021440 H). At YS 266854, 3/A/9 RAR located a platoon sized base camp consisting of eight bunkers. Recovered were: A quantity of documents, a quantity of old clothing, bandages and a number of YELLOW smoke grenades. An estimated eight enemy withdrew SOUTH or SOUTH WEST before the platoon entered the camp.

b. Air activity.

(1)(021125 H). At YS 337864, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed; three bunkers, one pit and one trench exposed.

(2)(021208 H). At YS 535896, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.

(3)(021400 H). At YS 509816, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. There was no BDA.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed.
Ground Forces	9
WIA - 1	

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	11
KIA (POSS)	-	nil
KBA	-	nil
KB Arty	-	nil
WIA	-	2
(2) Detainees	-	nil
PW	-	nil

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(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 4
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - nil
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 140 lbs.
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Omitted.

(2) (021245 H). At YS 249795, 11/D/1 RAR located and destroyed one eight inch shell and one 105mm shell which had been set up for command detonation.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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Jan 69.

ENEMY SITUATION PHUOC TUY PROVINCE
151200 H Dec 68 to 312400 H Dec 68

General

1. Activity within the Province for the period has consisted of several small contacts and harassing actions. The major item is the rocketing, with over-calibre 107mm rockets, of the DAT DO Post on 19 Dec 68.

EASTERN BORDER AREA

2. Nothing to report.

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3. Agent reports of enemy company sized units in this area have continued. VR of the area has reported several recently used tracks but no further sightings.

DUC THANH

4. Several contacts have been with small groups of LF. No identifications were made from bodies although they were thought to have been guerillas from NGAI GIAO and BINH BA.

5. 1ATF operations to the NORTHWEST and WEST of DUC THANH had several contacts with LF enemy. One identification was made from documents taken from bodies after a contact at YS 375772 on 21 Dec 68. They identified two members of C41, CHAU DUC Company. It is likely that this unit moved from the area during the Operations but have now moved back to the NORTH WESTERN area of DUC THANH.

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6. See 1ATF 'ENEMY SITUATION OP GOODWOOD' dated 30 Dec 68.

NUI THI VAI/NUI DINH/ROUTE 15

7. Harassing activity against the RF/PF posts continues. There has been a sudden increase in reports of enemy units, including a rocket unit, in the WESTERN NUI DINH's.

8. On 31 Dec 68 a SAS patrol contacted an estimated 30 enemy in a camp at YS 327644 in the HANG MAI Pagoda area. This is an indication the local enemy units now regard it as a safe area and are moving back there after several months absence.

BARIA/LONG DIEN/HOA LONG/DAT DO

9. The upsurge of enemy activity noted the previous reporting period has lessened considerably. Only a few minor contacts have been reported.

10. DAT DO Post received a number of over-calibre 107mm rockets on the 19 Dec 68. The is the first time these have been used in this area of PHUOC TUY apart from the rocketing of VUNG TAU from LONG SON Island. Continued reports place the artillery unit responsible in the EASTERN LONG GREEN and also state that it is an element of 74 Artillery Regt. There is every reason to believe the identification since this unit has remained in SOUTH EAST III CTZ for several months.

LONG HAI/LIGHT GREEN/LONG GREEN

11. Sporadic harassing of the posts on Route 44 continues. Elements of D445 are reported in the area EAST of the THI VAI's and the LONG GREEN.

XUYEN MOC/ROUTE 328

12. Heavy track activity has been reported SOUTH EAST of XUYEN MOC in the area between the TAM BO cape along the coast to the Province border. The gardens in the area continue to be worked since the enemy would consider this a safe area.

13. Several reports have been received of D440 (LONG KHANH Provincial Battalion) moving SOUTH into PHUOC TUY. These reports generally place the Battalion in the area NORTH of Route 23 and WEST of Route 328. At this time it would be hard to

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disprove such a move. D440 has operated with D445 before (CAM MY - May 68) and elements have identified in the vicinity of the EASTERN LONG KHANH/PHUOC TUY Border (PW from C3/D440 - Nov 68). Elements of D445 have operated as far NORTH as Route 1 (GIA RAI attack - 15 Aug 68). It is a possibility that both Battalions could combine for an attack in SOUTHERN PHUOC TUY.

CONCLUSIONS

14. Although enemy activity has decreased this is probably due to his preparation for a future offensive. This actual starting date of the next offensive will probably depend largely on the results of the PARIS talks and will be part of a Corps wide effort.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM 03/69.

2. Period covered from 030001 H to 032400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were were three contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements.

a. Ground Activity.
(1)(031000 H). At YS 337901, 8/C/4 RAR located an enemy base camp of three bunkers (8' x 8' x 4'). The camp was estimated to be nine months old. A track to the WEST links to one bunker at YS 336900.

(2)(031021 H). At YS 240786, an element of A/3 Cav detonated a 20-30 lb home made aluminium pressure operated mine. There were no casualties or damage to the vehicle.

(3)(031315 H). At YS 330919, 6/B/4 RAR contacted four enemy moving from SOUTH to NORTH. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The following equipment was captured:
(a) Two packs.
(b) Two 82mm Mortar Range Table books.
(c) One compass.
(d) One template.
(e) One plotting board.
(f) One mortar stake light.

(4)(031325 H). At YS 328920, 5/B/4 RAR contacted two enemy moving SOUTH WEST from the previous contact (item (1)). Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), three AK-47 captured.

(5)(031330 H). At YS 323907, 9/C/4 RAR contacted two local force enemy approaching from the NORTH. Results: One enemy KIA (BC) and two packs captured. The remaining enemy withdrew NORTH.

b. Air Activity.
(1)(031205 H). At YS 364785, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Three bunkers, three trenches and nine spider holes exposed. Two bunkers and 10 metres of trench destroyed.

(2)(031245 H). VR sighted at:
(a) YS 333794 - Three bunkers.
(b) YS 364785 - Well used EAST-WEST tracks, recently used by approximately 50 persons.

(3)(031305 H). At YS 276793, RAAF sighted an old enemy base camp, previously air struck, containing seven usable bunkers.

(4)(031405 H). At YS 592600, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, one bunker damaged, three bunker entrances and one tunnel exposed and damaged.

(5)(031405 H). At YS 587598, VR sighted an enemy base camp of four bunkers with heavy track activity in the area.

(6)(031405 H). Between YS 592600 and YS 587598 VR reported well dispersed bunkers.

(7)(031430 H). A People Sniffer mission sighted at:
(a) YS 263984 - Numerous fresh bunkers.
(b) YS 289958 - " " "
(c) YS 261988 - Fresh diggings and one tunnel.
(d) YS 263985 - " "
(e) YT 306001 - Several tunnels.
(f) YS 309960 - Two tunnels.

(8)(031715 H). At YS 35757515, RAAF engaged one tunnel entrance, protected by logs, in a clearing. A small fire was started.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.
(1)(032124 H). At YS 433587, PRU contacted four enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), two enemy WIA (blood trails). There were no friendly casualties.

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(2)(032145 H). At YS 497597, 597 RF Platoon contacted an estimated enemy platoon. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS). There were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 4

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 9 (Not yet classified)

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 3
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 15
KIA (POSS) - nil
KBA - nil
KB Arty - nil
WIA - 2
(2) Detainees - 9 (Not yet classified)
PW - nil
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 7
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - nil
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 540 lbs
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.
(1) Omitted.
(2)(031021 H). At YS 240786, an element of A/3 Cav detonated a 20-30 lb home made, aluminium, pressure operated mine. There were no friendly casualties.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information.
(1)(031150 H). At PHU MY (YS 2574), 1 RAR detained nine persons, two of whom are suspected VCI. No further information is available.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. One People Sniffer mission was flown during the period.
(1) Area YS 2696 - 3196; YT 2602 - YT 3102. Hotspots were recorded at: YS 318988; YS 288991; YS 287969 and YT 294014; these were engaged by artillery with unknown results.

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3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(041010 H). At YS 511678, 4 RAR located an enemy base camp of 23 pits (3' x 2' x 2') and five observation pits.

(2)(041146 H). At YS 239867, D/9 RAR contacted two Local Force enemy moving WEST. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. Two packs were captured. There were no friendly casualties.

(3)(041150 H). At YS 225871, B/9 RAR located an enemy base camp consisting of six bunkers with 3' overhead protection. One of the bunkers had been used on the night 3/4 Jan 69.

(4)(041230 H). At YS 330902, 4 RAR located:
(a) 51 x 81mm mortar rounds.
(b) 47 grenades.
(c) 57 RPG rounds.
(d) Five 75mm RCL rounds.

(5)(041259 H). At YS 239868, D/9 RAR contacted one Local Force enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(6)(041449 H). At YS 240686, 10/D/9 RAR contacted three Local Force enemy, two of whom were carrying RPG's. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). One AK-47 captured. The remaining enemy withdrew NORTH EAST.

(7)(041525 H). At YS 373920, Assault Pioneer/4 RAR located a company size harbour area and two 81mm shells.

(8)(042055 H). At YS 383873, W/4 RAR contacted one enemy. Enemy casualties unknown.

b. Air Activity.
(1)(041400 H). At YS 374747, RAAF sighted two suspected tunnel entrances.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
(1)(041130 H). At YS 253930, D/2 Bn/RTAVF located ambush positions with positions for LMG and CLAYMORE just off the track.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 2

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 2
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 17
KIA (POSS) - nil
KBA - nil
KB Arty - nil
WIA - 2
(2) Detainees - 9
PW - nil
(3) Individual Weapons captured/destroyed - 9
(4) Crew served Weapons captured/destroyed - nil
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .25
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

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12. Miscellaneous.
a-d. Omitted.

e. Items of Reporting Significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	EQUIPMENT
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HQ 1 ATF (Main)
THAM THIEN

Jan 69

ENEMY SITUATION OP GOODWOOD
PERIOD 291200H DEC 68 - 051200H JAN 69

General

1. En forces are still avoiding contact with 1 ATF and are remaining dispersed in small 2-3 man cells or squad-sized groups.

2. There are indications that our presence in the area is causing the enemy logistic problems, mainly in rice re-supply.

3. Enemy recce cells remain active throughout the area, probably trying to locate our forward elements and to determine safe routes for resupply parties or combat elements.

4. Agent reports continue to report the movement or location of sizeable enemy units, particularly in the area NE of AN VIENG rubber plantation; South and SW of BINH SON rubber plantation; West of Route 15 in LONG THANH and NHON TRACH Districts.

Organisation

5. The overall enemy ORBAT in or near AO TOWNSVILLE is shown in Annex A.

Identifications

6. Since 3 Dec 68 1 ATF and Op Con units have identified the following units/sub-units, either by PW, personal effects of enemy KIA or captured documents:

HQ T7 Military Region	Docus/KIA
C1 Coy 1 Bn 274 VC Regt	PW/KIA
C10 Coy 2 Bn 274 VC Regt	3 PW
C15 Coy 3 Bn 274 VC Regt	PW
HQ Sub-Region 4	Docus/KIA
C2 Coy 2 Bn 1st THU DUC Regt	Docus/KIA
C3 Coy 4 Bn 1st THU DUC Regt	Docus/KIA
C1 Coy LONG THANH District Unit	Docus/KIA
C5 Coy LONG THANH District Unit	Docus/KIA
C41 CHAU DUC District Coy	Docus
BIEN HOA Assault Youth Group	KIA
Officer 74 Arty Regt	KIA

7. Units/sub-units should not be too hasty in reporting enemy as "Local Force or Main Force". Dress alone is no guarantee of the status of the wearer, personal documents are more important. The ragged little man in HO CHI MINH sandals and black pajamas may be a unit commander.

8. A high standard of reporting incidents/contacts is essential. This particularly applies to 1 ATF LOs out with friendly op-con or flanking units. Date/Time Group of the event, source and evaluation of the information and direction of movement are mandatory.

Enemy Intentions

9. Intelligence obtained from all sources continues to indicate that substantial elements of T7 forces, particularly 274 VC Regt, remain close to the BINH SON/AN VIENG rubber plantations. The enemy still apparently intends to attack unspecified targets (probably BEARCAT, BINH SON or LONG THANH NORTH) by fire and ground forces.

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10. Timings of these attacks will depend on COSVN orders, T7's resupply capabilities and our spoiling operations.

Summary

11. The enemy will try to take advantage of any lessening of our patrolling, lack of vigilance in NDP/coy bases or FSB's, any carelessness in the field or establishment of patterns of activity.

12. Great care should be exercised in voice communications particularly concerning our future intentions or proposed moves, and our knowledge of enemy locations/identifications.

Statistics

13. Weekly and revised cumulative totals of contacts, enemy casualties and equipment/weapons losses are shown in Annex B.

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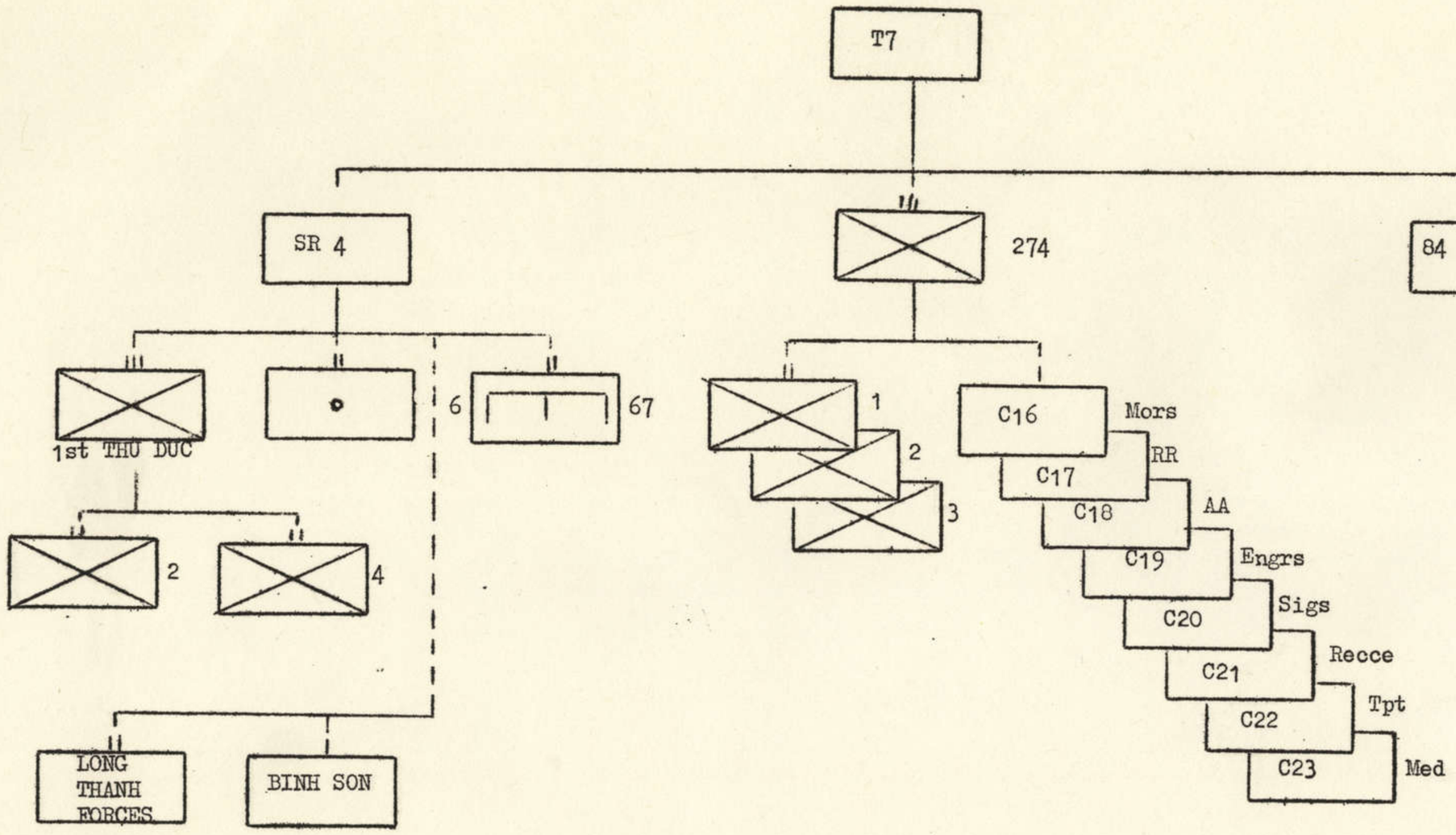
Annex: A. Enemy Orbat AO TOWNSVILLE.
B. Statistics.

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MACV CICV
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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
SITUATION OP GOODWOOD
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ANNEX B TO 1 ATF
SITUATION OP GOODWOOD
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STATISTICS - OP GOODWOOD

Period 221200H Dec - 051200H Jan		Cumulative Total (Revised)
Contacts	14	109
KIA (BC)	24	134
WIA	2	14
PW		5
Rice	679 lbs	6.005 tons
Bunkers		Located 965 (+) Destroyed 590(+)
Ammo .30		22,000
Ammo .50		2,150
Ammo SA		8,400 + 4 drums
Individual Wpns	10	71
Crew Served Wpns		12
Ant: Pers mines		62
Anti Tk mines	2	4
Grenades	88	293
Mor rounds 81/82mm	73	93
RPG " rounds	1	45
RPG 7 rounds		9
57mm RCL rounds	77	77
75mm RCL rounds	5	5
TNT	50 lbs	150 lbs
Salt	430 lbs	700 lbs

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G7

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 5/69.

2. Period covered from 050001 H to 052400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were six contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(050916 H). At YS 242873, 12/D/9 RAR contacted three enemy (suspected local force), with unknown results. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

(2)(051000 H). At YS 247984, 11/2(AB) contacted an unknown number of enemy who withdrew SOUTH EAST with unknown results.

(3)(051218 H). At YS 241876, D/9 RAR contacted two groups of enemy who engaged with RPG fire from bunkers. Results: Enemy casualties unknown; AUST five WIA (evacuated).

(4)(051220 H). At YS 219879, 4/B/9 RAR contacted five enemy moving SOUTH to NORTH along a track. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), two AK-47 captured. AUST: One KIA. The enemy withdrew SOUTH.

(5)(051225 H). At YS 224871, 5/B/9 RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew WEST.

(6)(051430 H). At YS 261891, A/9 RAR located six bunkers connected by trench. Five bunkers were destroyed. One body estimated to be one week old was also found.

(7)(051500 H). At YS 165845, A/3 Cav located one to three base camps. Recovered were: A quantity of documents, cooking equipment and a quantity of medical stores.

(8)(051600 H). At YS 258890, A/9 RAR located a base camp of six bunkers. Recovered were: One CHICOM Claymore, one 60mm mortar round and one CHICOM semi-automatic weapon.

(9)(051630 H). At YS 183852, A/3 Cav located a possible company sized staging area. Recovered were: Six AUST Field dressings; a quantity of rice; medical, cooking and other equipment. One bloody bandage, less than 12 hours old was also found.

(10)(052100 H). At YS 236986, 11/2(AB) contacted an unknown number of enemy who withdrew SOUTH WEST with unknown results. Artillery from FSPB BARBARA was fired in support.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(051205 H). At YS 320821, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker and 30 metres of trench uncovered.

(2)(051335 H). At YS 295995, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 70% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two bunkers exposed.

(3)(051345 H). At YS 295995, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Three bunkers exposed.

(4)(051420 H). At YS 295995, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One KBA (POSS) and three bunkers damaged.

(5)(051830 H). At YS 327597, RAAF engaged two sampans. Results: One enemy KBA, one enemy KBA (POSS), two sampans destroyed. Two SKS rifles were sunk.

(6) - At centre of mass YS 2595. Result of B52 strike - Seven bunkers, 30 metres of trench and 50-60 fighting pits destroyed or damaged, eight bunkers and three tunnel entrances uncovered, one underground system collapsed. There were two secondary explosions.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(051042 H). At YS 231932, 2/1/RTAVF located three foxholes.

(2)(051130 H). The vicinity YS 231932, 2/1/RTAVF located one squad sized bunker.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

	Confirmed	Possible
KIA by Ground Forces	2	-
KBA	1	2

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 5

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 19
KIA (POSS) - nil
KBA - 1
KBA (POSS) - 2
KB Arty - nil
WIA - 2

(2) Detainees - 15
PW - nil

(3) Individual Weapons captured/destroyed - 14

(4) Crew served Weapons captured/destroyed - nil

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .25

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a-d. Omitted.

e. Items of Reporting Significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	ITEM
051430 H	YS 261891	A/9 RAR	Five bunkers destroyed.
051830 H	YS 327597	RAAF	Two sampans destroyed.

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G8

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 6/69.

2. Period covered from 060001 H to 062400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were three contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(060655 H). At YS 227740, 3/A Sqn and D&E Platoon engaged a 30-40 foot junk moving EAST-WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), two enemy KIA (POSS). The junk sank at YS 220739.

(2)(061030 H). At YS 302893, C/4 RAR located a bunker system last used two months ago. 17 bunkers were destroyed.

(3)(061200 H). At YS 221880, 5/B/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. One AUST KIA, five AUST WIA.

(4)(061300 H). At YS 276867, Assault Pioneer/9 RAR located:
(a) One FRENCH carbine.
(b) One MAUSER rifle.
(c) 15 M79 rounds.
(d) 27 booby trap devices.
(e) 19,250 rounds of ammunition.

(5)(061315 H). At YS 169890, C Sqn found an unexploded eight inch shell which had been removed from its impact area. The fuse had been removed.

(6)(062150 H). At YS 256888, A/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy moving from SOUTH to NORTH with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(060745 H), At YS 308801, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, five bunkers damaged, three tunnel entrances and 150 metres of trench exposed.

(2)(060805 H). At YS 308801, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Three bunkers damaged, one hut destroyed, 20 metres of trench exposed.

(3)(061220 H). At YS 310810 - 310820 - YS 310830, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was no BDA.

(4)(061408 H). At YS 653604, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: One bunker and one fighting position destroyed.

(5)(062000 H). At YS 603914, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(060945 H). At YS 216945, C/1/RTAVF contacted an enemy squad who returned fire with Small Arms and RPG. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, four THAI WIA.

(2)(061115 H). At YS 216945, C/1/RTAVF contacted five enemy with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

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

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 2
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 20
KIA (POSS) - 2
KBA - 1
KBA (POSS) - 2

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KB Arty - nil
WIA - 2
(2) Detainees - 15
PW - nil
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 16
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - nil
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .25
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.
a-d. Omitted
e. Items of reporting significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	MATERIAL CAPTURED
061300	YS 276867	Assault Pioneer/9 RAR	One FRENCH Carbine. One MAUSER Rifle. 15 M79 rounds. 27 booby trap devices. 19,250 rounds of ammunition.

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G9

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 7-69.

2. Period covered from 070001 H to 072400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(061912 H). Late entry. At YS 221877, B/9 RAR sighted three to four enemy moving NORTH. Artillery engaged the area with unknown results.

(2)(062150 H). Late entry. At YS 256888, A/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy moving NORTH with unknown results.

(3)(070900 H). At YS 244876, D/9 RAR destroyed 13 bunkers. 300 metres to the NORTH EAST 50 bunkers were located.

(4)(070930 H). At YS 305915, 10/D/4 RAR located and destroyed three bunkers.

(5)(071340 H). At YS 245885, D/9 RAR located five 81mm mortar bombs; four RPG rounds and nine steel boxes, one containg HMG ammunition.

(6)(071640 H). At YS 263967, B/5/2(AB) contacted one enemy squad. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, two ARVN KIA, three ARVN WIA. The enemy withdrew SOUTHWEST.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(062038 H). Late entry. At YS 659615, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed, one bunker damaged.

(2)(070740 H). At YS 379721, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers exposed and damaged, 15 metres of trench and one pit with tunnel extrance exposed, 10 metres of trench collapsed.

(3)(070730 H). At YS 217326, a 161 Indep Recce Flt aircraft received five to eight rounds of automatic weapons fire. There was no damage.

(4)(070917 H). At YS 243885, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

(5)(071215 H). VR sighted the following:
(a) At YS 764654 - a base camp.
(b) At YS 706618 - two huts.

(6)(071230 H). At YS 059615, VR sighted nine large bunkers with overhead cover and two damaged bunkers.

(7)(071250 H). At YS 593600, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged, three bunkers, three slit trenches and three spider holes exposed.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	20
KIA (POSS)	-	2
KBA	-	1
KBA (POSS)	-	2
KB Arty	-	0
WIA	-	2
(2) Detainees	-	15
PW	-	0
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	16
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	0
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed.	-	.25

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

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9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a-d. Omitted.

e. Items of Reporting Significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	ITEM
070900 H	YS 244876	D/9 RAR	13 bunkers destroyed.
070930 H	YS 305915	10/D/4 RAR	Three bunkers destroyed.
071340 H	YS 245885	D/9 RAR	The following was located: (a) Five 81mm mortar bombs. (b) Four RPG rounds. (c) Nine steel boxes (one containing HMG ammunition).

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G10

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 8-69.

2. Period from 080001 H to 082400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were five contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(081030 H). At YS 333888, 4 RAR located a platoon size bunker system of 15 bunkers (8' x 8' x 4' deep) with 2' overhead cover. The system was previously struck by Tac Air and Artillery but was considered to be still usable.

(2)(081052 H). At YS 246890, A/9 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in BLACK. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(3)(081055 H). At YS 277757, 3/A Sqn contacted five enemy dressed in BLACK. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured. One AUST WIA (minor - not evacuated). The enemy withdrew SOUTH EAST.

(4)(081314 H). At YS 223886, B/9 RAR found a camp of 20-40 bunkers, sited along a creek. 12 60mm mortar rounds, three RPG rounds, one claymore and a quantity of rice, explosive detonators and 81mm mortar rounds were recovered.

(5)(081444 H). At YS 270967, B/5/2(AB) contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

(6)(081545 H). At YS 242896, 1/A/9 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew NORTH WEST and NORTH EAST with unknown losses. The area was engaged by artillery with unknown results.

(7)(081547 H). At YS 240895, A/9 RAR contacted initially five enemy to the WEST, then two enemy to the NORTH and finally eight to ten enemy to the SOUTH. Results: Three enemy WIA. The enemy were carrying packs and rice and withdrew SOUTH.

(8)(081600 H). At YS 332886, 4 RAR located a squad sized camp of five bunkers (8' x 8' x 4' with 2' overhead cover). The camp had been engaged by artillery and airstrikes but the bunkers were intact. It is estimated the camp has not been used for two months.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(080810 H). At YS 230880, an airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.

(2)(081310 H). At YS 340974, an airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: Two huts destroyed, two huts damaged and one hut exposed.

(3)(081340 H). At YS 340974, an airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Five huts damaged, Two large bunkers exposed, One stone house destroyed, one enemy KBA (POSS).

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

	Confirmed.	Possible.
KIA by Ground Forces.	2	-
KBA	-	1
WIA - 3		

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	22
KIA (POSS)	-	2
KBA (BC)	-	1
KBA (POSS)	-	3
KB Arty	-	0
WIA	-	5

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(2) Detainees - 15
PW - 0
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 18
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 0
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .3
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.
a-d. Omitted.
e. Items of reporting signigicance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	ITEM
081330 H	YS 224882	B/9 RAR	A grave containing one LF body, approximately one month old, was found.
081314 H	YS 223866	B/9 RAR	The following was found: (a) 12 60MM mortar rounds. (b) Three RPG rounds. (c) One CLAYMORE. (d) Quantity of rice. (e) Explosive detonators. (f) 81MM mortar rounds.

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G11

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 9-69.

2. Period covered from 090001 H to 092400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.
(1)(082005 H). Late Entry. At YS 222886, 3/A/9 RAR engaged suspected enemy movement with unknown results.

(2)(091330 H). At YS 222886, 3/A/9 RAR located an enemy base camp of four bunkers. Recovered were:

Bangalore Torpedo	-	1
CHICOM Explosive	-	75 lbs
CHICOM Grenades	-	2
RPG rounds	-	4
Mortar rounds	-	13 (2 x 82mm - 11 x 60mm)
Rice	-	200 lbs

(3)(091330 H). At YS 245878, D/9 RAR located a cache containing: Two SKS Rifles, 19 rounds 7.62mm ammunition and a quantity of medical supplies.

(4)(091445 H). At YS 303943, D/4 RAR located a battalion sized base camp of 30 bunkers, estimated to be 12 months old. A quantity of medical supplies was recovered and a body of unknown age was found.

(5)(091750 H). At YS 265757, an APC from 1/A/3 Cav detonated a pressure mine, (suspected to have been a 105mm artillery shell). Results: One AUST WIA (remained on duty), one APC slightly damaged.

b. Air Activity.
(1)(091325 H). At YS 332973 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and 100% coverage. Results: Six huts and two bunkers destroyed, one large bunker exposed and one tunnel entrance exposed.

(2)(091330 H). A People Sniffer mission reported:
(a) At YS 733637, several bunkers.
(b) At YS 793700, several bunkers, a camp fire and enemy movement. An LFT engaged the area and received ground fire.
(c) At YS 792691, the bridge has received make-shift repairs and is capable of taking foot traffic.
(d) At YS 794672, three inverted sampans with tracks in the vicinity which were engaged by LFT.

(3)(091338 H). At YS 332973, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Six huts destroyed, four bunkers exposed, one bunker damaged.

(4)(091440 H). At YS 577565, VR sighted one sampan with three persons aboard, stuck on a sandbar. When refloated it was noted the sampan sailed SOUTH.

(5)(091510 H). At YS 593600, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two pits exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
(1)(092040 H). At YS 401604, an estimated squad of enemy fired one RPG-2 round at the bridge and engaged 16 PF Platoon with automatic and small arms fire. Contact was broken at 2155H when the enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. Enemy casualties unknown and there were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
a-c. Omitted.
d. Detainees
(1) Report for week 3-9 Jan 69.
Total - 15.
e. Omitted.
f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 2
(2) Omitted.

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 22
KIA (POSS) - 2
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 0
WIA - 5
(2) Detainees - 15
PW - 0
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 20
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 0
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .4
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.
a. Mines and Booby Traps.
Vicinity YS 265757 - One 105mm shell rigged as mine. One AUST WIA (remained on duty), one APC sustained light damage.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.
a. People Sniffer.
(091300 - 1500 H). YS 7265 - 7662 - 7872 - YS 8269. One People Sniffer Mission was flown during the reporting period. A hotspot was recorded at YS 787703. A significant increase in foot traffic was noted throughout the area flown.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 10/69.
2. Period covered from 100001 H to 102400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were eight contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(100530 H). At YS 222886, B/9 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew with unknown casualties. There were no friendly casualties. Recovered were: 24 electrical detonators and a sandbag half full of .45 calibre rounds.

(2)(100920 H). At YS 310945, D/4 RAR sighted one enemy.

(3)(100955 H). At YS 224885, 6/B/9 RAR contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail). There were no friendly casualties.

(4)(101030 H). At YS 313950, D/4 RAR located a battalion sized camp of twenty bunkers considered to have been last used three to six months ago.

(5)(101130 H). At YS 291951, 10/D/4 RAR contacted five enemy dressed in BLACK who withdrew EAST. One crew served weapon was observed but was not identified.

(6)(101333 H). At YS 311961, 11/D/4 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew to the EAST and WEST with unknown results.

(7)(101400 H). At YS 224885, 6/B/9 RAR observed a stick marker which indicated an enemy hiding place. Recovered was: One 82mm mortar complete with barrel and base plate.

(8)(101552 H). At YS 248885, 11/D/9 RAR contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The remaining enemy withdrew EAST.

(9)(101630 H). At YS 305967, 11/D/4 RAR received heavy small arms fire from an estimated enemy squad situated in a bunker system. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC). A Tac Air strike engaged the enemy location with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

(10)(101640 H). At YS 240899, A/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. The enemy fired LMG, HMG, RPG and CLAYMORES. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. AUST: One KIA, six WIA (evacuated).

(11)(101815 H). At YS 240897, 1/A/9 RAR located a cache. Recovered were:

(a) 14 CHICOM SKS bolt action rifles.
(b) One THOMPSON SMG.
(c) 80 CHICOM stick grenades.
(d) 12 CHICOM shrapnel grenades.
(e) 1000 rounds 7.62mm link belt.
(f) 1000 M16 rounds.

(12)(10 Jan 69) FSPB BARBARA (YS 2194) was engaged by an enemy sniper. Results: One ARVN WIA.

(13)(102005 H). In vicinity YS 222886, B/9 RAR detected movement on their perimeter at the NORTH, SOUTH and WEST, which was engaged by 3/C/1 Armd Regt with unknown results. A sweep at daylight revealed the tracks of approximately 15 persons

b. Air Activity.

(1)(101329 H). At YS 593600, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two huts destroyed, five bunker entrances exposed, three bunkers damaged.

(2)(101545 H). At YS 273728, VR sighted 13 persons moving WEST along a track.

(3)(101800 H). At YS 309967, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. There was no BDA.

c. Omitted.

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d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.
(1)(101130 H). At YS 375575, Sector elements engaged a junk. Results: Two enemy KIA. One VC flag and uniforms were recovered.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
a. Omitted.
b. KIA by Confirmed.
Ground Forces 4
WIA - 1
c-e. Omitted.
f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 15
(2) Crew served - 1
g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 26
KIA (POSS) - 2
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 0
WIA - 6
(2) Detainees - 15
PW - 0
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 35
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 1
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .4
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8.. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.
a-d. Omitted.
e. Items of reporting significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	ITEM
101815H	YS 240897	1/A/9 RAR	The following weapons and ammunition were recovered: (a) One THOMPSON SMG. (b) 14 CHICOM SKS bolt action rifles. (c) 80 CHICOM stick grenades. (d) 12 CHICOM shrapnel grenades. (e) 1000 rounds 7.62mm link belt. (f) 1000 M16 rounds.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 11/69
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Jan 69.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were 5 contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1)(110200H) At YS283644 D/1RAR were engaged by an unknown number of enemy who fired three rpg rounds into D Coy's position. Results: There were no casualties or damage. The enemy withdrew WEST.

      (2) (111300H) At YS246088 D/9RAR located a camp of 13 bunkers.

      (3)(111330H) At YS311965 11/D/4RAR contacted one enemy. Results: Two packs captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

      (4) (111339H) At YS[illegible]968 1/W/4RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTHWEST. Results: One enemy KIA, one AK47 captured.

      (5) (111525H) At YS249887 D/9RAR located a cache containing: 200lbs of food, 80 .30cal rounds, 11 batteries, 2 tents and 20 friction ignitors

      (7) (111801H) At YS308965 11&12/D/4RAR contacted three enemy who withdrew NORTH with unknown casualties. Results: One pack captured.

   (8) (111900H) At YS240889 A/9RAR located 2500 Chicom detonators, 8 grenades and 150lbs of rice.

      (9)(111930H) At YS213803 A/3Cav sighted two persons in an ox cart. One was detained and one fled towards THAI TIEN.

      (10) (112355H) At YS277936 T/C/9RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew EAST with unknown results.

   b. Air Activity.
      (1) (111330H) At YS789695 an airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp. It was 100% On target and had 30% coverage. Results: one bunker and one structure destroyed, five bunkers uncovered.

      (2) (111815H) At YS255800 VR . sighted 10 ox carts moving EAST.

      (3) (111150H) At YS260801 RAAF sighted 9 persons moving EAST. When aircraft approached they moved WEST.

   c. Omitted.
      Incidents not involving Task Force elements.
   d. (1) (110230H) At YS274653 576 RF Coy compound received six 60mm mortar rounds. ARVN arty engaged the area with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

      (2) (110900H) At YS172930 the enemy ambushed and killed two Frenchmen who were managers of B[illegible] SOM plantation, and one civilian (VN).

      (3) (111345H) At YS170950 B/1/RTAVF contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, two THAIS WIA.

      (4) (111530H) At YS206942 A/1/RTAVF contacted an unknown number of enemy . Enemy and friendly casualties unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment losses.
   a-c omitted.
   d. Detainees - 1.
   f. Enemy weapon losses.
      (1) Individual - 1
      (2) omitted.
   Cumulative totals for Jan 69.
   6. Enemy KIA(BC) - 22
      KIA(POSS)- 2
      KBA(BC) - 1
      KBA(POSS)- 3

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Enemy KB Arty - 0
WIA -6 - 7

(2) Detainees - 16
(3) Individual weapons captured/destoyed - 36
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 1
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .48
(6-10) omitted.

5. Omitted
6-8. omitted
9-10 No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.
11. omitted.
12. omitted

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 12/69.

2. Period covered from 120001 H to 122400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(120730 H). At YS 229805, 3/A Sqn detonated a pressure type mine. There was no damage.

(2)(120745 H). At YS 222886, B/9 RAR located one 82mm mortar complete with base plate and barrel.

(3)(121345 H). At YS 266919, C/9 RAR sighted two enemy moving from WEST to EAST.

(4)(121408 H). At YS 290930, 4/B/4 RAR contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured. The enemy withdrew SOUTH. There were no friendly casualties.

(5)(121550 H). At YS 240899, A/9 RAR located two enemy bodies, believed to have been killed in a contact on 10 Jan 69 (1 ATF INTSUM Number 10/69. Para 3. a. (10) refers).

(6)(121630 H). At YS 210799, 1/A/3 Cav and D&E Platoon detained one suspect. The suspect was in a sampan and armed with one CHICOM grenade at the time of capture. One other person escaped.

(7)(122317 H). At YS 232801, 2/3/A Sqn heard movement of an estimated five enemy and one oxcart. They engaged the area with automatic weapon fire supported by artillery with unknown results.

b.-c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(122000 H). At YS 502588, 2/48 ARVN base camp received an unknown number of 60mm mortar rounds and small arms and automatic weapons fire. The fire was returned with small arms, automatic and M79 fire supported by 81mm mortars. The enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown casualties. Friendly casualties: One ARVN KIA.

(2)(122010 H). At YS 283586, elements of 637 RF Coy received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of enemy. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. One RF WIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by — Confirmed

Ground Forces	1

c. Omitted

d. Detainees - 1

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 1
(2) Crew served - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy	KIA (BC)	-	29 (Amended figure)
	KIA (POSS)	-	2
	KBA (BC)	-	1
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	KB Arty	-	0
	WIA	-	7
(2)	Detainees	-	17
	PW	-	0
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed.	-	37
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	2
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.48

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and barriers.

a. Mines and Booby traps.

(120730 H) At YS 229805, an element of 3/A Sqn detonated an M26 grenade rigged as a pressure operated mine. There was no damage.

6-8. Omitted.

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9-10. No change to Intelligence Report "Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province" dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer.
(121500 - 1600 H). Area YS 3380 - 3880 - 3377 - 3877.
A strong reading was recorded at 3378.

b. Amendments.
INTSUM Number 10/69. Para 3.a.(10).
DELETE: Results: Enemy casualties unknown.
INSERT: Results: Two enemy KIA (BC).

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 13-69.

2. Period covered from 130001 H to 132400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were FOUR contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(122317 H). Late entry. At YS 232801, A/3 Cav contacted two enemy with one oxcart. Enemy casualties are unknown.

(2)(130915 H). At YS 261911, 8/C/9 RAR contacted two enemy moving from WEST to EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 and one pack captured. The remaining enemy withdrew WEST.

(3)(130940 H). At YS 222886, B/9 RAR located in a camp, the following:
One 60mm mortar base plate and bipod.
Two bolt action rifles.
One 82mm mortar round.
One RGP-7 round.
A quantity of small arms and ammunition.
200 ft of telephone cable.

(4)(131215 H). At YS 241899, A/9 RAR located eight bunkers Eight fresh enemy male bodies were found, the cause of death being gun shot wounds. 17 Grenades, a quantity of detonators and CLAYMORE leads and stands were captured.

(5)(131845 H). At YS 249795, B/1 RAR contacted three enemy moving WEST with unknown results. The enemy withdrew EAST.

(6)(132155 H). At YS 262998, elements of 2 (AB) contacted one enemy squad with unknown results. The enemey withdrew SOUTH EAST.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(130630 H). At YS 455870, a VR aircraft received short bursts of automatic weapon fire from two enemy who were hiding beside the road.

(2)(131120 H). At YS 209794, VR sighted one person and evidence of occupation in a suspected base camp. Artillery engaged the area with unknown results.

(3)(131321 H). At YS 789695, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, one hut destroyed and one bunker uncovered.

(4)(131344 H). At YS 789695, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two huts destroyed, five metres of trench collapsed and one bunker uncovered.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(131020 H). At YS 278570, 637 RF Company OP received two RPG-2 rounds fired by an estimated reinforced enemy platoon. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, one RF WIA.

(2)(132010 H). At YS 215945, A/1/RTAVF contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

(3)(132125 H). At YS 643673, 611 RF Company contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed.
Ground Forces	1
KIA by Ground Forces not in reporting period	8

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.
(1) Individual - 3
(2) Crew Served - Nil

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 38
KIA (POSS) - 2
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 3
WIA - 7

(2) Detainees - 17

(3) Individual Weapons captured/destroyed - 40

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 2

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .48

(6) - (10) - Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM Number 10-69 paragraph 3.a.(10). Amend enemy KIA (BC) to ten.

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(Period 21st December 1968 - 4th January 1969)

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past two weeks enemy initiated attacks generally declined throughout the III CTZ, probably due to the Christmas Truce and the enemy's self declared New Year's Truce period.

2. Scattered attacks by fire against Allied FSBs and OPs indicated the screening of unit and supply movement, although there has been no evidence that the enemy main force units effected any major relocations during the period.

3. Friendly counter operations have continued to block large scale movement of enemy main force units towards the Capital Military District, and the enemy logistic system has suffered through Allied discoveries of significant caches containing food, munitions, and documents in TAY NINH, BINH DUONG, LONG AN and HAU NGHIA Provinces.

4. Statistics over the past two weeks show that there were 123 ground actions, 37 mortar attacks, and 7 rocket attacks for the week ending 28th December 1968; and for the week ending 4th January 1969, there were 96 ground actions, 26 mortar attacks, and 7 rocket attacks. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents for the period are:

a. At 220015, XT 259 308, in TAY NINH Province, B & C/4-9th Inf night defensive position received SA, AW, RPG and 82mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team, Spooky, and airstrikes. Results: 81 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 17 US KIA and 34 US WIA.

b. At 231811, XT 625 815, in BINH LONG Province, LZ JAKE received 35 rounds of 107mm RKT and 125 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter mortar and counter rocket fire was directed at the suspected enemy position. Results: Enemy losses unknown; 6 US WIA and 1 CIDG WIA.

c. Between 242030H and 250615H, at YS 225 943, in BIEN HOA Province, FSPB BARBARA received SA, RPG, and 208 rounds of mixed 60mm/82mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty. Results: VC losses unknown; 3 ARVN WIA.

d. At 271155H, XT 678 918, in BINH LONG Province, B/2-2nd Inf received AW, RPG, and grenades from an estimated company of NVA. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and airstrikes. The NVA broke contact at 1440H. Results: 41 NVA KIA and 2 NVA PWs; 2 US KIA and 27 US WIA.

e. During the evening of 29th December at PHUOC VINH (XT 963 494), in BINH DUONG Province, the 1st Cav Div base camp received 25-45 rounds of mixed 107mm RKT, RR, and mortar fire resulting in 6 WIA (US), 11 aircraft damaged (6 non-flyable), 2 trucks destroyed and several buildings damaged.

f. On the night 2-3 January, at XT 562 854, in TAY NINH Province, LZ DOT received 110 rounds of mixed 60mm, 82mm and 120mm mortar and 75mm RR fire. Results: 1 ARVN KIA.

Enemy Locations

5. Enemy main force elements avoided contact with Allied forces during the past week, but captured documents have indicated a possible re-organization of the 5th VC Div to include the 174th NVA Regt, while the 88th NVA Regt is now believed to be subordinate to Sub-Region 1. Also there have been reports that the enemy has committed another Division to operate in the III CTZ, but to date there is no confirmation of these reports. The latest available information on the probable locations of enemy divisions and regiments is:

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5th VC Div HQ	NW WAR ZONE "D".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	SW PHUOC LONG Province.
174th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly in N BINH LONG Province, vicinity of the Cambodian border.
275th VC Inf Regt	NW War Zone "D".
7th NVA Div HQ	Vicinity of the FISH HOOK.
32md NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, elements possibly dispersed SE of War Zone "C".
141st NVA Inf Regt	SE of the FISH HOOK.
165th NVA Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC.
1st NVA Div HQ	
95C NVA Inf Regt	SW of MICHELIN Plantation.
320th NVA Inf Regt	NE War Zone "C".
9th VC Div HQ	LO GO area.
271st VC Inf Regt	Possibly WSW of BEN SUOI (vic XT 059 450).
272nd VC Inf Regt	N of ANGELS WING (vic XT 2430).
273rd VC Inf Regt	W of TAY NINH City, vicinity of the Cambodian border.
88th NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of the HO BO Woods.
101st NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of the TRAPEZOID (vic XT 5941).
268 VC Inf Regt	NE of TRANG BANG.
274th VC Inf Regt	BINH SON - LONG THANH (YS 1785) area.
DONG NAI VC Inf Regt	Dispersed between BINH MY and AN SON.
THU DUC VC Inf Regt	Dispersed between THU DUC and NHON TRACH (YS1482).

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

6. Present indications are that the enemy is continuing with his preparations for an offensive, but Allied counter operations are continuing to disrupt and delay these preparations and the enemy's timetable. Initially, the enemy fully intended to launch a major offensive in December, but Allied counter actions forced a postponement.

7. It is expected that the enemy will continue his efforts to move main force elements to forward areas around the Capital Military District, at the same time, he is conducting reconnaissance of areas that will provide flexible positions for exploiting Allied responses to any enemy offensive action.

8. At the moment, the enemy appears to have two main options for initiating a major offensive. Firstly, he could finalize his preparations for a major offensive against the CMD - past experience and his current dispositions suggest that such an attack could be attempted by mid-January. Secondly, he could initiate a series of attacks against objectives in TAY NINH, BINH LONG, and BINH DUONG Provinces in an attempt to draw Allied forces away from SAIGON. This course, if adopted, could be initiated at any time, but would probably result in a postponement of a major effort against the CMD.

Enemy Losses

9. For the week ending 28th December 1968, there were 855 enemy KIA (BC), 171 PWs; and 317 individual weapons and 56 crew-served weapons were captured. There were 204 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 35 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

10. For the week ending 4th January 1969, there were 551 enemy KIA (BC), 121 PWs; and 264 individual weapons and 30 crew-served weapons were captured. There were 77 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 51.6 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

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(B) Friendly Activity

11. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) for the week ending 28th December 1968, the results were: Enemy losses: 542 KIA, 103 detainees, 4 returnees; 113 SA, 28 crew-served weapons, 54,020 SA rounds, 1,449 HE rounds, 1,117 grenades, 34 mines, 9 122mm RKTs, 6 107mm RKTs, 2 sampans, 16.65 tons of rice, .05 tons of salt and .01 tons of miscellaneous food were captured; 2 SA, 7 crew-served weapons, 3,544 SA rounds, 291 HE rounds, 201 grenades, 57 mines, 15 booby traps, 53 sampans, 1 122mm RKT and 8.34 tons of rice were destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 65 large unit operations resulting in 17 enemy KIA against 3 ARVN KIA.

12. Results for the week ending 4th January 1969 were: Enemy losses: 357 KIA, 263 detainees, 8 returnees; 119 SA, 13 crew-served weapons, 199,313 SA rounds, 3,130 HE rounds, 1,225 grenades, 114 mines, 52 122mm RKTs, 1 107mm RKT, 37 booby traps, 2 sampans, 46.92 tons of rice and .25 tons of salt were captured; 2 crew-served weapons, 35,220 SA rounds, 488 HE rounds, 163 grenades, 50 mines, 18 booby traps, 35 sampans, 5.3 tons of rice and 2.05 tons of miscellaneous food were destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 74 large unit operations resulting in 52 enemy KIA against 3 ARVN KIA.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

13. For the week ending 28th December 1968, the number of countrywide enemy attacks and ambushes decreased. There were 11 attacks in I CTZ; there were 9 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ; and there were 6 attacks in IV CTZ.

14. During the past week, enemy attacks and ambushes continued to decrease and preliminary reports indicate that there were 6 attacks in I CTZ; there were 7 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ; and there were 8 attacks and 2 ambushes in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity (Period 21st December 1968 - 4th January 1968)

15. In I CTZ there were 20 FW and 48 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1,147 enemy KIA against 69 friendly KIA.

16. In II CTZ there were 20 FW and 47 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 316 enemy KIA against 31 friendly KIA.

17. In IV CTZ there were 2 US and 152 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 901 enemy KIA against 76 friendly KIA.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

18. For the week ending 28th December 1968, the number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 251 to 217. The number of operations with contact decreased from 102 to 86. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 2236 (adjusted) to 2177.

19. For the week ending 4th January 1969, the number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 217 to 213. The number of operations with contact increased from 86 to 97. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 2177 to 1846.

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PERIOD 051200H JAN 69 - 131200H JAN 69

General

1. En forces are still avoiding contact with 1 ATF and in general are remaining dispersed in small 2-3 man cells or squad-sized groups, although section and platoon sized groups have been reported.

2. There are indications that our presence in the area is causing the enemy logistic problems, mainly in rice re-supply. The health of enemy troops is also declining.

3. Enemy recce cells remain active throughout the area, probably trying to locate our forward elements and to determine safe routes for resupply parties or combat elements.

4. Agent reports continue to report the movement or location of sizeable enemy units, particularly in the area NE of AN VIENG rubber plantation; South, SE and SW of BINH SON rubber plantation; West of Route 15 in LONG THANH and NHON TRACH Districts.

5. The most significant activity at present are the enemy attempts to pass troops and materiel through 1 ATF TAOR towards the BINH SON/LONG THANH area.

Identifications

6. Since 5 Jan 69 1 ATF and Op Con units have identified the following units/sub-units, either by PW, personal effects of enemy KIA or captured documents:

HQ T7 Military Region	Docus/KIA
C1 Coy 1 Bn 274 VC Regt	PW/KIA
C10 Coy 2 Bn 274 Regt	3 PW
C15 Coy 3 Bn 274 VC Regt	PW
HQ Sub-Region 4	Docus/KIA
4 Bn SR.4 (Possibly 4 Bn, 1 THU DUC Regt)	Docus/KIA
C2 2 Bn 1st THU DUC Regt	Docus/KIA
C3 4 Bn 1st THU DUC Regt	Docus/KIA
LONG THANH District HQ	Docus/KIA
LONG THANH Military Proselyting Section	Docus/KIA
LONG THANH Communications & Transport Section	Docus/KIA
LONG THANH District Youth	Docus/KIA
LONG THANH Postal Section	Docus/KIA
C1 Coy LONG THANH District Unit	Docus/KIA
C5 Coy LONG THANH District Unit	Docus/KIA
C41 CHAU DUC District Coy	Docus
BIEN HOA Assault Youth Group	KIA
Officer 74 Arty Regt	KIA
PHUOC THO Village Guerrilla Gp	Detainee

7. Units/sub-units should not be too hasty in reporting enemy as "local Force or Main Force". Dress alone is no guarantee of the status of the wearer, personal documents are more important. The ragged little man in HO CHI MINH sandals and black pajamas may be a unit commander.

8. A high standard of reporting incidents/contacts is essential. This particularly applies to 1 ATF LOs out with friendly op-con or flanking units. Date/Time Group of the event, source and evaluation of the information and direction of movement are mandatory.

Enemy Intentions

9. Intelligence obtained from all sources continues to indicate that

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substantial elements of T7 forces, particularly 274 VC Regt, remain close to the BINH SON/AN VIENG rubber plantations. The enemy still apparently intends to attack unspecified targets (probably BINH SON and BEARCAT or LONG THANH NORTH) by fire and ground forces.

10. Timings of these attacks will depend on COSVN orders, T7's resupply capabilities and our spoiling operations.

Summary

11. The enemy will try to take advantage of any lessening of our patrolling, lack of vigilance in NDP/coy bases or FSPs, any carelessness in the field or establishment of patterns of activity.

12. Great care should be exercised in voice communications particularly concerning our future intentions or proposed moves, and our knowledge of enemy locations/identifications.

Statistics

13. Weekly and revised cumulative totals of contacts, enemy casualties and equipment/weapons losses are shown in Annex A.

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Annex A, Statistics.

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11 ACR
67 GL Sect
18 ARVN Div
MAC J2
MACV CICV
S2 II FFV (Arty): 54 Arty
12 CBT Avn Gp LBN
Black Panther Div BEARCAT, Attn SLS
Black Panther Div RTAVF BEARCAT
2 AB Bde
4/12 Inf (US)
3/11 ACR
Spare (30)

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
SITUATION OP GOODWOOD
DATED 13 JAN 69

STATISTICS - OP GOODWOOD

	Period 051200H - 131200H	Cumulative Total
Contacts	30	139
KIA	16	150
WIA	4	18
KIA (Poss)	3	9
PW	-	5
Detainees	1	1
Ind Wpns	27	98
C/S Wpns	-	12
Mors	2	2
.30 Cal Ammo	1080 rds	23080
.50 Cal Ammo	-	2150
S/A Ammo	20389 rds	28789
A/ Pers Mines	1	63
A/ Tank Mines	1	5
Grenades	119	419
Mor Rds 81/82 mm	7	100
Mor Rds 60mm	13	13
57mm RCL Rds	-	77
75mm RCL Rds	-	5
RPG 2 Rds	8	53
RPG 7 Rds	-	9
M79	15	15
TNT	75 lbs	225
Salt	30 lbs	730
Rice	370 lbs	6.19 Tons
Bunkers	Located360/Destroyed 160	Located 1325 Destroyed 750

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G18

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 14/69.

2. Period covered from 140001 H to 142400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were two contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.
(1)(131630 H). Late Entry. At YS 209794, 11/D/1 RAR located an enemy base camp. Recovered were: One M-1 carbine, one GARAND and a quantity of clothing, documents, food and ammunition.

(2)(141030 H). At YS 225884, B/9 RAR located a cache containing the following:
(a) 10 RPG-7 rounds;
(b) 28 RPG-2 rounds;
(c) 51 Variable time mortar fuses;
(d) 54 instantaneous fuses;
(e) 280 primers;
(f) 42 60mm mortar bombs.

(3)(141115 H). At YS 217798, 10/D/1 RAR located two bunkers (20m x 30m) with benches and seats which had not been recently used.

(4)(141130 H). At YS 226884, 5/B/1 RAR contacted one LF enemy who withdrew EAST then SOUTH WEST with unknown results.

(5)(141145 H). At YS 227884, B/9 RAR located one THOMPSON SMG, two US carbines and two AK-47.

(6)(141310 H). At YS 342797, elements of C Sqn contacted two enemy who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(7)(141500 H). At YS 281781, a tank from 4/C/1 Armd Regt detonated a pressure type mine. Results: One tank slightly damaged.

b. Air Activity.
(1)(141340 H). At YS 333888, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: One bunker partly destroyed, three bunkers with overhead cover exposed.
(2)(142017 H). At YS 333973, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.
(1)(132335 H). Late Entry. At YS 199843, LONG THANH District elements contacted an estimated enemy squad. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. Friendly: Two WIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	
(Not in reporting period)	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 7
Not in reporting period 1
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	39
	KIA (POSS)	-	2
	KBA (BC)	-	1
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	WIA	-	7
(2)	Detainees	-	17
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	48
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	2
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.48
(6) to (10)	Omitted.		

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5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.
(141500 H). At YS 281781, a tank from 4/C/1 Armd Regt was slightly damaged after detonating a pressure type mine.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS.
(1) Reference INTSUM Number 13-69 paragraph 3.a.(5).
Amend to read: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 15-69.

2. Period covered from 150001 H to 152400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(150115 H). At YS 227886, three enemy were detected on the perimeter of B/9 RAR. They were engaged with CLAYMORE and small arms fire with unknown results.

(2)(151145 H). At YS 229888, B/9 RAR located an enemy base camp of 15 bunkers (8'x6'x4' with 1½' overhead cover). Recovered were:

82mm Mortar Tube and Base Plate	-	1
82mm Mortar Rounds	-	108
82mm cleaning rods	-	2
RPG-7 rounds	-	2
60mm mortar rounds	-	2
M 16 magazines	-	6
AK-47 cleaning kits	-	4
Rice	-	360 lbs

A large quantity of medical supplies.
A quantity of clothing including nurses' clothing.
One three day old body was found in the vicinity.

(3)(151645 H). At YS 237897, D/9 RAR located two caches. One was in a hollow tree and contained two RPG-2 rounds. The other was a hole in the ground, covered with earth with a log on top. Recovered were:

RPG-2 rounds	-	48
RPG-2 motors	-	20
RPG-7 rounds	-	26
RPG-7 motors	-	24
Booster charges	-	12

b. Air Activity.

(1)(151240 H). At YS 566805, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: One bunker and one hut damaged, five bunkers uncovered.

(2)(151310 H). At YS 330969, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 20% coverage. Results: Two fighting pits uncovered.

(3)(151325 H). At YS 330969, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 20% coverage. Results: One hut partly destroyed, two bunkers damaged and six bunkers exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(151500 H). At YS 196907, D/1/RTAVF contacted two enemy who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(2)(151640 H). At YS 227797, a US vehicle was engaged from the EAST by an unknown number of enemy using M 79 and small arms fire. There were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Omitted.
d. 1 (Released as an innocent civilian)

f. Enemy Weapons losses.

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

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	39
	KIA (POSS)	-	2
	KBA (BC)	-	1

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'4	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	WIA	-	7
(2)	Detainees	-	18
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	48
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	3
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.6

(6)-(10) - Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6.7.8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.
Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 16/69.

2. Period covered from 160001 H to 162400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(160905 H). At YS 248796, 6/B/1 RAR contacted two enemy moving from EAST to WEST with unknown results.

(2)(16 Jan 69). At YS 237896, D/9 RAR located one 82mm mortar (less sights), nine 82mm mortar bomb fuses, nine 82mm mortar primers and a large quantity of documents and tailoring equipment.

(3)(161430 H). At YS 241898, D/9 RAR contacted three enemy who withdrew SOUTH WEST with unknown results.

(4)(161530 H). At YS 253902, 3/A/9 RAR heard movement which was engaged by Artillery with unknown results.

(5)(161700 H). At YS 237897, D/9 RAR located two caches containing the following:

RPG-2 rounds	-	42
RPG-7 rounds	-	3
RPG-2 boosters	-	61
RPG-7 boosters	-	3

(6)(162050 H). At YS 176847, 9/C/1 RAR engaged two enemy moving EAST in a sampan. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS) and one sampan sunk.

(7)(162355 H). At YS 255900, C/9 RAR engaged an estimated squad of enemy moving SOUTH WEST. Artillery and mortar supported. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one pistol captured.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(161301 H). At YS 333888, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two pits and five metres of trench uncovered, one bunker and a military structure damaged.

(2)(161440 H). At YS 2288, VR sighted an occupied base camp.

(3)(161506 H). At YS 297987, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Five bunkers damaged.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(161050 H). At YS 466723, a sector element located a base camp approximately three months old which had freshly cut timber and a number of weapon pits. Three M2 magazines were recovered.

(2)(161815 H). At YS 645710, two PF Platoons contacted three enemy who returned fire with unknown type weapons. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST with unknown casualties. There were no friendly casualtiew.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

	Confirmed	Possible
KIA by Ground Forces	1	2

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees (For week ending 15 Jan 69) - 2 (Both released as innocent civilians)

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.

(1) Individual - 17

(2) Crew Served - 6

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 41 (Amended figure)
KIA (POSS) - 4
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 3
WIA - 7

(2) Detainees - 18

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 65

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 9

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .6

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

(1)(151415 H). At YS 274652, YS 282644 and YS 283642, Sector reported two mines at either end of the culverts.

(2)(161020 H). At YS 310656 to YS 318671, Sector reported an unknown number of anti-tank mines.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 1 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendmenments to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM Number 15-69, paragraph 3.a.(3).
Add the following:

Electrical Detonators	-	104
Cardboard flash detonators	-	21
60mm mortar sights	-	1
BAR	-	5
Machine gun (Unidentified)	-	1
THOMPSON Sub-machine guns	-	2
GARAND M1 rifles	-	4
Carbines, M1	-	2
SKS Rifles	-	8
Assorted Small Arms Ammunition	-	277 rounds.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 17-69.

2. Period covered from 170001 H to 172400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were three contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(171245 H). At YS 265859, Assault Pioneer/9 RAR located a sentry post suspected of having been used within the past 12 hours.

(2)(171517 H). At YS 393697, elements of A Sqn located a squad size base camp which had not been used for about two months.

(3)(171640 H). At YS 397694, a recce patrol from 104 Bty located a camp consisting of two trenches, weapon pits and a staging area. The camp is old but has been used recently. A number of fairly new pneumatic sections, with slits cut in them, were hanging from trees and they were possibly used as receptacles of some kind.

(4)(171730 H). At YS 312846, a 1ATF LRRP contacted three enemy. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC). A further contact was made with five enemy, with unknown results, as the LRRP withdrew for extraction. The extraction aircraft received ground fire.

(5)(171850 H). At YS 177826, C/1 RAR contacted seven LF enemy who withdrew NORTH WEST with unknown results.

(6)(171915 H). At YS 440645, an ARU element located a 20' tunnel with two entrances. A pool of blood was at one of the entrances.

(7)(172115 H). At YS 216800, D/1 RAR contacted three enemy moving WEST in a sampan with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(170825 H). At YS 284739, a POSSUM received ground fire from five armed enemy (including one 12.7 HMG). The aircraft returned fire with unknown results.

(2)(171305 H). At YS 789695, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Four bunkers, 10 metres of trench with overhead cover, one hut and one drum destroyed. One bunker and one tunnel entrance uncovered.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(172000 H). At YS 422589 (LONG DIEN), 910 RF Coy ambushed an enemy company moving EAST to WEST. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC). One US KIA, one US WIA, one RF WIA and three civilians wounded.

(2)(172230 H). At YS 499571 and YS 501572, two 153 RF Coy ambushes contacted an enemy squad at each location. Enemy casualties unknown; there were no friendly casualties.

(3)(172245 H). At YS 503558, an unknown number of enemy fired small arms at the 2/48 ARVN compound. Results: One ARVN WIA, enemy casualties are unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by — Confirmed

Ground Forces	3

c. Omitted

d. Detainees - 7

e.f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 45
	KIA (POSS)	- 4
	KBA (BC)	- 1
	KBA (POSS)	- 3
	WIA	- 18
(2)	Detainees	- 25
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 65
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- 9
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	- .6

(6) to (10) Omitted.

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5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information.
(1)(170700 H). At XA BINH BA (vic YS 4474), seven VCI suspects were detained.
(2) to (4) Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Delayed Entry.
(151030 H). At YS 310846, a 1ATF LRRP contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).

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18 Jan 69

ENEMY SITUATION PHUOC TUY PROVINCE
311200 H Dec 68 TO 171200 H Jan 69

General

1. Enemy activity in the Province has decreased when compared with the level reported in ENEMY SITUATION PHUOC TUY PROVINCE of 1 Jan 69. 1 ATF Operations against 274 VC Regt have continued with minor success in the HAT DICH and BINH SON areas.

NUI LE - NUI SAO - EASTERN BORDER

2. Indications, mainly from agent reporting, are that LF enemy have moved back into the area SOUTH of NUI SAO in the vicinity of YS 5282. Aerial VR has reported movement of small groups along tracks in the area.

DUC THANH

3. Nothing to report.

HAT DICH

4. See ENEMY SITUATION OP GOODWOOD dated 13 Jan 69.

NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15

5. There has been an increase in the number of reports from agents of small units in camps and moving in the ONG TRINH (vicinity YS 2869) and NUI DINH area vicinity YS 3465. These units have been given the task of continuing interdiction of ROUTE 15, harassing the posts and staging ambushes. No major incident has occurred in the reporting period.

6. Further incidents can be expected since captured documents, originating from both SR-4 and HQ CHAU DUC District, have included directives to various minor units to increase and continue their operations in this area.

BARIA - LONG DIEN - DAT DO

7. Only one significant harassing action in the area which was the mortaring of a 2/48 ARVN camp at YS 502588 on 122000 H Jan 69.

LONG GREEN - LIGHT GREEN - LONG HAI

8. Enemy track activity continues through the LONG GREEN. Several camps, in vicinity centre of mass YS 5860, have been found and struck by air. This area has been reported several times, by agents to be a rest area and transhipment point for rice being carried to the NORTH. Preliminary interrogation of a HOI CHANH, who returned to DAT DO on 16 Jan 69, indicates that C2/D 445 LF Bn is in the area at present engaged in protection of rice carrying parties.

XUYEN MOC - TAM BO CAPE (YS 7362)

9. Results of VR, People Sniffer and airstrikes in this area indicate that it is now being used both as a safe haven and training area for a large number of enemy.

10. SAS contacted a force of approximately 70-80 enemy on 1 Jan 69 at YS 652603. Their dress, equipment and reaction indicated a well equipped and trained unit. They are thought to be a company of D 445 LF Bn, although no identification was possible from the seven enemy killed during the contact.

11. Bunkers, camps and tracks in the area show signs of heavy and recent use, especially in the area WEST and SOUTH WEST of BINH CHAU (YS 7767).

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Conclusions

12. Although enemy initiated activity still remains light it is due to his resupply activities and preparation for future operations. The timing of these operations still depends largely on COSVN's assessment of the Peace Talks results. Activity, if it does not take the form of an all-out offensive, will consist of Corps-wide harassing attacks, propaganda and terrorism in an effort to influence the outcome of the Peace Talks. Present indications are that preparations for these activities are almost completed in spite of friendly spoiling operations.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 18-69.

2. Period covered from 180001 H to 182400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.
(1)(17 Jan 69). Late Entry. Vic YS 230871, C/9 RAR located four enemy bodies KB Arty.

(2)(180045 H). At YS 207794, a patrol from D/1 RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results.

(3)(180745 H). At YS 217769, elements of 1 RAR contacted two to four enemy with unknown results.

(4)(181102 H). At YS 245859, C/9 RAR sighted one enemy moving SOUTH WEST.

(5)(181142 H). At YS 180825, an element of A Sqn detonated a pressure mine, believed to be a 155mm or eight inch shell. There was one AUST KIA, two AUST WIA and the APC was extensively damaged.

(6)(181323 H). At YS 382685, 1 Tp/A Sqn located a platoon size base camp which has not been used recently.

(7)(181400 H). At YS 245870, 2/A/9 RAR contacted an estimated enemy squad dressed in BLACK and GREEN, who withdrew to the NORTH and SOUTH WEST. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), three WIA (blood trails). One AK-47, one SKS and seven packs of rice captured.

(8)(181415 H). At YS 245870, 3/A/9 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew with unknown results. One SKS and a quantity of food was captured.

(9)(181850 H). At YS 165821, 1 RAR ambushed five enemy with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.
(1)(181125 H). At YS 798678, a VR aircraft engaged one sampan with unknown results.

(2)(181316 H). At YS 764654, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two structures and one food cache were destroyed.

(3)(181438 H). At YS 328888, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One pit destroyed, one bunker and one structure exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.
(1)(181530 H). At YS 445730, RF elements contacted an enemy squad who withdrew with unknown casualties. Friendly casualties: Three RF WIA, one civilian killed and one civilian wounded.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	2
KB Arty	4
WIA -	3

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 1

e. Omitted

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 3
(2) Omitted

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy	KIA (BC) -	47
	KIA (POSS) -	4
	KBA (BC) -	1
	KBA (POSS) -	3

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KB Arty - 4
WIA - 21
(2) Detainees - 26
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 68
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 9
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .7
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

DTG	LOCATION	INCIDENT	RESULTS
181142 H	vic YS 180825	Anti-tank mine	One AUST KIA Two AUST WIA One APC extensively damaged.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information.
(1)(181850 H). At HOA LONG (vic YS 4264), Det 1 Div Int Unit detained one VCI suspect.

12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 19-69.

2. Period covered from 190001 H to 192400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were 12 contacts with Task Force and OP CON units during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(190557 H). At YS 222878, A/9 RAR contacted a 20-25 man porter party, travelling from WEST to EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA and captured. Recovered were: One CHICOM SMG, three CHICOM K-54 pistols, and a quantity of documents. The enemy withdrew WEST.

(2)(190625 H). At YS 199879, 4/B/1 RAR engaged one enemy from a suspected squad size force. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST.

(3)(190701 H). At YS 246858, 8/C/9 RAR contacted 3-4 enemy moving from NORTH to SOUTH. The enemy withdrew NORTH with unknown losses. There was one AUST WIA.

(4)(190730 H). At YS 199886, B/1 RAR observed 70 enemy moving EAST.

(5)(190800 H). At YS 245870, 2/A/9 RAR was engaged by an unknown number of enemy from the NORTH with RPG and small arms fire. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction with unknown losses. Results: Three AUST KIA, five AUST WIA (evac).

(6)(190811 H). At YS 222878, A/9 RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).

(7)(190830 H). At YS 222981, 12/D/9 RAR contacted three enemy dressed in GREEN who were moving from WEST to EAST. The enemy withdrew EAST and SOUTH WEST with unknown losses.

(8)(190920 H). At YS 222878, 6/B/9 RAR contacted one enemy. A sweep in the area revealed one enemy who was wounded and captured.

(9)(191140 H). At YS 220877, 6/B/9 RAR were engaged by an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); One AUST KIA, one AUST WIA and one NZ WIA. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction.

(10)(191200 H). At YS 249857, 9/C/9 RAR engaged an enemy squad dressed in BLACK and GREY. Results: Four enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA. Captured were: Four AK-47, three RPG-2 rounds, 100 detonators and a quantity of ammunition, documents and medical supplies.

(11)(191716 H). At YS 280809, 2/2/A/3 Cav contacted 3-4 enemy moving from WEST to EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), two enemy WIA (blood trails) and one RPG-2 captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST.

(12)(192023 H). At YS 231800, D&E Platoon and A/3 Cav contacted one enemy squad moving from EAST to WEST. The enemy withdrew to the NORTH and SOUTH EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), three enemy WIA (blood trails). One GERMAN rifle captured.

(13)(192040 H). At YS 286812, 1 ATF elements contacted one enemy squad moving from EAST to WEST. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS).

b. Air Activity.

(1)(190900 H). At YS 305967, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker and two structures destroyed; one bunker damaged; ten bunkers, two tunnel entrances and one hut damaged.

(2)(191207 H). At YS 373778, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and two trenches uncovered.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(192020 H). At YS 460794 and YS 466794, two enemy squads in two groups attempted to enter AP NGAI GTAO. They were engaged by 1/613 RF Company and withdrew to the EAST and WEST with unknown losses. There were no friendly casualties.

(2)(192115 H). At YS 565626 Sector elements (I&R Company), contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: Nine enemy KIA (BC), one enemy captured.

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Captured also were five AK-47s and one M1 carbine.

(3)(192310 H). At YS 502558, 2/48 ARVN CP received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds, fired by an unknown number of enemy. Results: One ARVN WIA. Enemy losses are unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	10	2

WIA - 6

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 3
PW - 2

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapons Losses.
(1) Individual - 10
(2) Crew Served - 1

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 57
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty (BC) 4
WIA - 27

(2) PW - 2
Detainees - 29
(3) Individuals weapons captured/destroyed - 78
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .7
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5.6. Omitted.

7. Enemy Unit Identifications.
a. (191200 H). At YS 249857, documents captured by C/9 RAR identified 2 Coy, 1 Bn, 274 VC Regt. The documents are believed to refer to the Political Section of this unit.

8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. VCI and Guerrilla ORBAT.
a. VCI Information.
(1) At DAT DO (YS 4859) two VC agents were apprehended by det 1 Div Int Unit, on 19 Jan 69.
(2) At HOA LONG (YS 4263) one VC suspect was detained by det 1 Div Int Unit.

12. Miscellaneous.
a. Amplification of Spot reports.
(1) A PW captured at YS 222878 on 19 Jan 69, claimed he was a member of LONG AN Guerrilla Unit and that he was one of a party of 20 each of whom were carrying 4-5 K-54 pistols, from CAMBODIA to an unknown enemy base camp in the area of his capture.

(2) A PW captured at YS 222878 on 19 Jan 69, claimed he was an assistant Political Officer from SR-5, engaged with two soldiers in a mission to purchase rice in the BINH SON Area.

b.c. Omitted.
d. Items of reporting interest.
(1)(120920 H). Late entry. At YS 359790, a 1 ATF LRRP reported a party of 47 enemy moving WEST. They were carrying six 122mm Rocket valises and two 122mm warhead packs.

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D445 LOCAL FORCE BATTALION

General

1. This short history of D445 updates and replaces the history published by 1 ATF in Nov 67. Information has been obtained from PW, Returnees and captured documents.

Pre- 1968 History

2. In 1957 two companies of the French-supported BINH XUYEN Party broke away and moved into the area of the NUI THI VAI's (YS 3466). They reorganised into a single company and remained in the area. In 1957, after receiving reinforcements (mostly draft-dodgers) the name was changed to C40. In 1960, with a strength of approximately 100, it split into two units called C40 and C45 which were separate organisations capable of combining for specific tasks.

3. In 1963 these companies combined with other local guerilla units for attacks and ambushes - notably at LONG TAN (vic YS 4965), TAM PHUOC Post (vic YS 4558) and DUC THANH (YS 4977). In Dec 63 both companies recombined to form C445.

4. The latter part of 1964 saw another split of C445 when C445/40 was formed. Both units combined with the LONG DAT District Company for an attack (Sep 64) on PHUOC HAI (YS 5153) and then with 1/274 VC Regt for an attack on BINH GIA (YS 5077) in Nov 64. The heavy casualties from these and other actions during late 1964 considerably lowered morale - not to mention the large number of weapons lost.

5. In Feb 65 both C445 and C445/40 combined again to form the nucleus of D445, Provincial Organic Mobile Battalion. With conscription and recruiting its strength was increased and it was organised into four companies (C1, C2, C3 and C4).

6. Late 1965 and early 1966 saw the new organisation with good morale, and an offensive spirit fostered by several successful operations, operating in the SOUTHERN area of PHUOC TUY. The first major setback was when the Battalion contacted an Australian sweep and lost 50 VC KIA (BC). The final blow for that year was at LONG TAN in August. Combined with elements of 5 VC Div the Battalion attempted to ambush Australian forces at LONG TAN (vic YS 4868). They were surprised by an encircling movement and suffered very heavy casualties in the order of 70 KIA and 100 WIA.

7. However, in October 66 they commenced a series of one, two and three company combined operations until the 1968 TET Offensive. By no means were they rendered non-effective during that period. Their successes against GVN forces and posts, while by no means decisive, gave them a measure of confidence as well as small amounts of vital equipment - mainly weapons. The most notable action (again in combination with elements of 5 VC Div) was the capture of 184 recruits from the BIA LONG UONG Rifle Range (YS 3561). Some of these recruits were pressed into service with the Battalion as riflemen and labourers. Some have rallied as the opportunity presented itself while approximately 1/3, mainly those of Chinese extraction, were released.

8. It is now thought that the Battalion maintained a base in the TAN RU area (vic YS 5870) during late 1966 and early 1967 as well as less permanent camps in the LONG GREEN. Constant harassement in the form of airstrikes, H and I and friendly operations, forced the Battalion to move further and further from these areas and the centres of population so very necessary to its resupply and reinforcement.

9. From May to August 1967 Slope 30 became one of the few sources of food. OP AINSLIE cleared the area and denied these supplies to them. Another important source was the BAU LAM area (THUA TICH vic YS 6081) which was cleared during Op SANTA FE in November 1967. Although the Battalion was only temporarily denied access to these areas, it was sometimes during the rice harvest. Further access was denied by continuing friendly operations or the presence of a friendly post. The building of the XA BANG Post (YS 4583) in June 67 had this effect in the Slope 30 area. Proof that this post was a nuisance to the enemy were the attacks mounted against it in the ensuing few months. The BAU LAM and CU MY areas were replanted several times during 1967 and 1968 and left virtually untouched due to the unavoidable absence of friendly operations.

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10. Activities of D445 in 1968.

a. 1 Feb 68. The Battalion supplied the bulk of the attacking force for the TET Offensive attack on BARIA. The attack was finally repulsed by the arrival of the 1 ATF Reaction Force. Although no exact figure can be given on the casualties sustained by the Battalion it is estimated that approximately 40% (i.e. 100) of the attacking force was killed or wounded.

b. Following its very heavy losses during TET the major part of the Battalion moved to base areas, probably in the NORTH EASTERN area of PHUOC TUY where it underwent re-indoctrination and re-training.

c. 6 May 68. It was established from interrogation of PWs that D445 combined with D440 (LONG KHANH LF Bn) for an attack on CAM MY (YS 4692). The combined losses for the attacking forces were heavy, with a total of 36 VC KIA (BC), 57 En KBA (BC) and 5 VC PW. The heavy losses were caused by immediate airstrikes and LFTs from BLACKHORSE engaging groups of enemy attempting to withdraw from the area during daylight.

d. 7 Jun 68. An estimated reinforced battalion, later identified as D445, conducted an early morning attack on the NDP of an element of 43 ARVN Regt (18 ARVN Div) at YS 580931. Identification was made from documents taken from the 58 VC KIA (BC) in that action.

e. Jul 68. A returnee, NGUYEN THI DUNG, reported that C4/D445 (Heavy Weapons Coy) was in the vicinity of YS 5187 with other units during Jul 68. She talked with members of the company and described their weapons accurately (i.e. C4 is known to have a MAXIM M-1910 which she reported).

f. 11 Jul 68. A SAS patrol contacted and killed five enemy at YS 608736. One of the enemy was identified by documents captured as a member of C3/D445. From the readout it was also thought that C3 had remained in the LONG GREEN and not moved NORTH with the remainder of the battalion.

g. 22 Aug 68. An attack by an estimated 100 enemy was made on LONG DIEN with 29 VC KIA (BC). The attacking force consisted of elements of C1 and C3/D445 with possible assistance from C4 (Heavy Weapons)/D445.

h. 27 Oct 68. At YS 655655 a platoon of the XUYEN MOC Int Coy contacted an estimated enemy company who withdrew to the SOUTH EAST. Although no identifications were made it is thought that the enemy were a company size element of D445. C23, the XUYEN MOC District Platoon, would not have the necessary strength to raise a company sized unit.

i. 10-11 Nov 68. The MIKE Force camp, vicinity YS 4351, received a total of 120 rounds of 82mm mortar during the night. At the same time the DAT DO compound also received several rounds of 82mm mortar. Elements of C4/D445 are held responsible since an attack of that size would not be within the capabilities of C25, the LONG DAT District Company.

j. 11 Nov 68. At 1820 hours 1/A/1 RAR at YS 649910 contacted five enemy with a result of two enemy KIA (BC). Documents taken from one of the bodies identified him as a member of C2/D445.

k. 14-15 Nov 68. Agent reports at this time continued to place elements of a VC Battalion (probably D445) to the EAST of XUYEN MOC. People Sniffer readouts on 14 Nov 68 revealed two hotspots in the area of YS 7070 and YS 7171. In addition, local woodcutters reported that the VC had ordered them to stay out of the areas NORTH and EAST of XUYEN MOC for the period 13-16 Nov 68.

l. US Advisors at XUYEN MOC Subsector reported indications that a considerable enemy force had been moving up and down the axis of the SUOI SOC and SUOI DA to and from a base in the vicinity of SUOI CONG (YS 7163). Woodcutters, on the 14 Nov 68, reported sighting 200 VC in the vicinity of the SUOI SOC (YS 6769). Aerial VR on 14-15 Nov 68 confirmed considerable track activity in the area. It is likely that this group of enemy consists of elements of D445, C23 XUYEN MOC Platoon and 84 Rear Services Group.

11. After almost 12 years of continual operations within PHUOC TUY, or close to it, there is no denying the competence or experience of this Battalion. In spite of heavy losses and few successes recently, it continues to be partially combat effective and occasionally appears when least expected. This aggressiveness can be attributed to the emphasis placed on political training; to the presence in the Battalion of NVA cadre and soldiers (first reported in Feb 67) who reinforce whenever the numbers are available; also to its re-equipping in early 1968 with

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up-to-date CHICOM family weapons. It assisted in the raising of D440 (LONG KHANH Province Battalion), to which it supplied political cadre and soldiers. As the attack on BARIA during TET showed, it was capable of mounting a large scale attack on its own although that particular action stretched its resources to the limit.

12. Before the arrival of 1 ATF at NUI DAT, and the Task Force taking over the responsibility for the larger part of PHUOC TUY, D445 virtually operated at will as a Battalion. Its bases were close to the areas of population and it had a practically unhindered association with the people who supplied the intelligence and supplies needed for its operations. Since the destruction and denial of these forward bases, and the difficulty of large scale movement being undetected for any length of time, the Battalion must spend more time in preparation for operations. Also it must be prepared to accept heavier casualties if it does concentrate for an operation and is discovered by air or contacts a reaction force.

Subordination

13. D445 and D440 are both subordinate to VC BA LONG Province (the former VC BA BIEN Province) which is in turn subordinate to T-7 Military Region HQ and receive their military assignments from the Province HQ. Political overtones have the strongest influence in deciding what military actions will be mounted. The majority of the actions are planned and coordinated by Staff Officers from the Province HQ with the actual assignment of sub-units to objectives being done by the Battalion Commander.

Tactics

14. a. Defence. Experience has taught the Battalion the only way to be safe from air and artillery is to dig. If camps are located in areas remote from the possibility of ground actions then only minor attention is paid to siting the whole camp tactically. Where it is considered that the camps could come under enemy attack they are sited bearing in mind mutual support, depth, camouflage and counter attack. The defence works are well built and capable of withstanding all but a direct hit. Sentries, mines and booby-traps are extensively employed to warn of any approach and to provide a low level protection of any caches the Battalion may have placed. The Battalion prefers to fight on its own terms where ever possible and will withdraw quickly if it chooses not to fight. When it chooses to fight it will press an attack tenaciously and with skill.

b. Withdrawal. The Battalion employs two types of withdrawal tactic:-

(1) The first method is for a small stay-behind group to engage the enemy and force deployment. This group will then withdraw to another position and repeat the tactic as many times as necessary until the main body has removed itself and all its stores to safety.

(2) The second method is to fragment the force and exfiltrate the area carrying or caching as much of their equipment as possible. This is only done when they are surprised and is almost a case of every man for himself.

c. Early Warning/Codes. The VC have devised a code of early warning shots which differ from unit to unit and so far no pattern has been established. Passwords and hand/arm signals are used as well as pieces of coloured cloth attached to the clothing or a standardised, slightly unusual way of dressing. For example, this may involve wearing a strip of white cloth tied to the right arm around the rolled up portion of the sleeve.

d. Fire Control. The standard of fire control exercised and practised by this unit is high. In some contacts they have physically moved their MG's from shell scrape to shell scrape. During contacts and close fighting they issue their fire orders and hold their fire until the last possible instant in order to conserve ammunition and to achieve the maximum possible effect.

e. Ambush Tactics. Although D445's ambush capability has been diminished as far as independent Battalion sized ambushes goes, the tactics they employ in smaller ambushes are similar.

f. Consideration is given to concealment from observation, good observation and fields of fire and a covered, secure withdrawal route.

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The latter has increased in importance since it is vital that contact be broken and the force dispersed safely after any contact to minimise the effect of follow up action - especially by air and artillery.

g. The prime aim is to bring all available firepower - RPG, RR and mortars - to bear with the greatest shock. These then disperse as soon as possible to avoid their loss or destruction in any counter attack. They will usually quickly move back to carefully preplanned positions to assist, if necessary, in the Battalion's or company's disengagement.

h. A 'hugging' tactic, not peculiar to D445, is practised. This involves getting as close to an attacking force as possible. Their proximity to friendly troops sometimes denies the friendly commander his advantage of superior firepower in the form of air and artillery.

i. This tactic caused problems for 1ATF elements during the TET offensive, especially in built up areas.

j. Counter Ambush. D445 has developed a good counter-ambush drill. The immediate reaction is to fire all weapons, including RPG, and attempt to break contact. This they do quite effectively. This tactic first became apparent in early 1968. For example, it was used successfully against 1ATF ambushes on Operation PINNAROO in March 1968.

k. Patrolling. This takes two forms:-

(1) Routine patrols of two or three men walk on tracks and trails around the base camp.

(2) Static or standing patrols are deployed to give early warning. These can be one, two or three men in a fixed position. Usually an observation post is set in a tree or on a feature some distance from the camp.

l. Tactical Movement. With the influence and training provided by NVA Cadre the Battalion elements have been using varying formations. Units contacted by 2 SAS Sqn, although not identified as D445 but suspected as such, have shown increasing adeptness at using different formations when moving to contact the SAS patrols. Also, their standard of fire discipline, assault tactics and use of fire and movement has shown a marked improvement since mid 1968.

Mines and Booby Traps

15. The 'panji pit' and other types of booby traps made from bush materials have not been extensively employed in PHUOC TUY Province. Isolated cases have been found of camps employing these but it is not wide spread.

16. D445 has achieved some sophistication in the use of grenades as booby traps and in employing these around his camps as well as in caches it has been forced to abandon or wishes to protect.

17. The use and employment of the more sophisticated mine, such as the M16, is well known to D445. However, they usually employ these only in areas where friendlies have established a pattern of activity. If anything, the District Units in PHUOC TUY are responsible for the bulk of the mine placing in the province.

18. Usually, these mined areas are well marked by indicators which can be picked up by an alert searcher. These indicators are contained in a large number of pamphlets which are freely available to friendly units.

Communications.

19. Each company is thought to have an AN/PRC 10 or the CHICOM copy of this set which is used for communications to Battalion HQ's. However, batteries are in short supply and restrict the use of these sets.

20. It is not known whether D445's capability in this field has been improved. Information concerning signals equipment of D445 mentions a 694 set (an American HF set with 17 watt output), a generator, AN/PRC 10's, AN/PRC 25 sets and Telephones. Actual scale of issue is uncertain.

21. PW's deny that any intercept of English speaking friendly nets is attempted. However, documentary proof has been captured that Vietnamese nets are being intercepted. There is no reason to doubt that D445 also could do this if required.

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22. Runners and couriers are the main means of communications for the Battalion within PHUOC TUY. Telephones are used but to what extent is not known. Signal shots are used. Since these vary from area to area no definite pattern can be established. Interrogation of a PW revealed the following code but it is not certain whether this is still in use:

a. One or two shots - no meaning.
b. Three shots - Enemy in area.
c. Four shots - Enemy leaving area.
d. Five to six shots - Enemy SAS or LRRP in area.

Dress/Webbing/Packs

23. There is no standard uniform for the Battalion. The only colour which appears more common is the black pyjama variety. Mainly they wear what they can get.

24. Foot wear ranges from the common HO CHI MINH sandal to gym boots, cast off US boots and, in one reported case, a pair of AUST Boots GP. Hats are sometimes worn. These can be of any colour and vary from the floppy 'bush hat' type to plastic or the local pattern woven straw hat.

25. Webbing and packs vary from homemade items in canvas or leather to captured equipment. Old CHICOM and FRENCH webbing has been seen, as well as the issue AK-47 pouches. Packs are either locally made cloth products or a bag with a piece of rope knotted on one corner and tied around the opening.

Rank and Structure

26. Private soldiers are referred to as members. Three or four members constitute a cell commanded by an Assistant Squad Leader. It is similar to a rifle or gun group in our section and has similar functions. Two or three cells form a squad which is commanded by the senior cell leader who is also the Squad Leader.

27. Three squads form a Platoon commanded by a Platoon Commander who has officer status. The Assistant Platoon Leader also has officer status and one of the two is usually the Political Officer for the platoon.

28. At company headquarters the commander has an assistant as does the political officer. The Adjutant or manager sees to the re-supply needs of the company. At company level a squad leader does the job whereas at Battalion level it is a Platoon Leader who has an assistant. Sometimes there is an assistant at Company level. Medics at Company level are put into Platoons. Variations occur when the Battalion is under strength. For example, a Platoon may be disbanded and its manpower used to bolster the other Platoons or the Company. Similarly, cells and squads are disbanded to reorganize at the lower level.

Rear Services.

29. Food. This is one of D445's weak points. Denial or capture of rice caches will force it to postpone operations while it collects its requirements. The main recent procurement effort is still in the NORTH and NORTH WEST - in the vicinity of Route 1 and Route 15. Some rice and other supplies have been obtained from DAT DO and XUYEN MOC areas but not enough to fulfill their needs. This rice is purchased in small quantities by agents or sympathisers who run the risk of imprisonment if captured. However, check points on major roads and rice denial operations have largely curtailed the amount of locally grown rice available to the Battalion. Other food is supplied from Rear Service element gardens in the vicinity of THUA TICH (YS 6082), SOUTH EAST of XUYEN MOC (YS 7868), in the BINH CHAU area and, at one stage, from gardens EAST of BINH GIA (vicinity YS 5477).

30. Water. During the monsoon season water supply is no problem. However, during the drier months the Battalion is restricted to camps in the vicinity of water. This includes areas close to the SONG RAI and its tributaries or SOUTH EAST of XUYEN MOC.

Base Camps/Areas of Operation

31. The Battalion has used a number of areas within PHUOC TUY. It is a Battalion SOP not to concentrate its elements in one area until it is about to commence an operation. The areas given are up to company size and are general only. They will only contain elements of the Battalion at any one time.

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a. Prior to 1968.

(1) HAT DICH Area - Centre of mass YS 3484.

(2) NUI THI VAI Area - Centre of mass YS 3465.

(3) NUI DINH Area - Centre of mass YS 5047.

(4) WEST of Route 2 - Along the tributaries of the SONG DINH but NORTH of the 70 EASTING.

b. Early 1968.

(1) LONG HAI Hill - Centre of mass YS 4554.

(2) LONG GREEN - Centre of mass YS 5559.

(3) Area EAST of SONG RAI - Centre of mass vicinity YS 5868.

c. Mid 1968.

(1) EAST of Route 2 or NORTH EAST of DUC THANH - Centre of mass vicinity YS 5286.

(2) SONG RAI Province Border Area - Centre of Mass YS 6292.

d. Late 1968/Early 1969.

(1) LIGHT GREEN area - Centre of mass YS 5656.

(2) EASTERN LONG GREEN - vicinity YS 5860.

(3) Possibly NUI TAM BO - Centre of mass YS 7665.

(4) HO TRAM CAPE area - YS 6562.

Recruiting/Replacements

32. D445 prefers to draw its replacements from the District Units for a number of reasons:

a. To take advantage of the recruits local knowledge.

b. The recruit has a basic military training and some motivation.

c. In most cases the recruit has been 'blooded'

33. However, some difficulties have been encountered as indicated by;

a. Assignment of NVA to the Battalion.

b. Reports of forced recruiting by kidnapping from within PHUOC TUY and also in SOUTHERN LONG KHANH Province.

c. Reports of impressment of civilian labour for tasks such as ammunition transport from as far NORTH as the LA NGA River YT 5724 area.

d. Complaints in captured documents about the Battalion being forced to accept a lower standard of replacement from the District companies.

Medical Facilities

34. D445 has its Battalion Medical Officer and a squad of medics with Battalion HQ.

35. Casualties from a battle field are given first aid by a medic and then either carried or walk to a dressing station located one to two hours walk away. Further evacuation to the District Hospital takes several hours, although the hospital may have moved to a location where it can be of service after a battle. Anything further (i.e. the Province Hospital) may take days to reach. The Province Hospital is usually the only facility capable of performing surgery - and that not of a very high standard.

36. Medical supplies are obtained from any and every possible source - from blackmarket or captured drugs and equipment, to items manufactured in CHINA, RUSSIA and other Communist Bloc countries.

Morale

37. There are several factors involved in the morale of D445. There have been many reports of low morale due to sickness, shortages of food and equipment, fear of air and artillery. D445 has had few successes in the past 18 months and several sharp and disastrous actions.

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38. Yet even in defeat it is obvious that the Battalion, or its elements involved, have been well motivated and capable of pressing an attack. This could be attributed to fear of reprisals from the cadre and officers of the Battalion but in the main, is the result of the Political Staff's work. Political indoctrination is the definitely the major factor in keeping D445 in the fight.

Organisation/Weapons

39. The outline organisation of D445 is shown as Annex A to this history. Strengths as shown are approximations only based on estimates made of casualties sustained and known recruiting activities of the Battalion.

40. The scale of weapons as shown and their distribution, is based on a study of captured documents, returnee and PW reports. Annex B gives brief characteristics of these weapons.

Letter Box Numbers (LBN) and Cover Designators

41. All known LBN's and Cover Designators for the Battalion are listed in Annex C.

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ANNEX: A. Organisation.

ANNEX: B. Weapons.

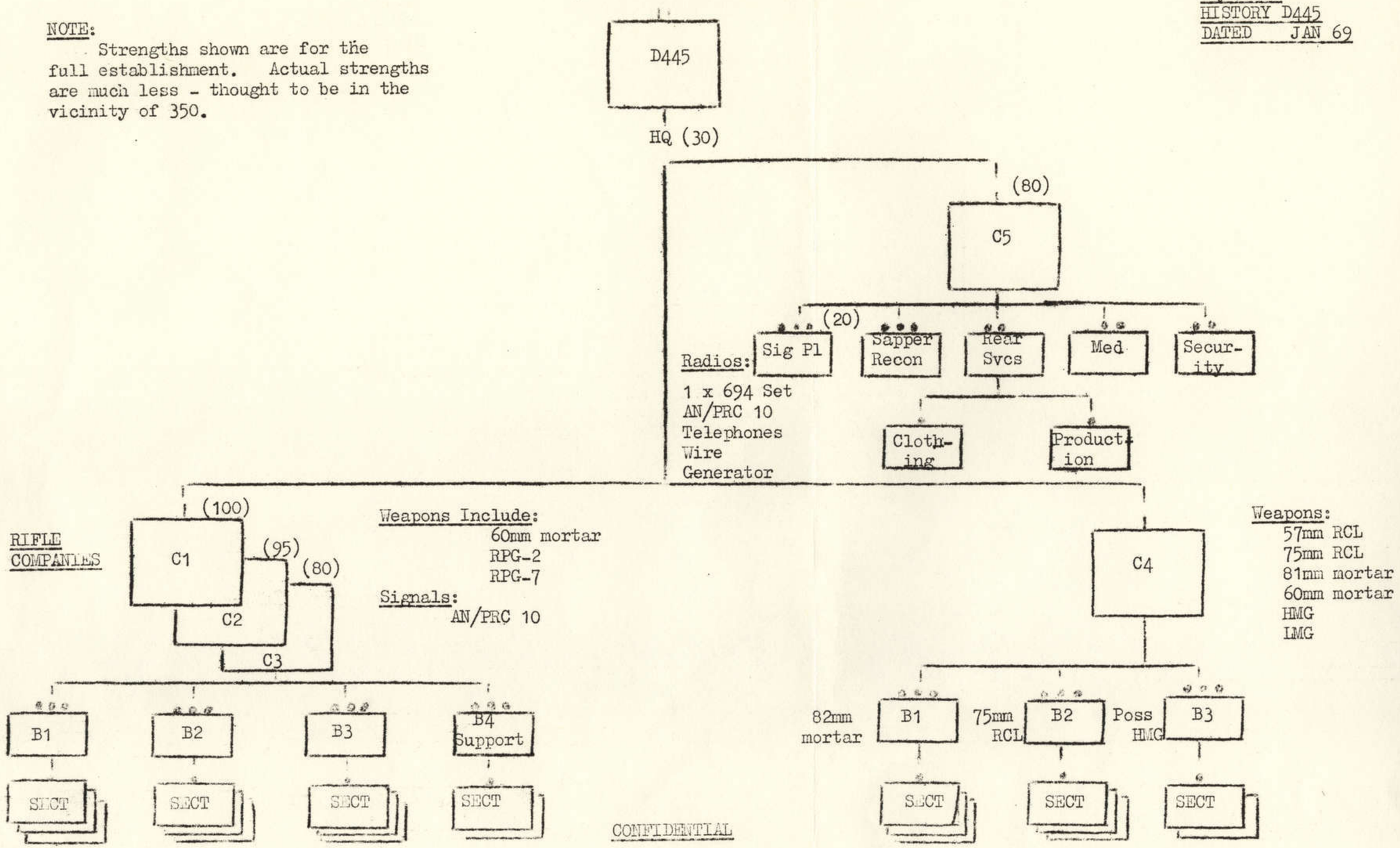
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NOTE:
Strengths shown are for the full establishment. Actual strengths are much less - thought to be in the vicinity of 350.



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WEAPONS

General

1. It is now accepted that D445 has replaced almost all its old weapons with the newer CHICOM family. These range from the SKS, AK-47 to the 75mm RCLs and 82mm mortars. This poses one problem in that all ammunition for these weapons is factory made and must be transported into the Province. However, there are no indications to suggest that the Battalion is short of ammunition - in fact it appears to have plenty - especially mortar ammunition.

2. Some manufacture of grenades has been carried out in PHUOC TUY (Rear Services Group 84 had a factory in the MAY TAO area vicinity YS 6788) and no doubt D445 received its share of these.

Weapons

3. a. SOVIET 7.62mm Assault Rifle AK-47 (CHICOM Type 56).
The AK-47, the basic individual weapon, is recognised by its high front front sight, long receiver with large selector/safety on the right side, and long, curved "banana" magazine.

(1)	Calibre	7.62mm
(2)	Operation	Gas, selective fire
(3)	Weight, loaded	10.58 lbs
(4)	Feeding device	30 round detachable box magazine
(5)	Effective range, semi-auto	400m
	fully-auto	300m
(6)	Rate of fire, semi-auto	40 rpm
	fully-auto	90 to 100 rpm
(7)	Ammunition type	7.62mm rimless cartridge

b. SOVIET 7.62mm Light Machine-gun RPD (CHICOM Type 56).
The RPD, a standard squad automatic weapon, is recognised by a long, exposed barrel and gas cylinder, with a dumbbell-shaped handguard mounted over them, and a belt drum that is positioned underneath the receiver when it is in place.

(1)	Calibre	7.62mm
(2)	Operation	Gas, automatic fire, air cooled
(3)	Weight, loaded	19.4 lbs
(4)	Feeding device	100 round drum-type magazine
(5)	Effective range	800m
(6)	Rate of fire	150 rpm
(7)	Ammunition type	7.62mm CHICOM Type 56 cartridges

c. SOVIET 7.62mm Light Machine-gun RP-46 (CHICOM Type 58).
The RP-46, usually called the company machine-gun because ot its tactical use as a supporting weapon, is normally fed from a belt, but by removing the receiver cover with its attached devices, it can be fed from a 47-round drum magazine. The RP-46 can be recognised by the feed operating lever on the right side of the receiver, a heavy barrel and a permanent, holding/carrying handle.

(1)	Calibre	7.62mm
(2)	Operation	Gas, fully automatic, air cooled
(3)	Weight	28.7 lbs
(4)	Feeding device	250 round metallic belt
(5)	Effective range	800m
(6)	Rate of fire	230 to 250 rpm
(7)	Ammunition type	7.62mm long rimmed cartridges

d. SOVIET 12.7mm Heavy Machine-gun DShK (CHICOM Type 54).
The DShK is mounted on combination ground and anti-aircraft mounts. Recognition features are the long finned barrel with muzzle brake, the prominent hooked feed operating lever hanging from the feed mechanism, and the operating handle between the bottom of the grip handles.

(1)	Calibre	12.7mm
(2)	Operation	Gas, fully automatic, air cooled

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(3)	Weight, with mount	347.5 lbs
(4)	Feeding device	50 round metallic link belt
(5)	Effective Range	1000m (AA), 2000m (ground)
(6)	Rate of fire	80 rpm
(7)	Ammunition type	SOVIET or CHICOM 12.7mm cartridge

e. CHICOM 60mm mortar Type 63. The CHICOM Type 63 is a smooth-bore, muzzle loaded, drop-fired weapon. Outstanding features are the hand crank on the elevating screw housing and on the traversing knob. This light weight mortar is designed to be carried as a single unit with a bipod and square baseplate folded under the tube. It is easily recognised by the carrying handle attached to the tube retaining collar.

(1)	Calibre	60mm
(2)	Length of tube	21.75 inches
(3)	Weight	29 lbs
(4)	Maximum range	1300m (estimated)
(5)	Rate of fire	20 to 35 rpm
(6)	Ammunition type	HE, smoke, illuminating

f. SOVIET 82mm mortar M1937 (CHICOM Type 53). The 82mm mortar is a conventional muzzle-loaded, drop fired, smooth-bore weapon. It consists of three basic components: tube, bipod and base plate. The outstanding features of this mortar are the base plate, which is circular with a flat surface across the back edge, and the bipod, which has a turnbuckle type of cross-leveling mechanism between the right leg and the elevating screw housing.

(1)	Calibre	82mm
(2)	Length of tube	4 ft
(3)	Weight, firing position	123 lbs
(4)	Maximum range	3,040m
(5)	Rate of fire	25 rpm
(6)	Ammunition type	HE, smoke

g. SOVIET Anti-tank grenade launcher RPG-2 (CHICOM Type 56). The RPG-2 or VC B40, is a muzzle-loaded, shoulder-fired, smooth bore, recoilless launcher, which fires a fin-stabilized round. The outstanding recognition features are the trigger mechanism housing and the insulating material on the tube. A gas escape hole on the right side of the weapon in the area of the firing mechanism housing precludes firing from the left shoulder.

(1)	Calibre	40mm
(2)	Weight	6.3 lbs
(3)	Effective range	100m
(4)	Rate of fire	4 to 6 rpm
(5)	Ammunition	HEAT
(6)	Armour penetration	6 to 7 inches at 0

h. SOVIET Anti-tank grenade launcher RPG-7. The RPG-7 or VC B41, is a muzzle loaded, shoulder-fired, smooth bore, recoilless launcher, which fires a folding fin and spin stabilized round with rocket assisted propulsion. The nose fuse is a graze-sensitive, point initiating-base detonating, spit back type with a powder train-type self-destruction element in the base portion. The RPG-7 can be distinguished from the RPG-2 by the presence of two hand grips and a flared blast shield at the rear of the tube.

(1)	Calibre	80mm
(2)	Weight, loaded	18.1 lbs
(3)	Weight of projectile	5.1 lbs
(4)	Effective range	500m
(5)	Ammunition	HEAT and HE
(6)	Armour penetration	300 to 320 mm at 0

i. CHICOM 57mm Recoilless Rifle Type 36. The Type 36 can be fired either from the shoulder, from its monopod or from a tripod. The outstanding identifying features of this weapon are the long cylindrical monopod below the telescopic sight, the two protuding handles at the breech end and the peculiarly shaped tripod.

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(1)	Calibre	57mm
(2)	Weight, Rifle	52.25 lbs
	tripod	26 lbs
(3)	Length	61.5 inches
(4)	Maximum horizontal range	4,375m
(5)	Rate of fire	5 rpm
(6)	Ammunition type	HEAT, AP, canister
(7)	Armour penetration	2.50 to 2.75 inches at 0

j. CHICOM 75mm Recoilless Rifle Type 52. The Type 52, except for the carriage, is a copy of the US 75mm recoilless rifle M20. The recognition features are the shape of the chamber section of the tube, the breech-operating lever, the two chamber section of the tube, and two wheel carriages. A later version, the Type 56 (1956), differs from the Type 52 in the design of the two wheel carriage and has towing handles attached.

(1)	Calibre	75mm
(2)	Weight, without carriage	132.25 lbs
(3)	Maximum horizontal range	6,675m
(4)	Rate of fire	10 rpm
(5)	Ammunition type	HEAT, HE
(6)	Armour penetration	2.95 inches at 0

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KNOWN LETTERBOX NUMBERS (LBN) AND COVER DESIGNATORS FOR D445 LOCAL FORCE BATTALION

LBN's:

61142 VT
61/258/VT C14
61259/VT C13

Cover Designators:

C40
C45
C445
C860
C960
C983
CO DONG
G445
GP 800
GO DONG
3 Bn
445
445A
445 Regt
860
BA RIA MOBILE BN
BA RIA PROVINCE UNIT
H1
K445

Company Cover Designators:

C1 - C443
G445-2

C2 - C444
G445-4

C3 - C445
G445-6

C4 - 4th Coy
G445-8

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 20-69.

2. Period covered from 200001 H to 202400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(200904 H). At YS 231889, 12/D/9 RAR contacted one enemy moving EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(2)(201000 H). At YS 230880, 5/B/9 RAR located 26 new and recently used bunkers. Three bodies killed by artillery were found buried in the area.

(3)(201435 H). At YS 250869, 7/C/9 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew NORTH with unknown results.

(4)(201502 H). At YS 240898, 10/D/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(5)(201530 H). At YS 222886, B/9 RAR located a small quantity of drugs and vitamins.

(6)(201616 H). At YS 241898, 10/D/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew EAST with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(201430 H). At YS 789695, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Three huts destroyed, three tunnel entrances and one bunker exposed.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	1
KB Arty	3

c-e. Omitted

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 1

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 58
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty (BC) - 7
WIA - 27

(2) Detainees - 29
PW - 2

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 79

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 6

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .7

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-6. Omitted.

7. Enemy Unit Identifications.

a. (190625 H). At YS 199879, documents captured by B/1 RAR identified C5 Company, LONG THANH District Unit.

8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM Number 19-69.
Paragraph 3.a.(7). Amend Grid Reference to read YS 222891.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated incidents remained at a low to moderate level during the early part of the week, but attacks by fire against Allied installations and interdiction of lines of communication increased sharply throughout the TAOR towards the end of the period.

2. Several scattered engagements resulted in moderate enemy casualties but, generally, contacts were with small or unknown size enemy forces. Allied forces in clear and sweep operations continued to successfully recover enemy caches.

3. Statistics for the week ending 11th January showed that there were 101 ground actions compared to 96 last week. Also there were 30 mortar attacks and 7 rocket attacks compared to 26 mortar attacks and 7 rocket attacks last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents for the period are:

a. At 061500H, XS 602 928, in HAU NGHIA, A/3-17th Cav aircraft received AW fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was not returned. Results: 2 US KIA and 3 US WIA also an OH6A (Cayuse) and an AH1G (Cobra) were downed.

b. At 081220H, XT 737 947, in BINH LONG Province, B/2-2nd Inf received SA and AW fire from an estimated company of NVA. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty. Results: 27 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 14 US WIA.

c. At 081047H, XT 510 318, in BINH DUONG Province, B & C/3-4th Cav received SA, AW and RPG fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team, and airstrikes. Results: 9 VC KIA and 1 VC PW; 4 US WIA.

d. At 101318H, XT 410 468, in BINH DUONG Province, B/2-22nd Inf received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and airstrikes. Results: 14 enemy KIA; 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA.

e. At 111145H, XT 766 796, in BINH LONG Province, B/2-2nd Inf and A/1-11th Cav received SA and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, and airstrikes. Results: 31 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 3 US KIA and 13 US WIA.

Enemy Locations

4. During the past week there has been no evidence of major relocations of enemy main force units, although elements of the 1st and 7th NVA Divs were identified in contacts. The latest assessment on the probable locations of enemy main force units is:

5th VC Div HQ	NW War Zone "D".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	SW PHUOC LONG Province.
174th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly relocating from BINH LONG Province to War Zone "D".
275th VC Inf Regt	NW War Zone "D".
7th NVA Div HQ	Vicinity of the FISH HOOK.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, elements possibly dispersed SE of War Zone "C".
141st NVA Inf Regt	S of AN LOC.
165th NVA Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC.
1st NVA Div HQ	
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of MICHELIN Plantation.
320th NVA Inf Regt	NW of AN LOC.

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9th VC Div HQ LO GO area.
271st VC Inf Regt Possibly WSW of BEN SOI.
272nd VC Inf Regt N of ANGELS WING.
273rd VC Inf Regt NW of TAY NINH City.

88th NVA Inf Regt Vicinity of the HO BO Woods.

101st NVA Inf Regt Vicinity of the TRAPEZOID.

268th VC Inf Regt NE of TRANG BANG.

274th VC Inf Regt BINH SON - LONG THANH area.

DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Dispersed between BINH MY and AN SON.

THU DUC VC Inf Regt Dispersed between THU DUC and NHON TRACH.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions.

5. Present indications are that the enemy has still not completed the positioning of main force units for a major attack against the Captial Military District, but his present dispositions suggest that a major offensive could be launched against provincial targets to the NORTH and NORTHWEST of the III Corps area at any time. In spite of Allied spoiling and blocking moves, the enemy is still persisting in extensive reconnaissance of approaches to SAIGON and the establishment and replenishment of food and munitions caches along the approach avenues, while enemy attacks by fire continue to screen the movement of personnel.

6. There have been numerous reports that the enemy would launch a major offensive at the beginning of the PARIS Peace Talks, and it is considered that the enemy may attempt to gain some immediate military successes in order to enhance his bargaining position at the talks.

Enemy Losses

7. For the week there were 551 enemy KIA (BC), 93 PWs and 87 returnees (Hoi Chanh). There were 286 individual weapons and 41 crew-served weapons captured, and 86.9 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

8. Results in Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) for the week were: Enemy losses: 459 KIA, 213 detainees, 7 returnees; 139 SA, 24 crew-served weapons, 170,059 SA rounds, 1,099 HE rounds, 785 grenades, 10 mines, 27 booby traps, 2 sampans, 25.90 tons of rice, .81 tons of salt and .15 tons of food were captured; 2 SA, 8 crew-served weapons, 163,225 SA rounds, 446 HE rounds, 287 grenades, 90 mines, 11 booby traps, 61 sampans, 65.74 tons of rice and 5.55 tons of salt were destroyed. Friendly losses: 54 KIA, 383 WIA; 2 helicopters, 2 tanks, 3 APCs, 2 ACAVs, 2 trucks and 5 Rome plows damaged; 4 helicopters, 5 APCs and 2 ACAVs destroyed.

(C) Other Information

9. Enemy Operational Concept for Winter/Spring Offensive Operations. TRUONG CONG THANH, a member of the Chief of Staff Section of Sub-Region 6 who was captured, on 27 October 68 in SAIGON, revealed the following information. If the PARIS Conference proceeds unsatisfactorily, the VC will apply military pressure by attacking SAIGON. The enemy's operational concept is to use spearhead elements supported in depth. For example, if a battalion is committed as the spearhead, a regiment will give direct support, and a division will control the operation. If the attacking battalion is blocked or sustains heavy losses, the regiment will remove the casualties, assign replacements, and resupply with munitions so that the battalions combat capability will be maintained. If the regiment is unable to press the attack, the division will render assistance to maintain the momentum of the attack. Divisional artillery will be used for counter-battery fire rather than preparatory firing as had been

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done in the past. The division will also organize air defence using 12.7mm heavy machine guns to cover the attacking forces. The enemy is attempting to draw on his experiences at TET and in the MAY Offensive when he tried to use the spearhead concept but did not provide for support in depth. His failure to maintain the momentum of the attack in those offensives resulted in the enemy's forces being cut off, surrounded, and destroyed by Allied forces. (Ref: J2/JGS Rpt No 4344, 30 Dec 68 and 25 US Inf Div INTSUM 007-7 Jan 69)

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

(A) Enemy Activity

10. Country wide the number of enemy attacks and ambushes increased this week, and preliminary reports indicate that there were 5 attacks in I CTZ; there were 8 attacks in II CTZ; and there were 14 attacks and 1 ambush in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

11. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 10 FW and 22 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 280 enemy KIA against 15 friendly KIA.

12. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 10 FW and 20 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 198 enemy KIA against 14 friendly KIA.

13. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There was 1 US and 87 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 395 enemy KIA against 58 friendly KIA.

(C) Other Information

13. Anti-Aircraft Artillery in IV CTZ. On 24th December, in the PLAIN of REEDS in KIEN PHONG Province (WS 6588), the crew of an aircraft flying at 4000 feet observed five successive air bursts directly to the rear of the aircraft. The bursts appeared in a straight line, one and one-half seconds apart and were four to five feet in diameter. These airbursts are characteristic of both the 23mm and 37mm AA gun. Either of these guns could probably be sampan transported and fired if the wheel carriage is removed. The VC have not previously employed either of these weapons in IV CTZ, and such a weapon if present will increase the danger to friendly aircraft, particularly, unarmed reconnaissance and transport aircraft and helicopters.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

14. The number of large unit friendly operations increased from 213 to 226. The number of operations with contact decreased from 97 to 96, and the number of enemy KIA increased from 1899 (adjusted) to 2102.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 21-69.

2. Period covered from 210001 H to 212400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(210640 H). At YS 221877, B/9 RAR contacted an estimated enemy squad. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), three enemy WIA (blood trails). One SKS Rifle and one .45 calibre pistol were captured. During a sweep of the area one enemy, who had been wounded by a mine, was found and captured.

(2)(210825 H). At YS 351801, a tank from 2/C Sqn detonated a mine. There were no casualties or damage.

(3)(210940 H). At YS 324801, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). One NZ WIA. The remaining enemy withdrew SOUTH.

(4)(212018 H). At YS 294854, 7/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

(5)(212115 H). At YS 238804, 10/D/1 RAR ambushed 12 enemy moving WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured. Drag marks were found leading to a nearby village.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(211450 H). At YS 764654, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two huts destroyed, one bunker damaged.

(2)(211545 H). At YS 538896, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 10% coverage. There was no BDA.

(3)(21 Jan 69). At YS 293562, VR reported a suspected rocket launch site.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(210805 H). At VUNG TAU (vic YS 2845), an unknown number of enemy fired eight 122mm rockets from a suspected base plate at YS 283583. Rounds impacted at YS 298503, YS 301490, YS 314481, YS 315478, YS 301476, YS 317495 and YS 300483. Results: Two US KIA, 16 US WIA. The US LST 'THOMAS GREEN COUNTY' was heavily damaged.

(2)(211110 H). At YS 128835, 1/43 ARVN engaged an estimated enemy company in bunkers and trenches. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. Eight ARVN WIA.

(3)(211725 H). At YS 289638, one round of 82mm mortar was fired at 576 RF Company Compound.

(4)(212115 H). At YS 504554, an ambush patrol from 2/48 ARVN contacted an unknown number of enemy who withdrew with unknown casualties. Results: One ARVN WIA.

(5)(212230 H). At YS 438588, 910 RF Company Compound received two rounds of suspected 60mm mortar fire. There were no casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 4
WIA - 3

c. Omitted.

d. PW - 1

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses
(1) Individual - 3
(2) Omitted.

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	61 - (Amended figure)
	KIA (POSS)	-	6
	KBA (BC)	-	1
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	KB Arty (BC)	-	7
	WIA	-	30
(2)	Detainees	-	29
	PW	-	3
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	82
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	6
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.7
(6) to (10)	Omitted.		

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

DTG	LOCATION	INCIDENT	RESULTS
210500 H	YS 221877	Mine	One enemy wounded and later captured.
210825 H	YS 351801	Anti-Tank Mine	No casualties or damage.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 22-69.

2. Period covered from 220001 H to 222400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were three contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(220105 H). At YS 224864, A/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(2)(220850 H). At YS 229891, D/9 RAR sighted one enemy moving SOUTH WEST.

(3)(221010 H). At YS 272755, a tank from 1/C/1 Armd Regt struck a mine. There were no casualties and the tank sustained minor damage.

(4)(221100 H). At YS 507579, 1/V/4 RAR located one M16 mine with the pins still in, at the side of a track. A hole was in the centre of the track.

(5)(221305 H). At YS 270738, D/1 RAR located five small bunkers.

(6)(221315 H). At YS 287741, 12/D/1 RAR contacted three enemy moving from NORTH WEST to SOUTH EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one M1 carbine and a quantity of documents captured.

(7)(221915 H). At YS 237787, 11/D/1 RAR contacted five enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(220830 H). At YS 760617, VR sighted three sampans, each with seven passengers aboard.

(2)(221255 H). At YS 242870, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: Four bunkers damaged. There was one secondary explosion.

(3)(221645 H). At YS 232875, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: One tunnel, 10 metres of trench and two large holes collapsed; two fighting pits damaged.

c. Secondary Explosions.

(1) Friendly aircraft.
(2) One.
(3) None.
(4) Four Napalm, four MK82, 1600 rounds of 20mm.
(5) Unknown.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force elements.

(1)(221500 H). At YS 422736, elements from DUC THANH Sub Sector located a cache containing 200 kilos of rice and some VC flags.

(2)(222235 H). At YS 466797, 1/613 RF Coy ambushed an unknown number of enemy who withdrew NORTH EAST with unknown casualties. One automatic weapon was captured.

(3)(222245 H). At YS 649675, 611 RF Company ambushed an unknown number of enemy attempting to enter XUYEN MOC. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC). Three RF WIA.

(4)(222302 H). At YS 148907, elements of LONG THANH District were engaged with small arms fire by an unknown number of enemy. Contact broke at 2335H when the enemy withdrew EAST.

(5)(22 Jan 69). In vicinity LONG HAI, Special Forces elements located the following:

(a) At YS 470536, a 16 bunker complex believed to be a platoon sized hospital.

(b) At YS 452544, a 30 bunker complex believed to be a company sized hospital.

(c) At YS 473528, a 60 bunker complex believed to be a battalion sized hospital.

These installations were struck by air but no BDA is available.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed

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c-d. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 63

KIA (POSS) - 6

KBA (BC) - 1

KBA (POSS) - 3

KB Arty (BC) - 7

WIA - 30

(2) Detainees - 29

PW - 3

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 84

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 6

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .7

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

DTG	LOCATION	INCIDENT	RESULTS
221010 H	YS 272755	Anti-tank mine.	Minor damages to tank.
221100 H	YS 507579	M16 mine located.	The pins were still in the mine.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 23-69.

2. Period covered from 230001 H to 232400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were five contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(230835 H). At YS 291009, 52 ARVN contacted an unknown number of enemy who fired RPG-2 and small arms. The enemy withdrew SOUTH EAST with unknown results.

(2)(231045 H). At YS 239893, D/9 RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one M1 Carbine captured.

(3)(231300 H). At YS 239890, 9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH. The area was engaged by mortars with unknown results.

(4)(231330 H). At YS 317983, 3/52 ARVN contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. The enemy withdrew EAST and then SOUTH WEST. A Tac Airstrike supported the friendly force. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, one ARVN KIA.

(5)(232050 H). At YS 247803, D/1 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy, who split up and withdrew in two directions. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 and one pack captured.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(231450 H). At YS 317983, an airstrike was conducted in support of troops in contact. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was no BDA.

(2)(231507 H). At YS 537893, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker damaged, 25 metres of trench with overhead cover destroyed, 200 metres of trench uncovered and two bunkers exposed.

(3)(231615 H). At YS 539893 (serial 3.b.(2)), VR revealed that the bombed area was part of a major camp complex, having twelve bunkers with overhead cover and up to 300 metres of tunnels. An unknown number of boxes measuring approximately 18 inches square were situated near bunkers and trenches. Tracks in the area show movement within the last 24 hours.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(230210 H). At YS 459595, No. 6 RD Cadre compound received seven rounds of 60mm mortar fire. There were no friendly casualties.

(2)(231915 H). At YS 457570, 910 RF Company ambushed six enemy with unknown results.

(3)(232025 H). At YS 418585, 2/48 ARVN ambushed two enemy with unknown results. During a sweep of the area, an estimated enemy platoon was contacted at YS 425589 with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	3

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC) -	64
	KIA (POSS) -	6
	KBA (BC) -	1
	KBA (POSS) -	3
	KB Arty (BC)	7
	WIA -	30
(2)	Detainees -	29
	PW -	3

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(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 84
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10 (Corrected figure)
(5) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 24-69.

2. Period covered from 240001 H to 242400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and CF CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(240906 H). At YS 315992, 3/52 ARVN contacted an estimated enemy platoon in a bunker system and the enemy returned fire with RPG and small arms. The 3/52 force withdrew under cover of a LFT fire. At 1440H, an assault was made by 3/52 ARVN, with 5 Bn Marines holding a blocking position at the enemy's rear. The assault was pinned down 30 metres from the enemy's position. A further assault with assistance from 11 ACR was also repulsed. 3/52 ARVN entered the enemy position at last light and flare ships supported the search of the position which revealed the enemy had exfiltrated the area. Results: Enemy casualties unknown; ARVN: Five KIA, 23 WIA.

(2)(241100 H). At YS 237785, Assault Pioneer/1 RAR located 4,450 lbs of rice and 280 lbs of salt which was backloaded.

(3)(241230 H). At YS 242899, 12/D/9 RAR were engaged by an unknown number of enemy with CLAYMORE, RPG and small arms fire. The area was engaged by LFT and artillery. Results: Enemy casualties unknown; Five AUST WIA.

(4)(241654 H). At YS 235788, 11/D/1 RAR located 1,500 lbs of rice on a raised platform.

(5)(241738 H). At YS 317802, 1 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One AK-47 captured. One AUST WIA.

(6)(241740 H). At YS 259845, 1 RAR contacted 10-15 enemy moving from EAST to WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). 1,400 lbs rice and 84 lbs of salt recovered and destroyed.

(7)(241830 H). At YS 237787, 1 RAR located one hundred lbs rice.

(8)(242000 H). At YS 327979, 1 RAR recovered two AK-47 and 20 lbs rice. (Believed result of LRRP activity.) Fresh graves were located in the area.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(241241 H). At YS 602801, an airstrike was conducted on an occupied enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Four bunkers and two huts destroyed, two bunkers and one hut damaged. One KBA (POSS).

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

	Confirmed	Possible
KIA by Ground Forces	1	-
KBA	-	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.

(1) Individual - 3

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 65
	KIA (POSS)	- 6
	KBA (BC)	- 1
	KBA (POSS)	- 4
	KB Arty (BC)	- 7
	WIA	- 30
(2)	Detainees	- 29
	PW	- 3
(3)	Individual Weapons captured/destroyed	- 87
(4)	Crew served Weapons captured/destroyed	- 10
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	- 4.4

(6) to (10) Omitted.

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5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 25-69.

2. Period covered from 250001 H to 252400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(250545 H). At YS 265734, 6/B/1 RAR engaged an unknown number of persons travelling with five oxcarts from WEST to EAST. The carts scattered to WEST and EAST. Later investigation revealed that an unknown number of persons had entered PHU MY Village (YS 2574), and that some of them were wounded. There are no further details on these persons. One villager was wounded and he received treatment at the local hospital prior to interrogation by local authorities.

(2)(250920 H). At YS 315912, 3/52 ARVN contacted an estimated platoon of enemy Main Force. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, three ARVN WIA. Five mines were recovered and destroyed.

(3)(251000 H). At YS 318992, 5 Marine Bn located and destroyed a camp of 15 bunkers.

(4)(251045 H). At YS 229869, 1/A/9 RAR located a water point used in the previous six hours. Tracks from the area led NORTH EAST.

(5)(251350 H). At YS 309798, 3/A/1 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in GREEN and moving NORTH WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one pack recovered.

(6)(251700 H). At YS 230875, 2/A/9 RAR located one RPG round and 50 lbs of CHICOM Plastic Explosive.

(7)(251930 H). At YS 230875, A/9 RAR detected movement of one person on their perimeter.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(251455 H). At YS 548897, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers damaged, two bunkers and 25 metres of trench exposed.

c.d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by — Confirmed.

Ground Forces. — 1

c. Omitted.

d.e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.

Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	68 (Revised figure).
	KIA (POSS)	-	6
	KBA (BC)	-	1
	KBA (POSS)	-	4
	KB Arty (BC)	-	7
	WIA	-	30
(2)	Detainees	-	29
	PW	-	3
(3)	Individual Weapons captured/destroyed	-	87
(4)	Crew Served Weapons captured/destroyed	-	10
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	4.4

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. a-d. Omitted.

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e. Items of Reporting Significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES
241000 H	YS 323982	5 Mar Bn	Recovered 400 rounds 7.62 ammunition.
"	YS 328980	"	Destroyed three new foxholes.
241300 H	YS 306988	"	Destroyed 15 bunkers.
250920 H	YS 315912	3/52 ARVN	Destroyed 55 bunkers.
251000 H	YS 318992	"	Destroyed 15 bunkers.
"	YS 314992	"	Destroyed 20 bunkers.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 26-69.

2. Period covered from 260001 H to 262400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(260804 H). At YS 236788, 11/D/1 RAR detained one suspect in the area of a cache located 25 Jan 69.

(2)(261035 H). At YS 236788, 11/D/1 RAR located one CHICOM Anti-tank Device with a separate detonating device.

(3)(261030 H). At YS 292785, 3/A/1 RAR contacted four enemy who engaged them with RPG, automatic weapons and small arms. Results: One enemy WIA (blood trail), one M1 carbine recovered. The enemy withdrew NORTH and NORTH EAST.

(4)(261030 H). At YS 321990, 5 Bn/ARVN Marines located an enemy supply point containing the following:

(a) 200 kilos of rice.
(b) One typewriter.
(c) 500 rounds AK-47 ammunition.
(d) 70 rounds CHICOM pistol ammunition.
(e) Five gallons of salad oil.
(f) 10 gallons of nuoc mam.
(g) One to two kilos of documents.

(5)(261410 H). At YS 265780, an APC from 1/C/3 Cav struck a mine and damaged its suspension.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(261331 H). At YS 746655, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.

(2)(261453 H). At YS 623917, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: The following was exposed: Two tunnel entrances; two bunkers; one tent; one breather hole; 25 metres of trench with partly destroyed overhead cover.

(3)(261715 H). At YS 272040, an aircraft from 17 Air Cav engaged two enemy. Result: One enemy KBA (BC).

(4)(26 Jan 69). A/3/17 Air Cav reported the following sightings:

(a) At YS 215064, two rocket launching sites, with burn marks indicating recent use.

(b) At YS 275957, spider holes and bunkers.

(c) At YS 298940, one bunker and fresh tracks.

(d) At YT 337023, one man on a LAMBRETTA, who attempted to evade the aircraft, and eventually did so by abandoning his vehicle and moving away on foot.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

		Confirmed.
a.	Omitted.	
b.	KBA	1
	WIA - 1	
c.	Omitted.	
d.	Detainees - 1	
e.	Omitted.	
f.	Enemy weapon losses.	
	(1) Individual - 1	
	(2) Omitted.	

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy	KIA (BC) -	68
	KIA (POSS) -	6
	KBA (BC) -	2
	KBA (POSS) -	4

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KB Arty (BC) - 7
WIA - 31.

(2) Detainees - 30
PW - 3

(3) In ividual weapons captured/destroyed - 88
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 4.4
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barri rs

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

DTG	LOCATION	TYPE	DAMAGE
261410 H	YS 265780	Anti-tank	One APC sustained damage to its suspension.

6. Omitted.

7. NVA/VC Unit Identifications, Locations and Movement.

a. 1/THU DUC Regt.
b-c. Omitted.
d. From base camp at YS 268858 to XS 983920.
e. PW captured on 241450 H at XS 983920.

8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM Number 25-69, paragraph 3.a.(2). Amend Grid Reference to read YS 315992.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 27-69.

2. Period covered from 270001 H to 272400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force or OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(271000 H). At YS 333972, 5 Bn./ARVN Marines located one small hut which contained three gallons of oil and 100 lbs of rice.

(2)(271015 H). At YS 335973, 5 Bn./ARVN Marines located ten graves estimated to be two to three days old. One grave was opened and a body was found, approximately four days old and believed KBA.

(3)(271015 H). At YS 338173, 52 ARVN Regt located an enemy base camp consisting of four open foxholes. 220 lbs of rice, five sets of BLACK pyjamas, ten cooking pots, ten rice bowls and one box of 'C' rations were found.

(4)(271400 H). At YS 243899, D/9 RAR located a cache containing:

82mm mortar rounds	-	50
60mm mortar rounds	-	26
RPG-2 rounds	-	30
RPG-7 rounds	-	2
RPG boosters	-	29
82mm mortar primaries	-	66
82mm mortar increments	-	9
82mm mortar fuses	-	63
60mm mortar fuses	-	17
60mm mortar primaries	-	8
RPG-2 initiators	-	34
PHILLIPS Battery Radio	-	1
Telephone TA-312 PT (Serial no. 331)		1
Handset 1433F/05	-	1
AN/PRC 10 Batteries	-	3
Twin core flex	-	4000 yds

(5)(271410 H). At YS 218876, B/9 RAR found a pack containing the following: Two CHICOM pistols and holsters, documents, one log and operating instructions for a generator, 70 rounds of pistol ammunition and two magazine pouches.

(6)(271600 H). At YS 242900, D/9 RAR located a cache containing five RPG-7 rounds and three RPG-2 rounds; three RPG-7 and four RPG-2 boosters.

(7)(27 Jan 69). At YS 327018, 52 ARVN Regt located tracks leading NORTH EAST. It was estimated two companies had moved through this area during the night 26-27 Jan 69.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(271132 H). Between YS 340765 and YS 335772, A/3/17 Air Cav found a tunnel complex.

(2)(271450 H). At YS 539893, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 75% on target and had 20% coverage. Results: One bunker damaged, two bunkers exposed and one fighting pit destroyed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(270825 H). At YS 277568, a patrol from 637 RF Coy contacted one enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(2)(272250 H). At YS 252738, 771 RF Coy ambushed six enemy trying to enter MY XUAN hamlet. Results: One enemy WIA and captured.

4. Enemy Personnel and Epuipment Losses.

a,c. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 68
	KIA (POSS)	- 6
	KBA (BC)	- 2
	KBA (POSS)	- 4
	KB Arty (BC)	- 7
	WIA	- 31
(2)	Detainees	- 30
	PW	- 3
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 90
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- 10
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	- 4.65
(6) to (10)	Omitted.	

5.8. Omitted.

9.10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11.12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 28-69.

2. Period covered from 280001 H to 282400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting.

a. Ground Activity.
(1)(272045 H). Late Entry. At YS 220809, A/3 Cav contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(2)(280900 H). At YS 242899, 12/D/9 RAR located an underground cache which contained:

MMG (believed to be CHICOM)	- 1
SKS Rifle	- 1
Drum magazines	- 3
7.62mm short rounds	- 45

(3)(281130 H). At YS 297829, 4 RAR sighted four enemy moving NORTH.

(4)(281500 H). At YS 242900, D/9 RAR located two caches containing:

RPG-2 rounds	- 6
60mm mortar rounds	- 3
RPG boosters	- 6
7.62mm short rounds	- 157
Tins of medical supplies	- 2

(5)(281700 H). At YS 245900, D/9 RAR located a cache containing 30 lbs of rice.

b. Air Activity.
(1)(281100 H). At YS 390849, FAC reported signs of fresh digging and signs of several bunkers.

(2)(281234 H). At YS 320699, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, one tunnel entrance uncovered.

(3)(281515 H). At YS 627906, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed; five weapon pits and one bunker uncovered; one hut damaged.

(4)(27 Jan 69). Late Entry. 161 Recce Flt reported the following:

(a) YS 383779: A possible base camp. The area appears well used.
(b) YS 340817: An old abandoned camp complex. The camp runs NORTH and SOUTH for a 100 metres.
(c) YS 357775: A currently used base camp of three bunkers and one small hut.
(d) YS 379795: A recently used base camp of one pit, one bunker and one small, framed structure.
(e) YS 387794: An enemy base camp.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
(1)(280320 H). At YS 477570, an I&R Platoon ambushed four enemy. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail), two AK-47, one M16 and one M1 carbine captured.

(2)(280135 H). At BEARCAT (vic YT 1601), approximately 14 rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received. Results: Three THAI KIA, three THAI WIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.	KIA by	Confirmed
	Ground Forces	10 (Not in reporting period - see para 12.a.)

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 1
(2) Crew served - 1

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 78
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 2
KBA (POSS) - 4
KB Arty (BC) - 7
WIA - 31
(2) Detainees - 30
PW - 3
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 91
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 11
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 4.72
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.
a. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM Number 27-69, paragraph 3.a.(2).
INSERT: Ten enemy KIA (BC), believed to be result of contact at YS 315992 on 24 Jan.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the week the enemy continued attacks by fire on Allied OPs, FSBs and NDPs, at the same time manoeuvre elements continued their attempts to position forces for future offensive operations.

2. There were several contacts with main force elements, the most significant was on 14th January when the 95C NVA Regiment suffered 122 KIA in an abortive attack on a US convoy 17 kilometers ESE of TAY NINH City.

3. Also during the week, there was a sharp upsurge in incidents of terrorism and sabotage throughout the III CTZ. A break-down of these incidents show that 17 were selective targets and 33 non-selective which resulted in the deaths of 25 civilians, the wounding of 69, and the kidnapping of 31 others. The number of civilian victims last week was 51 compared to 125 this week, and the indications are that the trend of terrorism, on a non-selective basis is increasing.

4. Statistics for the week ending 18th January showed that there were 122 ground actions compared with 101 last week. There were 37 mortar attacks and 3 rocket attacks compared with 30 mortar attacks and 7 rocket attacks last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents are:-

a. At 120825H, XT 752 921, in BINH LONG Province, B & C /2-2nd Inf received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, airborne rocket artillery, and gunships. Results: 16 enemy KIA; 1 US KIA and 16 US WIA.

b. On 14th January, a US convoy was attacked by an unknown size enemy force 17 kilometers ESE of TAY NINH City. Results: 7 US KIA, 10 US WIA; 122 NVA KIA (38 by arty, 36 by air). There were 2 trucks and 2 jeeps destroyed.

c. At 171600, XT 268 658, in TAY NINH Province, an OH6A (Cayuse) received AW fire from an unknown size enemy force resulting in the crash of the aircraft and 3 US MIA.

d. At 181105H, XT 972 862, in PHUOC LONG Province, A/2-505th Abn received SA, .50 cal, and RPG fire from an estimated company of NVA. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and airborne rocket arty. Results: 10 NVA KIA; 2 US KIA and 12 US WIA.

Enemy Locations: Allied contacts with enemy forces during the week indicate that there have been no major relocations of enemy forces, and the latest available information on enemy main force locations is:

5th VC Div HQ	NW War Zone "D".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	SW PHUOC LONG Province.
174th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly in War Zone "D".
275th VC Inf Regt	NW War Zone "D".
7th NVA Div HQ	Vicinity of the FISH HOOK.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly dispersed in SE War Zone "C".
141st NVA Inf Regt	E of the FISH HOOK.
165th NVA Inf Regt	NE War Zone "C".
1st NVA Div HQ	
95C NVA Inf Regt	NE of NUI BA DEN (vic XT 4162)
320th NVA Inf Regt	S of AN LOC.

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9th VC Div HQ	LO GO area.
271st VC Inf Regt	W of TAY NINH City.
272nd VC Inf Regt	N of ANGELS WING.
273rd VC Inf Regt	NE of TRAN SUP (vic XT 0664)
88th NVA Inf Regt	NW of BEN SUC (vic XT 5037)
101st NVA Inf Regt	TRAPEZOID.
268th VC Inf Regt	NE of GO DAU HA (vic XT 4836)
274th VC Inf Regt	BINH SON - LONG THANH area.
DONG NAI VC Inf Regt	Dispersed between BINH MY and AN SON.
THU DUC VC Inf Regt	Dispersed between THU DUC and NHON TRACH.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions.

5. Enemy main force units appear to have been halted in their Southward deployment for an offensive against the Capital Military District, but the present deployment of enemy forces presents significant threats against Allied installations in BINH LONG, BINH DUONG and TAY NINH Provinces.

6. With the scheduled opening of full-scale peace talks in PARIS on 25th January, various source reports have indicated that the enemy will attempt to gain some immediate military successes in order to bolster their bargaining position.

7. Indications are that the enemy intends to resume Corp wide offensive actions in the near future, and it is considered that the Winter-Spring Offensive could be launched against Provincial targets at any time. Terrorism and sabotage will probably increase in the CMD and throughout the III CTZ.

Enemy Losses.

8. For the week there were 875 enemy KIA (BC), 86 PWs and 52 returnees (Hoi Chanh). There were 265 individual weapons and 75 crew-served weapons captured, and 35.8 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

9. Results in Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) for the week were: Enemy losses: 548 KIA, 50 detainees, 7 returnees; 139 SA, 149 crew-served weapons, 14,339 SA rounds, 353 HE rounds, 122 grenades, 25 mines, 1 booby trap, 2 sampans and 15.36 tons of rice captured; 2 SA, 5 crew-served weapons, 100 SA rounds, 248 HE rounds, 77 grenades, 34 mines, 17 booby traps, 52 sampans and .81 tons of rice destroyed. Friendly losses: 57 KIA, 247 WIA; 6 tanks, 11 APCs, 1 ACAV, 7 trucks and 1 ROME plow damaged; 1 helicopter,2 tanks, 2 APCs, 3 ACAVs and 4 trucks destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 81 large unit operations resulting in 68 enemy KIA for the loss of 11 ARVN KIA.

(C) Other Information

10. Enemy Prior Warning of B-52 Strikes. Interrogation of a former Assistant Section Leader of the Military Intelligence Section Sub-Region 5, who was captured in GIA DINH Province on 15th October 1968, reveals that the enemy,at Sub-Regional level, used three basic factors to successfully determine impending B-52 strike activity. These three factors were:

a. Reconnaissance aircraft activities.

b. Monitoring of Allied radio communications.

c. Special Forces activities.

11. Analysis of Factors. 1. Reconnaissance Aircraft Activities. The source stated that activities of reconnaissance aircraft were the most valuable factor in determining B-52 strike areas. A target area would always be subject

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to surveillance may times by a US observation aircraft prior to a B-52 strike. Observer aircraft merely passing over the area would not arouse suspicion, but one that continually circled the area and ran a specific pattern a few times indicated a B-52 target. (Note: From pictures of aircraft shown to him, the source identified the US MOHAWK aircraft as the aircraft used for the pre-strike observation and stated that no plane other than the MOHAWK was observed as an indicator of a possible B-52 strike). From knowledge of their units and installations in the area, the enemy were able to relate the aircraft flight pattern to probable targets and effect the dispersal of personnel.

2. Monitoring of Allied Communications. The 5th Sub-Region MI Detachment had a 13 man signals section, four of whom were assigned to monitor Allied communications. Two men were assigned to monitor ARVN transmissions and two English-speaking linguists monitored US communications. The linguists were able to understand slang and idioms used by US personnel. In the main, the monitors used PRC-25 radios to listen for warnings advising Allied units to avoid specific areas. Occasionally it was possible to monitor observation aircraft transmissions.

3. Special Forces Activities. An increase in Special Forces activity constituted a third factor to determine a pending B-52 strike. In the past, when Special Forces activity increased in an area, a B-52 strike usually occurred shortly after the forces were withdrawn from the area.

12. All three factors were important, and if an area had a confirmation of all three, it was considered that it was a definite target area and evacuated immediately. If only two factors were present (other than the MOHAWK recon aircraft), it was considered a probable target area and, units in the area were alerted. If only one indicator was confirmed (other than the MOHAWK recon aircraft) it was doubtful that a strike would occur. If the observer aircraft was the only confirmed factor, a strike was suspected and the area evacuated.

13. As well as utilizing local resources, Sub-Regions were also given advance warning of impending B-52 strikes from COSVN (Central Office for SOUTH VIETNAM) who had the additional resources of:

a. The Provincial Military Intelligence Section.

b. The Technical Reconnaissance Section.

c. The Military Intelligence Agency of NORTH VIETNAM.

14. Of particular interest to 1 ATF is the Technical Reconnaissance Section (subordinate directly to COSVN) which reportedly provides the bulk of information on Allied activities. This section was comprised of approximately 400 personnel who monitored all Allied radio nets on a 24 hour basis. Once the radio message was monitored, it was written and passed to a man known as a de-coder who was constantly guarded by three to four men. The source had been told by the Commander of this section that the code books used by the decoder contained basic Allied codes which had been obtained from NVN, RUSSIA and RED CHINA. After reading and evaluating the messages, the information was disseminated on a need to know basis. (Extracted from DoD Int Information Report Ref; 6028 5976 68 (of 28 Dec 68))

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

(A) Enemy Activity

15. Country wide the number of enemy attacks and ambushes decreased this week, and preliminary reports indicate that there were 3 attacks in I CTZ; there were 13 attacks in II CTZ; and there were 8 attacks and 2 ambushes in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

16. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 11 FW and 24 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 393 enemy KIA against 59 friendly KIA.

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17. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 10 FW and 25 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 262 enemy KIA against 28 friendly KIA.

18. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There was 1 US and 93 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 501 enemy KIA against 60 friendly KIA.

(C) Other Information

19. VC/NVA Inflitrators to dress as ARVN. On 8th January, an agent reported that local VC in HAI LANG, QUANG TRI Province, were given 40,000 $VN by NVA units to purchase ARVN uniforms. The NVA plan to use the uniforms to infiltrate QUANG TRI City and to launch an attack from within during TET. The NVA have reportedly already equipped a squad of 10 women with National Police uniforms to aid in the attack. COMMENT: In a related incident on 13th January, elements of ARVN Infantry working on a road in QUANG TIN Province were infiltrated by an estimated VC Platoon wearing ARVN uniforms. The enemy used SA and hand grenades resulting in 5 ARVN KIA, 5 ARVN WIA and 1 ARVN MIA. (Extracted from COMNAVFORV INTSUM 013-69)

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

20. The number of friendly large unit operations increased from 226 to 246. The number of operations with contact increased from 96 to 110. The number of enemy KIA increased from 2190 (adjusted) to 2420.

21. Attached at Appendix "A" is a table showing casualties sustained by Australian and opposing enemy forces during the year 1968.

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APPENDIX "A" TO
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AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES 1968

	KIA	WIA
JANUARY	5	31
FEBRUARY	14	82
MARCH	6	44
APRIL	3	15
MAY	26	106
JUNE	1	5
JULY	3	17
AUGUST	3	32
SEPTEMBER	5	34
OCTOBER	7	26 (1 DOW)
NOVEMBER	5	16
DECEMBER	5	47
	83	455 (1 DOW)

ENEMY CASUALTIES 1968

			WEAPONS	
	KIA (BC)	PW	Individual	Crew-Served
JANUARY	76		69	7
FEBRUARY	244	17	79	10
MARCH	48		34	2
APRIL	42		78	1
MAY	241	11	99	34
JUNE	40	2	18	5
JULY	42	1	16	2
AUGUST	55		20	3
SEPTEMBER	49	2	36	..
OCTOBER	97	1	76	3
NOVEMBER	33	2	27	
DECEMBER	129	5	64	16
	1096	41	616	83

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 29-69.

2. Period covered from 290001 H to 292400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were five contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(290045 H). At YS 407662, 9 RAR contacted six enemy with unknown results.

(2)(290903 H). At YS 344796, W/4 RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew EAST. Located in the same area was a company size staging area with indications of movement from WEST to EAST.

(3)(291120 H). At YS 304831, 12/D/4 RAR located three bunkers and four pits. Two grenades were recovered.

(4)(291120 H). At YS 347796, 1/W/4 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47, one M2 carbine and two packs captured.

(5)(291510 H). At YS 289795, 4/B/4 RAR located one old bunker.

(6)(291530 H). At YS 311840, 12/D/4 RAR contacted three to four enemy movir from SOUTH to NORTH with unknown results.

(7)(291915 H). At YS 354788, W/4 RAR were engaged by elements of an enemy company who fired RPG, HMG and small arms fire. Enemy casualties unknown, there were two NZ WIA.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(290944 H). Vicinity YS 253794, RAAF reported a suspected enemy base camp.

(2)(291243 H). At YS 387794, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker and one structure destroyed; one bunker, one bunker entrance and one tunnel entrance exposed; one covered pit (6x4) damaged.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(290815 H). At YS 487547, 2/48 ARVN contacted three enemy with unknown results.

(2)(290915 H). At YS 492535, 2/48 ARVN received three rounds of 60mm mortar fire. There were no friendly casualties.

(3)(291710 H). At YS 513548, I&R Platoon ambushed three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one SLR captured.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Ground Forces — Confirmed 1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 79
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 2
KBA (POSS) - 4
KB Arty (BC) - 7
WIA - 31

(2) Detainees - 30
PW - 3

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 93

(4) Crewserved weapons captured/destroyed - 11

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 4.72

(6) to (10) Omitted.

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5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 30-69.

2. Period covered from 300001 H to 302400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were nine contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(291245 H). Late Entry. At YS 260893, 7/C/9 RAR contacted three enemy suspected to be part of a larger force in the vicinity of a base camp. Results: Enemy casualties unknown; one AUST WIA on panji (not evacuated).

(2)(291245 H). Late Entry. At YS 257890, 9/C/9 RAR contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy WIA (blood trail). 13x60mm mortar rounds, two RPG-2 rounds and a quantity of mortar fuses were recovered.

(3)(300940 H). At YS 298828, 10/D/4 RAR were engaged by two enemy from a bunker system. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC); one AUST WIA.

(4)(301200 H). At YS 308839, 12/D/4 RAR contacted two suspected local force. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail). One AK-47 and one pack captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST.

(5)(301225 H). At YS 298828, 10/D/4 RAR engaged two enemy following them SOUTH. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), one RPG-2 and one AK-47 captured.

(6)(301310 H). At YS 233773, 3/A/3 Cav recovered one anti-tank mine.

(7)(301325 H). At YS 349787, W/4 RAR observed one enemy descending a tree. The enemy was not engaged as the sighting was only brief.

(8)(301333 H). At YS 261792, 3/V/4 RAR contacted five enemy armed with one MG, one RPG-2 and small arms with unknown results. One AUST WIA (remained on duty). One new camp, which had been hurriedly vacated, was found in the vicinity.

(9)(301333 H). At YS 261792 to YS 261793, V/4 RAR located a platoon size base camp with three bunkers.

(10)(301410 H). At YS 260912, a 1ATF LRRP contacted an enemy squad soon after insertion. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy KIA (POSS).

(11)(301445 H). At YS 272794, 4/B/4 RAR contacted one to two enemy dressed in BLACK moving from NORTH WEST to SOUTH EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(12)(301753 H). At YS 165852 11/L/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy, wearing GREEN and moving WEST, with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(300825 H). At YS 382700, RAAF sighted 15 to 20 ox-carts moving WEST. There was an average of four persons to each cart.

(2)(301245 H). At YS 309750, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: 20 metres of trench destroyed, 15 bunkers damaged and three bunkers uncovered.

c.d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	7	1
WIA - 1		

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 3
(2) Crewserved - 1

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g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 86
KIA (POSS) - 7
KBA (BC) - 2
KBA (POSS) - 4
KB Arty (BC) - 7
WIA - 32

(2) Detainees - 30
PW - 3

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 96
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 12
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 4.72
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer.

One People Sniffer mission was flown during the reporting period. No significant readout was recorded. The following sightings were made:

YS 338730: Fighting pits.
YS 358749: Fighting pits.
YS 351717: Bridge over stream.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 31-69.

2. Period covered from 310001 H to 312400 H Jan 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(310915 H). At YS 297826, 10/D/4 RAR contacted one enemy, carrying an automatic weapon, who withdrew NORTH.

(2)(311020 H). At YS 300830, 10/D/4 RAR were engaged by 5-10 enemy in a bunker system using AK-47, RPG-2 and CLAYMORE. The enemy withdrew WEST with unknown casualties. Friendly casualties: Two AUST KIA, two AUST WIA.

(3)(311415 H). At YS 265790, 1/V/4 RAR located a squad size camp with the bunkers in a dilapidated condition. The area had been hastily vacated by a small party of enemy after a contact in the vicinity on the evening of 30 Jan. Recovered were: 15 lbs rice, a quantity of dried prawns, cooking oil, tinned milk and one 60mm mortar round.

(4)(311535 H). At YS 255792, 4 RAR located a squad size camp with six tunnels dug in from the bank of a river.

(5)(311645 H). At YS 298820, 10/D/4 RAR contacted two enemy, dressed in BLACK, with unknown results.

(6)(311845 H). At YS 192882, 6/B/9 RAR engaged an enemy party of approximately 18 moving SOUTH WEST. Lft and artillery engaged the area with unknown results. The enemy were carrying mortars, heavy packs and possibly RPGs.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(311135 H). Initial BDA B52 strike:

YT 288043: Four bunkers destroyed, six bunkers damaged and six bunkers exposed. Clothing scattered around the area.

YT 292046: Two bunkers destroyed, one tunnel entrance and 30 metres of trench destroyed, five bunkers and four pits exposed.

YT 292051: Two huts destroyed, two bunkers damaged and three bunkers exposed.

YT 292046: 500 metres of circular trench with bunkers or tunnel entrances running outwards was exposed.

(2)(311230 H). At YS 626904, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy district cadre meeting place. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two huts destroyed, six bunkers exposed and one bunker damaged. Cooking utensils were scattered around the area.

(3)(311400 H). Vicinity YS 2770, RAAF sighted 18 people moving WEST.

(4)(311700 H). From YS 4582 to Route 2, RAAF sighted 20 to 30 people moving EAST towards the road carrying rice.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(311630 H). At YS 467536, MIKE Force contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy WIA; one K50, two RPG-2 rounds and documents were captured.

(2)(310800 H). At YS 447578, 701 RF Company detonated an unknown type mine. One RF WIA.

(3)(311735 H). At YS 460545, MIKE Force contacted 25-30 enemy. Support was given by artillery with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Jan 69.

(1) Enemy	KIA (BC)	-	86
	KIA (POSS)	-	7
	KBA (BC)	-	2
	KBA (POSS)	-	4
	KB. Arty (BC)	-	7
	WIA	-	20 (Corrected figure)

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(2) Detainees - 31
PW - 3
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 96
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 12
(5) Tons of rice captured } - 4.8
(6) Tons of rice destroyed }
(7) 122mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed - nil
(8) 122mm Rockets warheads captured/destroyed - nil
(9) 107mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed - nil
(10) 107mm Rockets warheads captured/destroyed - nil

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information.
(311630 H). Det 1 Div Int Unit detained one suspected VC Cadre at LA VAN hamlet, NGAI GIAO village (vic 4677).

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. There was one mission flown during the reporting period. Hotspots were recorded in Grid Square YS 3388-YS 3389 YS 3688-YS 3689. The area was engaged by artillery with unknown results.

(P.F. de CURE)
Major
GSO 2 (Int)

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S2, 12 Cbt Avn Gp, LBN, APO 96266
CICV, SAIGON, APO 96243
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RTAVF, BEARCAT, APO 96350
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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 JAN 69 TO 31 JAN 69

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

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HQ 1 ATF
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12 Jan 69

Distribution Below:

1 ATF 'A' ADMIN INSTR

General

1. All 1 ATF A Admin Instr are being reviewed and, where appropriate, the content is being included in 1 ATF SOP. In other cases the Admin Instr are being cancelled or revised as necessary.

Numbering

2. Revised Admin Instr are being re-numbered and re-issued progressively. Unitl re-issued the Admin Instr which are still applicable are to be re-numbered as shown as Annex A. This Annex also serves as a check list and is to be placed inside the front cover of the binder used to hold 1 ATF A Admin Instr. The A Admin Instr are to be filed together in numerical order.

Cancellation

3. The following 1 ATF A Admin Instr are cancelled:

All 1967 issues
18/68
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(W.G. HOFFMAN)
Maj
DAAG

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF 571-2-10
DATED 12 JAN 69

RENUMBERING OF 1 ATF A ADMIN INSTR

New Number	Old Number	Subject	Date Issued
1	1/69	Charge Reports	3 Jan 69
2	15/68	Courts Martial Procedure	10 May 68
3	12/68	Treatment of Members Charged with Offences Triable by Court Martial	11 Apr 68
4	11/68	Summary Disposal of Charges Against Officers and Warrant Officers	11 Apr 68
5	7/68	Accidental Injury or Death	17 Feb 68
6	14/68	Death or Injury in Suspicious Circumstances	10 May 68
7	2/68	Absence without Leave	16 Jan 68
8	6/68	Leave Recording	31 Jan 68
9	New Issue	R and R leave	Jan 69
10	9/68	R and C	5 Mar 68
11		Beach Party Visits	
12	4/68	Amenities	18 Jan 68
13	24/68	1 ATF Area Amenities Fund	25 Oct 68
14	23/68	Unit Newspapers	30 Sep 68
15	21/68	Bulk Store purchases from 2 AFCU	17 Aug 68
16	22/68	Unit CAP/RAP Returns	27 Aug 68
17	1/68	Med Treatment	1 Jan 68
18	3	Saigon Guard	9 Jan 69
19	5/68	Change of MPC Series	20 Jan 68
20	17/68	Replacement Policy	24 Jun 68
21	25/68	Disposal of Members Failing to RTU from R and R	31 Oct 68

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R220-1-4

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MINUTES OF MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE
HELD AT 1 ATF ON 20 DEC 68
AMENDMENT NO 1

Reference: A. 1 ATF R220-1-4 dated 31 Dec 68.

1. Item 6 - EME Matters, para 31 requires some clarification as to the circumstances when the HQ 1 ATF staff will allocate priorities for repairs.

2. Para 31 is to be deleted and the new para 31 below inserted:

> "31. When submitting an item for repair, units may request priority for repairs direct to the workshop. If a unit considers that the workshop has not allocated sufficient priority to the task, or if the need for repair becomes operationally urgent, the unit may request HQ 1 ATF to allocate a higher priority to the repairs. HQ 1 ATF will consider the request, bearing in mind the overall repair priorities. Units should deliver equipment for repair as soon as possible and collect repaired equipment as soon as possible after notification that it is ready."

for Lt Col

(K. GURNEY)
Maj
DAQMG

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As for HQ 1 ATF R220-1-4 dated 31 Dec 68.

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MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE 030100Z JAN 69

FROM: 1 ATF UNCLAS

TO: II FFORCE V OPS 14

BRIDGE STATUS REPORT . MAC DC 02 . LTL 23 YS599637 CMM 120 FT DD BAILEY CMM CLASS 45 WHEELED 55 TRACKED CMM LAST INSPECTED 5 DEC 68 CMM CONDITION GOOD . LTL 23 YS607640 CMM 70 FT DS BAILEY CMM CLASS 60 CMM LAST INSPECTED 5 DEC 68 CMM CONDITION GOOD . LTL 2 YS437692 CMM 40 FT DS BAILEY CMM CONDITION GOOD CMM LAST INSPECTED 30 DEC 68 . MONTHLY BRIDGE STATUS REPORTS STATE 40 FT DS BAILEY AT YS377548 ON QL 15 CMM THERE IS NO BRIDGE OF ANY FORM AT THIS POINT . ROAD AND BRIDGE UPGRADING AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT . DC 03 . NTR

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Releasing Officer's Signature and Rank

W.G. Barwick CAPT

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER C.M.I. PEARSON OBE, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

9 JAN 69

Serial : 1
Numbers : 1 - 8

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NOTICE

1. NEW MAPS.

GS MATTERS

1. SAFETY - RANGES AND TEST FIRE FACILITIES

1. No range or test fire facility in 1 ATF is to be used unless it has been inspected and passed by the 1 ATF Safety Board for Ranges and Test Fire Facilities.

2. The 1 ATF Safety Board for Ranges and Test Fire Facilities is composed of:

President	DAQMG
Member	2IC 1 Fd Sqn
Member	GSO3 (Ops)
Member	BC HQ Bty Fd Regt

3. Most ranges and test fire facilities in 1 ATF have been passed by the board. Queries should be directed to DAQMG or GSO3 (Ops).

4. When any alteration is made to any range or test fire facility the board is to be informed and a clearance obtained before the range or facility is used.

2. SAFETY - GPMG M60 STOPPAGES

1. When a GPMG M60 suffers a stoppage with a round in the breech there is a danger, after prolonged firing, of the round being exploded by the heat of the chamber.

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2. When a GPMG M60 suffers a stoppage for any reason the firer is to keep his head away from the gun until he has ensured the chamber is clear.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. LAST ORDER ISSUED - 1968

The last 1 ATF Routine Order issued in 1968 was number 118.

4. CANCELLATION OF 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS

1. All 1 ATF Routine Orders issued in 1967 are cancelled.

2. 1 ATF Routine Orders 1 to 7 issued on 8 Jan 68 are cancelled.

5. ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

Once personnel commence their RTA anti malaria course of treatment they are to cease taking Dapsone.

4. POSSESSION AND USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED OR CAPTURED WEAPONS

1. For the purpose of this RO:

a. "Weapons" shall mean and include:

(1) All firearms such as handguns, shotguns, rifles, carbines, light automatic weapons and similar weapons which use an explosive force to propel a projectile.

(2) Knives with folding blades longer than three inches, swords, sabres, stilettos and spring release (switch blade) knives.

(3) Metal knuckles, blackjacks, saps, clubs and similar items.

(4) Instruments in which compressed air or a chemical propellant is used to fire a projectile.

b. "Explosives" shall mean and include explosives or explosive devices such as hand grenades, smoke grenades, demolition charges, or explosive material such as TNT, C-3 primacord, or arming devices.

c. "Ammunition" shall mean and include any projectile having explosive force as a propellant.

d. Any part of, or any insert, or disarmed or mutilated weapon, explosive or ammunition of any kind, is to be deemed to be a weapon, explosive or ammunition as the case may be.

e. "Possession" shall mean and include:

(1) Has any weapon, explosive or ammunition in his custody or

(2) Knowingly has any weapon, explosive or ammunition in the custody of another person, corporation or entity or

(3) Knowingly has such weapon, explosive or ammunition in a house, building, lodging or open space whether belonging to him or occupied by him or not and whether such weapon, explosive or ammunition is had or placed there for his own use or the use of another.

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2. No member serving in or attached for suty to 1 ATF (whether temporarily or not) is to be in possession of weapons, explosives or ammunition unless they have been issued to him by or for Australian Military sources for the purpose of military duty, or are the property of the Commonwealth of Australia, or unless within the terms of para 5 of the RO their possession is specially permitted.

3. Unit and sub-unit commanders are to carry out periodic checks to ensure that personnel under their command or supervision are not in possession of weapons, explosives or ammunition contrary to para 2 of this RO.

4. All weapons, explosives and ammunition captured by members of 1 ATF are the property of the Commonwealth of Australia and are to be dealt with in accordance with HQ AFV GS Instr No 25/68.

5. No member of 1 ATF is to use a captured weapon, explosive or ammunition unless he obtains prior permission from HQ 1 ATF.

6. Authorities on the subject of this RO are contained in DA 79, MBI 129-5, ARO 35/68 and HQ AFV GS Instr No 25/68. Units, sub-units or members are not to be in possession of any weapons, explosives or ammunition unless in accordance with this RO or the relevant authorities mentioned in this paragraph.

7. This RO is to be republished in unit ROs once each three months.

7. UNAUTHORISED MODIFICATIONS

1. Modifications to equipment may be carried out by RAEME with the authority of the Military Board as notified in EMEIs.

2. Units and individuals are not authorised to modify equipment unless it is to undergo an approved trial. In this case the approving authority will notify the unit of the extent that the equipment may be modified.

3. Unauthorised modifications, when detected on inspections are to be treated as NOT FAIR WEAR.

4. Units are to ensure that no unauthorised modifications are carried out on unit equipment.

8. DEFENCE OF THE 1 ATF BASE (Reference SOP Chapter 3 Section 3)

1. Routine defence of the base will be conducted on a unit basis direct with 1 ATF Command Post. However when the situation exists where Comd 1 ATF considers special precautions should be taken and the complete defences manned, then sector defence will be undertaken.

2. Sectors are organized as follows:

a. Sector 1 1 RAR, 161 Recce Flt, 2 SAS Sqn

b. Sector 2 A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

c. Sector 3 12 Fd Regt less 102 Fd Bty

d. Sector 4 HQ Coy 1 ATF, HQ 1 ATF, Topo Svy, 1 Aust CA Unit, Det AFV Pro Unit, 8 Fd Amb, 33 Dental Unit, Det 1 Div Int Unit, HQ 1 ATF LAD, 104 Sig Sqn

e. Sector 5 1 Fd Sqn, Det 17 Const Sqn

f. Sector 6 C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, 106 Fd Wksps

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g. Sector 7 9 RAR, 1 ARU

h. Sector 8 [illegible]

(C.M.I. PEARSON)
Brig
Comd

NOTICE

1. NEW MAPS

1. The following new maps are now available from the Map Store of A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp.

a. BA RIA (Special) 1;10,000 map.

b. BA RIA 1:2850 sketchmap. This is a reprint of the Jan 68 publication but the reprint has many key installations indicated.

c. LONG DIEN 1:3800 sketchmap. This map is identical in content with the LONG DIEN sketchmap at 1:2500 produced in Nov 68 but is at a smaller scale, and reserve stocks have been printed for use in any emergency.

d. Dyelined sketchmaps as follows:

TITLE	Vicinity	Approx Grid Ref	Scale	Houses Numbered
HUONG GIANG	BA RIA	YS3761	1:2000	No
XOM MY XUAN	PHU MY	YS2574	1:2000	Yes

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e. New editions (2nd Edition) of the following 1:50,000 maps in the L7014 series:

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MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE 100045Z JAN 69 R193/1/8

FROM: 1 ATF (REAR) RESTRICTED

TO: ARTY TAC (5) OPS 69
GSO2 AIR
USAFLO
RAAF COMMSCEN

REF 1 ATF R193/1/8 OF 9 JAN 69 . DEPLOYMENT TETHERED BALLOON IN 2 SAS SQN AREA AT YS43686755 . BALLOON WILL BE LAUNCHED ON 12 JAN 69 TO HEIGHT OF 800 FT

1 of 1 Classified Yes BARWICK OPS EBONY 34

M.G. Barwick CAPT

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HQ 1 ATF
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1 ATF COMMAND POST - DUTY OFFICERS
UNIT ASSISTANCE

1. Operation GOODWOOD commenced on 3 Dec 1968 and HQ 1 ATF (Main) deployed to FSPB JULIA.

2. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains deployed and it is expected that this situation will continue into the forseeable future.

3. The continued split of HQ 1 ATF has created a strain on the available duty officers and this is increased with officers RTA, R and C etc. The provision of Duty Officers for HQ 1 ATF (Main) is being handled separately.

4. It is proposed to obtain assistance from the staff and certain units, in manning the Command Post HQ 1 ATF (Rear).

5. The following officers are to report for instruction 0800 - 1130H to the Task Force Command Post, on the days specified. Thereafter, they will be incorporated into the Command Post Duty Officer roster:

Capt	B.R. SULLIVAN	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	12 Jan 69
Capt	J. ROBBINS	SCQ, HQ 1 ATF	13 Jan 69
Capt	I. WISCHUSEN	2 SAS Sqn	14 Jan 69
Capt	J.C. GREY	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	15 Jan 69

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

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HQ 1 ATF
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13 Jan 69

Distribution Below:

CASUALTIES FOR 1968

1. The follwoing notifiable non battle casualties occurred in AFV (Army Component) in 1968:

a.	Killed accidentally	- 5
b.	Died of Illness	- 1
c.	Wounded accidentally	- 34
d.	Injured accidentally	- 78
e.	Illness	- 55

2. It will be noted that 5 soldiers were killed accidentally and a further 112 were wounded or injured accidentally. As these are notifiable casualties only, the figures do not reflect the large number of minor injuries which are not notified. In the month of December the complete figures were:

a.	Killed accidentally	2
b.	Wounded accidentally	7
c.	Injured accidentally and notified	12
d.	Injured accidentally and not notified	21
	TOTAL	42

3. The Force cannot afford such a heavy self inflicted rate of attrition. The majority of the incidents which cause accidental casualties are avoidable. They are caused by personnel failing to observe safety precautions and adopting a "laissez faire" attitude which cannot and is not to be tolerated.

4. Units are to make every endeavour to reduce the number of casualties caused as a result of accidents. Effective control and supervision by NCOs is one measure which requires attention.

(D. B. DUNSTAN)
Col
D Comd

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HQ 1 ATF
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20 Jan 69

Distribution below:

REPORT BY COL J.WHITELAW
AS RESULT VISIT TO 1 ATF

1. Attached are extracts of a report submitted by the DEP after his recent visit to 1 ATF.

2. 1 ATF has been asked to comment on the items as indicated in the report. Before doing so, the views of addressees are sought. Comments are not required if there is a general agreement with the report. Any comments from addressees are required at HQ 1 ATF by 27 Jan 69.

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

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ANNEX 'A' TO 1 ATF
R875-1-2 DATED JAN 69

EXTRACTS FROM VISITS REPORT
VISIT OF COL J. WHITELAW, DEP

The following are extracts from the above mentioned report. Unit comments are to reach this HQ by 27 Jan 69.

1. M125A1 Mortar Carrier. Two (2) vehicles only are held by Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 RAR and 4 RAR consider that if more were available it would give greater flexibility in moving fire support with a company on operations. AFV should initiate a request for variation of entitlement should this be confirmed as a requirement.

2. ¼-Ton FFR. The requirement for a ¼-ton FFR was discussed with many users. All were of the opinion that there was a requirement for a ¼-ton for command, recce and liaison in units in addition to the proposed 1-ton GS vehicle. Eight (8) was suggested as a suitable number in an infantry battalian.

3. Centurion. Sqn 1 Armd Regt state a requirement for a hamlet headset combination for tank crews. It is believed that a hamlet similar to the US tank hamlet may be suitable. DRAC is requested to confirm this requirement.

Dust on searchlight reflectors causes scratching. It was suggested that clear glass or perspex screen should be provided for white light use and to exclude dust. DRAC is requested to confirm this requirement and also to comment on the necessity for itensity control of light.

It was stated that there is some difficulty in alignment of the .50 cal ranging MG. I was unable to obtain details in the time available. DRAC is requested to comment.

6. MG Mounts. A suggestion was made that some 5-ton GS vehicles should be fitted with an MG mount. AFV is requested to confirm whether they have a requirement and, if so, a DSR will be raised.

7. Wheeled AFV. There are occasions when a wheeled AFV would be useful in a convoy protection role. This point was raised at 1 ATF. Our current policy is to waste out wheeled AFVs. Is this requirement such that we should consider a charge now and for the future? DRAC is requested to comment.

8. GPMG M60. The GPMG M60 is on issue as a theatre entitlement to a number of units other than infantry, and all express confidence in it. The L2A1 is now well thought of because of inaccuracy and lack of sustained fire. Present numbers of GPMG M60s in theatre appear to be adequate to meet requirements.

9. Face Camouflage - Skin Dyes. In addition to SAS, infantry units have a requirement. DSL tubed creams are awaited for trial.

10. Camouflage Clothing. There appears to be a good case for production of camouflage material for combat clothing. If there is no significant increase in cost for printing the material, this could be considered for general issue, otherwise issue for special purposes/units should be considered.

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11. AN GRC-125. A need was expressed by some users for a loud-speaker for this set when vehicle mounted. Some were seen with local pattern attachements. D Sigs is requested to comment.

12. Headsets. Our standard type of headset is hot and uncomfortable to wear. B Sqn 1 Armd Regt reports a number of ear infections have resulted from prolonged wearing.

Artillery also express a requirement for a headset through which orders may be accepted by voice or line but which will protect ears against blast.

13. Boots GP. No complaints were received. On the contrary, it is considered a very satisfactory itme for general service use. SAS do not favour them for long patrols, owing to their inability to take them off and dry out feet.

Uppers wear out well before the soles. Consideration could be given to reducing sole thickness and, therefore, weight.

14. Underpants. A preference was stated for the British type of cellular cotton underpants with an elastic waistband rather than the more heavy ribbed cotton Australian type. MGO Branch is requested to consider before further orders are placed.

15. Mosquito Veils. I was shown a mosquito veil by SAS, said to provide protection in ambush and for sleeping when a net cannot be used. AFV is requested to advise, in due course, whether or not this is a required item.

16. Watches. Wrist watches are required at least down to, and including, infantry section commanders and equivalent in other corps. Scalings will be examined.

17. Seismic Intrusion Device (SID). One SID is held on loan from US by SAS and 1 ATF proposes to emplace it shortly. This device can be remotely interrogated. These and similar devices were used with some success this year in 1 CZ. AFV will advise results obtained in due course. AAS(W) is requested to investigate costs and availability.

18. Patrol Seismic Intrusion Device (P-SID). These have been used so far without success. The enemy has not co-operated. The current model needs modification is relation to the rebustness of switches and plugs.

19. Airborne Surveillance Devices. There is an Army requirement for various airborne surveillance devices, such as IR line scan, sideways and forward looking radar, people sniffers, etc. Most of these devices cannot be carried in Army aircraft. We have not stated our requirements in this field clearly to RAAF. DEP will discuss with DMO&P.

20. Pace Counters.

a. There is a requirement for a pace counter for navigational purposes.

b. The pace counter should be:

(1) Waterproof.

(2) Have a luminous readout.

(3) Dull finish.

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(4) Silent in operation but have a recognizable indication of a finished stroke to the operator.

(5) Capable of being easy carried and operated by a man who is carrying his personal weapon.

c. In addition, it is desirable that it has a facility to indicate when a preset number comes up.

21 RPG 7. A number of discussions indicate that the terminal and missile effect of the RPG 7 round against troops is minimal. Most wounds were of a minor nature and then from very small fragments of casing. The blast effect on the other hand is considerable, and soldiers have been "blown up and knocked down". As a result, the weapon may be given a good deal more credit than is due. There is a case for measuring the effects and explaining/ demonstrating them to soldiers before departure for Vietnam.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER C.M.I. PEARSON OBE, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

20 JAN 69

Serial : 2
Numbers : 9-19

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9. UNDELIVERABLE MAIL

1. Any item of mail which is insufficiently addressed or on which the address is not legible is to be endorsed accordingly and returned to AFPO4 by the unit postal orderly.

2. Mail which cannot be delivered because the addressee is not known or is no longer serving with the unit is to be redirected to the members new address if known or returned to AFPO4.

3. Any other undeliverable mail items are to be held in the AFPO4 "dead letter box" for 7 days for perusual by unit postal orderlies. Items which have not been delivered after 7 days are to be listed, detailing as much information as is likely to assist in identification, and local units and all other AFPOs advised.

4. 7 days after the circulation of the information referred to in para 3, mail items so listed and not claimed are to be regarded as unclaimed mail; bundled up, suitably endorsed and fowarded to AFPO 1.

10. PARCELS TO AUSTRALIA - INSPECTION

1. The contents of all parcels sent from members of 1 ATF to Australia, are to be inspected by an officer prior to the members signing the declaration, and the parcel being cealed. The officer is to check the contents against the customs declaration, and if necessary will either:

a. Amend the declaration to agree with the contents, or

b. Amend the contents, by removing some items, to agree with the declaration.

2. After the inspection, and in the presence of the inspecting officer, the parcel will be sealed and the declaration attached to it. The member is then to sign the declaration. The officer is then to countersign the declaration with his No, Rank, Name and Unit.

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3. Once the parcel has been sealed it is not to be returned to the owner, but kept in the orderly room until the normal postal run takes it to AFPO4.

4. 1 ATF members are not to attempt to post parcels at AFPOs as individuals, nor are the staff at AFPO4 to accept such parcels.

11. VEHICLE MOVEMENT BY NIGHT WITHIN 1 ATF BASE

1. There is to be no vehicle movement within the 1 ATF Base between the hours of 1900 hrs and 0600 hrs unless approval has previously been obtained through 1 ATF CP Duty Officer. Approval will only be given where an urgent requirement exists.

2. Vehicles moving at night will use sidelights only; Headlights are not to be used.

12. DANGERS OF AEROSOL INSECT SPRAY

1. Excessive use of aerosol insect spray, in a confined space can be lethal. One occasion occured in which the member concerned, had he not received prompt medical attention, would have died.

2. Members are not to use aerosol insect spray in c confined spaces in excessive quantities.

3. However the use of aerosol insect spray in the crew compartment of Centurion tanks is approved, as long as the ventilation system is operating correctly.

13. CONTROL OF AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

1. No member of 1ATF while in Nui Dat is to have in his pocession (on his person or in his lines) any more ammunition of explosives than his unit considers necessary for his own protection or his role in base defence.

2. After operations all ammunition and explosives held by members are to be checked. Unserviceable items are to be withdrawn and destroyed. Any servicable items in excess of the quantities required by para 1 are to be withdrawn from the member and stored under unit arrangements.

3. Prior to RTA, a member is to return all ammunition, explosives and surplus equipment and clothing to his unit. The disposal of these items is to be in accordance with current instructions. Great care is to exercised in checking clothing and equipment for explosives prior to destruction by fire.

14. DRESS

1. Between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs members of 1 ATF are to wear long trousers and long sleeve shirts with sleeves rolled down and buttoned at the wrist.

15. VECHICLE TAC SIGNS

1. It has been noticed that many vechicles are either not equipped with tac signs or are carrying damaged and illegible signs.

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2. With effect from receipt of this order, units are to place signs on vechicles and maintain them in a servicable condition.

16. FIRE RESTRICTIONS - 1 ATF

1. The following fire restrictions apply within 1 ATF:

a. Open fires are to be lit only between 0700 and 0900 hours.

b. Fires are not to be lit upwind of nearby tentage.

c. No fire is to be lit within 50 feet of tentage.

d. Rubbish is to be burnt in approved incinerators. All incinerators must be fitted with a spark arrestor.

e. Fires may be lit in approved incinerators at any time during the day.

f. Leaves are not to be burnt indiscriminately throughout unit areas. They are to be collected and burnt either in safe areas or unit incinerators.

g. All burning off is to be supervised by at least an NCO.

h. Under no circumstances is petrol to be used when burning rubbish or burning off.

i. All tentage within 100 metres of burning off fires is to be picqueted by a fire party equipped with suitable fire equipment. The fire party is to remain in the vicinity of the tents until the person responsible for the supervision of the task is satisfied that there is no possibility of fire out breaks.

2. All units are to ensure that all fire fighting equipment is checked for serviceability at least once a week. Any shortage of fire fighting equipment, including extinquisher refills, is to be reported to the 2 IC 1 Fd Sqn, who is 1 ATF Fire Officer. At the same time unit is to take necessary action to obtain the deficient equipment. Shortages of equipment are to be reported to HQ 1 ATF by the 1 ATF Fire Officer.

3. Where loss or damage to stores and equipment is caused by fire the unit is to advise this Headquarters within 24 hours. This report is to contain information as detailed in MBI 129-6 paragraph 42b.

4. To be republished in Unit Routine Orders at monthly intervals.

17. PORNOGRAPHIC (BLUE) MOVIE FILMS

1. No member of 1 ATF, and no member attached to or visiting 1 ATF is to distribute, show, screen or view pornographic (blue) movie films in 1 ATF Base area. Any member who takes part in the showing, distribution or viewing of such movies is to be charged under the provisions of this Routine Order.

2. No member of 1 ATF is to accept payment in respect of a film screening of any kind.

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18. CANCELLATIONS

1 ATF Routine Orders 8/68 to 50/68 (both inclusive) are cancelled.

19. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT (AAF F114)

1. When equipment is damaged, and inspected by RAEME or RAE Tech indicates Not Fair Wear (NFW) the following procedure is to be adopted:

a. The following inspector is to prepare the Equipment Inspection Report, AAF A114 in four copies for distribution as follows:

(1) RAEME Inspection.

(a) Unit, 2 copies.

(b) EME, 1 ATF, 1 copy.

(c) File, 1 copy.

(2) RAE Tech Inspection.

(a) Unit, 2 copies (via SCQ 1 ATF).

(b) Repair Agency, 1 copy.

(c) DCRE file, 1 copy.

b. The AAF F114 is to be clearly endorsed "NFW" in the classification column.

c. The unit is to investigate the circumstances and submit a report to HQ 1 ATF within 14 days. (Note: If formal investigation is required, the unit will be notified by HQ 1 ATF).

2. Accidental Damage. It should be noted that the term Not Fair Wear includes accidental damage and does not necessarily imply neglect on the part of the unit or an individual. When accidental damage occurs, the AAF F114 is to be endorsed "NFW", and the unit is to report in the normal way. If the inspector is unable to ascertain that the damage has been caused by an accident, he should indicate this in the remarks column of the AAF F114.

3. Costing of Repairs. Repairs are costed by taking into account labour and parts.

a. Labour, RAEME Repair. Labour is costed at $2.35 per hour. Labour costs are calculated on the estimated repair time (ERT). Standard repair time is not listed, labour will be costed on a time for repair estimated by the inspector or the counter-signing officer.

b. Labour, RAE Repair. Labour is costed at $9.00 per day. Labour costs are estimated by the inspector or the counter-signing officer.

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c. Parts. For minor items, the unit may accept an estimated cost from RAEME or RAE, or obtain costs from from the Financial Advisor AFV.

d. Estimated cost of repair is to be entered in column 6 of AAF F114. Labour costs will be entered by the inspector.

4. 1 ATF RO 100/68 is cancelled.

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MESSAGE FORM

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PRIORITY 220300Z JAN 69

FROM: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) RESTRICTED

TO: LIST A LESS SERIAL 27 to 30
LIST C G AIR 66

CARRIAGE OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS IN AIRCRAFT . EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING POLICY APPLIES .

ALFA . PROVIDED ITEMS ARE PACKED IN THEIR APPROVED CONTAINERS THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON TYPE OR QUANTITIES OF EXPLOSIVES THAT MAY BE CARRIED IN AIRCRAFT ON AIR SUPPLY OPERATIONS .

BRAVO . ALL PACKAGES ARE TO BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS AND EXPLOSIVE GROUP LABEL CMM AND ITEMS STOWED IN AIRCRAFT MUST BE SECURED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT DURING FLIGHT . THEY MUST BE READILY ACCESSIBLE FOR JETTISONING .

CHARLIE . DETONATORS ARE TO BE SURROUNDED BY A METAL CONTAINER CMM AND PLACED IN A SAFE CMM ACCESSIBLE STORAGE CMM OR THE CONTAINER MAY BE HAND HELD . THE CONTAINER IS TO BE LABELLED "DETONATORS" .

DELTA . GENERALLY EXPLOSIVES ARE NOT TO BE CARRIED ON THE SAME AIRCRAFT AS PASSENGERS CMM BUT THIS IS LEFT TO THE CAPTAINS DISCRETION .

ECHO . THE PILOT BRIEF SHEET HANDED TO THE PILOT BY THE USER UNIT MUST INCLUDE A LIST OF DANGEROUS MATERIALS OFFERED FOR CARRIAGE

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