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[1-31 May 1971]

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Reference No.

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation **12 Fd Regt RAA**

From **1 MAY 71** To **31 MAY 71**

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to..... (Dates)

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

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UNIT/FORMATION **12 Fd Reg AA**

MONTH and YEAR **MAY 71**

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER **Lt Col B R TOPFER**

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		01	0835	161 Bty RNZA closed down. Fired farewell sheet of 7 rds Red Smk	
			0935	Sector forces in contact 155mm Ong Trinh fired on GR 218666, 220610. NFI	
			1200	Arty LO at DUC THANH no longer there. Returned to NUI DAT.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. A&Is fired on 18 tgts	
		02	1130	SPAR on 3/33 NVA Regt in area N of FSB FRIENDSHIP. C Bty 5/42 laid at 6400m	
			1000	5 Pl B Coy 3RAR loc 5 x Z-shaped bunkers, 12 months old last used 2/12 ago	
			1300	BC A Bty fired 300 rds HE from LINDY and 100 rds PD HE, FRIENDSHIP at priority call to BC 104 Bty. After 1400 FRIENDSHIP at priority call to BC 104 Bty. LINDY Sect to return NUI DAT at 1400 and redeploy tomorrow 4000 S of LINDY. 3RAR to deploy 2 coys in area of SPAR on 3/33 NVA Regt	

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		02	1330	Another sect of APCs going to F/SHIP for local def	
			1400	SAS require ZIGGIE lay on GR529867 for insert	
			1515	Sect A Bty to redeploy in FSB JANE YS 4685 tomorrow, back in NUI DAT now	
			1540	Allocated new Regt freqs due to others being too high. 67.95 & 57.90	
			1545	Red Haze mission 020100 - 020330 and SLAR plan E 012400 - EM	
			1746	LZ prep by ZIGGIE & F/SHIP EM. A Coy inserted GR 554816. C Coy followed	
			1945	String 3 sensor activated GR 493520. Poss pers moving S in creek	
			2051	CARMEN engaged area of String 3. Nil results.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hr period. A&Is fired on 5 tgts	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		03	0355	Red Haze ac reported a flare in YS5382. Not friendlies. NFI	
			0650	Convoy for JANE left at 0630 as tanks were 25 minutes late at RV	
			0700	USS SHELTON will not arrive until tomorrow	
			0850	AO PHILLIPPA base defence AO for FSA JANE GR454846	
			0900	Sect A Bty ready at FSB JANE YS 454846	
			0915	B Coy 3 RAR inserted GR535790	
			1400	1 Fd Sqn fired demolitions without clearance	
			1930	NDP SUSAN sighted nor illum Bg 2300m Range 2-3K. Possible MSF. NFI	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		03	2047	<p>CARMEN firing illum in sp contact at GR438599 ill, can imp 434649 mal 436623.</p> <p>Reports of canisters impacting around 1 Fd Sqn and 3RAR perimeters and a mine being detonated by them received. CARMEN check fired and asked to check grids.</p> <p>Reported cannister impact GR434645. LO BARIA investigating why we received cannisters if this grid is correct.</p> <p>Also report that LONG DIEN fired mors during above contact. We had no request for clearance from them.</p>	
			2400	<p>Sector now claim no mors fired in above</p> <p>Nil contact missions fired in 24 hr period. A&Is fired on 10 tgts.</p>	
		04	0238	CARMEN fired illum on 420545 and 420520 sampans sighted. NFI.	
			0950	Regt freq to change back to 55.50 95F as it now is clear of interference.	
			1445	TF Comd and CO visit FSB FRIENDSHIP. Met by Capt De Vault.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		04	1650	SAS extract 539861. JANE laid on	
			1720	Sect A Bty JANE now priority call to 2RAR. C/S42 reverts to general sp with FPF allotted to 2RAR.	
			1915	XUAN LOC requested we fire on possible 100VC at YS557927. No AUST guns in range.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. A&Is fired on 10 tgts.	
		05	0700	107 Fd Bty depart Luscombe for Return to Australia. DFC ac delayed 1½ hrs.	
			0900	NCO A Bty returned from JANE to NUI DAT for RTA emergency leave. Departed on DFC ac 5 May.	
		*	0800	Call signs change for A Bty and 2RAR FCC. A Bty now C/S19 & 10. 2RAR FCC now C/S 39.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		05	0915	Day 19 of numeral code composed by 3RAR. <i>Com Plcom-560</i>	
			1220	US gunships in arc YS7463. Not ours. BARIA informed troops in area they are engaging.	
			1400	5Pl B Coy 3RAR contacted 2 en. ZIGGIE engaged 532798 and 536806. Nil results.	
			1430	104 Fd Bty arrive LUSCOMBE to commence tour.	
			1500	At 050830 5Pl B Coy 3RAR located a bunker system 60 x 60m, 15 pits. System destroyed.	
			2100	Late report of 6 people sighted near JANE at 1130 hrs. Another had been writing on paper and fled when tracks were sent to investigate. NFI.	
			2200	XA BANG Comd and LO D/T will visit JANE at 061015. Capt Floyd to meet.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		05	2400	One contact mission in 24 hr period. Nil A&Is.	
		06	0820	JANE laid on YS391897 & 388864 for SAS extraction.	
			0945	Neg clearance 1500m around SAS pt1 34 passed to BIEN HOA. NGF around area planned.	
			1120	DF fire plan PETER METER received from 2RAR FCC for FSB JANE. 7 tgts; 3 for C/S40, 4 for 81mm.	
			1335	CO now has a radio in TF helicopter.	
			2145	DUC THANH fired SA during practice Stand To. C Coy 3RAR received incoming SA fire. There was no request for clearance. DUC THANH given check firing and later requested clearance. They were given negative clearance and cancelled Stand To. TF Comd informed.	

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		06	2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. A&Is fired on 33 tgts.	
		07	1215	Sector compromised setting AH of numeral code.	
			1450	JANE laid on GR525920 for SAS extract.	
			1930	There is to be a TRUCE between 081200H and 091200H in honour of BUDDHA's Birthday. All subunits notified no fire of any sort unless in contact.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. H&Is fired on 29 tgts.	
		08	0900	161 Fd Bty depart NUI DAT for farewell pde VUNG TAU then departure for NEW ZEALAND. The bty completed 6 years, 10 months, 21 days in SVN.	
			0120	A mine exploded in 1 Fd Sqn minefield. Probably an animal. NFI.	
			0855	JANE laid on GR492872 for SAS extract.	

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		08	0950	3Sect 1Tp A Sqn 3Cav contacted 1 VC at 558671. Result 1VC KIA (BC) 1xM1 rifle, docs, 1 x M26 grenade.	
			1100	Section APCs to be sent to JANE in view of suspected loc of 3/33 NVA in area YS4192.	
			1200	TRUCE begins. All daily clearances cancelled until further notice. All missions ceased except for SCWs.	
			1540	6 x M16 mines blown at GR509549. No clearance requested by Sector. US LO at Sector advised by DAT DO but no request for clearance submitted to us. Later clearance granted by us.	
			1933	Changed Regt freq to 69.00 58G.	
			2100	JANE has a light at GR449846 but were not allowed to engage; CO's order	

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		08	2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. Nil H&Is.	
		09	1040	TF Comd and CO visiting FSB JANE.	
			1140	From 1ATF CP compromise of settings AR & BW of numeral code.	
			1200	TRUCE concluded.	
			1215	Sect 104 Bty conducting shooting practice on Range 5B. Also 104 Bty coordinating FO trg with other Section.	
			1305	ZIGGIE laid on GR596827 and 601874 for SAS extract.	
			1950	Red paraflare reported GR397620. NFI.	
			2015	A veh approached Route 2 gate then turned and headed away. NFI.	

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		09	2115	LP sighted light at 412702. 2RAR FO 575 informed. 104 Bty 4 rds FFE at 2136 hrs. Results lights extinguished.	
			2350	JANE's H&Is cancelled as fire plan not received.	
				Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. H&Is fired on 12 tgts.	
		10	1105	Agent report of D445 at GR529885.	
			1400	TF Comd and CO visit ZIGGIE and JANE.	
			1415	LZ prep did not go in at planned GR325746 but at GR330800. We were not informed of change and did not have BEARCAT's clearance. RAAF advised.	
			1537	SAS Ptl 32 inserted in AO PAM GR8273.	
			2000	CARMEN fired danger close mission for MSF. VC sighting 20 approx GR475510.	

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		10	2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. H&Is fired on 31 tgts.	
		11	0800	104 Bty FO trg shoot in area E48 - 52; N66 - 69.	
			0900	1Pl A Coy 2RAR located camp at YS515865, 1 - 2 yrs old. Some med supplies found.	
			1050	Airstrike demo on range 6A.	
			1200	A civilian detained inside wire near dump. Another ran away. NFI.	
			1320	JANE laid on GR377901 for SAS insert.	
			1410	Sig in Maj Tawning's FO party hit by dead shrapnel. Not serious. Returned to NUI DAT by APC for med treatment.	
			1500	MSF contacted bunker system in YS7868 - NFI.	

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		11	2113	ZU9354 engaged by 104 Bty for reaction test. 3 mins for simultaneous mission.	
			2400	Vn APs receive Arty rds very close to their posns. Requested check fire. B/C given check fire. Vns did not clear B/C dailies properly and thus this situation arose. Sector informed. Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. H&Is fired on 24 tgts.	
		12	0830	TF Comd and CO visiting GARTH, JANE and FRIENDSHIP. 104 Bty trg shoot continued to 1200.	
			1027	APCs at JANE tasked for def on Engr water point by day.	
			1300	SAS ptl 11 in contact with 1VC. Result 1VC KIA(BC). 1 AK47 CIA, docs CIA. GR375908. Ptl continuing.	
			1940	Bushranger night shoot using 104 Bty firing illum. Completed 2021 hrs, area E35 - 36, N67 - 69.	

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		12	2035	LP reports explosions GS4555. No friendlies this loc but ^{AP} LP only 2 K's away and may be firing. NFI.	
			2045	HOA LONG hunting party firing again. TF duty officer informed. NFI.	
			2130	12 Fd Regt practice Stand-to. Completed 2140 hrs.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. Nil H&Is.	
		13	1225	1Pl A Coy 3RAR located L-shaped bunker system consisting of 12 bunkers. OHP 12" system destroyed. GR557812.	
			1300	ZIGGIE laid on GR569901 & 597898 & 679878 for SAS inserts.	
			1520	NDP TESSA established in area GR543747. NDP SANDRA closed down.	
			1530	At 1400 hrs 2Pl A Coy 3RAR located bunker system, 14 bunkers 3' OHP. Last	

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		13	1530	(cont) used 1 to 2 months ago. System destroyed GR560807.	
			2000	Cobras in sp 302 Bn in LONG HAIs. EM2100.	
			2320	DUSTOFF to VUNG TAU. Sector check fired 20 mins.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. H&Is fired on 24 tgts.	
		14	0213	Uptight 39 (US Ac) sighted sampan at GR240670 moving up-river. Sector notified. No action taken.	
			0830	SAS reported 10 rds HE landed at GR685884. Their ptl at GR680879. No arty fired, closer than GR685850 and no errors in gun data or calculations. SAS ptl checked locstat and now at GR 679879.	
			1000	At GR631765, 4Pl B Coy 3RAR located fd dressing stn, 3 bunkers, some surgical eqpt and 6 empty graves. System destroyed.	

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		14	1300	ZIGGIE laid on GR597898 for SAS inserion.	
			1400	Blood stained VC pack found at GR404867 by 1Tp C Sqn. Returned to Int. NFI. CO at VUNG TAU until afternoon of 16th. 2IC standing in.	
			1930	D/T AP suspected contacted. NFI.	
			2019	JANE engaged lights in rubber to their west with TI. Results light ^{extgshed} extgshed.	
			2030	Vn on Regt net horsing around and swearing at us. Comms Con informed. Answered they are ARVN; nothing they can do.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. H&Is fired on 8 tgts.	
		15	0700	US CH47 was advised of 20 pdr danger area and when he could not be given a direct impact grid, returned to BIEN HOA. Luscombe sorting him out today.	

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		15	0840	FRIENDSHIP and 11/3RAR reported SA fire at GR511785. D/T advised Vn's fired some rds to get people on parade.	
			1050	Mor rep from SAS. Approx grid of BP at YS558928. XL asked if any mors firing in their area.	
			1215	JANE laid on GR528910 and 390924 for SAS.	
			1750	X/L reports no mors firing in area of Morep, however he has mors firing from YS5696 into 5796. SAS informed as well as G2 Int and Ops.	
			2020	Clearance for 81mm mors out of JANE on H&Is held up by D/T. Reason Vn DO not available. Clearance given 2040. Agent report 141600 100VC from D445 at YS6877, 6876, 7171. NFI.	
			2400	Nil contact missions fired in 24 hour period. Nil H&Is fired.	

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		16	0915	SAS Pt1 32 in AO PAM extracted YS8278.	
			1005	SAS Pt1 24 Mor Rep. Mor BP placed at GR547938. Impact grids 538929, 549920. Seagull informed.	
			1355	At 467906 1Pl V Coy 2RAR located 2 graves approx 2 weeks old, one occupied.	
			1845	ZIGGIE engaged GR579818 smk coming through canopy.	
			2245	XUAN LOC given negative clearance any arty south of 94N.	
			2400	Nil contact msns fired in 24 hr period. H&Is fired on 5 tgts.	
		17	0600	ZIGGIE engaged GR579818 suspected en location. CVT fired. NFI.	
			1100	Change over of sect 104 Bty with sect A Bty at JANE. Lt Stevens now at JANE.	

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		17	1200	SAS Pt1 22 reported 20 more rds fired by unknown mor in arc YS5693. Seagull G Int, G Ops informed.	
			1330	NGF in LONG HAIs on two tgts. Results nil. USS LARSEN mounting 5" x 38s on station.	
			1700	BC A Bty engaged possible en loc GR569826 with ZIGGIE. FRIENDSHIP laid on in case ZIGGIE's fire ineffective against canopy. Results nil.	
			1930	3RAR complain about SA & 50 cal fire from FRIENDSHIP & JANE during ni. Seagull, G Ops informed.	
			1939	CARMEN fired on GR441571 VC sighting.	
			2100	CARMEN mor firing GR450566 contact. EM2140. Neg results.	

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		17	2230	SA fire reported by FRIENDSHIP and A Coy 3RAR in area of BINH GIA. D/T advised probably one of their APs.	
			2400	Nil Contact Msns fired in 24 hr period. H&Is fired on 10 tgts.	
		18	0035	3Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ contacted 2 VC at GR480875. JANE fired illum. Sweep conducted. Neg results.	
			0815	Medevac of Sgt E J WATSON from JANE to VAMPIRE suspected appendicitis.	
			1055	Regt net changed freq to 47.35 alt.	
			1430	F/SHIP will only fire SA etc every second ni as requested by 3RAR.	
			1500	SAS ptl 15 inserted in AO TONI Sq7676.	
			1600	Vn fired 81mm at 0940 hrs without clearance. LO BARIA has spoken to them.	

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		18	1640	A ptl from JANE found a UXB at GR460848. Was not fuzed and had been carried. Destroyed.	
			2205	Lights reported by 104 Bty & LP on N/D Hill, moving S- N grid 420672. CP DO informed.	
			2400	1 Contact mission fired in 24 hr period. H&Is fired on 13 tgts.	
	YS389923	19	1305	SAS Ptl 14 in contact.	
			1310	JANE laid on contact grid until extraction of ptl complete at 1405 hrs.	
			1405	JANE engaging. Lt J M SHEEDY deployed by CO to conduct msn from air. 32 rds HE expended. Lay on continued.	
	YS3792	1450	1450	2 x F100 strike ac engaging.	

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	YS282924	1520	1520	SAS advise this grid for tgt. Passed to Lt SHEEDY and engaged by JANE. EM at 1615 hrs. 60 rds HE and 5 rds WP expended.	
		19	1845	Fire plan DARK STAB passed to JANE and FRIENDSHIP. To engage tgts in GS 5290. Agent reports on FUP/staging area. To be engaged 200300H - 200400H. Ammunition expenditure to be: JANE 144 rds HE; F/SHIP 96 rds HE. NFI.	
			2400	Nil contact msn fired during 24 hr period. H&Is fired on 18 tgts.	
	YS373743	20	1530	1Tp C Sqn 1 Armd contacted 1 en who withdrew west across creek. Tanks not able to cross. Lt SHEEDY airborne at that time and redirected to engage.	
	YS374748		1550	Sect A Fd Bty NUI DAT laid on.	
			1554	Engaging. En not sighted by FO. Area of sighting engaged with 46 rds HE 4 rds WP. NFI.	
			1620	EM.	

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	YS425688	20	2105	LP NUI DAT sighted lights. 1 gum 104 Bty NUI DAT illuminated YS425688 with 2 rds and remained laid on. No persons sighted. Sub-unit from A Sqn 3 Cav reacted to investigate at 2230 hrs. On approaching area 5 signal shots were heard. Sub unit from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt reacted at 210045. NFI.	
			2400	Nil contact & 7 H&I missions were fired during 24 hr period	
	YS353904	22	0900	LOH from 161 Recce Flt located occupied bunker system. Not in range to JANE. Engaged by 2 air strikes each of 2 x F100 ac. EWG also by gunships from 9 Sqn RAAF. Period 1400 - 1500 engaged with 30 rds HE by RTAVF 155mm from FSB TANEE (YS2786).	
	YS403912	22	1456	JANE laid on for insertion of Ptl 23 SAS.	
			2400	Nil contact & 10 H&I msns were fired during 24 hr period.	
	YS491849	23	1240	4Pl B Coy 3RAR in contact. Out of range to ZIGGIE. JANE laid on 488839 for	

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		23		(cont) cut off but did not engage.	
			1500	BC A Fd Bty requests increase of allotment of rds for A&I tgts to 120 rds for ni 23/24. Commander states total not to exceed 50 rds.	
	YS443876		2100	Pt1 2Pl V Coy 2RAR(NZ) ANZAC sighted 5 en withdrawing from a house. JANE fired illum on YS439875 from 2125 hrs to 2153 hrs.	
			2400	Nil contact and 13 A&I missions were fired in the 24 hr period.	
		24	1352	FRIENDSHIP ceased firing. Returning to NUI DAT 1430 hrs.	
			1539	Pl C/5/42(US) Arty arrive NUI DAT from FRIENDSHIP. Now gen sp to PHUC TUY	
			2400	Nil contact and 14 A&I missions were fired during the 24 hr period.	
		25	1100	Comd, CO & Capt FORD proceeding to Courtney Hill (YS450904) to consider	

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		25		(cont) sensor planning.	
			2400	Nil contact & 10 A&I missions were fired during the 24 hr period.	
		26	0230	Sector request illum from NUI DAT to sp 612 RF contact at LONG DIEN. Sect A Bty NUI DAT laid on YS424604 IG illum. Not fired as en withdrew and contact broken. EM at 0300 hrs.	
			1200	Sect A Fd Bty NUI DAT commence 24 hr stand down.	
	YS500939		1330	JANE laid on for insertion Ptl 14 SAS. EM 1430 hrs.	
			2400	No contact or A&I missions were fired during the 24 hr period.	
		27	1300	ZIGGIE firing calibration checks until 1700 hrs.	
			1330	P1 8" A/7/8(US) Arty arrive NUI DAT from FSB OLSEN (YT655068) for FP demo.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		27		(cont) for fire power demonstration 28 May.	
	YS395919		1600	JANE laid on Ptl 23 SAS in contact. Did not engage. EM1715 hrs when extraction of ptl completed.	
	YS432876		2048	2Pl V Coy 4RAR/NZ in contact. JANE engaging with illum. EM 2124 hrs.	
	YS454845		2201	3 en sighted on wire at JANE. Engaged with M60 & Claymores. Sweep conducted by TA elements with 81mm illum. Nil results. No further results in morning.	
			2400	1 contact and nil A&I msns were fired during the 24 hour period.	
		28		0915 - 1045 hrs Fire power demonstration for 4RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn conducted on Ranges EAST of NUI DAT. Firing units were sect A Fd Bty NUI DAT, Sect 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT, Mor Pl 4RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn, C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, Pl C/5/42(US) Arty NUI DAT, Pl C/5/42 (US) Arty FSB CARMEN,	

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		28		(cont) P1 A/7/8(US) Arty NUI DAT, Gunships 9 Sqn RAAF, Cobra Gunships US Army Avn.	
				0900 - 1430 hrs USS EVERETT F LARSEN on station. Engaged 8 tgts in LONG HAI Hills, 115 rds expended. NGFLO reported very accurate fire.	
			2400	Nil contact and 3 A&I missions were fired during the 24 hr period.	
	YS506616	29	2115	Lights and personnel sighted from HORSESHOW HILL. Sect A Fd Bty NUI DAT engaging at 2146 hrs. Correction Dn 1600 R 800.	
	YS499613		2213	Sect A Fd Bty firing illum. Further sighting. Ac conducted visual recce. NFI. EM2323 hrs.	
			2400	Nil contact or R&I missions were fired during the 24 hr period.	
		30	1000	A Fd Bty FCC returned to ZIGGIE from NUI DAT.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	YS430900	30	1020	Requested to engage by XUYAN LOC with 1ATF Arty. Report of VC SIGHTING. Was not engaged as tgt grid was in civil access area.	
	YS 1035		1035	EM lay on for JANE. SAS extraction complete.	
			2400	There were no contact or A&I missions fired during the 24 hr period.	
	YS473904	31	0530	JANE engaging with illum. 1Pl V Coy 4RAR/NZ sighted a light. Engaged with SA.	
			2127	Sects A Bty & 104 Bty engaging 3 rds FFE on ZU9024 for practice stand-to.	
			2400	There were nil contact or A&I missions fired during the 24 hr period.	
				Ammunition expenditure for the period 25 Mar - 24 Apr 71, ^{NOT} incl in last Comds Diary - HE 8600 - SMK 17 - WP 147 - ILLUM 501 - SPLINTEX 2 - SMK COL 2.	
				Ammo expenditure for the period 25 Apr - 24 May 71 - HE 4922 - WP 156 - ILLUM 299 - SPLINTEX - 33 - SMK COL 7	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
				The following changes occurred to the Officer Manning during the reporting period:	
				a. Capt D J FLOYD From BK A Bty to LO att HQ 1 ATF GSO3 SD & Trg	
				b. Capt R V McEVOY From FO A Fd Bty to BK A Fd Bty	
				c. Lt J M SHEEDY From FO HQ Bty (Incr) to FO A Fd Bty	
				d. Lt R MAIN From IO RHQ to FO (Incr) HQ Bty	
				e. Lt R DUNN From LO HQ Bty to IO RHQ	
				f. Capt E P ESMONDE From LO to GSO3 HQ 1 ATF	

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BC A Fd Bty (2)
BC 104 Fd Bty (2)
BC HQ Bty

12 FD REGT OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION 4/71

CALIBRATION CHECKS

Reference A : AT Vol 2 Para 14 Part 4 Calibration 1970.

1. Reference A states that guns should be checked instrumentally for correct adopted MVs every 250 EFCs fired or at least twice a year. To meet this requirement the guns of the Regiment will have to be checked once every three to four months.
2. It is intended to conduct the check firings each time a Section is located at Nui Dat provided that this is necessary. Measurements will be made using M36 Chronograph provided by 23 Arty Gp.
3. All calibration check firings are to be coordinated by BC HQ Bty. To enable him to fulfill this task it will be necessary for Batteries to provide the following information.
 - a. EFCs fired once a month. To be submitted by the 3rd of each month.
 - b. The results of wear measurements.
 - c. Changes in adopted MVs due to EFC changes or wear measurement.
 - d. Any abnormalities detected during firing which are attributed to incorrect adopted MVs.
4. This Instruction in no way changes the responsibilities of battery officers towards ensuring that correct MVs are adopted, that are currently in practice.


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3 Jun 71

12 Fd Regt Op 0 3/71 (OP OVERLORD)

Ref: 1 ATF Op 0. 6/71 dated 3 Jun 71.

1 Situationa. Enemy Forces

Elms of the fol units are believed to be in the gen area centre of mass YS5293.

3 Bn 33rd (NVA) Regt
 D445 (LF) Bn
 Gp 13 of CHAU DUC
 C36 Spr Recce Coy
 K8 Combat Sp Coy
 Coy Former D65(NVA) Engr Bn
 Rear Svc elms of BA LONG Province HQ
 XUAN LOC Dist Unit
 CAO SU Dist Unit
 CAM MY Village Unit

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1 ATF will deploy to destroy NVA/VC units in Northern PHUOC TUY and Southern LONG KHAN Provinces. Code named Op OVERLORD.

(2) 1 ATF ORBAT for op will be:

HQ 1 ATF Main
 3 RAR
 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
 C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-)
 A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)
 12 Fd Regt (-)
 1 Fd Sqn (-)
 Elms HQ Coy 1 ATF
 Ac 161 Indep Recce Flt
 Ac 9 Sqn RAAF

(3) HQ 1 ATF Main will be loc at YS450904

c. Atts and Dets

(1) In co-operation 2 Bn 8 Bde 1 Air Cav Div (AM) (US)

(2) In sp and at pri call. Three Hows C Bty 5-42 Arty Bn (US)

2. Mission To sp 1 ATF in Op OVERLORD

/3. Execution

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3. Execution

a. A Fd Bty

- (1) Grouping (a) In DS 3 RAR
(b) In Sp 1 ATF
- (2) Tasks Estab FSB PAMELA in YS4892. Redeploy by air from FSB ZIGGIE and by road from NUI DAT.

b. 104 Fd Bty

- (1) Grouping (a) Bty less one sect. In DS 4 RAR.
(b) One sect in sp 1 ATF (Rear).
- (2) Tasks (a) Bty less one sect estab FSB TRISH in YS5288, Deployed from NUI DAT by air.
(b) One sect redeployed from FSB JANE by road in sp of NUI DAT base area.

c. C Bty 5-42 Arty Bn (US) (-)

- (1) Grouping In op and at pri call 1 ATF.
- (2) Tasks Estab FSB CHERIE at YS453907, Deploy from NUI DAT by road.

d. Arty Tac HQ

- (1) Grouping (a) Main HQ with HQ 1 ATF Main
(b) Rear HQ with HQ 1 ATF Rear.
(c) AASWCC is to remain at NUI DAT
- (2) Tasks (a) Main HQ. Coord arty op for Op OVERLORD.
(b) Rear HQ. Coord arty op for 1 ATF base and NDP HORSESHOE areas. Also provide air clearance for PHUOC TUY Province.

e. Fwd Obs (FO)

- (1) In DS 3RAR and 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn. Normal.
- (2) HQ Bty FOs
- (a) One party to provide half parties for tasks:
(i) Arty sp for NDP HORSESHOE (FO Asst)
(ii) Reserve FO deploy with Arty Tac HQ Main (FO)
- (b) One party to deploy with A Sqn 3 Cav;

/ f. Coord Instr

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SECRETf. Co-ord Instrs

- (1) 2IC is to issue detailed deployment orders to A and 104 Fd Btys and to C Bty 5-42 Arty Bn (US) (-).
- (2) BC HQ Bty is to issue detailed orders to Arty Tac HQ Main and HQ Bty FO parties.
- (3) Timings Deployment is to take place on 5 Jun 71. Timings are to be issued later.
- (4) Clearances
 - (a) Clearances are to be requested from Arty Tac HQ Main except by sect 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT who are to request them from Arty Tac HQ Rear.
 - (b) Air Clearances. Arty Tac HQ Main is to request air clearances for LONG KHAN Province through 1 ATF LO at XUAN LOC. A radio on Regt comd net will be manned by LO party.

4. Administration and Logistics

- a. A and 104 Fd Bty. Normal less ammo.
- b. C Bty 5-42 Arty Bn (US) (-) Normal less ammo and def (Cat 4) stores. Requests for def stores are to be submitted to HQ 12 Fd Regt.
- c. Arty Tac HQ Main To be administered by HQ Coy 1 ATF.
- d. Ammo FSB are to be estab with fol ammo
 - (1) A Fd Bty 600 HE PD
60 Ill
60 WP
36 Splintex
 - (2) 104 Fd Bty 400 HE PD
60 Ill
60 WP
18 Splintex
 - (3) C Bty 5-42 (US) (-) 300 HE
60 Ill
30 WP
- e. Rats Five days Combat rats are to be carried on deployment.
- f. Med 8 Fd Amb are to provide one med orderly at HQ 1 ATF Main.

5. Command and Signals

- a. Locs
 - (1) Arty Tac HQ Main. To be loc at 23450904
 - (2) Arty Tac HQ Rear To be loc at NUI DAT

/b. CallsignsSECRET

b. Callsigns

- (1) Arty Tac HQ Main Callsign 95A
- (2) Arty Tac HQ Rear Callsign 95
- (3) 1 ATF LO XUAN LOC Callsign 96

c. Radio Relay The fol facilities will be aval:

- (1) Sole-user link between Arty Tac HQs Main and Rear.
- (2) Link to FWMAF telephone network through ENSIGN exchange at HQ 1 ATF Main

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION 1/71
COMMAND AND CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES

Introduction

1. This instruction is to clarify the division of responsibilities for the command and control of artillery resources in 1 ATF between Arty Tac and FCCs. The reason for issue is that it appears that Bty Comds have assumed more responsibilities than was intended. In consequence they and their FCCs have an unnecessarily large amount of work to do, especially in moments of maximum activity.

Responsibility of Arty Tac

2. Arty Tac is responsible for the command and control of all artillery resources allotted to 1 ATF. This responsibility is delegated to Bty Comds in certain circumstances as shown below in para 3. The detailed responsibilities of Arty Tac are given below:

- a. Ordering the movement of fire units in support of Battalion operations. This task is done personally by the CO through the 2IC.
- b. Allocation of fire units to fire missions in support of units other than those provided with DS artillery such as infantry battalions. The fire units will almost certainly already be in DS of a battalion.
- c. The provision of ground clearance outside battalion AOs and of all air clearance. A temporary exception to this rule applies in the case of Duc Thanh and Xuyen Moc district AOs. In both cases BCs may at present go direct to the LO at district HQ for ground clearance. See also para 3 d. below.
- d. Co-ordination of fire support for units other than those with DS artillery allotted.
- e. The issue of the TF Comd's policy for A & I firing and the Co-ordination of its implementation.

Responsibilities of the FCC

3. The FCC is responsible for coordinating the fire of all fire units in DS of the Battalions. The detailed responsibilities are given below:

- a. The allocation of fire units to tasks in support of the battalions as required.
- b. The coordination of DF plans within the battalion AO.
- c. Obtaining ground clearance for missions fired within the battalion AO or within 1000-1500 metres outside the AO, from the battalion CP.

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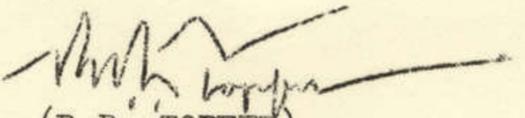
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e. Implementation of artillery warning for aircraft in DS of the Battalions.

Passage of Clearances

4. It is the responsibility of the GPO to obtain all necessary clearances before firing. He will therefore request clearances from Art Tac and the FCC on the Regimental Command Net. These two CPs will obtain the clearances as shown in paras 2 and 3 above and pass them direct to the requesting unit.


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8 Apr 71

12 Fd Regt Op o 2/71

Reference: A. 12 Fd Regt Opo 1/71 dated 7 Apr 71

Situation

1. 161 Fd Bty RNZA will be ceasing operations and returning to New Zealand departing as follows:

- a. 15 Apr Advance party 1 Offr, 4 OR.
- b. 8 May Main Body 9 Offr, 91 OR.
- c. 22 May Rear party 1 Offr, 14 OR.

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2. To concentrate all elms 161 (NZ) Bty at NUI DAT with a view to ceasing operations at 011200 hrs May 71.

Execution

3. a. Guns

(1) 24 Apr All gun groups to be concentrated at NUI DAT by 1200 hrs.

(2) 241200 Apr - 010700 May 71. One sect to be at 30 Mins stand by to fire by day and at immediate notice by ni.

b. FOs

(1) FO parties to be concentrated at ND by 011200 May 71. BCs of A and 104 Btys to coordinate return of NZ FOs their op con. See also Ref A.

c. 161 (NZ) Bty is to cease operations at 011200 May 71

Admin and Log

4. To be detailed by BC 161 (NZ) Bty.

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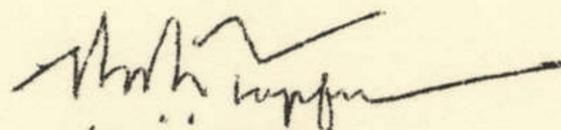
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Capt Esmonde	
Sig Supervisor	
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12 Fd Regt RAA
NUI DAT SVN

7 Apr 71

12 Fd Regt OpO 1/71

1. Situation

a. Omitted

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Arty (a) 107 Fd Bty will cease ops on 5 May 71.

(b) 104 Fd Bty will be complete in station on 5 May 71
and fully operational on 16 May 71.

(2) 2RAR is expected to Cease ops at 152359 May 71.

c. Omitted.

d. Attachments. A sect or battery of 155mm How (US) will be op con
to 1 ATF 28 Apr to 20 May 71.

2. Aim: To provide arty sp for 2RAR between 28 Apr and 16 May 71.

3. Execution

a. Guns

29 Apr (1) Pl/Bty 155mm Hows (US) come into DS 2RAR.

30 Apr (2) FSB LINDY closes at first light. Sect 107 Fd Bty
returns to Nui Dat.

(3) 107 Fd Bty commences preparation for RTA.

(4) 107 Fd Bty to provide sect to be at 30 min notice to
fire by day and at immediate notice by ni ~~until~~ 1
050300 May 71.

5 May (5) 104 Fd Bty to provide sect at NUI DAT to be at 30 min
notice to give by day and at immediate notice by ni until
152339 May 71.

16 May (6) 104 Fd Bty to be fully operational after in theatre
trg.

b. FOs

30 Apr (1) Fo party with V(5) Coy (Lt Sheedy - HQ Bty) to
return to NUI DAT with the Coy.

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- 1 May (2) FO party with A Coy (Lt Thornton - 161 NZ Bty) to be replaced by FO party (Capt Lynch - HQ Bty) and return to NUI DAT. BC A Bty to coord move of Capt Lynch with BC 107 Bty. To be complete by 1200 hrs.
- 2 May (3) FO and one sig with B Coy (LT Feakes - 107 Bty) to return to NUI DAT. To be replaced by FO (2Lt Main - HQ Bty) only.
- (4) FO party with C Coy (Lt Yeats - 107 Bty) to be replaced by FO party (Lt Sheedy - HQ Bty). The FO asst and sigs are to be provided by HQ Bty.
- 6 May (5) FO party (Capt Pearce - 104 Bty) to join V(6) Coy for in-theatre trg.
- 16 May (6) All FO parties in sub paras 3b. (2) to (4) to return NUI DAT with Coys 2RAR for redeployment or stand down as ordered by CO 12 Fd Regt.
- 3 May FCC
- 29 Apr (1) Capt Esmonde is to report to BC 107 Bty for training in duties at FCC 2 RAR.
- 3 May (2) Capt Esmonde is to assume responsibility for FCC 2 RAR at 030001 hrs.
- (3) The provision of a party to man FCC 2RAR for the period 3 May 71 to 15 May 71 and is to be agreed between BC 104 Bty and BC HQ Bty by 1 May 71.

4. Admin and Log

- a. Normal less signals equipment.
- b. Signals equipment is to be disposed of as follows:
- (1) Lt Sheedy is to return eqpt held at present. to 107 Bty and take over eqpt from Lt Feaks..
- (2) Capt Lynch is to return eqpt held at present to A Bty and take over eqpt from Lt Thornton.
- (3) 2Lt Main is to take over eqpt from Lt Yeats.

5. Comd and Sigs

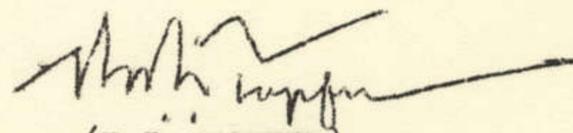
- a. Sigs supervisor 12 Fd Regt is to issue SOIs and codes to Pl/Bty 155mm How (US) on arrival 28 Apr 71.

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MONTHLY SICK REPORT
MONTH ENDING APR 71

	HQ	A	107	131	161	LAD	3 Cav	17 Const	1 Fd Sqn	1 Armd Regt
GASTROENTRITIS	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	2	5	1
OTHER INTESTINAL	1	Nil	1	1	2	Nil	4	2	2	Nil
EAR & EYE	2	Nil	4	1	1	Nil	11	6	4	3
NOSE & THROAT	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	2	5	4	1
SKIN	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	11	16	7	5
PUO	1	NIL	1	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
PHYCHIATRIC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
SURGICAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	2	1	1
OTHER MEDICAL	7	1	2	3	2	1	2	10	12	10
INJURIES	8	1	5	Nil	5	2	7	16	6	4
RESPIRATORY	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5	2	Nil
TOTAL	32	2	13	5	17	3	43	64	44	26
GONORRHOEA	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	4	1				
N.S.U.	NIL	1	3	1	1	2				

RMO Comments

1. Thanks to the co-operation of the above units the following improvements have been made to the medical coverage given by 12 Fd Regt RAP.
 - a. A medic will now be on duty at the RAP at night for after hours treatment.
 - b. A vehicle will be travelling five days per week between 12 Fd Regt RAP and ALSG to attend to the medical and medical administration needs of members of the above units.
2. This change will take effect as from 3 May 71.
3. In establishing this more centralised service it is hoped that any member of the below units who requires medical attention after hours will report to the 12 Fd Regt RAP rather than 8 Fd Amb.
4. It would be appreciated if unit commanders could make their units aware of these changes soon as practicable.

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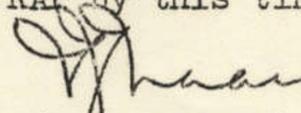
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	HQ	A	104	LAD	131	3 Cav	17 Const	1 Fd Sqn	1 Armd Regt
Gastroentritis	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	1	2	7	4
Other Intestinal	4	3	3	Nil	2	2	17	2	5
Eye & Eye	5	7	3	Nil	1	7	13	10	15
Nose & Throat	5	1	1	Nil	1	3	6	3	3
Skin	6	6	3	Nil	Nil	10	18	7	13
PUO	3	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	1	Nil	1
Psychiatric	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	1
Surgical	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	2	4	2
Other Medical	1	4	2	Nil	1	2	8	16	12
Injuries	5	7	8	2	2	8	14	23	2
Respiratory	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	4	5	1
TOTAL	30	29	21	2	7	39	85	78	59
Gonorrhoea	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil				
NSU	1	2	2	Nil	Nil				
Others	1	1	Nil	Nil	1				

RMO Comments:

1. Over the past month, units with members in 1 AFH have on occasions not been bringing letters & personal gear belonging to these members to 12 Fd Regt RAP early enough to be taken down by vehicle.

2. As the daily hospital visiting vehicle is supposed to leave for 1 AFH at 0730 hrs units are requested to have such items to the RAP by this time


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