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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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2 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H Feb to 012400H Feb 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 remained 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. At 0208H at YS208814 an ambush patrol from 3 Tp engaged a sampan resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC). Elements of 1 Tp carry out night ambush at YS227739. Roadrunner and convoy escorts on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp (-) YS227739; 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; 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 concluded operations in AO MAGPIE and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS236776.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with minor contact. At 1430H at YS260793 3 Pl V Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail) and 1 x M16 captured. At 1925H at YS296793 5 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy with result 1 en KIA (poss). The area will be swept at first light. 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 1025H at YS194886 5 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 SKS rifle and an entrenching tool captured. At 1050H at YS190881 6 Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC). Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS163856; B Coy YS200881; C Coy YS191881; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. At 1320H at YT278040, while investigating a hospital that had been struck during the B52 strike on 31 Jan, elements of 5 Marine Bn detonated an anti-personnel mine with result 2 ARVN KIA and 6 ARVN WIA. Locations: HQ 52 Regt FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52 YT248028; 5 Marine Bn YT255040.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
011233H	YS324844	Occupied Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 tunnel destroyed, 2 bunkers uncovered 1 en KBA (poss)

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: 2 ARVN KIA
6 ARVN WIA (evac)

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2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 4 en KIA (BC)
1 en KIA (poss)
1 en KBA (poss)
1 en WIA (bloodtrail)

b Materiel: 1 x M16; 1 x SKS; 1 entrenching tool

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 five LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

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3 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 020001H Feb to 022400H Feb 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) remains at FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of 4 RAR. At YS333839 1 Tp discovered a mine, laid in previously made tracks, consisting of ½ lb TNT detonator connected to 1 x 81mm mortar round, 1 x 56mm RCL round, 1 x 76mm HE round and 4 x 4.2 in mortar rounds. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS335843; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp supported 9 RAR in the move of A Coy. 2 Tp supported 1 RAR with the changeover of B and D Coys on land clearing protection. 3 Tp provided security for land clearing operations in area YS2377. Roadrunner and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. 1 Sect 3 Tp carries out night ambush to the East of FSPB JULIA in area YS229807. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 3 Tp YS229807.

(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; 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 ceased to support land clearing operations and returned to 1 ATF Base. D Coy deployed to AO GEORGE centre of mass YS2571 to support further land clearing operations. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS251717.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE without contact. V Coy deployed by air to area YS3187 and W Coy deployed by air to YS3384, commencing RIF in those areas. A sweep of the area YS296793 of 5 Pls contact at 011925H revealed 1 en KIA (BC), 1 en WIA (bloodtrail), 1 x damaged AK 47, 1 x SKS rifle and a quantity of AR 15 magazines. At 011600H at YS295830 11 Pl had discovered a camp of 12 bunkers all with OHC. A search of the area has revealed 1 x RPG 7 round, 20 lbs chicom explosives, 300 x 7.62 short rounds, 1 chicom claymore, 2 NVA pith helmets and a set of webbing. 8 fresh graves were also found in area. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS296826; V Coy YS307864; W Coy YS335843; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1845H at YS249860 1 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS244859; B Coy YS208880; C Coy YS191881; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. At 0810H at YT287041 5 Marine Bn contacted 2 enemy with result 2 en KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47 captured. A sweep of the contact area also revealed 1 en KBA as a result of the B52 strike in the area on 31 Jan 69. Locations: HQ 52 Regt FSPB KATHLEEN YS2299; 3/52 YT242048; 5 Marine Bn (-) YT239039.

(h) Air support. There were no significant airstrikes during the period.

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

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2 ENEMY LOSSES.

a Personnel : 4 en KIA (BC)
1 en KBA (BC)
1 en WIA (bloodtrail)

b Materiel : 3 x AK 47's
1 x SKS
1 x RPG round; 20 lbs chicom explosive; 1 x chicom claymore; 300 x 7.62 short rounds; qty of webbing and equipment; 1 x 81mm mor round; 1 x 56mm RCL round; 1 x 76mm HE round; 4 x 4.2 in mortar rounds.

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 six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. At 2009H at YS397664 a ptl from 9 RAR contacted 3 enemy. A Sweep will be conducted at first light.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Consolidated results for January 1969 are:-

a. Friendly KIA - 15

b. Friendly WIA - 46

c. Contacts - 108

d. Enemy KIA - 86

e. Enemy PW - 3

f. VCI killed ard captured - 12

g. SA captured - 96

h. Crew-served wpns captured - 12

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4 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 030001H Feb to 032400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ and 3 Tp remained in FSPB JULIA. 1 Tp remained in support of W Coy 4 RAR, providing mobile reaction for that coy. 2 and 4 Tps remained in 1 ATF Base as TF Reaction. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS333843.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp (-) conducted operations in AO RIVERSDALE in support of 4 RAR, without contact. 2 Tp (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and provided convoy escort on QL 15. 33 Section and 82 Section supported 1 RAR land clearing operations within AO GEORGE. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 82 Section YS251717.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 17 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.

(d) 1 RAR. D Coy continued to support land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS251717.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS296826; W Coy YS333843; V Coy YS302864; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1530H at YS196889 9 Pl contacted 1 enemy without result. At 1545H at YS209889 one enemy surrendered to 4 Pl. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2286; A Coy YS254857; B Coy YS208882; C Coy YS192881; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt FSPB KATHLEEN YS2299; 5 Marine Bn (-) YT239023.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
021622H	YS309750	Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered & damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 5 metres trench destroyed, 45 metres trench uncovered, 15 metres of cache uncovered.
030753H	YS387774	Base Camp	2 structure destroyed, 1 structure damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 2 tables exposed
031342H	YS296839	Base Camp	4 bunkers uncovered.

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

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2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel - 1 CHIEU HOI

b Materiel + Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil

(4) Results. Nil

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5 Feb 69

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

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Veitnam
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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt SHQ and 3 Tp conducted RIF in AO WONDAI West of QL 15. 1 Tp remained in support of W Coy 4 RAR. 2 Tp and 4 Tp remain in 1 ATF Base as part of TF reaction force. L ocations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp
1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS321843.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp conducted RIF operations in AO WONDAI in support of 9 RAR. 2 Tp continued roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15. 3 Tp supported 1 RAR land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. 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 regt FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR D Coy continued to support land clearing operations in AO GEORGE without incident. A Coy commenced RIF operations in AO RAVEN centre of mass YS 3670. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS360688; D Coy YS251717.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE without contact. At YS295834 10 Pl found a cache containing 50 yds gauze, 1250 morphine phails, 200 penicillin phials, 5 x 8 oz bottles of ether and a quantity of other drugs. At YS322843 W Coy found a camp of 60 bunkers. Search and destruction of this position continues. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS295837; V Coy YS308855; W Coy YS321843; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0610H at YS221877 5 Pl contacted 8 enemy with result 1 NVA KIA (BC) 5 VC KIA (BC), 1x AK47 and 5 x 7.62 mm chicon SMG captured. The packs of the party contained 200 lbs rice, 15 lb oats, 10 lb sugar. 2 x sandbags of fish, 2 x sandbags of pork, a quantity of other food, 2 x torches, 50 torch batteries, 12 small batteries, 6 cartons of cigarettes and quantities of documents and medical supplies. At 1330H at YS268874 12 Pl engaged 4 enemy without result. At 1430H at YS268875 12 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 en WIA(bloodtrail), 1 x RPG2 and 1 x AK47 captured. At 1935H at YS222886 6 Pl contacted 5 plus enemy. 5 enemy were sighted and movement of more was heard. At the same time other elements of B Coy heard movement and saw lights of an unknown number of enemy. A flare aircraft and artillery supported the contact. Results are unknown at this time. A sweep of the area will be conducted at first light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2286; A Coy YS254857; B Coy YS217879; D Coy YS270870; C Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with contact. At YT293028 3/52 (-) found a cache containing 38 x RPG2 rounds, 2 x carbines, 1 x 82 mm mortar round, 102 x 60 mm mortar rounds, 8 boxes of SKS ammo, 17 boxes of 60 mm mortar propellant charges, 12 x 82 mm mortar fuzes.

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1. a. (1) (g) cont.

At 1310H at YT290027 the leading elements of 3/52 were fired on by 2 enemy with SA and RPG2. This contact was followed up and led onto a bunker system, from which 3/52 was attacked form 3 directions. It is estimated the position was held by 2 en coys. LFT, artillery and airstrike supported the action. At approx 1615H the enemy broke contact, withdrawing to the N/E. 5 Marine Bn was moved by air to take up a blocking position on the withdrawal route in the area of YT3005. The known result of the action are 5 ARVN KIA , 8 ARVN WIA, enemy casualities unknown. 16 x RPG7 rounds, a quantity of hand-grenades and a quantity of documents have so far been captured; a follow up and search of the system is to be conducted of 5 Feb 69. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and B Coy 3/52 FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52 (-) YT291024; 5 Marine Bn YT300057.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1232H	YS317757	Occupied Base Camp	3 huts destroyed. 1 structure uncovered 50 metres trench uncovered. 4 fig ting positions uncovered.
1332H	YS313757	Occupied Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 4 bunkers damaged 5 bunkers uncovered 1 structure damaged 1 hut damaged 1 funnel entrance uncovered. 8 metres trench uncovered. 1 KBA 2 KBA (Poss)

(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses: 5 ARVN KIA
8 ARVN WIA (evac)

2 Enemy losses:

a Personel: 1 NVA KIA (BC)
6 VC KIA (BC)
1 KBA
2 KBA (poss)
1 en WIA (bloodtrail)

b Material: 2 x AK47; 5 x 7.62 Chicon SMG; 1 x RPG2 launcher and round; 2 x Carbines; 38 x RPG2 rounds; 16 x RPG7 rounds; 1 x 82 mm mortar round; 106 x 60 mm mortar rounds; 8 boxes SKS A mmo; 17 boxes 60 mm mortar propellants; 12 x 82 mm mortar fuzes; qty of hand grenades; 200 lbs rice; 15 lbs salt; 10 lbs sugar; qty fish; qty pork; qty other foodstuffs; 50 torch batteries; 12 other batteries; 6 torches; 6 cartons cigarettes; 50 yds gauze; 1250 morphine phails; 200 periullin phails; 5 x 8 oz bottles of ether; qty other medical supplies; qty documents

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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 3 LRPPs deployed.

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1. c. (3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: At 0730H at YS298906 a LRRP contacted 5 enemy with the result 1 en KIA (BC). A move by the patrol to follow up and cut off the remainder of the party was unsuccessful. The LRRP was extracted

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

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6 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H Feb to 052400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd R[illegible]gt. 1 Tp continued to support 4 RAR operations in AO RIVERSDALE, 3 Tp carried out RIF with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF in area YS2279. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS320842.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp conducted RIF with 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF in area YS 2279. 3 Tp moved to 1 ATF Base and releived 2 Tp on RRF tasks. 2 Tp moved to FSPB JULIA YS2281. Roadrunner and convoy escorts om QL 15 and support of land clearing operations in AO GEARGE continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continu d 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 DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR (-) continued to provide TAOR patrols. A Coy continued RIF operations in AO RAVEN without incident. D Coy remained in support of land clearing operations in AO GEO GE. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS375690; D Coy YS 251717.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with minor contact. At 0950H at YS295840 10 Pl contacted 1 enemy with unknown result. At 1240H at YS295832 12 Pl located a base camp consisting of four separate systems in a circular configuration. Approximately 50 bunkers have been located the majority of which have OHC. There were also 6 x large bunkers with 30 inches of OHC. The camp is estimated at Bn size and to have been vacated on 31 Jan 69. The following equipment was found: 21 Chicon grenades 450 x 7.62 mm short rounds, 1 x anti tk mine, 3 x RPG2 rounds, quantity RPG fuzes, 1 x damaged AK47, 9 containers of RPG propellant, 1 x VC gas mask, 1 x NVA pith helmet, 1 x NVA belt, quantity of clothing and bandages used for wounded, quantity of documents and commendation certificates. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS295837; V Coy YS308855; W Coy YS320842; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 041925H at YS222886 6 Pl contacted 26 plus enemy , beleived 60, (initial contact previously reported). A first light sweep resulted in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 PW (WIA), 4 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail), 3 x AK47s, 1 x RPG2, 1 x RPG2 round and 1 x set NVA webbing captured. 1 Aust was slightly wounded but remained on duty. At 1130H at YS217851 the Aslt Pnr Pl found 3 x 81 mm mortar bombs, an aiming stake and a flag. At 1800H at YS269890 10 Pl engaged 6 enemy with unknown result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS255881; B Coy YS227888; D Coy YS270890; C Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. At 0935H at YT290036 3/52 Bn contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 AK47 captured. In the vicinity of the contact 3/52 Bn found a base camp consisting of approx 120 bunkers in which were located 28 x 82 mm mortar bombs, 15 x tins of 82 mm mortar fuzes, 4 x grenades, 1 x RPG2 round, 1 x AK47 and 1 x box MG ammunition. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and B Coy 3/52 FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52 (-) YT291032; 5 Marine Bn YT248001.

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1. a. (1) (h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage A ssessment
1230H	YS493813	VC Base Camp	1 hut destroyed 1 hut damaged 1 x 2 storey military structure badly damaged
1335H	YS313753	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker damaged 1 structure destroyed 2 bunkers exposed 2 tunnel entrances exposed

(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses 1 Aust WIA (ROD)

2 Enemy losses;
a. Personnel: 1 en KIA (BC)
1 VC PW (WIA), 4 en WIA (Bloodtrails)

B. Materiel; 6 x AK47, 1 x RPG2 launcher, 25 Chicom grenades, 450 x 7.62 short rounds, 1 x Anti tank mine, 5 x RPG2 rounds, qty RPG fuzes, 9 containers RPG propellant, 1 VC gas mask, 31 x 82 mm mortar rounds, 15 tins 82 mm mortar fuzes, 1 box MG ammo, qty of clothing, web eqpt, medical supplies, documents.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: 5 Marine Bn ceases to be in DS 1 ATF. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit actions:
(1) Company - Three
Platoon - One
Squad - Thirteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: At 2115H at YS251717 D Coy 1 RAR contacted 3 enemy with unknown result.

(4) Results: Nil.

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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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of 4 RAR. 3 Tp carried out RIF with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF in area YS1685. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp with 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF conducted RIF in area YS1685. 2 Sect 1 Tp and elementa Def Pl remained in ambush at YS157857 and at 2130H they contacted one sanpan moving from South to North. At the same time movement of the Western bank was engaged. Results are unknown; a sweep of both banks of the river will be carried out on 7 Feb 69. Elements of both 2 Tp and Sp Tp continued to support land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. 3 Tp remained as RRF and conducted roadrunner and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base 2 Sect 1 Tp YS157857.

(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 JENNY YS2285; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281

(d) 1 RAR continued to provide TAOR patrols. A Coy continued RIF operations in AO RAVEN without contact. C Coy relieved D Coy in support of land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS375690; C Coy YS251695.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with minor contact. At 1013H at YS316843 1 Pl W Coy found a quantity of clothing, rice, medical supplies and documents in a camp believed to have been occupied by a small party within the last 24 hours. At 1218H at YS290823 4 Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 2 enemt KIA (BC), 2 x AK47s and 2 packs captured. At 1325H at YS230883 5 Pl found 2 bodies in graves. Bodies estimated to be 4 - 7 days old. At 1350H at YS319847 1 Pl W Coy found a camp containing 25 lbs rice, 1 x Chicom grenade, 1 x 50 gal water tank, quantity cooking utensils, 2 packs, small quantity medical supplies, quantity clothing, 2 x torches and a quantity of documents. At 1535H at YS314846 2 Pl V Coy found a cache containing 25 lbs of salt, 1 x water canteen (US) and a roll of plastic. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS298832; V Coy YS308843; W Coy YS303832; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At YS 256886 1 Pl found a cache containing 28 voice tapes, 1 x microphone and a quantity of red silk. At YS255879 3 Pl found 30 lbs of rice. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS256888; B Coy YS235885; D Coy YS273893; C Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g)52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. 5 Marine Bn ceased to be in DS of 1 ATF and extracted from AO MOOSE. Late entry: At 051245H at YT295025 5 Marine Bn found a base camp containing 153 x 82 mm mortar rounds, 43 x 75 mm RCL rounds, 15000 x SKS rounds, 3000 x 12.7 mm rounds and 74 x 82 mm fuzes. At 1000H at YT288033 elements of 3/52 Bn contacted 2 - 3 enemy with negative results. At 1410H at YS290032 3/52 Bn located a further 20 x 82 mm mortar rounds plus a quantity of fuzes. At 1550H at YT287036 a water party of 3/52 Bn were engaged by an estimated platoon strength enemy with RPG2 and SA. The enemy broke contact and withdrew North East. Artillery engaged the contact area and likely enemy withdrawal routes after which elements of 3/52 Regt swept the area without result. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and B Coy 3/52 FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; 3/52(-) YT290034.

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1. a. (1) (h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
060845H	YS315752	Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker damaged 8 bunkers exposed 1 fighting pit exposed 1 tunnel entrance exposed 20 metres trench exposed
061240H	YS314783	Base Camp	2 huts destroyed 3 bunkers uncovered 80 metres trench exposed
061640H	YS645613	Base Camp	3 large tin huts destroyed 1 hut destroyed 3 large bunkers destroyed 1 large 400 gal water tank destroyed 3 huts damaged oil drums and clothing scattered and exposed

(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses: NIL

2 Enemy losses:

a. Personnel 2 en KIA (BC)

b. Materiel 2 x AK47s; 1 grenade; 1 x 50 gal water tank; 2 x torches; 25 lbs salt; 55 lbs rice; 28 x voice tapes; 1 x microphone; 173 x 82 mm mortar bombs; 43 x 75 mm RCL rounds; 15000 x SKS 7.62 rounds; 3000 x 12.7 rounds; 74 (+) 82 mm mortar fuzes; qty clothing, food and documents.

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 no 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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8 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp remained in support of 4 RAR. 3 Tp and 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted route clearing and escort tasks from FSPB DYKE YS2780 to FSPB JANICE YS1784. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp FSPB DYKE YS2780.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF continued RIF in the area YS1685. At 0825H at YS163844 elements of the Def Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 2 x AK47s and a quantity of webbing, plastic sheeting and documents captured. 3 bags of barley were also found in the area. A sweep of the area of the contact at 062130H (YS157857) had no result. Elements of 1 Tp continued to support the land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. 2 Tp with 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt conducted route clearing and escort tasks from FSPB DYKE YS2780 to FSPB JANICE YS1784. 3 Tp conducted roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 9 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 continued to provide TAOR patrols. A Coy continued operations in AO RAVEN without contact. D Coy continued to support land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS375690; D Coy YS251695.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE without contact. D Coy moved to secure the area of FSPB JANICE YS1784. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; D Coy YS172849; V Coy YS294816; W Coy YS299816; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1546H at YS267908 12 Pl contacted 1 enemy with no result. At 1558H at YS263908 a patrol of D Coy contacted 3 enemy without result. At 1635H at YS240888 4 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 2 Aust WIA. At 1802H at YS240888 while searching bunkers in the vicinity of previous contact 4 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy. 1 enemy was engaged at a range of 15 feet and fell into a stream. Results; 1 enemy KIA (Possible). Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS240901; B Coy YS240889; D Coy YS268909; C Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE with minor contact. At 1220H at YT275015 elements of 3/52 Bn contacted 2 enemy with unknown results. Locations: HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and 3/52 Bn FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Date/Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
071240H	YS645613	VC Base Camp	7 x huts destroyed, 2 x huts damaged, 3 x bunkers exposed, 2 x drums destroyed, 1 x (poss) 120mm rocket exposed.

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 2 Aust WIA (evacuated)

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (Poss)

b Materiel: 2 x AK47s, quantity of webbing, plastic sheeting, documents, 3 bags of barley captured.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: 4 RAR redeploys by air from AO RIVERSDALE into AO TIKI centre mass YS1886. A Coy 1 RAR extracts from AO RAVEN by air and returns to 1 ATF Base. HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and 3/52 Bn redeploy by road into AO WARRAGUL (modified).

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - three
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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9 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001 to 082400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Tp relieved 1 Tp in support of 4 RAR, after supporting the road move from FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399 to FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594. 1 Tp remained at FSPB DYKE YS2780 until the abandonment of that FSPB then moved to FSPB JULIA YS2285. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS 2281; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB JANICE YS1784.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) supported the move of 52 Regt (ARVN) (-) from FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399 to FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594. Elements of 1 Tp supported the move of elements of 4 RAR from FSPB DYKE YS2780 to FSPB JANICE YS1784. These elements found 3 graves. 2 bodies were found at YS244801 and 1 body was found at YS240802. All bodies were approximately 3 weeks old and had been killed by SA and M79 and believed to be as a result of contact at YS231800 on 19 January 1969. Elements of 3 Tp supported land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. Roadrunner and escort tasks on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281, 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 104 Fd Bty moved by air from FSPB DYKE YS2780 to FSPB JANICE YS1784. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR. A Coy concluded operations in AO RAVEN without contact and returned to 1 ATF Base. C Coy continues to support land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS251695.

(e) 4 RAR concluded operations in AO RIVERSDALE and commenced operations in AO TIKI centre of mass YS1886. FSPB DYKE YS2780 was abandoned and FSPB JANICE YS1784 occupied. At 1800H at YS209871 3 Pl V Coy contacted approximately 35 enemy who were moving West. Artillery and 2 LFT's supported the contact. Both 3 Pl and the LFTs were engaged by the enemy. There were indications that the enemy sustained casualties but due to darkness a sweep was not carried out. A first light sweep is to be conducted. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221879; V Coy YS207857; W Coy YS192893; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with contact. At 1415H at YS244898 7 Pl contacted 2 enemy without result. At 1430H at YS 248904 3 Pl engaged approx 15 enemy without result. At 1250H at YS261906 11 Pl engaged 1 enemy who approached their location. As a result of this and other movement 12 Pl swept the area and were engaged by enemy in a bunker system. During the initial engagement 12 Pl sustained 1 Aust WIA (Later DOW). The sweep was continued and 12 Pl were engaged by an estimated enemy platoon with RPGs and MGs. A casualty evacuation aircraft also received fire and was replaced. The aircraft was able to return to base. 12 Pl sustained a further 5 Aust WIA. Enemy employed snipers in trees in addition to troops in bunkers. The area was subjected to Artillery, LFT and 2 airstrikes after 12 Pl broke contact to evacuate wounded. Enemy casualties; 5 enemy KIA (possible). B Coy was relieved by C Coy in AO WONDAI. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285: A Coy YS249905; C Coy YS251898; D Coy YS267908; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

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(g) 52 ARVN Regt concluded operations in AO MOOSE, abandoning FSPB KATHLEEN YS2399; and commenced operations in AO WARRAGUL centre of mass YS3592 without contact. FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594 was occupied. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 3/52 FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
081240H	YS625905	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker uncovered 1 pit destroyed 1 tunnel collapsed, 50 metres trench destroyed.

(i) Results:

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

Enemy Losses: 3 enemy KIA (BC)
5 enemy KIA (poss)

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 no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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10 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 090001H to 092400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp operated in support of 4 RAR and returned to FSPB JULIA. 3 Tp moved to in support of 9 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp YS257899; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) and Def Pl HQ 1 ATF relieved C Coy 1 RAR of the task of support of land clearing operations in AO GEORGE. 2 Tp supported 4 RAR in AO TIKI. 3 Tp conducted roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp (-) and Def Pl YS251695; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR. C Coy concluded operations in support of land clearing tasks in AO GEORGE and returned to 1 ATF Base. Location: 1 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO TIKI with minor contact. A first light sweep of the contact area of 3 Pl V Coy (previously reported: YS209871 at 1800H) revealed 1 enemy KIA (BC). At 1438H at YS 199892 2 Pl W Coy contacted 6 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 1x9mm pistol captured. At 1720H at YS185845 11 Pl contacted 1 enemy without result. At 1835H at YS195889 2 Pl W Coy were fired upon by an unknown sized enemy group without result. At 1950H V Coy sighted an estimated 10 enemy in the area of YS219875. They were engaged with Artillery; the area will be checked at first light. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221879; V Coy YS219870; W Coy YS192891; C Coy HORSE-SHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1430H at YS258901 a patrol from C Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA, 1xAK47, 1xpack and personal documents captured. At 1630H at YS255904 7 Pl contacted 1 enemy with no result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS249901; C Coy YS257899; D Coy YS261908; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt ARVN continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1925H at YS357941 elements of 3/52 contacted 3 enemy without result. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 3/52 (-) FSPB ELIZABETH YS3694; A and B Coys YS367929.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
090900H 090920H (2 strikes)	YS387773	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 5 bunkers exposed 1 structure exposed 1 bunker partially destroyed.
091248H	YS309754	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 4 bunkers exposed 3 structures destroyed 170 metres trench exposed or destroyed.

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a. Personnel: 4 Enemy KIA (BC)

b. Materiel : 2xAK47s
1x9mm pistol

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 six LRRPs deployed

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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11 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 100001 to 102400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Tp continued to support 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp YS 261901; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp concluded support of land clearing operations in AO GEORGE, escorted Engineer equipment to 1 ATF Base, and returned to FSPB JULIA. 2 Tp (-) supported 4 RAR in AO TIKI. 3 Tp continued as RRF and and conducted roadrunner and convoy escort duties of QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 2 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B 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 TIKI with minor contact. At 0500H at YS219870 V Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 2 x packs (each weighing approximately 40 lbs and each containing 30 lbs of rice,quantity of tobacco, noodles, tinned fish and sweets), 1 x AK47 and 1 x chicom pistol captured. At 1300H at YS220875 6 Pl found an enemy body ap roximately 1 week old. At 1758H at YS261870 V Coy sighted approximately 14 enemy moving South East. They were engaged by Arty and LFT; contact was also made by 3 Pl with enemy. Two bodies were seen being carried from the area. Result 2 enemy KIA (Poss). The area will be swept on 11 Feb 69. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221879; V Coy YS219870; W Coy YS199879; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0750H at YS225855 a patrol from Artillery elements in support of 9 RAR contacted 1 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS241903; C Coy YS258899; D Coy YS261901; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt and 3 Coy 3/52 FSPB ELIZABETH YS3794; 3/52 (-) YS371904.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coodinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
101230H	YS342702	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers exposed 1 structure destroyed 1 tunnel entrance exposed 3 large supply caches exposed 1 table exposed

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses : Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 Enemy KIA (BC)
2 Enemy KIA (Poss)

b Materiel : 1xAK47; 1xChicom pistol; 60 lbs rice; quantity other foodstuffs.

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 six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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12 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt was replaced in 1 ATF by B Sqn 1 Armd Regt wef 111200H (Feb 69).

(b) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt commenced operations in 1 ATF at 111200H (Feb 69). 3 Tp supports 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAI. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp YS262907; 2 Tp and 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp supported by the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl conducted RIF operations in AO JULIA without incident. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(d) 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 JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO TIKI with minor contact. V Coy swept the location (area YS216870) of the contact at 101758H and found a pack containing 4 pistols, 3 x AK47 magazines, and quantities of cigarettes, tobacco and food. At 1414H at YS221872 2 pl V Coy contacted 2 - 3 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221879; V Coy YS219870; W Coy YS195879; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1500H at YS293903 1 Pl contacted 5 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS242904; C Coy YS251908; D Coy YS262907; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 52 Regt (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) and C Coy 3/52 Bn FSPB ELIZABETH YS3794; 3/52 Bn (-) YS381904.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
111320H	YS313753	Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 2 bunkers exposed

(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 4 x pistols;
3 x AK47 magazines;
quantity food, cigarettes,
and tobacco captured

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) ceases to be in DS 1 ATF. Present operations continue.

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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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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13 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Feb 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 in FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp provided escort with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from FSPB ELIZABETH. 3 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp YS270914; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp provided escort for engineer equipment from FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594. Sp Tp carried out roadrunner and convoy escort on QL 15 and RRF duties. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp and Sp Tp(-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 105 Fd Bty protected by A Coy 1 RAR concluded a two day artillery raid onto specified targets in the NUI DINH - NUI THI VAI mountains. The raid was conducted from FSPB THORNTON YS3571. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR. A Coy concluded operations in support of the artillery raid from FSPB THORNTON YS3571 and returned to NUI DAT. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO RIVERSDALE with minor contact. At 1533H at YS190849 a patrol from the Anti Tank Pl contacted 4 - 5 enemy with result 1 x M1 Carbine, 1 x M14 rifle, 1 x 1917 Springfield rifle, 1 x RPG7 round, 60 lb of rice, quantity of SA ammo and personal equipment captured. At YS221875 6 Pl found a booby-trap consisting of 4 x M26 grenades with a trip wire. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221877; V Coy YS219870; W Coy YS198879; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. Late entry: On 10 February at YS261905 B Coy found 4 bodies. 3 enemy had been killed by SA and 1 by shrapnel. At 1100H at YS240902 A Coy found 24 lbs of Chicom explosive. At 1503H at YS249900 8 Pl contacted 1 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS240898; C Coy YS252903; D Coy YS270914; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 52 Regt (ARVN). HQ 52 Regt (ARVN) ceased to be in DS 1 ATF and departed from FSPB ELIZABETH. 3/52 Bn continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: 3/52(-) FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; 2 Coy YS353953; 3 Coy YS363950.

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

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 4 en KIA(BC)

b Materiel: 1 x M1 Carbine;
1 x M14;
1 x 1917 Springfield rifle;
1 x RPG7 round;
60 lbs rice;
4 x M26 grenades;
24 lbs Chicom explosive;
qty SA ammo and personal equipment

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 six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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14 Feb 69

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

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFDC-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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp carried out RIF in the area of FSPB JULIA. 3 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 Tp YS266909; 2 and 4 Tps 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp carried out tasks in support of 4 RAR. 2 Tp, with 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF, carried out RIF tasks in AO JULIA. 3 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. Sp Tp carried out roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 3 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; 104 Fd Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B 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 TIKI with minor contact. At 0812H at YS189847 a patrol from Aslt Pnr Pl contacted 2 enemy with unknown results. At 1345H at YS221878 5 Pl found 2 bodies, cause of death unknown. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy(-) FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221877; V Coy YS219870; W Coy YS196879; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 10 Pl YS219801.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 1520H at YS255890 8 Pl contacted 4 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS240895 C Coy YS259891; D Coy YS266909; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 3/52 Bn (AMVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and 1 Coy FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; 2 and 3 Coys YS283882.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
131305H	YS319705	Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 1 bunker damaged 2 bunkers exposed 1 tunnel exposed

(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses: Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions with Contact:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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15 Feb 69.

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

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

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Tp remained in support of 9 RAP. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp YS405625; 3 Tp YS229893; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp and the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl conducted RIF operations in AO TIKI. 2 Tp supported 4 RAR operations in AO TIKI. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 2 Tp (-) YS405625; 2 Sect 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support Task Force operations. 38 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty: FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

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

(e) 4 RAR continued ope ations in AO TIKI without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS221877; V Coy YS219870; W Coy YS196879; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with contact. At 0900H at YS256896 7 Pl found 480 lbs rice, 20 lbs sugar, quantity of duplicating paper and exercise books, 50 vitamin capsules and 2 gallons kerosine. At 1330H in the vicinity of YS253885 C Coy contacted an estimated pl plus strength enemy. The leading elements of C Coy contacted 1 enemy who withdrew SOUTH when engaged by 8 Pl. 8 Pl followed up and was engaged by MG, RPG and AK47 fire from 2 flanks. The contact area was engaged by LFT and artillery after which 9 Pl began a sweep. 9 Pl penetrated a bunker system and were engaged. The area was again engaged by LFT, artillery and mortars. During the evacuation of wounded an aircraft was engaged and required lifting out. As darkness fell before the bunker system could again be swept this will be done at first light. Results: 5 Aust WIA; 4 enemy KIA (BC) - believed more. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS229893; C Coy YS253889; D Coy YS254897; B Coy YS405625.

(g) 3/52 Bn (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARR GUL without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; B Coy and C Coy YS358866.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0800H	YS255875	Base Camp	80 metres trench uncovered 1 bunker uncovered
1300H	YS387773	Base Camp	4 large bunkers uncovered 1 bunker damaged

(i) Results.

1 Friendly losses: 5 Aust WIA (evac)

2 Enemy losses:

a. Personnel: 4 enemy KIA (B C)

b. Material: 480 lbs rice, 20 lbs sugar, quantity stationery, 50 vitamin capsules, 2 gallons kerosene captured.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two

(2) Platoon - Nil

(3) Squad - Fourteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no 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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16 Feb 69.

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H Feb to 152400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp supported 4 RAR operations in AO TIKI. 2 Tp remained in support of B Coy 9 RAR operations in the 1 ATF TAOR. 3 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR in AO WONDAI. 4 Tp remained at the HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Locations: Sqn HQ FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS192894; 2 Tp YS403625; 3 Tp YS230878; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) supported 4 RAR operations in AO TIKI. Elements of 2 Tp with the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl conducted RIF operations in AO RIVERSDALE. 3 Tp remained at 1 ATF Base as part of 1 ATF RRF. Sp Tp provided convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB JANICE YS1784; 3 Tp (-) and 1 Sect Sp Tp YS405625; 1 Sect 3 Tp YS406626; 2 Sect 3 Tp and 3 Sect Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base.

(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 JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 1 RAR ceased operations and was relieved by 5 RAR at 1200H.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO TIKI (modified) with minor contact. At 0715H at YS155861 11 Pl sighted 1 enemy moving WEST to EAST. At 1555H at YS212869 V Coy found 4 bodies which are beleived to have been KBA during V Coy contact at 101758H (previously reported). At 2103H at YS219801 10 Pl contacted 4-5 sampans containing 12 enemy. The sampans moved into the ambush position from WEST to EAST. 2 sampans were sunk and 6 enemy KIA (Possible). When engaged the enemy withdrew to the Southern bank and engaged the ambush position with RPG and SA. A sweep will be conducted at first light. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy (-) FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS212894; V Coy YS212870; W Coy YS192894; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 5 RAR relieved 1 RAR at 1200H. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI without contact. At 1530H at YS230878 A Coy found 5 x RPG2 rounds in an old camp site. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS230878; C Coy YS253886; D Coy YS254897; B Coy YS405625.

(h) 3/52 Bn (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL (modified) with minor contact. At 1345H at YS356968 B Coy and C Coy contacted an estimated 1 Pl of enemy without result. At 1740H at YS329990 elements of B Coy and C Coy moving together contacted 3-4 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; B Coy and C Coy YS330990.

(i) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
151315H	YS645613	Base Camp	1 structure destroyed 2 bunkers destroyed 5 bunkers exposed

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1. a. (1) (j) Results:

1. Friendly losses: Nil

2. Enemy losses;

a. Personnel : 4 enemy KBA
6 enemy KIA (possible)

b. Material : 2 x sampans sunk,
5 x RPG2 rounds captured

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil.

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17 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H Feb to 162400H Feb 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 FSPB JULIA YS2281. The TET Truce period was implemented at 161800H Feb.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp continued to support 4 RAR. In a contact at YS213901 1 x Centurion tank was damaged and 5 crew-members WIA by RPG fire. The detail of the contact is given in paragraph (d) below. Damage was inflicted to gunnery and radio equipment. 2 Tp moved to the area of BARIA YS3862 in support of B Coy 9 RAR. 3 Tp remained in support of 9 RAR in AO WONDAI. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Tp YS212894; 2 Tp YS 386625; 3 Tp YS242864; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) with elements of Def Pl HQ 1 ATF, carried out RIF to the EAST of FSPB JULIA YS2281 with minor contact. At 1220H at YS269824 elements of the Def Pl contacted 2 enemy without result. 1 Sect 2 Tp supported 4 RAR. 3 Tp (-) deployed NORTH of BARIA YS3862 in support of B Coy 9 RAR. 2 Sect 3 Tp deployed at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Sp Tp carried out roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JULIA YS2281; 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB JANICE YS1784; 3 Tp (-) YS386625; 2 Sect 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(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 JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JENNY YS2285; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB JULIA YS2281.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO TIKI with contact. Further to 10 Pl contact at 152103H at YS219801 previously reported, 1 sampan, 1 AK47, 1 RPG2 launcher and 2 RPG rounds were found during first light sweep. At 1323H at YS213901 B Coy and 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt were fired on by an unknown sized enemy force in bunkers. MG, RPG, SA and claymore were used. The action was supported by LFT and Tac air. Contact was broken at approx 1500H with results 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA who later DOW, 8 Aust WIA (5 from B Sqn), 1 Centurion tank damaged and 3 en KIA (BC). Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B and W Coys YS212894; V Coy YS212870; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO WONDAI with minor contact. At 0800H at YS252885 7 Pl contacted 1 enemy without result. At 1730H at YS253886 9 Pl contacted 3 enemy with result 1 enemy WIA, 70 lb of rice captured. At 1736H at YS239893 11 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 en WIA (bloodtrail). At 1845H at YS253883 8 Pl engaged 1 enemy who walked into the night position without result. B Coy deployed to an area NORTH of BARIA YS3862 as RRF. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JENNY YS2285; A Coy YS242864; B Coy YS386625; C Coy YS253886; D Coy YS239899.

(g) 3/52 (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Location: 3/52 FSPB ELIZABETH YS 3594.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
161300H	YS375894	Base Camp	5 Bunkers exposed 1 Bunker damaged 2 structures destroyed
161555H	YS213904	Occupied Bunker (troops in contact)	3 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1 en KBA (poss)

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1. a. (1) (i) Results:

1 Friendly losses:

a Personnel: 2 Aust KIA
8 Aust WIA (evac)

b Material: 1 Centurion tank damaged

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 3 en KIA (BC)
1 en KBA (poss)
2 en WIA

b Materi el; 1 x AK47
1 x RPG2 launcher
2 x RPG2 rounds
70 lb rice

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: 1 ATF, less 4 RAR and 3/52 (ARVN) conclude operations in AO TOWNSVILLE and commence operations in AO MAJURA, centre of mass YT1512.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn have no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Action with Contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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18 Feb 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II. Operations in AO TOWNSVILLE, the 1 ATF TAOR and the area of BARIA YS3760 continued, and operations in AO MAJURA centre of mass YT1512 commenced. HQ 1 ATF (Main) closed at FSPB JULIA YS2281 at 171130H and moved to FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) moved from AO TOWNSVILLE to FSPB KERRY YT1313. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS419622; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) conducted route clearance and convoy escort for 1 ATF deployment. 3 Tp remained as RRF deployed in area of BARIA YS3760 and HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp FSPB JANICE YS 1784; 3 Tp (-) and 1 Sect Sp Tp YS419622; 2 Sect 3 Tp and 3 Sec Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) ceased to be in general support of 1 ATF. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO TIKI without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS193870; V Coy YS212871; W Coy YS193871; C Coy HORSHOESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR concluded operations in AO WONDAI and commenced operations in AO ARUNDA centre of mass YT1215 without contact. B Coy remained North of BARIA YS3760 as RRF. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT 130134; B Coy YS419622; C Coy YT132138; D Coy YT129130.

(g) 3/52 (ARVN) continued operations in AO MOOSE without contact. Location: 3/52 FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594.

(h) 1/2 Inf (US) became in DS of 1 ATF at 170900H and continued operations in AO DRACULA centre of mass YT1610 without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT146125; B Coy YT162120; C Coy YT169104; D Coy YT149083.

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

(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses : Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - Two

Platoon - Nil

Squad - Thirteen

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(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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19 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Feb 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; AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313, 2 Tp YS438659; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp continued to support 4 RAR operations in AO TIKI. 3 Tp remained part of 1 ATF RRF. Sp Tp continued convoy escort and roadrunner tasks on QL15, QL1 and Route 316. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313: 2 Tp FSPB JANICE YS1784, 3 Tp (-) and 1 Sect Sp Tp YS412624; 2 Sect 3 Tp & 3 Sect Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; 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 JANICE YS1784; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO TIKI with minor contact. At 0147H from YS165842-YS175848 D Coy heard movement and voices and engaged with mortars. A daylight sweep of the area engaged located 7xAK47s, 1x12.7 HMG without barrel and mount, 4xRPG2 rounds, 1xSLR, 60x12.7 linked rounds, 300x7.62mm rounds, 10x Chicom grenades, 33xAK47 magazines, 1xSLR magazine, 1x anti tank grenade, 1xRPG7 sight, small quanity of medical supplies, 1x field telephone, 1x45 cal pistol, 4x sets of webbing, 10 lbs of documents. At 0640H at YS211866 V Coy sighted at least 3 enemy who were engaged by Artillery. A sweep revealed a nil result. At 0729H at YS213855 3 Pl V Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy PW (WIA, later DOW), 1x pack and 1 x entrenching tool captured. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB JANICE YS1784; B Coy YS193870; V Coy YS212870; W Coy YS193871; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR; 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA without contact. B Coy remained North of BARIA as RRF. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YS1313, A Coy YT115136; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147; B Coy YT412624.

(g) 3/52 Bn (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL and AO MOOSE without contact. Locations: 3/52 Bn FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594.

(h) 1/2 Inf (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT147124; B Coy YT163119; C Coy YT169103; D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
181415H z	YS377894	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers exposed 1 Tunnel entrance exposed. 1 large bunker exposed. 1 leaf hut destroyed

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(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel : 1 Enemy PW (WIA, later DOW)

b 7xAK47s, 1x12.7 HMG without barrel and mount, 4x RPG2 rounds, 1xSLR, 60x12.7 linked rounds, 10x Chicom grenades, 1x anti tank grenade, 33xAK47 magazines, 1x SLR magazine, 1xRPG2 7 sight, small quanity of medical supplies, 1xField telephone, 1x45 cal pistol, 4 sets of webbing, 10 lbs documents captured.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: 4 RAR deploys from AO TIKI into AO MAJURA by air.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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20 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 190001H to 192400H Feb 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, AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operated in conjunction with elements of 11 ACR in AO MAJURA. 1 Tp B Sqn and a Pl of 11 ACR conducted route reconnaissance in AO DRACULA. B Sqn HQ and 3 Tp B Sqn with a Pl of 11 ACR conducted similar operations in AO ARUNDA. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS403625, 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Sect 1 Tp escorted Engr elements to FSPB BETTY YT1408 then returned to support 9 RAR operations in AO ARUNDA. 3 Sect 1 Tp provided escorts for resupply tasks for 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN. 2 Tp escorted elements of 4 RAR from AO TIKI to AO BELCONNEN. 3 Tp remained as part of 1 ATF RRF. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp (-) and 1 Sect Sp Tp YS403625; 2 Sect 3 Tp and 3 Sect Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; Sp 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. 104 Fd Bty abandoned FSPB JANICE YS1784 and occupied FSPB BETTY YT1408. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR concluded operations in AO TIKI and redeployed by air and road into AO BELCONNEN centre of mass YT1408. At 0411H at YS202865 2 Pl V Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy, a first light sweep was conducted without result. At 0736H at YS211871 3 Pl V Coy contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1xAK47, 1xpack, 2xgrenades, 1xgas mask, small quanity of medical supplies and documents captured. At 0753H at YS205872 1 Pl and 2 Pl V Coy sighted 2 enemy at a range of 800 metres. The enemy were engaged without result. Late entry: In addition to weapons and equipment captured after contact of D Coy at 180147H at YS165842-YS175848 (previously reported) add 1x12.7 HMG barrel. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB BETTY YT1408, B Coy YT167090; D Coy YT147084; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT165077, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT115134; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT 128147; B Coy YS403625.

(g) 161 Recce Flt. At 0940H at YS435872 an H13 aircraft was engaged by AW fire resulting in the pilot being WIA. The pilot made a controlled landing and he and the passenger were extracted. Immediate airstrikes engaged the area. The H13 was later salvaged. Location: 161 Recce Flt (-), 1 ATF Base.

(h) 3/52 Bn (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; A and B Coy YS330968.

(i) 1/2 Inf Bn (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; B Coy YT 162118; C Coy YT168102; D Coy YT150108.

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(j) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
190730H	YS377894	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker damaged 2 bunkers exposed 6 bunkers partly exposed 1 Command bunker partly exp.
191015H	YS437871	Occupied Base Camp	1 large bunker destroyed 1 medium bunker damaged 20 metres trench destroyed 5 fighting positions dest.
191135H	YS437871	Occupied Base Camp	1 tunnel complex uncovered 3 underground bkrs destroyed 1 bicycle destroyed 6 sacks rice destroyed 60 metres trench uncovered
191410H	YS539893	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 7 bunkers damaged 2 bunkers exposed 90 metres trench exp and partly damaged. 50 metres trench damaged 2 L shaped fighting positions destroyed

(k) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel : 1 NZ WIA

b. Material : 1 x H13 aircraft damaged.

2. Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 Enemy KIA (BC)

b Material: 1xAK47, 2xgrenades, 1xgas mask, small qty of medical supplies and documents captured. Late entry: 1x12.7 HMG barrel captured.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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21 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 200001H to 202400H Feb 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 MAJURA, AO WARRAGUL and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 and 3 Tps, with elements 11 ACR, carried out route recce in AO BELCONNEN. 2 and 4 Tps continued RRF tasks. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS397621; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements of 1 Tp carried out resupply tasks in support of 9 RAR and elements of 2 Tp carried out resupply tasks in support of 4 RAR. 3 Tp continued RRF tasks. Sp Tp carried out RRF tasks and roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp YT115134; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp(-) YS397621; 3 Sect 3 Tp and 3 Sect Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Tp(-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 9 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT167090; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077.

(e) 5 RAR continued to provide patrols in 1 ATF TAOR. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT115134; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147; B Coy YS397621.

(g) 3/52 (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1608H at YS303975 the leading elements of A Coy were engaged by a sniper. Fire was returned with result 1 en WIA (bloodtrail) and 1 AK47 magazine captured. Locations: 3/52(-) FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; A and B Coys YS300974.

(h) 1/2 Inf (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; B Coy YT162118; C Coy YT168102; D Coy YT150108.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
192055H	YS39517974 (CSS)	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers uncovered, 1 fighting pit uncovered
1413H	YS387793	VC Base Camp	1 bunker exposed, 1 hut damaged, 2 pits exposed, 12 tubes (approx 1 foot dia by 4 feet long) exposed, 2 breather holes exposed
1655H	YS493813	VC Base Camp	1 hut damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 2 bunkers destroyed, pots and pans scattered in area

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(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses: 1 en WIA (bloodtrail)

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - two
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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22 Feb 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA, AO WARRAGUL and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) carried out recce tasks in the North and West of AO ARUNDA. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS421614; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ(-) and 1 Tp(-) supported D Coy 1/2 Inf (US) in AO DRACULA and BELCONNEN. 2 Tp(-) carried out tasks in support of 4 RAR and 9 RAR. 3 Tp and Sp Tp remained as RRF at 1 ATF Base with Sp Tp conducting roadrunner and convoy escort tasks. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp YT115134; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp(-) YS421614; 2 Sect 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 9 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN without incident. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA without incident. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT115134; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147; B Coy YS421614.

(g) 3/52 (ARVN) continued operations in AO WARRAGUL without incident. Locations: 3/52(-) FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; A and B Coys YS307992.

(h) 1/2 Inf (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA without incident. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; B Coy YT162118; C Coy YT168102; D Coy YT150104.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1109H	YS437871	Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 3 fighting positions destroyed 20 metres trench destroyed 1 fighting position exposed
1410H	YS545885	Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 5 bunkers damaged 110 metres trench uncovered 20 metres trench damaged

(j) Results: Nil.

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

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c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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23 Feb 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA, AO WARRAGUL and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) with 1 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 3 Pl 9 RAR in support conducted RIF operations in the North and East of AO ARUNDA without contact. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS402622; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Sect 1 Tp supported B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO ARUNDA. 2 Sect 1 Tp supported by elements of the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl conducted RIF Operations in AO KERRY. 3 Sect 1 Tp was released from operational control 9 RAR and returned to FSPB KERRY YT1313. 2 Tp(-) supported A Coy and B Coy 1/2 Inf (US) operations in vicinity YT2014. 2 Sect 2 Tp remained in support of 4 RAR operations in AO BELCONNEN. At 1250H at YT153080 elements of 2 Tp contacted approximately 20 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA who was captured. Also captured were 1 x AK47, 1 x VC Bangalore Torpedo, 1 x RPG2 round and 1 x pack. 3 Tp and Sp Tp remained as RRF at 1 ATF Base with Sp Tp conducting roadrunner and convoy escort tasks. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp(-) and 1 Sect Sp Tp YS401623; 2 Sect 3 Tp and 3 Sect Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Tp(-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 8 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN with minor contact. At 1730H at YT153080 10 Pl sighted 1 enemy who was engaged without result. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrolling. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT115134; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147; B Coy YS401623.

(g) 3/52 Bn (ARVN) continued operations in WARRAGUL with minor contact. At 1000H at YS322995 A Coy and B Coy elements contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 ARVN KIA and 1 ARVN WIA. Enemy results were 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy KIA (possible), 1 AK47, 2 x grenades and a quantity of documents captured. At 1727H at YS356965 elements of A Coy and B Coy contacted 20 - 30 enemy with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB ELIZABETH YS3594; A Coy YS362950; C Coy YS355953.

(h) 1/2 Inf (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA and to the East of that AO with minor contact. At 1205H at YT198161 C Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (PW), 3 x Chicom grenades, 1 x note book and a small quantity of SA ammunition captured. At 1316H at YT198161 C Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA (PW), 2 x AK47s, 2 x grenades captured. At 2020H at YT172128 a patrol from 2 Pl B Coy contacted 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 x AK47, and 2 magazines captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; B Coy YT162118; C Coy YT168102; D Coy YT150108.

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(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1315H	YS540890	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed, 7 bunkers damaged, 120 metres trench exposed 80 metres trench damaged
1415H	YS540890	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 4 bunkers exposed, trench system exposed, 10 metres trench damaged, 2 huts exposed
1555H	YS542892	VC Base Camp	1 bunker exposed, 30 metres trench exposed

(j) Results.

1 Friendly losses: 1 ARVN KIA
1 ARVN WIA

2 Enemy losses:

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

b Materiel: 5 x AK47, 1 x VC Bangalore Torpedo, 1 x RPG2 round, 7 x grenades, quantity of SA ammunition, 2 x magazines, 1 x pack and quantity of documents captured

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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24 Feb 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP) From 230001H Feb tp 232400H Feb 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA, AO WARRAGUL and in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) with 2 Sect of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 11 Pl of 9 RAR in support conducted RIF operations in AO ARUNDA without contact. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS141620; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ (-) provided escort for 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN. 1 Sect 1 Tp returned to KERRY from security duties at YT104125. 2 Sect 1 Tp supported B Sqn in RIF operations in AO ARUNDA. 3 Sect 1 Tp under opcon 9 RAR. 2 Tp (-) deployed HQ and B Coy 1/2 Inf from AO DRACULA to vicinity YT0704. 2 Sect 2 Tp opcon 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN. 3 Tp (-) remained as RRF at 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp with C Coy 9 RAR YT134143; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp (-) and 81 Sec YS421614; 2 Sect 3 Tp and 3 Sect Sp Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN with contact. At 1150H at YT178078 3 Pl W Coy contacted two enemy in greens moving SOUTH towards the river, with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At 1345H at YT178076 3 Pl W Coy contacted six enemy moving SOUTH to NORTH, wearing webbing with no weapons sighted, without result. At 2020H at YT163077 W Coy were engaged by a possible enemy company from the SOUTH and EAST with probes from SOUTH WEST and WEST. The enemy used RPGs, SA and AW. Spooky and arty supported W Coy. Contact broke approximately 2250H. Results: 1 en KIA (BC), 5 NZ WIA. At 2314H at YT163077 W Coy were again in contact. 3 to 4 enemy approached the perimeter from SOUTH EAST and withdrew SOUTH with unknown losses. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrolling. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA with minor contact. At 0300H at YT125157 a 2 company patrol reported a secondary explosion and sounds of yelling and running following artillery engagement of a rocket launch position. At 0905H at YT114138 3 Pl located tracks of about 20 men moving from NORTH EAST to SOUTH WEST. At 1030H at YT129158 D Coy area engaged earlier by counter rocket fire. At 2210H at YT128147 10 Pl engaged suspected enemy movement to the NORTH of their perimeter without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT116133; B Coy YS411620; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128148.

(g) 3/52 Bn (ARVN) concluded operations in AO WARRAGUL without incident and were removed from op con 1 ATF at 1700H.

(h) 1/2 Inf (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA with minor contact. B Coy and D Coy were removed from op con 1 ATF and placed under op con Bien Hoa Tac for reaction duties. At 2215H at YT162188 3 Pl A Coy contacted 13 enemy moving EAST to WEST with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; C Coy YT168102.

/ (i)

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(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1222H	YS377894	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers exposed 1 bunker part damaged 1 tunnel ent exposed
1410H	YS564806	VC Base Camp	8 bunkers exposed 1 structure damaged 1 tent exposed
1620H	YS437871	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 3 bunkers exposed 1 hut damaged 30 metres trench exposed

(j) Results:

1 Friendly losses: 5 WIA (NZ)

2 Enemy losses:

a. Personnel: 4 KIA (BC)

b. Materiel: 4 x AK47, 1 x Bar, 1 x 30 cal complete, 1 x 60 mm mor, 7 x Bangalors, 3 x Chicom Anti Tk grenades, 36 x handgrenades, 750 x 30 cal rounds, 4 x M1 mags, 2 x boxes fuzes for 60mm mor, 500 x AK47 rounds, 4 x RPG2 rounds, 10 lbs rice, 20 lbs PE, 60 x M1 rounds, 1 x RPD mag, 10 x Bar Mags, 2 x tins Wpn Grease, 1 VC flag, 9 x 107mm rockets.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

25 Feb 69

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

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

1. a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Tp supported C Coy 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. Locations B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS412620; 4 Tp YS429609.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Late entry: At 231540H at YS3936 located 5 x 122 mm rkts plus a number of 82 mm mortar blinds all of which were destroyed. SHQ and 1 Tp supported 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. 2 Tp (-) conducted a RIF in AO DRACULA. 2 Sect of 2 Tp under op con of 4 RAR. 3 Tp and Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF RRF, carried out RIF of BARIA and HOA LONG. Locations A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp with C Coy 9 RAR YT134143; 2 Tp (-) YT155126; 1 Sec 2 Tp FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp (-) and 81 Sec Sp Tp YS 412620; 2 Sec 3 Tp and 83 Sec Sp Tp YS429609; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 7H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN with minor contact. A sweep of the contact area of W Coy contact previously reported (232020H at YT163077) revealed the following additional enemy casualties and equipment captured. 6 enemy KIA (BC) and 9 heavy drag marks and several blood pools; 4 x AK47s; 11 x AK47 magazines; 4 x RPG7 launchers; 37 x RPG7 rounds; 1 x RPG2 round; 1 x 7.62 chicom pistol; 80 lbs chicom explosive; quantity of SA ammunition; 1 x chicom claymore; assortment of webbing; 5 x entrenching tools and a quantity of foodstuffs and documents captured. At 1055H at YT196102 V Coy located a booby trap and at 1318H in the same vicinity found 3 x 25 lb anti tank mines which had bamboo pressure plates. At 1925H at YT169097 W Coy engaged unknown number of enemy. Sweep at first light will reveal results. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077; C Coy YS429609.

(e) 5 RAR. A Coy acted as blocking force West of HOA LONG YS4263, during sweep of village. On completion returned to NUI DAT. 5 RAR remain complete in 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR. Late entry. 1. At 230420H at YS385618 B Coy supported by elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt reacting in response to enemy initiated action in BARIA contacted an estimated pl sized enemy force resulting in 3 en KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA, 3 x AK47s, 1 x 30 cal MG complete, 1 x 60 mm mortar, 7 x bangalores, 3 x chicom anti tank grenades, 36 x grenades, 750 x 30 cal rounds, 4 x M1 magazines, 1 x BAR, 2 boxes of 60 mm mortar fuzes, 500 x AK47 rounds, 4 x RPG2 rounds, 20 lbs explosive, 1 x RPD magaxine, 10 x BAR magazines, 2 x tins wpn grease and 10 lbs rice captured. The detail of the items captured was shown in para 1.a.(1)(j)2b of Sitrep dated 24 Feb 69 but enemy casualties were not shown and are therefore included in enemy losses in this report. Late entry. 2. At 1030H at YT128147 D Coy found 2 bodies at a destroyed rocket site believed to be as a result of artillery and mortar fire. At the site a 107 mm rocket was found. The two bodies found were included in para 1.a(1)(j)2a of sitrep dated 24 Feb 69. Late entry. 3. At 1230H in the vicinity of YT129158 engr elements in support of 9 RAR found 9 x 107 mm rockets. The 9 rockets were included in the detail of para 1.a(1)(j)2b dated 24 Feb 69. At 1030 at YT143162

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9 Pl C Coy contacted by unknown size VC element in a bunker system. Area engaged by airstrikes and arty. 3 VC were seen to fall, 2 packs captured containing 1 plotting board, 1 book containing calculations. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT116133; B Coy YS412420; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147.

(g) 161 Recce Flt. Late entry. At 1855H at YS413645 a Cessna 180 ac was engaged by MG. The ac was hit but was able to complete the sortie. The engagement was observed by elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and the area engaged by those elements with unknown results. Locations: 161 Recce Flt (-) 1 ATF Base; Det 161 Recce Flt LONG BINH Post.

(h) 1/2 Inf Bn (US) (-) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations BHQ (-) FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT141121; C Coy YT 168102.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1040H	YS377894	VC Base Camp	1 bunker exposed and damaged, 1 bunker exposed, 15 m trench collapsed
1414H	YS564806	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker part destroyed, 1 medium bunker destroyed, 2 fighting positions destroyed.
1615 & 1635H	YT145148	Occupied VC Base Camp (troops in contact)	1 secondary explosion with white smoke. Neg further BDA due to smokage.

(j) Activities within 1 ATF TAOR. 0730H YS237775 road block of bushes on Route 15. 0810H YS450730 road block of logs on Route 2. Both reported by VR. 1010H at HOA LONG YS4263 sweep commenced from South to North. Sector report enemy moved out between 0300-0400H. Sweep resulted in 5 detainees handed to Sector. 1710H YS413652 veh contacted explosive device of unknown type. Damage to wheel of veh, veh remained operative. Arty Int confirms nors outside NUI DAT night 22/23 as 82 mm not 60mm. 2300H at YS437662 mine detonated in 1 Fd Sqn wire unknown results.

(k) Results:

1 Friendly losses.

a Personnel. Nil

b Materiel. Cessna 180 moderately damaged.

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel. 9 enemy KIA (BC), 1 en WIA, 3 en KIA (poss).

b Materiel. 5 x 122 mm rockets, 4 x AK47s, 11 x AK47 magazines, 37 x RPG rounds, 1 x RPG2 round, 1 x 7.62 chicom pistol, 80 lbs chicom explosive, quantity SA ammunition, 1 chicom claymore, webbing, 5 x entrenching tools, quantity of foodstuffs, and documents, 3 x anti tank mines, 1 x 107 mm rocket.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

26 Feb 69

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

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

1. a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp conducted RIF in AO ARUNDA with D Coy 9 RAR. 2 Tp supported B Coy 9 RAR in reaction duties. 3 Tp conducted search in AO ARUNDA supporting C Coy 9 RAR. 4 Tp supported C Coy 4 RAR on HORSESHOE YS4962. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 1 and 3 Tp FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ (-) supported 9 RAR with resupply ops in AO ARUNDA. 1 Tp with 3 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt supported C Coy 9 RAR in RIF of bunker complex vicinity YT143162. 2 Tp (-) with 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt supported D Coy 9 RAR on RIF in AO ARUNDA vic YT1319. 2 Sect 2 Tp remained op con 4 RAR. 3 Tp and Sp Tp (-) remained RRF for 1 ATF and conducted RIF in BARIA area. Sp Tp (-) cleared Route 15 from Baria to THAI TIEN . Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp with C Coy 9 RAR YT134143; 1 Sect 2 Tp with A Coy 1/2 US Inf YT145124; 2 Sect 2 Tp in 4 RAR loc FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 3 Tp and 83 Sect Sp Tp HORSEHSOE HLLL YS4962; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313; 105 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN. At 2510404H at YT165073 3 Pl W Coy found 1 pack containing 4 x RPG2 rounds and boosters and 270 x 7.62 short rounds. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077.

(e) 5 RAR remained 1 ATF Base and conducted TAOR patrolling. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR conducted operations in AO ARUNDA. At 251230H at YT143155 C Coy searched area of airstrike of 241615H resulting in 55 x 82 mm mortar rounds, 1 x 107 mm rocket, 1 AK50, 220 SA rounds, 1 VC KIA (BC). Camp comprised of 6 bunkers, 8 weapons pits, 6 shell scrapes. Locations Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT116133; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147.

(g) 1/2 Inf (US) continued operations in AO DRACULA without incident. Locations Bn HQ (-) FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT165124; C Coy YT168102.

(h) Air Support. Significant Air Strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
241040H	YS377894	VC Base Camp	1 bunker exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 15 metres trench collapsed.
241414	YS564806	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker partly destroyed, 1 medium bunker destroyed, 2 pits destroyed.
241615H	YT1415	VC Base Camp (occupied)	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers uncovered.
241635H	YT1415	VC Base Camp (occupied)	3 bunkers destroyed, 43 mortar rounds exposed - later recovered by ground troops.

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(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses.

a Personnel. Nil

b Materiel. Nil

2 Enemy Losses.

a Personnel. 1 KIA (BC).

b Materiel. 4 x RPG2 rounds with boosters, 55 x 82 mm mortar rounds, 1 x 107 mm rocket, 1 x AK50, 520 SA rounds (7.62 short).

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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27 Feb 69

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

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

1. a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained in FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp supported A Coy 9 RAR on RIF operations in North of AOs ARUNDA and DRACULA. 2 Tp supported B Coy 9 RAR in a sweep of HOA LONG. 3 Tp supported C Coy 9 RAR operations in AO ARUNDA. 4 Tp supported C Coy 4 RAR in RIF operations from the HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 1 Tp YT159134; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS429618.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) supported 9 RAR operations in AOs ARUNDA and DRACULA. 2 Tp supported D Coy 4 RAR RIF operations in AO BELCONNEN. At 1220H at YT195090 an APC of 2 Tp was moderately damaged by an enemy mine. At 1240H at YT195088 another element of 2 Tp struck a mine and was heavily damaged. 3 Tp and Sp Tp continued operations in the 1 ATF TAOR without incident. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sec 1 Tp YT134143; 1 Sec 2 Tp YT159133; 2 Sec 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp and 1 Sect Sp Tp 1 ATF Base; Sp Tp (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(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 BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations with minor contact. At1335H at YT174076 2 Pl W Coy contacted 5-6 enemy wearing blue-grey uniforms resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1xAK47, 2xmagazines and 1xstick grenade captured. At 1547H at YT195083 11 Pl contacted 1 enemy without result. At 1540H at YT195080 11 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1xenemy KIA (BC), 1xAK47 and 4xAK47 magazines captured. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT164094; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AOs ARUNDA and DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT116133; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(g) 1/2 Inf Bn (US) (-) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ (-) FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; C Coy YT168102.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1045H	YS377894	VC Base Camp	1 bunker uncovered 1 bunker damaged 15 metres trench collapsed
1414H	YS564806	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker damaged 2 fighting pits destroyed 1 medium bunker destroyed

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 2 x APCs damaged.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)

b Material : 2xAK47,
4xmagazines and 1 stick grenade captured.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

28 Feb 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained in FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 and 3 Tp remained iN FSPB KERRY YT1313 for the daylight hours. 2 Tp 1 ATF Base in support of B Coy 9 RAR as RRF for 1 ATF. 4 Tp supported C Coy 4 RAR in RIF operations in LONG DIEN YS4259 QL23. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 1 and 3 Tp night Road Block on Route 1 YT113124 with 1 Sec 2 Tp A Sqn and the D and E Pl of HQ Coy 1 ATF; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 4 Tp YS400624.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ conducted convoy escort on Q1 between FSPB KERRY YT1313 and FSPB BETTY YT1408 with elements of 9 RAR. 1 Tp supported D Coy 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. 1 and 3 Sect of 2 Tp supported 9 RAR operations in AO ARUNDA; 1 Sect of 2 Tp occupied Road Block position with elements of B Sqn; 2 Sect 2 Tp Op Con 4 RAR. 3 Tp 1 ATF RRF and provided convoy escort tasks on QL 15. Elements of Sp Tp supported C Coy 5 RAR in RIF Ops in YS3862. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp. YT155156; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base; Sp Tp(-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 22 H and T missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued RIF operations in AO BELCONNEN without contact. At 1220H at YT186085 2 Pl V Coy found tracks 24 to 48 hours old coming from the South then turning West. At 1358H at YT186085 9 Pl found 2 mines of Chicom TNT. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; W Coy YT169077; V Coy YT169097; C Coy(-) YS400624; C Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4[illegible].

(e) 5 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted TAOR Patrols. Location 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA with minor contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT116133; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YT155156; D Coy YT128147.

(g) 1/2 Inf Bn (US)(-) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ(-) FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; C Coy YT168102.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0806H	YT196075	Occupied Base Camp	1 Secondary explosion Neg BDA due to smoliage
1243H	YS630932	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed 75m trench uncovered
1415H	YS474879	VC Base Camp	1 hut destroyed 1 tunnel entrance uncovered

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 2 mines local pattern

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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1 Mar 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained in FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp carried out recce operations in the area of BARIA in support of B Coy 9 RAR. 3 Tp carried out operations in support of C Coy 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. 4 Tp remained in support of C Coy 4 RAR in the area North of LONG DIEN. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 2 Tp YS413648; 4 Tp YS400624.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp supported 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. 2 Tp supported 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN. 3 Tp remained as RRF and carried out road-runner and convoy escort on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 3 Sect 1 Tp YT134143; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BETTY YT1408; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 47 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB BETTY YT1408; 161 Fd Bty FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BELCONNEN with minor contact. At 1510H at YT186085 2 Pl V Coy contacted 5-6 enemy with the result 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 en WIA (bloodtrail). A pack containing rocket primaries was captured. At 1715H at YT183088 3 Pl V Coy contacted 2 enemy with the result 2 NVA PW, 1 x RPG2 launcher and 3 x RPG2 rounds, 1 x AK47 and 2 X US M72 captured. Locations: BnHQ and D Coy FSPB BETTY YT1408; B Coy YT165094; V Coy YT169097; W Coy YT163077; C Coy (-) YS400624; C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA with minor contact. Late entry. At 272210H (Feb) at YT155156 9 Pl contacted 5 enemy with result 3 en KIA (BC), 1 x AK47 and 1 clinometer sight captured. While carrying out a sweep of the area at 280730H a claymore mine was fired at 9 Pl with result 3 Aust WIA. At 1600H at YS155155 7 Pl contacted 2 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47, 1 x chicom Bangalore Torpedoe captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB KERRY YT1313; A Coy YT116133; C Coy YT134143; D Coy YT128147; B Coy YS413648.

(g) 1/2 Inf (US) (-) continued operations in AO DRACULA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DUSTER YT1211; A Coy YT145124; C Coy YT168102.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
281032H	YS474879	VC Base Camp	1 hut destroyed, 1 structure damaged, 2 large bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 large bunker exposed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed.
281452H	YS332699	VC Base Camp	9 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker destroyed.
281425H	YS624905	VC Base Camp	100 metres tunnel exposed, 2 bunkers exposed.

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 3 Aust WIA (evac).

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 5 en KIA (BC), 2 NVA PW.

b materiel: 3 x AK47, 1 x RPG2 launcher, 3 x RPG2 rounds, 2 x M72, 1 x clinometer sight, 1 x chicom Bangalore Torpedoe.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - three
Platoon - two
Squad - therteen

(2) 3 SAS Sqn have 3 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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G1

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 32/69.

2. Period covered from 010001 H to 012400 H Feb 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)(010208 H). At YS 208814, 3/3/A Sqn engaged one sampan moving SOUTH. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC).

(2)(010855 H). At YS 263798, V/4 RAR located a small food cache.

(3)(011025 H). At YS 194886, 5/B/9 RAR contacted one enemy moving EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one SKS rifle recovered.

(4)(011050 H). At YS 190881, 6/B/9 RAR contacted two enemy in a ditch. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).

(5)(011320 H). At YS 278040, an element of 5 Marine Bn detonated a mine outside a bunker. Results: Two Marines KIA, six WIA.

(6)(011430 H). At YS 260793, 3/V/4 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy moving SOUTH, who were deployed on a wide front moving tactically. Results: One enemy WIA (blood trail). The enemy withdrew EAST and NORTH EAST. One M16 and a quantity of AUST rations were recovered.

(7)(011925 H). At YS 296793, 5/B/4 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy with CLAYMORE and small arms fire. Results: One enemy KIA (POSS).

(8)(011155 H). At YS 416816, a 1 ATF LRRP contacted four enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (POSS). The enemy withdrew NORTH.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(010945 H). At YS 324844, 161 Recce located three occupied base camps which were engaged by medium artillery with unknown results.

(2)(011233 H). At YS 324844, an airstrike was conducted on an occupied enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers uncovered, one tunnel destroyed, one enemy KBA (POSS).

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(010900 H). At YS 480540, 1/2/48 ARVN contacted an estimated enemy company. Small arms and automatic fire was exchanged with LFT and artillery supporting. Enemy losses unknown. Friendly casualties: One ARVN KIA, 21 ARVN WIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	4	2
KBA	-	1
WIA - 1		

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 5

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

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

(2) Detainees - 5

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 2

(4) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report ' Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province ' dated 18 Jan 69.

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11. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information.

(011630 H). At YS 243033, 3/52 ARVN Regt detained three suspects. There were two males and three females.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. There was one mission flown during the reporting period. A Hotspot was recorded at YS 332906, an area which had previously contained base camps. Artillery engaged the area exposing several bunkers with overhead protection.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 33/69.

2. Period covered from 020001 H to 022400 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)(020810 H). At YS 287041, 5 Bn Marines contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy KBA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(2)(021000 H). At YS 196912, C/3/52 ARVN contacted three enemy wearing BLACK and possibly carrying AK-47s. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST.

(3)(021200 H). At YS 208912, D/3/52 ARVN contacted three enemy who withdrew NORTH EAST.

(4)(021200 H). At YS 208912, C/3/52 ARVN contacted an enemy squad wearing mixed dress and carrying AK-47s. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

(5)(021330 H). At YS 198884, B/9 RAR located eight bunkers approximately six months old. One of the bunkers showed signs of recent use.

(6)(021539 H). At YS 333839, 1/C/1 Armd Regt located an improvised anti-tank mine consisting of one 80mm mortar round, one 5.6 RCL round, one round of possible 76 HE, four mortar rounds possibly 4.2 inch and eight ounces of TNT.

(7)(021830 H). At YS 271714, 10/D/1 RAR sighted three enemy wearing GREEN and carrying an unknown type weapon.

(8)(021845 H). At YS 249860, 1/A/9 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in GREEN. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(9)(022009 H). At YS 389664, a patrol from 9 RAR ambushed three enemy. The enemy returned the fire with an automatic weapon, then withdrew WEST with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(021130 H). Vic YS 2978, RAAF sighted one ox-cart moving SOUTH WEST along a track.

(2)(021243 H). At YS 306831, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, one bunker damaged, one rice cache destroyed.

(3)(021622 H). At YS 309750, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers uncovered and damaged, five metres of trench destroyed, 45 metres of trench and 15 metres of cache uncovered, two bunkers destroyed.

c-d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

	Confirmed
KIA by	
Ground Forces	2
KBA	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 7
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 1
KBA (POSS) - 1
WIA - 1

(2) Detainees - 5

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 4

(4) to (10) Omitted.

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5. Obstactes and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

DTG	LOCATION	TYPE	RESULTS
021539 H	YS 333839	Anti-tank	Not detonated.

6-8. 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 mission was flown during the reporting period. One Hotspot was recorded at YS 350915. Scattered readings were recorded over most of the area flown which were probably due to the weather conditions.

b. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM Number 29-69, paragraph 3.a.(7).
DELETE: Enemy casualties unknown.
INSERT: One enemy KIA (BC), four enemy KIA (POSS).

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 34-69.

2. Period covered from 030001 H to 032400 H Feb 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)(030630 H). At YS 253838, 1/A/9 RAR sighted 10 enemy moving NORTH.

(2)(030900 H). At YS 237853, 3/A/9 RAR sighted five enemy moving EAST. They were engaged by artillery with unknown results.

(3)(030915 H). At YS 236854, 3/A/9 RAR sighted five enemy moving EAST. They were engaged by mortars with unknown results.

(4)(031350 H). At YS 248858, 1/A/9 RAR observed two suspected main force enemy moving SOUTH.

(5)(031530 H). At YS 196889, 9/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.

(6)(031530 H). At YS 209889, 4/B/9 RAR took one enemy HOI CHANH who was evacuated to 1 ATF (Rear).

(7)(031600 H). At YS 241853, 3/A/9 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy with artillery with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(030753 H). At YS 387774, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two structures destroyed, one structure damaged, two bunkers and two tables exposed, one bunker partly exposed.

(2)(031342 H). At YS 296839, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: 48 bunkers uncovered.

c. Omitted.

d. Incodents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(031430 H). At YS 197914, B/3 RTAVF contacted 12 enemy in a bunker system. An airstrike supported the friendly force. Results: One THAI WIA, enemy casualties unknown.

(2)(032135 H). At YS 665675, the XUYEN MOC Intelligence Squad ambushed an estimated enemy squad with small arms and automatic weapons. Results: One enemy WIA, one civilian wounded.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-c. Omitted.
d. HOI CHANH - 1
e-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 7
	KIA (POSS)	- 6
	KBA (BC)	- 1
	KBA (POSS)	- 1
	WIA	- 1
(2)	Detainees	- 5
	HOI CHANH	- 1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 4
(4) 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 mission was flown during the reporting period. There was no significant readout but the following sightings were reported:

YS 323910 - Bunkers.
YS 335912 - Bunkers and spider holes.

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b. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM 33-69. Paragraph 3.a.(2),(3) and (4). Delete all reference.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 35-69.

2. Period covered from 040001 H to 042400 H Feb 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)(040610 H). At YS 221877, 5/B/9 RAR ambushed eight enemy moving EAST. Results: Six enemy KIA (BC), one AK -47 and five CHICOM SMG Type 50, 200 lbs of rice and a quantity of supplies captured.

(2)(040730 H). A 1ATF LRRP contacted five enemy moving NORTH. Results: One enemy KIA (BC). The enemy withdrew SOUTH.

(3)(041025 H). At YS 267793, 4/B/4 RAR located six recently used bunkers.

(4)(041045 H). At YS 227887, 5/B/9 RAR sighted one enemy moving from WEST to EAST.

(5)(041120 H). At YT 290026, 3/52 ARVN located a cache containing two US Carbines, 38 RPG-2 rounds, 102 x 60mm mortar rounds, one 82mm mortar round and a quantity of small arms ammunition, mortar fuses and propellant charges.

(6)(041215 H). At YS 265792, 4/B/4 RAR located one bunker showing signs of recent use.

(7)(041310 H). At YT 290027, 3/52 ARVN Regt contacted an estimated two companies of enemy in a bunker system. Results: Enemy losses unknown; five ARVN KIA, eight ARVN WIA. 16 RPG-2 rounds and a quantity of grenades and documents were captured. From the document readout it is believed the enemy was NVA.

(8)(041330 H). At YS 268874, 12/D/9 RAR contacted four enemy moving SOUTH EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one RPG-2 captured.

(9)(041340 H). At YS 295830, D/4 RAR located ten bunkers.

(10)(041405 H). At YS 322843, W/4 RAR located 60 bunkers.

(11)(041430 H). At YS 268875, 12/D/9 RAR contacted three enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail), one RPG-2 and one AK-47 captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

(12)(041510 H). At YS 295834, 10/D/4 RAR located a cache containing 50 yards of gauze, 1250 phials of morphine and a quantity of other drugs which were destroyed.

(13)(041915 H). At YS 222886, 6/B/9 RAR contacted five or more suspected Main Force enemy. The friendly force was supported by SPOOKY. Results: Enemy casualties unknown; one AUST WIA (not evac); one RPG-2 captured.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(040750 H). At YS 429695, 161 Recce Flight reported ox-carts moving WEST.

(2)(040940 H). At YS 410748, RAAF engaged one vehicle. Results: One vehicle destroyed, one enemy KBA.

(3)(041232 H). At YS 317757, an airstrike was conducted on an occupied enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Three huts destroyed; nine bunkers, one structure, 50 metres of trench and four fighting positions uncovered; one bunker damaged.

(4)(041332 H). At YS 313757, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp in support of troops in contact. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Nine bunkers and one structure destroyed; one structure and one hut damaged; one tunnel entrance and eight metres of trench uncovered; one enemy KBA (BC), two enemy KBA (POSS).

c-d. Omitted.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by

	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	9	
KBA	2	2

WIA - 1

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 1

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.

(1) Individual - 9

(2) Crew served - 3

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 16
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 3
KBA (POSS) - 3
WIA - 2

(2) Detainees - 6
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 13

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 3

(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .1

(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. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT

a. VCI Information.
(040745 H). At YS 222886, 9 RAR detained one suspect.

12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 36-69.

2. Period covered from 050001 H to 052400 H Feb 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)(041925 H). Late Entry. At YS 222886, 6/B/9 RAR contacted 26 enemy moving EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA; three AK-47, one set of NVA webbing, one ARVN hat and a quantity of US and AUST rations were captured

(2)(050935 H). At YT 290936, 3/52 ARVN contacted one enemy with unknown results. One AK-47 was captured and the enemy withdrew EAST.

(3)(050950 H). At YS 295840, 10/D/4 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in BLACK with unknown results.

(4)(051025 H). At YS 219879, B/9 RAR contacted six enemy who withdrew NORTH. Results: Four enemy WIA (blood trails).

(5)(051100 H). At YT 288037, 3/52 ARVN located 18 bunkers. The following was recovered: 28 x 82mm mortar rounds, four grenades, one RPG-2 round and a quantity of AK-47 rounds.

(6)(051115 H). At YS 319847, 1/W/4 RAR located one enemy base camp which had been recently occupied. The camp was suspected of being booby-trapped.

(7)(051140 H). At YS 224798, 3/C/1 Armd Regt located a base camp which had not been used recently.

(8)(051335 H). At YS 224797, A/3 Cav located a six month old enemy base camp. One belt of M60 rounds was recovered.

(9)(051240 H). At YS 295832 to YS 296833, 12/D/4 RAR located a four camp complex, roughly circular and consisting of 40 to 50 bunkers with overhead protection. It was last used approximately one week ago. Recovered were: One damaged AK-47, 21 grenades, 450 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, a quantity of bandages and some documents.

(10)(051720 H). At YT 280033, 3/52 ARVN located 30 bunkers.

(11)(051730 H). At YS 273912, a 1 ATF LRRP located and destroyed 600 lbs of rice from two caches.

(12)(052115 H). At YS251717, D/1 RAR contacted three enemy moving SOUTH with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(5 Feb 69). Additional BDA for airstrike on YS 317757 at 041232 H. (INTSUM 35-69, para 3.b.(3)). One bunker destroyed.

(2)(051230 H). At YS 493813, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One hut destroyed, one hut damaged, the first floor damaged and the second floor destroyed of a two-storey military structure.

(3)(051335 H). At YS 313753, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed, one structure destroyed, one bunker damaged, two tunnels uncovered.

c.d. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces. 1
WIA - 6

c. Omitted.

d. PW - 1

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 6
(2) Omitted.

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g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 17
KIA (POSS) - 6
KBA (BC) - 3
KBA (POSS) - 3
WIA - 8

(2) Detainees - 5 (Amended figure)
PW - 1
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 19

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 3

(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 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. At YS 222886, B/9 RAR captured one PW who had been wounded at 041915 H. He stated he was a squad leader in [redacted] and that he was one of a party of 26 on a food procurement mission to SOM MOI (XOML MOIWL) (vic Route 15). The PW further stated that the [redacted] was engaged in training activities and were avoiding contacts.

b. People Sniffer. There was one mission flown during the reporting period. Hotspots were recorded at: YS 753724, creek line YS 760725-757785 to YS 760740, YS 780740 for 600 metre radius, 764647 for 400 metre radius, the beach area YS 760620 to YS 767634, YS 765655. Suspect areas were the saddle at YS 730627 and the hill features vicinity YS 7462. The following sightings were also made:

YS 761752 - Two bunkers.
YS 755747 - Two bunkers.
YS 775683 - Tracks around creek, with spider hole.
YS 760688 - Tunnel entrance.

c. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM Number 34-69, paragraph 3.a.(6). Add: One AK-47 also taken.

(2) Reference INTSUM Number 35-69, paragraph 3.a.(2). Insert Grid Reference YS 298806.

(3) Reference INTSUM Number 35-69, paragraph 3.a.(13). Delete enemy casualties unknown. Insert: One enemy WIA (PW)...

(4) Reference INTSUM Number 35-69. Delete paragraph 11.

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G6

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 37-69.

2. Period covered from 060001 H to 062400 H Feb 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)(061000 H). At YT 128803, 3/52 ARVN Regt contacted two to three enemy. The enemy withdrew EAST with unknown results.

(2)(061030 H). At YS 316843, W/4 RAR located a quantity of clothing, rice, medical supplies and documents.

(3)(061200 HO. At YS 230886, B/9 RAR located a track running SOUTH EAST, believed to have been used by a squad size unit within the last 48 hours.

(4)(061218 H). At YS 290823, 4/ /4 RAR contacted two enemy moving SOUTH. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), two AK-47 and two packs captured.

(5)(061350 H). At YS 319847, 1/W/4 RAR located an enemy camp and recovered the following: 25 lbs of rice, one CHICOM grenade, one 50 gallon water container, four cooking pots, two packs and a quantity of medical supplies and documents.

(6)(061410 H). At YT 290032, 3/52 ARVN Regt located 20 rounds of 82mm mortar complete with fuses and propellant.

(7)(061535 H). At YS 314846, 2/V/4 RAR found a cache containing 25 lbs of salt, one US collapsible water container and one roll of plastic.

(8)(061545 H). At YS 234882, B/9 RAR located a squad size base camp consisting of three bunkers.

(9)(061546 H). At YT 287036, elements of 3/52 ARVN Regt were fired upon by an estimated enemy platoon using RPG-2 and small arms. FAC Observer reported enemy bunker system located 500 metres north of contact area.

(10)(061630 H). At YS 256886, 1/A/9 RAR located a cache containing 28 voice tapes and one microphone.

(11)(061740 H). At YS 164853, 1/A/3 Cav located a squad sized base camp with overhead cover consisting of logs and two feet of soil.

(12)(062130 H). At YS 156856, 2/1/A Sqn detected enemy movement. The area was engaged by artillery with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(060845 H). At YS 315752, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed; one bunker, one hut damaged; eight bunkers, one fighting pit and one tunnel entrance exposed; 20 metres of trench uncovered.

(2)(061155 H). At YS 3676, RAAF reported a foot bridge made from logs.

(3)(061240 H). At YS 314783, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Two huts destroyed; 80 metres of trench exposed; three bunkers uncovered.

(4) JADE reported the following sightings:

(a) (061440 H). At YS 613614: One sampan, a number of bunkers and four men.

(b) (061550 H). At YS 645613: Six huts.

(5)(061640 H). At YS 645613, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: Three large tin huts, three bunkers, one water tank (approximately 400 gallons) and one hut destroyed; three huts damaged and one large table exposed. Several oil drums, plastic and metal containers and black clothing were scattered around the area.

c. Omitted.

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d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(060750 H). At YS 510545, elements of 2/48 ARVN were engaged by an unknown number of enemy while clearing a road block. There were no friendly casualties.

(2)(060810 H). At YS 444731, a squad from 626 RF Coy were engaged by an unknown number of enemy using small arms and automatic weapons fire and grenades. There were no friendly casualties.

(3)(061455 H). At YS 243989, elements of RTAVF, manning a roadblock, detained nine persons in one truck after a grenade had been thrown from the truck. Six grenades and clothing for twelve men were recovered from the truck. The detainees were taken to LONG THANH Subsector.

(4)(061727 H). Between YS 163940 and YS 168941, 3Bn/RTAVF located a pressure type mine consisting of three 155mm projectiles.

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 Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 19
	KIA (POSS)	- 6
	KBA (BC)	- 3
	KBA (POSS)	- 3
	WIA	- 8
(2)	Detainees	- 5
	PW	- 1
	HOI CHANH	- 1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 21
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- 3
(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 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. One mission was flown during the reporting period. Hotspots were recorded at: YS 746713 (300 metre radius), YS 746673 (300 metre radius), YS 752644 (300 metre radius). Sightings of the following were also made:

Bunkers: At YS 713735, YS 735697, YS 726734, YS 734752 and YS 730675.

Tracks: At YS 710727, YS 700645, YS 720659 and YS 730723.

Bridge: At YS 699696.

Tunnel: At YS 710684.

Grave: At YS 710637.

Pits: At YS 729634.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 38-69.

2. Period covered from 070001 H to 072400 H Feb 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)(070825 H). At YS 161847, 1/A/3 Cav and elements of D&E platoon contacted two enemy. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties are unknown. Two AK-47s, webbing, documents and plastic sheeting were recovered.

(2)(070930 H). At YS 312845, 2/V/4 RAR located a camp under construction. However, no recent movement was evident.

(3)(071220 H). At YT 275015, 3/52 ARVN contacted two enemy with unknown results.

(4)(071545 H). At YS 267908, 12/D/9RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew EAST.

(5)(071550 H). A YS 268908, 6/B/9 RAR contacted three enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew WEST.

(6)(071635 H). At YS 240880, 4/B/9 RAR contacted one enemy. Friendly casualties: Two AUST WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

(7)(071802 H). At YS 240888, 4/B/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. Result: One enemy KIA (POSS).

b. Air Activity.

(1)(071240 H). At YS 645613, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Four huts and two drums destroyed, two huts badly damaged, three bunkers and one possible 122mm rocket tube exposed.

(2)(071450 H). At YS 604612, FAC sighted a sampan which took cover under bushes when the aircraft approached.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(070100 H). At NGAI GIAO (YS463794), five or six enemy entered the hamlet and abducted seven men and three women.

(2)(071920 H). At YS 214934, RTAVF elements sighted an unknown number of enemy digging up the road. They were engaged by artillery and mortars with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	-	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC)	-	19
KIA (POSS)	-	7
KBA (BC)	-	3
KBA (POSS)	-	3
WIA	-	8
(2) Detainees	-	5
PW	-	1
HOI CHANH	-	1
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	23
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	3
(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 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 39-69.

2. Period covered from 080001 H to 082400 H Feb 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)(081142 H). At YS 261906, D/9 RAR contacted one enemy, then a larger force using RPGs and machine gun. Bunkers over an area of 200 metres were seen. Results: Five enemy KIA (POSS), one AUST KIA, five AUST WIA and one Dustoff aircraft damaged.

(2)(081415 H). At YS 244898, 7/C/9 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(3)(081430 H). At YS 248904, A/9 RAR contacted 15 (+) enemy who withdrew NORTH EAST with unknown results.

(4)(081800 H). At YS 208868, 3/V/4 RAR sighted 35 enemy moving WEST. The area was engaged by artillery and LFTs with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(081240 H). At YS 625905, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers, one weapon pit and 50 metres of trench destroyed; one tunnel entrance collapsed and one bunker uncovered.

(2)(081845 H). At YS 290630, a RAAF aircraft received three rounds of tracer. There was no damage.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force elements.

(1)(080900 H). At YS 515550, a road clearing patrol from 2/48 ARVN was engaged by an unknown number of enemy. Artillery and air engaged the area. Enemy casualties unknown; four ARVN KIA and two ARVN WIA.

(2)(081415 H). At YS 255926, elements of RTAVF located 259 rounds of .50 cal ammunition.

(3)(082050 H). At YS 436587, 910 RF Coy ambushed an estimated two enemy platoons with Small Arms and automatic weapon fire. The enemy broke into two groups and withdrew SOUTH and SOUTH WEST with unknown losses.

(4)(082220 H). At YS 424604, 787 RF Coy ambushed two enemy squads. The enemy returned the fire with automatic weapons, RPG-2 and possibly 60mm mortars. The enemy withdrew WEST with unknown losses.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted

b.

KIA by	Possible
Ground Forces	5

c-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 19
	KIA (POSS)	- 12
	KBA (BC)	- 3
	KBA (POSS)	- 3
	WIA	- 8
(2)	Detainees	- 5
	[illegible]	- 1
	HOI CHANH	- 1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 23
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- 3
(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 18 Jan 69.

11.12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 40-69.

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

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

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(091440 H). At YS 195870, 2/V/4 RAR located an enemy base camp.

(2)(091430 H). At YS 258901, C/9 RAR contacted two enemy moving from EAST to WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(3)(091438 H). At YS 199892, 2/W/4 RAR contacted six enemy. Results: Two enemy KIA (BC), one Czechoslovakian-made AK-47 and one 9mm pistol captured.

(4)(091630 H). At YS 258904, 7/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy moving SOUTH with unknown results.

(5)(091725 H). At YS 185845, 11/D/4 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in greens moving SOUTH EAST with unknown results.

(6)(091835 H). At YS 195889, 2/W/4 RAR, whilst in ambush, were fired upon with automatic weapons by an unknown number of enemy from the NORTH EAST. Five enemy were also observed to the EAST of the ambush position. Artillery engaged the area with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties and enemy casualties are unknown.

(7)(091925 H). At YS 357941, 3/52 ARVN contacted three enemy who withdrew SOUTH WEST with unknown results.

(8)(091950 H). At YS 219860, V/4 RAR observed an enemy squad moving WEST. Artillery engaged the area with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(090900 H). At YS 387773, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One structure destroyed, two bunkers exposed.

(2)(090922 H). At YS 387773, a further airstrike was conducted. It was 75% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: Three bunkers and one structure exposed; one bunker partly destroyed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(091245 H). At YS 198912, A/3/1 Bde (RTAVF) were engaged by an estimated enemy company from the NORTH, SOUTH and EAST. The enemy broke contact at 1310H and withdrew with unknown results. Friendly casualties: 10 THAI WIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	3

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy Weapon Losses.

(1) Individual - 3

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Tatals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 22
	KIA (POSS)	- 12
	KBA (BC)	- 3
	KBA (POSS)	- 3
	WIA	- 8
(2)	Detainees	- 5
	PW	- 1
	HOI CHANH	- 1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 26
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- 3
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	- .4

(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 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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G10

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 41-69.

2. Period covered from 100001 H to 102400 H Feb 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)(100500 H). At YS 219870, V/4 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy moving from WEST to EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47, one CHICOM pistol, 60 lbs of rice and a quantity of tinned fish captured.

(2)(100750 H). At YS 225855, Tracker Team/4 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH WEST.

(3)(101620 H). At YS 255886, 9 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.

(4)(101624 H). At YS 260906, 12/D/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(5)(101758 H). At YS 216870, V/4 RAR contacted 14 enemy moving SOUTH EAST. The contact was supported by artillery and LFT. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS); there were no friendly casualties.

(6)(101805 H). At YS 216865, 4 RAR observed 13 enemy, who were carrying loads, moving SOUTH.

b. Air Activity.

(1)(101237 H). At YS 342702, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: One bunker and one structure destroyed; one tunnel entrance, three large supply caches, two bunkers and one table exposed.

(2)(101238 H). At YS 309754, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: Two bunkers, three structures and hut destroyed; four bunkers exposed; 169 metres of trench exposed or collapsed.

(3)(101656 H). At YS 244868, an aircraft from 161 Recce Flight was fired on by three enemy who were engaged with artillery and mortars with unknown results. No damage to aircraft.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1)(101015 H). At YS 158948, B/3/RTAVF contacted 10 enemy with unknown results. A quantity of equipment was found.

(2)(102050 H). At YS 465768, friendly troops in a bunker were fired upon with small arms by an unknown number of enemy from YS 467772. The fire was returned and the enemy withdrew with unknown losses.

(3)(102300 H). At YS 454750, 37 and 43 PF Platoons were engaged by an unknown number of enemy attempting to enter the hamlet. Elements of 655 RF Coy, supported by ARVN artillery, made contact with the enemy who withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: One PF WIA, enemy casualties unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

		Confirmed	Possible
b.	KIA by Ground Forces	1	2

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 23
	KIA (POSS)	- 14
	KBA (BC)	- 3
	KBA (POSS)	- 3
	WIA	- 8
(2)	Detainees	- 5
	PW	- 1
	HOI CHANH	- 1

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(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 29 (Corrected figure)
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 3
(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 18 Jan 69.

11-12. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 42/69.

2. Period covered from 110001 H to 112400 H Feb 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) (110935 H). At YS 216870, V/4 RAR located one pack containing four pistols and personal effects.

(2) (111414 H). At YS 221872, 2/V/4 RAR contacted two to three enemy moving SOUTH with unknown results. The enemy withdrew EAST.

(3) (111500 H). At YS 243903, 1/A/9 RAR contacted five enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (111320 H). At YS 313753, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed; two bunkers uncovered.

(2) (111720 H). At YS 440565, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy infiltration route with unknown results.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.
(1) (110759 H). At YS 197418, A/3/RTAVF contacted an enemy squad with unknown results. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-e. Omitted.

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

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 23
KIA (POSS) - 14
KBA (BC) - 3
KBA(POSS) - 3
WIA - 8
(2) Detainees - 5
PW - 1
HOI CHANH - 1
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 31
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 3
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .43
(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 43/69.

2. Period covered from 120001 H to 122400 H Feb 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) (120900 H). At YS 240901, A/9 RAR located a cache containing one US gas mask and one bag of soil (possibly used as a training aid for forced marching).

(2) (121100 H). At YS 240902, A/9 RAR located 24 lbs of CHICOM explosive, one CHICOM detonator and one sentry bunker.

(3) (121205 H). At YS 168837, 10/D/4 RAR located one fresh bunker and a quantity of fresh food.

(4) (121503 H). At YS 249900, 8/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew NORTH with unknown results.

(5) (121533 H). At YS 190847, the Tracker Team/4 RAR were engaged by four to five enemy who withdrew SOUTH. Results: Two M1917 SPRINGFIELD rifles, one M1 Carbine, one M14 rifle, 60 lbs of rice, one RPG-7 round and a quantity of small arms ammunition, documents and batteries were recovered.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (121402 H). At YS 274867, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (120140 H). At YS 4351, the MIKE Force compound received two 82mm mortar rounds resulting in one US WIA.

(2) (121405 H). At YS 225948, D/3/RTAVF were engaged by an unknown number of enemy. Results: One THAI KIA, one THAI WIA.

(3) (122025 H). At YS 443739, a platoon from 655 RF Coy contacted one enemy who withdrew with unknown results.

(4) (122100 H). At YS 515535, the outpost was fired on by an estimated half enemy squad. There were no casualties.

(5) (122100 H). At YS 292555, a platoon from 480 RF Coy ambushed an enemy platoon as they tried to enter the village. The enemy returned fire with RPG-2 and small arms. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured; two RF WIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 4
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	27 (Amended figure)
	KIA (POSS)	-	10 (Amended figure)
	KBA (BC)	-	3
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	WIA	-	8
(2)	Detainees	-	5
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	37 (Corrected
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	3 figure)
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.46
(6) to (10)	Omitted.		

5-8. Omitted.

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9-10. No change to current Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province.'

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM Number 39-69, paragraph 3.a.(1):- Amend results to read: Four enemy KIA (BC), one enemy KIA (POSS).

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 44-69.

2. Period covered from 130001 H to 132400 H Feb 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) (130812 H). At YS 189847, a patrol from 4 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew WEST with unknown casualties.

(2) (131045 H). At YS 171884, 10/D/4 RAR located a quantity of documents.

(3) (131557 H). At YS 255890, 8/C/9 RAR contacted four enemy moving EAST. The enemy withdrew NORTH EAST with unknown losses.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (131305 H). At YS 319705, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. RESULTS: One structure destroyed; one bunker damaged; two bunkers, one tunnel and one table exposed. Heavy track activity was observed in the area.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (131645 H). At YS 453537, MIKE Force elements were engaged by a command detonated mine from an entrenched position. Fire was returned with organic weapons - enemy losses unknown. Friendly casualties: Seven CIDG KIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	27
	KIA (POSS)	-	10
	KBA (BC)	-	3
	KBA(POSS)	-	3
	WIA	-	8
(2)	Detainees	-	5
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	37
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	3
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.46

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to current Intelligence report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. (131740 H). At YS 303967, 161 Recce Flight sighted an occupied base camp extending 2000 metres from EAST to WEST. The area is in the centre of a logistics complex which was believed occupied by elements of Military Region T-7, Sub Region 4 and 274 VC Regt during ARVN sweep operations during Jan/early Feb 69. The re-occupation and signs that bunkers are being repaired suggest that the area is being re-activated and could serve as an important logistic support area in any future enemy offensive in LONG KHANH/BIEN HOA Province area.

b. People Sniffer. One mission was flown during the period, between 130800 H and 130930 H. A Hotspot was reported at YS 344887.

c. Omitted.

d. Items of reporting interest.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	ITEM
131345 H	YS 221878	5/B/4 RAR	Two bodies found.

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List A
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199 Inf Bde
S2 12 Cbt Avn Gp
CICV
54th Arty
Advisory Team 82
RTAVF
SLS- RTAVF
PHOCC PHUOC TUY

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 45-69.

2. Period covered from 140001 H to 142400 H Feb 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) (140820 H). At YS 203886, 1/V/4 RAR detained one male who was evacuated to LONG THANH for interrogation.

(2) (140900 H). At YS 256896, 7/C/9 RAR located a cache containing 480 lbs of rice, 20 lbs salt, a quantity of sugar and vitamin tablets and some stationery, which was destroyed.

(3) (141405 H). At YS 356878, 3/52 ARVN recovered six lbs of explosive.

(4) (141330 H). At YS 253885, C/9 RAR contacted an enemy force, estimated to be of platoon size,(or possibly larger) who fired RPGs, machine guns and small arms from two positions which the follow-up revealed to be part of a bunker system. LFT and artillery supported. Results: Four enemy KIA (BC); five AUST WIA, one dust-off aircraft damaged by enemy ground fire.

(5) (141940 H). At YS 390957, 3/52 ARVN observed one platoon of enemy crossing the road. Artillery engaged the area with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (140812 H). At YS 255875, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: 70-80 metres of trench uncovered; one bunker damaged.

(2) (141035 H). At YS 287952, a FAC observed a quantity of supplies on a track.

(3) (141307 H). At YS 319705, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: Four large bunkers uncovered, one large bunker uncovered and damaged, one table damaged.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (132245 H). Late Entry. At YS 445583, a platoon from 701 RF Coy were ambushed by an unknown number of enemy who fired RPG-2s and automatic weapons. Results: One RF KIA, seven RF WIA; enemy casualties unknown.

(2) (142030 H). At YS 445745, BINH BA Post received three 60mm mortar rounds which impacted outside the perimeter.

(3) (142230 H). At YS 510545, a 3/35 ARVN OP were engaged by RPG and AK-47 fire from an unknown number of enemy. Automatic weapons fire was returned and ARVN artillery supported. Results: One RD WIA; enemy casualties are unknown.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed
Ground Forces 4

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 1

e-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	31
	KIA (POSS)	-	10
	KBA (BC)	-	3
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	WIA	-	8
(2)	Detainees	-	6
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	37
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	3

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(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .7
(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. Between 140800H and 140900H one mission was flown. Hotspots were recorded at:

(1) 300 metre radius of YS 514743.
(2) From YS 527696 to YS 524702 along a creek.
(3) 400 metre radius of YS 583736.
(4) Creek - YS 585703 - YS 586724 - YS 604724.

At YS 578746 a bunker was sighted.

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54th Arty
Advisory Team 82
RTAVF
SLS - RTAVF
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G15

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 46-69.

2. Period covered from 150001 H to 152400 H Feb 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) (150715 H). At YS 155861, 11/D/4 RAR sighted one enemy dressed in BLACK, armed with an AK-47, moving EAST.

(2) (151345 H). At YS 356968, C/3/52 ARVN Regt contacted one platoon of enemy who split into two groups and withdrew EAST and WEST. The enemy were engaged with artillery and LFT with unknown results.

(3) (151555 H). At YS 212869, V/4 RAR located four bodies KB Arty. Three packs and webbing and 75 x AK-47 rounds were also found.

(4) (151530 H). At YS 230878, A/9 RAR located five RPG-2 rounds in an old camp.

(5) (151740 H). At YS 239990, B and C/3/52 ARVN contacted three to four enemy with unknown results. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

(6) (152103 H). At YS 219801, 10/D/4 RAR ambushed four to five boats carrying an estimated 12-15 enemy moving EAST. The enemy returned fire with RPG and small arms from the SOUTHERN bank. Artillery engaged the suspected withdrawal routes. Results: Six enemy KIA (POSS), two boats sunk. This contact was a result of informant information.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (151315 H). At YS 645613, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One structure and two bunkers destroyed; five bunkers exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (151450 H). At YS 208908, A/1/RTAVF contacted ten enemy who withdrew EAST and NORTH WEST with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	-	6
KB Arty	4	-

c. Omitted.

d. Detainees - 8

e-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	31
	KIA (POSS)	-	16
	KBA (BC)	-	3
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	KB Arty	-	4
	WIA	-	8
(2)	Detainees	-	14
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	37
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	3
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.7

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

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11. VCI Information and Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information. At DAT DO (vic YS 4960) eight VC suspects were apprehended by Det 1 Div Int Unit. One was a member of the PHUOC HAI Village Unit, one was a member of the Liaison Cell of LONG THANH, one was a Propaganda Cadre with the remainder not yet classified. All suspects were sent to the PIC for interrogation.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. One mission was flown with scattered readings. There was no reaction due to smoke.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Items of Reporting Significance. Information gained from BIEN HOA Sector from a HOI CHANH indicated the presence of enemy caches of rice and arms located in the vicinity YS 2089 and YS 2090. The caches were said to be guarded by 60 enemy and the enemy planned to move the items stored on the night 15-16 Feb 69. The HOI CHANH acted as a guide to the caches and RTAVF deployed two companies as a blocking force. At last light, 15 Feb 69, 4 RAR, operating against caches and enemy locations suspected in in the areas reached the first cache and found it empty.
(S2 comment: 1 ATF Operations during the period continued with earlier trend of enemy attempts to avoid contact and move in small groups. The movement trend to the SOUTH EAST and recently emptied caches suggest that the enemy SOUTH of BINH SON may be withdrawing forces and supplies prior to switching the axis again. If a switch is being effected, VR and movement pattern supports a renewal of enemy interest in AO MOOSE to NORTH and EAST of AN VIENG rubber. EEI's emphasise collection for this trend. There are no signs of imminent offensive action.)

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S2, 12 Cbt Avn Gp
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Advisory Team 82
RTAVF
SLS-RTAVF
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6/b

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 47-69.

2. Period covered from 160001 H to 162400 H Feb 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) (160800 H). At YS 252885, 7/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew NORTH WEST with unknown results.

(2) (160935 H). At YS 437633, a patrol from 9 RAR found two CLAYMORE mines (type DH8).

(3) (161215 H). At YS 329980, C/3/52 ARVN sighted a large enemy force (size not stated) to their SOUTH. The enemy withdrew further SOUTH when they saw the friendly force.

(4) (161220 H). At YS 269824, D&E Platoon contacted three enemy dressed in BLACK, who withdrew NORTH. Results: One enemy WIA (blood trail).

(5) (161320 H). At YS 355965, B & C/3/52 ARVN sighted fresh tracks of an estimated two companies moving EAST.

(6) (161323 H). At YS 213901, B/4 RAR and 1/B/1 Armd Regt were engaged with machinegun, RPG, CLAYMORE and sniper fire by an unknown number of enemy in bunkers. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC); two AUST KIA, eight AUST WIA, one Tank slightly damaged.

(7) (161730 H). At YS 253880, 9/C/9 RAR contacted three enemy who were believed to be digging up a cache. Results: One enemy WIA, 70 lbs rice recovered. The enemy withdrew NORTH EAST. It is suspected more enemy stores are concealed in this area.

(8) (161736 H). At YS 239893, 11/D/9 RAR contacted one enemy moving SOUTH WEST. Results: One enemy WIA (blood trail), one AK-47 magazine recovered. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST.

(9) (161736 H). At YS 239893, 11/D/9 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.

(10) (161845 H). At YS 253883, 8/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH EAST with unknown results.

(11) (162210 H). At YS 212894, W/4 RAR were engaged by two to three enemy. There were no friendly casualties.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (161325 H). At YS 345921, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. There was no BDA.

(2) (161300 H). At YS 375894, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One bunker damaged, five bunkers exposed, two structures destroyed, equipment was scattered around the area.

(3) (161555 H). At YS 213904, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One enemy KBA, three bunkers destroyed, three bunkers damaged, two weapons and other equipment were sighted scattered around the area.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (161500 H). At YS 641657, RF elements reported a large number of enemy crossing the road in an EASTERLY direction. Later, a FAC did a VR of the area and from the tracks estimated the force to be approximately 40.

(2) (161505 H). At YS 658688, XUYEN MOC post received five 122mm rockets, two of which failed to explode. Identification was made by a US adviser

(3) (161110 H). At YS 144926, RTAVF and VN elements both engaged an approximate enemy squad from different directions. The enemy withdrew with unknown losses after firing on each friendly force.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

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

c-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 34
KIA (POSS) - 16
KBA (BC) - 4
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 4
WIA - 11

(2) Detainees - 14
PW - 1
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 37
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 3
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .74
(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 46-69, para 11.a.: Amend LONG THANH to read LONG TAN (vic YS 4965).

b-c. Omitted.

d. Items of reporting significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	ITEM
160950 H	YS 325990	B & C/3/52 ARVN	15 bunkers destroyed.

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Distribution

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SA HQ 18 ARVN Div
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IIFFORCEV (13)
GLO - 3 TAC Fighter Wing
199 Inf Bde
S2 - 12 Cbt Avn Gp
CICV
54th Arty
Advisory Team 82
RTAVF
SLS - RTAVF
PIOCC, PHUOC TUY Province

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 48-69.

2. Period covered from 170001 H to 172400 H Feb 69.

3. There were no contacts with Task Force or OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(17 Feb 69). At DAT DO (vic YS 4860) sector elements captured one enemy armed with a pistol, who was taken to BA RIA for interrogation.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	34
	KIA (POSS)	-	16
	KBA (BC)	-	4
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	KB Arty	-	4
	WIA	-	11
(2)	Detainees	-	14
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	38 (Amended figure)
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	4 (Amended figure)
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	.74

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-6. Omitted.

7. NVA/VC Unit Identifications, Locations and Movements.

a. Unit Identification and AKA. 2 Bn/2 Regt/5 VC Div. (AKA: 81C/A57/33 Regt).

b. Unit Location. Two battalions of the Regt are at YT 2414 and one battalion at YT 2408.

c. Size and composition. The strength of 2 Bn is 150 men.

d. Direction of Movement. 1 Bn and 3 Bn were to move to YT 2408 and join 2 Bn on the night 17/18 Feb. The mission of the Regt is to attack BA RIA.

e. Source of Information. A HOI CHANH, [redacted], [redacted] of the [redacted] of [redacted], who rallied to TRANG BOM on the [redacted].

8-11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Amendments to Previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM Number 46-69, paragraph 3.a.(6). ADD: one sampan, one RPG-2 launcher and one AK-47 captured. Two RPG-2 rounds destroyed.

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Distribution

List A
SA HQ 18 ARVN Div.
Sector S2
IIFFORCEV
GLO - 3 TAC Fighter Wing
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S2 - 12 Cbt Avn Gp
CICV
54th Arty
Advisory Team 82
RTAVF
SLS - RTAVF
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C 18

CONFIDENTIAL

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 49-69.

2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Feb 1969.

3. There were three contacts with Task Force or OP CON elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) (180640H) At YS211866 3/V/4RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy (at least three) moving SOUTH EAST. The area was engaged by Artillery with unknown results.

(2) (180705H) At YS486675 a patrol from 4RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew EAST with unknown results.

(3) (180729H) At YS213855 3/V/4RAR contacted two enemy moving WEST. Results: one enemy KIA(BC).

(4) (180840H) In the area between YS165842 and YS174847 D/4RAR located:

7 AK47's	360 rounds of small arms ammo.
1 SLR	1 field telephone
1 .45 pistol	10lbs of documents
10 CHICOM grenades	

and parts of a 12.7 HMG. A quantity of rice and clothing was destroyed.

(5) (180910H) At YS175858 10/D/4 RAR located one AK47 and one mortar sight.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (181221H) At YS487680 an aircraft from 161 Recce Flight, acting upon information obtained from 4RAR, located an enemy base camp. The camp was engaged by artillery with unknown results.

(2) (181415H) At YS377894 an airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: one large bunker and one tunnel entrance exposed, three bunkers partly exposed, one hut damaged.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (181925H) At YT231151 2 MSF elements received hand grenades from an unknown number of enemy and observed movement all about their perimeter. LFT supported and the enemy withdrew with unknown results.

(2) (182040H) At YS485503 Mike Force located an enemy base camp. They recovered:

6 M1 rifles	48.4lbs of sugar
4 carbines	44lbs of rice
1 AK47	44lbs of vegetables
1 u/i MG	1 detonator set with wire and crimpers
1 M15	1 compass

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted

b. KIA by Ground Forces:

Confirmed
1

c-e. Omitted

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 10
(2) Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals for Feb 1969.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 35
KIA (POSS) - 16
KBA (BC) - 4
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 4
WIA - 11

(2) Detainers - 14
PW - 1
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 48
Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 4

(4) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .74

(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-12. Omitted.

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Distribution

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SA HQ 18 ARVN Div.
Sector S2
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GLO 3 TAC Fighter Wing
199 Inf Bde
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CICV
54th Arty
Advisory Team 82
RTAVF
SLS - RTAVF
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 50-69.

2. Period covered from 190001 H to 192400 H Feb 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) (90411 H). At YS 202865, 2/V/4 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy moving EAST.

(2) (190736 H). At YS 211871, 3/V/4 RAR contacted one enemy approaching from the WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47, two grenades and a quantity of medical supplies captured.

(3) (190753 H). At YS 205872, V/4 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew NORTH with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (190940 H). At YS 435872, an aircraft from 161 Recce Flight was hit by enemy ground fire. Results: The pilot was WIA and the aircraft was badly damaged.

(2) (191015 H). At YS 437871, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 70% coverage. Results: One large bunker and five fighting pits destroyed; one medium bunker and two 50 gallon drums damaged; 20 metres of trench exposed.

(3) (191135 H). At YS 437871, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One tunnel complex uncovered; three underground bunkers and six rice sacks destroyed; 60 metres of trench uncovered.

(4) (191410 H). At YS 539893, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Seven bunkers and 50 metres of trench damaged; 90 metres of trench exposed and partly damaged; two 'L' shaped fighting positions destroyed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (182300 H). Late Entry. At YS 253100, 52 I&R engaged 50 enemy.

(2) (191745 H). At YS 502554, an estimated three enemy fired small arms into a friendly out post.

(3) (192000 H). At YS 332625, Sector elements contacted an estimated enemy company. Results: Seven enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47, one RPG-2 and one carbine captured.

(4) (192055 H). At YS 421599, Sector elements ambushed three enemy approaching from the WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC).

(5) (192200 H). At YS 424604, Sector elements engaged approximately four enemy. Mortars were fired in support.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by Confirmed

Ground Forces	1

c-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1)	Individual	- 1
(2)	Omitted.	

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 36
	KIA (POSS)	- 16
	KBA (BC)	- 4
	KBA (POSS)	- 3
	KB Arty	- 4
	WIA	- 11
(2)	Detainees	- 14
	PW	- 1
	HOI CHANH	- 1

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(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 49
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 4
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - .74
(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. S2 Comments. The increase in enemy movement in open areas of 4 RAR AO TIKI suggest that movement will increase further once the 1 ATF withdrawal from AO TOWNSVILLE is complete. Reported movement by enemy forces in AO BARRINGTON was slight but tended to confirm HOI CHANH reports that elements of 33 Regt were trying to move SOUTHWARDS across Route 1 in the TRANG BOM area for operations against target in BIEN HOA-LONG BINH-BEARCAT complexes.

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Distribution

List A
IIFFORCEV - Attn G2 Production Division
AFV
1 ALSG
67 GL Section
MACJ2
MACV - CICV
1 US Div
18 ARVN Div
11 ACR
IIFFORCEV (S2 Arty)
54 Arty
199 Bde
12 Cbt Avn Gp
RTAVF
RTAVF (Attn SLS for S2 LONG THANH)
SFGA
36 RGR
1/2 US Inf
GLO - 3 TAC Fighter Wing
PIOCG, PHUOC TUY Province

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 51-69.

2. Period covered from 200001 H to 202400 H Feb 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) (201020 H). At YS 224807, A Sqn elements were engaged by two enemy, who withdrew EAST with unknown results.

(2) (201225 H). At YT 138139, 8/C/9 RAR located a staging area used by seven people one week ago.

(3) (201608 H). At YS 303975, A & B/3/52 ARVN Regt were engaged by one enemy sniper, or possibly two. Results: One enemy WIA (blood trail), one AK-47 magazine captured. The enemy withdrew WEST.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (200500 H). In area YT 260159 - 260162 - 267159 - YT 267162, a B-52 strike was conducted on a suspected Battalion sized underground base camp. BDA available at this time suggests that enemy commitment of forces in the target area was minimal.

(2) (201413 H). At YS 387793, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: One bunker, two pits and two breather holes exposed, one hut damaged and one tube (approximately one foot in diameter and four feet long) exposed.

(3) (201600 H). At YT 131173, 161 Recce Flight reported six newly constructed pits, fresh tracks and a table.

(4) (201655 H). At YS 493813, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exposed, one hut damaged. Numerous utensils were scattered over the area.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (201440 H). At YT 170239, A/1/12 Cav contacted an estimated NVA company, suspected to be the outpost of a larger force. The enemy fired small arms and automatic weapons and fired 60mm mortar in support. LFT supported the friendly force. Contact was finally broken at 1800H, when the enemy withdrew NORTH WEST and SOUTH WEST. Results: Four NVA KIA (BC); two US WIA.

(2) (202000 H). At YS 504574, a platoon from 153 RF Coy ambushed an estimated enemy squad. Results: Three enemy KIA (POSS), one AK-47 captured. The enemy withdrew NORTH EAST.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-b. Omitted.

c. WIA - 1

d-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	36
	KIA (POSS)	-	16
	KBA (BC)	-	4
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	KB Arty	-	4
	WIA	-	12
(2)	Detainees	-	14
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	49
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	4
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	0.74

(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. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. People Sniffer. One mission was flown between 201000-1200 H. Maximum readouts were recorded in Grid Squares YS 2796 - 2797 - 2798 - 2897 - 2998 - YS 2799.

b. S2 Comments. The situation in 1 ATF area during this period was quiet. The lack of operations and movement suggest that the enemy is moving in small groups, is already in their assembly areas or is avoiding contacts until final orders are received. Sniffer mission readouts suggest some concentration of enemy forces in those areas is taking place, possibly the concentrations represent control elements known to be located between BINH SON - AN VIENG and ONG QUE rubber plantation.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 52-69.

2. Period covered from 210001 H to 212400 H Feb 69.

3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one sighting but no contacts by Task Force and OP CON elements in AO BARRINGTON and NTR in AO TOWNSVILLE.

a. Ground Activity.
(1) (211200 H). At YT 132130, 1/2/A Sqn located fresh tracks of six persons heading NORTH.

(2) (211850 H). At YT 166076, W/4 RAR sighted one enemy on their perimeter who withdrew EAST. The area was engaged by artillery.

b. Air Activity.
(1) (211109 H). At YS 437871, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Three bunkers, three fighting pits and 20 metres of trench destroyed; one fighting pit exposed.

(2) (211410 H). At YS 545885, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed; five bunkers and 20 metres of trench damaged; 140 metres of trench exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.
(1) (210500 H). At YS 337580, 26 RF Boat Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy, who withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and two carbines captured.

(2) (210600 H). At YS 453749, 43 PF Platoon were fired upon with RPG and small arms from an unknown number of enemy. The fire was returned and contact broken at 0630H with the enemy withdrawing to the EAST.

(3) (211030 H). At YT 225068, D/2/RTAVF contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 captured.

(4) (212020 H). At YS 326594, 26 RF Boat Coy, operating on foot, were fired upon by an estimated enemy squad, with RPF-2 and small arms fire. The fire was returned with artillery supporting. The Enemy withdrew in an unknown direction with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	-	36
	KIA (POSS)	-	16
	KBA (BC)	-	4
	KBA (POSS)	-	3
	KB Arty	-	4
	WIA	-	12
(2)	Detainees	-	14
	PW	-	1
	HOI CHANH	-	1
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	-	49
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	-	4
(5)	Tons of rice captured/destroyed	-	0.74

(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. S2 Comment. 1 ATF area was quiet throughout the reporting period. The only confirmed sightings were on a track which runs EAST to WEST through W Coy, 4 RAR (YT 166076) and FSPB BETTY (YT 1408). There are no indications that enemy units have completed preparations for a major offensive but continued movement of enemy units into area between Route QL1 and SONG LA BOUANG cannot be maintained for long without detection and friendly reaction.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 53-69.

2. Period covered from 220001 H to 222400 H Feb 69.

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

a. Ground Activity.

(1) (221000 H). At YS 322995, A & B/3/52 ARVN Regt contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy (NVA) KIA (BC), one NVA KIA (POSS); one AK-47, two grenades and a quantity of documents captured. One ARVN WIA by friendly artillery.

(2) (221205 H). At YT 198161, C-1/2 Inf contacted two enemy moving WEST. Results: One enemy WIA and captured. Three CHICOM grenades and a notebook were also captured. The enemy withdrew WEST.

(3) (221250 H). At YT 153080, 4 RAR contacted 20 enemy dressed in greens. Results: One enemy WIA and captured. One AK-47, one Bangalore torpedo and one RPG-2 round captured.

(4) (221316 H). At YT 198161, C/1/2 Inf contacted two enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA and captured. Two AK-47 and two grenades were captured.

(5) (221727 H). At YS 356965, B/3/52 ARVN Regt contacted a swimming party of 20-30 enemy. The enemy withdrew NORTH EAST along the stream with unknown casualties.

(6) (221730 H). At YT 183080, 10/D/4 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in greens who withdrew NORTH.

(7) (222026 H). At YT 172128, 1/2 Inf Div contacted three enemy moving EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and two magazines captured.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (221315 H). At YS 540890, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Five bunkers destroyed; seven bunkers and 80 metres of trench damaged; 120 metres of trench exposed.

(2) (221415 H). At YS 540890, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed; two bunkers damaged; two huts and a trench system exposed with 10 metres of trench uncovered.

(3) (221555 H). At YS 542892, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One bunker and 30 metres of trench exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (221105 H). At YT 233057, C/2/2 RTAVF contacted three enemy with unknown results.

(2) (222025 H). At YS 374604, 19 PF Platoon engaged three to four enemy who had detonated a mine. The enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

		Confirmed	Possible
a.	KIA by US Ground Forces	2	-
	WIA - 2		
b.	KIA by 1 ATF Ground Forces	-	-
	WIA - 1		
c.	KIA by ARVN Ground Forces	1	1
d.	PW - 3		
e.	Omitted.		

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f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 5
(2) Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 39
KIA (POSS) - 17
KBA (BC) - 4
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 4
WIA - 15
(2) Detainees - 14
PW - 4
HOI CHANH - 1
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 54
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 4
(5) Tons of rice captured/destroyed - 0.74
(6) to (10) Omitted.

5-6. Omitted.

7. Unit Identifications, locations and movements.

(221315 H). At YS 153080, 4 RAR captured [redacted], aged 16 years, an NVA conscript and a member of [redacted], 5 VC Div. Source claimed his company had a strencth of 20 and was armed with AK-47, RPG-2 and seven Bangalore torpedoes. He claimed his Company Commander was named NGUYEN DUC THO and stated his destination was TAY LANH (not further identified). His unit mission was unknown to source. Source was evacuated to 24 Evac, LONG BINH.

8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province ' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. S2 Comment. [redacted] possibly belongs to [redacted] as possession of breaching torpedo suggests. Enemy movement in AO BARRINGTON increased significantly during the reporting period but most of the contacts/sightings SOUTH of Route 1 were probably part of same group of 20 to which PW (para 7) belongs.

Late Entry. On 21 Feb 69, 9 RAR reported four trails cut through jungle on bearing 240 mils from area YT 14151485. Trails are approximately 30 inches wide cut to ground and cleared. The trails have been recently used and a trail cut during the night 22/23 Feb 69 in area YT 138140. Comment: Trails believed to used to move troops close to Route 1 under cover of vegetation . General trend of activity suggest enemy in AO BARRINGTON still requires for movement/preparation before launching assault but objective of 33 NVA Regt is almost certainly LONG BINH complex in the very near future.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 54-69.

2. Period covered from 230001 H to 232400 H Feb 69.

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

a. Ground Activity.

(1) PHUOC TUY Province.

(a) (230420 H). At YS 385618, B/9 RAR engaged an estimated enemy platoon who were assaulting the A&L compound at that location. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA. The enemy withdrew EAST and NORTH EAST. During a sweep of the area the following was captured: Three AK-47, one 30 cal complete, one 60mm mortar, seven Bangalore torpedoes, three CHICOM Anti tank grenades, 36 hand grenades, 750 x 30 cal rounds, four M1 magazines, one BAR, two boxes of fuses for 60mm mortar, 500 x AK-47 rounds, four RPG-2 rounds, 60 M1 rounds, one rounded magazine for CHICOM MG, ten BAR magazines, 20 lbs of plastic explosive, two tins weapon grease, 10 lbs rice and one VC flag.

(b) (231540 H). Vic YS 3962, elements 1 Fd Sqn located five 122mm rockets and a number of 81mm mortar blinds.

(c) (231700 H). At YS 425664, elements A/3 Cav were engaged with small arms fire. Fire was returned with unknown results.

(2) AO BELCONNEN

(a) (231150 H). At YT 178078, 3/W/4 RAR contacted two enemy moving SOUTH. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK-47 CIA. The enemy withdrew NORTH.

(b) (231240 H). At YT 183102, 4 RAR reported that the railway line had been blown in five places. A number of unexploded charges were recovered.

(c) (232007 H). At YT 183101, 11/D/4 RAR reported a possible rocket launching site 1000-1500 metres to their NORTH EAST. Rockets were impacting at an approximate bearing of 2100 mils from their location.

(d) (231345 H). At YT 178076, 3/W/4 RAR contacted six enemy moving NORTH with unknown results.

(e) (232020 H). At YT 163077, W/4 RAR contacted a possible enemy company. Initially the contact was from SOUTH and EAST with probes from SOUTH WEST and WEST. The enemy used mortars or RPGs as well as small arms and machine gun fire. Spooky and artillery supported the contact. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); friendly casualties: Five NZ WIA.

(f) (232314 H). At YT 163077, W/4 RAR contacted three to four enemy who approached from the SOUTH EAST. The enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(3) AO DRACULA

(a) (232215 H). At YT 162188, 3/A/1/2 US Inf contacted 13 enemy moving WEST who withdrew with unknown losses.

(4) AO MOOSE

(1) (230820 H). At YS 387956, elements A/3/52 ARVN Regt located an anti-tank mine.

(5) AO ARUNDA

(a) (230425 H). At YT 131149, elements 9 RAR heard rocket primaries on a bearing of 6100 mils at a distance of approximately 1000 metres.

(b) (230905 H). At YT 114138, 3/A/9 RAR located tracks of twenty persons moving SOUTH WEST. The tracks were approximately three hours old.

(c) (231030 H). At YT 128159, D/9 RAR located a well prepared rocket launching site, built at least 24 hours before firing. Also found were two enemy bodies (KB Arty) and two 107mm rockets.

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(d) (231230 H). At YT 129158, elements 1 Fd Sqn found nine 107mm rockets.

(e) (232150 H). At YT 116133, A/9 RAR heard movement to the EAST of their location and the area was engaged with M60 and M79 fire with unknown results.

(f) (232210 H). At YT 128148, 10/D/9 RAR had an unknown number of enemy approach to within 15 metres of their perimeter, moving EAST. The enemy were engaged with M60 and CLAYMORE fire with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (231420 H). At YT 142160, VR sighted an old camp with a comms trench and seven to eight grey cylindrical objects approximately five inches in diameter and four feet long. Also a well- and recently-used track heading SOUTH WEST from the camp was sighted.

(2) (231410 H). At YS 564806, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One structure damaged; eight bunkers and one tent exposed.

(3) (231620 H). At YS 437871, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed; three bunkers and 300 metres of trench exposed; one hut damaged.

(4) (231850 H). At YS 413645, an aircraft from 161 Recce Flight received ground fire twice.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (230300 H). At YS 426607, 787 RF Coy were fired on with four RPG-2 rounds two of which impacted in the compound. The enemy withdrew EAST. Results: One JEEP damaged, one MULE destroyed and 11 cattle killed.

(2) (230630 H). At VUNG TAU (vic YS 3049), received four rounds of 122mm rocket which were fired from YS 280583. There were no casualties.

(3) (230700 H). At YS 287633, an unknown number of enemy fired small arms into PHUOC HOA hamlet. A patrol from 576 RF Coy made contact and the enemy withdrew NORTH EAST with unknown results.

(4) (231000 H). At YS 278582 and YS 283584, 480 and 637 RF Coys contacted an estimated enemy squad in a base camp. The enemy withdrew NORTH WEST and NORTH EAST. Results: Two enemy WIA (POSS), five 122mm rockets, two THOMPSON SMG, one carbine, one AK-47, two RPG-2 rounds, quantities of food and clothing and valid Vietnamese ID cards were captured.

(5) (231400 H). At 422639, Friendly forces received small arms, automatic and RPG-2 fire from an estimated 150 enemy entrenched in two positions at HOA LONG village. The enemy broke contact at 1425H but did not withdraw. Results: One RF WIA; enemy casualties unknown.

(6) (232000 H). At YS 498598, 34 PF Platoon contacted an estimated enemy platoon who fired small arms, automatic weapons and RPG-2. Results: One enemy KIA (POSS); two PF WIA.

(7) (232150 H). At YS 415592, 50 PF platoon ambushed one enemy squad who withdrew SOUTH with unknown losses.

(8) (232205 H). At YS 423601, 787 RF Coy ambushed an estimated enemy platoon. The enemy returned fire with small arms and M79 and withdrew with unknown losses. Friendly casualties: One RF KIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed
Ground Forces	5
WIA - 1	
KB Arty - 2	

c. Omitted.

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d-e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.
(1) Individual - 5
(2) Crew served - 2

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.
(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 44
KIA (POSS) - 17
KBA (BC) - 4
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 6
WIA - 16
(2) Detainees - 14
PW - 4
HOI CHANH - 1
(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 59
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 6
(5) Tons of rice captured) - 0.74
(6) Tons of rice destroyed)
(7) 122mm rockets complete captured/destroyed - 5
(8) Omitted.
(9) 107mm rockets complete captured/destroyed - 11
(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. S2 Comments.

a. AO ARUNDA. The area has been patrolled extensively and although patterns have been established, 9 RAR patrols consider that certain areas of the AO are occupied by layup parties. Suspect enemy locations are being engaged during the night by artillery.

b. AO BELCONNEN. The enemy has patrolled extensively throughout the reporting period, suggesting that a strong probe or attack could be launched to breach this access route towards LONG BINH during the next 24 hours.

c. AO DRACULA. There is no indication as yet that the enemy has become aware of the gap in 1 ATF defences caused by redeployment of elements of 1/2 Inf and consequent thinning out of defence positions.

d. PHUOC TUY Province. Sporadic attacks by fire occurred in widespread areas. 1 ATF elements quickly brought the one major ground attack in the BA RIA area under control and identified elements of D445. Elements of D445 were thought to have withdrawn into HOA LONG where they are believed to be currently located.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 55-69.

2. Period covered from 240001 H to 242400 H Feb 69.

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

a. Ground Activity.

(1) PHUOC TUY Province.

(a) (241710 H). At YS 413652, a Wrecker vehicle from A Sqn detonated a mine. Damage was slight and there were no casualties.

(2) AO BELCONNEN.

( ) (240730 H). At YT 163077, W/4 RAR conducted a sweep in the area of their contact at 232020 H which revealed the following: Seven enemy KIA (BC), nine heavy drag marks from pools of blood, four AK-47 with magazines and a quantity of ammunition, four RPG-7 launchers, 37 RPG-7 rounds, one RPG-2 round, 30 lbs CHICOM Plastic explosives, one CHICOM Claymore, one 7.62mm CHICOM Pistol, five entrenching tools, a quantity of clothing and foodstuffs, documents the most significant of which included:

i. Identified person PHAM KHA CO, D525 (Spr/Recce Bn, subordinate to COSVN).

ii. Identified person BUI VAN THICH, Squad Leader, B5 C25 D525 (Spr/Recce Bn)(LBN HT 86200 YK).

iii. Undated SITREP draft. Quote TRANG BOM is being heavily oppressed please send reinforements for 16 KIA 17 WIA. A57 (33 Regt) moved at the correct time but have not yet finished. They have conducted their penetration attack into 2/3 of BIEN HOA Airbase. 94 not known as yet (274 Regt) unquote.

iv. Sketch map (location not known).

(b) (241010 H). At YT 191103, 2/V/4 RAR found tracks of five enemy who had moved SOUTH to railway line and blown track then moved WEST.

(c) (241045 H). At YT 196101, 2/V/4 RAR located three pressure type mines comprised of 25 lb CHICOM TNT slabs.

(d) (241318 H). At YT 195102, 2/V/4 RAR located two anti-tank mines.

(e) (242015 H). At YT 164076, W/4 RAR heard movement on their perimeter and the area was engaged by fire. There were no friendly casualties; enemy casualties unknown (screams were heard). The enemy withdrew SOUTH WEST.

(3) AO DRACULA Nothing to report.

(4) AO ARUNDA.

(a) (241120 H). At YT 118147, 10/D/9 RAR located a platoon size layup camp which was in use the previous night. Also found in the vicinity were magazine clips and four bamboo poles (use unknown).

(b) (241030 H). At YT 145158, 9/C/9 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. Results: Three enemy KIA (POSS); two packs containing a piloting board and a note book were captured. The area was engaged by air strike and artillery. There were no friendly casualties.

(c) (242120 H). At YT 137137, 8/C/9 RAR located a suspected enemy cache with signs of recent digging close by.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (240930 H). At YT 172078, 161 Recce Flight sighted a 122mm rocket. The rocket was recovered by ground forces.

(2) (241040 H). At YS 377894, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One bunker damaged, one bunker exposed and 15 metres of trench collapsed.

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(2) (241414 H). At YS 564806, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One medium bunker and two pits destroyed; one large bunker partly destroyed.

(3) (241615 H). At YT 145158, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. There was no BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(4) (241635 H). At YT 145158, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Results: One secondary explosion heard; there was no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(5) (241810 H). At YT 168118, LFT sighted one enemy moving NORTH. LFT engaged the enemy with unknown results. Also sighted were four new bunkers.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force elements.

(1) (232000 H). Late Entry. At YS 455748, an unknown number of enemy entered DUC TRUNG hamlet and abducted six people aged between 15 and 19 years. 42 PF Platoon engaged the enemy and at 240200 the enemy withdrew in an unknown direction.

(2) (240720 H). At YS 511544, elements 2/48 ARVN attempted to clear an enemy roadblock. The enemy fired small arms, automatic weapons and RPG-2 from vicinity YS 514548 and YS 506544. 81mm mortars and air strikes supported the friendly force. At 0915H the enemy withdrew SOUTH WEST and NORTH EAST with unknown losses. One ARVN WIA.

(3) (241945 H). At YS 508547, a patrol from 2/48 ARVN contacted an estimated enemy company moving EAST. DAT DO artillery supported the friendly forces. Results: 10 enemy KB Arty (POSS); two ARVN WIA. The enemy withdrew WEST.

(4) (242012 H). At YS 435588, 910 RF Coy ambushed an estimated enemy platoon. The enemy withdrew NORTH EAST and SOUTH with unknown losses.

(5) (242030 H). At YS 665679, XUYEN MOC Intelligence Squad contacted an estimated enemy platoon. Results: Two enemy KIA (POSS); one friendly WIA. The enemy withdrew NORTH EAST.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.

KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
Ground Forces	7	3

c-e Omitted

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 5
(2) Crew served - 4

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 51
KIA (POSS) - 20
KBA (BC) - 4
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB ARTY - 6
WIA - 16

(2) Detainees - 14
PW - 4
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 64
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10
(5) Tons of rice captured
(6) Tons of rice destroyed - 0.74
(7) 122mm rockets captured/destroyed - 6
(8) Omitted.
(9) 107mm rockets captured/destroyed - 11
(10) Omitted.

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5. New Obstacles and Barriers. During the reporting period Route 2 and Route 15 were both RED in the 1 ATF TAOR.

6. Omitted.

7. Enemy unit identifications, locations and movements.

a. B5/C25/D525 (Spr/Recce Bn subordinate to COSVN) (LBN: HT 86200 YK).

b-d. Omitted.

e. Documents captured at YT 163077 by W/4 RAR at 240730 H Feb 69.

8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Items of reporting significance.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT CAPTURING	ITEM
240730H	YT 163077	W/4 RAR	Document: Undated SITREP draft. Quote TRNG BOM is being heavily oppressed, please send reinforcements for 16 KIA 17 WIA. A57 (33 Regt) moved at the correct time but have not yet finished. They have conducted their penetration attack into 2/3 of BIEN HOA Air base. 94 not known as yet (274 Regt) unquote.

b. S2 Comments. Main trend in 1 ATF AO is persistent patrolling and probing of 4 RAR positions by the enemy. It is apparent that 525 Engr/ Recce Bn is determined to find route through AO BELCONNEN towards LONG BINH area. Suggestion that 33 Regt has mission against BIEN HOA Air base could mean LONG BINH/PLANTATION but possibility of move through SOUTH of AO BELCONNEN under cover of 274 Regt operations to position SOUTH of BIEN HOA cannot be overlooked.

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G25

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 56-69.

2. Period covered from 250001 H to 252400 H Feb 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) PHUOC TUY Province.

(1) (251920 H). At YS 398658, elements 9 RAR found one mine, one hand grenade and webbing which had been left behind by one enemy.

(2) 252255 H). At YS 427670, A/3 Cav engaged a group of 10 people on the by-pass road. Results: The enemy withdrew into the area of the cutting.

(2) AO BELCONNEN

(a) (251040 H). At YT 165073, 3/W/4 RAR located four RPG-2 rounds with booster and 270 x 7.62mm short rounds.

(3) AO ARUNDA.

(a) (251230 H). At YT 145158, (in area of contact at 241030H), C/9 RAR located the following:

i. One enemy KIA (BC).
ii. 55 x 82mm mortar rounds.
iii. One 107mm rocket.
iv. Six bunkers.
v. One AK-47.
vi. A quantity of rice, ammunition, webbing and personal items.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (250115 H). At YS 321789, a MOHAWK aircraft from 73 Surveillance Coy sighted five to six vehicles with lights moving along a track. They were engaged by artillery from ONG TRINH. Results: The area was set on fire and three vehicles were possibly destroyed.

(2) Additional.BDA to airstrikes conducted 24 Feb 69.

(a) Vic YT 1415, two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers uncovered, one enemy KBA (BC).

(b) Vic 1415, three bunkers destroyed and 33 mortar rounds exposed, which were later recovered by ground forces.

(3) (251853 H). At YS 255801, a RAAF aircraft sighted 15 ox-carts, with two people in each, moving EAST.

(4) (251910 H). At YS 280809, a RAAF aircraft sighted 47 ox-carts, extending for one mile along the FIRESTONE Trail.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (251445 H). At YS 410647, a US vehicle detonated a mine. Casualties: One US KIA, one US WIA and one vehicle destroyed. Combat engineers have recovered several more mines from the area.

(2) (251550 H). At YS 376625, ARVN elements at BARIA located four mortar base plate positions and several two-man pits.

(3) (252303 H). At YS 425658, HEAVYWEIGHT sighted an unknown number of enemy moving towards 609 RF Coy compound in NORTHERN HOA LONG.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b.	KIA by	Confirmed
	Ground Forces	1
	KBA	1

c-e. Omitted.

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

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g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 52
KIA (POSS) - 20
KBA (BC) - 5
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty - 6
WIA - 16

(2) Detainees - 14
PW - 4
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 65

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10

(5) Tons of rice captured)
(6) Tons of rice destroyed) 0 15

(7) 122mm rockets complete captured/destroyed - 5 (amended figure)

(8) Omitted.

(9) 107mm rockets complete captured/destroyed - 13

(10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and booby-traps.

DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	RESULTS
251445 H	YS 410647	US Vehicle detonated a mine	One US KIA One US WIA One vehicle destroyed.

6-8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. a. S2 Comments. Despite intensive patrolling throughout the 1 ATF AO no contacts were made and enemy forces withdrew from positions just prior to 1 ATF entry. This suggests that the enemy is planning probing/recce and is not likely to initiate a major offensive in the next twenty four hours.

b. Amendments to previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM Number 55-69, paragraph 3.b.(1). Amend 122mm rocket to 107mm rocket.

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3 TAC Fighter wing
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 57-69.

2. Period covered from 260001 H to 262400 H Feb 69.

3. Summaryof enemy activity. There were three contacts and two mine incidents with Task Force and OP CON elements during the reporting.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BELCONNEN.

(a) (261335 H). At YT 174076, 2/W/4 RAR contacted five to six enemy who withdrew EAST and NORTH EAST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and one stick grenade captured.

(b) (261530 H). At YT 195080, 11/D/4 RAR located four fox-holes and 200 metres from them along a track, one CHICOM CLAYMORE was found.

(c) (261540 H). At YT 195080, 11/D/4 RAR contacted one enemy moving SOUTH WEST. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and four magazines captured. One further enemy was then contacted who withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.

(2) AO ARUNDA.

(a) (261150 H). At vicinity YT 0810, D/9 RAR sighted four persons dressed in BLACK moving NORTH WEST.

(b) (261305 H). At YT 116158, C/9 RAR located the tracks of approximately 10 persons moving NORTH, which were suspected to have been made within the last 24 hours.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (260715 H). At YS 445809 to YS 448809, 603 RF Coy contacted 20 local force enemy. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC), one enemy KIA (POSS); four base camps and enemy gardens destroyed; three weapons, 20 kilos of rice and a quantity of clothing captured.

(2) (262115 H). At YS 458741, 655 RF Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and a quantity of documents captured.

(3) (262215 H). At YS 410608, VAN KIEP Training Area was fired on by approximately 80 rounds of 82mm mortar from a base plate position vicinity YS 3763. Counter mortar fire was fired on the suspected enemy position with unknown results. Friendly casualties: 13 KIA, 89 WIA.

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 Feb 69.

(1) Enemy KIA (BC) - 54
KIA (POSS) - 20
KBA (BC) - 5
KBA (POSS) - 3
KB Arty (BC) - 6
WIA - 16

(2) Detainees - 14
PW - 4
HOI CHANH - 1

(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 67

(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10

(5) Tons of rice captured
(6) Tons of rice destroyed - 0.75

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(7) 122mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed - 5
(8) Omitted.
(9) 107mm Rockets complete captured/destroyed - 13
(10) Omitted.

5. Obstacles and Barriers.

a. Mines and Booby Traps.

	DTG	LOCATION	UNIT	TYPE	RESULTS
(1)	261220H	YT 195090	2/A/3 Cav	Anti-tank mine	Moderate damage to APC.
(2)	261240H	YT 195090	2/A/3 Cav	Anti-tank mine	Heavy damage to APC.

6. Omitted.

7. Enemy Identifications, Locations and Movements.

a. Information gained from one PW and documents captured during an enemy attack at YS 385618 on 230420H identify the following enemy units:

(1) C1/D445 LF Bn.
(2) C3/D445 LF Bn.
(3) Recce Unit/D445 LF Bn.

b. Documents taken from the body of an NVA Officer KIA at YS 458741 on 262115H identified a company (unidentified) of D440 LF Bn.

8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Miscellaneous.

a. Items of reporting significance. Documents taken from an enemy body at YT 118147 on 24 Feb 69, were identified as Artillery Survey data, concerning an area in War Zone 'D'. The following information has been exploited:

(1) Point of origin: 30196 58971.
(2) Possible targets or points fixed from the above points of origin: 25327 51804, 36214 63020, 24350 64245, 23061 66025, 34720 50164, 38016 53642, 30196 58971, 35626 66500, 37291 55449.

(3) An additional point of origin could be: 94066 86539, with associated targets: 88100 84981, 91325 93838.

b. S2 Comments. The almost complete lack of movement sighted in 1 ATF AOs suggests that no organised enemy force is located in AOs and that forces committed to Offensive have withdrawn to NORTH of AO ARUNDA (vic NUI LOU/ NUI GO GIAP Mountains) or to the SOUTH and EAST of AO BELCONNEN. There are no signs of a planned enemy offensive in 1 ATF AO in the near future unless enemy forces have already been prepositioned in objective areas of populated areas along Route 1. The possibility of infiltration along Route 1 by VC in civilian clothing without weapons into assembly areas close to weapons/uniforms caches cannot be overlooked and is being checked within 1 ATF capabilities. One report of five persons dressed in uniform (not BLACK pyjamas) carrying weapons (not identified) in the vicinity YT 125125 heading WEST parallel to Route 1 at 260040H has just been received at this HQ. These five persons on approaching an ARVN Post diverted around the post onto the main road.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 58-69.

2. Period covered from 270001 H to 272400 H Feb 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) AO BELCONNEN.

(a) (270955 H). At YT 148091, 6/B/4 RAR sighted one enemy moving EAST.

(b) (271225 H). At YT 186085, 2/V/4 RAR located tracks of an estimated enemy company, suspected to be between 24 to 48 hours old, coming from the NORTH and going WEST.

(c) (271358 H). At YT 186085, 2/V/4 RAR located two mines, each consisting of 25 lbs of CHICOM TNT.

(2) AO ARUNDA.

(a) (271550 H). At YT 155156, 7/C/9 RAR located tracks of two people, estimated to be five to six hours old, moving NORTH WEST.

(b) (272250 H). At YT 155156, 9/C/9 RAR contacted two to three enemy moving EAST with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (270807 H). At YT 196075, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results: One secondary explosion. There was no further BDA.

(2) (271241 H) At YS630932, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Results: Three bunkers destroyed, 75 metres of trench exposed.

(3) (271428 H) At YS 474879, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Results: One hut damaged, one tunnel entrance exposed.

(4) (271605 H) At YS 474879, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. There was no BDA.

c. Secondary Explosions.

a. Two F100.
b. Four Mk 82 HD, four Napalm and 20mm cannon.
c. Unknown.
d. One.
e.f. Unknown.

d. Incidents not Involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (272300 H). At YS 447570, 24 PF Platoon contacted an unknown number of enemy who withdrew with unknown casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-f. Omitted.

g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 54	
	KIA (POSS)	- 20	
	KBA (BC)	- 5	
	KBA (POSS)	- 3	
	KB Arty (BC)	- 6	
	WIA	- 14	(Amended figure)
(2)	Detainees	- 14	
	PW	- 4	
	HOI CHANH	- 1	

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(3) Individual weapons captured/destroyed - 67
(4) Crew served weapons captured/destroyed - 10
(5) Tons of rice captured } - 0.75
(6) Tons of rice destroyed }
(7) 122mm rockets complete captured/destroyed - 5
(8) Omitted.
(9) 107mm rockets complete captured/destroyed - 13
(10) Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Unit Identifications, Movements and Locations. Documents captured at YT 195080 by 11/D/4 RAR on 261540 H identify C26/D525/B3 (D525 possibly being 525 Engineer Bn).

8. Omitted.

9-10. No change to Intelligence Report 'Enemy Situation in PHUOC TUY Province' dated 18 Jan 69.

11. Omitted.

12. Items of reporting significance.

a. Documents captured by 11/D/4 RAR at YT 195080 on 261540H included one sketch map of route 25 from YT 320043 through AN BIENG Rubber plantation to LONG THANH and Route 15. Bridges were drawn at YT 283015, YT 2720 and YT 265010.

b. Between 272200H and 272400H, the following was reported by artillery:

(1) YT 151168 a probable rocket position. This area was engaged by artillery resulting in a secondary explosion.

(2) The following were reported as possible rocket positions:

(a) YT 129157.
(b) YT 172078.
(c) YT 183087.
(d) YT 185091.
(e) YT 139138.
(f) YT 195095.

(3) YT 167114 was reported as a possible mortar position.

c. Cumulative totals for Operation GOODWOOD, conducted by 1 ATF and units under command, between 3 Dec 68 and 16 Feb 69, is attached at Annex A.

d. S2 Comments. Extensive patrolling of 1 ATF AO, including a search of villages astride Route QL1 between YT 1212 and YT 1611 and a night road block at YT 1012, failed to locate any significant traces of enemy forces. Increased activity, including ground probes and rocket attacks between 272200H and 272400H suggest that a new period of increased enemy activity has begun. There are no indications that the enemy plans large scale operations in or through 1 ATF AO but the possibility cannot be discounted that the situation in other areas may compel the enemy to react in or through this area. Previous indications that 33 NVA Regt has passed SOUTH of Route QL1 EAST of TRANG BOM (vic YT 2011) are strengthened by discovery of the sketch map on the body of an enemy soldier associated with 525 Spr/Recce Bn. It is possible that 33 Regt has moved WEST or SOUTH WEST along the axis of Provincial Route 25 on the SONG LA BUONG towards Route QL15 for operations against the SOUTHERN flanks of LONG BINH/BIEN HOA or the SAIGON area.

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Annexes: A. Statistics - Op GOODWOOD.

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STATISTICS - OP GOODWOOD

1. Cumulative totals for Operation GOODWOOD, conducted by 1 ATF and units under command, between 3 Dec 68 and 16 Feb 69.

a.	Total number of contacts	274	
b.	Enemy KIA (BC)	245	
c.	KIA (POSS)	39	
d.	WIA	45	
e.	PW	17	
f.	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	194	
g.	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	21	
h.	Small arms ammunition captured/destroyed	56453	rounds
i.	Anti-personnel mines captured/destroyed	65	
j.	Anti-tank mines captured/destroyed	8	
k.	Grenades captured/destroyed	447	
l.	81/82mm mortar rounds captured/destroyed	308	
m.	60mm mortar rounds captured/destroyed	187	
n.	57mm RCL rounds captured/destroyed	77	
o.	75mm RCL rounds captured/destroyed	5	
p.	RPG-2 rounds captured/destroyed	274	
q.	RPG-7 rounds captured/destroyed	57	
r.	M79 grenades captured/destroyed	15	
s.	TNT/explosives captured/destroyed	415	lbs
t.	Salt captured/destroyed	808	lbs
u.	Rice captured/destroyed	11	tons
v.	Bunkers located	1692	
w.	Bunkers destroyed	837	

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G 28

1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM Number 59-69.

2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Feb 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) AO BELCONNEN.

(a) (281435 H). At YT 171082, 2/W/4 RAR located four locally manufactured Bangalore torpedoes, consisting of 30 lbs of TNT, approximately three to seven days old.

(b) (281510 H). At YT 186085, 2/V/4 RAR contacted five enemy who withdrew SOUTH. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail); one pack containing rocket primers and wire was captured.

(c) (281406 H). At YT 185086, 2/V/4 RAR located one CHICOM mine of 25 lbs of TNT.

(d) (281715 H). At YT 183088, 3/V/4 RAR contacted two enemy. Results: Two enemy PW; one RPG-2 and three rounds, one AK-47, two US M72 and one pack captured.

(2) AO ARUNDA.

(a) (280150 H). At YT 155156, 9/C/9 RAR contacted three enemy moving EAST with unknown results.

(b) (281600 H). At YT 155155, 7/C/9 RAR contacted one, or possibly two, enemy. Results: One enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47 and one CHICOM Bangalore torpedo captured.

b. Air Activity.

(1) (272130 H). Late Entry. At YS 37746332, a Combat Sky Spot was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was no BDA.

(2) (281032 H). At YS 474879, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: Three bunkers and one hut destroyed; one structure damaged; one bunker, one tunnel entrance and two drums exposed. Black clothing was scattered around the area.

(3) (281425 H). At YS 624905, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Results: Two bunkers and 100 metres of trench exposed.

(4) (281452 H). At YS 332699, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Results: One bunker destroyed and nine bunkers exposed.

c. Omitted.

d. Incidents not involving Task Force Elements.

(1) (280415 H). At YS 298572, 637 RF Coy contacted an estimated three enemy attempting to enter the village. Results: One flashlight and one bag containing 25 kilos of rice were captured. Enemy casualties are unknown.

(2) (280805 H). At YS 466817, a road clearing party from 613 RF Coy was ambushed by an unknown number of enemy. Enemy casualties are unknown and there were no friendly casualties.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. KIA by — Confirmed

Ground Forces — 2

WIA - 1

c. Omitted.

d. PW - 2

e. Omitted.

f. Enemy weapon losses.

(1) Individual - 2

(2) Crew served - 1

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g. Cumulative Totals for Feb 69.

(1)	Enemy KIA (BC)	- 59	
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	PW	- 6	
	HOI CHANH	- 1	
(3)	Individual weapons captured/destroyed	- 67	(Amended figure)
(4)	Crew served weapons captured/destroyed	- 11	
(5)	Tons of rice captured	- 0.75	
(6)	Tons of rice destroyed		
(7)	122mm rockets complete captured/destroyed	- 5	
(8)	122mm rockets warheads captured/destroyed	- 0	
(9)	107mm rockets complete captured/destroyed	- 13	
(10)	107mm rockets warheads captured/destroyed	- 0	

5-6. Omitted.

7. Enemy Unit Identifications, Locations and Movements.

a. (272210 H). At YT 155156, documents captured by 9/C/9 RAR, refer to a Reconnaissance element of D1 (NFI).

b. (281715 H). At YT 183088, 3/V/4 RAR captured two PW, who were identified as: HA HOANG DUC, an Aspirant Officer and LE VAN DUNG, a PFC, both members of C3/D1/33 NVA Regt/5 VC Div.

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 58-69, paragraph 3.a.(2)(b).

(1) Amend DTG to read 272210 H.
(2) Delete: Results unknown.
(3) Add: Results: Three enemy KIA (BC); one AK-47, one artillery clinometer and a quantity of documents were captured. Friendly casualties: Three AUST WIA (evacuated).

b. S2 Comments. Ground activity increased significantly in the 1 ATF AO. While this movement may have been associated with the preparations for, and withdrawal from, rocket operations, the possibility that further deployment towards LONG BINH/BIEN HOA Complex may not be discounted. Initial interrogation of two NVA PW suggests that 1 Bn/33 NVA Regt is also located SOUTH of Route QL1 and that some elements are dispersed, or lost and seeking food, in EASTERN area of AO BELCONNEN. There are no indications that major operations are being planned or executed in or through 1 ATF AO.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Throughout the III CTZ, the level of enemy initiated attacks generally decreased this week. The enemy continued to avoid large scale contacts and concentrated on regrouping and resupply activities, and small forces carried out reconnaissance missions. However, in War Zone "C", there were several significant attacks by fire, and Allied forces in counter sweep operations discovered a large enemy base camp, 11 kilometres S of LZ RITA (vic XT 5069), NW of the MICHELIN Plantation. The camp contained over 300 bunkers and a hospital, with 5 operating tables and 6 wards with a capacity for 15-18 patients each, as well as several mess halls capable of accommodating 200 men each. Also found in the area were munitions and an assortment of medical supplies. In another cache discovery, 10 kilometres NE of PHUOC HOA (vic XT 4164), US forces recovered a rice cache totalling about 69 tons.

2. Statistics for the week ending 1st February showed that there were 68 enemy initiated actions compared with 106 last week. Of these, there were 19 mortar attacks and 11 rocket attacks compared with 33 mortar attacks and 13 rocket attacks last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents are:

a. Between 260230H and 260300H, at XT 330 898, in TAY NINH Province a Special Forces camp received 150 rounds of 82mm mortar and 1 round of 122mm rocket fire. Counter mortar fire was fired at the suspected enemy position. Results: Enemy losses unknown; 1 CSF WIA.

b. At 291735H, XT 533 863, in TAY NINH Province, C/1-9th Cav received SA fire from an estimated 12 NVA. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and airstrikes. Results: 11 NVA KIA; negative US casualties.

c. Between 010010H and 010446H, at XT 629 507, in BINH DUONG Province FSB ORAN received SA, AW, RPG and 150 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team, Moonshine, Spooky, and airstrikes. Results: 11 NVA KIA; 2 US KIA and 3 US WIA.

Enemy Locations.

3. There were few positive identifications of divisional elements during the week. On 28th January, elements of the 6th ARVN Airborne Bn contacted an unknown size enemy force 2 kilometres SW of BEN SOI (vic XT 0645). The action resulted in 27 enemy KIA and 3 PWs also the identification of 3-271, 2-272, and 2-273 regiments. It is possible that these elements may have constituted a regimental task force and the locations of the major elements of the regiments remain unchanged.

4. Captured documents have provided information that, effective from 1st January, the AKAs of subordinate units of the 7th NVA Div were to be changed, and indications are that this action is being carried out and probably by other units as well.

5. The latest available information on the probable locations of enemy main force elements is:

1st NVA Div HQ	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG.
88th NVA Inf Regt	HO BO Woods.
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
5th VC Div HQ	NW War Zone "D".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	War Zone "D", possibly S of RANG RANG.
174th NVA Inf Regt	W Central PHUOC LONG Province.
275th VC Inf Regt	NW War Zone "D".

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7th NVA Div HQ	FISH HOOK.
141st NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly E of the FISH HOOK.
165th NVA Inf Regt	S of the FISH HOOK.
320th NVA Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC.
9th VC Div HQ	LO GO area.
271st VC Inf Regt	W of TAY NINH City.
272nd VC Inf Regt	N of the ANGELS WING.
273rd VC Inf Regt	BA THU (CAMBODIA)
101st NVA Inf Regt	MICHELIN Plantation.
268th VC Inf Regt	E of BEN SUC
274th VC Inf Regt	Dispersed between HAT DICH and LONG THANH areas.
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.

6. All available intelligence continues to reflect enemy preparations for a renewal of offensive activity. According to a Hoi Chanh from the 5th VC Div, an offensive was planned for the 20th January, but it was postponed. He further stated that the entire 5th Division has been targetted against the LONG BINH - BIEN HOA complex, and the attack would probably occur after TET.

7. The change of unit identifications by the 7th NVA Div is a further indication of renewed enemy activity in the near future. In the past, prior to large scale actions, the enemy has redesignated his units to confuse the Allies and hinder the production of intelligence.

8. Recently captured enemy documents have indicated that enemy medical facilities have been warned to plan for 10,000 casualties, and the discovery of a large hospital complex NW of the MICHELIN Plantation supports other indications that the enemy is preparing for large scale operations.

9. It is assessed that the enemy's plans for a renewal of large scale operations remains unchanged, and final preparations will probably be completed during TET. It is doubtful if the enemy believes that he can gain any significant military successes but hopes that a sizeable increase in Allied casualties, and destruction of population centres, coupled to wide publicity could result in a widespread loss of confidence in the GVN, the acceptance of a coaliton government, and the withdrawal of US forces.

Enemy Losses.

10. For the week there were 979 enemy KIA (BC), 161 PWs, and 72 returnees (Hoi Chanh). There were 325 individual weapons and 119 crew-served weapons captured, and 15.9 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

11. Results in Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) for the week were: Enemy losses: 467 KIA, 169 detainees, 13 returnees; 172 SA, 56 crew-served weapons, 144,503 SA rounds, 1,750 HE rounds, 839 grenades, 54 mines, 1 122mm RKT, 1 107mm RKT, 4 sampans, 109.45 tons of rice and .07 tons of miscellaneous food captured; 8 SA, 6 crew-served weapons, 6,586 SA rounds, 138 HE rounds, 160 grenades, 27 sampans, 24 mines, 62 booby traps, 1.52 tons of rice captured. Friendly losses: 44KIA, 285 WIA, 1 MIA; 12 helicopters, 5 tanks, 1 APC, 3 trucks, 2 dozers and 1 howitzer damaged; 2 helicopters, 3 APCs, 3 ACAVs, 3 trucks and 1 aircraft destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 76 large unit operations resulting in 66 enemy KIA against 8 ARVN KIA.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

12. Country wide the number of enemy attacks and ambushes decreased this week, and prelininary reports indicate that there were 12 attacks in I CTZ; there were 9 attacks in II CTZ; and there were 6 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

13. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 13 FW and 20 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 863 enemy KIA against 67 friendly KIA.

14. . II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 17 FW and 20 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 318 enemy KIA against 43 friendly KIA.

15. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There was 1 US and 102 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 520 enemy KIA against 61 friendly KIA.

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary.

16. The number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 254 to 250. The number of operations with contact increased from 94 to 114. The number of enemy killed increased from 1452 (adjusted) to 3190.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity continued at a light to moderate level during the past week. The enemy continued to concentrate on attacks by fire and none of the enemy main force divisions were identified in contacts with Allied forces.

2. Throughout the III CTZ, Allied forces on clear and search operations continued to recover large enemy caches of munitions and rice. Two caches discovered SE of TRANG BOM (vic YT 290026) contained a total of 102x60mm and 154x82mm mortar rounds, 38 B40 rounds, 43x75mm RR rounds, 15,000 rounds and 8 cases of SA ammunition, 3,000x12.7mm rounds, 17 boxes of propellant and 16 fuses for 60mm mortar and 86 fuses for 82mm mortar rounds. Another cache located SW of RANG RANG (vic YT 132 528) contained 1,000 shovels, 1,000 machetes, 18,800 SA rounds, 1,029 grenades, 160x20lb claymores, 11x40lb claymores, 2x2lb claymores, 300x6foot bangalore torpedoes and 4 boxes of blasting caps. Three rice caches located in War Zone "C" totalled 50 tons.

3. On 1st February, US forces engaged an enemy force 13 kilometres NW of TAN AN (vic XS 5280) in LONG AN Province. The action resulted in 55 enemy KIA and 3 PWs. Interrogation of the PWs revealed that they were members of 4010 infiltration group which had left BA THU - CAMBODIA, in company with two other infiltration groups, on 29th January. It was also stated that the groups were enroute to GIA DINH Province.

4. Statistics for the week ending 8th February showed that there were 73 enemy initiated attacks in III Corps compared with 68 last week. Of these, there were 52 mortar attacks and 2 rocket attacks compared with 19 mortar attacks and 11 rocket attacks last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents are:

a. At 020045H, XT 687 212, in BINH DUONG Province, A/2-3rd Inf received SA and AW fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, airstrikes, and a light fire team. Results: 18 NVA KIA; 6 US KIA, 18 US WIA and 1 US MIA.

b. At 021200H, XT 393 313, in TAY NINH Province, A,B&C/3-4th Cav received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team, and airstrikes. Results: 30 NVA KIA; 1 US KIA, 16 US WIA, and 4 US MIA.

c. At 040030H, XT540 804, in TAY NINH Province, C/5-7th Cav received 150 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter mortar fire was directed at the suspected enemy position. Enemy losses unknown and there were negative US casualties.

d. At 042000H, XT 330 898, in TAY NINH Province, A-322 KATUM received 100 rounds of mixed 60mm, 82mm, and 120mm mortar fire. Counter mortar fire was directed at the suspected enemy position. Enemy losses are unknown and there were negative friendly losses.

e. At 061954H, XS 662 710, in LONG AN Province, B/5-60th Inf received AW and RPG fire from an estimated 20 enemy. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and a light fire team. Results 14 VC KIA; negative US casualties.

f. At 081435H, XU 916 115, in BINH LONG Province, a B/1-9th Cav OH6A (Cayuse) aircraft received SA fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by airstrikes. Results: 16 NVA KIA; negative losses.

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g. At 081332H, XT 625 220, in BINH DUONG Province, A&B/1-5th Inf received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team and airstrikes. Results: 25 NVA KIA; 5 US KIA, 5 US WIA, and 2 US MIA.

Enemy Locations.

5. The latest available information on the probable locations of enemy main force units is:

5th VC Div HQ	Probably S War Zone "D".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	Probably S War Zone "D".
174th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly W Central War Zone "D".
275th VC Inf Regt	Probably S War Zone "D".
7th NVA Div HQ	FISH HOOK.
141st NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly E of the FISH HOOK.
165th NVA Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC.
320th NVA Inf Regt	W of MINH THANH (vic XT 5035).
1st NVA Div HQ	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	W of DAU TIENG.
88th NVA Inf Regt	BOI LOI Woods area.
9th VC Div HQ	LO GO area.
271st VC Inf Regt	W of TAY NINH City.
272nd VC Inf Regt	ANGELS WING area.
273rd VC Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly BA THU (CAMBODIA).
101st NVA Inf Regt	MICHELIN Plantation.
268th VC Inf Regt	S of the BOI LOI Woods.
274th VC Inf Regt	HAT DICH - LONG THANH areas.
DONG NAI VC Inf Regt	BINH MY - AN SON areas.
THU DUC VC Inf Regt	HAT DICH - THU DUC areas.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

6. Present indications are that the enemy is rapidly completing his preparations to launch a major offensive, and there is considerable evidence that the enemy forces have completed early TET celebrations which suggests that enemy forces are preparing for operations at or about the TET period.

7. There is little doubt that the 5th VC Div is targetted against the LONG BINH - BIEN HOA complex, and numerous reports have indicated that the 9th VC Div is to launch an attack against the Capital Military District, but present deployments also indicate the option of attacks against TAY NINH City. The intentions of the 1st and 7th NVA divisions are not clear, but their present deployments give the enemy the capability of launching multi-regiment size attacks in the Northern and Central parts of the III CTZ. Recent evidence continues to indicate that sub-regional forces remain targetted against SAIGON.

8. Although all indications point to the TET period as being critical for a resumption of enemy offensive operations, there have been no reliable reports that COSVN has issued a specific date for the beginning of an offensive. The most reliable indications of impending large scale actions appear to be related to the manoeuvre actions of the 5th VC Division which appears to be adopting an attack posture.

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Enemy Losses

9. For the week there were 737 enemy KIA (BC), 43 PWs, and 58 returnees (Hoi Chanh). There were 369 individual weapons and 44 crew-served weapons captured and 72.7 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

10. Results in Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) for the week were: Enemy: 561 KIA, 240 detainees, 6 returnees; 181 SA, 22 crew-served weapons, 5,440 SA rounds, 602 HE rounds, 157 grenades, 12 mines, 4 sampans, 61.04 tons of rice and .27 tons of salt were captured; 34 SA, 6 crew-served weapons, 1,389 SA rounds, 139 HE rounds, 56 grenades, 16 sampans, 32 mines, 46 booby traps, 3 trucks, 4.42 tons of rice and .1 tons of miscellaneous food were destroyed. Friendly losses: 63 KIA, 258 WIA, 2 MIA; 7 helicopters, 1 tank, 5 APCs, 1 ACAV, 4 trucks and 1 ROME plow damaged; 2 tanks, 9 APCs and 1 ACAV were destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 72 large unit operations resulting in 32 enemy KIA for the loss of 23 ARVN KIA.

(C) Other Information

11. Use of Unauthorized Codes. During October and November 1968, over 600,000 transmissions were monitored within IIFFV. Three thousand transmission security violations were detected. Ninety-two percent of these involved the use of unauthorized point-of-origin map codes or geographic reference systems. These codes or systems are permitted for use only when passing unclassified traffic. When used as a vehicle for classified information, these locally produced codes are extremely susceptible to compromise and exploitation by enemy cryptoligists. Improved and more simplified codes for lower echelon commanders are presently being devised. These codes will be presented for field testing as they become available. Until such codes become available, commanders at all levels should ensure that the cryptologically secure KAC-P and KAC-Q Numeral Codes are utilized when codes are required. (Extracted from IIFFV Commander's Notes of 19 Jan 69)

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

(A) Enemy Activity

12. Country wide the number of attacks and ambushes increased this week, and preliminary reports indicate that there were 11 attacks and 1 ambush in I CTZ; there were 4 attacks in II CTZ; and there were 6 attacks and 1 ambush in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

13. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 13 FW and 24 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 414 enemy KIA against 66 friendly KIA.

14. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 15 FW and 22 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 464 enemy KIA against 16 friendly KIA.

15. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There was 1 US and 89 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 637 enemy KIA against 54 friendly KIA.

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

16. The number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 250 to 236. The number of operations with contact remained the same at 114. The number of enemy killed decreased from 3310 (adjusted) to 2264.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activities again continued at a light to moderate level throughout the III CTZ this week, and again enemy main force units avoided identifiable contact with Allied forces. The main enemy tactic was to concentrate on attacks by fire.

2. On 11th February, a US LRP team received SA and AW fire from an unknown size enemy force S of TRANG BOM (vic YT 151 077). A Firefly team gave support and observed 100 enemy in open ground; at this time the LRP team reported sighting 122mm rockets in firing positions. Additional air support and arty were called in resulting in 72 enemy KBA and 14 secondary explosions. On 12th February a US FSB saturated an area, 3 kilometres S of TRANG BOM (YT 174 077), with 348x155mm rounds resulting in 86 secondary explosions.

3. Through last week friendly forces continued to uncover large enemy caches of food and munitions. War Zone "C" was the most profitable area with the discovery of 129 tons of rice, 4 tons of salt, and a large munitions cache. The cache was discovered 10 kilometres NW of MINH TANH (XT 544 719) by ARVN Marines, and it contained 141x122mm rocket motors; 161x122mm rocket warheads; 105x122mm rocket fuses; 10x122mm oversized rocket warheads; 66x107mm oversized rocket warheads; 22x107mm rocket launchers; 16x120mm mortar rounds; 3x82mm mortars (complete); 37x60mm mortars (complete); 246x82mm mortar rounds; 426x60mm mortar rounds; 2,010 CHICOM hand grenades; 232 rifle grenades; 66 anti-tank mines; 216 B40 rocket rounds; 7 B41 rocket rounds; 12 CHICOM claymores; 25x76mm RR rounds; 14 CHICOM HMGs; 74 M1891 SOVIET 7.62mm sniper rifles with 71 telescopic sights; 7 RPG launchers; 4 P38 pistols; 132 AK-47rifles and 105,600 AK-47 rounds. The amount and type of munitions found in this cache suggests that it was a major ordnance depot, possibly intended to supply 7th Div elements.

4. Statistics for the week ending 15th February showed that there were 76 enemy initiated attacks compared with 73 last period. Of these, there were 12 mortar attacks and 5 rocket attacks compared with 21 mortar attacks and 2 rocket attacks last period.

Enemy Locations

5. During the week there were no confirmed major changes of enemy main force locations. although a readout of enemy documents taken from enemy bodies on 8th Feb, 11 kilometres NE of BIEN HOA City (YT 138 208)revealed that arty elements of the 33rd Regt of the 5th Div may have crossed the DONG NAI River into BIEN HOA Province. Another indication that elements of the 33rd Regt may have moved into BIEN HOA Province could have been the enemy activity S of TRANG BOM on 11th February. The latest information on the probable locations of enemy main force elements is:

5th VC Div HQ	S War Zone "D".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	S War Zone "D".
174th NVA Inf Regt	Unlocated, possibly W Central War Zone "D".
275th VC Inf Regt	S War Zone "D".
7th NVA Div HQ	FISH HOOK.
141 NVA Inf Regt	FISH HOOK.
165 NVA Inf Regt	FISH HOOK.
320 NVA Inf Regt	W of MINH THANH
1st NVA Div HQ	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of the MICHELIN Plantation.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	W of DAU TIENG.
88th NVA Inf Regt	BOI LOI Woods area.

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9th VC Div HQ — LO GO area.
271st VC Inf Regt — W of TAY NINH City.
272nd VC Inf Regt — Vicinity of the ANGELS WING.
273rd VC Inf Regt — Unlocated, possibly BA THU (CAMBODIA).

101st NVA Inf Regt — MICHELIN Plantation.

268th VC Inf Regt — S of the BOI LOI Woods.

274th VC Inf Regt — Dispersed between the HAT DICH and W of XUAN LOC.

THU DUC VC Inf Regt — HAT DICH-THU DUC areas.

DONG NAI VC Inf Regt — Dispersed between BINH MY and AN SON.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

6. The enemy is capable of launching a divisional size ground attack against the LONG BINH - BIEN HOA complex and multi-regiment size ground attacks throughout the W, NW and Central areas of the III CTZ. These attacks could be supported by attacks by fire and sapper actions and could be conducted independently, or simultaneously in conjunction with attacks against the CMD.

7. Enemy plans for pre-TET offensive operations were thwarted by Allied counter operations which disrupted the enemy's logistic chain and prevented the assault positioning of enemy forces. However, there are no present indications that the enemy intends to withdraw his forces to more secure base areas, and the threat of large scale enemy operations remains unchanged.

Enemy Losses

8. For the week there were 573 enemy KIA (BC), 77 PWs and 49 returnees (Hoi Chanh). There were 566 individual weapons and 127 crew-served weapons captured, and 201.1 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: 401 KIA, 154 detainees, 5 returnees; 161 SA, 19 crew-served weapons, 69,509 SA rounds, 1,078 HE rounds, 242 grenades, 19 mines, 9 107mm RKT, 18 122mm RKT, 13 122mm RKT warheads, 22 107mm RKT warheads, 2 sampans, 175.21 tons of rice and 3.95 tons of salt were captured; 8 SA, 2 crew-served weapons, 7,515 SA rounds, 516 HE rounds, 135 grenades, 25 mines, 27 booby traps, 13 sampans, 5 107mm RKTs, 14.11 tons of rice and 1.2 tons of salt were destroyed. Friendly Losses: 45 KIA, 323 WIA, 2 MIA; 8 helicopters, 7 tanks, 5 APCs, 3 trucks and 2 ROME plows damaged; 5 helicopters, 1 tank and 5 APCs were destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 70 large unit operations resulting in 31 enemy KIA for the loss of 12 ARVN KIA.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

10. Country wide the number of attacks and ambushes increased this week, and preliminary reports indicate that there were 9 attacks and 2 ambushes in I CTZ; there were 19 attacks and 2 ambushes in II CTZ; and there were 16 attacks and 1 ambush in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

11. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 11 FW and 18 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 449 enemy KIA against 92 friendly KIA.

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12. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 17 FW and 17 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 247 enemy KIA against 27 friendly KIA.

13. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There was 1 US and 108 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 611 enemy KIA against 73 friendly KIA.

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

14. The number of friendly large unit operations increased from 236 to 238. The number of operations with contact decreased from 114 to 113. The number of enemy killed increased from 2467 (adjusted) to 2549.

OUT OF COUNTRY: CAMBODIA.

15. A report of 2nd Feb 1969, from a reliable agent states that he learned through observation and conversation with the VC that ammunition was to be transported within BA THU area of the "PARROTS BEAK" allegedly in preparation for a TET offensive against SAIGON. On 27th Jan, the agent, with approximately 60 civilian labourers and 20 ox-carts moved from within the BA THU area to the SOC CHEK Pagoda (XT 238 076), SVAY RIENG Province, in order to assist the transportation of 82mm, 57mm and 75mm RR, B-40 and B-41, and machine gun ammunition to caches along the SVN Border (XT 273 037, XT 274 035, XT 275 034 and XT 276 033). Previous reports have indicated the presence of numerous ammunition caches in this particular area. BA THU is a known enemy sanctuary in Base Area 367, and the information pertaining to the movement of ammunition is probably true (Extracted from J-2 MACV DISUM 038-69).

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1 ATF SECURITY STANDING ORDERS

Reference: A. Army Security Manual (Provisional), Vol 1, 1967.

1. These orders apply to all units of 1 ATF. They will be read in conjunction with the reference.

TASK FORCE SECURITY OFFICER

2. The Task Force Security Officers are:

a. Task Force Security Officer - GSO 2 (Int)
b. Assistant Task Force Security Officer - GSO 3 (Int)

PROMULGATION

3. The Task Force Security Officer is responsible for the promulgation of these orders and for the issue of any necessary amendments.

4. Task Force Security Standing Orders will be issued to all units of 1 ATF.

DIVISION OF ORDERS

5. For clarity, these orders are divided as follows:

Part 1 - General
Part 2 - Security of Information.
Part 3 - Security of Documents.
Part 4 - Security of Personnel.
Part 5 - Security of Arms and Ammunition.
Part 6 - Security of Access.
Part 7 - Communications Security.

PART 1 - GENERAL

UNIT SECURITY OFFICER

6. Each Unit Commander shall appoint a Unit Security Officer (USO). Unless there are pressing reasons against this, the Unit Security Officer should be the Second-in-Command. Where the appointment of the 2i/c is not practical, another Senior Officer should be appointed. A junior Officer may be appointed Assistant USO only if circumstances make it necessary.

7. Duties of the Unit Security Officer are listed at Annex A to these orders and are explained in Chapter 1, paragraphs 116 and 117 of the reference.

8. Responsibility for security lies with all ranks. Breaches of security, or suspicious incidents which occur, should be reported to the USO as soon as possible.

9. The correct Postal Address for units of 1 ATF is:

No, rank, name,
Unit,
AFPO 4,
c/o GPO SYDNEY 2890, AUSTRALIA.

This is to be notified regularly in Routine Orders.

PART 2 - SECURITY OF INFORMATION

10. Classified information shall only be given to an individual member when it is necessary for the performance of his duties and where other security requirements concerning the member have been fulfilled.

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11. Classified information originating from Allied countries is to be treated in the same manner as if it were of Australian origin. Unauthorised disclosure of information carries the same penalty, no matter which country originates the information.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PRESS

12. No member of 1 ATF may communicate any information to any member of the Press, unless specifically authorised to do so, whether the information be classified or not. This includes:

a. Any matter of Australian or Allied Government policy, and any matter which is subject to public or political controversy, or which is likely to affect Australia's relations with another government.

b. Any Defence or Service matter related to policy, administration, plans, conditions of service or equipment.

c. Any matter which might affect operational security or affect the conduct of current or future operations.

d. Impressions derived from their service activities related to any of the matters mentioned in sub-paragraphs a.b. and c. above.

PART 3 - SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS

CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

13. Security classification of documents are as follows:

a. Top Secret.

b. Secret.

c. Confidential.

d. Restricted.

14. Top Secret - should be applied to all documents, information and material, the unauthorised disclosure of which would cause exceptionally grave damage to the interests of Australia and Australian operations. This category is reserved for the nation's closest secrets and is to be used only with great reserve.

15. Secret - Documents, information or material the unauthorised disclosure of which would endanger national or operational security, or would be of great advantage to a foreign country and/or the enemy, are to be classified Secret. This classification is the highest in common usage and should only be used for highly important matters.

16. Confidential - Information, the unauthorised disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the interests of the nation or operations, is to be graded Confidential. This is the highest classification that will be normally used. Correct analysis of the subject matter will usually reveal this to be the case.

17. Restricted - Matter which is not classified in any of the foregoing categories, but which none the less requires a lesser degree of protection. This classification will be given to such things as training and technical documents and manuals, routine documents relating to supply and demand of stores and supplies; also those items which alone warrant no classification, but which in aggregate warrant the protection of a security classification.

IN CONFIDENCE

18. Documents graded Confidential for personal reasons, i.e. medical, pay, discipline are to be marked 'In Confidence' and will not be regarded as security documents. 'In Confidence' is marked on documents solely to protect the personal/private nature of the contents.

CUSTODY AND STORAGE OF DOCUMENTS

19. When not actually in use, classified documents will be stored as follows:

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a. Top Secret - Class B Container.

b. Secret - Class B Container.

c. Confidential - Class C Container.

d. Restricted - Need not be locked away.

TYPES OF CONTAINERS

20. a. Class A and Class B containers are safes fitted with combination locks. They are prominently branded with this classification.

b. Class C. Any metal container, other than those marked Class A or Class B, which is fitted with a combination lock.

c. Any type of lockable container is Class D.

REGISTER OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

21. A register of documents classified Secret and Top Secret is to be maintained, in which all such documents are to be recorded. Periodic checks are to be made of the documents recorded therein. Suggested form of a register of classified documents is at Annex C.

NEED TO HOLD CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

22. Units are to ensure that holdings of classified documents are kept to a minimum. This is best effected by a continuous process of downgrading and destruction.

HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

23. Personnel working in offices are to be aware of the provisions of 'Army Security Manual' Vol 1, Chapter 3 - 'Security of Classified Documents'. Where it is considered necessary, instructions for the security of documents should be included in office standing orders.

24. Originators of classified documents are responsible for their protection from original draft until distribution.

25. All drafts, proof copies, notes, carbons, waxes etc., shall be given the same classification as the documents produced from them, and should be protected in the same manner as the classified document to which they refer.

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

26. Top Secret, Secret and accountable documents, including those accountable by number, shall not be reproduced in whole or in part, except with the approval of the originating authority. When reproduction is authorised, the originating authority will specify the number of copies to be made and the copy numbers allotted to them. Such authorisation will be noted on the document.

OFFICE WASTE

27. Office waste is to be destroyed at the earliest opportunity, and should be protected if it is necessary to store it. Destruction of classified waste should be a set daily routine.

DESTRUCTION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

28. The destruction of classified documents may only be carried out on the authority of the originator. If this authority is not provided in the document, it must be sought from the originator. All destruction of classified waste in 1 ATF will be by burning.

MAPS/AIR PHOTOGRAPHS/DRAWINGS

29. Maps/air photographs and drawings are to be classified in the same manner and protected in the same way as documents. Care should be taken that wall maps bearing classified information are seen only by those who are authorised to have access to such information.

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DOWNGRADING OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

30. Documents classified 'Confidential' and above can be downgraded only on the authority of the originator. Originators will therefore take great care in selecting the appropriate classification and where possible include instructions for downgrading and/or destruction of the document.

LOSS OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

31. The loss of a classified document will be reported to the Unit Security Officer, who will immediately investigate such loss. If the investigation fails to locate the document, the loss will then be reported to the Task Force Security Officer and Det 1 Div Int Unit, who will then carry out a further investigation.

RECORD OF COMBINATION LOCK SETTINGS

32. A copy of each combination lock setting shall be placed in a sealed envelope and retained by the Unit Security Officer. This is the only record of a combination that it is permissable to keep.

33. Where a unit has only one combination lock container, the copy of the combination setting will be lodged with the Task Force Security Officer. Records of combinations are to bear the same classification as the documents in the container to which they refer.

CHANGE OF COMBINATION SETTINGS

34. Changes of combination lock settings should be made in following circumstances:-

a. Every six months.

b. When the person holding the combination is posted or changes jobs and no longer needs to know the combination.

c. When the combination is compromised.

COMPROMISE OF COMBINATION LOCK SETTINGS

35. Any compromise of combination lock settings to containers in which classified documents are stored is to be reported immediately to the Unit Security Officer. The USO shall investigate the compromise immediately. Assistance should be sought from the Task Force Security Officer where, in the USO's mind, satisfactory results are not obtained from his investigation.

KEYS

36. A key register shall be maintained showing details of all offices and containers having classified matter. Keys will be issued to individuals on signature in the register.

37. Extra keys will not be cut, unless authorised by the USO. Additional keys cut will be registered and controlled.

38. The Unit Security Officer is responsible for the control of keys. Custody of keys should be the responsibility of the unit Quartermaster.

PART 4 - SECURITY OF PERSONNEL

RUMOURS

39. All ranks should avoid spreading rumours. Rumours should be reported to the Unit Security Officer. Where it is considered a rumour has been originated with subversive intent, it should be reported to the Task Force Security Officer.

CARELESS TALK

40. Members of any unit who have received a briefing on an intended operation will NOT leave 1 ATF Base for any reason whatsoever until after the commencement of that operation, without the approval of their CO/OC.

PROPOGANDA

41. Any effort, by whatever means, to introduce propoganda material; eg., books,

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pamphlets, leaflets, recordings, films etc, or letters should be immediately reported to the USO, who will furnish details to the Task Force Security Officer.

PEN FRIENDS

42. Any attempt by any person living in Australia or any other country to enter into correspondence with a member of any unit of 1 ATF, and not being known to the recipient member, must be reported to the USO together with the letter. The USO will inform the Task Force Security Officer. This only applies where an attempt is made to gain information.

43. The use of pen friends has on many occasions proved to be an excellent source of information to hostile Intelligence Agencies.

USE OF CAMERAS

44. No photograph taken within 1 ATF area will be taken for processing to any Vietnamese agency or photographic dealer. This includes those photographs taken during 1 ATF operations.

45. Other than Press representatives accompanied by a Public Relations Officer and duly authorised, no person who is not a member 1 ATF is to be permitted to take any photographs within 1 ATF area or operational area.

46. Photographing of enemy dead is contrary to the Geneva Convention and is forbidden. Photographing of enemy PW's is also forbidden unless done by Intelligence staff for record purposes.

PART 5 - SECURITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

47. The safe custody of personal arms and ammunition is the responsibility of the individual to whom such arms and ammunition are issued or on charge.

48. When away from 1 ATF area and not on operations - i.e. hospital or R&C, the provisions for security of arms and ammunition of the area/formation concerned will be followed.

49. Arms and ammunition will not be stored together, except when they are on issue to an individual.

PART 6 - SECURITY OF ACCESS

VISITORS

50. All visitors to the Task Force area who are not accompanied by by an authorised person are to be referred to Det 1 Div Int Unit. No unauthorised person is to be allowed to enter 1 ATF, and persons attempting to do so will be held and Det 1 Div Int Unit notified.

51. No visitor of any nationality is to be allowed into any Command Post of any unit without the personal approval of the CP Duty Officer or the Operations Officer.

PASSES

52. All ranks are to wear their Identity Discs at all times. ID cards will be carried whenever a member leaves 1 ATF for purposes other than operational.

53. A pass system will operate for FWMAF and Vietnamese visitors who require regular or temporary access to 1 ATF area. These are issued on signature from CI Section Det 1 Div Int Unit.

PART 7 - COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY

54. All ranks are to be reminded that no wireless or telephonic means of communication is secure. No classified information is to be passed by telephone or wireless unless it is correctly coded.

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55. All ranks who have access to messages by radio . or other means of communication are to be acquainted with the correct procedures, including Voice Procedure.

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Annex: A - Duties of Unit Security Officer.
Annex: B. Unit Security Register.
Annex: C. Register of Classified Documents.

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
SECURITY STANDING ORDERS
DATED 14 FEB 69

DUTIES OF UNIT SECURITY OFFICER

1. Duties of the Unit Security Officer are to:-

a. Frame suitable Security Standing Orders and any special security instructions.

b. Ensure that security orders are fully understood and enforced.

c. Encourage all ranks to bring to his notice all suspicious incidents.

d. Investigate any security matters which arise and to report any security Intelligence to the Task Force Security Officer.

e. Maintain liaison with and assist Military Intelligence and Counter Intelligence staff.

f. Supervise the security training of the unit.

g. Maintain watch on unit morale for any change which may affect the security of the unit.

h. Maintain a security register - notes on the compilation and maintenance of the security register are in Annex B to these Orders.

i. Maintain a sensitive postings list - see Annex B, para 2.c.

j. Provide a system of security of keys and combination and maintain a register. (Security of keys is a Q function).

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ANNEX B TO 1 ATF
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UNIT SECURITY REGISTER

1. The Security Register is to be used to collate all security matters within the unit. It is to be maintained by the Security Officer and is to be made available for perusal only by those Officers designated by the Task Force Security Officer and by Counter Intelligence personnel. It is to be classified Confidential.

2. The Unit Security Register should preferably take the form of a foolscap type note book in which relevant sections should be devoted to the following:-

a. Current Security Instructions - subjects, files held, references, amendments and dates.

b. Record of Unit Security Officers - Number, rank, name, date of appointment/relief.

c. Current records of appointments having access to Top Secret and Secret information. The record of personnel filling these appointments and date of receipt of security clearance.

d. Record of unit security training.

e. Record of security breaches.

f. Record of visits by Counter Intelligence personnel.

g. References to files of suspicious or subversive incidents reported to Military Intelligence.

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REGISTER OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

Serial	Date Received	Originator	Date on document	Document Reference	Subject Heading	Classification	Copy No.	Location	Disposal Details	Receipt No.	Remarks
1	1 Oct 68	HQ AFV	26 Sep 68	267-3-1(A1)	Captured Wpns	S	-	CI Sect	-	-	(C)
2	10 Oct 68	G30(INT)	10 Oct 68	P150-9-2	Loss of classified documents	S	3	P150 9 2 (held by OC)	-	-	

NOTE:

a. Documents destroyed or otherwise disposed of should be deleted from the Register by ruling a line through the entry in RED.

b. All documents shown in the Register should be on hand in the Unit; destroyed by fire or passed to another office/unit and accounted for by a receipt.

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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

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ORDNANCE SUPPORT FOR PROLONGED OPERATIONS -
WHEN 1 ALSG FWD AND FWD TFMA ARE DEPLOYED

References: A. 1 ATF 'Q' Instr No 1/69 dated 16 Jan 69.
B. AFV (Army Component) Admin Instr No 53 dated 1 May 68.
C. 1 ATF 'Q' Instr No 4/67 dated 25 Aug 67.

General

1. This instruction details the resupply policy for Ordnance stores when 1 ALSG Fwd and a Fwd TFMA are deployed.

1 OFP Fwd - Scaling Policy

2. 1 OFP Fwd is to scale:

a. An emergency range of clothing, webbing, minor bulk break items and forecast items as detailed in Annex A.

b. Vehicles, weapon and AN/PRC 25 spares up to unit level in accordance with the basis detailed in Annex B. Field level repair spares are to be scaled only if specifically recommended by EME 1 ATF. Items to be scaled on this basis will be advised to both 1 OFP Fwd and units by the 1 ATF Ordnance Officer.

c. Limited controlled stores as detailed in Annex C.

106 Fd Wksp Stores SectFwd - Scaling Policy

3. 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect Fwd is to be deployed at the discretion of OC 106 Fd Wksp. Scaling policy is to be governed by the range and level of repair to be undertaken.

4. 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect Fwd is to provide direct support to C Sqn Sect 1 Armd Regt LAD for all Centurion peculiar stores.

5. C sqn Sect 1 Armd Regt LAD is to return Centurion major and minor unit assemblies (MUAs) to 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect Fwd. These need not be cleaned to the normally required standard. 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect Fwd is to return other than theatre repairable MUAs to 1 ALSG Fwd. These MUAs may also be below the standard of cleanliness required when returning MUAs from the 1 ATF Rear area.

Bulk Break Items

6. The bulk break items detailed in Annex C are to be the subject of bulk breaks in the field. Timings are detailed in Annex D.

7. Responsibilities for the field bulk break are:

a. Unit Demands. Unit rear echelons are to submit demands to 1 OFP Rear. Indents to be clearly endorsed in the authority and remarks block "FWD BULK BREAK".

/b. Consolidation.

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b. Consolidation and Submission to 2 AOD. 1 OFP Rear is responsible for this phase. Number 5 copies of 1 OFP Rear and unit indents are then to be forwarded to 1 OFP Fwd.

c. Delivery of Stores to 1 OFP Fwd. 1 ALSG Fwd.

d. Break Up of Stores. 1 OFP Fwd.

e. Collection of Stores. Unit forward echelons.

8. This bulk break is to be on a "fill or kill" basis. Irrespective of quantities issued indents are to be marked "in full satisfaction (IFS)". Adjustments of requirements are to be actioned through the rear bulk break in accordance with Reference A.

Forecast Items

9. Units rear echelons are responsible for resupplying their forward elements with forecast items such as dry cell batteries, tentage and contact map coverings.

Self Service Items

10. Self service items are to be supplied through 1 ALSG Fwd. Units are to submit self service shopping lists, based on Annex A to Reference B and in accordance with Annex C to Reference B, to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main).

11. Shopping lists are to be forwarded to 1 ALSG Fwd by Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main). 1 ALSG Fwd draw the stores, pack into unit lots and despatch them to the relevant unit forward echelons.

1 OFP Fwd - Provision

12. Unit forward echelons are to demand on 1 OFP by means of AFs G982E.

13. 1 OFP Fwd is to resupply by demanding on 1 ALSG Fwd by means of MAINTDEMS raised in accordance with Reference C.

106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect Fwd - Provision

14. 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect is to replenish stocks by:

a. SIGDEM on 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect for Centurion items not included in the Centurion 'Longday Scaling'.

b. MAINTDEM on 1 ALSG Fwd for all items other than those covered by sub-para a. above.

Stores of Operational Urgency

15. When stores required are operationally urgent units are to:

a. Contact 1 OFP Fwd to ascertain availability. If available raise an AF G982E on 1 OFP Fwd.

b. If not available at 1 OFP Fwd raise an OPDEM, or PRI MAINTDEM, and submit this to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main) for normal staff action (unit to be shown in para a.).

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16. When such urgency is justified Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main) is to raise an OPDEM, or PRI MAINTDEM, on 1 ALSG Fwd. 1 ATF (Rear) is to be an info addressee on all operational demands raised.

Controlled Stores

17. Controlled stores held at 1 OFP Fwd are to be released only on the authority of HQ 1 ATF (Main). The DAQMG, or his representative, is to obtain G Branch authority to release the equipment and then notify 1 OFP Fwd that the issue of the equipment has been approved.

18. Replenishment of the 1 OFP Fwd controlled stores pool is to be direct from 1 OFP Rear based on signal casualty returns.

19. No stores are to be issued from 1 OFP Fwd on AAF F1A, or AF G982E loan.

Limited Issue Items

20. 1 OFP is to hold stocks of the limited issue items listed in para 4 of Annex B. Issue of these items is to be limited in the normal manner. Specifically one full cylinder or tank is to be issued in exchange for each cylinder or tank returned by the unit. Empty cylinders, or tanks, are to be returned to 1 OFP Fwd by AF G1033 action.

21. 1 OFP Fwd is to AF G982E empty industrial gas cylinders to 2 AOD via 1 ALSG Fwd. Resupply is to be effected by MAINTDEM on 1 ALSG Fwd.

22. 1 OFP Fwd is to AF G982E empty tanks to LPO SAIGON in accordance with DADOS Tech Instr No 9. The tanks are to be consigned via 1 ALSG Fwd. Resupply is to be effected by SIGDEM on 1 OFP Rear. OC 1 OFP Rear is to liaise with the Task Force Ordnance Officer to ascertain whether filled tanks are to be forwarded from 1 OFP Rear or LPO SIAGON to 1 OFP Fwd.

Bath Detachment

23. The 1 OFP Bath Det is to be deployed dependent on a staff assessment of water availability.

24. Changes of underwear are to be available in the normal size ranges. Expense items, such as soap and foot powder, will be provided by the Bath Det. Unit requests for use of the Bath Det are to be passed to the DAQMG HQ 1 ATF (Main), or his representative. DAQMG HQ 1 ATF (Main) is responsible for coordinating the utilization of the Bath Det. Planning statistics are shown in Annex F. The Bath Det is an integral part of 1 OFP Fwd and when not in use as a Bath Det its personnel may be utilized on technical ordnance tasks by the OC 1 OFP Fwd.

Laundry

25. Clothing for laundry is to be backloaded in unit lots to 1 ALSG Fwd. Units are to be responsible for movement, and accounting, in accordance with current 1 ATF Q Instructions.

26. The units detailed in Annex F are the only units which will have a laundry account. All members of minor elements deployed are to submit their laundry through one of the units detailed. This is to be a matter for individual liaison, or where no satisfactory arrangement is arrived at in this manner, for the Q Branch 1 ATF (Main) to direct the fostering of the element by an approved unit.

/27. AAFs 140.

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27. AAFs 140 and TSs 4 are to be submitted to Q Branch 1 ATF (Main). These are to be forwarded to 1 ALSG Fwd for consolidation and payment.

28. Details of the items covered by the forward Laundry Contract and laundry timings are to be promulgated by HQ 1 ATF (Main).

Operational Loss

29. Details of the operational loss of US origin equipment are to be notified to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main) by the fastest available means. Details required are listed in HQ 1 ATF R980-90-3 dated 11 Mar 68.

30. Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main) is to signal full details of the loss to HQ AFV (for DADOS).

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Annexes: A. 1 OFP Fwd Scaling - General Stores.
B. 1 OFP Fwd Scaling - MT and Technical Stores.
C. 1 OFP Fwd Scaling - Controlled Stores.
D. Forward Bulk Break - Authorized Items.
E. Forward Bulk Break - Timings.
F. 1 OFP Bath Det - Planning Statistics.
G. Laundry - Authorized Units.

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ANNEX A TO HQ 1 ATF
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1 OFP FWD SCALING - GENERAL STORES

1. Clothing.

   a. Boots.
   b. Hats.
   c. Laces Footwear.
   d. Smocks.
   e. Socks.
   f. Towels.
   g. Trousers.

2. Personal Equipment.

   a. Belt Pistol.
   b. Brush Shaving.
   c. Cover Mattress.
   d. Cup Canteen.
   e. Knife Fork Spoon Set.
   f. Mattress Sections.
   g. Mirror Hand Soldier.
   h. Net Mosquito.
   i. Nylon Cord.
   j. Pan Set Messing.
   k. Pouch Ammo.
   l. Razor Safety.
   m. Shelter Individual.
   n. Suspenders.
   o. Tape Repair.

3. Expense Items.

   a. Flannelette.
   b. Neck Cloth.
   c. String Cordage.

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ANNEX B TO HQ 1 ATF
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1 OFP FWD SCALING - MT AND TECHNICAL STORES

1. Relevant scales:

Serial	DSN	Designation	Repair Parts Scale
1.	1005-00-605-7710	Machine Gun 7.62mm M60 WE	Aust/SA/130/2.
2.	1005-66-100-2002	Rifle 7.62mm L1A1	" /SA/127/3.
3.	1005-00-856-6885	Rifle 5.56mm M16A1	" /SA/138.
4.	1010-00-691-1382	Launcher Grenade 40mm M79 W/E	" /SA/139.
5.	1015-00-348-4923	Rifle 106mm M40A1	" /ALNT/115.
6.	5820-00-857-0759	Radio Set AN/PRC 25	"/TC/549.

2. Maintenance Figures.

Serial	Total Equipments
1.	200
2.	1000
3.	500
4.	100
5.	10
6.	300

3. MT spares to be scaled progressively based on usage figures recorded.

4. Limited issue items:

a. 6830-66-017-8007 Oxygen technical 120 cu ft L/W container (filled.

b. 6830-66-017-8006 Acctylene technical 100 cu ft L/W container (filled).

c. 1040-00-293-5891 Tank and valve pressure, flame thrower (filled).

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ANNEX C TO HQ 1 ATF
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1 OFP FWD SCALING - CONTROLLED STORES

Serial	DSN	Item	Quantity
1.	1005-00-072-9421	Riflc Eqpt 5.56mm M16A1	4
2.	1005-00-605-7710	GPMG M60	2
3.	1005-66-100-2001	Rifle Eqpt 7.62mm L1A1	6
4.	1015-00-723-8758	Cannon 81mm Mor M29	1
5.	1240-21-111-2454	Sight Unit C/2	2
6.	5805-66-018-5313	Telephone Set 'K'	5
7.	5820-00-889-3803	Antenna PRC/25	10
8.	5820-00-892-0622	Radio Set RT524/VRC	2
9.	5820-66-019-4404	Radio Set AN/PRC 25	4
10.	5965-00-892-0972	Handset 138/U	6
11.	6605-66-011-2769	Compass Prismatic	2
12.	6145-66-023-5175	Cable Telephone D10 MK 2 W/½ mile dispenser coil	5
13.	8470-00-823-7371	Armour Body Fragmentation (neck and torso) large	5
14.	8470-00-823-7372	Armour Body Fragmentation (neck and torso) medium	5

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ANNEX D TO HQ 1 ATF
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FORWARD BULK BREAK - AUTHORIZED ITEMS

1. Clothing and Necessaries.

Cord Nylon
Drawers Cotton
Dressing First Aid
Boots GP
Laces Footwear
Razor Blades
Shirts Mil Green
Socks
Towel Bath
Trousers Drill Green
Undershirts Cotton Athletic
Hat Utility Green

2. Personal Equipment.

Blankets Bed Inner
Blankets Bed Outer
Canteen Water Plastic
Net Mosquito
Rope Assy GP
Carrier Sleeping Bag
Cover Mattress Section Pneumatic
Cloth Knitted Cotton Neckband
Shelter Individual
Mattress Section Pneumatic
Mattress Repair Kit

3. General Stores.

Cordage
String
Flannelette
Hessian

4. Stationary.

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ANNEX E TO HQ 1 ATF
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FORWARD BULK BREAK - TIMINGS

Serial	Action	Date/Time	Responsible
1.	Indents to 1 OFP	011600H	Unit rear echelons
2.	Bulk Demand to 2 AOD	031200H	1 OFP Rear
3.	No 5 copies to 1 OFP Fwd	101600H	1 OFP Rear
4.	Stores to 1 OFP Fwd	130800H	2 AOD/1 ALSG
5.	Stores available for collection by units	140800H	1 OFP Fwd
6.	Stores collection complete	141600H	Unit fwd echelons.

28TH OF MONTH BULK BREAK

Serial	Action	Date/Time	Responsible
1.	As above	151600H	As above
2.	" "	171200H	" "
3.	" "	241600H	" "
4.	" "	270800H	" "
5.	" "	280800H	" "
6.	" "	281600H	" "

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ANNEX F TO HQ 1 ATF
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1 OFP BATH DET - PLANNING STATISTICS

1. Movement particulars:

   a. No external transport required for a one day operation.

   b. Internal transport used:

      1 x 2½ ton GS with 1 ton tlr.

2. Time operative from arrival at site:

   a. Full deployment including tentage - 1 hour.

   b. Partial deployment - 5 mins.

3. Activity rate may be assessed at 240 men per hour if required. Normal rate is 1 Coy per hour.

4. Fuel requirements: Det deploys with 4 days fuel requirements.

5. Maximum water requirement would be 4 gals per man. This can be varied but a minimum would be approximately 2 gals per man.

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ANNEX G TO HQ 1 ATF
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LAUNDRY - AUTHORIZED UNITS

1. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
2. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
3. 1 Fd Sqn.
4. 1/5 RAR.
5. 4 RAR.
6. 9 RAR.
7. HQ Coy 1 ATF.
8. TFMA.

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AMENDMENT NO 1

Reference: A. HQ 1 ATF 'Q' Instr No 2/69 dated 1 Feb 69.

1. Amend Annex G to Reference A to read as follows:

Insert: Serial 9. 12 Fd Regt.

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'Q' INSTRUCTION NO 3/69

REPAIR AND RECOVERY IN SITUATIONS WHERE A FWD TFMA IS DEPLOYED

Aim

1. The aim of this instruction is to detail RAEME support to be provided when a Fwd TFMA is deployed.

Repairs

2. Unit Repairs. These are to be undertaken by attached RAEME tradesmen, LADs or workshops allocated to units.

3. Field Repairs. A detachment from 106 Fd Wksp is to be located in the Fwd TFMA to provide second line support as required.

4. Repair Policy. Unless directed otherwise the policy on equipment repairs is to be as follows:

a. A and C Vehicles. Repairs necessary to keep the vehicle capable of carrying out its operational role are to be given priority. Other repairs are to be carried out only if the tactical situation permits. Where possible, repairs to A vehicles will be carried out in unit/sub-unit locations, but, otherwise forward repair teams will be deployed by road or air as the situation demands.

b. B Vehicles. Only those repairs necessary to keep vehicles in working condition are to be carried out.

c. Telecommunication and Instruments. All radios and instruments beyond the authorised scope of unit repair facilities are to be backloaded to Det 106 Fd Wksp.

d. Weapons. Repairs beyond authorised scope of repair elements are to be backloaded to Det 106 Fd Wksp. Field repair priorities are to be given to mortars and machine guns.

Recovery

5. First Line. To be undertaken by units. Any equipment casualty beyond unit resources is to be reported immediately to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main).

6. Second Line. To be provided by Det 106 Fd Wksp.

7. Recovery Control. All second line recovery and backloading of equipment is to be controlled and co-ordinated by Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main). Units are not to liaise direct with Det 106 Fd Wksp on this matter.

/8. Equipment.

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8. Equipment Casualties. If beyond unit repair, equipment casualties are to be moved to a location as advised by Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main).

9. Equipment Collecting Point (ECP). Equipment to be back-loaded for second line repairs will be removed to an ECP in the Fwd TFMA. The ECP is to be controlled by Det 106 Fd Wksp.

10. Recovery Assistance by RAE/RAASC. Should the situation demand, maximum use should be made of facilities controlled by RAE/RAASC. Any request for assistance is to be made by Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main).

Cannibalization

11. Under no circumstances are units to cannibalize equipment casualties without prior approval of Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main).

Removal of Ammunition and Items of CES

12. Units are to use own discretion regarding the removal of ammunition when equipment is undergoing repair in situ. However, any equipment that is to be backloaded must have all ammunition removed.

13. Units are to ensure that items of equipment CES are removed prior to any equipment being backloaded.

Major Unit Assemblies (MUA)

14. A limited number of MUAs for repair of A vehicles is to be carried by Det 106 Fd Wksp Stores Section.

15. Depending on the tactical situation, MUAs may be moved forward to facilitate repairs in situ. Any requests for this service must be passed to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF (Main).

Conclusion

16. Officers commanding workshops and LADs and NCOs I/C RAEME attached should read this instruction in conjunction with 1 ATF RAEME SOP.

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'Q' INSTRUCTION NO 4/69

ROAD MOVEMENT - ROUTINE PROCEDURES

Reference: A. 1 ATF SOPs Section 4. Road Movement.

General

1. This instruction is written in amplification of Reference A and refers to small scale, routine administrative road convoys operating out of Nui Dat base, for example:

a. Daily convoys to Vung Tau.

b. Daily convoys to Baria.

c. Daily maintenance convoys.

2. All operational movement and large scale administrative movement will be the subject of seperate operation orders or road movement orders.

Assembly

3. Start times for routine convoys are promulgated on the previous day and are announced at the daily Task Force conference. The convoy is to assemble 15 minutes prior to this time in the vicinity of the front gate, as signposted by 1 ATF Det AFV Pro Unit.

Marshalling and Release

4. The convoys are to be marshalled and checked by a member of the 1 ATF Det AFV Pro Unit, prior to the move commencing.

5. 1 ATF Det AFV Pro Unit, is to authorise release at the correct time.

6. No convoy is to leave the front gate of Nui Dat without a provost vehicle or an escort vehicle leading.

Armoured Escort

7. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, is to provide road runner escorts for routine convoys as follows:

a. From Baria RV North on QL15.

b. On other routes as required.

Provost Escort

8. A provost vehicle is to escort routine convoys as follows:

a. From Nui Dat to Baria - all convoys.

b. From Baria to Cay Khe Bridge YS370540 - all Vung Tau convoys.

c. Through Baria to Baria RV - all maintenance convoys moving North on QL15.

/d. From

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d. From Cay Khe Bridge YS370540 to Nui Dat - return journeys from Vung Tau.

Convoy Commander

9. The convoy commander is to be either the escort commander or a member of the convoy appointed by the provost.

Other Appointments

10. The convoy commander is to appoint, as required:

a. A 2IC.

b. Packet commanders.

c. Vehicle commanders.

Communications

11. Radio communications are to be carried by:

a. All escort vehicles.

b. All provost vehicles.

12. On GREEN and AMBER roads, the convoy commander is to have a radio set issued by provost before the convoy leaves Nui Dat, unless he has his own radio set. The set is to be on listening watch on the escort or provost net. The set is to be returned to TF Det AFV Pro Unit, on return to Nui Dat the same day.

13. Additional radio communications may be ordered by the convoy commander for AMBER roads.

14. All personnel carrying radio communications are to be prepared to join any one of the following nets:

a. Convoy net.

b. Escort net.

c. 1 ATF command net.

d. TF Det AFV Pro Unit net.

Drivers and Equipment

15. All members leaving Nui Dat base are to be properly dressed, wearing a hat or helmet.

16. A weapon, other than a pistol, and a first line of ammunition is to be carried by each member.

Manning

17. Each vehicle is to contain a minimum of two fit, armed personnel.

Speeds

18. Convoys are to adhere to the following speeds:

a. Unsealed roads - 25 MPH.

b. Sealed roads between Nui Dat and Baria - 25 MPH.

c. Sealed roads - 30 MPH.

d. Built up areas - 15 MPH.

/Density.

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Density

19. Distances between vehicles are to be maintained as follows:

a. Unsealed roads - 100 metres.

b. Sealed roads between Nui Dat and Baria - 100 metres.

c. Sealed roads - 50 metres.

d. Built up areas - 30 metres.

Instructions for Built Up Areas

20. When approaching a built up area, the lead vehicles of the convoy are to slow down to allow rear vehicles to close up.

21. Convoys are to:

a. Travel at 15 mph or a lesser speed consistent with civilian safety.

b. Close up to 30 metres or less, and maintain close contact between vehicles.

c. Obey traffic signals given by the Vietnamese police, or military police of other free world forces.

22. Once clear of built up areas, convoy speed is to be gradually increased to allow the convoy to reestablish the correct density.

23. Vehicles are not to stop in built up areas unless essential, and troops are to be alert for possible enemy harassing action.

Action on Breakdown

24. If a vehicle breaks down, the following action is to be taken:

a. The vehicle, or a vehicle close by, is to attract attention by sounding the horn a number of times.

b. The convoy is to halt without closing up and pull off to the side of the road.

c. The convoy commander and packet commander are to investigate the breakdown and, if repair cannot be effected immediately, to arrange for the recovery vehicle to tow the vehicle.

25. If the vehicle cannot be towed, the convoy commander is to attempt to arrange recovery by one of the following means:

a. Recovery to the nearest allied base if a recovery vehicle is accompanying the convoy.

b. Pass details by radio to HQ 1 ATF who will arrange recovery.

26. If recovery is not immediately available, the convoy is to proceed, leaving the following protection for the unserviceable vehicle:

a. On GREEN Roads. A minimum of two vehicles and six men.

/b. On AMBER.

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b. On AMBER Roads. A minimum of one packet. (A packet is at least six vehicles).

Action on Accident

27. Action is to be taken as detailed in paragraph 24, sub-paragraphs a to c.

28. The convoy commander is to ensure that:

a. The accident is reported to HQ 1 ATF and the nearest AFV Pro Det as soon as possible.

b. If civilians are involved this is to be mentioned.

c. Injured persons, military and/or civilian, are evacuated, after first aid, to the nearest medical facility.

d. Statements from civilian or other free world forces witnesses or participants are taken.

e. Regimental particulars and unit of readily available witnesses from the convoy are taken.

29. If a member of the Provost Corps is travelling with the convoy, he is to move to the scene and control the inquiries, after consultation with the convoy commander.

Action on Contact

30. The convoy commander is to control action on contact in accordance with the following principles:

a. Vehicles are to drive out of the killing zone if at all possible.

b. Vehicles are to stop clear of the danger zone, and pull over to the roadside.

c. Occupants are to debus, using normal MT ambush procedures, and adopt defensive positions close to the vehicles.

d. Following vehicles are to stop on the RIGHT hand side of the road, short of the killing zone and occupants are to debus and adopt defensive positions; drivers are to take up fire positions within 10 metres off the road facing away from the road, co-drivers are to move with the drivers but are to face the road.

e. Offensive action is to be initiated by the convoy commander.

f. If the convoy is split and contact between groups is not possible, the group halted short of the enemy position is responsible for offensive action.

g. If an armoured escort is present, vehicles which have been caught in the killing zone, should pull off to the opposite side of the road from the ambush to allow free use of the road by the armour.

Medical

31. All personnel are to carry a shell dressing.

/R. DUSTOFF.

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32. DUSTOFF requests are to be passed to HQ 1 ATF as soon as possible.

Briefing by Convoy Commander

33. The convoy commander is responsible for briefing the convoy 2IC, packet commanders and vehicle commanders and for ensuring that vehicle commanders, in turn, brief vehicle crews, on the following matters:

a. Communications.

b. Convoy speeds and density.

c. Instructions for built up areas.

d. Action on breakdown.

e. Action on accident.

f. Action on contact.

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20. STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS.

1. On arrival in Australia and in the period prior to their RTA members of 1 ATF may be approached by members of the press for interviews or comments on their service in Vietnam. These may seek to obtain information on the highlights of their service or other impressions.

2. There is no objection to such interviews being granted in Vietnam provided that prior advice of the interview and an indication of the topics likely to be discussed is given to HQ 1 ATF. A PR officer is to be present at any interview and his attendance will be arranged by HQ 1 ATF.

3. If any member is interviewed he is not to comment on or discuss:

a. Any matter of Government policy.

b. Any matter which is subject to public or political controversy or is likely to affect Australia's relations with another Government.

c. Any matter relating to policy, administration, plans, equipment or conditions of service.

d. Any matter which might affect the security of current or future operations.

4. If a member is in doubt as to whether or not he may make a statement the best policy is to answer "No comment".

5. To be reprinted in Unit Routine Orders every three months.

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AQ MATTERS

21. ELECTRICAL BREAKDOWNS.

1. From 0800 to 1700 hrs daily electrical breakdowns are to be reported to DCRE Office (WO2 Sertori; Clerk of Works Electrical - EBONY 78).

2. From 1700 to 0800 electrical breakdowns are to be reported to the duty electrician 21 Engr Sp Tp (Elevate switch).

3. All electrical breakdowns are to be reported immediately they are noticed and non qualified tradesmen are not to attempt repairs.

22. DAMAGE TO REFRIGERATORS

1. Instances have occurred where damage has resulted from incorrect handling of household refrigerators during the defrosting process.

2. To defrost the refrigerator:

a. Switch the unit off at the power source.

b. Allow the unit to defrost naturally.

c. Do NOT, under any circumstances, use any blunt or sharp instruments to accelerate the defrosting process.

3. Cases of damage resulting from incorrect handling are to be classified as "NOT FAIR WEAR" and investigation of the circumstances is to be made in accordance with 1 ATF RO 19/69.

23. LITTER AND RUBBISH

1. No member of 1 ATF is to deposit any tins, can, paper or other rubbish or litter in any area or receptacle except those which have been provided for the collection or dumping of rubbish or litter.

24. NON OPERATIONAL LOSS OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

1. In all cases the loss of an individual weapon is regarded as a serious matter, and particularly so when there is evidence of neglect or carelessness on the part of a member.

2. In order to prevent such losses and the resultant avoidable waste of time and effort, the following corrective action and proceedures are to be applied;

a. Corrective Action.

(1) All ranks are to be reminded at frequent intervals that the security of a weapon is the personal responsibility of the individual to whom that weapon is issued.

(2) When out of contact with the enemy a weapon is not to change hands without a receipt being given or the change being officially recorded. It is the responsibility of the individual handing over the weapon to check that either action is taken. The only occasion when a check might not be possible.is in the case of a casualty evacuation, when the proceedure as laid down in HQ AFV Admin Instr No 28 is to be followed.

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b. Procedures.

(1) Immediately a loss is detected it is to be reported through the appropriate Unit/Sub Unit etc headquarters to HQ 1 ATF.

(2) On receipt of advice of the loss HQ 1 ATF is to initiate tracer action by advising HQ AFV and all units of 1 ATF of the loss.

(3) Within 48 hours of the report of the loss, the unit is to appoint an investigating officer who is to investigate and report on the loss in accordance with MBI 129-6.

(4) Immediately the investigating officer is appointed HQ 1 ATF and HQ AFV are to be notified of the type of weapon, serial number, brief circumstances of the loss and the name of the investigating officer.

(5) The investigating officer's report is to be forwarded to HQ 1 ATF within 7 days of the loss being initially reported. The investigation is to show the tracer action taken and its results.

(6) Units are not to take adjusting or disciplinary action until advised by HQ 1 ATF.

25. SWIMMING BEACH - VUNG TAU.

1. Members of 1 ATF are not permitted to swim off any beach in VUNG TAU except the 1 ALSG Surf Beach. This beach is open for general use between 0800 hrs and 1800 hrs daily.

2. Red and yellow flags on the beach indicate the boundaries of the approved swimming area. Members of 1 ATF are not to swim outside the approved swimming area.

3. At all times when swimming is restricted, a black flag is displayed at the top of the Beach Tower and a sign is exhibited at the main beach gate.

26. OUT OF BOUNDS AREA - LUSCOMBE AIRFIELD

1. The area of LUSCOMBE Airfield that is:

a. Bounded on the South by Hughes Rd and the old Rt 2 airfield by-pass road.

b. Bounded on the west by the old Rt 2 airfield by-pass road.

c. Bounded on the North by the old Rt 2 airfield by-pass road, the continuance East of that road to the water point and the southern boundary fences of 5 RAR and 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

d. Bounded on the East by Canberra Ave.

is declared an out of bounds area.

2. The exceptions to the above are as follows:

a. Persons whose duty requires them to operate within this area and who have the prior approval of the Airfield Commander (OC 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

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b. Personnel involved in the loading and unloading of AC, and passengers emplaning or deplaning are permitted on the Western tarmac area, when there is no AC movement in progress on the tarmac.

3. Persons whishing to move onto LUSCOMBE Airfield (with the exception of para 2 b.) are to contact the Ops Offr, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt for clearance prior to doing so. Persons working on the airstrip will normally be required to establish and maintain radio comms with LUSCOMBE Tower for air safety reasons.

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NOTICE

1. AMF OFFICER PROMOTION EXAMS JULY 1969

1. Officer promotion exams are not normally held in Vietnam but officers who are returning to Australia before July 1969 and wish to sit for the exams are to submit an Application for Written Examinations, AAF-C89 through their units to reach HQ 1 ATF by 21 Apr 69.

2. A limited amount of study material for subjects 2D/3D and 2E/3E is available on loan from the theatre pool of training publications held at 2 AOD. Requests for the loan of any of these publications are to be submitted to GSO3 HQ 1 ATF.

3. MBIs 244-1, 244-2 and 244-3 have been cancelled and no questions are to be set on the subjects they cover.

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