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COMMANDER'S DIARY

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ANNEX C TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM *1 Nov 67* TO *30 Nov 67*

OPERATION ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

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011800H Nov 67

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Frag 0 No 2 (Op SANTA FE)

Reference: 1 ATF Ops1740 dated 240800H Oct 67.

Time Zone used throughout this Order: HOTEL.

1. Situation. No change.
2. Mission. Elements 1 ATF are to deploy from FSPB WILTON to FSPB LION (YS6081).
3. Execution. Sequence of events. Annex A.
4. ACK not later than 021800H Nov by radio to CP 1 ATF or telephone to Ebony 50.

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ANNEX A TO FRAG 0 NO 2
(OP SANTA FE) DATED
011800H NOV 67

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	020900H	Tp A Sqn from WILTON moves to BLACK HORSE collects 2 X AVLBS and returns to WILTON by 021500H.	One sect mortars to be taken with MFC. GS02 Air to warn LFT and FAC. 2IC 4 Fd Regt to allocate harbour area at WILTON.
2.	021500H	Comd AVLBS and OC 1 Fd Sqn recce CHUNKY and FAT YS634889.	OC 1 Fd Sqn in charge.
3.	021500H	One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus TCV convoy and 1 SAS patrols depart NUI DAT for WILTON.	Arrive approx 021630H. 2IC 4 Fd Regt to allocate harbour area in WILTON.
4.	021600H	Arty recce parties move from WILTON to LION.	
5.	030001H	B Tp 3/5 Cav moves via Route 15, 23 to WILTON arriving NLT 030800H. Collects AVLBS and on order moves to CHUNKY.	
6.	030001H	One pl B Tp moves into NUI DAT for RCME PLOUGH escort.	
7.	03 - First light or ASP thereafter.	One tp A Sqn plus A Coy 7 RAR, mors and engr det move from WILTON to CHUNKY and relieve B Coy 2 RAR.	Clear Route 327 for mines.
8.	03 - on relief.	B Coy 2 RAR commences clearance of Route 327 to the EAST and then Route 328 to FSPB LION.	Routes to be swept for mines. GS02 Air to arrange for air surveillance Routes 327, 328.
9.	030800H	Pl B Tp 3/5 Cav escort 4 X ROME PLOUGHS and 2 X bull dozers to RV with 3/5 Cav (-) at NW of AOs MARLIN and TUNA.	After handing over engr plant to 3/5 Cav (-), pl B Tp escorts low loaders to junc Route 2/Route 327 YS4677. Pl then joins B Tp at CHUNKY and low loaders return to NUI DAT.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
10.	030800H	B Tp 3/5 Cav (-) reach WILTON.	
11.	030900H	Fly out of 106 Fd Bty and 108 Fd Bty from WILTON to LION.	
12.	030900H approx	B Tp 3/5 Cav (-), 2 X AVLBS move to CHUNKY and erect bridge.	
13.	On order	When bridge is completed, one tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus A Coy 7 RAR move to FSPB LION.	Be prepared to assist in Route clearance if B Coy 2 RAR is overtaken.
14.	031030H approx	One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt escorts TCV convoy from FSPB WILTON to NUI DAT.	All available produce to be backloaded.
15.	031030H	SAS patrols move into position.	Ground clearance in AO SWORDFISH BRAVO passes to 1 ATF.
16.	On order	When Route 328 is cleared, one tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt escorts A Bty 2/35 Arty from FSPB WILTON to FSPB LION.	
17.	On order	When A Bty 2/35 Arty is clear of CHUNKY and B Tp is joined by ROME PLOUGH tp, B Tp 3/5 Cav is to uplift 2 X AVLBS and move to FSPB LION. B tp is to be prepared to move to FSPB TIGER (YS6490) if required.	2IC 4 Fd Regt is to allocate harbour area vic FSPB LION.

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A	Patrol Serial No	V Coy H4/67	V Coy H5/67	V Coy H6/67	V Coy H7/67
B	Sub unit to provide	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR
C	Callsign and frequency	53 58.25 mcs	51 58.25 mcs	53 58.25 mcs	53 58.25 mcs
D	Controlled by	V Coy CP	V Coy CP	V Coy CP	V Coy CP
E	Task	Ambush vic YS477632	Ambush YS510593	Ptl areas COLIN and CECIL	Ambush vic YS537635
F	Strength	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl
G	Date/Time out	031915H Nov	051430H Nov	060740H Nov	071500H Nov
H	Date/Time in	040715H Nov	061030H Nov	061630H Nov	081200H Nov
J	Route	Annex P	Annex P	Annex P	Annex Q
K	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M	Remarks (to incl any bids for hel/APC lift)		Area XRAY. Pl inserted during "routine" M108 ptl SOUTH EAST of HORSESHOE. Lie up vic YS517602 until after curfew. Return by foot.		Area ZULU. Pl inserted during "routine" M108 ptl NORTH EAST of HORSESHOE. Lie up vic YS519638 until after curfew commences. Return by foot.

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A	V Coy H8/67	V Coy H9/67
B	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR
C	58.25 mcs	58.25 mcs
D	V Coy CP	V Coy CP
E	Ambush YS525613	Ptl BOB and NE Sector TAOR
F	Pl	Pl
G	091600H Nov	100720H Nov
H	100800H Nov	101730H Nov
J	Annex Q	Annex Q
K	Area YANKEE. Pl will "escort" EAST check point patrol back towards HORSESHOE but will Lie up vic YS502618 until last light. Will clear EAST check point on return first light 10 Nov.	

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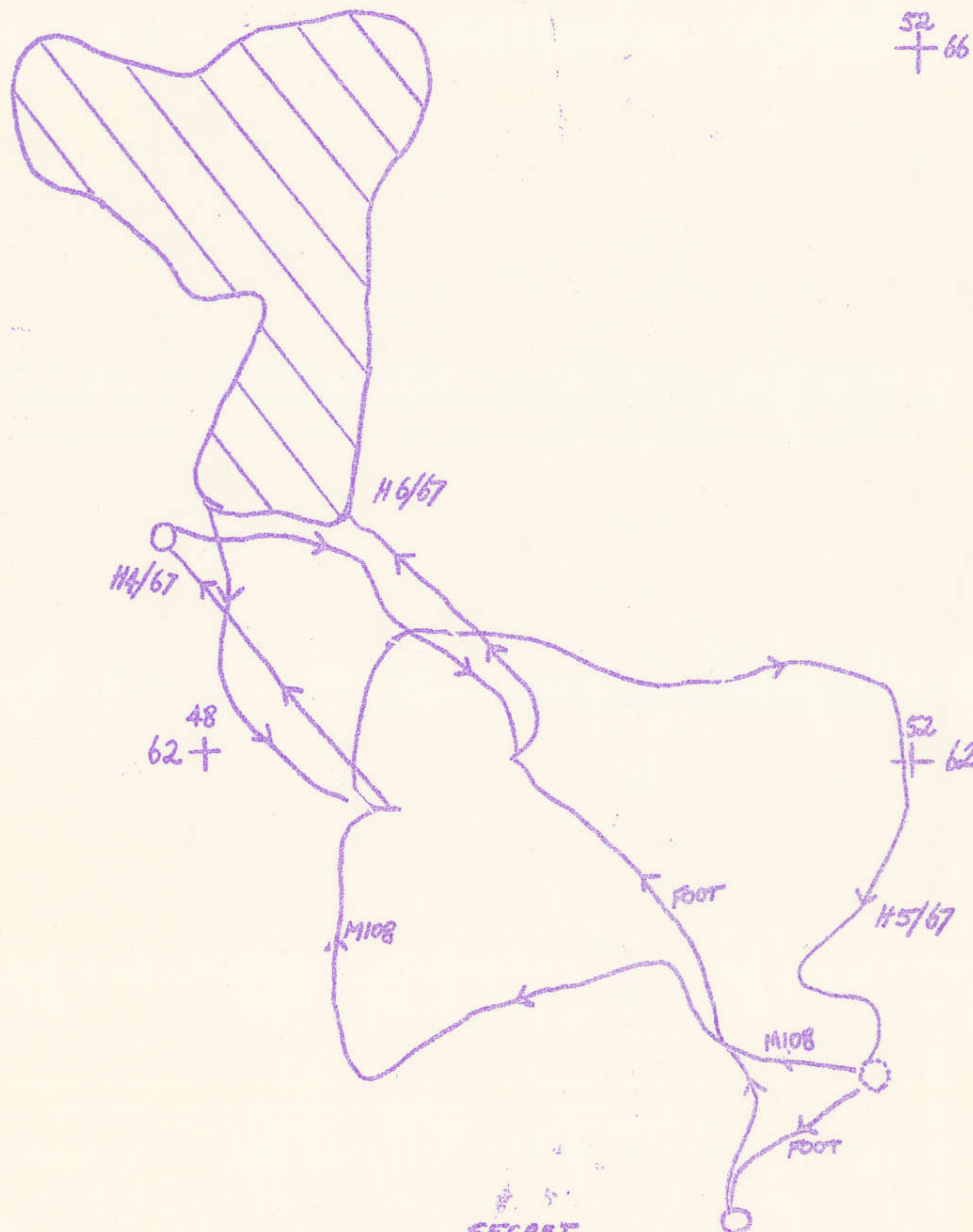
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2 RAR	9-34
7 RAR	35-45
1 SAS Sqn	46
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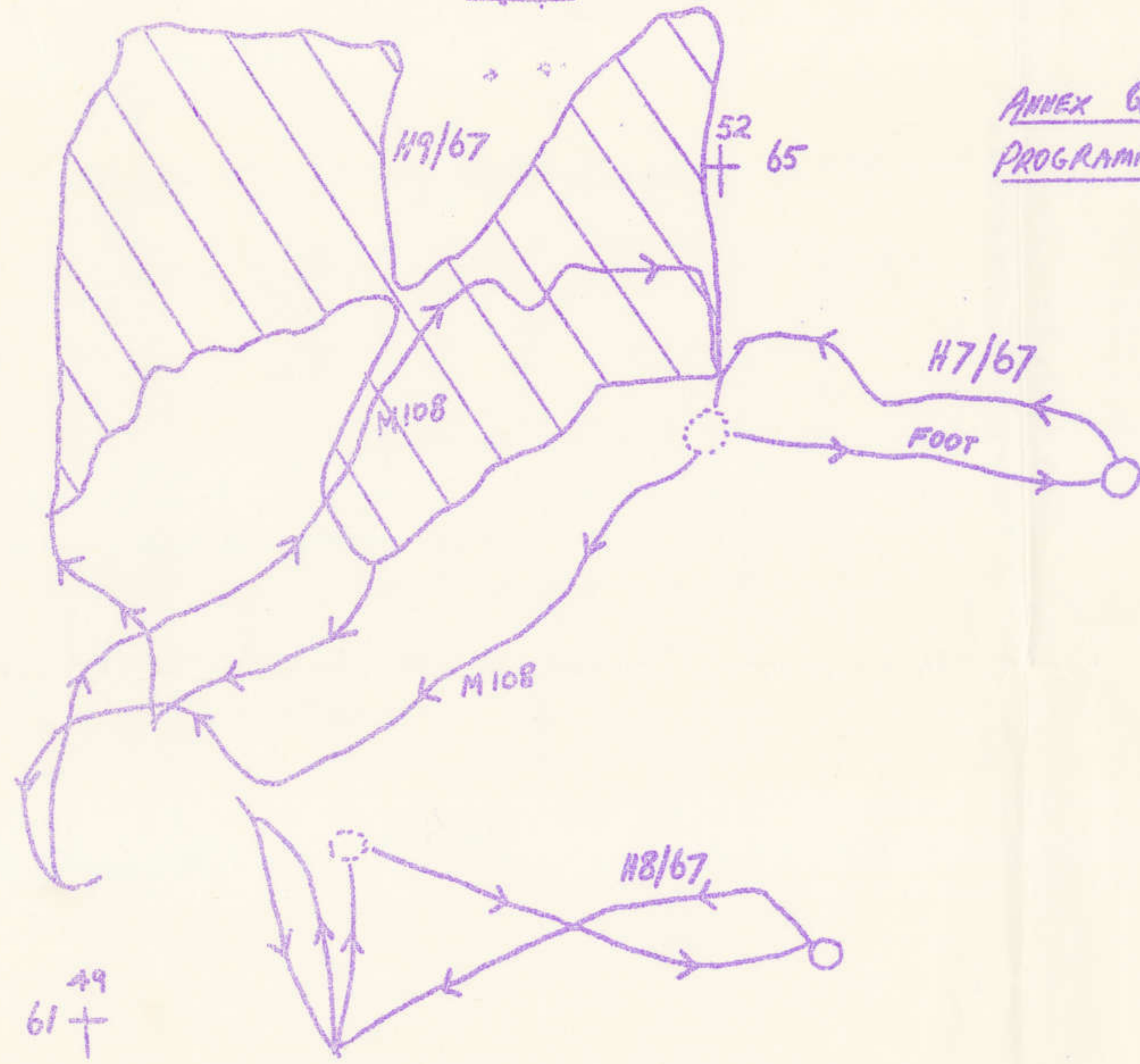


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TO 18TH DIV XUAN LOC

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INFO 9TH DIV FWD BLACKHORSE
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REQUEST FOR AO (.) MAP VIETNAM SERIES L7104 SHEET 6430-11 (.)
AO STEPTOE (.) ONE (.) AO REQUIRED 102400H NOV TO 202400H NOV 67 (.)
TWO (.) COORDINATES (.) 1 ATF TAOR EASTERN BOUNDARY EAST TO 69 EASTING
AND FROM 64 TO 78 NORTHING EXCLUDING XUYEN MOC AO (.) THREE (.) REQUIRED
FOR CONTINUATION OF OP SANTA FE (.) ALL COORDS YS

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A	Patrol Serial No	2 RAR 2105/67	2106/67	2107/67	2108/67
B	Sub unit to provide	2 RAR Rear	2 RAR Rear	2 RAR Rear	2 RAR Rear
C	Callsign and frequency	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
D	Controlled by	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP
E	Task	Ambush in MIKE vic YS467663.	Patrol and ambush in LES and KEN.	Ambush in JACK vic YS457663.	Ptl and ambush in FRED and CLAUDE.
F	Strength	Pl	Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	Pl
G	Date/Time out	111600H	120800H	141800H	161000H
H	Date/Time in	120900H	141200H	150700H	181200H
J	Route	Annex P	Annex P	Direct	Annex P
K	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M	Remarks (to incl any bids for hel/APC lift)	-	Ambush ni 12/13 Nov vic YS475716 and ni 13/14 Nov vic YS473696.	-	Ptl comd to select ni locs and advise CP.

Ni locstats of ptls are to be advised to HQ 1 ATF CP by 1900 hrs daily

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A	2109/67	7 RAR 7155/67	7156/67	7157/67	7158/67
B	2 RAR Rear	7 RAR Rear	7 RAR Rear	7 RAR Rear	7 RAR Rear
C	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
D	2 RAR Rear CP	7 RAR Rear CP	7 RAR Rear CP	7 RAR Rear CP	7 RAR Rear CP
E	Ambush in ROD.	Ambush ck junc YS381684 in JEAN.	Ambush in MAGGIE.	Ptl and ambush in WILMA and LINDA.	Ptl and ambush in JOYCE.
F	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	Pl	Pl
G	181800H	110800H	121600H	131400H	160900H
H	190700H	121500H	130800H	151200H	181200H
J	Direct	Annex Q	Annex Q	Annex Q	Annex Q
K	-	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	-	-	-
M	Ptl comd to select ni loc in YS4669 and advise CP.	-	Ptl comd to select ni loc and advise CP.	Ptl comd to select ni locs and advise CP	Ptl comd to select ni locs and advise CP.

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A	7159/67	D & E 4/67	D & E 5/67	V Coy H10/67	V Coy H11/67
B	7 RAR Rear	HQ Coy	HQ Coy	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR
C	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	53 58.25mc	51 58.25mc
D	7 RAR Rear CP	1 ATF CP	1 ATF CP	V Coy CP	V Coy CP
E	Ambush in JAN.	Ambush track/ck junc in NAN vic YS394655.	Ambush in SEAN.	Ptl AO Sector 1 (Annex S).	Ptl AO Sector 2 (Annex S).
F	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	Pl	Pl
G	181800H	151700H	181600H	140700H	150630H
H	190800H	160900H	190900H	141630H	151430H
J	Annex Q	Annex R	Annex R	Annex S	Annex S
K	-	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	-	-	-
M	Ptl comd to select ni loc and advise CP.	Move by veh to Southern HOA LONG Check pt. Move into ambush via PAT.	Ptl Comd to select ni loc and advise CP.		

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A	V Coy H12/67	V Coy H13/67	V Coy H14/67	V Coy H15/67	V Coy H16/67
B	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR
C	51 58.25mc	52 58.25mc	53	53	51
D	V Coy CP	V Coy CP	V Coy CP	V Coy CP	V Coy CP
E	Ambush AO CECIL.	Ptl AO Sector 3 (Annex S).	Ptl AO Sector 3 (Annex S).	Ambush YS525613.	Ptl AO Sector 1 (Annex S).
F	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl
G	151500H	160645H	170720H	171910H	180700H
H	160800H	161600H	171530H	180800H	181640H
J	Annex T	Annex S	Annex S	Annex T	Annex S
K	-	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	-	-	-
M	Pl inserted during M108 ptl up Route 52. Lie up vic YS492662 until after curfew commences. Return by foot.				

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A	V Coy H17/67	V Coy H18/67
B	V Coy 2 RAR	V Coy 2 RAR
C	52 58.25mc	53
D	V Coy CP	V Coy CP
E	Ambush YS477632.	Pt1 A0 Sector 4 (Annex S).
F	Pl	Pl
G	191910H	191300H
H	200800H	191800H
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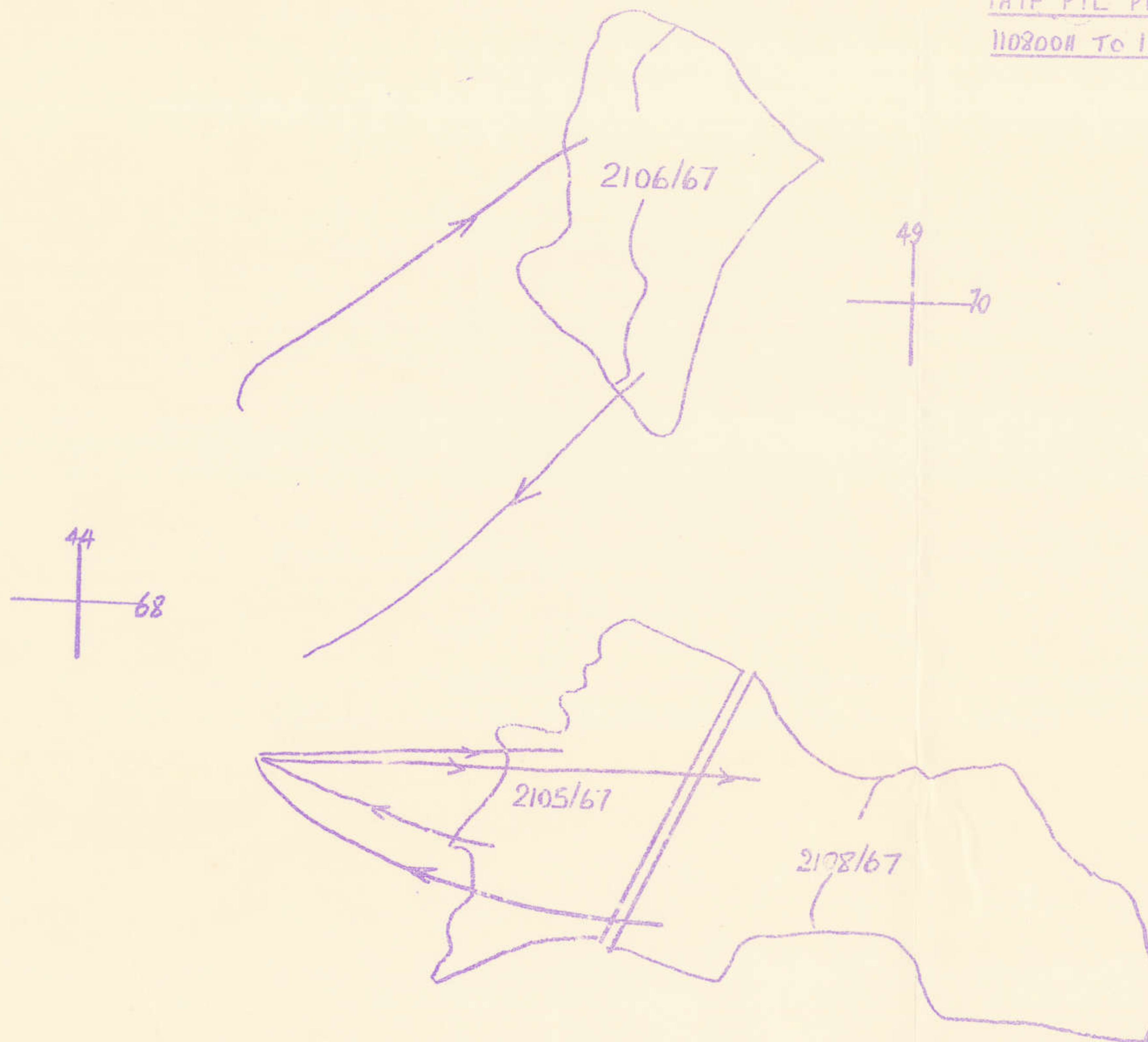
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A hand-drawn map of a river system, likely a tributary of the Mekong River. The map shows several labeled areas and flow directions indicated by arrows.

- 7158/67**: A large area in the upper left, representing a reservoir or a large section of the river.
- 7155/67**: A smaller area in the lower left, connected to the main flow.
- 7159/67**: A large area in the center-right, representing a significant section of the river.
- 7157/67**: A small area in the center, indicated by dashed lines, possibly a junction or a specific point of interest.
- 7156/67**: A small area in the lower right, connected to the main flow.

Flow directions are indicated by arrows:

- Arrows point from the top towards the bottom, indicating a general downstream flow.
- Arrows point from the left towards the right, indicating a flow from the reservoir area towards the main river section.
- Arrows point from the bottom towards the top, indicating a flow from the lower right area towards the main river section.

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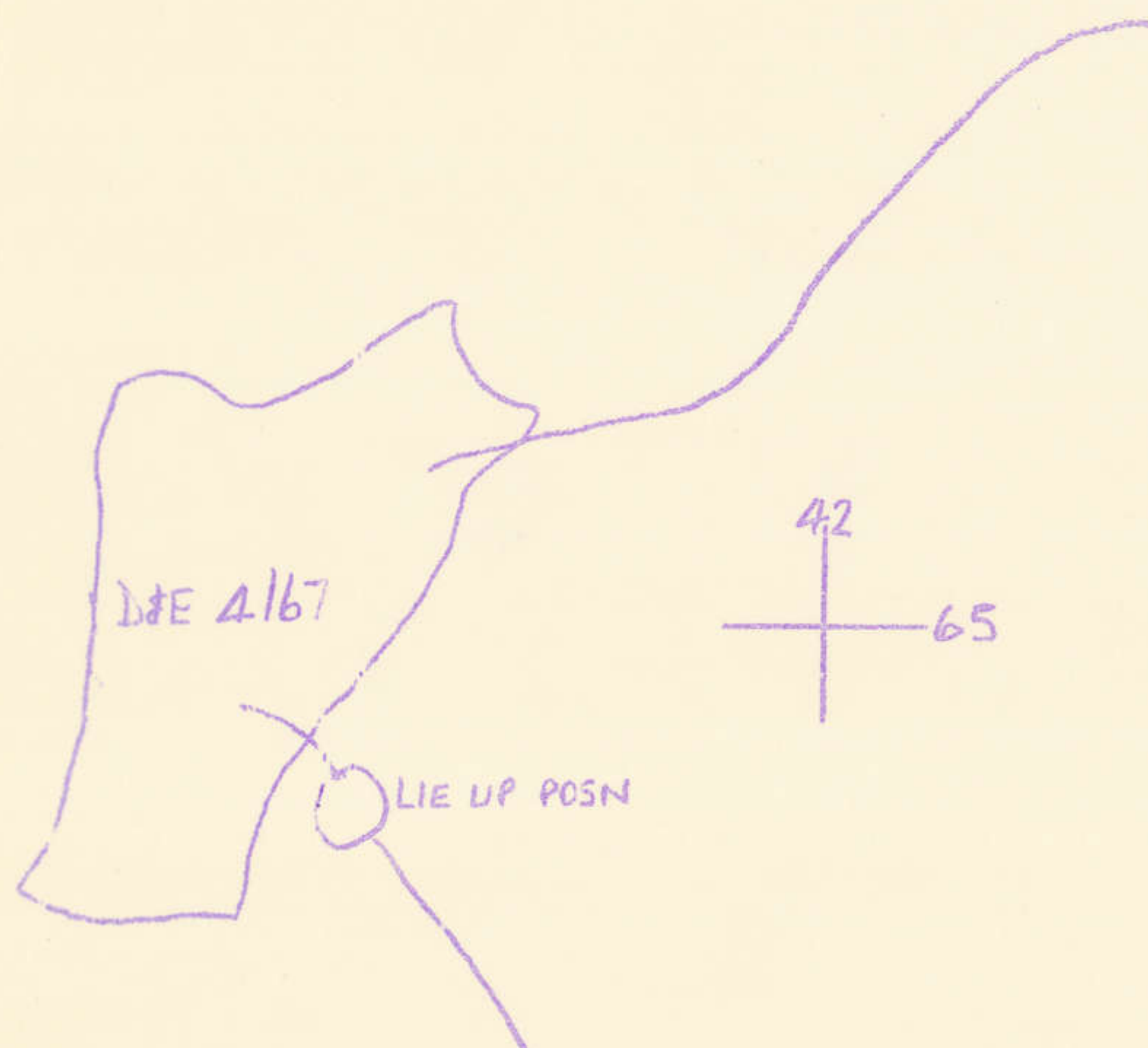
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ANNEX 5 TO IATF
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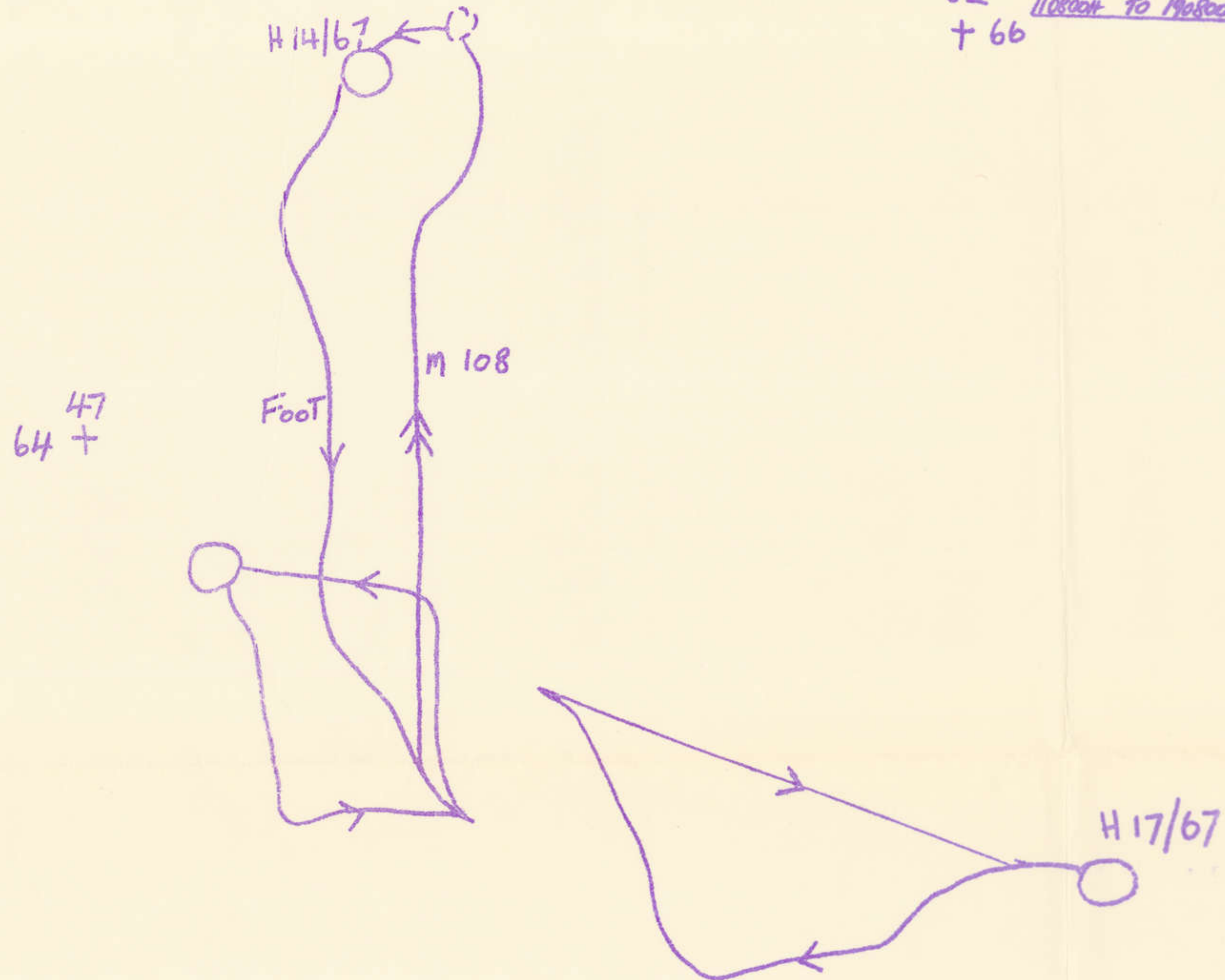


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121000H Nov 67

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Frag 0 No 3 (Op SANTA FE)

Reference: A. L7014, Sheets 6430I, 6430II, 6430III, 6530III, VIETNAM, Edition
1 AMS 1:50,000.

Time Zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

- a. 9 Div Phase 2 to Op SANTA FE will continue but will NOT involve 1 ATF.
- b. 3/5 Cav minus Pl A Tp will revert to under comd 9 Div from 131600H.
- c. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) reverts to in GS reinforcing 4 Fd Regt from 131600H.

2. Mission. 1 ATF is to return to NUI DAT commencing 16 Nov.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline.

(1) The return to base will be carried out by air with the exception of a road party consisting of A Sqn (-), A Bty 2/35 Arty, Pl A Tp, 3/5 Cav, Coy 7 RAR, mor det and an engr det.

(2) It will be necessary to deploy 108 Fd Bty and a Coy 2 RAR to XUYEN MOC YS6568 to cover the movement of the road convoy down Route 328 and along Route 23.

b. 2 RAR.

(1) At 160800H move one coy by AMC to LION, to come under OPCON of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and assume protection duties in that base. At approx 161530H this coy is to move to XUYEN MOC and assume command for local protection of the FSPB in that location. At approx 181130H the coy will return to NUI DAT by AMC.

(2) Commencing 160800H be prepared to move by AMC to NUI DAT.

c. 7 RAR.

(1) At 161000H mov to NUI DAT by AMC.

(2) Leave one coy under OPCON of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to assist in the movement of the road convoy from LION to NUI DAT.

(3) Assume 1 ATF Standby coy duties from 161700H.

d. 3/5 Cav.

(1) Revert to under comd 9 Div from 131600H.

(2) By 131500H position one pl A Tp 3/5 Cav under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at LION.

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- (3) Position elements of 1 ARU at a convenient PZ by 131500H.
- (4) Using the Pl of A Tp at LION backload tank casualties to BEARCAT.
- (5) At approx 181130H Pl A Tp will be released at BARIA YS3860 for movement to BEARCAT.

e. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (1) At approx 160800H assume comd of LION for local defence.
- (2) Commencing 160700H be prepared to move a road party of A Bty 2/35 Arty, pl A Tp 3/5 Cav, one AVLB, tank casualties, one mor det and one engr det including a bulldozer from LION to NUI DAT by 181700H.
- (3) Timings and night harbour positions see Annex A.
- (4) Release pl A Tp 3/5 Cav on reaching BARIA.
- (5) Route 328 and EASTERN portions of Route 23 are to be swept for mines to allow unhindered movement of A Bty 2/35 Arty (US).
- (6) Be prepared to escort a Low Loader from NUI DAT to YS6265 by 171500H.
- (7) Be prepared to escort Rome Ploughs from BLACKHORSE to NUI DAT.

f. Artillery.

- (1) 4 Fd Regt. Remains in DS. 106 Fd Bty provide one FO party to join A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 160600H.
- (2) Bty A, 1/83 Arty. No change.
- (3) Bty A, 2/35 Arty. Reverts to in GS reinforcing 4 Fd Regt at 131600H and passes to under comd for movement A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 160600H.
- (4) 1 ATF Det 131 Div Loc Bty. No change.
- (5) AWCC. XUAN LOC Arty A closes on orders 9 Div.

g. 1 Fd Sqn.

- (1) At 131200H be prepared to move two light dozers from LION to WOMBAT by Sky Crane.
- (2) At 160800H provide one heavy bulldozer under comd of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. This bulldozer is to assist in filling in gun positions etc at LION and general assistance on the move down Route 328.
- (3) Be prepared to provide Low Loaders to collect Rome Ploughs from BLACKHORSE.
- (4) At 171200H provide a Low Loader for movement to the junction of Route 328/23 to pick up the heavy bulldozer.

h. 1 ARU. At 131500H concentrate at a PZ nominated by 3/5 Cav and return to NUI DAT by 9 Sqn RAAF.

j. Coord Instrs.

- (1) AOs.

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(a) AO STEPTOE. From 1 ATF TAOR EAST boundary EAST to YS69 EASTING and from YS64 to 78 NORTHING excluding XUYEN MOC AO. Ground clearance in this AO passes to A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 160800H to 202400H.

(b) Ground clearance in AO SWORDFISH reverts to 7 RAR from 130800H to the completion of the operation.

(c) SANTA FE AOs outside 1 ATF TAOR and excluding AO STEPTOE pass from 1 ATF control from 161800H.

(2) TAOR Patrolling. 2 RAR and 7 RAR recommence TAOR patrolling 180800H.

(3) 1 ATF Ready Reaction Coy. 7 RAR responsible from 161700H.

(4) Sequence of Events. Annex A.

(5) Air.

(a) 9 Sqn RAAF - tasks - Annex A GS02 (Air) to coord.

(b) Army Avn - tasks - Annex A US Army Avn LO to coord.

(c) USAF. Be prepared to provide 20 mm fires for A Sqn 3 Cav Regt on 17 Nov.

(6) Liaison. Coy 2 RAR at XUYEN MOC provide an LO in XUYEN MOC from 161700H to 181200H.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. There is to be maximum backloading of produce from LION prior to 16 Nov.

b. Wherever possible salvage is to take place utilizing A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Defence items which cannot be salvaged are to be buried or destroyed.

c. Prior to 16 Nov all vehicles at LION are to 'top up' with both ammunition and fuel.

5. Command and Signals.

a. Command of LION for local defence passes to A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 160800H.

b. Coy 2 RAR at XUYEN MOC assumes comd of the FSPB for local defence from time of arrival on 16 Nov.

c. OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt assumes comd of road party from 160700H.

d. Additional Points of Origin.

	160800H	170800H	180800H
	170800H	180800H	190800H
TANK	YS6372	YS6170	YS6168
PLANE	YS5869	YS5667	YS5966
BOAT	YS6063	YS5964	YS5362
HAT	YS5564	YS5462	YS5661
MEAT	YS5162	YS5261	YS5360

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ANNEX A TO FRAG O NO 3
(OF SANTA FE) DATED
121000H NOV 67

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	131200H	Two Light Dogers move from LION by Sky Crane.	
2.	131500H	Two Pls 1 ARU move from 3/5 Cav area to KANGAROO EAST by 9 Sqn RAAF.	
3.	131500H	Pl A Tp 3/5 Cav at LION.	
4.	131600H	3/5 Cav less Pl A Tp reverts to under comd 9 Div. A Bty 2/35 Arty reverts to GS reinforcing 4 Fd Regt.	
5.	13-15 Nov	2RAR/7RAR continue to search and destroy in allotted AOs.	
6.	160700H	A Sqn (-) 3 Cav Regt Coy 7RAR commence clearance of Route 528 to night harbour position vic YS6171.	
7.	160800H	2RAR move to NUI DAT by AMC. One Coy moves to LION by AMC and assists in the protection of the FSPB.	
8.	160900H	Arty recce party move to XUYEN MOC by 9 Sqn RAAF.	
9.	161000H	7RAR (-) move to NUI DAT by AMC.	
10.	161100H	108 Fd Bty moves to XUYEN MOC by CH47.	Preparation to commence 161000H.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
11.	161330H	4 Fd Regt less 108 Fd Bty, plus elements 1 ATF, Det 131 Div Loc Bty move to NUI DAT by CH47.	Preparation to commence 161230H.
12.	161530H	A Sqn (-) 3 Cav Regt, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) move via Route 328 to night harbour position vic YS6171. Coy 2 RAR move to XUYEN MOC by AMC and 9 Sqn RA/F.	On Order.
13.	170700H	A Sqn (-) 3 Cav Regt Gp move from harbour position vic YS6171 clear Route 328, lay AVLB over obstacle YS6265 and establish night harbour position vic YS6265.	Air/Arty assist in Route 328 clearance by providing fires along route verges.
14.	171500H	A Sqn (-) 3 Cav Regt, A Bty 2/35 Arty Gp move from vic YS6171 to vic YS6265.	On Order. AVLB to be recovered when all tps across.
15.	180800H	A Sqn (-) 3 Cav Regt clear Route 23 and remainder of party move from night position vic YS6265 to NUI DAT.	Pl A Tp 3/5 Cav leave convoy and move to BEAR CAT via Route 23.
16.	181000H	108 Fd Bty move to HORSESHOE by CH47.	On Order. No preparation prior to 180900H.
17.	181130H	Coy 2 RAR move from XUYEN MOC to EAGLE FARM by AMC.	On Order.

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Op Instr 37/67 (HORSESHOE HILL)

To: Maj B. WORSNOP, OC V Coy 2 RAR.

Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000

Time zone used throughout this Instr: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces. No change.

b. Friendly Forces. V Coy 2 RAR, with under comd
Two LPs Det 131 Div Loc Bty
Elms of 1 Fd Sqn
Radio det 104 Sig Sqn
One sect 81 mm mors
Two M108 SP.Hows
In loc - One bty 4 Fd Regt.

2. Mission. You are responsible for the security and development of the HORSESHOE HILL (YS4962).

3. Execution.

a. V Coy 2 RAR.

(1) Op Con. Under op con 1 ATF wef 130800H Nov 67.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue to establish a permanent company plus defence location on HORSESHOE HILL (YS4962) in accordance with the master plan.

(b) Patrol TAOR by day. Patrol and ambush TAOR by night with up to platoon strength, after approval by HQ 1 ATF.

(c) Maintain supervision over and assistance to Sector check points on Route 23 and Route 52 as required (See also GS Instr 4/67 Revised).

(d) Act as radio control for all engineer groups, protection parties etc in area of fence from your location to PHUOC HAI YS5153. These groups will be instructed to join your company net.

(e) Maintain a log of all movement on Route 52. The following information is required in the log:

i. Time of movement.

ii. Type of movement i.e. vehicles, persons.

iii. Type of load.

iv. Number of persons involved.

v. Direction of movement and any other relevant information.

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(f) When operations are carried out on the fence to the SOUTH of DAT DO, you are to provide by day a LO ~~not~~ below the rank of sergeant to DAT DO for coordination.

(g) Defence tasks are given the following priority:

i. All sleeping bays are to be completed. This is to include bays for one battery 4 Fd Regt.

ii. Proper fighting bunkers with overhead protection sufficient to withstand an 81 mm mor direct hit.

iii. Dug in CP.

iv. Complete ammunition bays, with special emphasis to artillery ammunition held in reserve.

v. Complete digging in CAP.

vi. Wire.

(h) M108 SP Hows. See 1 ATF GS Instruction 19/67.

(j) Deception. Every effort is to be made by camouflage, construction of dummy positions, avoiding a pattern of activity etc to confuse enemy recce of the position.

(k) Survey.

i. The location and dominance of the HORSESHOE gives 1 ATF the opportunity, along with OPs on NUI DAT, to report rapidly on incidents within sight or sound, and to establish patterns of local movement and activity. All tps must therefore be made aware of the importance of this aspect, particularly those manning checkpoints and OPs/LPs.

ii. A priority task is the early reporting of any unusual events in the area of the VN outposts on Route 23 or Route 44. Specifically any SA fire, mortar fire, (A MORTREP IS REQUIRED), flares and explosions.

(l) Patrol Base. You are to be prepared to foster elements of 2 RAR or 7 RAR on transit when they have been instructed to use the feature as a patrol base.

(3) Restrictions.

(a) V Coy is not to maintain patrols outside the coy perimeter by night, without the concurrence of HQ 1 ATF.

(b) When engaging targets with guns or mortars, care is to be taken not to fire on our own fence or minefield.

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

(d) No Vietnamese civilian or military are to be allowed into the HORSESHOE.

(e) No photography of the HORSESHOE is allowed from the air.

(f) Dispersion. As it is almost certain that sooner or later the HORSESHOE will be subjected to heavy mortar/RCL attack without warning, dispersion of troops must therefore be kept constantly in mind.

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b. 4 Fd Regt

(1) Grouping. In location one bty 4 Fd Regt.

(2) Tasks. Fire support as required.

c. 1 Fd Sqn. Authority must be obtained for any new work on the position. Coordination is the responsibility of the coy cmd.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under cmd V Coy 2 RAR - elements of WP operation and maintenance.

(b) Operational control retained by 1 Fd Sqn.

(2) Priority of Tasks.

(a) Operation of WP in HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) Assistance with construction of scale A accommodation (kitchen and ablutions), and with development of a second bty position.

(c) Development of a permanent WP.

d. Coord Instrs. Boundaries of TAOR as published.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General. V Coy is to remain under cmd of 2 RAR.

b. Material and Supplies.

(1) Ammo.

(a) Three first lines of ammo (incl mortar ammo) are to be retained at the HORSESHOE at all times.

(b) Arty ammo is the responsibility of 4 Fd Regt.

(2) Rations. Three days at the HORSESHOE at all times.

(3) Water. WP in location.

(4) Engr Stores.

(a) As required by OC 1 Fd Sqn.

(b) For defence and construction projects as required through 2 RAR.

(5) Med.

(a) 2 RAR is to ensure RMO visits the HORSESHOE at least twice per week.

(b) Medevac by helicopter.

5. Command and Signals.

a. Location 1 ATF no change.

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- b. V Coy 2 RAR under operational control 1 ATF.
- c. Wef 130800H Nov 67, V Coy to maintain 24 hr listening watch on 1 ATF net.
- d. V Coy to maintain 24 hr listening watch on Sector Net. You are not to offer transmission on this net except in an emergency.
- e. Points of Origin, Q hour and passwords as issued.
- f. Two interpreters will be provided for V Coy 2 RAR from 2 RAR resources. They are to be employed one at each check point.

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FROM 1 ATF

TO A SQN 3 CAV REGT 4 FD REGT RAA
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1 FD SQN RAE A SECT 1 TOPO SVY TP
104 SIG SQN 547 SIG TP 2 RAR 7 RAR
1 SAS SQN 1 ARU 161 INDEP RECCE FLT
1 AUST CA UNIT HQ COY 1 ATF
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6430-11 CMM 6430-111 (.) ORDERS GP IS TO BE HELD AT 1 ATF CONFERENCE ROOM
201500H NOV 67 (.) NORMAL O GP TO ATTEND (.) ACK BY TELEPHONE TO EBONY 50
BY 200800H NOV 67

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 190800H NOV 67 TO 230800H NOV 67

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A	Patrol Serial No	2 RAR 2110/67	2111/67	2112/67	7 RAR 7159/67
B	Sub unit to provide	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy
C	Callsign and frequency	2 RAR Comd Net, Callsign to be advised.	2 RAR Comd Net, Callsign to be advised.	2 RAR Comd Net, Callsign to be advised.	To be advised.
D	Controlled by	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E	Task	Search and destroy in JOHN and KEITH.	Search and destroy in LES and BARRY.	Search and destroy in PETER	Standing ptl in MAGGIE on track vic YS416667.
F	Strength	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	Sect
G	Date/Time out	190800H	190800H	190800H	181730H
H	Date/Time in	230800H	221800H	230800H	190730H
J	Route	Annex P	Annex P	Annex P	-
K	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M	Remarks (to incl any bids for hel/APC lift)	1. Coy to arrange tpt to NORTHERN Check Pt to and from ptl areas. 2. Advise ni locs by 1830H daily.	Advise ni locs by 1830H daily.	Advise ni locs by 1830H daily.	1. Infil/exfil by foot and TCV as required. 2. Be in posn by last light and advise CP of exact loc.

Ni locstats of ptls are to be advised to HQ 1 ATF CP by 1900H daily.

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A	7160/67	7161/67	7162/67	7163/67	7164/67
B	B Coy	Sp Coy	A Coy	D Coy	D Coy
C	To be advised.	To be advised.	C/S 1, frequency to be advised.	To be advised.	To be advised.
D	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E	Search and ambush in LINDA.	Standing Ptl vic track and rd junct YS429692.	Search and ambush in CARMEL.	Standing ptl in JAN EAST of 42 EASTING.	Standing ptl ck and rd junct YS419672.
F	Pl	Sect	Coy	Sect	Sect
G	190800H	191800H	200730H	201730H	211730H
H	201500H	200730H	221800H	210730H	220730H
J	Annex Q	Direct	Annex Q	Direct	Direct
K	-	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	To be advised	-	-
M	1. Infil/exfil by foot and TCV as required. 2. Pl comd to select locs for task and advise CP.	1. Infil/exfil by foot and TCV as required. 2. Be in posn by last light and advise CP of exact loc.	1. Infil by foot exfil by hel. 2. Coy comd to select locs for task and advise CP. 3. Time and loc of PZ to be advised by coy comd.	1. Infil/exfil by foot and TCV. 2. Ptl comd to select ni loc and advise CP.	1. Infil/exfil by foot and TCV. 2. Ptl comd to select ni loc and advise CP.

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for *W. Hodgkinson Capt*
(I. Hodgkinson)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)
18 Nov 67

A	7165/67	N/A
B	D Coy	1 ARU
C	To be advised.	To be advised.
D	7 RAR CP	1 ARU CP
E	Standing ptl in JUDY between 68 and 69 NORTHING.	Ptl in allotted AO as follows: 1. Two pl str ptls by day. 2. Two pl str ambushes by ni. Conduct daily sweep of proposed 3 RAR base area.
F	Sect	Two pls
G	221800H	190800H
H	230730H	230800H
J	Direct	AC attached as Annex R
K	-	-
L	-	-
M	1. Infil/exfil by foot and TCV. 2. Ptl comd to select ni loc and advise CP.	No mov NORTH of 67 NORTHING. Ptls are to provide protection for Engr and Svy teams in area. Direct liaison is authorised.

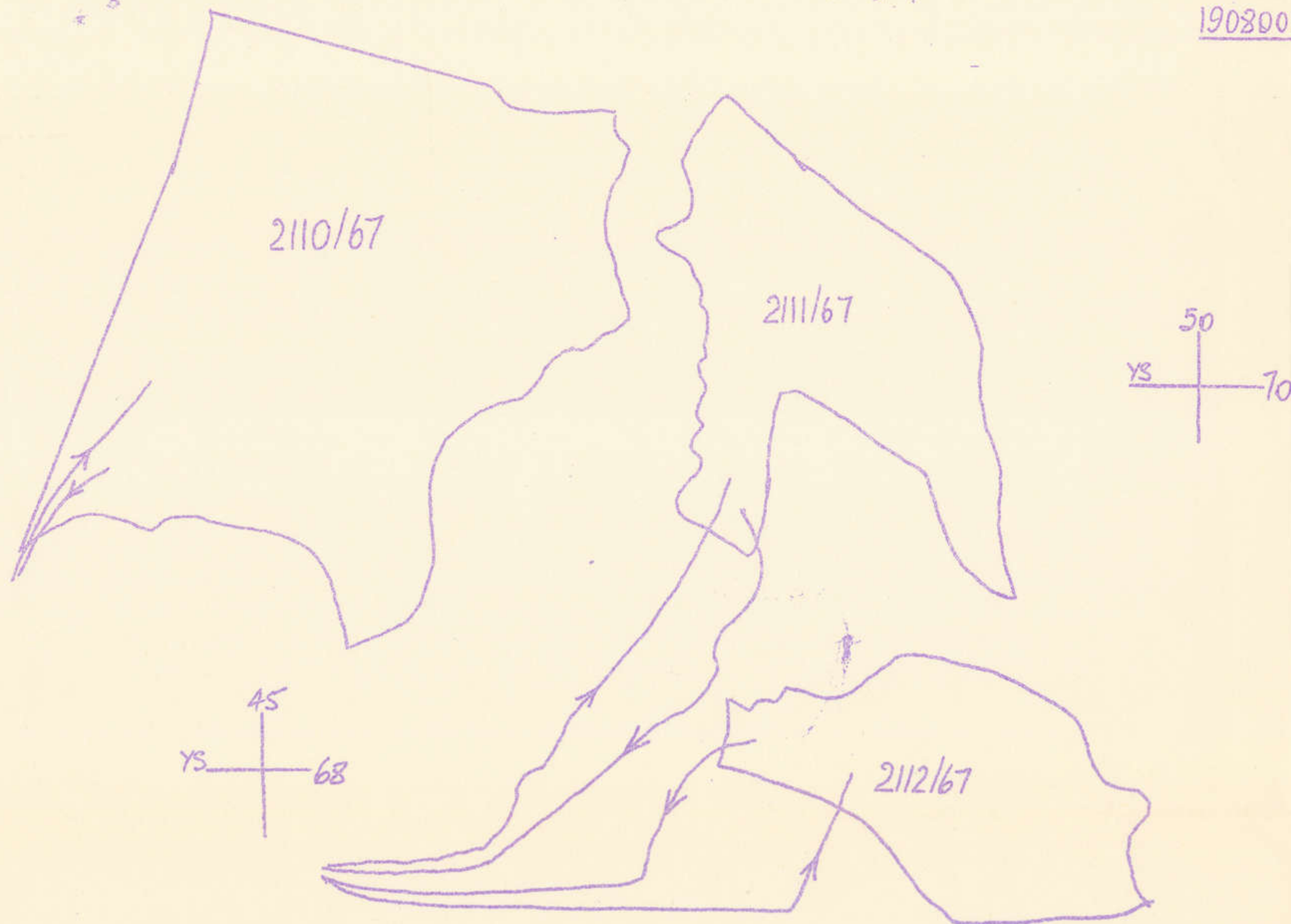
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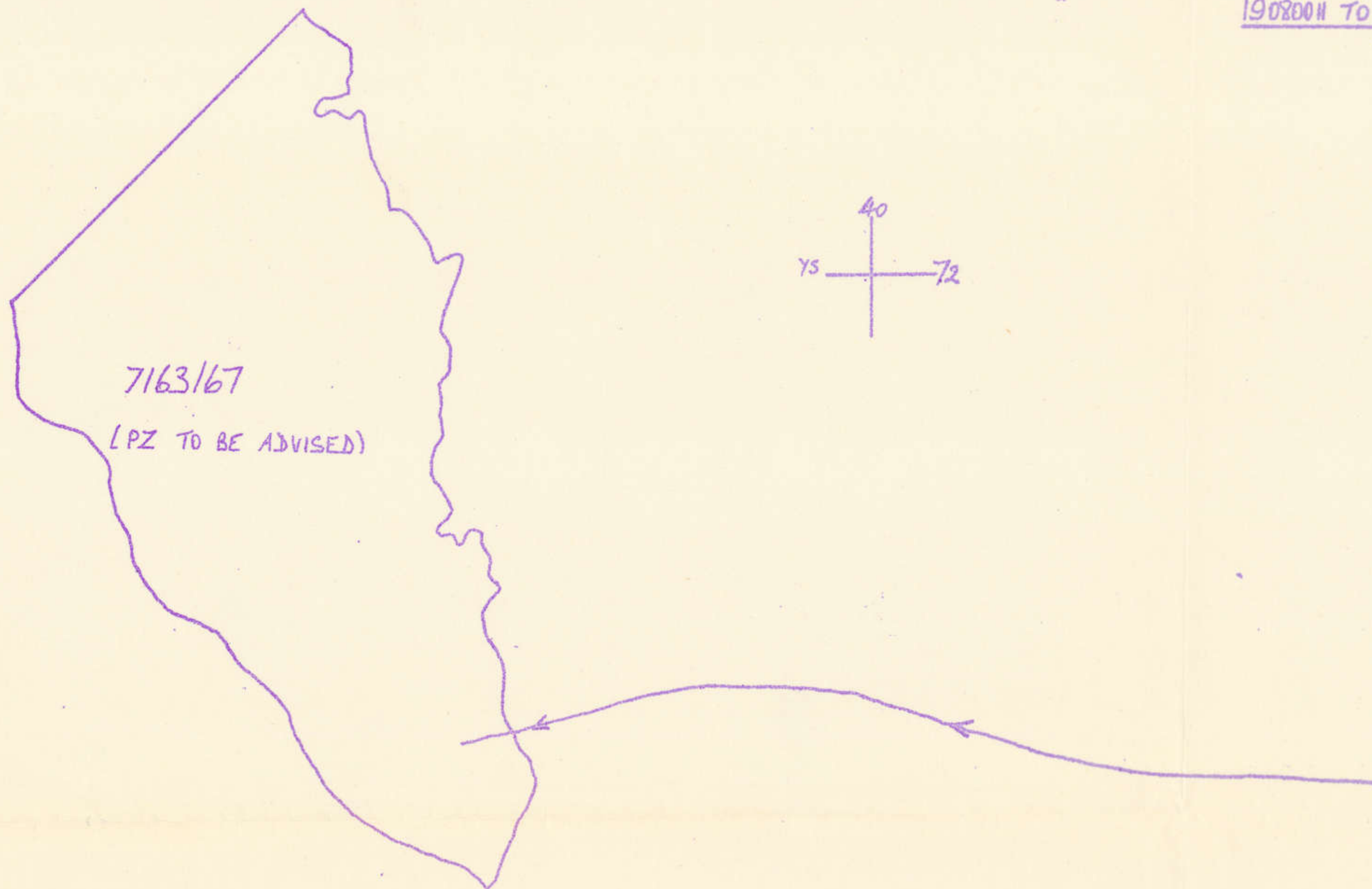
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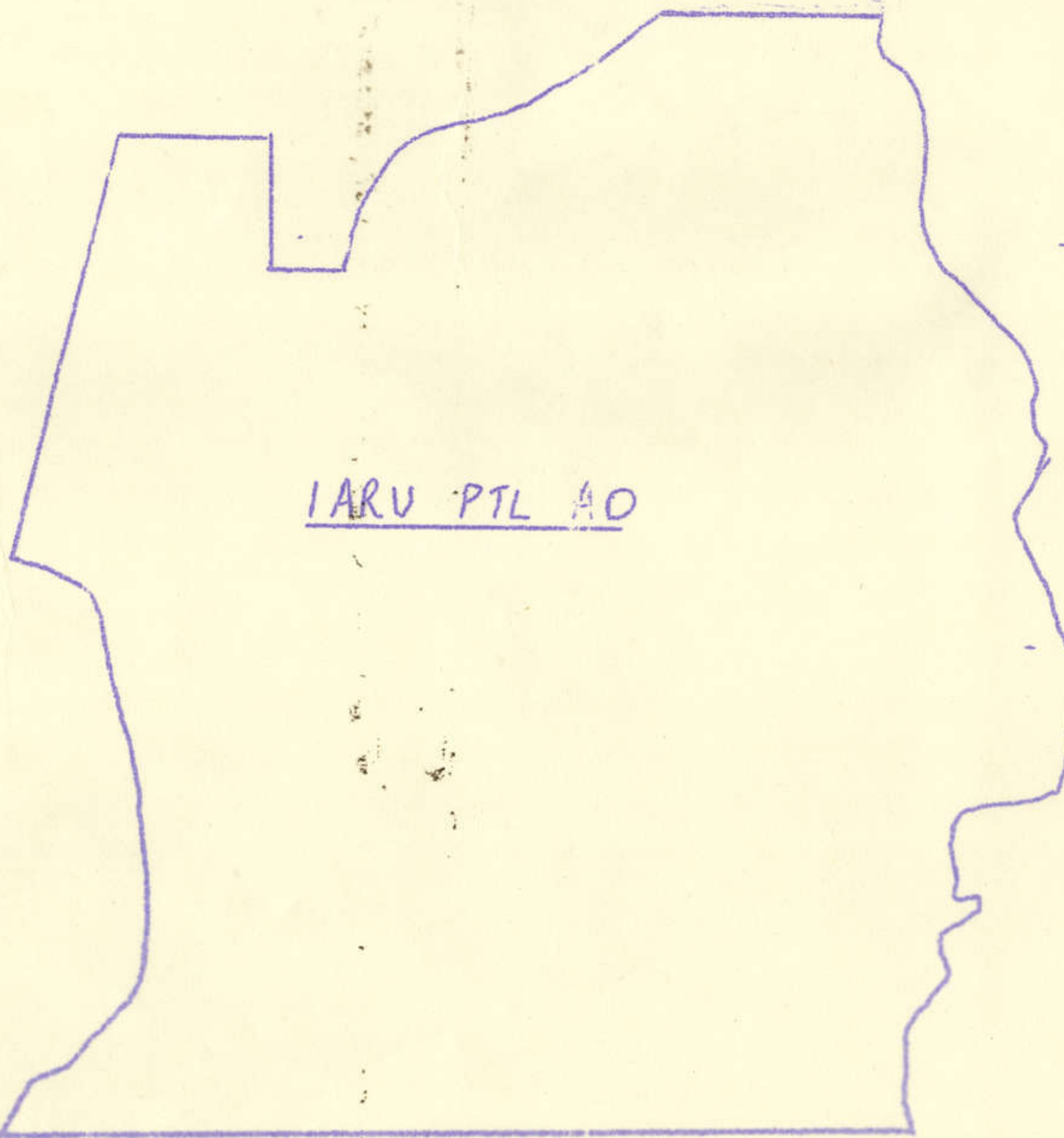
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181000H Nov 67

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OP O 36/67 (Op FORREST)

Ref: A. L7014, Sheets 6429 I, 6429 IV, 6430 II, 6430 III VIETNAM, Edition
1 AMS, 1:50,000.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces.

(1) 1 ATF Intelligence Estimate on VC Rice Procurement in PHUOC TUY Province dated 9 Nov 67.

(2) Annex P to 1 ATF Intelligence Estimate V/22/13 dated 9 Nov 67.

b. Friendly Forces. There will be no outside attachments during the operation but it is expected that 1 ATF will operate with ARVN and GVN personnel.

2. Mission. Between 23 Nov 67 and 5 Jan 68 1 ATF in close cooperation and coordination with ARVN and GVN province and district officials is to conduct rice denial operations in PHUOC TUY Province.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. During the operation the battalions will be required:

(1) To conduct saturation patrolling astride known avenues of approach to apprehend VC couriers.

(2) To search out known staging areas for camps, personnel and caches.

(3) In cooperation with GVN officials conduct cordon and search operations in nominated villages and hamlets.

(4) To search and destroy in allotted AOs.

b. 2 RAR.

(1) Conduct operations in your AO from 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Jan 68.

(2) Take the HORSESHOE Company under comd/op con from 221700H Nov 67.

(3) Throughout the operation maintain one company in the LONG GREEN, centre of mass YS5558. with frequent ambushes on the gaps in the fence from HORSESHOE YS4961 to PHUOC HAI YS5153.

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(4) From 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Dec 67 carry out maximum patrolling astride the avenues of approach in your AO.

(5) Search and destroy within your AO paying particular attention to the staging areas indicated on 1 ATF Intelligence Assessment V/22/13 dated 9 Nov 67.

(6) By 051700H Jan 68 conduct cordon and search operations in the following villages (Listed in order of priority):

- (a) HOI MY YS5056.
- (b) AN NHUT YS4659.
- (c) LONG DIEN NORTH YS435598.
- (d) TAM PHUOC YS4558.
- (e) DAT DO SOUTH EAST YS495590.
- (f) PHUOC LOI YS5057.

(7) On order assist in the 1 ATF cordon and search of BINH GIA YS4877.

(8) Be prepared to provide a reaction force of one company on one hour's notice, for Eagle Flight Activities against tax collection points, small base locations, caches etc found as a result of 1 SAS Sqn or air recce activities.

c. 7 RAR.

(1) Conduct operations in your AO from 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Jan 68.

(2) From 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Dec 67 carry out maximum patrolling astride the avenues of approach in your AO.

(3) From 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Jan 68 provide "distant" patrol protection to AP SUOI NGHE YS4371 and regular liaison visits to that village.

(4) Search and destroy within your AO paying particular attention to the Staging areas indicated on 1 ATF Intelligence Assessment V/22/13 dated 9 Nov 67.

(5) By 051700H Jan 68 conduct Cordon and Search operations in the following villages (Listed in order of priority):

- (a) PHUOC HOA YS2862.
- (b) HOA LONG YS4264.
- (c) PHU MY YS2574.
- (d) ONG TRINH YS2568.

(6) On order assist in the 1 ATF Cordon and Search of BINH GIA YS4877.

(7) Be prepared to provide a reaction force of one company on one hour's notice, for Eagle Flight Activities against tax collection points, small base locations, caches etc found as a result of 1 SAS Sqn or air recce activities.

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- d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. From 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Jan 68:
- (1) Be prepared to assist in cordon and search operations.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist in Search and Destroy operations.
 - (3) Be prepared to "check out" paddy workers during the rice harvest period.
 - (4) Be prepared in cooperation with National Police to set up temporary check points on Route 15.
 - (5) Hold one troop as a reaction force on one hour's notice.
- e. Artillery.
- (1) 4 Fd Regt. Remains in DS.
 - (2) 1/83 Arty (US). Remains in GS reinforcing 4 Fd Regt.
 - (3) A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). Remains in GS reinforcing 4 Fd Regt.
 - (4) Be prepared to provide dismounted troops to assist in Cordon and Search operations.
- f. 1 Fd Sqn.
- (1) When requested provide combat engineer teams, to scale, to 2 RAR, 7 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide a small engineer team to assist 3/48 Bn ARVN in fixing the HORSESHOE Fence.
- g. 1 SAS Sqn. On order from HQ 1 ATF conduct patrolling searching and ambushing in your AO from 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Jan 68.
- h. 1 ARU.
- (1) Commencing 230800H Nov 67 until 180800H Dec 67 provide two patrols by day and night in the allotted AO.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist in cordon and search operations.
- i. Det 1 Div Int Unit. Assist in cordon and search operations. 1 ATF GS Instruction 11/67 refers.
- j. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. From 230800H Nov 67 to 050800H Jan 68 provide one H13 in DS of 2 RAR and 7 RAR.
- k. A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp. Be prepared to provide survey parties in the operational and village areas.
- l. 1 Aust CA Unit. Be prepared to assist in Cordon and Search operations. 1 ATF GS Instruction 11/67 refers.
- m. Psy Ops.
- (1) Coordinate with ARVN, GVN and CORDS representatives in developing an intense Psy Ops programme in an attempt to persuade the people not to sell rice to the VC but only to accredited buyers.

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(2) Prepare taped messages for use by voice aircraft over all districts of PHUOC TUY Province.

(3) Ensure that sufficient quantities of explanatory leaflets are available for troops to hand to householders in the event of house searches.

(4) Be prepared to make quick reaction tapes or leaflets to support the rice denial operation.

n. HQ Coy 1 ATF. The Defence and Employment Platoon is to be prepared to assist in cordon and search and check point operations.

o. GVN PHUOC TUY Province. The Senior Advisor PHUOC TUY Province is requested to arrange with the PHUOC TUY Province Chief for the following tasks to be carried out by ARVN and RF units:

(1) Provision of a Check Point on Route 15 WEST of BARIA YS3760.

(2) Continuous ambushes on the routes leading NORTH and EAST out of the LONG HAI Hills, centre of mass YS4653.

(3) Beach control in the vicinity of PHUOC HAI and WEST of the fence to deny the use of the beach and the sea routes.

(4) Active and continuous patrolling of the fence. SOUTH of DAT DO to detect and repair any breaches.

(5) Active rice denial operations in the XUYEN MOC village and AO (YS6568).

(6) Cordon and search of the following villages:

(a) PHU HAI YS3261.

(b) LONG CAT YS2961.

(c) LONG HUONG YS3561.

(d) LONG DIEN YS4359.

(e) PHUOC HAI YS5153.

(f) NUI NHON YS5963.

p. Coord Instrs.

(1) AOs.

(a) Annex P.

(b) Ground clearance rights for respective AOs pass to 2 RAR, 7 RAR and 1 ARU at 230800H Nov 67. HQ 1 ATF retains ground clearance rights in 1 SAS AO.

(2) Cordon and Search Operations.

(a) 1 ATF GS Instruction 11/67 refers.

(b) Requests for assistance are to be submitted to HQ 1 ATF 5 days in advance of the operation.

(c) Maximum use is to be made of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Army Aviation Helicopters in cordoning villages.

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(3) Minefield and ARVN/RF/PF posts. 1 ATF R544.1.2 of 8 Oct 67 refers.

(4) Helicopter Support. Maximum use is to be made of the AMCs for tactical movement. Bids are requested at HQ 1 ATF 5 days in advance of the operation.

(5) Coordinating Conferences.

(a) CO 2 RAR, CO 7 RAR, CO 4 Fd Regt, and SA PHUOC TUY Province are requested to assemble in the Comd's office at 200900H Nov 67. Be prepared to discuss outline plans and concept of operations.

(b) 1 ATF 0 Gp. In the 1 ATF Conference Room at 201500H Nov 67.

(6) Air.

(a) 9 Sqn RAAF.

i. Provide tactical and logistic support as required, including DUSTOFF back up.

ii. Destruction of VC gardens and rice paddies by spraying herbicide.

(b) US Army Aviation.

i. Provide DUSTOFF, with winch and a LFT daily from 23 Nov 67 to 5 Jan 68.

ii. Be prepared to provide a C and C helicopter for use by HQ 1 ATF and Bn HQs when units are conducting Eagle Flights.

(c) USAF.

i. Destruction of gardens, rice paddies, and caches.

ii. Denial of lines of communication.

iii. Destruction of base camps.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General Outline.

(1) Normal Requirements. Unit responsibility using utility helos from 1 ATF base echelon areas.

(2) Forecast Requirements. Beyond unit resources to be advised to DAQMG by 21 Nov 67.

b. Material and Services.

(1) Gun Ammo. Upon establishment of a FSPB, 200 rounds per gun will be delivered by heavy lift hel on day of occupation. Five days notice of intention to establish a FSPB is required. Thereafter resupply will be by heavy lift hel on demand.

(2) Def Stores.

(a) Upon establishment of a FSPB 16,000 sandbags and 1,000 yds of triple concertina will be delivered by heavy lift hel. Five days notice required.

(b) Commander FSPB is responsible for destroying and burying all defence stores that cannot be salvaged when the FSPB is extracted.

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5. Command and Signals.

- a. Command. HQ 1 ATF remains at NUI DAT.
- b. D Day. 23 Nov 67.
- c. Codename for the Operation. FORREST.
- d. Points of Origin. A separate list is to be issued for the operation commencing 230800H Nov 67.

ACK. By telephone to EBONY 50, by 200800H Nov 67.

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Annex. P. VC Rice Procurement in PHUOC TUY Province Including 1 ATF AOs.

Enclosure: HQ 1 ATF Intelligence Estimate V/22/13 dated 9 Nov 67.

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INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE
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IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCEGeneral

1. The rice harvest season in PHUOC TUY Province extends in the main from early December to early January. During this time it must be anticipated that the VC will attempt to procure part of the harvest to build up supplies and help cover the serious shortages that are known to exist in VC military units and base camps.
2. Operations KENMORE and SANTA FE have confirmed VC intentions to step up their procurement activities, and some forward deployment of the VC BA BIEN Forward Supply Council to carry out these activities has already been discovered and frustrated.
3. In order to forestall as much future VC procurement activity as possible a summary of the probable VC concept as applied to PHUOC TUY Province is attached. It is hoped that this overall picture will assist GVN and FMAF planning and co-ordination of rice denial operations throughout the province.

Area Sub-Division (See Annex P)

4. Information provided by all interested parties shows that there are four general areas to be considered. Area "A" is the area WEST of Route 2, Area "B" is NORTH and SOUTH of Route 327, Area "C" is between Route 2 and the SONG RAI and SOUTH of the SUOI LO O NHO, Area "D" is EAST of the SONG RAI around XUYEN MOC and Cape HO TRAM. These areas are discussed in further detail below:

a. Area A. The procurement areas are HOA LONG, the villages along Route 15 and the fields NORTH-WEST of HOA LONG. Recent captured documents show the area around the SONG CAU to be a rice target area in VC planning. Staging areas are NORTH of the NUI DINH hills and NUI THI VAI hills. VC patterns of movement in this area will be generally along the line of the CHAU PHA River then splitting NORTH of the hills to use avenues of approach to the WEST, SOUTH and SOUTH-EAST. To the NORTH of Area "A" the CU BI Rubber approach is probably best considered as a western extension of Area "B". Villages that should be considered for search operations, in the priority suggested, are:

- (1) PHUOC HOA.
- (2) HOA LONG.
- (3) PHU MY.
- (4) PHU HAI.
- (5) LONG CAT.
- (6) ONG TRINH.
- (7) LONG HUONG.

Also the provision of additional check points on Route 15 WEST of BARIA may be necessary.

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b. Area "B". This is obviously an important area in the VC supply system. It includes CU BI, a favoured VC approach from the WEST into NGAI GIAO/BINH GIA. The BAU CHINH forest (YS4980) is a staging area for VC traffic moving down from the TAM BO and YOUERT River trails. The BA BIEN Forward Supply Council has already established base camps in the jungle NORTH of Route 327 and many trail systems have been made. This area also commands the NORTH-EAST approach into MACV Base Area 361 which itself provides a forward assembly area for units attempting to infiltrate SOUTH into the population base or to make contact with liaison personnel in the farming area. Ambushes on tracks and trails in this area could continue to be lucrative. The villages of BINH GIA and NGAI GIAO should be **considered as search areas.**

c. Area "C". An important rice-growing area which will require considerable search effort in villages and early warning of VC approach from the NORTH, NORTH-EAST and EAST through the LONG GREEN (YS5258). Effective screening in Areas B and D will do much to forestall VC encroachment into Area "C". Some foraging parties moving NORTH and EAST out of the LONG HAI Hills must also be expected. There are many well-used procurement areas in and around the Southern villages of PHUOC TUY and the following villages should be considered for searching, in the suggested priority:

- (1) PHUOC LOI.
- (2) HOI MY.
- (3) AN NHUT.
- (4) LONG DIEN (NORTH).
- (5) TAM PHUOC.
- (6) LONG DIEN (SOUTH-EAST).
- (7) DAT DO (SOUTH-EAST).
- (8) PHUOC HAI.
- (9) NUI NHON Village.

d. Area "D". Since most of the VC rice in this area has been killed with herbicide there remain two areas of interest - XUYEN MOC village and the HO TRAM Cape area. It will be necessary to plan for early warning of VC approach to XUYEN MOC or around XUYEN MOC into Area "C". It is possible that having been pushed further out from the farming areas and, realizing the risk of attempting to penetrate across country, the VC may attempt to increase his use of seaborne resupply in the HO TRAM Cape area. Maximum surveillance and possible ambush sites should be considered for this area.

Enemy Forces.

5. The VC organisations responsible for the conduct of rice procurement are the Finance and Economy Section, Rear Services and the Forward Supply Council. Representatives or small parties from these organisations will be aided by village and district units and where possible elements of D445 Bn will be moved SOUTH and WEST to support the operations. In terms of the particular areas enemy forces most likely to be encountered are:

Area A - Village guerillas, CHAU DUC Distric Co (C41), and elements of Group 84. It is possible that some elements of 274 VC Regt could be discovered on foraging raids EAST of Route 15.

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Area B - The Forward Supply Council must be expected to attempt to hold on to its camp and storage installations in this area. They could be supported by local guerillas, Group 84 and D445 Bn. Elements of 274 VC Regt could attempt to use the Western approach from the HAT DICH through CU BI.

Area C - This is a traditional area of operations for the LONG DAT District Co (C25) and D445 Bn. Village guerillas must also be expected to become more active around the villages and further attempts to breach the fence can be anticipated.

Area D - This area is likely to be used more as an approach and transit area between Area C and the HO' TRAM Cape. VC units that could be involved in supply operations in this area are local guerillas (PHUOC BUU guerilla unit), elements of Gp 84 (G57 unit), and representatives of BA BIEN Province Committee cells. It should be noted that countrywide studies of VC rice procurement have assessed the PHUOC TUY coastal area EAST of VUNG TAU to be a major rice corridor. On the ground this means that more frequent landings and transit of Area D may be attempted.

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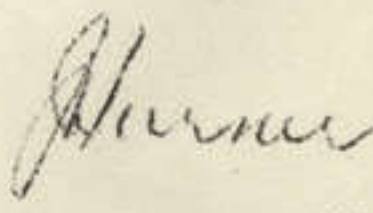
6. In GVN-controlled areas the VC sometimes prefer to use intermediaries to obtain their rice. One method is to have civilians purchase supplies in local markets in small amounts for what appears to be personal consumption. These people then carry the goods directly to the VC or to a pick-up point (LONG TAN area on the boundary of the Cattle/Farming line is a good example) from where the rice is transported in larger quantities to the VC staging areas and on to the base camps.

7. Another method involves purchase in large quantities. Instead of giving a small amount of money to a number of people the VC give a large sum to one contact who procures the rice and delivers it to a designated location, or stores it in his house for collection on an as required basis.

8. Sometimes the VC will employ ruses to procure foodstuffs. In one case five VC entered a village, purchased food, and hired a Lambretta to transport the food. One of the VC was dressed in a police uniform, enabling them to pass through the checkpoint as they left town.

9. A large cross-section of reports indicates that VC rice collection parties usually enter a village between 2100 - 2300 hours. This fact could be useful when planning ambushes on approaches and times out and in for patrols.

10. According to local experts the VC will also attempt to collect paddy tax in kind directly from the farmers in the fields, especially where the husking is done in the field. Such collection parties would consist of Finance and Economy cadres with escort personnel from local VC units. Probable strength is section to half platoon size.


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COORDINATION OF 1 ARU/2 RAR AOs

Reference: A. 1 ATF OPS1884 dated 181000H Nov 67 (Op FORREST).
B. Map L8015 Sheet 6430-III (SE) VIETNAM 1:25000.

General

1. To minimise the problems of coordination and the risk of patrol clashes, it is necessary to restrict the AO allotted to 1 ARU for Op FORREST.
2. 1 ARU's task is primarily to:
 - a. Provide a continuous two platoon screen in its AO and to provide two platoon strength ambushes in the AO by night.
 - b. To secure the proposed base area for 3 RAR and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt against VC sabotage.
 - c. To protect engineer, survey and other parties operating in the new base area.
 - d. To deny the eastern approach to HOA LONG to VC assassination groups.

Coordination

3. 1 ARU Revised AO - Annex P.
4. 2 RAR Perimeter. This remains the responsibility of 2 RAR Rear elements. In particular:
 - a. 2 RAR clearing patrols are not to operate in excess of 300 metres from the perimeter in the area SOUTH of the 67 Northing.
 - b. 2 RAR close TAOR patrols are to use routes NORTH of the 67 Northing when patrolling WEST of the SUOI DA BANG.
 - c. Separate instructions will be issued on 2 RAR Range operation.
5. 7 RAR Perimeter. 7 RAR is responsible.
6. 1 Fd Sqn Perimeter. 1 Fd Sqn is responsible but no clearing patrol is to operate further than 300 metres from the perimeter wire.
7. 1 ARU Perimeter. 1 ARU remains responsible. In particular care should be taken to ensure that 1 ARU clearing patrols do not clash with 1 ARU platoons operating in the AO.

3 RAR Base Area

8. It is appreciated that many units and individuals will from time wish to operate in this area. It is essential that all units coordinate direct with OC 1 ARU daily on timings, strength of work parties, task and routes in and out of the area. This coordination is to be made by 1800 hrs on the day before the party is to enter the area.

Annex P. 1 ARU AO.

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Reference: A. 1 ATF Ops 1884 dated 181000H Nov 67.
B. HOA LONG (SPECIAL) 1:5,000

Time Zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Mission. 7 RAR gp is to cordon and search HOA LONG village on 24 Nov 67.

2. Task Organization. 7 RAR Gp:

a. Under op con from 231730H Nov 67.

Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus one ACV
106 Fd Bty (Dismounted)
161 Fd Bty (-) (Pl size group)
Two Combat Engr teams 1 Fd Sqn (on standby)
1 SAS Sqn (-)
D Coy 2 RAR
1 ARU with under comd D and E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF
Det 1 Div Int Unit
Three MPs Det 1 Div Pro Coy

b. Under op con from 240700H Nov 67.

Team 1 Aust CA Unit
National Police including PFF and Women Police, I and R teams
(under instruction) and ARVN troops as agreed with SA PHUOC TUY
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Psy Ops Det

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. 7 RAR Gp is to cordon HOA LONG YS4164 village before first light on 24 Nov 67. Commencing first light the village is to be searched, all inhabitants are to be screened and suspect persons moved to BARIA STADIUM for further interrogation by VN personnel.

b. 2 RAR.

(1) Commence operations as planned at 230800H Nov 67 except for D Coy.

(2) D Coy is placed under op con 7 RAR from 231730H Nov 67 to 241800H Nov 67.

(3) Assist 7 RAR by providing spare interpreters.

c. Coord Instrs.

(1) All ARVN patrols and personnel are to be in HOA LONG compound by 232400H Nov 67.

(2) Cordon in posn by 240500H.

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(3) Op to be completed by 241700H.

(4) Sector has accepted responsibility for the guarding and administration of suspect persons on arrival at BARIA STADIUM.

(5) Direct liaison is authorised.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. By 220900H Nov 67 7 RAR is to submit bids for additional admin support to DAQMG 1 ATF.

b. 1 ATF is to be prepared to provide marquee accommodation at BARIA STADIUM for suspect persons. Sector will advise the quantity required.

c. 7 RAR is to ration all attached VN personnel for lunch on 24 Nov 67.

ACK Instrs. ACK to EBONY 50 by 221200H Nov 67.

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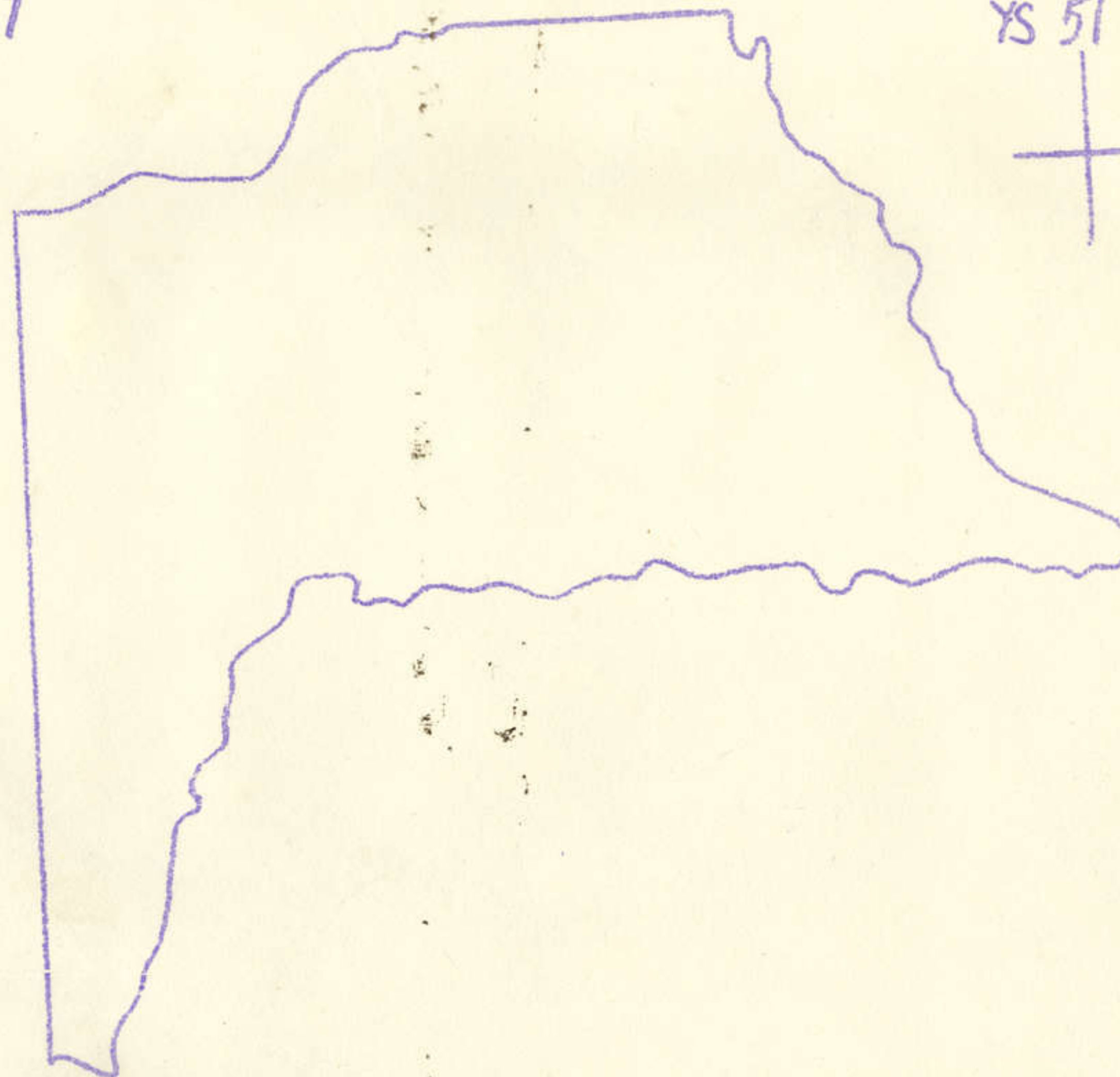
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RANGES

1. 1 ATF R703-3-1 of 27 Jul 67 is cancelled.
2. Annex A gives all the range detail for approved ranges in 1 ATF base area.
3. Prominent left and right of arc indicators are to be displayed at all ranges.
4. Close liaison is to be effected where there is any possibility of patrols crossing a range danger area.
5. It is the owner's responsibility to liaise with flanking units, not the user e.g. if HQ Coy 1 ATF is to use a 7 RAR range then 7 RAR is responsible to liaise with 2 RAR vide Annex A Serial 1.
6. Ranges will be referred to by using range numbers and CP 1 ATF is to be advised at least 30 minutes prior to firing to enable air warning to be broadcast by NUI DAT Arty e.g. Using Range 7 from 1030 - 1600 firing small arms, grenades and claymores.
7. Note that the A Sqn 3 Cav Range at YS433696 is cancelled.

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Annex: A. Range Detail.

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
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RANGE DETAILS

Range Number	Grid Reference of mound	Responsible Unit	Arcs of fire - Mils		Remarks
			Left	Right	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	YS44356870	7 RAR	100	600	1. 7 RAR is to inform 2 RAR prior to any firing. 2. 2 RAR is to ascertain from 7 RAR, if there is any firing on the range prior to any patrols being in the danger area.
2.	YS44656835	7 RAR	600	2400	
3.	YS43256845	7 RAR	4400	5800	1. No firing is to take place between 0830 and 1830 hrs. 2. Sentries will check the by-pass road for civilians prior to shooting. 3. 7 RAR is responsible for ensuring there are no patrols in the arc of fire prior to firing.
4.	YS44856745	2 RAR	1200	2200	
5.	YS44806715	2 RAR	1200	1900	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
6.	YS44506680	2 RAR	1600	2500	<p>1. 2 RAR is to inform 1 ARU and 1 Fd Sqn prior to any firing.</p> <p>2. 1 ARU is to ascertain from 2 RAR, if there is any firing on the range prior to any patrols moving close to the Eastern boundary of 1 ARU TAOR.</p>
7.	YS43356620	1 ARU	2600	3200	<p>1. 1 ARU is to inform 2 RAR, 1 Fd Sqn and 4 Fd Regt prior to any firing.</p> <p>2. 2 RAR, 1 Fd Sqn and 4 Fd Regt are to ascertain from 1 ARU, if there is any firing on the range prior to any patrols being near the danger area.</p> <p>3. There is to be no firing on the range on Tuesday or Thursday from 0600H to 1900H.</p>

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GS INSTRUCTION 27 /67
INFANTRY BATTALION FIXED CALLSIGNS

Reference: A. Signal Training (All Arms) Pamphlet No 7 Voice Procedure 1963.

1. Fixed callsigns in infantry battalions are based on Annex E of the reference. Because this pamphlet does not allow for all callsigns now required, battalions have adopted minor individual variations. With a third battalion about to join 1 ATF, the opportunity is provided to rationalise callsigns for all battalions. If all battalions use the same fixed callsigns, it will afford a measure of communication security which does not exist at present.

2. With effect from 1 Dec 67, Infantry battalions are to adopt the fixed callsigns shown in Annex A attached. This is consistent with the reference and is only slightly different to current practice in each battalion.

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ANNEX A TO HQ 1 ATF
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INFANTRY BATTALION FIXED CALLSIGNS

1. Battalion Command Net.

Appointment/Sub-unit	Callsign
Bn HQ	0A
Bn HQ Rear	0B
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
5th Coy	5
Sp Coy	6
Atk Pl	61
Fire Aslt Pl	61A
Tracker Team	61B
Aslt Pnr Pl	62
OC Sp Coy	69
Mor Pl	8
CO	9
2IC	9A
RSO	9C
IO	9D
LO	9E
Offr Airborne	9Y
CO Airborne	9Z
Admin Elms	95
Admin Elms Fwd	95A
Relay/Retransmission	97
Spare	98

Substations of other arms operating on an infantry command net will use their unit fixed callsigns with a prefix as follows:

T for armoured elements, G for artillery elements, and E for engineer elements. If two sub-units of the same arm have identical callsigns an A suffix will be added to the arm designator, for example: 1 Tp of tank squadron will be T1 and 1 Tp of Cav Sqn will be TA1.

2. Rifle Company Command Nets.

Appointment/Sub-unit	Callsigns				
	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	5th Coy
Coy HQ	10A	20A	30A	40A	50A
Rifle Pls	11 12 13	21 22 23	31 32 33	41 42 43	51 52 53
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A company or platoon operating independently will continue to use the full callsign as if it were still with its parent organisation.

3. Mortar Platoon Net.

Appointment/Sub-unit	Callsign
Mor Pl HQ	80A
Secs	81 82 83
MFCs	81A 82A 83A 84A
Pl Comd	89

4. Rifle Platoon Nets. If rifle platoon nets are established, sections will adopt callsigns made up of the callsign of the parent platoon with the addition of a letter suffix as follows:

Secs of 1 Pl of A Coy will be 11A, 11B, 11C.

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF GS INSTR
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PATROL TASK TABLE

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 0800H TO 0800H 67.

A.	Patrol Serial No				
B.	Sub-unit to provide				
C.	Callsign and Frequency				
D.	Controlled by				
E.	Task				
F.	Strength				
G.	Date/Time Out				
H.	Date/Time In				
J.	Route (Shown on appropriate trace)				
K.	LZ (if required)				
L.	PZ (if required)				
M.	Remarks (to include any bids for hel or APC lift)				

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GS INSTRUCTION 1/67 (REVISED)
PATROLLING

General

1. GS Instruction 1/67 dated 29 Jul 67 is cancelled.

Patrol Areas

2. Patrol areas will be issued from time to time. The present 1 ATF base AO's will remain in operation until the end of December 1967 when new AO's will be issued to cater for the increase in the force.

Task Force Patrol Policy

3. Except for clearing and standing patrols, patrols within the 1 ATF base AO's will normally be of platoon strength. Authority to patrol in less than platoon strength will be given by HQ 1 ATF.
4. Patrols will operate within the range of 105mm field guns. If the 105mm field guns are not available at the HORSESHOE patrols are to remain within the range of the HORSESHOE 81mm mortars.
5. There will always be patrols in unit AO's.
6. When in base the battalions are to commit one company to patrolling. This can be a company as a whole or three separate platoon patrols. When the battalions are not in base the patrols will be provided by the base elements on a scale laid down by HQ 1 ATF. In this case it will be normal for 1 ARU and the Defence Platoon HQ 1 ATF to take a larger part in the patrolling.
7. Patrol programmes will be so organised that maximum coverage of the AO is ensured.
8. It will be normal for the battalions to plan the patrol activities in their own AO's.
9. HQ 1 ATF will give early advice of additional patrols to be carried out.

Patrol Task Tables

10. Units patrolling are to deliver one copy of their unit task table by hand to the GS02 Ops or GS03 Ops and SD at the times nominated by HQ 1 ATF.
11. The proforma attached as Annex A is to be used and a route trace based on a 1:25,000 map is to be attached to the task table.
12. 1 SAS Sqn is to submit their task tables based on the verbal directions of the Commander, GS02 Ops and GS02 Int.
13. 1 ARU is to submit their task tables based on the 1 ARU training programme.
14. The 1 ATF patrol task table will be consolidated and distributed at least three days in advance of the first patrol timing.
15. The 1 ATF patrol task table will list all 1 ATF patrols including standing patrols for a particular period. No other patrols will be permitted except sub unit clearing patrols.

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Clearing Patrols

16. Sub units will send out clearing patrols twice daily as follows:
- a. All patrols will go out from the LEFT flank of the sub unit, travel CLOCKWISE and return through the RIGHT flank of the sub unit.
 - b. Patrols will depart at first light and 30 minutes (approximately) before ~~first~~ ^{last} light. The evening patrol must be in by last light.
 - c. These clearing patrols will not be shown on the 1 ATF task table.

Patrol Equipment

17. a. Torches, air panels and smoke grenades will be carried.
- b. All patrols are to have radio communications and be conversant with the company, battalion and 1 ATF command and air frequencies.

Artillery Support

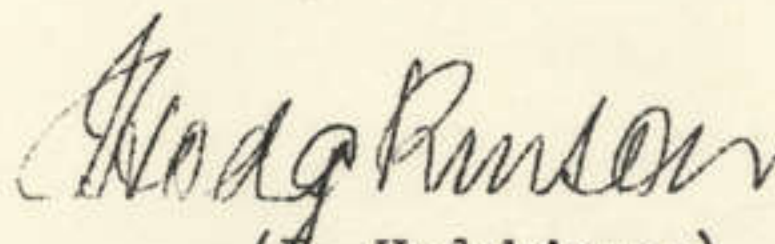
18. If the patrol does not have an FO or MFC, the patrol commander must be proficient in the use of target grid procedures.

LOCSTATS

19. a. The need for accurate and up to date LOCSTATS is most important. Units must pass LOCSTATS of all patrols at least hourly.
- b. LOCSTATS of the platoons of a company patrol are required.
- c. The night locations of all patrols are to be submitted to 1 ATF CP by 1900 hrs.

Debriefings

20. a. All patrols are to be debriefed by the controlling unit.
- b. With the exception of 1 SAS Sqn, patrol reports will only be submitted for those patrols having a contact. In this case the patrol commander is to bring the patrol report with him to the GS02 Ops or GS02 Int within 24 hours of the patrol returning to the base.


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Annex: A. Patrol Task Table.

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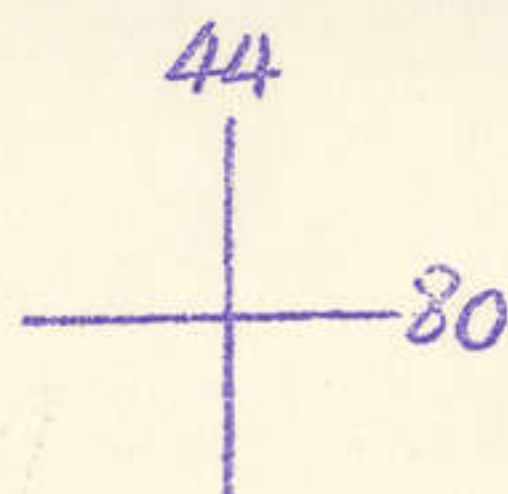
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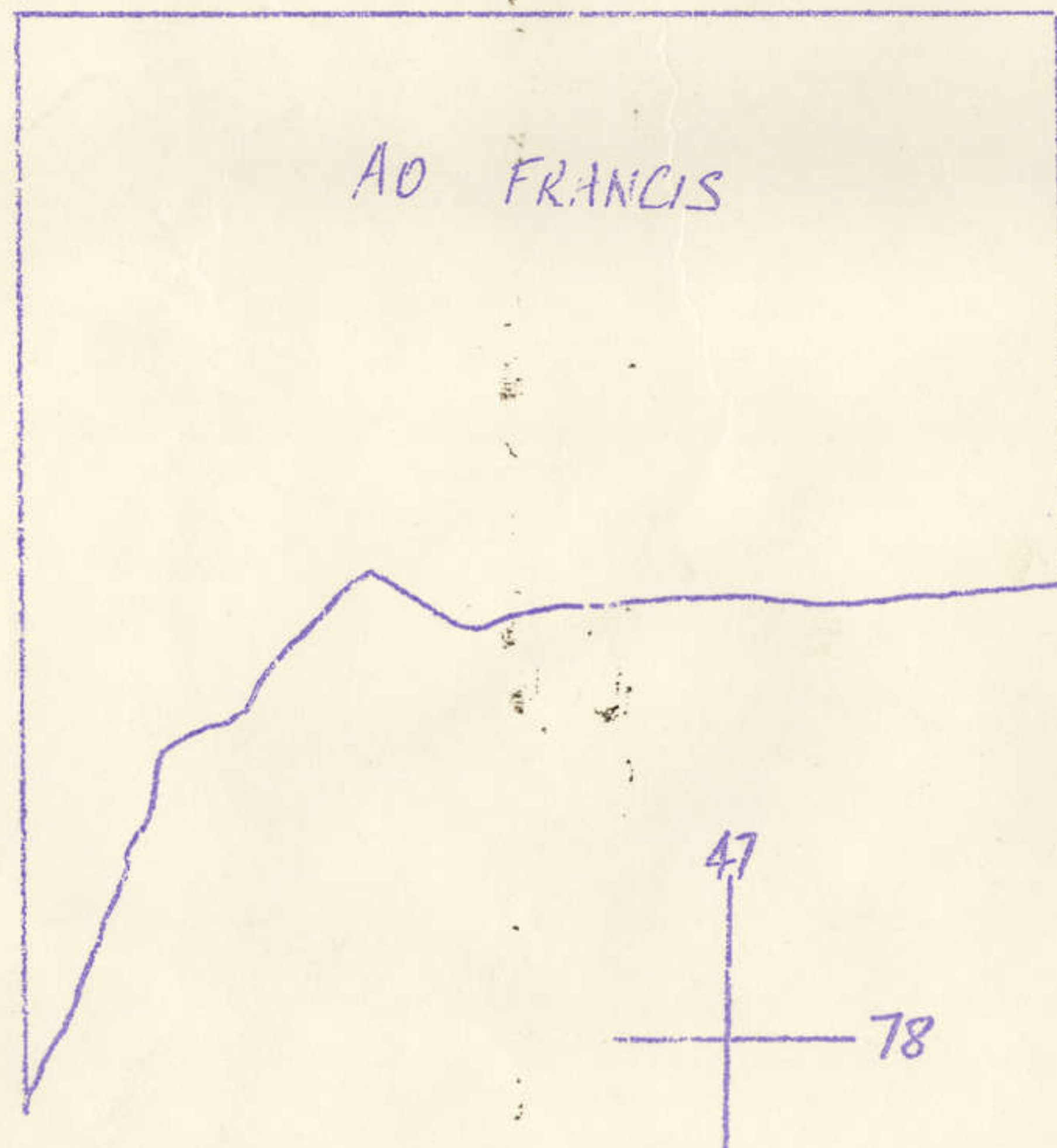
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References: A. 1 ATF Ops 1884 dated 181000H Nov 67.
B. XA HOI MY (SPECIAL) 1:5000.

Time Zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Mission. 2 RAR is to cordon and search XA HOI MY on 3/4 Dec 67.
2. Task Organisation. 2 RAR Gp:
 - a. Under Op con from 030800H Dec 67:
Six mini teams 1 Fd Sqn
Det 1 Div Int Unit
 - b. Under Op con from 031200H Dec 67:
Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus one ACV
Psy Ops Det
 - c. Under Op con from 040700H Dec 67:
Team 1 Aust CA Unit
National Police
PFF
Women Police
ARVN troops as agreed with SA PHUOC TUY Province.
3. Execution.
 - a. General Outline
 - (1) 2 RAR Gp is to cordon XA HOI MY at last light 3 Dec 67. Commencing first light the village is to be searched. All inhabitants are to be screened and suspect persons moved to BARIA for further investigation by VN personnel.
 - b. Coord Instrs
 - (1) Cordon in posn by last light.
 - (2) Op to be completed by 041700H Dec 67.
 - (3) Sector has accepted responsibility for the guarding and administration of suspect persons from time of arrival in BARIA.
 - (4) Direct liaison is authorised.
4. Administration and Logistics
 - a. By 011200H 2 RAR is to submit bids for additional admin support to DAQMG 1 ATF.
 - b. No marquees are required in BARIA.
 - c. 2 RAR is to ration all attached VN personnel for lunch 4 Dec 67.
5. Command and Signals
 - a. Codename for the Operation: CANUNGRA.

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