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COMMANDER'S DIARY

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FROM 1 Dec 70 TO 31 Dec 70

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period 050800Z Dec 70 to 130800H Dec 70.

E B Bestic

(E.B. BESTIC)
Capt
for GS02 (Ops)

Distribution:

- A Sqn 1 Armd Regt (3)
- B Sqn 3 Cav Regt (2)
- 4 Fd Regt (9)
- 1 Fd Sqn (3)
- 21 Engr Sp Tp (2)
- 17 Const Sqn (2)
- 104 Sig Sqn
- 547 Sig Tp
- 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (26)
- 7 RAR (11)
- 1 SAS Sqn
- 1 ARU (10)
- Horseshoe Coy (5)
- 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
- TFMA (3)
- HQ Coy (2)
- 106 Fd Wksp
- 1 Aust CA Unit
- 1 ATF CP
- GS02 (Ops)
- Fwd ATOC
- Arty Tac
- LO DUC THANH
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- Diary (2)
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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 7 DEC 70

A	PTL SERIAL No	335/70	336/70	337/70	338/70	339/70
B	SUB UNIT	ADMIN COY	C. COY REAR	1 SAS SQN	TFMA	B COY REAR
C	C/S FREQ	95X *1 63:05 2 65:55	95W 65:55	95X 65:55	95X 65:55	95W 65:55
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	TASK	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 8th 4872 9th 4770 AO CHRISTINE	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 10th 4671 11th 4769
F	STRENGTH	1:4	1:8	1:4	1:4	1:8
G	DATE/TIME OUT	07 1800 H	08 1400 H	08 1800 H	09 1800 H	10 1400 H
H	DATE/TIME IN	08 0700 H	10 0930 H	09 0700 H	10 0700 H	12 0930 H
J	ROUTE	-----	OUT C IN C	-----	-----	OUT C IN C
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	B COY STANDBY SECTION -----			A COY STANDBY SECT	-----
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE
M	REMARKS	ITL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 07 0900 H * FREQ CHANGE 08 0001 H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 07 1100 H INFIL - VEH/FOOT EXPIL - VEH/FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 08 0900 H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 09 0900 H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 09 1100 H INFIL VEH/FOOT EXPIL VEH/FOOT

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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 7 DEC 70

A	PTL SERIAL No	340/70	341/70
B	SUB UNIT	ADMIN COY	17 CONST SQN RAE
C.	C/S FREQ	95X 65:55	95X 65:55
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	TASK	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP
F	STRENGTH	1:4	1:4
G	DATE/TIME OUT	10 1800 H	11 1800 H
H	DATE/TIME IN	11 0700 H	12 0700 H
I	ROUTE	-----	-----
J	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	A COY STANDBY SECT	-----
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE
L	REMARKS	PTL COMD & SIG BRIEF 10 0900 H	PTL COMD & SIG BRIEF 11 0911 H

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE
For period from 060800H to 130800H DEC 70

A	1 Serial No	330/70	331/70	332/70
B	Sub unit to provide	Holding pl	Holding pl	2 Pl
C	Callsign and frequency	56 45: 85	56 45.85 alt 60.05	52 41.35 alt 56.50
D	Controlled by	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 458647	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 453641	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 453651
F	Strength	1:8	1:8	1:45
G	Date/time out	061500H	071500H	081500H
H	Date/time in	070800H	080800H	090800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required	-	-	-
L	PZ if required	-	-	-
M	Remarks	-	Freq change 072400H. New freq 41.35, alt 56.50	-

A	333/70	334/70	335/70	336/70
B	Holding pl	Holding pl	2 pl & 1 pl	3 pl
C	56 41.35 alt 56.50	56 41.35 alt 56.50	52 & 51 41.35 alt 56.50	53 41.35 alt 56.50
D	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 443643	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 437635	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 459646 and 457643	Fighting ptl AO Jeanette Ni loc vic 447647
F	1:8	1:8	1:25 and 1:25	1:25
G	091500H	101500H	111500H	121500H
H	100800H	110800H	120800H	130800H
J	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	-	-
M	-	-	-	-

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period
130800H Dec 70 to 200800H Dec 70.

E B Bestic

(E.B. BESTIC)
Capt
For GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(3)
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
4 Fd Regt	(9)
1 Fd Sqn	(3)
21 Engr Sp Tp	(2)
17 Const Sqn	(2)
104 Sig Sqn	
547 Sig Tp	
2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)	(26)
7 RAR	(11)
1 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
Horseshoe Coy	(5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
TFMA	(3)
HQ Coy 1 ATF	(2)
106 Fd Wksp	
1 Aust CA Unit	
1 ATF CP	
GSO2 (Ops)	
GSO3 (SD and Trg)	
Fwd ATOC	
Arty Tac	
LO DUC THANH	
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File	
Float	
Diary	(2)
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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 12 - 19 DEC 70

A PTL SERIAL No	342/70	343/70	344/70	345/70	346/70
B SUB UNIT	A COY REAR	ADMIN COY	17 CONST SQN	ADMIN COY	C COY REAR
C C/S FREQ	95Z 65:55	95X 65:55	95X 65:55	95X *1 - 65:55 *2 - 63:10	95Y *1 - 65:55 *2 - 63:10
D CONTROLLED	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
E TASK	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 12th YS 4769 13th 4570 AO CHRISTINE	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 14th YS 4667 15th 4568 AO CHRISTINE
F STRENGTH	1:8	1:4	1:4	1:4	1:8
G DATE/TIME OUT	12 1400 H	12 1800 H	13 1800 H	14 1800 H	14 1400 H
H DATE/TIME IN	14 0930 H	13 0700 H	14 0700 H	15 0700 H	16 0930 H
J ROUTE	OUT B IN B				OUT B IN B
K LZ (IF REQUIRED)	C COY STAND BY SECT -----			D COY STANDBY SECT-----	
L LZ (IF REQUIRED)	CODES SIG STORE -----				
M REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 11 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 12 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 13 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 14 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH *FREQ CHANGE 15 0001 H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 13 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT *FREQ CHANGE 15 0001 H

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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 12 - 19 DEC 70

A	PTL SERIAL No	347/70	348/70	349/70	350/70	351/70
B	SUB UNIT	ADMIN COY	TFMA	D COY REAR	ADMIN COY	1 SAS SQN
C	C/S FREQ	95X 63:10	95X 63:10	95W 63:10	95X 63:10	95X 63:10
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	TASK	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 16th YS 4770 17th 4569 AO CHRISTINE	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP	STANDING PATROL 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP
F	STRENGTH	1:4	1:4	1:8	1:4	1:4
G	DATE/TIME OUT	15 1800 H	16 1800 H	16 1400 H	17 1800 H	18 1800 H
H	DATE/TIME IN	16 0700 H	17 0700 H	18 0900 H	18 0700 H	19 0700 H
J	ROUTE			OUT C IN B		
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	-----	B COY STANDBY SECT	-----	-----	A COY STANDBY SECT
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE	CODES SIG STORE
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 15 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 16 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 15 1100 H INFIL - VEH/FOOT EXFIL - VEH/FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 17 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 18 0900 H INFIL - VEH EXFIL - VEH

7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 12 - 19 DEC 70

A	PTL SERIAL No	352/70
B	SUB UNIT	B COY REAR
C	C/S FREQ	95Z 63:10
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR
E	TASK	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 18th YS 4666 19th YS 4667 AO CHRISTINE
E	STRENGTH	1:0
G	DATE/TIME OUT	18 1400 H
H	DATE/TIME IN	20 1000 H
J	ROUTE	OUT B IN B
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	SECT
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	CODES SIG STORE
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 17 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For Period from 130800H to 200800H Dec 70

A	Serial No	337/70	338/70	339/70
B	Sub Unit to provide	Holding Platoon	Holding Platoon	3 Platoon
C	Call sigr and frequency	56 41.35 alt 56.50	56 41.35 alt 56.50	53 43.10 alt 63.30
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 439639	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 453634	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 455652
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 25
G	Date/time out	131500H	141500H	151500H
H	Date/time in	140800H	150800H	160800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required			
L	PZ if required			
M	Remarks		NOTE: Freq change 142400H New Freq 43.10 alt 63.30	

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For Period from 130800H to 200800H Dec 70

A	Serial No	340/70	341/70	342/70	343/70
B	Sub Unit to provide	Holding Platoon	Holding Platoon	3 Platoon	1 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 41.35 alt 56.50	56 41.35 alt 56.50	53 43.10 alt 63.30	51 43.10 alt 63.30
D	Controlled by	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 459646	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 448645	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 454641	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 449647
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 25	1 : 40
G	Date/ time out	161500H	171500H	181500H	191500H
H	Date/time in	170800H	180800H	190800H	200800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required				
L	PZ if required				
M	Remarks				

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period 200800H Dec 70 to 27 0800H Dec 70.

E B Bestic

(E.B. BESTIC)
Capt
For GS02 (Ops)

Distribution:

A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(3)
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
4 Fd Regt	(9)
1 Fd Sqn	(3)
21 Engr Sp Tp	(2)
17 Const Sqn	(2)
104 Sig Sqn	
547 Sig Tp	
2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)	(26)
7 RAR	(11)
1 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
Horseshoe Coy	(5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
TFMA	(3)
HQ Coy 1 ATF	(2)
106 Fd Wksp	
1 ATF CP	
GS02 (Ops)	
GS03 (SD & Trg)	
Fwd ATOC	
LO DUC THANH	
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File	
Float	
Diary	(2)
Spares	(5)

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For Period from 200800H to 270800H Dec 70

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A	Serial No	347/70	348/70	349/70	350/70
B	Sub Unit to provide	Holding Platoon	Holding Platoon	1 Platoon	Holding Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30	51 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 440635	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 448645	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 453642	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 437635
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 40	1 : 8
G	Date/time out	231500H	241500H	251500H	261500H
H	Date/time in	240800H	250800H	260800H	270800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required				
L	PZ if required				
M	Remarks				

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For Period from 200800H to 270800H Dec 70

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A	Serial No	344/70	345/70	346/70
B	Sub Unit to Provide	Holding Platoon	Holding Platoon	1 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 43.10 alt 63.30	56 43.10 alt 63.30	51 33.50 alt 46.30
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Lov Vic 453651	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 443641	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 437648
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 40
G	Date/time out	201500H	211500H	221500H
H	Date/time in	210800H	220800H	230800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required			
L	PZ if required			
M	Remarks		NOTE: Freq change 212400H New freq 33.50 alt 46.30	

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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 19 - 26 Dec 70

A	PTL SERIAL No	357/70	358/70	359/70	360/70	361/70
B	SUB UNIT	C Coy REAR	1 Fd Sqn RAE	Admin Coy	D Coy REAR	1 SAS Sqn
C	C/S FREQ	95W 51:30	95X 51:30	95X 51:30	95Z 51:30	95X 51:30
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	TASK	Recce Ambush Vic 22nd YS 4769 23rd YS 4768 AO Christine	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip	Recce Ambush Vic 24th YS 4770 25th YS 4569 AO Christine	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip
F	STRENGTH	1:8	1:4	1:4	1:8	1:4
G	DATE/TIME OUT	22 1400H	23 1800H	24 1800H	24 1400H	25 1800H
H	DATE/TIME IN	24 0930H	24 0700H	25 0700H	26 0930H	26 0700H
J	ROUTE	OUT IN East Gate East Gate			OUT B IN B	
K	IZ (IF REQUIRED)	B Coy Standby Sect	B Coy Standby Sect	A Coy Standby Sect	A Coy Standby Sect	A Coy Standby Sect
L	IZ (IF REQUIRED)	Codes Sig Store				
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 21 1100H INFIL - Veh Foot EXFIL - Veh Foot	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 23 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 24 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 23 1100H INFIL - Foot EXFIL - Foot	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 25 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh

7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 19 - 26 Dec 70

	PTL SERIAL No	352/70	353/70	354/70	355/70	356/70
B	SUB UNIT	Admin Coy	17 Const Sqn RAE	A Coy REAR	TFMA	Admin Coy
C	C/S FREQ	95X 63:10	95X 63:10	95Y *1 - 63:10 *2 - 51:30	95X *1 - 63:10 *2 - 51:30	95X 51:30
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
F	TASK	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip	Standing Patrol 20th YS 4671 21st YS 4570 AO Christine	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip	Standing Patrol 1 ATF Rubbish Tip
F	STRENGTH	1:4	1:4	1:8	1:4	1:4
G	DATE/TIME OUT	19 1800H	20 1800H	20 1400H	21 1800H	22 1800H
H	DATE/TIME IN	20 0700H	21 0700H	22 1000H	22 0700H	23 0700H
J	ROUTE			OUT B IN B		
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)		D Coy Standby Sect	D Coy Standby Sect	D Coy Standby Sect	B Coy Standby Sect
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	Code Sig Store				
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 19 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 20 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 19 1100H INFIL - Foot EXFIL - Foot *Freq Change 220001H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 21 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh Freq Change 220001H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 22 0900H INFIL - Veh EXFIL - Veh

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period 270800H Dec 70 to 030800H Jan 71.

E. B. Bestic

(E.B. BESTIC)
Capt
For Comd

Distribution:

- C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (3)
- B Sqn 3 Cav Regt (2)
- 4 Fd Regt (9)
- 1 Fd Sqn RAE (3)
- 21 Engr Sp Tp (2)
- 17 Const Sqn (2)
- 104 Sig Sqn
- 547 Sig Tp
- 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (26)
- 7 RAR (11)
- 1 SAS Sqn
- 1 ARU (10)
- 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
- TFMA (3)
- HQ Coy 1 ATF (2)
- 106 Fd Wksp
- 1 ATF CP
- GS02 (Ops)
- GS03 (SD and Trg)
- Fwd ATOC
- LO DUC THANH
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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 26 Dec 70 - 2 Jan 71

A	PTL SERIAL NO	362/70		363/70		364/70		1/71									
B	SUB UNIT	A COY	REAR	B COY	REAR	C COY	REAR	D COY	REAR								
C	C/S	FREQ	95Y	51:30	95W	51:30	95Z	51:30	95X	51:30							
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR		7 RAR		7 RAR		7 RAR									
E	TASK	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 26th YS 4771 27th 4670 AO CHRISTINE		RECCE AMBUSH VIC 28th YS 4769 29th 4669 AO CHRISTINE		RECCE AMBUSH VIC 30th YS 4770 31st 4570 AO CHRISTINE		RECCE AMBUSH VIC 01th YS 4669 2nd 4570 AO CHRISTINE									
F	STRENGTH	1:8		1:8		1:8		1:8									
G	DATE/TIME OUT	26	1300 H	28	1330 H	30	1300 H	01	1330 H								
H	DATE/TIME IN	28	1000 H	30	0930 H	01	1000 H	03	0930 H								
J	ROUTE	OUT	C	IN	C	OUT	B	IN	B	OUT	C	IN	C	OUT	B	IN	C
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	D COY STANDBY SECT		C COY STANDBY SECT		A COY STANDBY SECT		B COY STANDBY SECT									
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	Codes Sig Store		Codes Sig Store		Codes Sig Store		Codes Sig Store									
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 25 1100 H INFIL - VEH FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT		PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 27 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT		PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 29 1100 H INFIL - VEH FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT		PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 31 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT									

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE
For Period from 270800H to 030800H Dec 70 - Jan 71

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A	Serial No	351/70	352/70	353/70
B	Sub Unit to provide	4 Platoon	4 Platoon	4 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 442642	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 451635	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 439647
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
G	Date/time out	271500H	281500H	291500H
H	Date/time in	280800H	290800H	300800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required			
L	PZ if required			
M	Remarks			

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For Period from 270800H to 030800H Dec 70 - Jan 71

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A	Serial No	354/70	355/70	01/71	02/71
B	Sub Unit to provide	4 Platoon	4 Platoon	4 Platoon	2 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 57.65 alt 72.00	52 57.65 alt 72.00
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 458647	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 449646	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 440635	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 448653
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 40
G	Date/time out	301500H	311500H	011500H	021500H
H	Date/time in	310800H	010800H	020800H	030800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required				
L	PZ if required				
M	Remarks		NOTE: Freq change 312400H New freq 57.65 alt 72.00		

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period 270800H Dec 70 to 030800H Jan 71.

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Distribution:

- C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (3)
- B Sqn 3 Cav Regt (2)
- 4 Fd Regt (9)
- 1 Fd Sqn RAE (3)
- 21 Engr Sp Tp (2)
- 17 Const Sqn (2)
- 104 Sig Sqn
- 547 Sig Tp
- 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (26)
- 7 RAR (11)
- 1 SAS Sqn
- 1 ARU (10)
- 161 (Indep) Recce Flt (3)
- TFMA (2)
- HQ Coy 1 ATF
- 106 Fd Wksp
- 1 ATF CP
- GSO2 (Ops)
- GSO3 (SD and Trg)
- Fwd ATOC
- LO DUC THANH
- LO LONG LE
- File
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- Diary
- Spares (2)
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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 26 Dec 70 - 2 Jan 71

A	PTL SERIAL NO	362/70	363/70	364/70	1/71
B	SUB UNIT	A COY REAR	B COY REAR	C COY REAR	D COY REAR
C	C/S FREQ	95Y 51:30	95W 51:30	95Z 51:30	95X 51:30
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	TASK	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 26th YS 4771 27th 4670 AO CHRISTINE	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 28th YS 4769 29th 4669 AO CHRISTINE	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 30th YS 4770 31st 4570 AO CHRISTINE	RECCE AMBUSH VIC 01th YS 4669 2nd 4570 AO CHRISTINE
F	STRENGTH	1:8	1:8	1:8	1:8
G	DATE/TIME OUT	26 1300 H	28 1330 H	30 1300 H	01 1330 H
H	DATE/TIME IN	28 1000 H	30 0930 H	01 1000 H	03 0930 H
J	ROUTE	OUT C IN C	OUT B IN B	OUT C IN C	OUT B IN C
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	D COY STANDBY SECT	C COY STANDBY SECT	A COY STANDBY SECT	B COY STANDBY SECT
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	Codes Sig Store	Codes Sig Store	Codes Sig Store	Codes Sig Store
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 25 1100 H INFIL - VEH FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 27 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 29 1100 H INFIL - VEH FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 31 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE
For Period from 270800H to 030800H Dec 70 - Jan 71

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A	Serial No	351/70	352/70	353/70
B	Sub Unit to provide	4 Platoon	4 Platoon	4 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 442642	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 451635	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 439647
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
G	Date/time out	271500H	281500H	291500H
H	Date/time in	280800H	290800H	300800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required			
L	PZ if required			
M	Remarks			

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For Period from 270800H to 030800H Dec 70 - Jan 71

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A	Serial No	354/70	355/70	01/71	02/71
B	Sub Unit to provide	4 Platoon	4 Platoon	4 Platoon	2 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 33.50 alt 46.30	56 57.65 alt 72.00	52 57.65 alt 72.00
D	Controlled By	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Fighting Patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 458647	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 449646	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 440635	Fighting patrol AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 448653
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 40
G	Date/time out	301500H	311500H	011500H	021500H
H	Date/time in	310800H	010800H	020800H	030800H
J	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required				
L	PZ if required				
M	Remarks		NOTE: Freq change 312400H New freq 57.65 alt 72.00		

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Jan 71 to 100800H Jan 71.

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Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(3)
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
4 Fd Regt	(9)
1 Fd Sqn RAE	(3)
21 Engr Sp Tp	(2)
17 Const Sqn	(2)
104 Sig Sqn	
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2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	(26)
7 RAR	(11)
1 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
TFMA	(3)
HQ Coy 1 ATF	(2)
106 Fd Wksp	
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7 RAR PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 3 Jan 71 - 11 Jan 71

A	PTL SERIAL No	2/72	3/71	4/71	5/71
B	SUB UNIT	A Coy Rear	C Coy Rear	B Coy Rear	D Coy Rear
C	C/S FREQ	95Y 64:80	95W 64:80	95Z *1 64:80 *2 65:15	95X 65:15
D	CONTROLLED BY	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	TASK	Recce Ambush Vic 3rd YS 4771 4th YS 4670 AO CHRISTINE	Recce Ambush Vic 5th YS 4769 6th YS 4569 AO CHRISTINE	Recce Ambush Vic 7th YS 4770 8th YS 4570 AO CHRISTINE	Recce Ambush Vic 9th YS 4670 10th YS 4569 AO CHRISTINE
F	STRENGTH	1:8	1:8	1:8	1:8
G	DATE/TIME OUT	03 1400 H	05 1400 H	07 1330 H	09 1400 H
H	DATE/TIME IN	05 0930 H	07 0800 H	09 0930 H	11 0800 H
J	ROUTE	OUT C IN C	OUT B IN B	OUT C IN C	OUT B IN B
K	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	C Coy Standby Sect	B Coy Standby Sect	D Coy Standby Sect	A Coy Standby Sect
L	LZ (IF REQUIRED)	Codes Sig Store	Codes Sig Store	Codes Sig Store	Codes Sig Store
M	REMARKS	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 02 1100 H INFIL - VEH FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 04 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 06 1100 H INFIL - VEH FOOT EXFIL - VEH FOOT Freq Change 08 0001 H	PTL COMD AND SIG BRIEF 08 1100 H INFIL - FOOT EXFIL - FOOT

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

For period from 030800H to 100800H Jan 70

A.	1 Serial No	03/71	04/71	05/71
B.	Sub unit to provide	4 PI	4 PI	2 PI
C.	Callsign and frequency	56 57.65 Alt 72.00	56 57.65 Alt 72.00	52 57.65 Alt 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E.	Task	Fighting Patrol Ni Loc Vic 445646	Fighting Patrol Ni Loc Vic 453645	Fighting Patrol Ni Loc Vic 444641
F.	Strength	1.8	1.8	1.40
G.	Date/time out	031500H	041500H	051500H
H.	Date/time in	040800H	050800H	060800H
J.	Route (shown on trace)	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	LZ if required	-	-	-
L.	PZ if required	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	-	-	-
A.	06/71	07/71	08/71	09/71
B.	4 PI	4 PI	2 PI	3 PI
C.	56 57.65 Alt 72.00	56 57.65 Alt 72.00 Freq Change 2400 hrs Main 58.60 Alt 74.95	52 58.60 Alt 74.95	53 58.60 Alt 74.95
D.	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E.	Fighting Patrol Ni Loc Vic 448645	Fighting Patrol Ni Loc Vic 447649	Ambush Patrol Ni Loc Vic 442642	Fighting Patrol Ni Loc Vic 449647
F.	1.8	1.8	1.40	1.40
G.	061500H	071500H	081500H	091500H
H.	070800H	080800H	090800H	100800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-

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1 SAS SQN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD - 03 Jan 71 - 09 Jan 71

A. Plt Ser No	T 002/71	T 003/71	T 004/71	T 005/71
B. Sub Unit	17 Construction Sqn	TRMA	1 Plt Sqn	17 Construction Sqn
C. CE and freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief
D. Controlled by	1 SAS SQN C/S 21	1 SAS SQN C/S 21	1 SAS SQN C/S 21	1 SAS SQN C/S 21
E. TASK	XXXXXXXXXXXX Rescue Sector 9	XXXXXXXXXXXX Rescue Sector 9	XXXXXXXXXXXX Rescue Sector 9	XXXXXXXXXXXX Rescue Sector 9
F. Strength	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G. Late Time Insertion	021830H	031830H	041830H	051830H
H. Late Time Extraction	030700H	040700H	050700H	060700H
I. Route Out	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
J. Route In	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
K. Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 020900H	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 030900H	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 040900H	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 050900H

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1 SAS SQN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD -

	T 006/71	T 007/71	T 008/71	
A. Ptl Ser No	T 006/71	T 007/71	T 008/71	
B. Sqn Unit	1 SAS SQN	TFMA	1 Pd Sqn	
C. C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	
D. Controlled by	1 SAS SQN C/S 21	1 SAS SQN C/S 21	1 SAS SQN C/S 21	1 SAS SQN C/S 21
E. TASK	XXXXXXXXXX Recce Sector 9	XXXXXXXXXX Recce Sector 9	XXXXXXXXXX Recce Sector 9	XXXXXXXXXX
F. Strength	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G. Late Time Insertion	061830H	071830H	081830H	
H. Late Time Extraction	070700H	080700H	090700H	
I. Route Out	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
J. Route In	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
K. Remarks	Ptl Cond and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 060900H	Ptl Cond and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 070900H	Ptl Cond and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN 080900H	Ptl Cond and Sig Brief 1 SAS SQN

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OPS 1601

Info 1 SAS SQN (7 COPIES)

1 SAS SQN SUMMARY OF OPS FOR PERIOD 262400H NOV 70 TO 032400H DEC 70.

ONE . 7 PTELS INSERTED AS FOL CLN .
ALPHA . 7 RECCE PTELS INTO YS 684841 cmm YS 750847 cmm YS 263632 cmm
YS 609749 cmm YS 645757 cmm YS 653847 cmm YS 608803 .

TWO . 8 PTELS EXTRACTED AS FOL CLN .
ALPHA . 8 RECCE PTELS FROM YS 663856 cmm YS 793818 cmm YS 835796 cmm
YS 741781 cmm YS 778685 cmm YS 641798 cmm YS 693852 cmm
YS 274636 .

THREE . 5 PTELS DEPLOYED AS AT 032400H DEC 70 .

FOUR . OTHER ACTIVITIES .
ALPHA . ONE STANDING PTL FOR SECTOR DEF 1 ATF TAOR .

FIVE . 2 CONTACTS .
ALPHA . YS 792818 cmm 271400H NOV 70 cmm PTL 11 cmm 4 EN cmm
1 EN KIA (POSSIBLE) .
BRAVO . YS 694855 cmm 011220H DEC 70 cmm PTL 32 cmm 3 EN cmm
2 EN KIA (BC) 1 EN WIA (PW) .

SIX . NIL ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS .

SEVEN . PLEASE PASS TO AHQ

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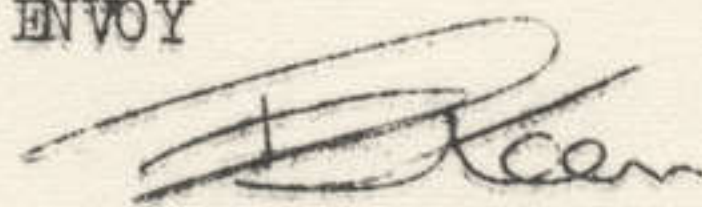
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OPS 1671

Info 1 SAS SQN (7 Copies)

1 SAS SQN SUMMARY OF OPS FOR PERIOD 032400H DEC 70 TO 102400H DEC 70 .

ONE . 5 PTLs INSERTED AS FOL CLN .

ALPHA . 5 RECCE PTLs INSERTED INTO YS 605805 cmm YS 822743 cmm
YS 835795 cmm YS 822743 cmm YS 840764 .

TWO . 6 PTLs EXTRACTED AS FOL CLN .

ALPHA . 6 RECCE PTLs FROM YS 752862 cmm YS 274636 cmm YS 623756 cmm
YS 589798 cmm YS 645762 cmm YS 668839 .

THREE . 4 PTLs DEPLOYED AS AT 102400H .

FOUR . NIL OTHER ACTIVITIES .

FIVE . NIL CONTACTS .

SIX . NIL ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS .

SEVEN . PLEASE PASS TO AHQ

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OPS 1705

Info 1 SAS SQN (7 COPIES)

1 SAS SQN SUMMARY OF OPS FOR PERIOD 102400H TO 172400H DEC 70 .

ONE . 6 PTLs INSERTED AS FOL CLN .

ALPHA . 6 RECCE PTLs INSERTED INTO YS 508918 cmm YS 828311 cmm YS 777806 cmm YS 543981 cmm YS 720815 .

TWO . 4 PTLs EXTRACTED AS FOL CLN .

ALPHA . 4 RECCE PTLs FROM YS 827754 cmm YS 822716 cmm YS 826776 cmm YS 804768 .

THREE . 5 PTLs DEPLOYED AS AT 172400H .

FOUR . NIL OTHER ACTIVITIES .

FIVE . 1 CONTACT

AT YS 790825 PTL CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN No OF VC .
RESULTS 1 EN KIA (BC) .

SIX . NIL ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS .

SEVEN . PLEASE PASS TO AHQ

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OPS 1777

Info 1 SAS SQN (7 COPIES)

1 SAS SQN SUMMARY OF OPS FOR PERIOD 172400H TO 242400H DEC 70 .

ONE . 7 PTLs INSERTED AS FOL CLN .
 ALPHA . 7 RECCE PTLs INSERTED INTO YS 778843 cmm YS 697858 cmm
 YS 837776 cmm YS 753828 cmm YS 794877 cmm YS 788889 cmm
 YS 774873 .

TWO . 8 PTLs EXTRACTED AS FOL CLN .
 ALPHA . 8 RECCE PTLs FROM YS 499939 cmm YS 536971 cmm YS 791827
 cmm YS 717845 cmm YS 842835 cmm YS 820836 cmm YS 778843 cmm
 YS 781869 .

THREE . 4 PTLs DEPLOYED AS AT 242400H .

FOUR . NIL OTHER ACTIVITIES .

FIVE . 3 CONTACTS.

AT YS 778843 PTL CONTACTED 4 - 6 VC cmm RESULTS 2 VC
 KIA (BC) . . .

AT YS 810930 PTL WHILST WITH APC's CONTACTED 2 VC cmm
 RESULTS 2 VC WIA .

AT YS 780870 PTL CONTACTED 2 VC cmm RESULTS 2 VC
 KIA (POSSIBLE) .

SIX . SIGHTINGS ONE .

AT YS 837775 PTL SIGHTED 3 EN .

SEVEN . PLEASE PASS TO AHQ

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02 1030 DEC 70

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FROM : 1 ATF

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TO : II FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV

OPS 1587

1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF

SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 040001H TO 042400H DEC 70 .

ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO . A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
MELLISA . MCT OP IN AREA BINH GIA .

FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
ROUTES 2 cmm 23 cmm 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
CONTINUE .

SIX . 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
COY FSB MELLISA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY OP WEST
NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS 4178 . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON
QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO
REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTL WITH RF .
COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT . ONE COY OP SOUTH OF XUYEN MOC .
ELMS DEFEND QUARRY NDP ISA .

EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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03/155 Z DEC 70

R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF

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TO : II FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 IND DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1594

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 050001H TO 052400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-)SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA .
MCT OP IN AREA BINH GIA .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST CONTINUES ROUTES
2 cmm 23 cmm 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

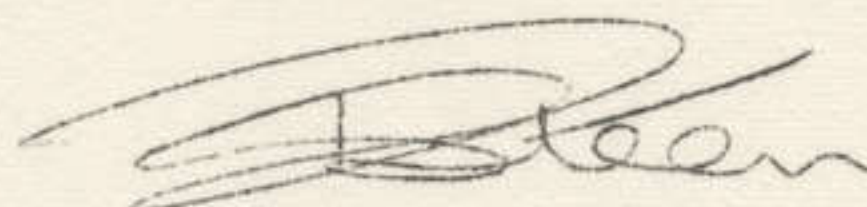
SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
COY FSB MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN
NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS 4278 . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON
QUARRY PROTECTION . COY TO RETURN FROM STAND DOWN .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN GQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO
REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTL WITH RF .
COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT . ONE COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC .
ONE COY TO DEPLOY TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 5970 . ELMS DEPEND
QUARRY NDP ISA . ONE COY DEPLOY TO PHUOC BUU AREA CENTRE OF MASS
YS 6262 .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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FROM : 1 ATF

TO : II FFORCEV G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR. PLANS SUMMARY 060001H TO 062400H DEC 70.

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT. SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT. TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY.
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI. TP SP SCT.

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT. SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT. TP (-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY.
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI. SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH. SECT LCT.

FOUR : 1 FD SQN. SQN HQ NUI DAT. ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS. LCT FSB MELISSA.
 MCT OP IN AREA BINH GIA.

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN. SQN HQ NUI DAT. ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 cmm 23 cmm 44 AND 52. QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH
 TO CONTINUE.

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY. BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT.
 COY FSB MELISSA. COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT. COY TO REMAIN WEST
 NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS 4278. ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON QUARRY
 PROTECTION.

SEVEN : 7 RAR. BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI. BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL. COY TO
 REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTL WITH RF.
 COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT. ONE COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC.
 ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 5870. ELMS DEFEND
 QUARRY NDP ISA. ONE COY REMAIN PHOUC BUU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 6262.
 COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF. TWO
 COYS WILL HAVE ELMS IN LIE UP POSNS CLOSE TO LONG HAI MOUNTAINS.

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY : 05 1915 Z DEC 70 R569/1/82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCEV G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS1607
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SINO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR. PLANS SUMMARY 070001H TO 072400H DEC 70.

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT. SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT. TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY.
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI. TP SPLCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT. SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT. TP (-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY.
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI. SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH. SECT LCT.
 SECT FSB LE LOI.

FOUR : 1 FD SQN. SQN HQ NUI DAT. ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS. LCT FSB MELISSA.
 MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH.

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN. SQN HQ NUI DAT. ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 cmm 23 cmm 44 AND 52. QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH
 TO CCNTINUE.

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY. BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT.
 COY FSB MELISSA. COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT. COY TO REMAIN WEST
 NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS 4278. COY CN RE TRG NUI DAT. ELMS
 NDP GARTH TO REMAIN CN QUARRY PROTECTION.

SEVEN : 7 RAR. BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI. BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL. COY TO
 REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs
 WITH RF. COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT. ONE COY OP EAST OF
 XUYEN MOC. ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 5870.
 ELMS DEFEND QUARRY NDP ISA. ONE COY REMAIN PHOUC BUU AREA CENTRE
 OF MASS YS 6363. COY AMBUSHING DAT DO BY NIGHT TO OPERATE IN CON-
 JUNCTION WITH RF. TWO COYS WILL HAVE ELMS IN LIE UP POSNS CLOSE
 TO LONG HAI MOUNTAINS.

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

061210Z DEC 70

R569/1/82

PRIORITY

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SINO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1612

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 080001H TO 082400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT . SECT FSB LE LOI .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA . MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . EN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . EN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY FSB MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS 4278 . COY ON RE TRG NUI DAT . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . EN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . EN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT . ONE COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 5870 . ELMS DEFEND QUARRY NDP ISA . ONE COY REMAIN PHOUC BUU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 6463 . COY AMBUSHING DAT DO BY NIGHT TO OPERATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF . TWO COYS WILL HAVE ELMS IN LIE UP POSNS CLOSE TO LONG HAI MOUNTAINS .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

070531 Z DEC 70

R569/1/82

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV

OPS 1633

1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIERING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 090001H TO 092400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP
7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP
7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT . SECT FSB LE LOI .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA . MCT
OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2 CMM
23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY FSB
MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO
CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY ON RETRG NUI DAT . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON
QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN NDP
BRIGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . COY TO AMBUSH
DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT . ONE COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU
AREA CENTRE OF MASS TS 5870 . ELMS DEFEND QUARRY NDP ISA . COY AMBUSHING DAT DO BY
NIGHT TO OPERATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF . TWO COYS WILL HAVE ELMS IN LIE UP
POSNS CLOSE TO LONG HAI MOUNTAINS .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 3 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

08 1000 Z DEC 70

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FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF

OPS 1638

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 100001H TO 102400H DEC 70 .

ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO . A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT .
SECT FSB LE LOI .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . EIMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB
MELISSA . MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
ROUTES 2 QMM 23 QMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
CONTINUE .

SIX . 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
COY FSB MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN
WEST NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY ON RETRG NUI DAT . EIMS
NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO
REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF .
COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT . ONE COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC .
ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5870 . EIMS DEFEND
QUARRY OPS NDP ISA . COY AMBUSHING DAT DO BY NIGHT TO OPERATE IN
CONJUNCTION WITH RF . TWO COYS WILL HAVE EIMS IN LIE UP POSNS CLOSE TO
LONG HAI MOUNTAINS .

EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 3 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY : 09110 Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1643
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1ATF LO RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 110001H TO 112400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT .
 SECT FSB FEATHERS .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA .
 MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES
 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY FSB
 MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO
 CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY TO RETRG NUI DAT . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN
 ON QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
 NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PLS WITH RF . COY
 TO AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT AND ELMS IN LIE UP POSNS . TWO COYS OP
 EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5870 .
 ELMS DEFEND QUARRY OPS NDP ISA . COY AMBUSHING DAT DO BY NIGHT TO OPERATE
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY : 101000Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1648
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 120001H TO 122400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT LCT .
 SECT FSB FEATHERS .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA .
 MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES
 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY FSB
 MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO
 CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY STAND DOWN . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON
 QUARRY PROTECTION . .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
 NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . TWO
 COYS OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS
 YS5870 . ELMS DEFEND QUARRY OPS NDP ISA . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

11 1020 DEC 70

R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1655

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

- ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 130001H TO 132400H DEC 70 .
- ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .
- TWO . A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .
- THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO .
REMAIN WITH LCT . SECT TO REMAIN FSB FEATHERS .
- FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB
MELISSA . MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .
- FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
CONTINUE .
- SIX . 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
COY FSB MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN
WEST NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY STAND DOWN . ELMS NDP GARTH
TO REMAIN ON QUARRY PROTECTION .
- SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO
REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF .
TWO COYS OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF
MASS YS5870 . ELMS DEFEND QUARRY OPS NDP ISA . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO
BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .
- EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

12 0755 DEC 70

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FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1659

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 140001H TO 142400H DEC 70 .
 ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .
 TWO . A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .
 THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO
 REMAIN WITH LCT .
 FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB
 MELISSA . MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .
 FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
 CONTINUE .
 SIX . 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
 COY FSB MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN
 WEST NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY STAND DOWN . ELMS NDP GARTH
 TO REMAIN ON QUARRY PROTECTION .
 SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO
 REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF .
 ONE COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF
 MASS YS5870 . ELMS DEFEND QUARRY OPS NDP ISA . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO
 BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF . FSB FEATHERS TO CLOSE .
 EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

13/25 Z Dec 70

R569-1-82

PRIORITY

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : 11 FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1666

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 150001H TO 152400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) SP2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO
REMAIN LCT .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INS BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA .
MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES
2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
COY FSB MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST
NGAI GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS4278 . COY STAND DOWN . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN
ON QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY
OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5870 .
COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 3 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

14000 Z DEC 70

R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : 11 FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1672

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 160001H TO 162400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO REMAIN LCT

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA .
MCT OP IN AREA DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2
CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY FSB
MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO
CENTRE OF MASS YS 4278 . COY STAND DOWN . ELMS NDP GARTH TO REMAIN ON
QUARRY PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE
COY OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS
YS 5870 . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 3 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY : 15/200 Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : 11 FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1676
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 170001H TO 172400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO
 JUDY . TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP
 GARTH . SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP MELISSA .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT FSB MELISSA .
 MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2
 CMM 23 CMM 4 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE.

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY FSB
 MELISSA . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO
 CENTRE OF MASS YS4178 . COY STAND DOWN . COY REMAINS NDP GARTH ON QUARRY
 PROTECTION AND LOCAL PATROLLING .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
 NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY
 OP EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5870 .
 COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

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R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1683

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 180001H TO 182400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP(+) TO SP & RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT
TO REMAIN LCT .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE SP INF BNS . LCT TO MOVE NDP
TO VIC YS2677 . MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES
2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RARR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT .
COY WITH LCT . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI
GIAO CENTRE OF MASS YS4178 . COY RETRAINING . COY REMAINS NDP GARTH ON
QUARRY PROTECTION AND LOCAL PATROLLING .

SEVEN : 7RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 B Y NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY
OP SOUTH OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5870
COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 6 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

171030 Z DEC 70

R569/1/82

FROM: 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1690

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN: G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 190001H TO 192400H DEC 70 .

ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP
7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP(+)
TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO REMAIN
LCT NDP LORRAINE (YS260765) .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP LORRAINE .
MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2 CMM
23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

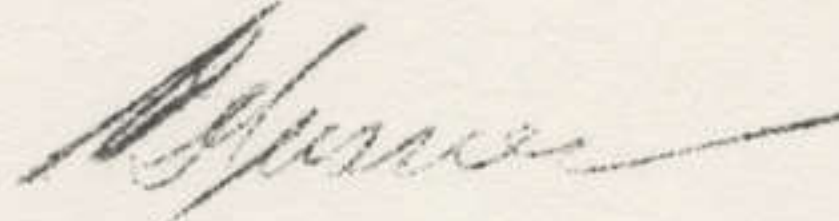
SIX . 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY WITH
LCT . COY TO AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY TO REMAIN WEST NGAI GIAO CENTRE
OF MASS YS4178 . COY REMAINS NDP GARTH ON QUARRY PROTECTION AND LOCAL
PATROLLING .

SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN NDP
BRIGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY OP
SOUTH OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5870 .
COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF . FSB RAGLAN OPENS
VIC YS6181 .

EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

181015Z DEC 70

R569-1-82

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL

OPS1698

FROM : 1 ATF

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 200001H TO 202400H DEC 70 .

ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

TWO . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP(+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP LORRAINE . MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX . 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY WITH LCT . TWO COYS AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY REMAINS NDP GARTH ON QUARRY PROTECTION AND LOCAL PATROLLING .

SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN(-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUS JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY OP SOUTH AND EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5874 . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF .

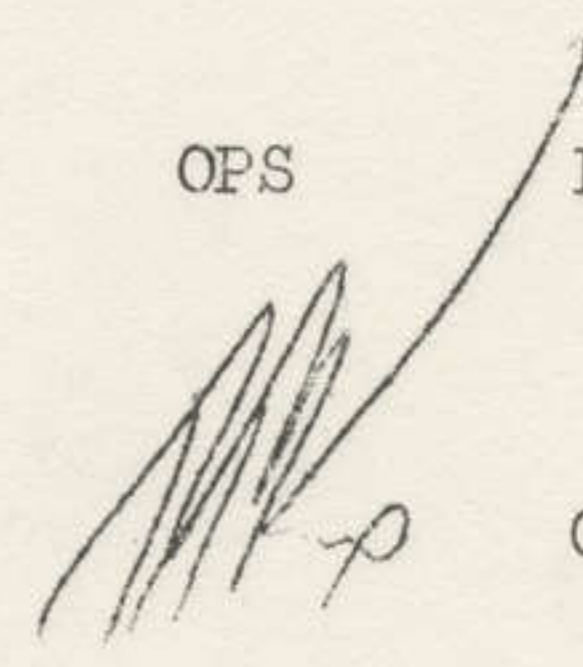
EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

19/210 Z DEC 70

R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF ~~DTW~~ SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1700

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 210001H TO 212400H DEC 70 .

ONE' : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP
SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT
TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
LORRAINE . MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE' : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2
CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN T. REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY
WITH LCT . TWO COYS AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY REMAINS NDP GARTH ON
QUARRY PROTECTION AND LOCAL PATROLLING .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUC JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY
OP SOUTH AND EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF
MASS YS5874 . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF . COY
TO DEPLOY INTO ~~THE~~ TECH AREA .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FROM

20 1055Z Dec 70

R569/1/82

CONFIDENTIAL

OPS 1707

PRIORITY

FROM : 1 ATF

TO : IIFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SINO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 220001H TO 222400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP
 SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT
 TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF ENS . LCT NDP LORRAINE .
 MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2
 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . EN TO REMAIN AO JUDY . EN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . COY
 WITH LCT . TWO COYS AMBUSH HOA LONG BY NIGHT . COY REMAINS NDP GARTH ON
 QUARRY PROTECTION AND LOCAL PATROLLING .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . EN (-) TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . EN HQ HORSESHOE HILL . COY TO REMAIN
 NDP BRIDGID AMBUSH VIC ROUTE 44 BY NIGHT PLUC JOINT PTLs WITH RF . ONE COY
 OP SOUTH AND EAST OF XUYEN MOC . ONE COY TO REMAIN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF
 MASS YS5874 . COY TO AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT IN CONJUUNCTION WITH RF . COY OP
 IN AREA TH & PICH SE FROM FSB RAGLAN .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

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PRIORITY PRIORITY 210945 Z DEC 70 R569-1-32

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS1711
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 230001H TO 232400H DEC 70 .

ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY
 TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH .
 SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
 LORRAINE . MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
 CONTINUE .

SIX . 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY TO REMAIN ON STAND
 DOWN . B COY TO RETURN FROM NDP GARTH TO ASSUME AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY
 NIGHT . C COY TO REMAIN AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION . V COY TO MOVE TO
 NDP GARTH TO ASSUME AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION . SP COY TO REMAIN NUI
 DAT FOR RETRG .

SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HCRSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN PATROLLING IN
 THUA TICH AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS6582 . B COY TO REMAIN EAST OF XUYEN MOC
 C COY TO REMAIN IN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5874 . D COY TO REMAIN
 AMBUSHING DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF . SP COY TO REMAIN
 NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY PRIORITY 22 1015 Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1715
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 240001H TO 242400H DEC 70 .

ONE . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

TWO . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY
 TP(+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH .
 SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR . 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
 LORRAINE . MCT OP IN AREA OF DUC THANH .

FIVE . 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
 CONTINUE .

SIX . 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY DEPLOYS INTO NUI
 DINH MNTS . B COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY NIGHT . C COY TO
 RETURN TO NUI DAT FOR RETRG . V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING IN
 AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION . SP COY TO DEPLOY TO AO MANGO FOR LCT
 PROTECTION .

SEVEN . 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH
 AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 6782 . B COY TO REMAIN ON STAND DOWN . C COY
 TO REMAIN IN TAN RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 5874 . D COY TO REMAIN
 AMBUSHING DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF . SP COY TO
 REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT . 1 SAS SQN HAS 6 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY PRIORITY 23 1030 Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : 11 FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1723
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 250001H TO 252400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY.
 TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH .
 SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XJYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
 LORRAINE . MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY REMAINS NUI DINH MNTS .
 B COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY NIGHT . C COY REMAINS NUI DAT ON RETRG .
 V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING IN AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION . SP COY
 TO DEPLOY TO AO MANGO FOR LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA
 CENTRE OF MASS YS 6782 . B COY TO REMAIN ON STAND DOWN . C COY TO REMAIN IN TAN
 RU AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS 5874 . D COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT
 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF . SP COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE
 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 2 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY PRIORITY 24 1145 Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : 11 FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1727
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR. PLANS SUMMARY 260001H TO 262400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
 TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST AT NDP GARTH . SECT
 TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
 LORRAINE . MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT , ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
 ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
 CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY REMAINS NUI DINH MNTS .
 B COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY NIGHT . C COY REMAINS NUI DAT ON
 RETRG . V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING IN AO MICE AND QUARRY
 PROTECTION . SP COY TO REMAIN AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA
 CENTRE OF MASS YS6782 . D COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT
 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF . SP COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC
 ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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MESSAGE FORM

25 1040 Z DEC 70

R569-1-82

CONFIDENTIAL

OPS 1736

PRIORITY PRIORITY

FROM : 1 ATF

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 270001H TO 272400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST AT NDP GARTH : SECT
TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP
LORRAINE . MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE
ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO
CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY REMAINS NUI DINH MNTS .
B COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY NIGHT . C COY REMAINS NUI DAT ON
RETRG . V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING IN AO MICE AND QUARRY
PROTECTION . SP COY TO REMAIN AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA .
CENTRE OF MASS YS6782 . B COY DEPLOYS FOL STAND DOWN . D COY TO REMAIN
AMBUSHING DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF . SP COY TO REMAIN
NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 5 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

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PRIORITY : 261100 Z Dec 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R & E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 17/44
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO ; AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 280001H TO 282400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY .
TP (+) TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN ST NDP GARTH . SECT
TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP LORRAINE .
MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES
2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY TO REMAIN NUI DINHS .
B COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY NIGHT . C COY TO REMAIN NUI
DAT ON RETRG . V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING IN AO MICE AND QUARRY
PROTECTION . SP COY TO REMAIN AO MANCO ON LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA .
CENTRE OF MASS YS6782 . B COY TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . D COY TO REMAIN
AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5367 . C COY TO REMAIN TAN RU CENTRE OF MASS YS5874 .
NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 6 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY : 27 03 30 Z DEC 70 R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R AND E CG 18 ARVN DIV OPS 1747
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SINO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 290001H TO 292400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR
 AO JUDY . TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP
 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP TO SP 7RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST
 SQN AT NDP GARTH . SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP
 DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS .
 LCT NDP LORRAINE . MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO
 CONTINUE ROUTES 2 CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA
 AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY TO REMAIN
 NUI DINHS . B COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG BY NIGHT . C
 COY TO REMAIN NUI DAT ON RETRG . V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH
 PATROLLING IN AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION . SP COY TO REMAIN
 AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN
 TANUA TICH AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS6782 . B COY TO REMAIN
 HORSESHOE HILL AND AMBUSH DAT DO AREA BY NIGHT . D COY TO
 REMAIN AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5367 . C COY TO REMAIN TAN RU
 CENTRE OF MASS YS5874 NDP BRIDGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH
 JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 4 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

281000 Z DEC 70

R569-1-82

FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1752

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR . PLANS SUMMARY 300001H TO 302400H DEC 70 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP
7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN(-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP(-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP
TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN AT NDP GARTH , SECT TO REMAIN
LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP LORRAINE .
MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2
CMM 23 CMM 44 AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE .

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY TO REMAIN NUI DINHS . B COY
TO REMAIN NUI DAT FOR STAND DOWN . C COY TO ASSUME AMBUSHING HOA LONG . V COY
TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION . SP COY TO
REMAIN AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA CENTRE
OF MASS YS6782 . B COY TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL AND AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT .
D COY TO REMAIN ON STAND DOWN . C COY TO REMAIN TAN RU CENTRE OF MASS YS5874 .
SP COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 7 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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TO : 11 FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV

OPS 1755

1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF

SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR. PLANS SUMMARY 310001H TO 312400H DEC 70.

ONE HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT. SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT. TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY. TP SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI. TP SP LCT.

THREE: B SQN 3 CAV REGT. SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT. TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY. TP TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI. SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN NDP GARTH, SECT TO REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE. ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC.

FOUR : 1 FD SQN. SQN HQ NUI DAT. ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS. LCT NDP LORRAINE. MCT NUI DAT.

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN. SQN NUI DAT. ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES " CMM 23 CMM 44 CMM AND 52. QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE.

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT. A COY TO REMAIN NUI DINHS. B COY TO REMAIN ON STAND DOWN. C COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG. V COY TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION. SP COY TO REMAIN AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION.

SEVEN: 7 RAR. BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL. A COY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS6782. B COY TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL AND AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT. D COY TO RETURN FROM STAND DOWN. C COY TO REMAIN TAN RU CENTRE OF MASS YS5874. SP COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs WITH RF.

EIGHT: 1 SAS SQN ⁶ LRRPS DEPLOYED.

NINE : ALL OPS RESTRICTED 311800H DEC 70 - 011800H JAN 71 IN TERMS OF TEMPORARY CESSATION OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES

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FROM : 1 ATF

TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR. PLANS SUMMARY 010001H TO 012400 JAN 71 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP SP
7 RAR AO NAOMI . TP SP LCT .

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY . TP
TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI . SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN NDP GARTH NDP GARTH, SECT TO
REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE . ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC .

FOUR : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS . LCT NDP LORRAINE .
MCT NUI DAT .

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2
CMM 23 CMM 44 CMM AND 52 . QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE.

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT . A COY TO REMAIN NUI DINHS . B COY
TO REMAIN ON STAND DOWN . C COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG . V COY TO REMAIN
NDP GARTH PATROLLING AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION . SP COY TO REMAIN
AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION .

SEVEN : 7 RAR . BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL . ACOY TO REMAIN THUA TICH AREA CENTRE
OF MASS YS 6782 . B COY TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL AND AMBUSH DAT DO BY NIGHT .
D COY TO DEPLOY FOL STAND DOWN . C COY TO REMAIN TAN RU CENTRE OF MASS
YS 5874 . SP COY TO REMAIN NDP BRIGID AMBUSHING VIC ROUTE 44 WITH JOINT PTLs
WITH RF .

EIGHT : 1 SAS SQN HAS 7 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

NINE : ALL OPS RESTRICTED 311800H DEC 70 - 011800H JAN 71 IN TERMS OF TEMPORARY
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31/40 Z DEC 70

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FROM : 1 ATF

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TO : II FFORCE V G3 R&E CG 18 ARVN DIV
 1 ATF LO 2 BDE 25 INF DIV SLNO RTAVF
 SA 18 ARVN DIV 1 ATF LO RTAVF CG RTAVF

OPS 1775

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 BRIEFING OFFR ; PLANS SUMMARY 020001H TO 022400 JAN 71 .

ONE : HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT !

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT ! TP SP 2 RAR AO JUDY ! TP SP
 7 RAR AO NAOMI ! TP SP LCT !

THREE : B SQN 3 CAV REGT ! SQN (-) TO REMAIN NUI DAT . TP (-) TO SP 2 RAR AO JUDY ! TP
 TO SP 7 RAR AO NAOMI ! SECT TO SP 17 CONST SQN NDP GARTH NDP GARTH . SECT TO
 REMAIN LCT NDP LORRAINE ! ELMS SP DISTRICT HQ XUYEN MOC !

FOUR : 1 FD SQN ; SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP INF BNS ! LCT NDP LORRAINE !
 MCT NUI DAT !

FIVE : 17 CONST SQN . SQN NUI DAT . ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST TO CONTINUE ROUTES 2 CMM
 23 CMM 44 CMM AND 52 ! QUARRY OPS NDP ISA AND NDP GARTH TO CONTINUE !

SIX : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ TO REMAIN NUI DAT ! A COY TO REMAIN NUI DINHS ! B COY
 TO RETURN TO NUI DAT FOR RETRG ! C COY TO REMAIN AMBUSHING HOA LONG ! V COY
 TO REMAIN NDP GARTH PATROLLING AO MICE AND QUARRY PROTECTION ! SP COY TO REMAIN
 AO MANGO ON LCT PROTECTION !

SEVEN : 7 RAR ! BN HQ TO REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL ! A COY TO RETURN TO NDP BRIDGID ! B COY
 TO REMAIN SOUTH OF XUYEN MOC . C COY NO CHANGE ! D COY TO REMAIN SOUTH EAST
 OF XUYEN MOC !

EIGHT : FSB REGLAN TO CLOSE ! FSB BRUISER TO OPEN ! SECT 107 BTY TO OPEN NEW FSBVIC
 ONG TRINH YS 2568 .

NINE : 1 SAS SQN HAS 7 LRRPS DEPLOYED .

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MESSAGE FORM

060600Z DEC 70

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CONFIDENTIAL

FROM : 1 ATF

OPS 1615

TO : II FFORCE V

INFO : GSO2 (Ops)

ATTN : G3 PLANS CLN WEEKLY FORECAST OF OPERATIONS 132400H DEC 70 TO 202400H DEC 70.

ONE : ELMS OF TWO INF BNS ON INDEPENDENT OPS.

TWO : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ NUI DAT .

THREE : 7 RAR . BN TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL .

FOUR : SUPPORTING ARMS .

ALPHA . A SQN 1 ARMD REGT . ELMS REMAIN OP CON INF BNS AND ON LAND CLEARING PROTECTION .

BRAVO . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . ELMS CONTINUE OP CON INF BNS CMM QUARRY AND MINE CLEARING PROTECTION AND INDEP AMBUSHES .

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13/125 Z (Dec 70)

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FROM : 1 ATF
TO : II FFORCE V
INFO : ~~ASØ2 (ØPØ)~~

CONFIDENTIAL
OPS1663

ATTN : G3 PLANS CLN WEEKLY FORECAST OF OPERATIONS 202400H DEC 70 TO
272400H DEC 70 (.)
ONE : ELMS OF TWO INF BNS ON INDEPENDENT OPS (.)
TWO : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (.) TO REMAIN AO JUDY (.) BN HQ NUI DAT (.)
THREE : 7 RAR (.) BN TO REMAIN AO NAOMI (.) BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL (.)
FOUR : SUPPORTING ARMS (.)
ALFA (.) A SQN 1 ARMD REGT (.) ELMS REMAIN OP CON INF BNS
AND ON LAND CLEARING PROTECTION (.)
BRAVO (.) B SQN 3 CAV REGT (.) ELMS CONTINUE OP CON INF BNS
CMM QUARRY AND MINE CLEARING PROTECTION

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ROUTINE

20 1100Z (Dec)

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FROM : 1 ATF

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V

OPS 1706

INFO : GSO2 (Ops)

ATTN : G3 PLANS CIN WEEKLY FORCAST OF OPERATIONS 272400H DEC 70 TO
032400H JAN 71 .

ONE : ELMS OF TWO INF BNS CN INDEPENDENT OPS .

TWO : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ NUI DAT .

THREE : 7 RAR . BN TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL .

FOUR : SUPPORTING ARMS .

ALFA . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . ELMS REMAIN OP CON INF BNS AND ON
LAND CLEARING PROTECTION .

BRAVO . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . ELMS CONTINUE OP CON INF BNS CMM QUARRY
AND MINE CLEARING PROTECTION CMM LOCAL PROTECTION XUYEN MOC .

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PRIORITY ROUTINE 27 03 30 Z (DEC 70) R569-1-81

FROM : 1 ATF CONFIDENTIAL

TO : II FFORCE V OPS 1748

INFO : GS02 (OPS)

ATTN : G3 PLANS CLN WEEKLY FORCAST OF OPERATIONS 032400H JAN 71 TO
102400H JAN 71 .

ONE : ELMS OF TWO INF BNS ON INDEPENDENT OPS .

TWO : 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) . TO REMAIN AO JUDY . BN HQ NUI DAT .
COYS ENGAGED IN LAND CLEARING PROTECTION , PATROLLING ,
NIGHT AMBUSHING AND QUARRY PROTECTION .

THREE : 7 RAR . BN TO REMAIN AO NAOMI . BN HQ HORSESHOE HILL .
COYS ENGAGED IN NIGHT AMBUSHING AND PATROLLING .

FOUR : SUPPORTING ARMS .

ALFA . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . ELMS REMAIN OP CON INF BNS AND ON
LAND CLEARING PROTECTION .

BRAVO . B SQN 3 CAV REGT . ELMS CONTINUE OP CON INF BNS CMM
QUARRY AND MINE CLEARING PROTECTION CMM LOCAL PROTECTION
XUYEN MOC .

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FROM 1 ATF		PREFIX	
TO: AVIST FORCE		GR	
INFO: A SQDN 1 ARMB REGT 106 FB WKSRS		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL	
INTERNAL	3 G2 OPS	DAD MG	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G1590

TANK OPERATIONS

For Chief of Staff

ONE. At present one control tk and three battle tanks are grounded because of lack of oil pressure gauges. This equates to a troop band as such 25% of A Sqdn effective fighting force now practically useless.

TWO. Grateful you exert GS pressure on AHQ in attempt to hasten supply. If no parts received by 10 Dec will be obliged to submit op dem.

THREE. Appreciate manufacture and supply difficulties but tank usage will probably increase with onset of dry season and situation already critical. Perhaps 1 Armb Regt could be

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	G1590

requested to produce gauges from tanks in Austo.

FOUR Brief Summary of background follows.

alpha Service Demand 15/16

- (1) 10 Jul 70 Stocks reduced to NIL
- (2) 12 Jul 70 Pri three svc demand 10/16 for gty six on 1 COB
- (3) 14 Jul. Svc demand referred to Army Melb
- (4) 17 Jul BRITSPARE 66283 raised on PURLON for supply
- (5) 22 Jul PURLON advised issues to be made ex. stock
- (6) 29 AUG ORD 141 from here requested del date and hastened action
- (7) 8 SEP PURLON advised items being manufactured. No del date avail
- (8) 6 OCT ORD 219 from here advised situation critical

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(9) 16 Oct PURLON advised del date to Rust ind sec 70

(10) 1 Dec svc demand upgraded to PRI 1 and Remy Melb (advised of extreme situation

Bravo Service Demand ID/85

(1) 5 Aug 70 svc demand Pri 3 for qty 3 on 1 COB (No ID/85)

(2) 11 SEP 0 Demand referred to Remy Melb

(3) 15 SEP 0 BRITSPARE No 66321 raised for PURLON to supply

(4) 15 SEP 0 svc demand upgraded to PRI 2 by our ORD 182

(5) 18 Nov 0 PURLON advised that items requisitioned for sec 70

(6) 21 Nov 0 Remy Melb reminded that demand was Pri 2

(7) 26 Nov 0 Remy Melb advised PURLON of upgrade to PRI 2

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Charlie's Jvc Demand ID/113

(1) 4 Nov 70. PRI 3 Service Demand ID/113
for qty six on ICOD

(2) 11 Nov 70 Demand referred to
Remy Melb

(3) 17 Nov 70 BRITSPARE 66355 raised for
PURLON to supply

(4) 19 Nov 70 PURLON advised requisitioned
for del to Aust Jan 71

(5) 21 Nov 70 ORD 290 from here upgraded
demand to PRI 1

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TO : List A (less serials 24-30)				GR
Internal : D Comd DAQMG GSO3 (Ops)				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
				CONFIDENTIAL
INFO :				ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
				OPS 1610

BASE DEFENCE

1. The responsibility for provision of the infantry element of 1 ATF Counter Penetration Force is to change from 161 Indep Recce Flt to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt LAD with effect from 081800H Dec 70.

2. 1 ARU is to be responsible for the security of the line of West Terrace in the events of enemy incursion through the JWTC area from receipt of this signal.

3. 161 Indep Recce Flt is to site and construct a new MG post in the vic of Luscombe control tower. Left of arc Southern side of rubbish tip, right of arc the extension of the line of Luscombe airfd to the west. MG to be provided from own resources. Flt is to be responsible for manning the new pit during "Stand-to".

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INFO :			

4. SAS is to site and construct a new MG pit in vic of entrance to magazine area YS 435678. Left of are North side of rubbish tip, right of are 50 metres west of pit 001. MG to be provided from own resources. Sqn to responsible for manning during "Stand-to".

5. 1 Td Sqn is conducting land clearing ops outside the perimeter from the south gate around to the area in front of 107 Bty.

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TO: LIST A LESS SERIALS 4, 24, 25			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS
27-30			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER A 2477
LIST C			
INFO: AFV PRO UNIT VONG TRU.			

ROAD DISCIPLINE IN 1 ATF TAOR
 ONE COM 1 ATF IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE EFFECT THAT INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR BY AUST DVRS IS HAVING ON LOCAL COMMUNITY
 TWO FOL MEASURES ARE TO TAKE EFFECT
 ALPHA WEF 8 DEC 70 5 TON GS AND TIP TRUCKS ARE ONLY TO ENTER HOA LONG FOR WORK IN HOA LONG
 BRAVO MOBILE AND STATIC PATROLS ARE TO BE TRIPLED 3 SON 3 CAV REGT cmm 4 FD REGT cmm 2RAR cmm 7RAR ARE EACH TO PROVIDE ONE SGT cmm ONE CPL cmm ONE LANDROVER cmm ONE RADIO PRC/25 TO OC DET AFV PRO UNIT FROM 0730 HRS THU 10 DEC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ADMIN DETAILS BELOW

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INFO :			

THREE @ COs/OCs ARE TO WARN ALL RANKS THAT SPEEDING AND OFFENCES ARISING FROM INCONSIDERATE ROAD BEHAVIOUR WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY @

FOUR @ ADMIN OF PERS ATT TO PRO (PARA TWO BRAVO @) @ IN ALPHA @ SAME PERS ARE TO BE EMPLOYED @ AS FAR AS POSSIBLE @ ONLY LEAVE AND RTA SHOULD CAUSE ROTATION @ PERS ARE TO REPORT AT 0730 HRS DAILY AND WILL BE RELEASED TO UNIT BY 1730 HRS @ PERS ~~can~~ VEH ~~can~~ OR RADIO DEFICIENCIES ARE TO BE BORNE BY UNITS CONCERNED @ FAILURE TO PRODUCE ON ANY DAY WILL PUT ONE PATROL OFF ROAD @ BRAVO @ ~~AND~~ LUNCH IS TO BE CARRIED @

FIVE @ EMPLOYMENT @ EACH VEH WILL BE FITTED WITH MILITARY POLICE SIGN @ IF VEH IS USED BY UNIT @ AT NIGHT SIGN IS TO BE REMOVED @ EACH PATROL WILL INCL ONE RAA PRO NEC @

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

INFO :

SIX @ SOUTH GATE 1 ATF BASE @ GATE IS TO BE
LOCKED AT ALL TIMES @ FOR 161 BTY ANZA @ GATE
IS TO OPENED ONLY WITH APPROVAL HQ 1 ATF @

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: I ATF			PERM
TO A SON T ARMO REGT			
INFO: 106 FD WKSPS			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
DET FWD DEL TP			CONFIDENTIAL
INTERNAL. BAQMG.			ORIGINATOR NUMBER
			OPS 1645

TANK OPERATIONS

REF I ATF 61590 OF 030100Z DEC 70
 (NOT TO FWD DEL TP). Fol is text of
 Austforce signal COS 021888 DTG 090130Z Dec 70
 QUOTE From Chief of Staff --- ONE A HQ has
 been informed of current tank
 problem outlined in the reference
 and we have asked A HQ to
 make efforts to have delivery
 expedited. The submission of an
 opdem in mid-Dec will not hasten

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TO			SECRET CLASSIFICATION
INFO:			OPERATOR'S INITIALS

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provision which is being carried out by civilian agency in UK. Two of unit tanks, which are grounded through ^{ONE} lack of oil pressure gauges are required for ops tanks will have to be released from fwd del sp UNQUOTE

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INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			CONFIDENTIAL
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			OPS/651

Herbicide ops. AFV 569/1/77 of 8 Dec 70 refers

ONE This HQ is already in receipt of II FFV directive covering MACV Directive 525-1.

TWO Request that future AFV directives are issued under staff as opposed to sp arms/ svc cover

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MESSAGE FORM

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FOR COMMS OPERATIONAL USE

PRECEDENCE/CLASSIFICATION	PRECEDENCE/CLASSIFICATION	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
ROUTINE		120841 Z Dec 70	
FROM: 1 ATF			PRZ/1
TO: West A			02
INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			RESTRICTED
			ORIGINATOR'S MARK
			OPS 1601

UNAUTHORISED AIR/GROUND FIRING

ONE. Id three instances of unauthorised firing by helicopters in 1 ATF TAOR, II AFV were requested to advise action to be taken by friendly troops if fire was causing concern.

TWO. All 1 ATF troops under such circumstances are to take cover and throw RED SMK as soon as possible. The fact is also to be

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MESSAGE FORM

FOR COMINT - GEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE-ACTION	PRECEDENCE-SEC	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM:			REF ID
TO			OR
INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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reported to IATF CP by the
 latest means. Ground troops
 should endeavor to obtain
 some form of identification
 of the aircraft concerned.

THREE. II FFV. Your ~~AVFBC-A~~ AVFBC-A of 111432 Dec 20
 M/ans Ack.

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

15 0545Z (Dec 70)

RESTRICTED

FROM : 1 ATF

OPS1675

TO : LIST Z

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 1970/71 (.) ALL ADDRESSEES ARE ADVISED THAT 1 ATF IS TO REMAIN ON A FULLY OPERATIONAL FOOTING OVER THE XMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD (.) FOR 1 ATF UNIT/DET COMDS AND STAFF BRANCH HEADS (.) YOU ARE TO ENSURE THAT FESTIVE SEASON ACTIVITIES IN NO WAY LIMIT 1 ATF OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY (.)
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FOR COMSEC SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
ROUTINE		16 0239 Z Dec 70	
FROM: 1 ATF			PRIPLA
TO CG 11 FFV LBN RYN			OR
INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			CONFIDENTIAL
			PRECEDENCE NUMBER
			OPS 1679

Security Status of Lines of Communication
 11 FFV AVFBC-RE 120136 of
 1410110 Z Dec 70 refers
 ONIE. Para India of ref states route 3
 status is amber from Blackhorse to
 FSB Lynch.
 TINIO. FSB Lynch is no longer
 occupied by US forces. Amber status
 extends further south to NGA1 GIAO
 VS 464794

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FOR COMM. OPERATIONAL USE

PRECEDENCE-PRIORITY ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE-INFO	ONE-TIME GROUP 160234	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS DEC 70
FROM: I ATF			PEOPLE OR
TO LIST Z less Serials			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
INFO: 42-55			RESTRICTED
			ORIGINATOR NUMBER OPS 1680

RESTRICTION ON USE OF ROUTE 326

ONE. I ATF WHEELED VEHs ARE NOT TO USE ROUTE 326 BETWEEN YS 455583 AND YS 499556 WITHOUT SPECIFIC APPROVAL FROM 'G' BRANCH I ATF.

TWO. THIS APPROVAL WILL NORMALLY BE GIVEN ONLY FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL NEEDS.

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

7 Dec 70

Distribution Below

DUST OFF PROCEDURE - 1 ATF CP

1. RAAF helicopters now fly all Dustoff missions for 1 ATF and under certain circumstances, for other formations/units within range.
2. CP Duty Offrs are to follow the following procedures on receipt of a Dustoff request:
 - a. 1 ATF Units. Ensure that the RAAF duty officer is advised any time, day or night - Phone Ebony 51 (3 rings) or 1 ATF Officers Mess. He is required for flight following duties. If for any reason he cannot be contacted, ring RAAF Ops VUNG TAU. Phone VUNG TAU 6913 or EMU 164.
 - b. For Non 1 ATF Units. The Duty Officer must approve the release of the Dustoff ac to answer requests from non 1 ATF units. The only reason for refusal or delay will normally be when we have a contact in progress within 1 ATF or contact is imminent. You must decide at the time. Once this decision is made, procede in accordance with para 2.a. above. (Note: Requests from other units/formations may go direct to 8 Fd Amb. 8 Fd Amb is not permitted to release Dust Off without clearance from 1 ATF CP).
3. If in doubt ask or ring Ops or Air Cell Staff.

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(E.B. BESTIC)
Capt
GS03(Ops)

Distribution

Capt CLOUGHLEY	Capt SEAGER
Capt EASTER	Capt STEEN
Capt FARDELL	Capt TAIA
Capt HANEVELD	CP
Capt HUSSELL	
Capt KNOX	
Capt NICHOLSON	
Lt OLDHAM	
Capt PRONK	

For Information

8 Fd Amb
Air Cell
ATOL (2)

MESSAGE FORM

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FOR COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS USE

PRECEDENCE - ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE - TIME GROUP 180204 ±	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS Dec 70
FROM: I ATF			REFLEX CR
TO: OC SAS			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL
INFO:			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 1694

BASE DEFENCE - RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
REF A. IATF SOP CHAPTER 5 SECT 5.
ONE. In recent months there have been several incidents of children attempting to enter the area of the rubbish tip during the day and evening. For this reason the Rules of Engagement in the area of Sector 9 perimeter will need to be modified to avoid the possibility of killing or wounding children who are delinquents not VC.

TWO. Standing ppls in the Sector 9 area are hencefore to observe the pol Rules of Engagement. They may open fire when
 (alpha) they are fired at
 Bravo they positively identify

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION	PRECEDENCE - IN. D	DATE - TIME GROUP 0204	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
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TO :			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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an armed person who fails to stop when challenged Charlie when clearance is granted by IATF CP.

THREE. These rules apply until further notice. Changes will be advised by signal. ACK

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP 180154 Z Dec 20	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM: 1 ATF		PREFIX CR	
TO: hist A less signals 24-20		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	
Internal: 16cmd JAQMG CSOS(ops)		CONFIDENTIAL	
INFO:		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER CRS 1695	

BASE DEFENCE

REF 101 ATF Ops 1610 of 06 Dec 20

Paragraphs 3 and 4 of ref are cancelled

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FOR COMBAT OR DISPATCH USE

PRECEDENCE-ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE-INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP 180340Z Dec 70	MESSAGE INDICATORS
FROM: 1 ATF		PRIORITY	
TO: LIST 2 less Serials 42-53		CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED	
INFO:		OPERATOR NUMBER OPS 1696	

USE OF ROUTE 326

REF 1 ATF OPS 1680 of 16 0234Z Dec 70
 ONE⁰ Route 326 may be used by
 7 RAR unit nets at the discretion
 of CO 7RAR
 TWID⁰ The restriction on the use of
 the road by other units
 remains in force

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SEE FIGURE 23

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FOR COMBAT CONTROLS USE

PRECEDENCE-ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE-CLASS	DATE-TIME GROUP 180715Z Dec 70	MESSAGE PRIORITY CR
FROM: 1 ATF			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED
TO: LIST 2			
INFO:			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER 031697

UNIT CHANGEOVER

C SQN 1 ARMD REGT RELIEVED
 A SQN 1 ARMD REGT AT 170001 H
 DEC 70, NO CHANGE IN PERS
 EXCEPT OC

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TO: COMA CINCOPAC HQ

PRECEDENCE-ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE-CLASS 1	DATE-TIME GROUP 20 0030	MESSAGE NUMBER 2
FROM: I ATF		TO: LIST A	
INFO		RESTRICTED	
		OPS 1703	

SOLO DRIVING - IATF TAOR

ONE O FOL PERS ARE AUTH TO TRAVEL ON GREEN ROADS WITHIN IATF TAOR OUTSIDE CURFEW HOURS WITH ONE PERSON IN THEIR VEH

ALFA O IATF LO BARIA, DUC THANH, LONG MIEN AND DAT DO

BRAVO O MILO AND INT OFFRS WITH PASSES CHARLIE O SGTs AND ABOVE FROM PSYOPS AND DET 1 DIV INT UNIT ON URGENT TASKS AT DISCRETION OF OC'S

DELTA O TIPPER VEHs AND RASCAL VEHs AT DISCRETION OF OC'S

ECHO O ENGR PLANT WHICH HAVE SAFE SEATING FOR ONE OVR/ OPERATOR ONLY

TWO O EXCEPT FOR DELTA & ECHO ABOVE PERS CONCERNED ARE TO BE IN POSSESSION OF PASS ISSUED BY G2(OPS)

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FOR COMMA COMMUNICATIONS USE

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP 220140	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS Dec 70
FROM: 1 ATF		TO: 17 CONST SQN	
INTERNAL: DAAG		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED	
INFO: DET AFV PDO UNIT NUI DAT		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 1721	

SOLO DRIVING IN 1 ATF TAOR
 YOUR 0695 OF 210930 H1 DEC 70 REFERS
 ONE TP COMDS AND TP SGTs ARE AUTHI
 TO DRIVE SOLO WITHIN 1 ATF TAOR UNDER
 FOL CONDITIONS
 ALFA THE TASK IS URGENT AND NOT
 ROUTINE SUPERVISION
 BRAVO THE DRIVER HAS A PASS SIGNED
 BY OC 17 CONST SQN AUTHORIZING
 THE SPECIFIC JOURNEY TO BE
 MADE SOLO ENDORSEMENT OF AAF
 G2 WILL SUFFICE IF NECESSARY
 TWO APPLIES TO GREEN ROADS OUTSIDE
 CURFEW HOURS ONLY NOTE THAT
 1 ATF TAOR CEASES AT CAU CO MAY
 BRIDGE ON ROUTE 15

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FOR COMMA CONVENTIONAL USE

PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
PRIORITY		230310 Z (Dec 70)	
FROM: IATF			402
TO: LISTS B AND C			
INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			SECRET
			REGISTRAR'S NUMBER
			OPS 1719

Temporary cessation of offensive operations during Christmas and New Year holidays commencing 1970-71
 Ref: Alpha O MACV Directive 335-12 (KORVET) O
 Bravo O AEW Ops 022545 of 22 1115 Z Dec 70 A
 IATF offensive ops will cease between the
 for times shown
 Alpha O 241800H ^{Dec 70} to 251800H ^{Dec 70} incl O
 Bravo O 311800H Dec 70 to 011800H Jan 71 O
 Gen rules to be applied for ops in these
 periods of truce are as follows

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FOR COMNAV PERSONNEL USE

PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM:			PRIME 02
TO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
INFO:			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

Alpha 0 React decisively to en force violations which strike friendly forces 0

Brown 0 Do not initiate air or naval offensive ops directed against en forces.

Charlie 0 Def combining en routes to friendly ports in to court 0

Delta 0 Areas of potential en force and en LOC are to be patrolled and in force in to court 0

Echo 0 In the event of an en attack on friendly forces a not to be contact or decrease the

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FOR COMINT COM/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM :		PRIORITY	
TO :		OR	
INFO :		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	

intensity of ops till the end with clearance
 Despatch: All normal air and ground operations
 activities are to continue
 Golf: Induction fires are NOT to be conducted
 Hotel: No ABC light shows are to be conducted
 All air mobile acts are to be reported immediately
 to Kibbin CP comm to cover an activity and
 friendly response
 No public comment to be made concerning either
 the base or the incident. ACK Eberly 21

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION <i>IMMEDIATE</i>	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE - TIME GROUP <i>310730Z</i>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS <i>(Dec 70)</i>
FROM <i>1 ATF</i>			PREFIX <i>GR</i>
TO: <i>List 2</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>RESTRICTED</i>
INFO:			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>OPS 1774</i>

VEH MOVEMENT IATF TAOR

ONE (-) COMMENCING 311800H SEC AND CONTINUING FOR APPROX 72 HOURS VEH MOV BY IATF VEHs IS TO BE RESTRICTED TO OP REQ AS FAR AS POSSIBLE (-) ALL NON OP MOV IS TO BE APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE STAFF BRANCH AT HQ IATF AND PASSES OBTAINED OR ENDORSED BY STAFF R1/3 (-)

TWO (-) 1 ALSO VEHs ENTERING IATF TAOR WILL REQ SIMILAR WRITTEN AUTH FROM HQ ALSO (-)

THREE (-) PROVOST TO CHECK ALL VEHs IN AND OUT OF NUI DAT AND ON ROADS AND REPORT FULL DETAILS OF OFFENDERS (-)

FOUR (-) END OF RESTRICTION TO BE ADVISED BY SIGNAL

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090312Z DEC 70

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FROM: 1 ATF

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TO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

OPS 1640

REFERENCE II FFORCE V LTR-DCS CMM SUBJECT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT CMM DATED
19 JAN 69 (.) FOL INFO SUBMITTED FOR PERIOD 1 NOV - 30 NOV 70 (.)

ONE (.) FRIENDLY KIA CMM NIL (.)

TWO (.) FRIENDLY WIA CMM FOUR (.)

THREE (.) CONTACTS CMM 30 (.)

FOUR (.) EN KIA CMM NINE VC (.)

FIVE (.) PW CAPTURED CMM THREE (.)

SIX (.) TOTAL VCI KILLED AND CAPTURED CMM NIL (.)

SEVEN (.) HOI CHANH CMM THREE (.)

EIGHT (.) TOTAL SA CAPTURED AND DESTROYED CMM 12

NINE (.) TOTAL CREW SERVED WPNS CAPTURED AND DESTROYED CMM ONE (.)

ABOVE INFO ALSO CONTAINED IN 1 ATF SITREP FOR 9 DEC 70

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Distribution below

Q HOUR 1-31 JAN 71

1. Q Hour for the Month of Jan 71 is attached.

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(P.W. BLYTH)

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GS02 (Ops)

Distribution:

List B less serials 1-3, 10-12, 14-15, 19-20, 24-26.

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| 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) | (75) |
| 7 RAR | (100) |
| C Sqn 1 Armd Regt | (35) |
| B Sqn 3 Cav Regt | (62) |
| 4 Fd Regt | (100) |
| 161 (Indep) Recce Flt | (20) |
| 1 ARU | (3) |
| TFMA | (4) |
| 1 ALSG | (2) |
| HQ Coy 1 ATF | (3) |
| 67 GL Sect | (30) |
| Y AF | (4) |
| rATOC | |
| GS02 (Air) | |
| Arty Tac | (2) |
| Q Branch | (2) |
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| 1 ATF LO's | 2/25 US Bde |
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6 Jan 71	2100
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10 Jan 71	0400

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17 Jan 71	2200
18 Jan 71	0500
19 Jan 71	0800
20 Jan 71	1100

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23 Jan 71	1700
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26 Jan 71	1200
27 Jan 71	0700
28 Jan 71	1500
29 Jan 71	1700
30 Jan 71	2100
31 Jan 71	0400

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ANNEX E TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 70 TO 31 DEC 70

SITREPS ISSUED

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

E. 1
1 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 010001H to 012400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. FSB MELLISSA for LCT protection.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based on HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in sp B Coy ops in RSSZ. Returned to NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL and XUYEN MOC.

(d) 3 Tp. One sect NDP GARTH assisted in defence of quarry and engr parties on Route 15. Remainder of tp in independent ambush tasks East of BINH GIA with D & E Pl under comd.

(e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT cmm FSB COOK for local protection of guns cmm and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(4) 1 ATF Arty. NIL contact and 63 H and I missions were fired. NGF fired missions.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mine teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT. LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic BINH GIA.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.

(c) B Coy completed search in RSSZ and returned to NUI DAT.

(d) C Coy operated in vic NUI DINHS.

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- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG by night returning to NUI DAT by day.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Elms on patrol in LIGHT GREEN area.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area South East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remained on stand down.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day.
- (f) Sp Coy elms op in TAN RU area. Elms ambushed HORSESHOE HILL area by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Dec 70.
- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Independent ambushes East of BINH GIA return to NUI DAT.
- (2) FSB COOK closes and TPS-33 radar returns to LONG BINH.
- (3) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). C Coy returns to NUI DAT for stand down.
- (4) Otherwise no change.
- c. Locations
- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp YS 421658.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 3 Tp YS 567771.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty Section FSB MELISSA, Section NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB COOK.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy FSB MELISSA. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS 348647. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy FSB BRIDGID. B Coy YS 749664. C Coy VUNG TAU. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS 549775.
- d. Contacts and Incidents.
- (1) At 011449H at YS 456892 A Tk Pl/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located one Chicom grenade, a box of AK47 rounds and one AK47 mag. The items were found on the ground. It has been estimated that these items have been in location for 6 months.
- (2) At 011345H at YS 447892 A Tk Pl/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two persons who failed to stop when challenged. Patrol was moving through banana patch when two persons ran off, one to NE and one to NW. Persons failed to stop both on verbal and shots in the air challenge. One person was WIA and later DOW. Local residents in area disclaimed any knowledge of these two persons. Sweep failed to find other person.
- (3) At 011400H at YS 329637 8 Pl/C Coy/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a cave system approx 20'x5'x6' containing 5 beds. It is estimated that system had been occupied by up to 12 persons, the system being 8 months to 2 years old and last occupied 8 months to 12 months ago. System had deteriorated and has been destroyed.

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(4) At 012030H at YS 266577 Sect/161 RNZA Bty/4 Fd Regt RAA were contacted by 3-4 VC who approached their posn from SW. En initiated contact with automatic fire, Bty returned fire using SA, M79 & M18 Artillery supported from FSB COOK. Neg Aust eas, En cas unk sweep to be conducted in the morning.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - NIL
Platoon - NIL
Squad - TWO

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Refer para 1, d(2) and para 1 d(4).

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E 46-48, N 49-54, E 38-45, N 75-83. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 2 hours.

(2) Ground Activity. Team A op XUYEN MOC. Team B op con to 2 RAR.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT-No land clearing operations as no machines are serviceable.

MCT-Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 94 deg at 6 knots.

c. Temperature 81.1 deg F

d. Humidity 78%

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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E-2
2 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 020001H to 022400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELLISSA for protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based on HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Remained in NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL and XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) 3 Tp. One sect NDP GARTH assisted in defence of quarry and engr parties on Route 15. Remainder of tp returned from independent ambush tasks East of BINH GIA with D & E Pl.
 - (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (4) 1 ATF Arty. / contact and 4/7H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and nine teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT. LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic BINH GIA.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route, 2 North from BARIA and south from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.
 - (c) B Coy remained in NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy returned from NUI DINHS to NUI DAT for stand down.

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- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG .
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGED ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in lie up posn.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area South East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy remained on stand down.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained lie up positions in the LONG HAI's
 - (f) Sp Coy elms op in TAN RU area. Elms ambushed HORSESHOE HILL area by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day.

b. Plans Summary for Period 030001H to 032400H Dec 70

- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Independent ambushes East of BINH GIA return to NUI DAT.
- (2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). B Coy deploys to area centre of mass 4278 on patrol task.
- (3) 7 RAR. C Coy returns from stand down.
- (4) FSB LE LOT. Opens with deployment of 161 NZ Bty in sp of B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (5) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS248754, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp YS422657.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 2 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy FSB MELISSA, B,C,V,Sp Coys NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP B T GID, B Coy YS733691, C Coy VUNG TAU, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Reference contact at 012030H at YS266577 161 RNZA Bty/4 Fd Regt RAA a sweep was conducted at first light 02 Dec 70 with negative results.
- (2) At 021130H at YS338776 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR located a bunker complex, 200 x 15 metres linear. There were 12 bunkers 6'x7'x5' with interlocking crawl trenches and tunnels and bunkers had 6' OMP. System was estimated to be 18 months old and last used 18 months ago. System to be destroyed.
- (3) At 021850H at YS457560 a member of 11Pl/D Coy/7 RAR stood on suspected M16 mine. The mine which was estimated to be approx 1.5lb detonated in the ground. Result 4 WIA (Aust).

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- e. Results
- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel 4 WIA (Aust)
 - (b) Material Nil
 - (2) Enemy Losses Omitted.
- f. Small Unit Actions
- (1) Omitted.
 - (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-70, E26-32, N68-76, E36-42, N75-84, Themes were benefits of Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations


(1) At 020255H at YS515541 189 RF compound was fired at by about 3 enemy using arms. 1 RF was slightly wounded. A sweep was carried out with negative results.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 25,000 square metres were cleared. 2 machines servicable.

MCT One x 10' s o completed assistance given to levelling of Artillery compound.

3. Metecrological Detail

- a. Rainfall Trace.
- b. Prevailing Winds 231 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature. 79.9 deg F.
- d. Humidity 85%


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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

4 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Dec 70 .

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Sect deployed to FSB LE LOI for on local protection tasks Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) 3 Tp. Two sects on SAS Insertion.

(e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. nil contacts and 62 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic BINH GIA.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from TARA and south from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained LC JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.

(c) B Coy deplcd to area WEST of BINH GIA centre of mass YS 4278

(d) C Coy remained on stand down.

(e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG,

(f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in lie up posn.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy returned from stand down.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained lie up posns in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL. Elms ambush area by night.

b. Plans Summary for Period 040001H to 042400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. C Coy deploys to TAN RU area.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS420655, 2 Tp YS248754, 3 Tp SCOBIE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp HORSESHOE, 3 Tp YS616806.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT and MELISSA.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy MELISSA, B Coy YS451765, C Coy VUNG TAU, V Coy GARTH, Sp Coy FSB HELEN.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy H/SHOE, A Coy BRIGID, B Coy YS751664, C Coy NUI, DAT.
- (6) LCT. MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1), (3), (4) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions were conducted over areas: LONG HAIS, NUI DINHS and West of NGAI GIAO. Themes of above 3 missions was CHIEU HOI.

b. RF Ops.

- (1) At 031100H at YS236686 RF operating in RSSZ with NHA BE ops contacted 13 VC resulting in 11 VC KIA and the remaining 2 VC KIA by Gunships. At 031230 2 further VC were KIA as they walked into previous contact area. Total result: 15 VC KIA.
- (2) At 031130H at YS277555 (LONG SON Is) 12 PF contacted 3-4 VC and engaged with SA. En returned fire and wdr NW after contact. Results: 1 civilian (HOI CHANH) with 12 PF Pl, WIA.
- (3) Prior to 031150H at YS441643, 302 RF located 2 tunnel systems, 2 bunkers and 2 holes nearby. Each tunnel was 25 ft long and had 5ft to 10 ft OHP. System had been used recently. Also located were 6 panji (steel) set in concrete blocks. System destroyed.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT: 38,000 square metres cleared.
MCT: Nil operations.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 270 deg at 05 knots
- c. Temperature. 73.0 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 87%.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

5 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THIANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR.
HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks Sect as 1 ATF PRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Two sects returned from SAS Insertion.
 - (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. / contact and 2/4H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELIISA and MCT vic BINH GIA.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and south from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area.

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- (c) B Coy remained in area WEST of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy returned from stand down.
- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East of HOA LONG.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in lie up posn.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy deployed into TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained lie up posns in the LONG HAI's.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained HORSESHOE HILL. Elms ambush area by night.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. Sp Coy deploys into PHUOC BUU area centre of mass YS6363.
- (2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). C Coy returns from stand down.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Arm'd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS420656. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SQH, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BHQ, V Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. A Coy FSB MELISSA. B Coy FSB LE LOI. C Coy VUNG TAU.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy YS751664. C Coy YS583735.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 041600H at YS582740 8 Pl/ C Coy/7 RAR located a tunnel system. This system had a main chamber 25' x 12', two(2) corridors 10' long with 90 deg turn into the main chamber. The tunnel 8ft OHP. There was only one entry point. Located inside the system was 500 rounds. .30 cal.
- (2) At 041745H at YS468896 TA84/SHQ/B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine believed to be CHICOM 20 lb pressure electric. Results. Neg cas and only light damage to APC.
- (3) At 041943H at YS474717 Base Patrol/7 RAR were contacted by 5-10 VC from the North. Patrol fired claymores and en withdrew to NW. At 042200H VC once again contacted patrol with auto fire. Patrol eng with SA and en withdrew. At 042215H as patrol was moving West to link up with Ready Reaction Platoon which was being despatched from NUI DAT, the patrol was once again contacted by unk size VC firing a sustained burst of RPD and 1 RPG which all went overhead. The area of contact was engaged with both illumination and HE by artillery. Results. Neg Aust cas. En cas unk. Sweep to be conducted in the morning.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses Unk

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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6 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Dec 70.

To: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
- (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during ni. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained in NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. Two sects returned from SAS Insertion.
- (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. \odot contact and 68 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy operated in AO MANGO protecting LCT and conducting active patrolling in area and lifted one pl to NUI DINHS by air.
- (c) B Coy remained in area WEST of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy remained at NUI DAT.
- (e) V Coy. Ambushed area East and West of HOA LONG, platoon inserted RUNG SAT, extracted 051530H.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in three lie up posns.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained one lie up posn in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy deployed area PHOU C BUU centre of mass YS6363.

b. Plans Summary for Period 060001H to 062400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). A Coy returns NUI DAT for HOA LONG ambushes. C Coy deploys to AO MANGO for LCT protection. V Coy remains NUI DAT for trg.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS420655, 2 Tp FSB MELISSA, 3 Tp NUI DAT and HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB LE LOI and XUYEN MOC, 2 Tp YS649613, YS635627, NDP BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp VUNG TAU
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT and FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy FSB MELISSA, B Coy FSB LE LOI, C and V Coys NUI DAT, Sp Coy NUI DAT with elms at FSB MELISSA and NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS774680, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP ISA.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 051200H at YS415785 5 Pl 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a pit system covering 50 X 30 metres and of rectangular shape. Two pits were 4 X 4 X 4 feet and six pits were 2 X 3 X 3 feet. System was one to two years old and not used for six months.
- (2) At 051600H at YS458892, elms from 17 Const Sqn operating in NDP GARTH, located a mine which was uncovered by a grader 10 feet off the road. The mine was of a VC local type and weighed 40lbs and with a pressure electric means of activation. It is believed to have been laid 12 months ago.
- (3) At 051923H at YS435891 elms from Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two enemy who approached their AP from the North. Contact was initiated by friendlies resulting in one VC (KIA) and one VC (WIA). A sweep is to be conducted at first light.
- (4) At 051830H at YS439893, the patrol in sub sub para (3) above located a body in a shallow grave. The body is estimated to be seven to 10 days old. More information will be provided after a sweep is conducted at first light.
- (5) At 052330H at YS470891, another patrol from Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an estimated six to 10 enemy moving North, then South. The enemy approached the AP from the rear and contact was initiated by friendlies from a distance of 15 - 20 metres with small arms fire. Enemy were using torches and talking prior to the contact whilst they approached the ambush position. Nil friendly casualties. Results unknown and a sweep is to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses .
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC (KIA), 1 VC (WIA) (poss)
 - (b) Materiel. Unknown.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice missions over areas E35-45, N76-88, E30-39, N62-72.
- (2) Ground Team operated with VIS in LONG LE.

b. Omitted.

- c. Engineering Operations. LCT: 35,000 sq metres.
MCT: 800 sq metres, 23 M16 mines destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 236 deg at 02 knots.
- c. Temperature. 80.2 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 86%

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

7 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) 3 Tp. Stand down.

(e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of engr parties on Route 2.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact and 55 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.

(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to Market Place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy returned to NUI DAT to assume ambushing HOA LONG.

(c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.

(d) C Coy deployed to AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(e) V Coy remained NUI DAT.

(f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. One Pl in three lie up posns.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained one lie up posn in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy remained area PHUOC BUU centre of mass YS6363.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. Sp Coy returns to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS422656, 2 Tp FSB MELISSA 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at XUYEN MOC, FSB LE LOI, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL with elms at NDP BRIDGID .
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA, NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT, B Coy FSB LE LOI, C Coy FSB MELISSA, Sp Coy ELms at NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS744680 C Coy YS583735, Sp Coy ELms at HORSESHOE HILL, ISA, BRIDGID, YS479619, YS506626.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Reference contact of elms from Sp Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported in SITREP 06 Dec 70 Para 1 d (3), the ptl conducted a sweep at first light on the 6 Dec and located a body. Result from contact therefore is now 2 VC KIA (BC) Both bodies dressed in blue trousers and dark blue shirts with docs found on one body. No weapons were located.
- (2) Reference second contact reported in SITREP 6 Dec 70 Para 1 d (5) a sweep was conducted by the ptl but with negative results.
- (3) At 060735H At YS537568, a CHICOM Anti tank mine of estimated 25-35lbs and set in the middle of the road, was activated by an ox, resulting in one civilian wounded and one ox injured. Ox had to be destroyed.
- (4) Reference the body found in a grave, as reported in SITREP 6 Dec 70, Para 1 d (4), the body was wearing clothing but no weapons or equipment were located in grave with it.
- (5) At 061200H At YS447647 A ptl from 10 Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located an old tunnel partly cellapsed and another tunnel in perfect condition approx 12 meters away. The tunnel in good condition had a hole 3x4x7 feet deep at one end and the other end came out through old concrete foundations. Tunnel had 7ft OHP. Unable to determine age of systems. Both to be destroyed after 8 Dec 70.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel 1 (see para 1 d (1) above)

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice mission over areas E72-82 N66-76; E46-48 N49-55. Themes were message to illegal residents (farmers in area E of XUYEN MOC) and family appeal. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

b. RF Operations

Combined 7 RAR and RF APs in DAT DO District.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 30,000 Sqmeters cleared
MCT 1800 Sqmeters. 1 Slot completed and 1 Slot commenced - 5xM16 Mines destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail


- a. Rainfall 27 points
- b. Prevailing Winds 202 deg at 03 knots
- c. Temperature 81.30 deg F
- d. Humidity 86%

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

28 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report. (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained in NUI DAT.
- (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for protection.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect as 1 ATF RRF. Sect XUYEN MOC.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. Stand down.
- (e) Other elms at FSB MELISSA to assist in protection LCT and NDP GARTH for quarry defence and protection of Engr parties on Route 2 and at XUYEN MOC on local protection tasks.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. ~~Nil~~ contact and 4^bH and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remain NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained in NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centr of mass YS4278.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.

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- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day, with other elements maintained one lie up posn in the LONG HAI's.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H Dec 70.

- (1) No change.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - Nui Dat. 1 Tp - Nui Dat. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp - Nui Dat, HORSESHOE. 4 Tp - YS421657.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - Nui Dat. 1 Tp Nui Dat, NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA, XUYEN MOC, FSB LE LOI. 2 Tp HORSESHOE and BRIDGID. 3 Tp Nui Dat.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ - Nui Dat. 106 Fd Bty - Horseshoe. 107 Fd Bty - Sect Nui Dat, Sect FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty - FSB LE LOI.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ - Nui Dat. A Coy - YS403657. B Coy - FSB LE LOI. C Coy - FSB MELISSA. V Coy - Nui Dat. Sp Coy Elms at Garth.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ - HORSESHOE. A Coy - NDP BRIDGID. B Coy - YS774680. C Coy - YS583735. D Coy - Horseshoe. Sp Coy - Elms at ISA, BRIDGID, YS480617, YS518646 and HORSESHOE.
- (6) LCT. MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. Nui Dat.

- d. Contacts and Incidents. There were nil contacts and incidents and nil installations located.

e. Omitted

- f. Small Unit Actions. (1) (3) (4) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions over areas E46-48, N49-55; E30-39 N62-74; E32-44, N74-88. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 4½ hrs. Ground teams worked with VIS in LONG LE.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 15,000 Sq metres.
MCT 2,400 Sq metre - 1 Slot Commenced.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points
- b. Prevailing Winds 124 deg at 04 knots.
- c. Temperature 78.8 deg F
- d. Humidity 91%

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Dec 70.

9 Dec 70

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam

Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.

(c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB LE LOI on local protection tasks. Sect XUYEN MOC. Sect at NDP GARTH and FSB MELISSA.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) 3 Tp. One sect on RRF.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 73 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.

(c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.

(d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.

(f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Part of one pl in lie up posn.

(c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.

(d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.

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- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF and returned to HORSESHOE HILL by day,
- (f) Sp Coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL, ambushing in depth by night.

b. Plans Summary for Period 090001H to 092400H Dec 70.

(1) No change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE. 4 Tp YS423659.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp N/D with elms at GARTH, XUYEN MOC, LE LOI MELISSA. 2 Tp HORSESHOE & BRIDGID. 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty Sec MELISSA Sec NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty LE LOI.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. ACoy YS394656. B Coy LE LOI. C Coy MELISSA V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy Elms at MELISSA, GARTH, NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE. A Coy BRIDGID. B Coy YS774680. C Coy YS583735. D Coy HORSESHOE. Sp Coy Elms at ISA, BRIDGID HORSESHOE.

(6) LCT. MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

There were nil contacts, nil incidents and nil installations located.

e. Omitted.

f. (1,3,4) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice msns over areas E 46-68, N 49-54; E 30-40, N 62-74. Theme msg from ralliers and family appeal. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

Ground Teams worked with VTS in LONG LE and LONG DIEN.

b. RF Operations

RF elements continue to work in joint APs with patrols in LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 25,000 sq metres
MCT 1 slot complete

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Trace points

b. Prevailing Winds 98 deg at 05 knots

c. Temperature 80.2 deg F

d. Humidity 79%

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP) 10 Dec 70
From 090001H to 092400H Dec 70.
To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operation Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operatin TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(NZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Returned to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Sect deployed FSB ELAINE on local protection tasks. Sect XUYEN MOC. Sect at NDP GARTH and FSB MELISSA.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms remained at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. One sect on RRF. Elms deployed EAST of XUYEN MOC in sp B Coy 7 RAR.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact and 18H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
 - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Part of one pl in lie up posn.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
 - (f) Sp Coy deployed to area North East XUYEN MOC to op in concert with B Coy.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H Dec 70.

- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt 2 Tp and 3 Tp swap roles. Sect to return from XUYEN MOC.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp FSB MELISSA, HORSESHOE HILL; 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL; 4 Tp YS406649.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC, FSB FEATHERS, FSB MELISSA; 2 Tp YS778680, HORSESHOE HILL; 3 Tp NUI DAT, YS446796, NDP BRIDGID.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT; 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL; 107 Fd Bty - Sect FSB MELISSA, Sect NUI DAT; 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHERS.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT; B Coy area of LE LOI; C Coy FSB MELISSA; Sp Coy FSB MELISSA, NDP GARTH, LE LOI.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; A Coy NDP BRIDGID; B Coy YS748702; C Coy YS583735; Sp Coy NDP ISA, FSB BRIDGID, YS747715 and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) (090705H) at YS534560 a ptl from 3/A/7 RAR detonated an M16 mine resulting in 2 friendlies being WIA. The mine was of US manufacture and of pressure activation. The mine was buried 6" below ground.
- (2) (090725H) at YS731694, 4/B/7 RAR contacted an estimated 20-30 en. En initiated the contact by firing 12x60mm mor rds into 4 Pl's loc. They then followed this up with a ground assault. En engaged by LFT from 9 Sqn RAAF and both aircraft received heavy ground fire. One aircraft forced down by ground fire but made controlled landing in YS7467. En broke contact and wdr West. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 friendlies WIA. 7 VC WIA (probable). Downed aircraft was recovered.
- (3) (091355H) at YS762699 and YS769700, B/7 RAR whilst conducting a sweep after contact with the en (para 1. d. (2) above) loc an extensive bunker system consisting of 90 bunkers covering an area 700x350 metres. Within the system were also 2 Anti-aircraft pits, 2 mor pits, 20 cooking spots, 4 wells. Bunkers had 2 ft OHP and opened E to W and NW. One third of the bunkers were 12 months old and some had not been rebuilt. Remainder of bunkers were of recent const and some were currently being constructed. Following items were located in the system: 20 rds 12.7mm A A MG, 4 sandbags of explosives, 1 RPG2 rd, 2xM79 CS rds, qty of docs, 2 new Gas Mask containers, 2 RF shirts. Position had been occupied by 80-100 VC until midday today and from observation of heavy blood trails there were 7 VC WIA (ref para (2) above). System to be destroyed.
- (4) (091600H) at YS338788, 8/C/2 RAR/NZ loc a bunker system 50x20 metres with 4 bunkers which had 24" OHP. Bunkers were 18 months old, had not been used for 6-12 months, and were in a very poor condition. No destruction needed.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel- 2 WIA
- (b) Material - 1 aircraft downed but recovered.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel - 1 VC KIA (BC), 7 VC WIA (probable).
- (b) Material - See para 1. d. (3).

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions over areas E36-44, N78-87; E32-38, N62-72; E46-48, N49-54. Theme Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 4½ hrs. Ground teams interviewed Hoi Chanh and worked with VIS in LONG DIEN.

b. RF Operations. Joint RF and 7 RAR APs in DAT DO and LONG DIEN Districts. Also B Sqn 3 Cav Regt elements are operating in XUYEN MOC area for protection with RF elements of RF compounds.

c. Engineering Operations - LCT - 25,000 sq metres.
MCT - 3,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall - Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds - 071 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature - 78.4°F.

d. Humidity - 79%.

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 HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 100001H to 102400H Dec 70.

11 Dec 70

To : Commanding General
 II Field Force Vietnam
 Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operation Summarya. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 CAV Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks. Sect at NDP GARTH and FSB MELISSA.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Stand Down.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID and in sp B Coy elms 1 ATF RRF.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. $\sqrt{1/2}$ contact and $\sqrt{1/2}$ H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELLISA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
 - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF. Part of one pl in lie up posn.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained to area North East XUYEN MOC to op in concert with B Coy.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 110001H to 112400H Dec 70.

(1) No change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Arms Regt. SHQ YS401638, 1 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp FSB MELISSA, 3 Tp HORSESHOE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, YS436908, FSB FEATHERS (YS710673), FSB MELISSA, 3 Tp YS474570.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE, 107 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHERS.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT, B Coy LE LOI, C Coy FSB MELISSA, Sp Coy. ELMS GARTH, MELISSA, LE LOI and NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE, A Coy NDP BRIGID, B Coy YS748707, C Coy YS583735, Sp Coy ISA, BRIGID, YS728716.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Amendments to the SITREP of 10 Dec 70 para 1 d (3). Several further bunkers have now been located and the area of the system now extends over 1000 x 300 metres. A further 30 new bunkers have been located bringing the total now located to 120 bunkers.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Voice mns over areas E32-42,N73-83; E46-48,N49-54; E27-34,N68-77. Themes were messages from HOI CHANH and rally benefits. Broadcast time 5 hrs. Ground Teams worked with VIS in LONG DIEN and DAT DO and visited HOI CHANHS.

b. RF Operations. Joint RF and 7 RAR APs continue in LONG DIEN, DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT: 15,000 sq metres cleared.

MCT: 500 sq metres cleared, 1 slot completed and 1 slot dug.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil points.

c. Temperature. 78.4 deg F.

b. Prevailing Winds. 082 deg at 5 knots.

d. Humidity. 80%.

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NUI DAT

12 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 110001H to 112400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
 II Field Force Vietnam
 Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Stand down.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID and in sp B Coy.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. ~~NIL~~ contacts and 35 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
 - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy remains in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained to area North East XUYEN MOC op in concert with B Coy.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) - V Coy Stand Down.
- (2) 7 RAR - Sp Coy to return to HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp Sects at NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, FSB FEATHERS and FSB MELISSA. 3 Tp YS532613.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty Sec NUI DAT, Sec at FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHERS.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy LE LOI. C Coy FSB MELISSA. Sp Coy NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA, LE LOI and NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE. A Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy YS733693. C Coy YS583735. Sp Coy ISA, BRIDGID, YS770714 and YS785708.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. Duc Thanh.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS745705.

d. Contacts and Incidents

There were nil contacts and incidents and no installations located.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1), (3) and (4) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

No Psyops missions were flown.

b. RF Operations

Combined 7 RAR/RF AP's continue in Long Dien and Dat Do Districts.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT - 50,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT - 3,000 sq metres. 2 Slots completed.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points.
- b. Prevailing Winds 151 deg at 08 knots.
- c. Temperature 82.0 deg F
- d. Humidity 80%

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

13 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Stand down.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elm at BRIDGID and in sp B Coy.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contacts and 43 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained in area West of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
 - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (f) Sp Coy. ELms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.

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- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H Dec 70.

- (1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt - 2 Tp relieves 3 Tp.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp 409645. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA, Section NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB FEATHER.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NDP LE LOI. C Coy FSB MELISSA. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy YS 696684. C Coy YS 583735. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS 745705.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 121500H at YS 585636 pers from 17 Const Sqn unearthed an M16 mine whilst engaged in construction work. Mine was located on western side of bridge. Mine destroyed.
- (2) At 121645H at YS 457880 a Tip Truck from 17 Const Sqn detonated a 20 lb block CHICOM pressure mine as it was moving in a Southerly direction along Route 2. The mine was 6 inches below surface and 3 feet from edge of Route 2. The road had recently been filled and rolled. Results 1 Aust (WIA) 1 Tip Truck extensively damaged.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel 1 Aust (WIA)
- (b) Material 1 Tip Truck

(2) Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a.b. Omitted.

- c. Engineering Operations LCT - 101,000 square metres were cleared.
MCT - No operations.

3. Mereorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points.
- b. Prevailing Winds 059 deg at 05 knots.
- c. Temperature 79.5 deg F.
- d. Humidity 71%.

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14 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Sect remained FSB FEATHERS on local protection tasks.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIGID, HORSESHOE and B Coy.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Returned to NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 4 contact and 62 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained in area west of BINH GIA centre of mass YS4278.
 - (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy Stand Down.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Elms protected NDP GARTH and operated in the surrounding AO MICE.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
 - (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.

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- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptle with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (g) FSB FEATHERS CLOSES.

b. Plans Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H Dec 70.

(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

- (a) B Coy to move to NDP GARTH to relieve Sp Coy.
- (b) Sp Coy move to NUI DAT.
- (c) V Coy returns from stand down.

(2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS418651, 2 Tp YS418651, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NDP GARTH, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT Sect FSB MELISSA, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy FSB LE LOI, C Coy FSB MELISSA, V Coy NUI DAT, Sp Coy NDP GARTH.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS695651, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 130530H at YS752665, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged with claymores an area where trip flares were initiated. A sweep produced nil results.

(2) At 131520H at YS695561, B Coy 7 RAR found an RF shirt and a pistol holster on a fresh track made by about 20 pers wearing HO CHI MINH sandals. The track led SW of the location of the shirt and holster. Attempts are being made to identify the shirts owner.

(3) At 131610H at YS420762, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker 4 ft by 2 ft by 2 ft 6 ins with 12 ins OHP. It was about 1 year old, not used for 4 months and in poor condition. It has been destroyed.

(4) At 131915H at YS415653, a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and 1 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted an estimated 12 VC whilst moving into their night locs. En was engaged by scout and returned fire with MG and RPG. One Aust slightly wounded by shrapnel. He remained on duty. En wdr west NW and North by fire and movement. A sweep revealed two blood trails leading west. Bushranger and Arty supported the contact and it is believed that ground fire was directed at bushrangers from YS390644. A further sweep is to be conducted.

(5) At 132230H 1/A/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw a group of 10-12 VC moving west at YS412650. En was engaged with SA and 90mm splinters. Sweep to be conducted first light.

e. Results

(a) Personnel

1 Aust I.

Material Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 2 VC WIA (BT)

(b) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

(2) Platoon - 1

(3) Squad - 3

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(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 120000 Sq metres cleared
MCT Omitted

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 056 deg at 4 knots

c. Temperature 83.5 deg F

d. Humidity 70%

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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15 Dec 70

Subject ; Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
- (c) 2 Tp. FSB MELISSA for local protection.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Ambushed vic HOA LONG during night. Return to NUI DAT by day.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Remained NUI DAT.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID, HORSESHOE and B Coy.
- (d) 3 Tp. Remained NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF.
- (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 58 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Construction of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy deployed to NDP GARTH to relieve Sp Coy in AO MICE.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy returned from Stand Down.
- (f) Sp Coy. Returned to NUI DAT.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152400H Dec 70.

(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

- (a) V Coy deploys to area centre of mass YS 4178.
- (b) Sp Coy Stand Down.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms deploy for SAS ptl insertion and in sp V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS423655. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA/NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NDP GARTH. C Coy FSB MELISSA. Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy, Sp Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy FSB BRIDGID. B Coy YS637612. C Coy YS583735.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Prior to 140405H at YS411647, a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted a small group of en. They were not engaged. NFI.

(2) At 141558H at YS640620, a member of B Coy 7 RAR detonated an M16 mine. Results. 1 Aust WIA.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel 1 Aust WIA

(b) Omitted

(2) Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 3

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-68; E46-48, N49-55; and centre of mass YS2468. Themes were anti-morale and Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 4½ hrs.

(2) Ground Activity. Ground teams op in LONG LE District with VIS reps.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 70,000 sq metres cleared

MCT 1 slot opened

4 M16 mines located.

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3. Meteorological Detail Omitted

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16 Dec 70

Subject ; Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Dec 70.

To ; Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG area by night.
- (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP MELISSA for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Remained on SAS insertion task.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID, HORSESHOE and B Coy.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF, 2x Sect op con 2 RAR.
- (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA for local protection.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 98 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province Border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrols in AO MICE.
- (d) C Coy remained in AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy remained deployed centre of mass YS4178.
- (f) Sp Coy. Stand down.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing vic Route 44 by night on joint patrols with RF.
- (c) B Coy continued active patrolling in area East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy remained in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy remained HORSESHOE HILL, ambushing surrounds by night.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 160001H to 162400H Dec 70.

(1) 7 RAR.

(a) Sp Coy to relieve A Coy at NDP BRIDGID.

(b) A Coy returns to NUI DAT for Stand Down.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sect returns from SAS ptl insertion.

(3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS418655, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp FSB MELISSA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS748815, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA/NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NDP GARTH, C Coy FSB MELISSA, V Coy YS451764, Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NDP BRIDGID, B Coy YS678580, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy YS497639.

(6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.

(7) MCT. DUC THANH.

(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late Report.

At 140900 at YS459805 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a camp of circular shape 30 metres in diameter. Contained sleeping spaces for four to six persons. A large cooking fire located and a water point about 20 metres East of camp. Camp was one month old and last used about a week ago.

(2) At 150500H at YS469893, a patrol from 5Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard voices approx 75 metres East of their AP. Also drum or bucket was heard to drop. Search at first light revealed four small gardens freshly tendered and watered. Also two small wells full of water.

(3) At 150900H at YS444766 a patrol from 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) picked up two females who were just out of civil access and had them taken to DUC THANH for questioning by National Police. Eventually released.

(4) Prior to 150950H at YS616615, 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR found a resting place for five VC. Resting place in trees above water. VC left leaving 25lb of rice, three packs, documents, medical equipment and several clips of AK47 rounds. VC withdrawal route unknown.

(5) At 151235H at YS452887 a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted four to six enemy wearing green and blue shirts and black trousers. Enemy withdrew North West. Follow up revealed two blood trails. Results: 2 VC WIA (BT), one AK 50, one CHICOM pistol, sleeping equipment, quantity of documents, three packs, one small pack, one pair leather boots, one pair gym boots CIA. Bushrangers from NUI DAT called in. Bushranger flew over a house and sighted a child carrying what appeared to be green clothes and hid them under some plants. Two by Tracker dog teams brought from XUAN LOC.

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Follow up by teams to house located a bunker system underneath the house. Home made hand grenade also located. Search continuing.

(6) At 151257H at YS625606 5 Pl B Coy 7 RAR contacted two enemy carrying weapons, but no packs. Enemy initiated contact from distance of 60 metres. VC withdrew. Results negative.

(7) At 151830H at YS431891, a patrol from 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted three to four people whilst they were setting up claymores. Pers ran into trees to their North when approached by patrol. Another six people were seen running after the first group. No weapons sighted.

(8) At 152110H at YS435890, the same patrol contacted nine plus VC. Patrol engaged with organic weapons. Enemy returned fire with AK 47 and RPG. Results: 9 VC KIA(BC), two rifles (type unknown) CIA. 2 Aust WIA. Elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt assisted with sweep of contact area.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA.
- (b) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 9 VC KIA (BC) 2 VC WIA (BT).
- (b) Materiel. One AK 50, two rifles (unk), one pistol and one grenade CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 3
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.
- (3) and (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-68; E46-48, N49-55. Themes were Chieu Hoi appeals and anti-moral. Broadcast time three hours.

(2) Ground Activities. Ground teams broadcast news and information in LONG LE and DAT DO Districts.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. Omitted.
MCT. One slot dug, eight mines located.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 300 deg at 04 knots.
- c. Temperature. 80.6 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 85%.

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17 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 160001H to 162400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
 II Field Force Vietnam
 Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG area by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Remained NUI DAT.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP MELISSA for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) SQN HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Returned from SAS insertion task.
 - (c) 2 Tp Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIDGID, HORSESHOE HILL and North of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Sect 1 ATF RRF, 2x Sect op con 2 RAR.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP GARTH, FSB MELISSA and XUYEN MOC for local protection.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact and 64H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with LCT at FSB MELISSA and MCT vic DUC THANH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrols in AO MICE.
 - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained deployed centre of mass YS4178.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Stand down.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (b) A Coy Stand down.
 (c) B Coy continued patrolling in area South of XUYEN MOC.
 (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870.
 (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
 (f) Sp Coy deployed to NDP BRIDGID and assumed A Coy tasks in area.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 170001H to 172400H Dec 70.
- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 (a) Sp Coy returns from Stand down.
 (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp and 2 Tp swap tasks.
 (3) Otherwise no change.
- c. Locations
- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - NUI DAT. 2 Tp - 423653. 3 Tp - HORSESHOE. 4 Tp - FSB MELISSA.
 (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - NUI DAT. 2 Tp 633775. 3 Tp - NUI DAT.
 (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ - NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty - HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty - Sect NUI DAT, Sect - FSB MELISSA. 161 NZ Fd Bty - NUI DAT.
 (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ - NUI DAT. A Coy - NUI DAT. B Coy - NDP GARTH. C Coy - FSB MELISSA. V Coy - 451764. Sp Coy - NUI DAT.
 (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ - HORSESHOE. A Coy - NUI DAT. B Coy 711614. C Coy - 583735. D Coy - 506606. Sp Coy - FSB BRIDGID.
 (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
 (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
 (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT
- d. Contacts and Incidents
- (1) Reference contact 152110H of 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in which it was reported that 9 VC KIA. It is now confirmed that there were 10 VC KIA.
 (2) Late Report
 At 150945H at YS563576 2 Pl A Coy 7 RAR together with elements from B Sqn 3 Cav discovered a decomposed body. Cause of death of body unknown. Nearby were 2 Claymores and triggering devices. Did not appear to be booby traps.
 (3) At 161030H at YS399673 a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a transit camp, diameter 30 metres. The system contained four sleeping places and two fireplaces, was 1 month old, last used two weeks ago and in poor condition. The system was destroyed.
 (4) Prior to 161150H at YS468883 a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR contacted 3-6 enemy carrying weapons. Enemy withdrew South, 2 enemy running into bamboo. Bushrangers which were airborne at time were called in to assist and they suppressed area of bamboo. Patrol conducted sweep of bamboo and located sleeping places for up to 10-12 persons, cigarette pkt, fresh cut bamboo, 1 bottle, and some footprints were sighted.

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(5) At 161300H at YS468880, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 3 staging camps. One covering 30 by 30 metres, two covering 15 by 15 metres. Cache located outside perimeter of camp 18 in by 18 in by 6 ft. The system was 18 to 24 months old last used as a transit camp 2 to 3 days ago however two latrines and two cooking fires had been used today. Found were, One Mauser rifle, two grenades, qty plastic sheeting, two bags of sugar, and a letter. The system was destroyed.

e. Results

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 1 VC KIA

(b) Material 1 Rifle, two grenades

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 2

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

(a) Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E32-38, N62-68, E46-49, N49-55. Themes were Chieu Hoi and Rally Instr. Broadcast time 3 hrs.

(b) Omitted

(c) Engineering Operations LCT 45,000 sq metres cleared
MCT 800 sq metres cleared

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 225 deg at 05 knots.

c. Temperature 78.2 deg F

d. Humidity 87%

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E.17
18 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP MELISSA for local protection of LCT,
 - (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Remained NUI DAT with one sect XUYEN MOC.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at BRIGID and North of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at GARTH, HORSESHOE, NUI DAT and op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in BINH BA area.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT in new loc at NDP LORRAINE (YS260765).
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact, and 22 H and I missions were fired.
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn. (Maint of NUI DAT Base continued).
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH. MCT commenced closing FSB MELISSA in prep for mov to LORRAINE (YS260765).
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
 - (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrols in AO MICE.
 - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained deployed centre of mass YS4178.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Returned from Stand Down.
 - (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy. Stand Down.
 - (c) B Coy continued patrolling in area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5870 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushing area Route 44 and continuing joint ptls with RF.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 180001H to 182400H Dec 70.
- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). V Coy returns to NUI DAT.
 - (2) Otherwise no change.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp YS421654; 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL; 4 Tp YS260765.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp YS633775.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 161 NZ Fd Bty, Sect 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT; Sect 107 Fd Bty FSB MELISSA. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT; B Coy NDP GARTH; C Coy FSB MELISSA; V Coy YS451764.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; A Coy VUNG TAU; B Coy YS696661; C Coy YS583735; Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. FSB MELISSA.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) (171010H) at YS467879, a ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) loc a cache consisting of an ammo box containing 2 note books, qty rubber strips, 2 pieces of plastic sheeting. Cache was about 12 months old and last visited 1-2 months ago.
- (2) (171415H) at YS445811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) loc a bunker system covering 50x50m. There were 3 bunkers, one 12ftx3ft with 24-36 ins OHP. Found were: empty penicillin containers, a letter and qty rice husks. The system was about 6 mths old, last used about 2 days ago, and in a fair condition. It is to be destroyed.
- (3) (171600H) at YS452811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) loc a camp covering 70x50met. There were 15 hammock spaces. The camp was about 3 months old, last used 7 days ago and in good condition. Nothing to destroy.
- (4) (171907H) at YS462887, a ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) contacted 8-9 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA, one M1, one M79, qty M79 rds, one pack CIA. Elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt supported.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel - 2 VC KIA.
 - (b) Material - One M79, one M1, qty M79 rds.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1; Platoon - 1; Squad - 3.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

- a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions were conducted over the NUI DINHS, and West of DUC THANH. ICAP conducted at HOI MY.
- b. RF Operations. At 171130H at YS456650, 946 RF Coy loc a tunnel system capable of holding a platoon. Found were 7 cooking pots, a water pot and two rice bowls. The system was destroyed.
- c. Engineering Operations. LCT - Nil. MCT - 3000 square metres cleared. 54xM16 mines, 10x105mm HE, 3x105mm Illum located.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall - Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds - 135 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature - 78.8°F.
- d. Humidity - 77%.

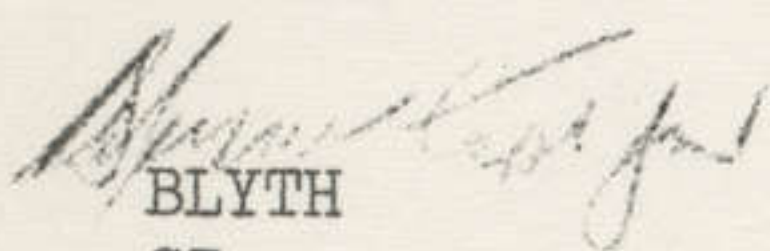
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19 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Dec 70

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con to 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Remained NUI DAT with one sect XUYEN MOC.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and North of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL, and NUI DAT.
- (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. NUI contact and 4-6 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH. MCT moved to NDP LORRAINE
- (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled in AO MICE.
- (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy commenced ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy. Stand Down.
- (c) B Coy continued patrolling area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
- (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
- (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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- b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H Dec 70.
(1) AO NAOMI (extended)FSB RAGLAN opens vic YS609813 with 161 NZ Fd Bty deployment. Two sects Cav in loc.
(2) 7 RAR. A Coy returns from Stand Down.
- c. Locations
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS424652, 3 Tp HORSESHOE, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS624782.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, V Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NDP GARTH, C Coy NDP LORRAINE.
(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy VUNG TAU, B Coy YS715655, C Coy YS583735, Sp Coy NDP BRIGID.
(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
(7) MCT. DUC THANH
(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.
- d. Contacts and Incidents
(1) At 180315H GARTH reported a burst of machine gun firing from vicinity of GS 441904. NFI.
(2) At 180900H at YS462887 the patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR which had the contact last ni conducted a search this morning and located a grave which had a coffin in which a body of a 13 yr old girl lay. Cause of death was GSW. Also in coffin was dress she was wearing at time of being shot i.e. black shirt and green trousers.
(3) At 181535H at YS457887 the mine clearing tank from 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine est to be 10 lb of Chicom explosive. Minor damage was caused to the vehicle. At 181410H in the same loc, a US Army veh detonated a mine consisting of an RPG head. Vehicle suffered a deflated tyre.
(4) At 181847H a voice aircraft was fired upon from vic YS480510. No damage caused to aircraft and mission completed without further incident.
(5) At 181845H at YS446890 a ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 1 VC. Negative results.
- e. Results
(1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses. 1 VC KIA
- f. Small Unit Actions.
(1) Company - 1, platoon - 1, squad - 2.
(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. One.
(4) Results. 1 VC KIA
2. Combined Operations
a. Psychological Operations
(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E36-42, N72-78; E46-48, N49-55. Themes were benefits of Chieu Hoi and rally appeals. Broadcast time 3 hrs
(2) Ground Activity. Ground teams op in XUYEN MOC and DAT DO Districts on news and information dissemination.
b. RF Operations. At 181645H at YS264558 617 RF Coy and 12 PF Pl contacted an est squad of VC. Bushrangers supported. Results: 10 VN detained.
c. Engineering Operations. MCT. 4,000 sq mtrs cleared, 5xM16, 2xM14 mines detonated.
3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall Nil points
b. Prevailing Winds 176 deg at 5 knots
c. Temperature 81.2 deg F
d. Humidity 78%

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20 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Dec 70

To ; Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqb 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. remained NUI DAT with one sect XUYEN MOC, and sect at FSB RAGLAN.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID TAN RU and FSB RAGLAN.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL, and NUI DAT.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. *N/I* contact and 54 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH. MCT moved to NDP LORRAINE
 - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RA/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
 - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy commenced ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area.
 - (c) B Coy continued patrolling area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 200001H to 202400H Dec 70.

- (1) AO NAOMI (extended). FSB RAGLAN opens vic YS609813 with 161 NZ Fd Bty deployment. Two sects Cav in 1bc.
- (2) 7 RAR. A Coy deploys into AO NAOMI

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS410656, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, FSB RAGLAN and NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS603764, YS620811 and NDP BRIDGID, 3 Tp NUI DAT, GARTH, YS457895.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 1 Gun at FSB BRIDGID, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN (YS609809).
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NDP GARTH, C Coy NDP LORRAINE, V Coy NUI DAT, Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS721656, C Coy YS 583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) There were nil contacts with 1 ATF elements.
- (2) At 190845H at YS457887, a section of Cavalry from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, located an anti vehicle mine containing 10lbs of explosive comprised of aerial bomb clippings. Destroyed.

f. (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

There were two voice missions today, over the NUI DINHS and south of BINH GIA. Themes were messages from Hoi Chanh and anti-monabe.

b. RF Operations

Combined 7 RAR and RF APs continue to operate in DAT DO and LONG DIEN Districts.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 100,000 sq metres. MCT 1800 sq metres cleared 1xM16 mine destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall Nil points
- b. Prevailing winds 132 deg at 05 knots.
- c. Temperature 79.9 deg F
- d. Humidity 66%

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21^U Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H Dec 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op Con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID, TAN RU.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL and Op con D & E Pl in XUYEN MOC, AO.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 65 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at GARTH.
 - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night. Pl 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
 - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection. 7 Pl Op Con A Coy.
 - (e) V Coy commenced ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area.
 - (c) B Coy continued patrolling area South and East of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North of XUYEN MOC.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H Dec 70. No Change.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS410656, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB LORRAINE, YS457894, NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, FSB RAGLAN, 2 Tp YS619764 NDP BRIDGID and FSB RAGLAN, 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, YS552618, YS491656.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty FSB LORRAINE, Sec NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN, C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, C Coy FSB LORRAINE, V and Sp Coys NUI DAT,

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy YS670827, B Coy YS721656, C Coy YS583735, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. FSB LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. Duc Thanh

(8) D & E Pl YS552618.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Between 191915H and 200400H at YS468889 a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted a series of lights approaching from East. Lights split into 3 groups with one group remaining at above grid whilst one group moved North 200 metres, then West 500 metres. Third group moved South 200 metres and then West 500 metres. At day light on 20th patrol investigated area of lights and at YS465687, located a clear area 2 ft diameter with a cross marked in earth in centre. Possible mortar baseplate.

(2) At 201600H at YS617620, the D & E Pl located a 12 gallon tin full of polished rice. Estimated that tin had been in posn about 6 months and had been partly dug up recently. Rice in good condition. Rice destroyed.

(3) At 201643H at YS423888 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 1 En, wearing green shirt and black trousers and carrying AK47, En app from NW and then moved SE across creek. Contact initiated by AP resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47, 2 magazines, US Compass, plastic wallet and docs, packet containing salt, rice and coffee, US pattern belt and carrier CIA.

(4) At 202020H at YS469889, a patrol from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 2 groups of en. First gp, strength unk approached AP from SE and AP initiated contact, This group returned fire with AKs and Claymore type weapons. During contact, AP was engaged by approx 10, en from NE. Cavalry elements from GARTH reacted into contact area and conducted a sweep, with illum from flareship. Neg results with further sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 1 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material 1 AK 47, 2 mags, US compass, Plastic wallet and docs pack containing salt, rice and coffee, US pattern web belt and carrier.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) and (3) Omitted.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRFs Deployed.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Leaflet Drop Conducted and targeted over area E35-36, N64-67. Themes were messages from Hoi Chanh and Chieu Hoi benefits.

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b. RF Operations

Continue joint 7 RAR and RF APs in Long Dien and Dat Do Districts.

- c. Engineering Operations LCT 90,000 sq metres cleared
MCT 6000 sq metres, and 2 slots cleared.

3. Metereological Detail

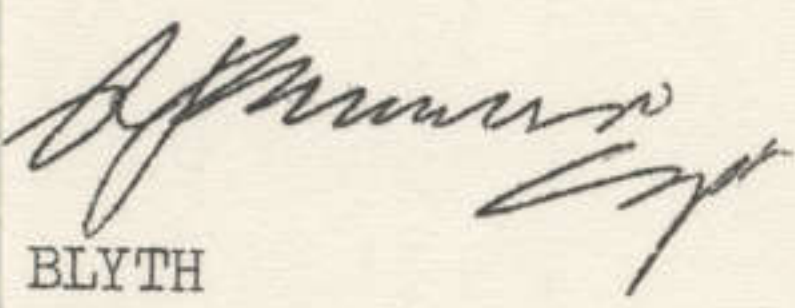
- a. Rainfall nil points.
b. Prevailing Winds 252 deg at 03 knots.
c. Temperature 76.5 deg F.
d. Humidity 60%.

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22 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 210001H to 212400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.

(c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT.
1 ATF RRF.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID, and North of XUYEN MOC.

(d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL and
Op con D & E Pl in XUYEN MOC AO.

(e) Other elms with LCT at NDPs LORRAINE and GARTH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. No contact and 71 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const
Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf bns.

(c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at NDP
GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.

(d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconst-
ruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued
with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route
44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP
ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC
entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night. Pl 1 ATF RRF.

(c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.

(d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection. 7 Pl Op con A Coy.

(e) V Coy remained ambushing HOA LONG by night.

(f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area.

(c) B Coy continued patrolling area East of XUYEN MOC.

(d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874 with elms North
of XUYEN MOC.

(e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with some joint ptls with RF plus
one joint lie-up patrol.

(f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint
patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for period 220001H to 222400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). A Coy stand down.
- (2) 7 RAR. B Coy to return to NUI DAT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms on SAS insertion in MAY TAO area.
- (4) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS417654. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, NDP LORRAINE, NDP GARTH and FSB RAGLAN. 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, FSB RAGLAN. 2 Tp YS611679, YS604675, NDP BRIDGID. 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NDP GARTH. C Coy NDP LORRAINE. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS671827. B Coy YS708668. C Coy YS576681. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 211540H at YS467885 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a hole 12" by 12" by 6'. Found in hole was 1 SKS in fair condition and 1 empty ammo box. At bottom of hole were 2 tunnels, one 6' long 3' high and 12" wide. The other was 18" by 18", length unknown.
- (2) At 211400H at YS231737, 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker 6' by 3' by 3' with 12" OHP. Estimate bunker to be 1 week old and last used 2 hrs previously. A north/south track ran through area. A small qty of food located in bunker.
- (3) At 211415H at YS231743 a further patrol from 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a cache about 3'x4' and above ground. Cache contained 11 bags of rice and had been in position 6 months. Estimate last used 2-12 hrs previously.
- (4) At 211216 at YS480513 a Sioux Helicopter from 161(Indep) Recce Flt was hit by groundfire and force landed in RF compound in GS4649. No injuries to pilot or passenger. Aircraft recovered.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Material 1 helicopter (recovered)
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Material See para 1.d.(1),(2) and (3) above.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E46-48, N49-55; E32-38, N62-68; E52-57, N69-75; E35-42, N74-80. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 5½ hrs.
- (2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted and targeted over area E57-59, N75-79. Themes were Chieu Hoi and divisive. 200,000 leaflets were dropped.

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(3) Ground Activity. Ground teams op in DAT DO and LONG LE Districts on news and information dissemination.

b. RF Operations. Joint 7 RAR and RF ambushes in LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 120,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 1200 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall: Nil points.

b. Prevailing Winds: 189 deg at 05 knots.

c. Temperature: 79.0 deg F.

d. Humidity: 66%.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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23 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 220001H to 222400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL and an SAS insertion in NUI MAY TAO area.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDPs LORRAINE and GARTH.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery Nil contact and 105 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at NDP GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
 - (d) Maint at NUI DAT Base continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEM to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained NUI DAT, ambushing HOA LONG by night Pl 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy remained NDP GARTH and patrolled AO MICE.
 - (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (e) V Coy remained ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS 6782.
 - (c) B Coy Stand Down.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5874.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF plus one joint lie-up patrol.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF. Lie-up posns deployed.

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b. Plans Summary for period 230001H to 232400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). V Coy deploys to NDP GARTH. B Coy returns to NUI DAT and assumes ambushing HOA LONG.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms return from SAS insertion.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS417654. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, GARTH, LORRAINE, YS461887, RAGLAN. 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, RAGLAN. 2 Tp NUI DAT, HORSESHOE HILL, YS475571, BRIDGID, YS493655. 3 Tp YS808949, GARTH, NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy VUNG TAU. B Coy NDP GARTH. C Coy NDP LORRAINE. V Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS657832. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS577681. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy FSB BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE
- (7) MCT. DUC THANH
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) During the contact at PHUOC THANH village, at 220030H at YS479598, supporting fire was provided by 106 Fd Bty RAA and illumination was provided by aircraft from 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
- (2) At 220814H at YS457887, the mine clearing tank operated by 1 Fd Sqn RAE, detonated a 10 lb CHICOM mine. Results nil damage to tank and rollers damaged.
- (3) At 221000H at YS258764, 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, located a bunker system in the area of the Land Clearing Team operations. There were 3 pits 8'x3'x4'. System about 5 yrs old, not used for 5 years and was destroyed. Also found was an inert 6 inch French Naval shell and 30 metal containers for shaped charges.
- (4) At about 221215H at YS439631, a patrol from 1 ARU located a small tunnel system. No further info available.
- (5) At 221230H at YS628649, 1 Sect, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, located a tunnel complex covering 50x10 metres, running parallel to LTL 23. There were 2 storage bays, 3'x3'x7' and 2'x3'x5' and 2 shell scrapes 3'x3'x2'. The tunnel was 82' long with 5' OHP. The system, 6-9 months old and last used 2-4 weeks ago and still in good condition.
- (6) At 211620H at YS376721, a patrol from 1 ARU located a staging camp, 100 metres long, along a river bank. There were 30-40 pits with no OHP. The system was about 2 weeks old, last used 2 weeks ago, and was in good condition. 6 medical phials, a small quantity of US eqpt, 203x.50 cal rds, 2xICM bomblets, (possibly from 155mm shell), and 2 letters were located.
- (7) At 221620H at YS789937 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt were attacked by 3 VC firing automatic weapons. Cavalry returned fire and supporting infantry elements swept area after en had withdrawn to East. 2 blood tracks were followed and 1 AK47, 1 pack and 2½ bags of explosives were CIA. Nil Aust casualties and enemy casualties 2 WIA (BT).
- (8) At 221715H at YS470896, an APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a 20-30 lb CHICOM mine which had been laid at the side of an old APC track. Vehicle slightly damaged but no personnel injured. Vehicle recovered.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel Omitted
- (b) Material See para 1 d (8) - Vehicle recovered.

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(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel Unknown, but probably 2VC WIA (BT)

(b) Material See para 1 d (7)

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Omitted

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Omitted

(4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Voice missions over areas E 46-48N 50-53, E 35-42 N 74-80, E 48-56 N 66-72.
100,000 leaflets dropped in Northern part of Long Hais.

Ground teams worked with VIS in Long Le and Dat Do. ICAP at Ben Cay(YS376582).

b. RF Operations

Joint APs with 7 RAR and RF in Long Dien and Dat Do Districts continue.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 110,000 sq metres cleared.

MCT Mission completed. 60xM16 and 20x105 HE destroyed
by demolition. Only work left is to remove all signs.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 225 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 79.4 deg F

d. Humidity 77%

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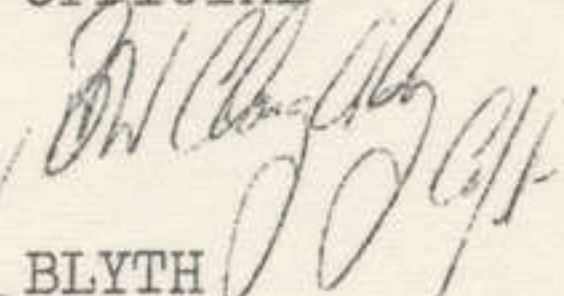
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24 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL. Elms returned from SAS insertion in NUI MAY TAO area.
- (e) Other elms with LCT at NDPs LORRAINE and GARTH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. / contact and 83 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) Plant Tp continued with MCT vic DUC THANH Mine clearing task at NDP GARTH. LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
- (d) Maint at NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained on Stand Down.
- (c) B Coy returned to NUI DAT and assumed ambushing HOA LONG.
- (d) C Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (e) V Coy deployed to NDP GARTH and assumed AO MICE.
- (f) Sp Coy. Remained NUI DAT for retraining.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.

- (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS 6782.
- (c) B Coy Stand Down.
- (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5874.
- (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF.
- (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 240001H to 242400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). C Coy returns from LCT protection in AO MANGO, replaced by Sp Coy. A Coy deploys into NUI DINH MTNS.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elms to protect Dusters.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp, NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE. 1 Tp YS477654.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, NDP LORRAINE, YS460894, FSB RAGLAN. 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, FSB RAGLAN, NDP GARTH. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, YS489650, YS512557. 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. A Coy VUNG TAU. C Coy NDP LORRAINE. V Coy NDP GARTH.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS646826. C Coy YS577681. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID. B Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS380660.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Between 222200H and 230330H at YS461887, a Section from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted lights and detected movement around their ambush position. Enemy stayed out of claymore range and although no lights were seen after 230330H movement was heard for the rest of the night.
- (2) At 231100H at YS627649, 1 Sect, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a tunnel and storage complex, 30 metres by 5 metres in area. The tunnel was 30 metres long, 3 ft wide and 5 ft 6ins high. The storage section was 6 ft long, 3 ft wide and 3 ft high. Complex had 5 ft OHP. The system was six to nine months old and last used two to four weeks ago and in excellent condition.
- (3) At 231430H at YS658834, 3 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located a grave containing a body. It is believed that this body was from a contact with SAS elements on the 22 Nov 70.
- (4) At 231640H at YS752854, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located six sets of footprints which were less than 12 hrs old. Footprints **went** from West to East. Cav elements followed tracks but with no results.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel 1 body located in grave. (Para 1.d.(3) refers.)
 - (b) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.
- (3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E46-48, N49-54; E48-56, N68-74; E52-59, N55-61. Themes were Chieu Hoi and divisive. Broadcast time 4½ hours.

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(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted and targeted over area E44-46, N53-57. Themes were messages from Hoi Chanh and anti-morale. 200,000 leaflets were dropped.

(3) Ground Activity. Ground teams gathered sociological intelligence in LONG LE and DAT DO Districts.

b. RF Operations

Continued joint 7 RAR and RF APs in the LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

c. Engineering Operations LCT. 120,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall 0 points

b. Prevailing Winds 95 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 73.1 deg F

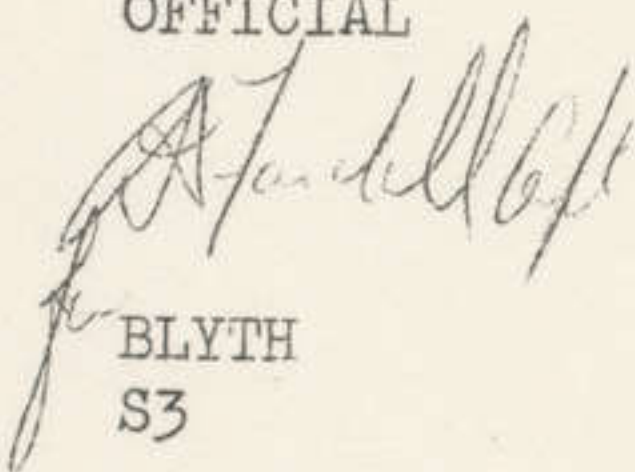
d. Humidity 73%

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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25 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Dec 70.

To: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. / contact and 4 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Re-construction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy deployed into NUI DINH MNTS, centre of mass YS3566.
 - (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.
 - (d) C Coy returned to NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Deployed to AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
 - (c) B Coy Stand Down.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushing area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H Dec 70.

(1) Actions restricted by conditions of Temporary Ceasation of Hostile Activities.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ and 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS412655, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN, YS460894, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, NUI DAT, FSB RAGLAN, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, YS492650, YS504547, 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN, C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348642, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy NUI DAT, V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy YS650826, B Coy Stand Down, C Coy YS576682, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. YS308697.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late Report. At 231300H at YS650826, a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located a camp, 100 metres by 200 metres. Camp contained 20 shanty type dwellings with beds and fire places. There were two trenches with collapsed OHP, a CP with two exit tunnels, and 12 bunkers varying L and T shaped. Bunkers had 18 inches OHP. System about three to four years old, in fair condition and last used about one month ago. Also located were two AK47 bayonets in bad condition and numerous cooking utensils.

(2) Late Report. At 232015H at YS458894 a B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambush position operating out from NDP GARTH sighted three lights, one from the South and two from the South East. Light approached to within 300 metres of ambush position and remained in that position until 240130 hrs. Sweep conducted at first light with negative results.

(3) At 240022H at YS446678, one of the bunkers to the South East of the 1 ATF Base Defence area detected movement on their wire. Coys in the immediate area were stood to and illumination fired. Movement continued until about 240215H.

(4) Prior to 241035H at YS480513 a Sioux helicopter of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt was fired at by ground fire. No damage to aircraft.

(5) At 241330H at YS308697, the D and E Pl of HQ Coy 1 ATF located four green fragmentation grenades under a rock. Grenades were old and had been in location for some time.

(6) At 241630H at YS359647, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a marked bamboo stick, approx 15 inches long, across a North-South track. Stick marked with reference to an enemy unit on one side and Chinese writing on the other side.

(7) At 241900H in Grid Square YS4851, a fixed wing aircraft of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt, was fired at by ground fire. Aircraft flying at an altitude of 3,300 feet at a speed of 50 knots. No damage received by aircraft.

(8) At 242030H at YS504543, a patrol from Sp Coy 7 RAR in a defensive position protecting a static installation, sighted two enemy approaching their position from the West. Enemy approached to within six to ten feet before patrol fired a defensive claymore. No small arms were fired and enemy withdrew to the West. Nil casualties to enemy or Aust.

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- e. Results. Omitted.
- f. Small Unit Actions.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
 - (3) Small Unit Actions with contact.
 - 2 KIA (POSS) by SAS.
 - 2 KBA (POSS) by Airstrikes.
 - (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E35-42, N72-78, E46-54, N64-72, E46-48, N49-54. Themes were anti-morale and Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time four hours.

b. RF Operations. Joint 7 RAR and RF ambush positions continue in Long Dien and Dat Do District.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 150,000 Sq Metres cleared.
MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 092 deg at 06 knots.
- c. Temperature. 77.2 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 68%

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

26 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Dec 70.

To: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT. Op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con XUYEN MOC with one sect FSB RAGLAN, and sect at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. — contact and 70 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Re-construction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH. Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MNTS, centre of mass YS3566.
 - (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night, within restrictions of Xmas Truce.
 - (d) C Coy remains to NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Deployed to AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
 - (c) B Coy Stand Down.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF, within restrictions of Xmas Truce.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF, within restrictions of Xmas Truce.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 260001Hto 262400H Dec 70.

(1) No change except for end of Xmas Truce.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - NUI DAT. 2 Tp - YS395629. 3 Tp - HORSESHOE. 4 Tp - NDP LORRAINE.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT. 1 Tp - XUYEN MOC, FSB RAGLAN, NDP LORRAINE, NUI DAT. 2 Tp - NUI DAT, YS 510557, YS 486636. 3 Tp - NDP GARTH, YS461914, NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ - NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty - HORSESHOE. 107 Fd Bty - NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty - RAGLAN. A/2/35 US Arty - NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ - NUI DAT. A Coy - YS348647. B Coy - YS407649. C Coy - NUI DAT. V Coy NDP GARTH. Sp Coy - NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ - HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy - YS648835. B Coy - VUNG TAU. C Coy - YS576682. D Coy - HORSESHOE HILL. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D & E Pl. YS 308697.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 250010H at YS 459894 an APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt which was in a defensive position for the protection of a static installation, had one enemy carrying a light into their position. APC engaged the enemy when he was 30 metres from their position. Results unknown.

(2) At 251000H at YS 470890, 1 Pl 'V' Company 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted 5 civilians carrying heavy loads but no weapons. Persons moving rapidly E then probably sighted patrol and changed direction and moved rapidly NE. Patrol followed up into area of sighting and found blood trail which is believed to have resulted from contact of APC in para 1 d (1) above.

(3) At 251250H a helicopter from 161 (Indep) Recce Flt on a recce mission for 7 RAR sighted a large number of fishing boats near NUI TAM BO and Sandy Point Grid Square YS 7361. Boats were unusually close to beach and one boat was on the shore.

(4) At 251400H at YS650826 a patrol from A Coy 7 RAR located a M16 mine lying on its side on top of the ground and in an unserviceable condition. Destroyed in situ.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel Nil

(b) Material Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel Unknown

(b) Material Nil

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) (3) (4)

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. a. c. Omitted

b. RF Operations. Combined 7 RAR and RF ambushes continued in LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil points

b. Prevailing Winds 085 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 76.6 deg F

d. Humidity 73%

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

27 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
Attn : AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT Op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Stand Down.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. other elms at NDP GARTH and XUYEN MOC.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contacts and 98 H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, North from BARIA and South from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, Formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
 - (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.
 - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
 - (f) Sp Coy. Remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy Op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
 - (c) B Coy stand down.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
 - (e) D Coy ambushed vic DAT DO by night with joint ptls with RF.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary for Period 270001H to 272400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR.
 - (a) B Coy returns to HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (b) D Coy deploys to area centre of mass YS5367.
(2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp 422622. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4Tp NDP LORRAINE.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp VUNG TAU. 2 Tp 721616.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty - NUI DAT.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy NUI DAT. A Coy 348647. V Coy NDP GARTH Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy 655854. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy 572682. Sp Coy FSB BRIDGID.
(6) LCT. VIC NDP LORRAINE.
(7) MCT. BARIA.
(8) D & E Pl. 365699

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 251600H at YS 648852 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located a transit area covering 100 meters by 100 meters. There were 15 bunkers with 9-18 ins OHP. The system was about 6 months old, not used for 3-4 months and in good condition. A qty of cooking pots and a hoe were found.
(2) At 261940H Vic YS447678, a strong point detected movement on the perimeter. Illum fired - neg results.
(3) At 261900H 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed a veh at YS416624 mov west to east. Veh turned off lights and went back when it sighted the tank location. NFI
(4) At 262110H at NDP LORRAINE, Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) observed a light 350-400 meters to their NE. NFI

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
(a) (b) Omitted
(2) Enemy Losses
(a) (b) Omitted

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 2
(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Omitted
(4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E36-42, N72-80, E49-57 N67-75. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 2½ hrs.

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28 Dec 70

Subject : Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Dec 70.

To : Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn : AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT Op con 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.

(c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 3 Tp. Op con 7RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.

(e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp. Stand down.

(c) 2 Tp. Op con 7RAR. Elms at NDP BRIDGID and HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) 3 Tp. HQ remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH and XUYEN MOC.

(e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 132 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both inf bns.

(c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.

(c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.

(d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.

(e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.

(f) Sp Coy. Remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(8) 7RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

(a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) A Coy op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.

(c) B Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.

(d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.

(e) D Coy patrolled in area centre of mass YS5363.

(f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIDGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary For Period 280001H to 282400H Dec 70.

(1) 7 RAR.

(a) D Coy to return to HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS395629. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL
4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp VUNG TAU. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, YS512557 NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS459896, YS263757, XUYEN MOC.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. B Coy, C Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS348647. V Coy NDP GARTH. Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS669861. C Coy YS572682. D Coy YS504654. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.

(6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. BARIA.

(8) D & E Pl YS365699.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 270930H At YS470896, a patrol from 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a mine of C4 and two RPG 7 rounds. The mine was destroyed.

(2) At 270930H At YS358644, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a base camp covering 70 metres by 20 metres. There were 20-30 bed spaces and a cave system. The area had been used about one week ago and was in good condition. There were 2 empty Arty shells, qty docus and one pair of canvas boots found.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Material 1x mine, 1x pr canvas boots.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company -- 1

Platoon -- 1

Squad -- 2

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Omitted. (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 150,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. 0 points.

b. Prevailing Winds 069 deg at 4 knots.

c. Temperature 79.1 deg F

d. Humidity 68%

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29 Dec 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Dec 70

To: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
- (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp. Stand down.
- (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH and XUYEN MO and vic AO MANGO.
- (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF and Counter Penetration Force.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 103 H and I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.

- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HAO LONG to JWTC entrance continued.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
- (c) B Coy ambushed HOA LONG by night.
- (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
- (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
- (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

- (a) Bn Hq remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (b) A Coy op in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
- (c) B Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
- (e) D Coy returned from patrolling tasks.
- (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 292400H Dec 70.

- (1) 7 RAR. (a) D Coy Stand down.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp returns from Stand down. Elms op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) 1 ATF RRF.
- (3) Otherwise no change.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS419661. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL. 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT, YS367615. 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, NDP BRIDGID. 3 Tp NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS458895, YS255753, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN. C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS348647. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NUI DAT. V Coy NDP GARTH. Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL. A Coy YS679863. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy YS572682. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. BARIA.
- (8) D & E Pl. YS408766.
- (9) 1 ARU. YS393778.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 280410H at YS520642. a patrol from 10 Pl D Coy 7RAR contacted 2 to 3 VC moving east to west. Negative results.
- (2) At about 280745H vic YS465538, a voice aircraft received 3 to 4 rounds tracer. No damage to aircraft.
- (3) Before 281740H at YS687867, 3 Pl A Coy 7RAR located ten weapon pits with OHP. Found were 100 empty grenade bodies and a booby trap consisting of two grenades, one with an anti-lift device. NFI.
- (4) At 281833H at YS438888, a patrol from 2 Pl, V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 2 plus VC moving east. En withdrew west. Sweep conducted with negative results.
- (5) At 281842H at YS422887, another patrol contacted 3 VC moving rapidly west. Patrol engaged with organic weapons. Results: 2VC KIA, 1 x AK47 CIA. Further sweep to be conducted by 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 2 x VC KIA (BC)
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x AK47 CIA. 1 x booby trap destroyed.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 2
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E43-47, N53-57; E48-55, N53-57; E32-38, N62-68; E52-58, N55-59. Themes were Chieu Hoi and Anti-morale.

b. Omitted.

- c. Engineering Operations LCT 150,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 2,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 064 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature. 77.4 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 71%.

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30 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H Dec 70

To : Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG 1V in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms at NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC and vic AO MANGO.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, FSB RAGLAN and 1 ATF RRF and Counter Penetration Force.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. contact and H and I missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE, one LCT Dozer at NDP GARTH.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of Bridge 5 on route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Up-grading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HOA LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC). Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH MTS, centre of mass YS3566.
 - (c) B Coy remained NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for retraining.
 - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG 111.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy op in YHUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
 - (c) B Coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
 - (e) D Coy returned from patrolling tasks.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.

b. Plans Summary For Period 300001H to 302400H Dec 70.

- (1) 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC). B Coy to commence Stand Down.
- (2) Otherwise no change.

c. Locactions.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS419661, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, YS567618, 2 Tp NUI DAT, HORSESHOE HILL, YS484640, YS512556, 3 Tp NUI DAT, NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS459896, YS264733, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN, C-S-42 US ARTY NUI DAT.
- (4) 2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy NUI DAT, V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL, A Coy YS677863, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy YS516673, D Coy VUNG TAU, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT. NDP LORRAINE.
- (7) MCT. BARIA.
- (8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Reference contact of 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR the Platoon conducted a sweep this morning and located one compass and a quantity of documents (YS422887).
- (2) At 290900H at YS354645 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR located a Base Camp, 50x20m in area and of rectangular shape. There was 1 cave 20' deep with numerous natural off shoots. Estimated system last used 12 months ago and in poor condition.
- (3) At 291000H at YS358654, 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR located a Staging Camp, 50 metres, following a creek line. There were 4 caves and 8 bed spaces. Camp about 1 yr old last used 1 month ago and in good condition. (Believe that this system has been reported several times before).
- (4) (Late Report) 281000H at YS605809 a patrol from 161 Bty RNZA operating from FSB RAGLAN, located an underground sleeping bay in 2 tunnels, 30' long x 20' x 36" high. Sleeping bay large enough to accommodate 4 pers. System last used 6 - 8 months ago, and in fair condition, some eating utensils found in system.
- (5) At 291340H at YS533570 a patrol from Support Coy 7 RAR located a bunker with 5 sleeping bays. Bunker had 18" OHP about 3 months old and not used for 3-4 weeks. System in good condition and is to be destroyed.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) Material. 1 x compass.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 2
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Units Actions with contact. One.
- (4) Results 2 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Voice missions over area E47-54 N65-71, E32-38 N 62-68, E43-47 N53-57. Themes: Anti morale and divisive. Leaflet drop over Northern Long Hai's Theme: Chieu Hoi. Ground Team visited Chieu Hoi Centre.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 150000 Sq Metres cleared.
MCT 2500 Sq Metres cleared 3 x M16 mines located.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 49 deg at 5 knots.
- c. Temperature. 77.5 deg F.
- d. Humidity. 67%.

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31 DEC 70

Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 300001H to 302400H Dec 70

To: Commanding General
 II Field Force Vietnam
 Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANH IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR and based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
 - (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms NDP BRIGID and HORSESHOE HILL. One sect 1 ATF Counter Penetration Force.
 - (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC and vic AO MANGO, and op con 2 RAR/NZ.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, and FSB RAGLAN.
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery. ~~With~~ contact and 97 H and I missions were fired.
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Tanks, Cav, 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) MCT worked in BARIA area.
 - (f) Reconstruction team deployed at XUYEN MOC at RF compound.
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconstruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Rte 52 to all weather dirt road from HAO LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
 - (7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH Mts, centre of mass YS3566.
 - (c) B Coy remained NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for re-training.
 - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
 - (8) 7 RAR. Bn remained AO NAOMI on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
 - (c) B Coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL with a pl in PHUOC BUU area centre of mass YS6264.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
 - (e) D Coy returned from patrolling tasks.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with RF.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H Dec 70.
 (1) All activities limited in terms of temporary cessation of hostile activities.
- c. Locations
 (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS424662, 3 Tp HORSESHOE, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS642610 (elms at YS690667, NUI DAT, YS504547, YS490648, 3 Tp elms at NUI DAT, GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, YS265733, XUYEN MOC.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, C/5/42 NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE, 161 NZ Fd Bty FSB RAGLAN.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B and C Coy NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, V Coy NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ HORSESHOE, A Coy YS677863, B Coy YS698660, C Coy YS572682, D Coy VUNG TAU, Sp Coy BRIGID.

(6) LCT. LORRAINE.

(7) MCT. BARIA

(8) D & E Pl. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 301112H at YS648630, 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR contacted 15 plus enemy in a bunker system. Contact broken at 301245H. En wdr North and East, Sweep conducted and located a heavy blood trail and a qty docs. Bushrangers supported the contact. Twenty new bunkers and six old bunkers were located. Area had been occupied for 3-4 days by about 30 pers. Results: 4 Aust WIA, one WIA later DOW. EN cas unk.

(2) At 301200H at YS460835, a vehicle from 1 Fd Sqn had a number of shots fired in its direction. Negative damage to vehicle.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 4 Aust WIA (incl one DOW)

(b) Omitted

(2) Omitted.

(3) Small Unit Action

(a) Company - 1

(b) Platoon - 1

(c) Squad - 3

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted over areas E44-47, N52-57; E32-38, N62-68; E36-42, N72-79. Themes were Chieu Hoi and anti-morale. Broadcast time 4½ hours.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted and targeted over are E54-55, N69-75. Themes were Chieu Hoi benefits, Rally Appeals and messages from Hoi Chanh. 200,000 leaflets were dropped.

(3) Ground Activity. Ground Team A assisted with familiarization of area for new LO at HOA LONG.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations: LCT 100,000 sq metres cleared.

MCT 600 sq metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 47 deg at 3 knots.

c. Temperature. 78.6 deg F.

d. Humidity. 62%

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Subject: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Dec '70

To : Commanding General
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1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANH IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. NUI DAT op con 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ambushing HOA LONG by night.
 - (c) 2 Tp. NUI DAT. 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp. Op con 7 RAR amd based at HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (e) 4 Tp. NDP LORRAINE for local protection of LCT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp. Op con 7 RAR. Elms NDP BRIGID, HORSESHOE HILL, and South to XUYEN MOC, One sect.
 - (c) 2 Tp. 1 ATF RRF, northeast of XUYEN MOC.
 - (d) 3 Tp. HQ plus elms remained NUI DAT. Other elms at NDP GARTH, XUYEN MOC and vic AO MANGO; and op con 2 RAR/NZ.
 - (e) Other elms with LCT at NDP LORRAINE, and FSB REGLAN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and I and II missions were fired.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, Cav 17 Const Sqn, MCT, LCT and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP LORRAINE.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) MCT worked in BARIA area.
 - (f) Reconstruction team deployed at XUYEN MOC at RF compound.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Const of bridge 5 on Route 23 (NUI NHON) continued. Reconst ruction of Route 2, north from BARIA and south from Province border continued with rock supplied from NUI DAT and NDP GARTH, formation and sealing of Route 44 from vic LONG DIEN to market place at LONG HAI continued with rock from NDP ISA. Upgrading of Route 52 to all weather dirt road from HAO LONG to JWTC entrance continued.
- (7) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn. remained AO JUDY on Operation CUNG CHUNG III.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy remained in NUI DINH Mts, centre of mass YS3566.
 - (c) B Coy remained NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy remained NUI DAT for re-training.
 - (e) V Coy remained NDP GARTH and AO MICE.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained AO MANGO for LCT protection.
- (8) 7 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ remained HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (b) A Coy in THUA TICH area centre of mass YS6782.
 - (c) B Coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL with a pl in PHUOC BUU area centre of mass YS6264.
 - (d) C Coy patrolled in TAN RU area centre of mass YS5874.
 - (e) D Coy deployed to area YS7161.
 - (f) Sp Coy remained NDP BRIGID ambushed area Route 44 and continued joint patrolling with PF.

b. Plans Summary for Period 010001H to 012400H Jan 71.

- (1) All activities limited in terms of temporary cessation of hostile activities.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS419663, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp NDP LORRAINE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, SHQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS699659, HORSESHOE HILL, YS713677, YS513556, YS699659.
3 Tp NDP GARTH, FSB RAGLAN, NDP LORRAINE, XUYEN MOC.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery, RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, C/5/42 US Arty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, 161 NZ Fd Bty - RAGLAN.
- (4) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, B Coy VUNG TAU, C Coy NUI DAT, V COY NDP GARTH, Sp Coy NDP LORRAINE.
- (5) 7 RAR Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS678850, B Coy YS713677, C Coy YS572682, D Coy YS709620, Sp Coy NDP BRIDGID.
- (6) LCT NDP LORRAINE
- (7) MCT BARIA
- (8) D & E Pl YS743689

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 310357 at YS 698660, 1 Sect 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and B Coy HQ 7 RAR contacted an estimated 45 VC. APC Sect initiated ambush with claymores followed by .30 and .50 MG fire.
Results: 21 VC KIA (BC) 1xM16, 2xRPD MGs, 8xAK47, 2xB40 launchers, 12xB40 rds, 2x.45 cal pistols, 4x7.62mm pistols, 1xANPRC 25, 5x60mm rds, 1x frag grenade, 4x concussion grenades, 2xelectrical dets, 5xB40 rocket fuel containers, and a qty of docus CIA. Each VC carrying sufficient food for two weeks.
Sweep revealed 9 blood trails, two of them heavy.
- (2) At 311500H at YS594818 elements of 161 NZ Fd Bty located a L shaped storage bay, 3 ft wide, 3 ft high, one area 6 ft long, the other 5 ft long with 6 ft OHP. The bay was empty and about 8 months old.
- (3) At 311905H at YS490551, a patrol from Sp Coy 7 RAR contacted 3-4 VC. VC initiated contact with small arms. Negative results.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel Omitted
 - (b) Material Omitted
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel 21 VC KIA (BC) 9 WIA (poss) (BT)
 - (b) Material 2xRPD MGs, 8xAK47s, 1xM16, 2xB40 launchers, 12xB40 rds, 2x.45 cal pistols, 4x7.62mm pistols, 1xANPRC 25, 5x60mm rds, 1xfrag grenade, 4x concussion grenades, 2xelectric dets, 5xB40 rocket fuel containers and a qty of docus CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

- (1)
 - (a) Company 1
 - (b) Platoon 1
 - (c) Squad 2
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

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a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Voice Missions Conducted and targeted over area E32-38, N62-53, E30-36, N69-75, E36-43, N74-79. Themes were Chieu Hoi and rally appeals. Broadcast time 4 1/2 hours.
- (2) Leaflet Drop Conducted and targeted over area E46-47, N49-53. Themes were anti-morale and messages from Hoi Chanh. 140,000 leaflets were dropped.
- (3) Ground Activity 'A' Team op in XUYEN MOC.

b. Omitted

c. Engineering Operations LCT 110,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT Omitted

3. Meteorological Detail

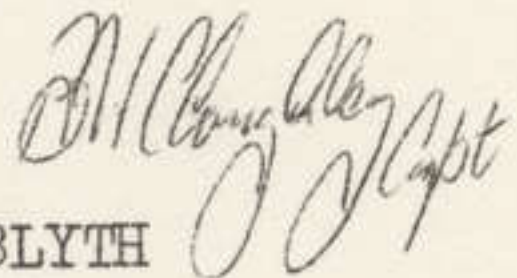
- a. Rainfall Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds 129 deg at 4 knot s.
- c. Temperature 76.3 deg F.
- d. Humidity 75%

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ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 70 TO 31 DEC 70

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 335/70
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO MICE
 - (a) (011449H). At YS456892, pt1 from A tk/Sp/2 RAR/NZ loc on the ground, 1 Chicom gren, 1 tin containing 75 rds AK47 ammo, 1xM1 mag, 1xvery rusty barrel and receiver gp of an U/1 rifle.
 - (2) AO JUDY
 - (a) (011400H). At YS329637, 8/C/2 RAR/NZ loc and destroyed a cave with 4-5 bed spaces est last used 8-12 months ago. Tracks in the area led east, south and SW, the most recent being those to the south.
 - (b) (012030H). At YS266577, a composite radar and protection party from 161 Bty/2 RAR/NZ contacted approx 3-4 VC who approached from the SW and initiated fire with auto wpns. Nil friendly cas; en cas unk.
 - (3) OTHER AREAS
 - (a))Prior to 010840H). At YS454856, B/3 Cav Regt detained HOI CHANH LY VAN KET on follow-up of earlier sighting made by VR ac. See Annex A for initial intg.
 - b. (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted
 - (2) Aust Inflicted Nil NVA 2 VC (by SAS)
 - (3) Omitted
 - b. Omitted
 - c. Detainees.
 - (1)-(3) Omitted
 - (4) Hoi Chanh 1
 - (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation 1 (by SAS)
 - (6) Omitted
 - d. Omitted
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed
 - (1) Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual 1
 - (b) Omitted
 - (c) Breakdown 1xU/1 rifle (SAS)
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Captured

At YS456892: 1xChicom gren, 75xAK47 rds, 1xM1 mag, 1xU/1 rifle barrel.
 - (b) Omitted
 - (3)-(5) Omitted

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f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

- (1) KIA 2 VC (6)-(21) Omitted
- (2) Omitted (22) SA rounds 75
- (3) Hoi Chanh 1 (23) GRENADES 1
- (4) Omitted (24)-(27) Omitted
- (5) Individual Wpns. Action 1

5.6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 01 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

- (1) Ref INTSUM 334/70
- (a) Para. 3a (1)(a), add loc of YS250627.

c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (011515H). Report received from BARIA states that 3 VN soldiers CIA by VC during the attack on XUYEN MOC on night of 29 Nov 70, have been released. Soldiers being questioned.
- (2) (011558H). At YS804680, USAF conducted an A/S on an en posn; results unk.

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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports. ANNEX B - Captured Documents. ANNEX C - Agent Reports
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 335/70
dated 01 Dec 70

Appendix 1

INTERROGATION REPORT
RALLIER LE VAN KET

Biographical Data

- 1. Name : LE VAN KET
- AKA : NAM THANG
- D/POB: 1935, HCA LONG
- Rank/Appt : Soldier, Protection Cell
- Unit : CHAU DUC District Unit
- Receiving Unit : 161 Recce Flt
- Loc : Route 2

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Exploited Info

2. The subject was a member of the group which was dispatched by NAM KIEM (CHAU DUC District Comd) to the NGAI GIAO area in Oct 70, with the aim of collecting food for their unit. They were instructed that they were to avoid Allied/ARVN sweep operations and were to collect food and supplies for CHAU DUC District.
3. The subject and his party moved to approx YS463800 from their base camp at NUI ONG HUU approx YS356667. The party remained to YS 463800 for approx 3 days. Because the subject was ill and coughing blood, he asked SAU SUONG (2IC CHAU DUC DISTRICT COMD COMMITTEE) for permission to go to AP TU VIC at approx YS415865, in order to recuperate. He remained at this general location until 24 Nov 70, when he met his aunt in the CHAU LAC Plantation. He asked her to bring his wife to him when next his aunt came to the plantation to buy fruit. His wife eventually arrived and persuaded him to rally.
Comment: The subject has been separated from his unit for approx 1 month and is unable to give any indication of the future intentions of any units from CHAU DUC District. The Interrogation is continuing.

Appendix II

Biographical Data

1. Name : NGUYEN VAN KET, aka HOAI THU
Rank/Appt : Village Unit Comd
Unit : AN NHUT Village Guerillas
Capture Details : Rallied to Long Dien Subsector 29 Nov 70

Exploited Information

2. Subject is one of only two members of the Unit, whose only weapon is 1 M26 grenade.
3. Other guerillas (5) were living with the subject close to Route 326 at approx YS470565. They want to rally, have finished their rice, and are living on vegetables.
4. Rice use to come from An Ngai Village. To collect it An Nhut, An Ngai and Tam Phouc village guerillas used to send 1 person across the padi to route 326, then to YS475575, then across padi to YS454585 and thence across the road and padi to An Ngai Village.
5. This route was not used for a month because of Australian ambushes.
6. Subject also stated that mines have been laid from Dinh Co Mountain (YS441575) to Phuoc Tinh Intersection (YS433521). The exact locations are unknown.

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A document captured on 24 Nov 70 by 3/1st US Cav Div (AM) in a bunker complex at YS805918 was found to be a handwritten message dated 5 Oct 70 from an unknown originator to TAM VIET (held by ORBAT as Comd LONG DAT District Unit, AKA LE VAN VIET) and to D445. The message instructed the addressees to conduct an attack on an enemy unit operating in BAY THUNG's (Comd XUYEN MOC District Unit) area of responsibility between 5 and 10 Oct. In the event that the attack could not be launched during this period the unit (probably referring again to D445) was to return (to its base camp) to prepare for the attacks on Australian units in Oct 70. The addressees were to inform the author of their combat preparations. D445 was to borrow "30 E 3" (possibly ammunition or explosive charges) from BAY THUNG on the way back (to its base camp).
Comment: This instruction is probably related to the attack on XUYEN MOC on 29 Nov, and suggests that attempts may be made to attack Australian troops, most likely in the form of attacks by fire. The fact that the planned dates for the attacks are past does not negate the possibility that any such attacks by fire might take place in coming weeks.

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1. (011200H). Report received at DUC THANH, uneval.
The source sighted 15 VC carrying 2 further wounded VC at YS472711. The party were reported to be moving NE.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 335/70
dated 01 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
010818H	YS675647	A track running through a clearing at this loc.
010930H	YS402892 YS395887	Camp fire smoke seen at these two locs. Nothing further seen due to poor light beneath the canopy.
010800H	YS7266	Many tracks between the lake and Route 23, parallel to the road. A suspected camp area on the northern edge of BAU NGAM.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 336/70.
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO NAOMI
 - (a) (020255H) At YS515541, LANG PHUOC HAI, 189 RF Coy compound received SA fire from an estimated 3 en at YS512540; 1 x AK47 was ident. Illum fired and a sweep was conducted with nil results. Friendly cas: 1 RF WIA.
 - (b) (021410H) VR ac sighted fishing boats off the coast in grid squares YS6858 and YS7362. Registration numbers and names of vessels taken - 1 ALSG investigating.
 - (c) (021905) At YS458560 11/D/7 RAR detonated a mine. Result: 4 Aust WIA.
 - (2) AO JUDY
 - (a) (020830H) At YS450793, 37 and 40 PF Pl's loc and destroyed 15 fox holes est used within the last 12 hrs.
 Comment. An agent report received at BARIA on 302145H Nov stated that 30 VC were seen at YS446780 on 301630H Nov. The VC were armed with 2 x 81mm mors and individual wpns; intentions unk.
 - (b) (021130H) At YS338776, 3/A/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a camp of 12 bunkers with 6 ft OHP interlocking crawl trenches and tunnels. Entry/exit was to the north, east and west. The camp was in good condition, est 18 mnths old but was not used since that time. Loc in the bunkers were 2 smoke grens. Camp to be destroyed.
 - (c) (021453H) At YS260629, a bushranger ac sighted 1 sampan with 1 pers on board. The sampan moved to YS259632 at which point the occupant threw an article overboard. The pers was released as an innocent civilian after interogation at NUI DAT.
 - b. Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a, b, c, d, Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured and Destroyed
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Captured 2 smoke grenades.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(1) KIA 2 VC	(2) PW 1
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(4) Omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns Action 1	(6) to (21) Omitted.
(22) SA rounds 75	(23) GRENADES 3
(24) to (27) Omitted.	

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
021905H	YS458560	Poss M 16	4 Aust WIA

- 6. 7. Omitted.
- 8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.
- 9. 10. Omitted.
- 11. Miscellaneous

- a. b. Omitted
- c. Information Received from Voluntary Informants

- (1) (021000H) At YS415785 farmers reported sighting approx 13 VC at loc given.
- (2) (021200H) At YS545756 a wood cutter reported seeing 30 VC carrying a large tube. Arty fired H and I mission NFI.

- d. e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

- (1) Late Report (011220H) AT YS694855 a SAS ptl contacted 3 en. Result: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC PW (WIA), 1 unidentified rifle CIA. PW unable to be identified. Clothing and equipment on KIA indicate that they were local guerillas.
- (2) Further to the reference of "30 e3" (ammunition)" in Annex B of INTSUM 335/70, investigation by 1 Fd Sqn revealed that munition a 'mark' (MK) of M16 mines.
- (3) (020900H) PRU captured HUNG VAN KHOI who is suspected as a poss finance and Economy member of VUNG TAU. Interrogation report to follow.

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ANNEXES

- ANNEX B - Captured Documents
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A.	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2	MACV-J2	HQ 11 FFV
3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div	12 Cbt Avn Gp		2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	RTAVF		Advisory Team

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A notebook and letter captured by 722 RF Coy on 271215 Nov at YS459640 is though to have belonged to a member of LONG DAT Security section. The note book records expenditure on food and the letter personal details of a tactical value.

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ANNEX B (Aerial Reconnaissance)
To 1 ATF INTSUM No 336/70
Dated 2 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Loc tion</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
021200H	E75-77 N73-75	Nil significant sightings
021515H	E72-73 N70-74	VR sighted a track used by 10 plus people moving N from YS726685 to a lie up area at YS731694. From YS731694 track divides, one track moving NE, other NW. The NW track followed to YS725704, 8 plus people used this track. The NE track also quite heavily used. Track system appeared 2-3 days old.
021400H	E70-74 N75-76	Nil significant sightings

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 337/70.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3.

(1) KIA - 2 VC	(22) SA rounds - 75
(3) Hoi Chanh - 1	(23) Grenades - 3
(5) Individual Wpns: Action - 1	
(2),(4),(6)-(21),(24)-(27) - Omitted.	
- 5,6,7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.
- 9,10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 336/70.
 - (a) Para 3a(1)(c), amend DTG and loc to read (021850H) and YS457560, respectively. Amend para 5b(2) accordingly.
 - (b) Annex B, amend loc on the first line to read YS549640. On the last line, amend "of a tactical value" to read "of no tactical value".
 - (c) Para 3a(1)(b), amend "off the coast" to read "on the beach".
 - c,e. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (030900H) At YS485835, VN special Forces contacted an est pl of VC. Res: 8 friendlies WIA, 2 VC KIA, 2 wpns and a qty of docus CIA.
 - (2) (031100H) At YS236686 RUNG SAT Special Forces (VN) contacted 13 VC dressed in khaki and moving north, resulting in all VC KIA. At 1230 hrs, the force contacted a further 2 VC who entered the contact area resulting in 2 VC KIA. Total Res: 15 VC KIA, nil wpns taken, docus and 1 med kit CIA.
 - (3) Prior to 031330H) At YS441643, 302 RF Bn loc and destroyed an extensive tunnel system. NFI.
 - (4) (031130H) At YS277555, 12 PF Pl contacted 3-4 VC in mixed clothing who returned fire with SA before wdr NW. Res: En cas unk. 1 civ WIA.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

List A
HQ 2 FFV
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MACV-CICV
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18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
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1. (031800H) Report received at HOI MY, uneval. At YS460560, 60 VC were seen moving SSE along a fire trail.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO. 337/70
DATED 03 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
030815H	YS781745	A track of 4-6 pers, approx 1 week old, runs from this loc to YS785745.
031000H	YS776805	A track from this loc, heavily used approx 1-2 weeks ago, runs from this loc to YS763818. Evidence of activity at both locs where the track enters large cleared areas beneath the canopy. Old camps in the area show no signs of fresh activity.
031400H	E73-76, N71-74.	Marked tracks in the area show no signs of recent use.
031640H	YS662653	Very fresh tracks of at least 20 pers seen on the logging road and head SW.
	YS662649	A ft track leaves the logging rd and runs to YS661646.
	YS661646	A large cleared area beneath the canopy with approx 4x3 ft square holes. The holes had no cam and no defined track seen leaving the area.

2,3,4,5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 338/70
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (041600H) At YS582740 8/C/7 RAR loc a tunnel system 6 months old and in fair condition. The main chamber is 25ft x 12ft with corridors 10ft long with a 90 degree turn into the main chamber, and 8ft OHP. 1 entry point only. 500 rds of .30 cal ammo, 1 very corroded rifle and bayonet of unk type recovered.

(2) AO MICE

(a) (041745H) At YS468896 APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated by trip-wire a 20lb mine. Light damage to veh.

(3) Other Areas

(a) Late Report. (031703H) At YS663668, 1/A/1 Armd Regt investigated an earlier sighting by a civ of 70(+) VC at this loc. The country proved to be too thick for Armd veh and RF tps were debussed to conduct a sweep of the area. At 031730H, 1/A/1 Armd Regt heard shots est to have come from vic YS660663. At 031835H RF sweep terminated with nil results. RR Force then left the area. Comment. The VR flown at 031640H (INTSUM 337/70 ANNEX E) was in sp of this operation.

(4) (From 041943H) At YS474717 Base Patrol 7 RAR contacted by unk no VC. Details in INTSUM 339/70.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a.b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured 500 rds .30 cal ammo
1 unidentified rifle and bayonet

(b) Omitted.

(3)(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

(1) KIA 2 VC

(6)-(21) Omitted.

(2) Omitted

(22) SA rounds 575

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(23) GRENADES 3

(4) Omitted

(24)-(27) Omitted

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 1

Caches 1

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a Omitted.

b Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 337/70

(a) ANNEX C, amend grid to read YS460550.

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report. (031105H) At YS447740, DUC THANH Sub Sector detained NGUYEN NGOC CHUOC as a suspected en int agent for BINH BA. Intg continues at DUC THANH NP.

(2) (04 Dec 70) At YS229740 at PHU MY, Sub Sector forces located the body of LE VAN LUC, a 60 year old known government supporter, who had been assassinated. A note attached to the body indicated that the PHU MY PC assassinated LUC because they suspected him of being a GVN agent.

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(3) Late Report. (031200H) YS441643, 302 RF Coy detained NGUYEN VAN BE in the vic of the tunnel system loc by the same unit. (See INTSUM 337/70 para 11.f.(3)). Initial intg reveals BE was born in 1954, HOA LONG, and he claims no knowledge of the tunnel system. It is believed that the subj's father participated in the construction of the bunker.

(4) (041420H) Installation report of the tunnel system loc and destroyed by 302 RF Coy on 03 Dec 70 (INTSUM 337/70 para 11f(3) refs): The system was est to be 6 months old with signs of some recent diggings (Poss for extensions). Loc in the area were 6 sets of concrete based, steel panji spikes.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
HQ II FF V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US Bde
MACV- CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

(ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 338/70
dated 4 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
040800H	E75-77 N72-75	Track followed from YS751709 east to a track junction at YS755703 (numerous tracks in this vic). Footprints of boots and HO CHI MINH sandals were then followed north along the main track to YS767725. The track appeared to be used by 6(+) pers moving north less than 4 days ago.
	YS758713	Beside track recent small diggings, similar diggings sighted at two other pts along track.
	YS752728	A large area recently dug up under some trees appeared to be 1-2 days old.
	YS753732	A large hole (3ft dia). Appeared to have been recent activity in vic. Hole not cam, but another small hole 20 m east was concealed. Poss tunnel entrances.
	YS762746	An old camouflaged hut near several other dis huts which appears to have been used recently. Old bunker system near this loc show no signs of recent activity.
041000H	YS734738	Track 1-2 days old used by 10 pers from this loc to YS737719.
	YS737724	Large cleared area beneath canopy. 1 bunker and several small round holes sighted. Appears fresh and has numerous light tracks in area. Track of 6-8 pers enters this camp from W. Numerous other tracks seen in area, but could not be followed.

2.3.4.5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 339/70.
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO JUDY
 - (a) (051200H) At YS415785, 5/B/ 2 RAR/NZ loc and des a pit system 50m X 30m, 2 pits 4'X4'X4' and six pits 2'X3'X3'. System 1-2 years old in poor condition and last used 6 months ago.
 - (b) (051600H) At YS458892 17 Const Sqn uncovered by grader a VC local mine of 40lbs weight at a point 10ft oif road. Mine had been in posn for at least 12 months.
 - (c) (051923H) At YS435891, ptl of Aslt Pnr/2 RAR/NZ contacted 2 en who approached from north. Sweep conducted and found 1 VC KIA(BC) and noises of poss a wounded VC heard. Further sweep to be conducted 6 Dec.
 - (d) (Prior to 051850H) At YS439893, ptl of Aslt Pnr/2 RAR/NZ loc a body approx 7-10 days old in a shallow grave. COMMENT. Poss from contact Atk/Sp/2 RAR/NZ contact at YS439890 on 111020H Nov 70. (Refer INTSUM 315/70 para 3.a.(1)(a)).
 - (2) Other Areas.
 - (a) Ref INTSUM 338/70 para 3.(a)(4)
(042000H) At YS474717, base ptl of 7 RAR were fired on by unk number of VC from the north. (042200H same ptl) En approached from NE and ptl received auto fire. (042215H same ptl) At YS460715 ptl while mov west to join RRF was eng by en with RPD and 1 RPG. En believed to wdr NW. Nil friendly cas, nil en cas. (Refer ANNEX C para 1.)
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occuring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC
 - (3) Omitted.
 - c. and d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) - (3) Omitted.
 - (4) Captured Documents. See ANNEX B.
 - (5) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3.

(1) KIA 3VC	(5) Individual Wpns	(7) - (21) Omitted.
(2) Omitted	Action 1	(22) SA Rounds 575
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(6) Crew Served Wpns	(23) Grenades 3
(4) Omitted	Action 1	(24) Omitted.
		(25) AT Mines 1
		(26) and (27) Omitted.

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. AT MINES - 1 at YS458892.
 - (2) Omitted.
6. and 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.
- 9.- 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Amend Total VC KIA period 01 - 30 Nov 70 to read "10" due to body found by Atk/2 RAR/NZ today. (refer para 3.a.(1)(e)).
 - (2) Ref INTSUM 338/70 para 4.f.(5) delete "Individual Wpns Caches 1".
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (050530H) At YS464595, 56 PF pl received bursts of AK47 fire. Res: 1 PF WIA.
 - (2) (050700H) VIOCC at Long Hai received a Hoi Chanh CAO VAN CHOT, believed to be Asst Squad Ldr Protection Cell, C25 (Long Dat District Conc Coy). CHOT claimed that there were M16 and Atk mines vic YS442531.
 - (3) (Prior to 051317H) At YS467642 ptl from Long Dien eng 3 VC. NFI.
 - (4) (Prior to 051650H) At YS422658 20 carriers with empty baskets were reported to have been seen.
 - (5) (052005H) At YS368618, PRU were ambushed by a squad of VC resulting in 1 PRU KIA, nil en cas.
 - (6) Further to INTSUM No. 337/70 para 11.f.(2) reporting contacts between RUNG SAT Special Forces and VC: Contacts took place in vic square 2370 on 2 Dec and 3 Dec. Total confirmed en cas was 16, all KIA(BC) two of whom died after capture. Two of en KIA were killed by gunships, and remainder in ground action. Fol wpns and ammo were CIA: 2XAK47, 1XSKS, 1XM2 Carbine (US), 1X.30 cal ammo box containing K54 rds. Also CIA were qty of med sups incl 7 vials morphine, 2 tubes penicillin, camphenol and 7 vial quinine; and qty docus which confirm that VC contacted were staff and patients of H5 Medical Sect and Convalescence Gps C212 and C214 (COMMENT: These units together with Convalescent Gp C213, are subordinate to K3 Convalescence Bn which is AKA Ward 3 of Mil Hosp K76A, identified in Jan 70 by a PW as then being in MAY TAOs with some elms in other areas. All these units are subordinate to HQ SR4 AKA DOAN 12). Docus and med sups are being transferred to PHUOC TUY Province PIOCC. From study of docus RSSZ NHA BE believe that fol units may have been represented amongst patients with Convalescence Gps at time of contacts: DOAN 10 Bn HQ, Radio Station, Comd Staff Sect, Tpt Sect and Military Medical Sect; Long Thanh Engr and Recce Coy (possibly C240 Coy); Nhon Trach Recce Unit and 2 Bn SR 4. Docus further suggest that en group may have totalled 30 pers at time of contacts and RSSZ NHA BE believe that total en KIA is probably greater than confirmed 16. En installations loc and destroyed were 6 base camps, one convalescence camp about 200m long with 80 beds, and six sampans. Most bunkers and other installations found were in

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square YS2269. Bunkers and sampans were camouflaged.

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Annex A - Interrogation Report
Annex B - Captured Documents

Annex C - Agent Reports
Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
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MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70
DATED 5 DEC 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW PHAM VAN VY

Reference: A. 1 ATF INTSUM 336/70 para 11.f.(1)

Biographical Data

NAME: PHAM VAN VY
BORN: 1912 Quang Nghia

1. The subject remains in hospital and is still weak. He claims he knows nothing about the VC or VC Units. He says he is an illegal resident in the area and was on his way to gardens when contacted. He and his niece (KIA) who helped him with the gardening ran when they contacted 1 ATF troops because they were afraid of the consequences of illegal gardening in the area. Female was NGUYEN THI PHAT.

2. VY denies all knowledge of the presence of a third person (armed with Mossim Nagant rifle) in the contact.

3. 1 ATF Comment: The subject's claims seem unlikely, as the two males were approx 3 metres apart when the contact was initiated, and talking. VY's desire to "disown" the armed man throws doubt on the rest of his story.

The interrogation is continuing.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70
DATED 5 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Reference: A. INTSUM 338/70 para 11.f.(2)
Contents of note found on body of LE VAN LUC:

- States LUC is an ex VC.
- LUC has a son in the VC.
- LUC helped the PRU by lending them his sampan some time ago.
- LUC was killed by the Security Sect of CHAU DUC presumably as a reprisal.
- Docu signed by NGUYEN THANG (ORBAT holds THANG as the OC Security Sect CHAU DUC).

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2. A circular, dated 1970, signed by TRAN QUANG BON, Dep Comd D12 (probably HQ SR 4) was captured by RSSZ personnel at YS070930 6 Nov 70.
3. It was directed to subordinate elements and provides guidance on the maint of wpns and military eqpt.
4. To solve part of the logistic difficulties, considerable efforts were to be made to collect enemy (ie our) dud bombs and shells to manufacture weapons.
5. The circular admonished friendly forces (ie VC) for failing to realise the concept of self sufficiency in guerilla warfare. The VC were relying on higher HQ for wpns and mil eqpt and make no effort to capture en (ie our) weapons and material.
(1 ATF Note: This provides a clear confirmation of the weapon and ammunition supply difficulties within SR - 4).
6. During the past year (1969), the number of friendly weapons (ie en) lost, greatly exceeded the number of en wpns captured. Wpns were abandoned, damaged because of poor maintenance, and captured because of poor concealment.
7. To overcome the current logistic difficulties and to carry out sustained attacks D12 (HQ SR-4) was to initiate a campaign to control maintenance tightly, to collect en dud bombs and shells, and to budget ammo.
8. The amount of ammo used in each attack conducted by hy wpns elements was to be approved by D12 (HQ SR-4) in advance. B40s and B41s were not to be used to attack enemy infantry elements, and the quantity of ammunition expended in combat was to be proportional to the number of en casualties.
1 ATF COMMENT: This parallels an order by BA LONG HQ approx 5-6 months ago, that B40s were not to be used against infantry unless en were caught in an ambush.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM 339/70
DATED 5 DEC 70

AGENT REPORT

1. Ref para 3.a.(2)(a) of this report:
BINH BA Police Chief states that the gp of en wdr to the north moving east of road, cut across Route 2 near DUC MY village and then wdr west.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUN 339/70
DATED 5 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
051625H	YS769721 YS780707	Footprints on track one week old mov NE to SW. Track junction shows recent activity. All tracks appear to be used in past 2 weeks.
051640H	YS772667 E74-76 N71-73	Footprints of approx 10-15 people in vic of old graves. No sign of recent activity.
051643H	YS814743 YS803735 YS806739 YS800738	Footprints of approx 5 pers one weeks old in muddy area near stre Footprints on track in vic of swamp; track runs NE to YS809744. Fork in above track leads 25m south to lie up area for approx 10 pers. Appears to be at least one week old. Fork in above track leads NW to area of 5 old huts which are under repair. COMMENT. This is in vic of SAS contacts and en activity in early Nov
051710H	YS489679	A short elephant track running north-south, dir of mov unk. There is a well defined foot track that has been used recently by many people, leading out of the rubber at YS496664, running north initially in conjunction with a clear ox cart track. Foot track joins the marked track at YS499679.

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DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
051330H	YS233664 YS233668	Track continues north to YS499689 where it was lost. Fresh tracks along river bank. Tracks around the banks of all the creeks in area.

2. - 5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 340/70
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO JUDY

(a) Late report. (051130H) At YS 239658, 3/V/2RAR/NZ loc and destroyed a of 3 bunkers 6 x 6 with 2ft OHP, 1 stone house, a sleeping platforms and 1 large kitchen. Entry/exits to the SE, SW and East (to a poss boat landing pt). The camp was in good condition, est to be 6 months old and last used 2-4 days ago by approx 20-25 persons. Recovered were 2 fishing rods, 1lb of local explosive and 2 letters.

(b) Prior to 061340H. Ptl from 1/V/2RAR/NZ loc at YS397629 reported smoke rising in the area of YS364657. Ac investigated area but nothing sighted.

(2) AO MICE

(a) Late report. (052330H) At YS470891, ptl from Aslt Pnr/Sp/2 RAR/NZ engaged 6-10 en who approached their AP from the south. En wdr south with results unk. At 060015H the ptl again engaged an unk number of en who approached their AP. Movement around the perimeter continued until 060114H. An early morningsweep revealed nil results for both engagements.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) Reference contact of Aslt Pnr Sp Coy 2RAR/NZ at YS435891 on 5 Dec 70 at 1923H (INTSUM 339/70, para 3.a.(1) (c)). The ptl conducted a sweep of the contact area and located a second body dressed in blue trousers and dark blue shirt. Docs. were recovered from the second body (See Annex B) Total results of this contact :2 VC KIA (BC)

(b) (061000H) At YS438891, after reports of lights being signalled between a house at this loc and en enemy ptl ambushed by Sp Coy 2RAR/NZ (refer previous para). 1 VN women and child were detained (See Annex A).

(4) 1 ARU BASE DEFENCE AREA

(a) (061200H) At YS447647, ptl from 2/V/2RAR/NZ loc a very old tunnel system with one 15m long tunnel, still in good condition. Remainder of system in poor condition and it could not be determined when it was last used. System to be destroyed.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

(1 - 3) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

c. Detainees

(1, 2, 3, 4, 6) Omitted

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation 2

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured Refer 3a (1) (a)

(b) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA 4 VC

(7 - 21) Omitted

(2) Omitted

(22) SA rds 575

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(23) GRENADES 3

(4) Omitted

(24) Omitted

(5) Individual Wpns Action -1

(25) AT Mines 1

(6) Crew Served Wpns Action -1

(26) TNT 1 lb

(27) Omitted

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5. 6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP ~~477/70~~ dated 1 Dec 70
9. 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous
 - a. c. d. e. Omitted
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 338/70 (a) a. Para 3a (2) (a), amend grid ref to read "YS471894"
 - (2) Ref INTSUM 339/70 (a) Para 4 F(b) delete all ref. (b) ANNEX E, sighting at YS800738, amend "under repair" to read "in bad condition".
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 1. (052215H and 052345H) Ac sighted a veh at YS570765 and YS524752. Veh was then engaged by DUC THANH Arty. NFI.
 2. (060735H) At YS537568, a cow detonated an Atk mine of 23-35lb CHICOM explosive resulting in 1 CIV WIA. The mine was emplaced in the middle of the road.
 3. (062103H) At YS504557, 480 RF recived sa fire from an unk number of en who wdr SE. Nil cas. NFI.

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ANNEXES

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports
ANNEX B - Captured Documents

Distribution:

List A, HQ IIFV, MACV-J2, MACV-CICV, RTAVF, 18 ARVN Div, 3 Tac Fighter Wing
12. Cbt Avn Gp, BIEN HOA TAC, Advisory Team 48, Sector S2, 25 US Div, 2/25 US Bde.

ANNEX A TO (INTERROGATION)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 340/70
dated 6 Dec 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

Reference: A. 1 ATF Intsum 339/70 para 11 f, (2).

Name : CAO VAN CHOT
DTPB : 1948, PHUOC HAI
Rank/Appt : Sect 2IC, Admin Sect
Unit : C25 Conc Coy, Long Dat

Exploited Info

1. Subject now claims to know nothing of mines reported earlier in Ref A although he state he was told mines were laid along the East fare of HON VUNG. peaks (YS4950, 4851, 4951, which is a known mined area) and in the cleared trail between the north and South masses of the Long Hais, "where they were near the creek before the Australian land clearing destroyed them".
2. He claims C25 has sufficèint food for its needs as well as a resevue. The subject has eyesight trouble caused by a claymore pallet embeded in the back of his head. This wound was recived 7 or 8 months ago.

Appendix 1 To ANNEX A INTERROGATION REPORTS

DETAINEES LE THISU, NGUYEN THI DIEP

1. LE THI SU age 38 years and NGUYEN THI DIEP age 12, were detained by sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ at 1000H on 6 Dec 70. They were suspected of signalling, with lights from their house to the en ptl which had been ambushed by 2RAR/NZ.
2. The young girl, NGUYEN THI DIEP was detained for having in her possession, an excessive amount of food. It is throught that she will probably be released.

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3. LE THI SU was released from jail in Jun 70, after having been in person for six months as a VC supplier. Her husband had been a member of the NGAI GIAO guerilla unit, but had been killed in Jan 69. The subject stated that she did not know anything about the contact, and had not seen anybody or anything, and as soon as the firing commenced she and the girl had moved into their bunker for protection.

4. The subject disclaimed the idea that she had been signalling the VC. She stated that lights were frequently flashed from one house to another.

5. The subject is being held by the N P at DUC THANH where the interrogation is continuing.

ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUMENTS)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 340/70
dated 06 Dec '70

Reference: Para 3a, (3) (a) INTSUM 339/70

1. Docus CIA by 2RAR/NZ (batch no 460/70) At YS435891 on 5 Dec 70 on a body were identified as possibly belonging to VU VAN LAI aka VO VAN LAI aka NGUYEN VANLAI, an ex Med Sect Comd from H10 Dispensary, SR4, recently transferred to "C2" (possibly Political Staff SR4).

Comment: SR4 units are known to use the VIET CUONG rubber area as a resupply point, in conjunction with units from 274 Regt. The identification of the second body was not possible from documents, and it is hoped to identify him from photographs in the near future. The area to the south of NDP GARTH is a know COMMO/Liaison route for units from SR4 and 274 Regt to go to MR7. It would seem possible that the above member VU VAN LAI was in transit from SR4 to MR7 for some form of political course, as he was only posted into the Political Staff as recently as 2 Dec 70. Conversely, it is possible that he was in the area to arrange food resupplies for his unit from the VIET CUONG rubber area.

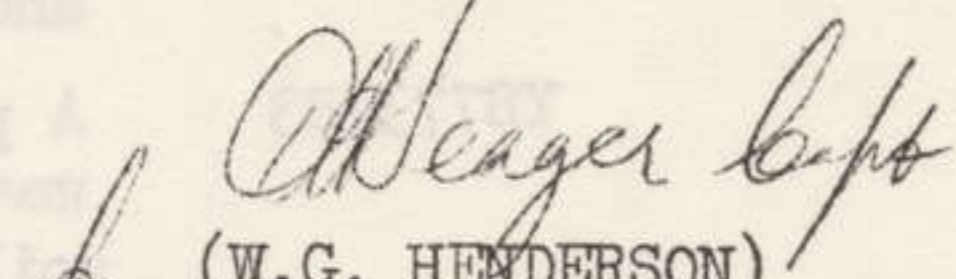
2. Docus CIA by V/2RAR/NZ At YS239658 on 5 Dec 70 in a base camp (refer Para 3,a,(1) (a)) consisted of two old personal letters which did not contain any information of a tactical nature. No unit ident was possible.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 341/70.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H DEC 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. b. Omitted
4. a. b. c. d. e. Omitted
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA 4 VC	(23) GRENADES 3	2, 4, 6 to 21, 24,
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(25) AT MINES 1	27 Omitted
(5) Individual Wpns Action 1	(26) TNT 11b	
(22) SA rounds 575		
5. 6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 dated 1 Dec 70.
9. 10. Omitted
11. Micellaneous
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 340/70
 - (a) Para 3a (1) (a), amend "a sleeping platforms" to read "9 sleeping platforms".
 - (b) Para 3a (3), amend AO to "AO MICE".
 - (c) Para 4 f (6), delete all ref.
 - c. Omitted
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) LATE REPORT: (061745H) At YS 367722 ac sighted 2 pers in light clothing and 1 pers in black moving NW into hy jungle.
 - (2) (Prior to 071844H) At YS 445525, MSF sighted 10VC, eng by 81 mm mortars. NFI.


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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 341/70
DATED 7 DEC 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

1. Further interrogation of PHAM VAN VY, who was WIA by SAS 1 Dec 70, has been carried out (See Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM 339/70). VY's medical condition in hospital remains poor.
2. The subject has changed his story slightly.
3. He now says he was going to tend his gardens and check his fish traps with NGUYEN THI PHAT (KIA) when they met, a VC named DUONG (aged 30, KIA) who was carrying a VC rifle. When they arrived at a stream they were all ambushed.
4. DUONG (unit/appointment/rank unknown) came to BAU HAM about 3 months ago. VY did not know DUONG very well and did not know where he camped. However the subject did know there was a camp approx 400m from where he was ambushed. He doesn't know who, or how many were there.
5. The subject had not personally seen any movement or tracks in the area, although there were signs of movement. He doesn't know who moved in the area, or where they were going.

1 ATF Comments: As the subject's health improves further interrogation will be carried out. This may take several weeks, because of VY's condition. However his account of the contact is a variance with that of the SAS patrol commander, and it is not yet accepted that VY is simply an illegal farmer as claimed by him.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 341/70
DATED 7 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
070810H	E 70-73 N 71-74	VERY thick canopy in area - nil significant sightings.
071200H	YS742778	An old camp which showed no signs of recent activity, although the tracks within the camp are clearly visible and wooden framework could be seen.
	YS773783	A pit 6' x 2½' x 2' - No camouflage on the pit, nor was there any rubbish such as leaves in it or any soil nearby. There was some clearing under the trees in the area.
	YS768778	A small track was loc and followed ESE to where it joined the road at YS 777773.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 342/70.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO JUDY

(a) (081405H) At YS413762, Ptl from 5 b/2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a well defined track going from E to SW. Estimated not used within last 2 days.

(b) (081850H) At YS260629 JADE reported ground fire of approx 12 rds. Fighter also reported ground fire whilst on run in at 081900H. En ground fire was directed at ac tasked for airstrike. See para 11f (2).

(2) AO SADIE

(a) (081625H) At IS404647, a ptl from 104 Sig Sqn op con A/2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) detained 1 pers with a Lambretta loaded with rice. Pers had no ID card. Div Int Unit interpreter investigated and found all papers in order except the ID card. Detainee was later able to produce ID card and was released.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (081930H) At YS465538 Bushranger 73 thought he sighted muzzle flashes whilst Possum was marking tgt. Area engaged by rockets.

(b) (081145H approx) At YS501574, 480 RF Coy and MCT located a bundle of bamboo slats poss used for a stretcher. It appears that who ever used stretcher bleada lot as a blouse or skirt was found on stretcher, also bloodstained, and could have been used as a dressing. Sweep revealed a canister approx size of M16 mine containing a substance that appears to be an explosive. Further details to follow in INTSUM 343/70.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	* DAMAGE FRIENDLY
081850H	YS260629	UNK	12 rds	UNK RESPONSE
				B
				E. Combat Sky Spot.

DAMAGE CODE: 1 Neg hits, 2 Light damage, 3 Moderate damage, 4 Downed, 5 Crashed.

RESPONSE CODE: A- No response, B- returned fire with organic weapons, C- Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems (specify)

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) KIA VC 4 | (22) SA rounds 575 |
| (2) Omitted | (23) GRENADES 3 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (24) Omitted |
| (4) Omitted | (25) AT Mines 1 |
| (5) Individual Wpns Action 1 | (26) TNT 1 lb |
| (6-21) Omitted | (27) Omitted |

5. 6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9. 10. Omitted.

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11. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (081010H) At YS748739 an A/S on 2 tunnel entrances, bombs within 40 metres of tgt. BDA carried out but results could not be determined (see Annex F(b))

(2) (081840H) At YS260629 an A/S. BDA not able to be carried out because of darkness.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

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MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team	

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 342/70
DATED 3 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
(a) 081200H	YS507918	Fresh digging sighted. A pit 3'x6'x6" was observed but no use determined.
	YS505926	Camp type track system under canopy, many clear areas.
(b) 071000H	YS792754	A large lie up area in vic of a recently destroyed hut. Numerous tracks in open area made by many people standing around in group. Heavy tracks led S, NE and NW from loc and appeared less than 1 week old.
	YS785755	
	YS740718	A very heavy track 1-2 weeks old from YS740718 running N to YS740738.
	YS749738	Holes reported on 4 Dec 70 are definite tunnel entrance (A/S conducted, see para 11f (1)). A VR in area immediately after A/S observed 1 track showing recent mov N of tgt, from YS747744 to track junction at YS753740 then S to YS753738. Only light mov on track.
(c) 081415H	YS721753	A track with recent mov S through a lie-up area in a small clump of trees at YS714736; E through another small clump of trees at YS720737; and S to YS717728. Mov made by small party mov S approx 3 days old.
	YS699718	Track by small part mov NE through YS697721 to YS694725, where it joined junction of timber cutters tracks. Extensive timber cutting in area. Many veh tracks in area.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

DTG

080730H AREA E 73-77 N 72-80 There were nil significant readings in this area, however there were fresh tracks in the vicinity of YS729757 and YS735773.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 343/70.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (090705H) at YS534560, ptl from 3/A/7 RAR detonated an M16 mine buried 6 ins below the surface. Cas: 2 Aust WIA.

(b) (090717H) at YS731694, 4/B/7 RAR received 12x60mm mortar rounds followed at 0725 hrs by a ground assault by 25-30 en sp by M60 and RPG fire. En threw two grenades. Bushranger ac eng en and received ground fire resulting in one ac being required to make a forced landing (at YS749670). En wdr to NE and E. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 Aust WIA, 1 set webbing and 2 unexpended RPG rds CIA. 4 en were seen to fall in initial engagement. From hy blood trails it is est that a minimum of 7 en were WIA by ground action and air. At 0908 hrs ac received burst of SA fire from area YS7470. At 1418 hrs pl found two gun posns in bunker complex which had been used as 12.7mm HMG posts. (Evidenced by expended and live cartridges).

Comment: For identification details of en KIA see Annex B. For details of neighbouring bunker complexes subsequently searched see para 3. a. (1) (c). It is believed that en attacking group were probably K9 Coy of D440 which is believed to have been under command of D445 since late Aug/early Sep 70. The mortar fire was probably from the wpn organic to K9. Presence of 12.7 mm suggests C4 Hy Wpns Coy D445; and the large number of en est to have been in the nearby bunker complex suggests that other elms of D445 were probably present.

(c) (091355H) at YS742699 to YS749700, B/7 RAR loc a base camp covering an area 700x350m, comprising 90 bunkers with 2 ft OHP, 2 circular A.A. gun posns, 2 mor pits, 20 cooking areas and 4 wells. One third of the camp was about 12 months old, the remainder being of recent const with some of the bunkers currently UC. Tracks led from East to West and also to the NW. The camp was est to have been occupied by 80-100 VC until mid-day today, and again just prior to discovery today by a lesser no of en, incl 7 wounded members. Recovered were a qty of items incl docus (refer para 4. e. (2) (a) for items). Camp to be destroyed.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (091600H) at YS338788, 8/C/2 RAR/NZ loc a camp of 4 bunkers with 2 ft OHP previously sighted from ac. The camp was est 18 months old, last used 6-12 months ago and in a poor condition. Tracks lead to North, East and West.

(b) (091944H) at YS437633, ptl from 3/A/2 RAR/NZ sighted 2 people on an oxcart which then moved to YS435629. At the latter loc, 2 people alighted from the oxcart and wdr in an unk direction. NFI.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RES
090750H	YS731694	Unk	Unk	4	B	Unk
090908H	YS7470	Unk	Unk	2	B	Unk

DAMAGE CODE: 1-Neg hits, 2-Light damage, 3-Moderate damage, 4-Downed, 5-Crashed.

RESPONSE CODE: A-No response, B-Returned fire with organic weapons, C-Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems.

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(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured. At YS742699, 20 rds 12.7mm, 4 sandbags of explosives, 2 RPG rds, 2xM79 CS rds, 2xshirts of the type worn by RF, 2xnew US gas masks still in original containers.

Comment: The gas masks and M79 CS rds may have been seized during the attack on XUVEN MOC RF Post on 29 Nov (see INTSUM 334/70).

b. Omitted.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3

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| (1) KIA - 5VC. | (20) 12.7mm rounds - 20. |
| (2) Omitted. | (21) Omitted. |
| (3) Hoi Chanh - 1. | (22) SA rounds - 575. |
| (4) Omitted. | (23) Grenades - 5. |
| (5) <u>Individual Wpns</u> | (24) Omitted. |
| Action 1 | (25) AT mines - 1. |
| (6)-(18) Omitted. | (26) TNT - 21 lb. |
| (19) B-40 rounds - 2. | (27) Omitted. |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
090705H	YS534560	M16	2 Aust WIA

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Reference 1 ATF INTSUM 314/70 dated 10 Nov 70, para 11. f. (1), which reported an incident in which a ptl from 2/25 Bde engaged 2 en, resulting in 1 VC KIA. The KIA was identified as NGO VAN PHAT aka NGO HONG PHAT, a Pl Comd of A6/D65 MF Engr Bn.

Comment: D65 Engr Bn has been previously reported as having left 1 ATF TAOR, and moved to the vicinity of the MAY TAO Mts. Following the discovery of an engineer training school in the MAY TAO area, it is possible that D65 has undergone re-organisation and is providing engr cadre for the training of soldiers and units in BA LONG Province. When D445 was in its training area South of the MAO TAO Mts a PW had reported that a coy from D445 was proceeding to the MAY TAOs to undergo sapper training. It is possible that they were to be trained by elements of D65 Engr Bn. PW TAM, (INTSUM 309/70) stated that A2 BA LONG Engr Coy had been formed when D65 Engr Bn left PHUOC TUY, and that some of the ranking cadre were from D65 Engr Bn. The reason for PHAT to be in the area of YS498876 is not known.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

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9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a.b.c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late report (082000H) at ONG TRINH, NGUYEN DUC KICH rallied to 180 Arty Bn. See Annex A.

(2) (091200H) at YS715671, ac sighted 3-4 people with 3 ox carts and 3-4 head of cattle.

(3) (091145H). Further to the A/S on YS260629 (reported in INTSUM 342/70 para 11. f. (2)), VR ac sighted 1 en KBA. However, further checks of the area failed to locate the body again.

(4) (092105H) at YS427596, 495 PF Pl contacted 3-4 VC who approached from the North. En returned fire with approx 30 rds of AK47 fire before wdr in an unk direction. Res unk.

(5) (092300H) HOA LONG/^{report} an expected infiltration into AP TAY, HOA LONG, after 100430 hrs. The expected en str is 3 pers.

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ANNEX A
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 343/70
DATED 09 Dec 70

INITIAL INTERROGATION REPORT
PW NGUYEN DUC KICH

Biographical Data

- 1. Name : NGUYEN DUC KICH.
- D/POB : 1947, HAI PHONG, NVN.
- Unit : C1/C214 Hospital SR4.
- Rank/Appt : Corporal (NVA), Protection Section Leader.
- Receiving Unit: 180 Arty Bn.
- Date : 8 Dec 70.
- Location : ONG TRINH.

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Circumstances of Rally

2. On 020900 hrs Dec 70, the subject's camp at YS233687 was attacked by Allied Tps. (Comment: Refer INTSUM 337/70 para 11. f. (3)). The subject became separated from his comrades and fled towards NUI TOC TIEN where he became lost. On 8 Dec 70, he moved to CNG TRINH to collect some food and was induced to rally.

Exploited Info

3. The subject had become ill in May 70. He was sent to C214 to convalesce. On his improvement he became a member of the protection section for C214 Hospital, with the task of protecting the 28 patients who were recovering from wounds and illness. Of the patients that the subject was able to remember, the majority were North Vietnamese.

Supplies

4. C212 and C214 of SR4 obtained supplies from THAI THIEN. Once a month, approx 3 men would make 2 trips to THAI THIEN where they would liaise with SR4 rear services who organised the purchasing of rice from the agencies. On each trip, they would carry approx 50-60 litres of rice which was divided between the two hospitals. They endeavoured to supplement their diet by catching crabs and fish whenever they could.

Order of Battle

5. The subject gave limited Order of Battle summary of some units of SR4 which will be forwarded to RSSZ NHA BE. Info can be supplied to other consumers on request.

ANNEX B
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DATED 09 Dec 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus CIA by 4/B/7 RAR (batch no 463/70) at YS734694 on 9 Dec 70 on a body were identified as belonging to NGUYEN VAN SANG, Sect 2 IC, K9/D440. Included in the documents were a commendation certificate dated 15 Aug 70, a probationary member of the communist party certificate dated 15 Aug 70, and a promotion certificate dated 14 Aug 70.

Comment: For assessment of en in contact see para 3. a. (1) (b). The evidence from captured documents above tends to provide a further indication that a coy from D440 has been placed under command D445. PW PHACH (INTSUM 263/70) stated that C3/D445 was going to BA LONG Province to be trained as a sapper coy, and that a coy from D440 was going to take its place. From other HCs and PWs interrogations, it was established that the re-inforcement coy was to be either K8 or K9 of D440. It now appears likely that the replacement coy was K9.

ANNEX C
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 343/70
DATED 09 Dec 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. (091230H) Agent report received DUC THANH eval VN C2.

At YS485729, source sighted 15 VC from CHAU DUC District Forces and BINH BA Guerilla Unit, fully armed with individual wpns. The VC held a propaganda meeting and told the people that they plan to attack the two PF Pls stationed in DUC TRUNG hamlet (YS453746).

Comment: Refer to previous reported sighting of 15 VC at YS472711 on 01 Dec, INTSUM 335/70 Annex C. Refer also to Annex E of this INTSUM, sighting of smoke columns in sq YS4872.

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ANNEX E
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 343/70
DATED 09 Dec 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
090700H	YS260628	Fresh footprints seen throughout the area - made since this morning's high tide.
090851H	YS741700	Hy track seen at reference. Appeared again from under trees at YS746704.
091122H	YS742795	A track that appears to run NE.
091155H	YS742695	A track runs from this loc to YS743702, where it was lost. Appeared to have been made by a small party.
091400H	YS4872	Three smoke columns seen in this area. On investigation, sighted numerous tracks throughout the area.

2. - 5. Omitted.

ANNEX F
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PSY OPS INT

The Hamlets of NUI NHON (YS582633) and GO CAT (YS604638)

1. Officially these hamlets do not exist; they are intended to be used as temporary bases for the farmers tending the extensive rice padi in the area. They are not listed in the HES Summary, and there is no local civilian administrative body responsible for them.
2. In addition to the padi, however, there are many vegetable gardens, and a considerable tobacco crop. Many of the houses (87 in NUI NHON; 48 in GO CAT) are as substantial as those in permanent settlements, and it is thought that a high proportion of the 311 people in NUI NHON and the 215 in GO CAT intend to remain there.
3. 609 RF Coy provide protection for the area from the NUI NHON Post, and provide such administration as they can. ID card control is by the authorities in the villages from which the inhabitants originate.
4. There are 2 wells in NUI NHON, and 1 in GO CAT. The 7 large charcoal kilns in NUI NHON provide fuel for local consumption, and for marketing in DAT DO.
5. There is no school in the area; the children work the fields, or are used to look after the fairly large herds of cattle.
6. The area is thickly wooded to the immediate surrounds of the hamlets.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 344/70.
- 2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO NAOMI.

(a) Prior to 100710H. Further to the loc of the bunker system loc by B Coy 7 RAR reported in INTSUM 343/70 para 3a(1)(c): A further search revealed the area to be 1000 x 300M and that 30 additional bunkers were incl in the system.

(b) Ref INTSUM 342/70 para 3 a (3) (b). The cannister has been examined by 1 Fd Sqn and has been found to be a cannister from a USAF para-illumination flare. The substance inside the cannister was an illumination chemical which is basically a magnesium mixture normally used in para flares.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) KIA 5 VC | (21) Omitted |
| (2) Omitted | (22) SA rounds 575 |
| (3) HOI CHANH 1 | (23) Grenades 5 |
| (4) Omitted | (24) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Wpns: Action 1 | (25) AT Mines 1 |
| (6)-(18) Omitted | (26) TNT 21 lbs |
| (19) B-40 rounds 2 | (27) Omitted |
| (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 | |

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

a. For reference to the probable present loc of this bn East of BLACKHORSE see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70 para 13. Much of the following information is taken from 179 Military Intelligence Detachment Order of Battle Summary dated 2 Sep 70.

b. The CO of 3 Bn is Capt TRIEU KIM SON; POs are Capts PHAM VAN PHAN, PHAN TRONG DUONG and DINH VAN DAT. The unit is referred to as D3, J9 or D9.

c. <u>COY</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
HQ Coy	50	Sects: Mil staff, Political, Mail/Runner, Rear Svc, Med, Commo, Recce/Security.
C 9	40 - 45) AK47s, RPGs, LMGs, grenades. At least two coys possess one 60 mm mortar each.)
C 10	40 - 45	
C 11	40 - 45	
C 12 Hy Wpns	45	2 x 82mm mor and at least 2 HMGs.

210-230 total
(Total strength 33 NVA Regt is 1200 approx.)

d. The bn may be sp by elms of fol coys of 33 Regt:

- C 16 Mor Coy 2 x 82mm mor
- C 17 RR Coy 3 x RR
- C 18 AA Coy Atleast 4 x HMG

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- C 19 Engr Coy (Str 40)
- C 20 Comms Coy
- C 21 Recce Coy aka V21. Possibly have 1 x 60mm mor. Str 45. Often widely dispersed before a large attack.
- C 22 Tpt Coy
- C 23 Med Coy
- C 24 Sapper Coy. Penetration of perimeters, destruction of key installations and mining roads. Str 58. Sachel charges, bangalore torpedoes.
- C 25 Convalescent Coy.

e. There have been reports of poor morale, but this is not sufficiently low to hamper combat effectiveness.

f. Tactics. Extensive recce is carried out prior to an attack, incl recce of wdr routes. Attacks are launched from several directions. Attacks on FSB's are usually launched by at least two coys sp by possibly three or more sp coys (usually C16, C17, C18 and C24). On 29 May 70 3 Bn attacked FSB SUN (199 LIB) in BINH TUY. LF units provided and also carried out diversionary attacks by fire. 41 en were killed. Usual tactics fol are to regroup at a pre-designated point and then wdr to base area. Biv sites are placed at least 500M from rds and 300M from streams. Open areas are crossed at night. In def a triangular fmm is adopted, with pt of triangle facing towards en and Hy Wpns Coy and Bn HQ in centre. Each coy also adopts triangular fmm. A common tactic is to expose several men to an oncoming en force in order to draw the en force into a planned ambush. Veh ambushing is also a favourite tactic of 33 Regt units.

g. From Nov 69 to Mar 70 3 Bn, with other 33 Regt units, took part in retraining and re-provisioning in BINH TUY. In Apr 70 the Regt went onto the offensive. 3 Bn's most significant contact was the attack on FSB SUN on 29 May. The Bn then was given the task of arranging ^{supps} for the Regt. The next contact with 3 Bn occurred on 30 Aug, when elms of 25 Inf Div contacted the unit 10km South of FSB MACE at YT583003. Docus captured included maps of allied installations. This identification indicated that the Bn had undertaken a radical movement West of its normal AO in BINH TUY. For an assessment of the probable reason for this move see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 of 8 Dec 70 para 13. Recent reports have indicated a further move of the battalion to the area of square YS5697, with elements possibly still further to the West in the area of Route 2 area YS4696 and approximately 5,000M to the South (area YS5794).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9,10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections Previous INTSUMS. Ref INTSUM 343/70.

(1) Annex A. Amend reference to "PW" to read "RALLIER".

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. Prior to 092245H) XUYEN MOC reported RF compound at YS650674 received 1 round of B 40 fire that impacted at YS648674. RPG round appeared to be fired from YS644672.

(2) (102100H) At YS441588, 586 RF Coy contacted 6 VC who were moving North. After contact 3 VC wdr South towards mountains and other 3 ran into house area. Sweep of area revealed neg results.

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ANNEX B --(CAPTURED DOCUMENTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 344/70
DATED 10 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Reference: 1 ATF INTSUM 343/70 Para 3(a)(1)(c).

1. Documents captured in a bunker system by B Coy 7 RAR at YS744699 included the following:
 - a. Scrap of paper with name PHAN THANH BINH.
 - b. A letter (illegible) to BA TRI dated 26 Nov 70.
 - c. A letter to HAI.
 - d. A letter to TAM MINH (possibly 2IC XUYEN MOC District Unit).
 - e. A personal letter from TIE SAN.
 - f. A scrap of paper which mentions K8 (possibly the Hy Wpns Coy of the now disbanded D440 Bn) which has received some rice for 1 Bn (possibly D445) for Nov 70. The paper also has several signatures written by THANH TAM.
 - g. An ARVN ID Tag for TRUM TICH NO 35/066492.
 - h. A piece of paper with weapon no "1589860".
 - j. PRC-25 Battery Carton used as chess board with names - NGUYEN THI BINH, NGUYEN KIM THO, LE THANH NGHI - written on it.
 - k. Sketch of FUPs, direction of attack and assaulting formations (Target unknown - unable to be related to ground).
 - l. Paper with an address - 172 AP BINH LAC, and sketch.
 - m. Page from exercise book of TRAN VAN TAI of 106 SAIGON Med School.
 - n. Three pages from ARVN attendance record book.
 - o. Day duties list for 8 Nov 70 for an ARVN Coy.
 - p. Picquet roster for 14 Nov 70 for TRANH, NAM, LONG, LUYEN and LON.
 - q. Personal letters to CHI BE, CHI HAI, THU LE, and TU.
 - r. Personal history of NGUYEN VAN HUNG.
 - s. Meal allowance request for NGUYEN VAN CAU formerly of 3/615 RF Coy dated 21 Jan 69.
2. A large proportion of these papers appear to be from ARVN sources. Investigations into their origin will continue.

ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 344/70
DATED 10 DEC 70

1. ARVN sources quote an agent report of Dec 70 to the effect that grid square YS4897 and the road passing NW from that point may be mined.
Comment: No reliability grading is yet able to be placed upon this report. However, refer to INTSUM 343/70 para 6. It is possible that the presence of PHAT, a Pl Comd of A6/D65, in this area may be related to this mining activity

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 344/70
DATED 10 DEC 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
101230H	YS765777	A hole in the ground, close to a bush, with dead grass around it and foot prints around the area. Some of the dead grass appears to have been pulled from the top of the hole.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 345/70.
- 2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) OTHER ANTIAS
 - (a) Late Report. (102355H). At YS668676, 771 RF Coy eng poss en mov. NFI.
 - (b) Prior to (111915H). 771 RF Coy at YS667683 received 2 rounds of unk type. Distance too great for B40 but rounds on a flat trajectory from west.
 - b. Omitted.
- 4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3
 - (2), (4), (6-18), (21), (24), (27). Omitted.
 - (1) KIA 5 VC (20) 12.7mm rounds 20
 - (3) Hoi Chanh 1 (22) SA rounds 575
 - (5) Individual Wpns - Action 1 (23) Grenades 2
 - Caches Nil. (25) AT Mines 1
 - (19) B-40 rounds 2 (26) TNT 21 lbs
- 5.6.7. Omitted.
- 8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
- 11. Miscellaneous
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 344/70.
 - (a) Para 6.f. line 5, amend sentence "LF unitsby fire." to read "LF units provided guides and also carried out diversionary attacks by fire."
 - (b) Para 6.f. line 6, amend "Usual tactics fol are" to read "Usual tactics following an attack are"
 - (c) Annex C second line, amend YS4897 to read YS4987.
 - c.d.e.f. Omitted.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents) to 1 ATF
INTSUM No. 345/70 dated 11 Dec 70.

1. Docus CIA by B Coy 7 RAR (batch no. 467/70) at YS749702 on 10 Dec 70 in a base camp were identified as probably belonging to D445 LF Bn. Amongst the docus found were 3 ARVN ID tags with 2 of them with the following names:
 - a. HOANG CAO THUAN
 - b. KHONG HUU TAO
2. The identity of the 2 persons is not yet known and inquiries are continuing.
3. Included on a piece of paper was the mention that on 15 Nov 70, 3 units, C2, C3 and C8 will start preparing for an operation. Comment: It is thought that C2 and C3 refer to the second and third rifle coys of D445 LF Bn, while C8 possibly refers to K8, the Hy Wpns Coy of the now apparently disbanded D440. It now seems a possibility that there are two coys (K8 and K9) from D440, or elms from these coys, now with D445. This is the first suggestion of such a deployment and more information will be required before the suggestion is accepted. It had previously been thought that either K8 or K9 was with D445. K9 was identified from a body with docus from the contact with 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR at YS734694 on 9 Dec 70. (Refer INTSUM 343/70 Para 3.a.(1)(b).).
4. It seems likely that the docus referred to in para 3 relates to the attack on XUYEN MOC which took place on 29 Nov 70. (Refer INTSUM No. 334/70 Para 11.f.(2)).

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF
INTSUM No. 345/70 dated 11 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
111000H	YS763792	Vegetable garden with plants still growing well. 5 bunkers in vic, usable but camouflage dried out. No indication of activity around bunkers or garden.
	YS772784 and YS774785	Old bunkers. No indication of recent occupation. Usable but camouflage dried out.
	YS769770	Many recent heavy tracks, with mov in several directions. Tracks appear to be converging to this point. Large hole approx 12x8x6 ft deep just inside treeline. Tracks 2 weeks with indication of recent mov by large number of pers.
	YS751792	Track activity mov north.
	YS782780	Old destroyed bunker; no recent activity.
	YS774787	Old destroyed hut; no recent activity.
111630H	YS712758	E-W track crosses clearing approx 1 week old. Track leads to vic of bunker which shows no sign of recent activity.
	YS775778	Heavy track 12" to 18" wide crosses stream headed N to S. Old fireplace at crossing point. Mov 2 weeks old.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 346/70
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Dec 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO MICE
 - (a) (121645H). At YS 457880, a veh from 17 Const Sqn det an Atk pressure-type mine of 20lb Chicom explosive, emplaced 3ft from the edge of Rt 2 and 6ins below the surface. Res: 1 Aust WIA, veh extensively damaged.
 - (2) AO MAOMI
 - (a) (121500H). At YS 585636, 17 Const Sqn loc an M16 mine in a pile of sand on the western side of the bridge at this pt. To be destroyed.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E
4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(2), (4), (6)-(18), (21), (24) and (27) omitted.

(1) KIA 5 VC	(22) SA rounds 575
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(23) GRENADES 5
(5) Individual Wpns. Action 1	(25) AT Mines 1
(19) B-40 rounds 4	(26) TNT 21 lbs
(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20	
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES. YS 585636.
 - (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
121645H	YS 457880	Atk	1 Aust WIA, 1 veh extensively damaged.
- 6.7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.
- 9.10. Omitted
11. Micellaneous
 - a.b.c.d.e. Omitted
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) According to a reliable report by II FFORCE V the enemy has commenced the first of three phases of an overall campaign plan. Phase 1 has commenced, and is to conclude on 20 Dec. During Phase 1 VC sympathisers and soldiers are to fight together to increase the level of hostilities. The results are to be in honour of the founding of the NLF on 20 Dec. On 19 Dec there are to be large attacks and harassments, including the destruction of bridges and roads, assassinations, kidnappings and isolation and capture of RF/PF. Phase 2 is to be a re-organization and reconnaissance phase which will entail determination of what goals remain unaccomplished. Phase 3 is to commence in approximately Mar 71, and is to be a general offensive.

II FFORCE V Comment. The en presently does have the capability to increase terrorist and sabotage activities within the MR and a number of bridges have been attacked and some GVN elements have been over-run, indicating that the report relating to Phase 1 is somewhat valid. A general increase in offensive activity is usually fol by a period of rest and reorg while plans are made for further activity.

However the enemy's capabilities, though somewhat improved by March, could not sustain a general offensive at that time, A large scale increase in activity would probably occur later in the year when full advantage could be taken of the reduced American presence.

(2) (a) Further to Para 3.a.(1).(b) INTSUM 345/70. The possible firing point of 2x107mm Rockets was ascertained to be at YS 643668. A docu was found in a fuse box at this point which stated:

- i. "The liberation forces will severely police all the people who work for the American imperialists and the puppet government of THIEU - KY in the hope that the people will soon understand and return to the cause and their families."
- ii. This propaganda was written in ink over a communist newsletter relating to communism in GERMANY, HOLLAND and HONG KONG.

(3) (Late report) DUC THANH have reported that at 111615 hrs at YS 425715 (AP SUOI NGHE) NGUYEN VAN HUNG and one other person were detained because HUNG was found to have in his possession 10,000 piastre and the second person two ID cards. The two men have been kept in custody because PRU report that HUNG had intended to use the money to purchase medical supplies for the VC. Comment. HUNG's name is held on 1 ATF Order of Battle files as a suspected supplier.

(4)(a) At approx 070730 TRAN VAN A, his wife, younger brother, and DUONG VAN CAO, proceeded by oxcart out to the EAST of THAI THIEN to cut some wood. At approx YS 280800, the group was stopped by 1 VC armed with a pistol, dressed in black pants, grey shirt, boots and a towel wrapped around his head. Standing behind him were 2 more VC, dressed in greens, carrying packs and wearing soft nylon hats, armed with an AK 47 and M 16. TRAN VAN A was spoken to be the first VC, who then told the woman and young boy to move on ahead where they could wait for A and CAO. After a period of time they became worried and returned to the area finding at approx 071030, the bodies of A and CAO. Both had been beaten to death and mutilated, with a note being pinned to one of the bodies chest saying:-

"THAI Tps should not fire artillery into the Jungle because it may hurt the people (woodcutters). If they disobeyed, they (the THAIS) would be punished (by the VC).

(b) It is reported that the VC tps were all strangers and spoke with a North Vietnamese accent.

Comment. It is thought that A and CAO were assassinated for pro government activities.

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Annexes ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E to
1 ATF INTSUM No. 346/70
dated 12 Dec 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
121000H	YS 777709	The marked track leading north from this loc to the fire trail at YS 793753 shows no signs of recent use.
121200H	YS 772764	An old large bunker system at this loc shows no signs of re-occupation.
	YS 766764	Signs of recent woodcutting in the area.
121410H	YS 748616	Two sets of footprints lead from the water's edge at this loc into the bush. Appear to have been made today.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 347/70.
- 2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (130530H) AT YS752665, 2 Sect 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sentry heard noises when trip flare set off. Area engaged with claymores. Sweep revealed nothing.

(b) (131520H) At YS695651, B Coy 7 RAR loc an RF shirt and pistol holster Name tag on shirt marked XU. Items loc in an area in which tracks of HO CHI MINH sandals indicated that at least 20 pers had passed SW less than 36 hours before

(2) AO MICE

(a) (Prior to 131210H) At YS458895, 17 Const Sqn loc 6 holes in the road apparently dug at approx 130300H. Some holes 4-6ins deep, others 10-12 ins deep, with a diameter of 9 ins.

(3) AO JUDY

(a) (131915H) At YS415653, ptl of 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ engaged at least 12 en who returned fire with MG and RPGs. En approached from south, and wdr north, NW and west using fire and ... Results: 2 blood trails to the west. Gunships supporting ground troops are believed to have received ground fire. NFI.

(b) (Prior to 132250H) At YS410647, 2 ptls of 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 12 en. At 132310H, these 2 ptls reported mov between them. En were engaged, and mov was heard mov NW. NFI.

(c) (131610H) At YS420762, ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a bunker one year old and last used 4 months ago. Bunker in poor condition and falling in.

(4) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report (Prior to 122125H) At YS432679, tip patrol heard noises and beleived they sighted persons in creek line. Ptl fired SA high over the area.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d, e, Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : MR-7

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) KIA 5 VC | (13 -(18) Omitted |
| (2) Omitted | (19) B-40 rounds 4 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (20) 12.7mm rounds 20 |
| (4) Omitted. | (21) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Wpns
Action 1 | (22) SA rounds 575 |
| (6) - (12) Omitted. | (23) GRENADES 5 |
| | (24) AP mines 1 |
| | (25) AT mines 1 |
| | (26) TNT 21 lbs |
| | (27) Omitted. |

5. 6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

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9.10, Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 346/70. Para 11.f.(1) Line 1. Amend "According to a reliable report by 11 FFORCE V" to read "According to a reliable report Disseminated by 11 FFORCE V"

c.d.e.Omitted.

f. (1) Further to Annex B to 1 ATF INTSUMS 344/70 and 345/70 which reported documents captured by B Coy 7 RAR in a bunker system. Some of the items of ARVN origin have now been identified. They include:

(a) ID Tag No 35/066492 belonged to Cpl (1st class) TRUM TICH (aka TRUM TACH) who has claimed to have been captured at XUYEN MOC and subsequently released on 1 Dec 70, by the VC.

(b) ID Tag belonging to Cpl KHONG HUU TAO who went absent without leave from 386 RF Coy approx 1 week before the attack on XUYEN MOC (29 Nov 70).

(c) ID Tag belonging to Sgt (1st class) HOANG CAO THUAN, the supply NCO of 386 Coy, who has been missing since the attack.

(2) Late report (122245H) At YS452579, 61 PF Pl engaged an unk no of VC who returned fire. 61 PF Pl wdr to compound at YS453587, and were contacted during wdr at YS453577 and YS449582. Booby trap and flare at compound detonated by est 3 VC. En wdr SE. Nil friendly cas, en cas unk.

(3) Late report (122050H) At YS492595, pAU were contacted by est 4-5 VC with SA and B40. Sweep revealed nil results.

(4) (130700H) At YS419634, NPFF and PSB detained six females at a check point. Females detained were from LONG AN Province and had no papers with them to be in PHOUC TUY. Detainees have been living in LONG HUONG for past 15 days. Names VO THI CHO, KIEN THI TU, NGUYEN THI CHIN, NGUYEN THI CHAT, HO THI THANH and NGUYEN THI LAN. Females still being questioned.

(5) Further to INTSUM 346/70 Para 11. f. (2). (a). Probable firing point of 2 x 107mm rocket is ascertained to be YS693669. At this location, aiming posts were found. The impact point is believed to be in the MAI VAN Rubber YS6669.

(6) Further to INTSUM 334/70 para 11. f.(2) At YS648698 crater analysis team found a possible base plate posn which may have been used on the night of 29 Nov 70 for the attack on XUYEN MOC. It is suspected that the mortar used was an 82mm mortar and not 60mm mortars as was previously thought. Comment If this supposition is correct it would imply that elements of at least a hy wps Coy may have provided sp fire during the attack, and it is thought that this coy would probably be K8/D440 which has probably been attached to D445.

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to 1 ATF INTSUM No 347/70
dated 13 Dec 70

Report graded F3 states that on 8 Dec three en arty recce pers were seen on LONG SON island in the area of sq2755 in order to prepare for a rocket attack on the airfd and naval pier VUNG TAU. En wore black uniforms, hats, sandals, and carried AK 47 rifles. Comment If the report is true, en are probably members of 74 NVA Arty Regt which is located in south-eastern BIEN HOA and south-western LONG KHANH Provinces. It is suspected that this regt detaches small bodies of tps over a wide area in order to carry out rocket attacks against allied installations.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 347/70
dated 13 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
131035H	YS666775	Timber workers operating in this area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 348/70
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO JUDY

Further to contact by 2 ptls of 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS410647 on 132250H. (Ref INTSUM 347/70 para 3.a.(3)(b).) Full Reports:

(a) (132230H) At YS412647, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted 10-12 en mov out from HOA LONG to the west. By the time clearance was received (after check with HOA LONG) the gp had moved into the tree line and were not visible and hence, were not engaged.

(b) (132305H) At YS412650, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 2 en (more heard) mov N, with SA and 90 mm splinter. On contact, the en wrd NW and moaning was heard, probably of 1 pers. This gp was poss of the same gp sighted by the ptl from 1 Pl - reported in para (1)(a) above.

(c) Prior to (140405H) At YS411647, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted another infiltration gp of 3-4 en. Not engaged.

(d) Prior to (140730H) A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn carried out initial sweep of contact area with nil results. Sweep extended to area YS404-646 then to two areas at which Bushrangers fired, ni 13/14 Dec; vic:

(i) YS390644 poss ground fire received and

(ii) YS382665 a light was reported

(See ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) to INTSUM.)

(e) (140530H - 140950H) PF conducted a search inside HOA LONG with nil results.

(2) AO NAOMI

(a) (141558H) At YS640620 B Coy 7 RAR detonated an M16 mine, which exploded in the ground. Result: 1 Aust WIA.

b. Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(1) KIA 5 VC	(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20
(2) Omitted	(21) Omitted
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(22) SA rounds 575
(4) Omitted	(23) GRENADES 5
(5) Individual Wpns	(24) AP Mines 1
Action 1	(25) AT Mines 1
(6)-(18) Omitted	(26) TNT 21 lbs
(19) B-40 rounds 4	(27) Omitted

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
141558H	YS640620	M16	1 Aust WIA

6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

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9.10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 347/70

(a) Para 3.a.(3)(b) 3rd line, amend "NW and West using fire and" to read "NW and West using fire and mov."

(b) Para 11.f.(2), amend DTG to read 122120H.

(c) Para 11.f.(3), amend "RAU" to read "PRU".

(d) Para 11.f.(4), amend names "KIEN THI TU" and "HO THI THANH", to read "KIEU THI TU" and "HO THI THAN" respectively.

(e) Para 11.f.(5), amend YS693669 to read YS643669.

(f) Para 11.f.(6), 5th line, amend "element of at least" to read "elements at least of".

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Prior to (140927H) At YS634802, Bushranger sighted 3 cows. NFI.

(2) Late Report. (132330H) BARIA Sub-Sector reported 112 people (70 female, 42 male) detained at LONG HUONG. Presently located at screening centre, BARIA.

(3) Late Report (131900H) BARIA Sub-Sector reported 1 person detained at YS416639 (HOA LONG). The subject is a deserter from MSF and he and his family have been living in HOA LONG for 24 days.

(4) (141545H) At YS317563, PRU contacted approx 12 VC who returned fire then wdr S. Result: 1 PRU WIA.

(5) Late Report (121920H) At YS438893 Atk Pl 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard 3 x 5 second bursts from AW and SA fire to the West. NFI.

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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 348/70
dated 14 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>
140730H	YS390638

Sighting

VR of area of contact ni 13/14 Dec. Signs of mov in area. 3 cooking fires and an area that had been burned off, 50 m N of the grid given. All mov signs and fires appear to be associated with civ mov in area.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
140730H	YS382665	Light tracks made either by animals or approx 2 persons, approx 25m S of the creek line. Track goes West/East.
140800H	E65-68 N61-64	Nil significant sightings.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
140800H		YS791752	YS791754 YS791756

Comment. A garden plot and smoke were sighted in the vicinity of YS756778. Bushrangers investigated; nothing further to report.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 349/70.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Dec 70.
3. Summary Of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO JUDY.
 - (a) Late Report. (140900H) At YS459805, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc and destroyed a circular shaped camp, 30m in diameter, comprising sleeping spaces for 4-6 persons, 1 large cooking fire and a water pt 20m east of the camp. Entry/Exit was an east/west track. The camp was estimated to be 1 month old and last used 1 week ago.
 - (2) AO MICE.
 - (a) (150500H) At YS469893, ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ, on follow up of voices and noises heard earlier, loc four small gardens, freshly tended and two small wells full of water. DUC THANH sub sector will investigate possible illegal cultivation.
 - (b) (151235H) At YS453887, 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ engaged 4-6 stationary en who fled north and west on contact without returning fire. Three of the en were dressed in blue shirts and black trousers while another was in a green shirt. Res: 2 en WIA (blood trails); 1 AK 50, 2 mags of ammo, 1 CHICOM pistol, qty docus, 3 packs containing assorted gear CIA (see para 4.e.(2)(a) for items CIA). During the follow up of the blood trails, a house was searched and it was found to have an unusually large bunker underneath. One hand made grenade was recovered from the house. Follow-up of blood trails produced nil results.
 - (c) (151830H) At YS431891, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted 10 pers moving from west to east and then north. On the Pl B's approach, the people fled into the tree line; no wpns seen. NFI.
 - (d) (152110H) At YS435890, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 9 plus en moving from west to east. On contact, the en returned fire with 1 rd of RPG fire and AK 47, then wdr south. Results: 2 Aust WIA; 9 VC KIA, 2 rifles (unstated type) CIA. The bodies were dressed in black pyjamas, some had ARVN type boots and there was no webbing except for 2 bandoliers.
 - (3) AO NAOMI.
 - (a) (Prior to 150950H) At YS616615, 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR loc a resting place for 5 VC in trees above the water line in a swamp area. The VC had left the area just prior to discovery, leaving behind 25lb of rice, docus, med eqpt and several clips of AK rds. The en's wdr route was not estb. No ident could be made from the docus. Packs later destroyed.
 - (b) (151252H) At YS625606, 5 Pl B Coy 7 RAR were engaged by 2 en at a range of 60m, across a clearing. The en had no packs, approached from the NW and wdr south with results unk.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occuring during this reporting period.

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- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 9 VC
- (3) Omitted.

b. c. and d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual 4
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - 1 X AK50, 1 CHICOM pistol, 2 X unstated type rifles.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. At YS453887 - qty clothing, personal items, fd eqpt, med items, 3 packs, 1 X home made grenade.
- (b) Destroyed. At YS616615 - 3 packs and med eqpt, several clips of AK rds.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TPYE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS453887	Misc	small qty	destroyed
YS616615	Rice	25 lb	destroyed

(4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3.

- (1) KIA 14VC
- (2) Omitted.
- (3) Hoi Chanh 1
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Wpns Action 5
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lb
- (8) - (18) Omitted.
- (19) B 40 rounds 4
- (20) 12.7mm rounds 20
- (21) Omitted.
- (22) SA rounds 600
- (23) Grenades 6
- (24) AP Mines 1
- (25) AT Mines 1
- (26) TNT 21lb
- (27) Omitted.

5. - 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 48/70 dated 8 Dec 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. - c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX c.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (prior to 142140H) At YS498591, 578 RF Coy contacted 1 squad of VC who returned fire with AK 47, other SA ans 1 rd of B 40 fire. En withdrew North and were then seen to go SE. During a follow-up sweep,

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RF detained 2 females from a house that the VC were seen entering. The detainees are currently being interrogated at DAT DO sub-sector.

(2) (Prior to 151135H) 302 RF Bn loc the following:

At YS405661, a hole in the bank of a stream large enough for one pers.

At YS403662, a clearing 10 X 8ft containing a fishing pole. The clearing was 2-3 days old.

At YS403659, food wrappers approx 2 days old and the remains of a dog beside a fire place.

Blood stained bandages were also found in the vic, on the SE side of a stream.

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ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM 349/70

DATED 15 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

B Coy 7 RAR

1. Papers captured 150900H Dec 70 at YS616615 in a recently used camp revealed a poem written on three pieces of paper. Neither the writers name, nor unit could be ascertained.

B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

2. A considerable quantity of documents were captured 151235H Dec At YS453887, by 5 Pl after a brief contact.

3. Initial readout indicates no material of immediate tactical value, but a detailed ORBAT check is being made of names and cover designators. Most of the material is from 274 Regt and its Rear Services. Some appears to indicate 3rd Bn 274 Regt.

4. Included in the documents are promotion, commendation and award certificates, a number of food and clothing issue records, and personal letters and poems. One letter dated 7 Oct 70 reports supply and financial difficulties.

ANNEX C TO

1 ATF INTSUM 349/70

DATED 15 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent report received at NPFF, eval VN C2. VC have forbidden workers to enter the LANG CAT area (YS640694) until after 31 Dec 70. Also the VC have stated that they will "remove" 609 RF Coy (XUYEN MOC).

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2. An agent report (evaluated VN C3) indicates that 021800H Dec, 9 VC suspects (probably LONG SON GUERRILLA UNIT) carrying individual weapons were seen on the RACH RANG RIVER, as they delivered a quantity of unknown type rocket ammunition.

3. They were travelling on a boat from East of LONG LE District towards NUI NUA Mountain (YS2956) LONG SON Village.

1 ATF COMMENT: Providing aid in transportation and recce is one role of the LONG SON GUERRILLAS, possibly in this case, for 74 Arty Regt. The report reinforces another report (see INTSUM 347/70) that 3 Arty recce pers were seen on LONG SON in area YS2755 on 8 Dec 70. A further indication of activity in the area is the unusual wooden markers sighted (see Annex E).

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 349/70
DATED 15 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
141000H	YS632600	Several tracks seen running NE to SW through a clearing at this loc; made during the last week.
	YS609609	Foot prints of 1-2 people follow the stream to the north into civil access.
141200H	YS652778	An old large bunker system with some of the bunkers still in good condition with good natural cam, due to age. 6-8 black objects, possibly bottles were seen near the bunkers. Also, fresh digging and timber cutting seen in the area.
	E65-68	In this area, old bunker systems show no signs of re-occupation and no fresh track activity.
150800H	N77-80	
	YS3476	The clearing in this map sq contains numerous tracks all of which appear to be several weeks old.
	YS346767	One of the above tracks leads to an LUP at this loc. Grass mats and poles remain behind and the posn appeared made by 5-10 pers.
151003H	YS282558	An old bunker system with a track used by 2-3 persons, approx 2 days ago, leading into the system. However, no tracks around the bunkers and bunkers appear untouched for some time. No fresh diggings in the area.
	YS293558	In a re-entrant at this loc, line of sight to VUNG TAU, two straight logs each 10ft long, 6 ins in diameter and cleaned about four days ago. Twenty yards up the re-entrant, was a large "V" log with 4ft arms. The "V" had been split and the wood appeared to have been smoothed flat on that side. Another "V" of two separate pieces of wood, each about 4ft long, was lying beside the solid "V". These two pieces had also been split.

2. - 4. Omitted.

5. APD(Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	
150815H	E64-77	All readings unreliable due to poss interference from own exhaust. Two new bunkers at YS679610
	N61-65	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 350/70.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H DEC 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were Nil contacts with the Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) Late Report. (150945H) At YS563576, 2 Pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a decomposed body; cause of death unk. Nearby were two claymores and triggering devices. The claymores did not appear to be booby traps.

(b) (161420H) At YS640774 1 Sect 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a resting place for 2 pers, est 2-3 days old.

(2) AO MICE

(a) Further to contact of 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS 435890 on 152110H Dec 70 (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (d) refers); As a result of a sweep conducted this morning 2 packs were found and a further body, making total KIA now 10.

(b) Further to contact of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS 453887 on 151235H Dec 70 (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (b) refers).

The Pl returned to the area and estb an AP on ni 15/16 Dec. Noise was heard during the night. Sweep conducted this morning and two packs and more docus were found.

The gren referred to in the contact of 5 Pl (referred to above) was in fact a type of incendiary flare and was not found in the house but 10m away under a tree.

The bunker under the house is roughly 'T' shaped, 4 ft high, 5 ft wide and 7 ft long. Bunker believed to be a bomb shelter. It also extends 7 ft away from the house and ends in soft earth. (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (b) refers).

(c) (Prior to 161030H) At YS468888, 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a VC pack containing 28 lb of beans. A note was found 2-3 ft from the pack and it is believed that the note had been attached to the pack.

(d) (161145H) At YS468883 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 3-6 en wearing black uniforms; at least 2 were armed with AK 47's. En mov west to east. On contact 2 en wdr SW into bamboo and 1 en wdr SSE. Bushrangers eng bamboo where the 2 en were seen to wdr. During a sweep through the bamboo 5 Pl loc a sleeping space for 10-12 pers. Loc were 1 cigarette pkt, freshly cut bamboo and 1 bottle. Boot prints noticed in area. Poss used by en involved in contact (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (2) (d) refers)

(e) (Prior to 161453H) At YS468880, ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a staging camp area. Also loc spilt sugar and tunnel system. Tunnel well cammed and had air vents. Engrs believe it to be an old collapsed tunnel.

3. AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 161050H) At YS324772, Bushranger sighted 3 Ox-carts and numerous pers; 1 Km west were 1 timber truck and pers. At YS324763 on fol-up of sighting, Mor Sect 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt halted 4 Ox-carts and turned them in a NW dir towards civil access.

4. a. c. d. Omitted

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period. (2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons. Ref this para Intsum 349/70 4 unidentified wpns all AK 47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

Ref Intsum 349/70 para 3 a (2) (d) items captured include qty of clothing, qty of field eqpt and a qty of pers items.

(b) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS439890	Mixed	Small	Destroyed

(4) Captured Documents See ANNEX B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA	15 VC	(20) 12.7mm rounds	20
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(22) SA rounds	600
(5) Individual Wpns		(23) GRENADES	5
Action	5	(24) AP Mines	1
		(25) AT Mines	1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	25 lb	(26) TNT	21 lb
(19) B-40 rounds	4		

2, 4, 6, 8 to 18, 21, 27 Omitted

5. 6. 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9. 10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a. b. c. e. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

1. (160130H) At YS355605, LONG HUONG, PF contacted approx 1 sqd of VC who approached from the south, wearing mixed dress. En returned fire with AK 47, 2 grens and 1 rd of B 40 fire, then wdr NW. Res nil friendly cas, en cas unk.

2. (160912H) At YS 745627, USAF conducted an A/S BDA not reported.

3. (Prior to 161700H) At FSB BEVERLY (YS 447865) 3 pers were detained and are being held by NP Duc Thanh.

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ANNEX B - Captured Documents, ANNEX C - Agent Report, ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	2/25 (US) Bde	

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ANNEX B

to 1 ATF INTSUM No 350/70
dated 16 Dec 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further cross-checking of documents captured by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ 151235H Dec at YS 453887 (See 1 ATF INTSUM 349/70) has revealed the following:

a. A letter from 225/3245A (possibly Refugee Section, BA LONG Province) to UT TRA (possibly of CAM MY YS4685) dated 26 Nov 70, indicated possible en activities as fol:-

(1) It mentions that LO (Unk) surrendered to the enemy (ARVN/FWMAF) and took them to attack the basecamp of the village (Unk); "We should kill him by all means; laying ambushes or organising 'Secret Self Defence' to eliminate him". LAI (Unk) took two policemen to arrest HAI MOT (Unk) who bought goods for 84 RSG. " We must perform a further investigation on this case." The letter concludes by saying that the enemy's rangers are operating in G3 (Unk) and MAY TAO (YS 7491) areas. The letter was signed by NAM BINH (Unk).

b. A letter from MUOI VAN (an aka for NUYEN VAN MOT, probably Chief of Security Section MR 7) of A 243 (Unk) to UT TRA (unk) via HAI CAN (an aka for PHAM VAN CAM - CO D 65 Engr Bn) was dated 25 Nov 70.

It reads in part;-

"BA THAO (possibly Chief Long Dat political Struggle Section) is with us. I am now staying at SAU VINH's place (possibly OC E1/C41 CHAU DUC). My group has been operating in the Northern Area of Route 2.

I have discussed with TUHY (Unk) and have sent a letter to HAI CAN (Unk). HAI CAN will liaise with you about the execution when this task begins; it must be carried out with a determination to succeed.

After preparation, it has to be carried out immediately and we should not lose; because this has been confirmed for a long time and we are looking for more victories.

BA THAO succeeded in his mission; on 20 Nov he infiltrated into SUOI TRE (possibly Hamlet YT4311) and killed HOI, The Assistant Village Chief and 2 RF soldiers. 2 watches and 2 M16 rifles were captured."

Comment. No reference has as yet been found to the reported activity at SUOI TRE.

c. A badly burnt notebook, which is unable to be read.

2. Documents captured by 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ following their contact at YS435890 at 152110H after which 10 VC KIA were found, included further receipts for supplies, commendation certificates and personal letters. No positive identification, nor information of immediate tactical value, could be gained. The cover designator C205 was used several times in the documents. This is possibly the Recce LF VC Coy subordinate to LONG THANH District, Southern BIEN HOA Province, but no immediate explanation can be seen for the presence of elements of this unit.

ANNEX C

to 1 ATF INTSUM NO 350/70
dated 16 Dec 70.

AGENT REPORT'S

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- 1. Received from Sub Sector XUYEN MOC
EVAL VN: C/2

(131700H) a gp of PHUOC BUU Guerillas Commanded by HIEP set up tax points at YS 615619, 621624, 621641 to collect taxes and food.

Comment: At YS616615 at 150950H 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR loc a resting place for 5 VC which had been vacated just prior to discovery. (Intsum 349/70 para 3a (3) (b) refers). This Gp may have been PHUOC BUU guerillas involved in taxing.

ANNEX E

to 1 ATF INTSUM No 350/70
dated 16 Dec 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

- 1. Visual Recce

DTG	Location	Sighting
161000H	YS634788	Track not used recently.

- 2. 3. 4. Omitted

- 5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
(160815H)		YS 541601	YS: 539591
		542601	540591
		543601	542591
		545601	538596
			540596
			543656
			545656
			546656
			548656
			549656
			547611
			549611
			550611

Comment: Recordings produced could have been a result of drift from civilian acc zone on NW Edge of mission area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 351/70.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO HANNAH

(a) (161030H) at YS399673, ptl of 3/A/2 RAR/NZ loc a transit area 30m in diameter comprising 4 sleeping places and 2 fire places. Entry/exit to North and South. Camp 1 month old and last used 2 weeks ago and in poor condition. Loc were used med sups and empty ration cartons. Camp to be destroyed.

(2) AO DUC THANH

(a) (171415H) at YS445811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ loc a circular camp measuring 50x50m containing 3 bunkers (one 12'x3') with 2-3 ft OHP. Entry/exit to East, West and SW. About 6 months old and last used 48 hours ago. Camp in fair condition. Recovered were: 1xletter, 1xempty penicillin container and a qty of rice husks. Camp to be destroyed.

(b) (171600H) at YS452811, 3/V/2 RAR/NZ loc a 70x50m area containing 15 hammock spaces. Entry/exit to East, North and West. Area in good condition about 3 months old and last used 7 days ago.

(3) AO JUDY

(a) Late report. At YS399646, ptl of 2/A/2 RAR/NZ sighted lights. NFI.

(4) AO MICE

(a) (171907H) at YS462887, ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ contacted 8-9 en who approached their posn in 2 gps of 5 and 4 persons, 25m apart. 2 were seen to fall and 2 to wdr North and West. At 171936 ptl married up with elements of Cav who detected movement in the area and engaged. Ptl conducted a sweep of the area which revealed 2xVC KIA (BC). Recovered were 1xM79, 1xM1 and 2 packs. At 172012H ptl and Cav returned to AP and detected movement to their South. Engaged and swept area. Both bodies wore boots, poss US or ARVN type. Boots were wet indicating approach probably across creek in vic of YS471890.

(b) Items CIA by ptl from 5/B/2 RAR/NZ at YS453887, refer INTSUM 349/70 para 3 a (2) (b), all smelt strongly of alcohol, poss rice wine.

(c) Further to staging camps and resting areas found by 5/B/2 RAR/NZ on 161357H at YS468880 (INTSUM 350/70 para 3 a (2) (e)) following items were loc: 1xAK47 mag (filled), 1xM16 mag (filled), 2xCHICOM grens, 10 lbs assorted food, kerosene lamp and 5xD cell batteries.

(5) AO NAOMI

(a) (171250H) at YS660770, 3/B/3 Cav Regt loc tracks of 2 people moving South. One was wearing home made sandals and the other was barefoot. Tracks about 8-10 days old.

(6) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report. (161300H) at YS468880, ptl of 5/B/2 RAR/NZ loc 3 staging camps. One camp 30m square, others 15m square. A cache was loc outside perimeter in hole 18"x18"x6ft. Camps had entry/exits from South, East, North and West. Camps 18-24 months old, used 2-3 days ago as a transit camp but latrines and 2 cooking places used on 16 Dec 70. Camp in a fair condition.

(b) Prior to 171040H, at YS467879, ptl of 5/B/2 RAR/NZ loc 2 note books and some paper in an ammo box.

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Comment for (a) and (b): Area of the VIET CUONG Rubber is a regular Commo liaison pt for VC suppliers from other areas. These staging camps are probably used by commo/liaison personnel.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

b. c. d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 2.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1xM79, 1xM1.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured - See 3 a (2) (a), 2 packs.

(b) Destroyed - Refer 3 a (4) (c).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(1) KIA - 17 VC.

(2) Omitted.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns
Action 7

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed - 25 lbs.

(8) - (18) Omitted.

(19) B-40 rounds - 4.

(20) 12.7mm rounds - 20.

(21) Omitted.

(22) SA rounds - 660.

(23) Grenades - 7.

(24) AP mines - 1.

(25) AT mines - 1.

(26) TNT - 21 lbs.

(27) Omitted.

5. - 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70

9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 350/70:

(a) Para 3 a (2) (b) line 4, delete ref to two packs found.

(b) Para 3, Summary of Enemy Activity, amend number of contacts to read "one".

(c) Para 4 e (1), amend "4 unidentified wpns" to read 2 unidentified wpns.

c.-e. Omitted.


f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late report (161520H) USAF conducted A/S at YS302710. No BDA.

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- (2) Late report (162025H) BIEN HOA (centre of mass XT9913) received 5x122mm rkts, resulting in damage to 20 veh engines and 4 buildings. Nil friendly cas.
- (3) Late report (162130H) an ARVN Engr Compound at YT6211 received 10-12x107 or 122mm rkts. No damage or cas.
- (4) Late report. At the same time (162130H) as the above rkt attack FSB MACE at YT628125 received 3-5x107mm or 122mm rkts. No damage or cas. Firing pts est to be YT607195 (5,750m NNE of MACE).
- (5) Late report. (162130H) at YS508998, 285 RF Coy ambushed an unk number of an attempting to enter a hamlet. Res: 6 VC KIA, 1xM16, 1xAK47 and 2xM1 carbines CIA.
- (6) (171130H) at YS456650, 946 RF Coy loc a tunnel complex large enough to hide a pl of en. Recovered were 7 cooking pots and numerous bowls. Tunnels to be destroyed.
- (7) (170835H) at YS330982, ptl of 2/25 contacted an unk number of en. Res: 1xVC KIA, 1xPW (WIA).
- (8) (Prior to 171830H) a female rallied at HOI MY. She has been moved to DAT DO for interrogation. Details to follow.
- (9) Ref 2 females detained by 578 RF Coy after contact reported in INTSUM 349/70 11 f (1). Have been released as innocent civilians.


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Annexes

ANNEX B - Captured Documents

ANNEX E = Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX B

TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 351/70

DATED 17 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A further readout of documents captured by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS453887, 151235H Dec 70 reveals a letter from SAU BUI LBN 225/3245A (possibly Refugee Section BA LONG Province) to UT TRA of CAM MY (YS4685) A241 (unk). Letter dated 24 Nov 70 and reads:

".....I know the situation in 32 Area (unk) and CAM MY more clearly. However there are some things about the en (ARVN/FWMAF) situation which are different to that reported.

1. En is in a fire support base located at KIM CHI Plantation, not CON RAN key position as you have reported. They shelled to CON XAN key position.

2. As for KIM LONG Post (poss YS434824), the ARVN has come and stayed at 64 BINH BA Building (exact loc unk). The Americans stay at Route 2, not KIM LONG Post.

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3. As for the morale of the people, they are always talking and discussing peace and the 8 points of Mme NGUYEN THI BINH (Chief Negotiator at Paris Peace Talks). Even the en(ARVN/FWMAF) come in and out (of the villages) regularly, and they listen to our radio station.

We can't get to know the villagers very well unless we keep in touch with them personally (and in doing this) we meet difficulties.

The enemy poured down here a great number of their troops before they wdr, so that the en strength seems to increase but their activities decrease. This is the reason why people can go further out from the villages, and thus it is easier for them to bring supplies to us. The PF warned people who work away from the villages to be careful. If they are caught supplying the VC they will be punished and to remind you - I understand you know this already."

- 2. Two further small batches of documents captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC):
 - a. YS468883 at 161145H Dec in a staging camp.
 - b. YS467879 at 171010H Dec in a hole revealed little.
- 3. Batch a., contained personal letters, while batch b., mentioned the name (among others) of NGUYEN THI BAY who is held as an active VC member operating in the DUC THANH area. NFI.

ANNEX E
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 351/70
DATED 17 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
171800H	YS341542	At least 10 large holes above 6'x3'x3' deep around a small clump of trees. Could be fighting pits.
	YS350529	One man seen sitting in a small creek 50 yds West of his boat at the above ref. Several other boats and people in the area in non civil access timings.
170905H	YS315805	A number of persons and ox carts.
	YS331797	6 persons, one carrying a water container, and a woman wa carrying a pack with a piece of wood protruding from it.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force Vietnam INTSUM No. 352/70.
- 2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

- (a) (Prior to 180315H) From FSB GARTH report of a burst of MG fire in vic YS441904. NFI.
- (b) (180900H) At YS463887 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a body in box in a fresh grave. Pers died of GSW and old blood stained clothes in box. Tracks from grave led to a house at YS462887. Pers died less than 36 hrs ago. 5 Pl believe pers was in 5 Pl contact at YS453887 on 151235H, died later and was buried on 16 Dec.
- (c) Further to contact of a ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS462887 on 171907H Dec (INTSUM 351/70 para 3.a.(4)(a) refers):- The ptl reports that prior to the contact, a gp of approx 6 pers were seen to enter a house approx 75m from contact area. It is believed that this was the same gp as was involved in the contact. NP from DUC THANH following up detained 30 pers from the house prior to 181320H. These pers were taken to DUC THANH for questioning and then released except one woman who was told to leave the district as she is an illegal resident.
- (d) (Prior to 181310H). Near FSB GARTH, ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ detained DO GIA VAN who was sighted by the ptl as they moved to their AP last night and today was again observed close by. Detainee had blood stains on his cl clothes but on questioning he was released.
- (e) (181845H) At YS446890 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ ambushed 1 pers as he approached their AP from the East and wdr NW. Sweep conducted with nil results.
- (f) (182035H) At YS471925 ptl of HQ B Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted 3 lights mov West, trip wire was set off at the loc of the lights. NFI.

(2) Other Areas

- (a) (181410H) At YS457887 a US wheeled veh detonated a RPG head implaced in the last 24 hrs as a mine. Slight damage to vehicle. At 181530H at the same grid a C Sqn 1 Armd Regt mine clearing tank det a 10 lb Chicom mine resulting in one set of rollers damaged.

(3) AO JUDY

- (a) (Prior to 181925H) At YS412648 ptl of 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ detained 6 civs in a lambro. Returned to HOA LONG for interrogation.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Prior to 181847H	YS 4851	Unk	AK 47	Neg hits	No reponse	Nil

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occuring during this reporting period.

- (1) and (3) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted. 1 VC (by SAS)

b,d,e. Omitted.

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c. Detainees

(1) to (4), (6) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation: 6. Captured Documents See ANNEX B.

f. Cumulative Total for Month: MR3.

(2), (4), (6), (8) to (18), (21), (27) Omitted.

(1) KIA - 18 VC (20) 12.7mm rds - 20

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1 (22) SA rds - 660

(5) Individual Weapons Action: 7 (23) Grenades - 21

Caches: 1 (24) AP Mines - 3

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25 lbs (25) AT Mines - 1

(19) B-40 rds - 4 (26) TNT - 21 lbs

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. AT Mines: 3 at YS457887.

6,7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9,10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a,c,e. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 351/70.

(a) Para 3a.(2)(a), delete last sentence: "Camp is not to be destroyed".

(b) Para 3a.(4)(a), to items received, add 12 x M79 rds.

(c) Para 3a.(6)(a) add to para: "Recovered were: 1 letter, 2 grens, 1 x Mauser rifle, qty plastic sheeting, 2 paper bags of sugar. ~~Camps to be~~ destroyed."

(d) Para 4.e.(1), add to this para: 1 x Mauser rifle.

(e) Para 11 f(1), amend DTG to read 171520H.

(f) Para 11 f(3), delete "YT6211) and insert "Out from FSB MACE.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (180130H) At YS312563, YS298557, YS297569, LONG SON Village, an unk no of VC dropped leaflets and hung banners at the above grids and also fired several rds from an AK 47. At 180145H PRW/DIOCC conducted a search at GO SU Hamlet (YS290554) and detained the following 2 people: LE VAN CHINH, and NGUYEN VAN BAY.

(2) Prior to (181910H) XUAN LOC Compound received 4 x 82mm rds. Res: 16 US WIA. Other rds impacted outside the compound resulting in 1 Civ KIA and 5 civ WIA.

(3) (181645H) At YS264558 637 RF Coy and 12 PF Pl contacted an unk no of en. Nil results.

(4) (182045H) At YS519533 36 PF Pl contacted 4 VC who returned fire with poss M16 fire and wdr NE. Nil results.

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(5) Report from XUYEN MOC 181315H. A possible VC supply route exists from a rice garden area at YS628621 possibly used by VC. The route proceeds to YS629635, YS626643, YS617669, YS613675, going parallel to the road to YS615723 where the distribution centre or cache is located.

Comment: The area at YS628621 has habitually been used by the VC as a source of rice. In the past, when food was being supplied by the PHUOC BUU Guerillas to both D445 and also BA LONG RSG. It is of interest to note the possible cache or distribution area at YS615723. Para 1 to Annex C of INTSUM 349/70 gives an account of a report that the VC have warned villagers to stay out of the LANG CAT area (YS6469) until after 31 Dec 70. A VR report in this INTSUM (see ANNEX E. 1. item 1) reports a lack of the normal civilian activity in the same general area NW of XUYEN MOC. It therefore seems possible that this area may be being used by a VC unit, possibly from D445, for distribution of rice and/or caches, prior to a possible offensive in the near future.

(6) (182220H) At YS518532, PHUOC HAI PSDF fired on suspected VC mov. Illum fired, results unk.

(7) (182240H) At YS514533, 124 RF Coy sighted 2 pers mov West then lost sight of pers. NFI.

for (W.G. HENDERSON)

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Attachments;

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports

ANNEX C - Agent Reports

ANNEX B - Captured Documents

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

List A

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Sector S2

HQ II FFORCE V

3 Tac Fighter Wing

25 Div

MACV-J2

12 Cbt Avn Gp

2/25 Bde

MACV-CICV

BIEN HOA TAC

RTAVF

Advisory Team 48

ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)

TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 352/70

DATED 18 DEC 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

Biographical Data

Name : NGUYEN THI THANH
D/POB : 1949, LONG SON Hamlet, LONG DIEN
Rank/Appt : Cook/Nurse Orderly
Unit : LONG DAT District Fwd Supply Council

Circumstances of Rally: The subject rallied to the ARVN at HOI CU Hamlet in HOI MY (YS5056) 17 Dec after going on a rice supply mission with 8 others to PHUOC HAI.

Exploited Information

1. The subject's unit has been in the HON VUNG Hills at approx YS484518 since Apr 70. They are all in one cave but the unit is divided into 3 sections. The cave itself is about 1.7 metres deep, 3 metres wide and there is enough room for 11 people to sleep and eat.

2. At the base there are M16 mines on both sides of the track going into the camp and the cleared trail, but the subject doesn't know the locations

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUMENTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 352/70
DATED 18 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Further Readout

1. Further readout of documents captured by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ at YS453887, 151235H Dec 70 reveal further communications between Rear Svcs 274 Regt, 3 Bn 274 Regt and 84 RSG.
2. A report dated 24 Nov 70 probably from UT TRA (unk) said that at 110830H Nov 70 a combined THAI/AUSTRALIAN force moved from CON RAN KEY position to CA PHE (coffee) plantation (possibly YS4489) and VIET CUONG where they met some members of C5 (possibly elements of 84 RSG), Rear Service Q4 (274 Regt), youths living illegally (possibly draft dodgers), and some members from 32 village (possibly CAM MY). In the contact NAM HAI (unk) was wounded in the arm and both legs, and the VC lost an AK. Comment: This probably refers to the contact reported in INTSUM 315/70 where a pl from Atk Pl Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 8 en at YS439890 who wdr west without returning fire. The result was one VC WIA, and among other items captured was one AK47. The associated documents were then in correctly thought to have come from C5 Coy 1st Bn 274 Regt. The enemy's reference to a combined THAI/AUSTRALIAN operation on 11 Nov is a mistake.
2. Documents captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) 171907H Dec at YS462887 on two bodies included photographs, a map, financial reports, receipts, personal letters, and a propaganda pamphlet. Also captured was a certificate granting permission to live in CAM MY Village for TANG CONG (unk) born 1926 in SAIGON. His ID card No is 03295117.
3. No positive identification can be made, but the documents point to Rear Svcs of an unk unit or possibly a District level resupply organisation.
4. S13 Unit (unk) is mentioned and the name MUOI TIEN (unk) is mentioned twice. Also mentioned is TAM CHIEN (probably CO 84 RSG).
5. The general "level" of the documents seem to be at enemy district level, possibly XUAN LOC or CAU SU.
6. Documents CIA at YS453887 at 180820H Dec after a contact were identified as probably belonging to 84 RSG.
7. A personal letter from an unk person to his parents (undated) was found in a bunker at YS445811. No tactical info.

(ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS))
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 352/70
DATED 18 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Disseminated by G2 Advisor III CORPS from a III CORPS Agent. Eval US F/6.
Report states that prior to 15 Dec PHU MY and THAI THIEN villages had about two squads hidden in the vic YS200735, while a force of company str was hidden at YS215745 and was to wdr across R15 to the HAT DICH area on ni 15 Dec.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 352/70
DATED 18 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
180805H	E62-65 N71-74	Numerous foot and ox-cart tracks in area due to most of the area being civil access. No identifiable en sign was seen. No civs in area where there is normally extensive civ activity.
181130H	YS588613	An old bunker complex but no sign of recent activity.

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1. 1st Australian Task force INTSUM No 353/70.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO MICE
(a) Late report. (182357H) At YS433890, ptl of 5 pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted lights flashing between 2 houses. Mov heard on the track leading to 5 Pl AP. Mov engaged. Sweep conducted this morning loc 2 large pigs killed.
 - (2) AO JEANETTE
(a) (192024H) At YS449647, ptl from ARU heard noises mov from east to west. Mov heard in a banana patch, and est to 4-5 persons. At 192036H noises were confirmed by 2 sentries, but noise made by a member of the ptl caused the noises to move away, still in a east to west direction.
 - (3) AO JUDY
(a) (192915H) Ptl of 12 Pl D Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted lights on a bearing of 5400 mils from their loc at YS399632. Lights were bright and high up in the NUI DINHS Mountains. Sighting was of three flashes fol by pause and then two flashes.
 - (4) AO HANNAH
(a) (191000H) At YS379670, ptl of 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn stopped 1 VN female and 2 VN males who were carrying a qty of food in excess of daily requirement. People not detained as they were in civil access. A ptl followed them, and they left main track for a minor track leading towards NUI DINH Mountains.
 - b. Omitted.
4. a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA 18 VC	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(2) Omitted	(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(21) Omitted
(4) Omitted	(22) SA rounds 660
(5) Individual Wpns	(23) GRENADES 21
Action 7	(24) AP Mines 3
Caches 1	(25) AT Mines 2
(6) Omitted	(26) TNT 21 lbs
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lbs.	(27) Omitted
(8-18) Omitted	
5. a. Omitted.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.
 - AT MINES
 - 1 at YS457887.
 - (2) Omitted.
- 6,7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.
- 9, 10. Omitted.
11. a,b,c,d,e. Omitted

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11. f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further to contact on LONG SON at YS 264558 at 181645H (INTSUM 352/70 Para 11.f.(3) refers), 10 pers were detained and are now being held for interrogation at HOA LONG. ORBAT holds records on possibly 2 of these people: BAY of LONG SON Guerilla Unit, and CHINH; Comd Comms Liaison Cell LONG SON.

(2) (Prior to 191325H) At YS328770, ac sighted 2 persons apparently cutting wood. COMMENT. This is just beyond civil access. For other reports of recent activity in this area see INTSUM 350/70 Para 3.a.(3)(a). ANNEX E of this INTSUM.

(3) (Prior to 191740H) At YS781666, Bushranger of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted a large no of animal and human foot tracks which appear 1-2 days old.

(4) (Prior to 191759H) At YS472762, Albatross of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted what appeared to be muzzle flashes. NFI

(5) (19 Dec 70) At YS644635, MATT team loc 2 logs about 1 ft under water, indicating a submerged bridge.

(6) (192000H) At YS458848, US AP heard mov near their loc moving north. Later heard 2 gps approx 150m away. At 192055H they called in WP rd from FSB Beverly. En engaged AP with SA fire when rd impacted. En then moved east and south. Results, 1 US WIA, Sweep revealed nil en cas.

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dated 19 Dec 70.

MSS Chief DAT DO reports that a local inhabitant saw a large no of VC at YS5166 in hammocks and bunkers. Eval F4.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 353/70
dated 19 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
191115H	E 61-66 N 73-75	Many tracks in area, but no recent activity.
191310H	YS364814	Track used 3-4 days ago. A table and 2 cooking pots sighted.
191600H	YS383749	Track crossing clearing used by at least 6 persons over a week ago.
	YS388759	East-West track made by 2-3 persons over a week ago.
	YS364764	Track with logs across it, and what appears to be a patch of flour thinning to the west.
	YS386764	Camp fire with small pieces of shiny metal in ashes. Pieces of cardboard from large boxes in area. Estimated over 1 week old.
	YS336773	Six woodcutters seen between this loc and YS328770.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM 354/70. 6.20
2. Period covered from 200100H to 202400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) (191915H-200400H) YS468889, ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted 10 lights approaching this grid from the east. The lights then split into three gps, one gp remained at the grid, another gp moved 200m to the north and then 500m to the west while the third gp moved 200m to the south and then 500m to the west. No effort was made to conceal either lights or noise and the ptl estimated that there were 30 persons in the gp. A sweep was conducted in the morning and at 200943 hrs, at YS465887, the ptl located a cleared area of 2 ft in diameter with a 6 x 2 ins cross scratched in the earth. In the same vicinity was located a stick in the ground; a line between the stick and the cross was in the dir of NDP GARTH. Comment: The possible base plate location is estimated to be that of a 82mm Mortar as the location is approx 2100m from NDP GARTH and therefore out of range of a 60mm Mortar. Both 33 Regt and 274 Regt have the capability of deploying their hy wps for this role, and it may be possible that an attack by fire from a VC unit may coincide with the proposed high point.

(b) (201643H) at YS423888, 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ ambushed 1 VC dressed in green shirt, black trousers who approached from the NW. Res: 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 AK 47, 1 mags, docus and other items CIA (see para 4 e (2) (a) for list of items).

(c) (202020H) at YS469889, Ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contacted 2 gps of en, one of unk str that approached from the SE, and the other of about 10 en that approached from the NE. En who approached from SE returned fire with SA and a claymore type wpn and then wdr SE; during the contact the en from the NE engaged the Ptl and then moved to the west (poss split) and engaged the ptl again. An APC from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt swept the area in sp with no results. Res: friendly cas nil; en cas unk.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 202120H) at YS401666, 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted lights mov SE in the vic of this grid.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (201600H) at YS617620, D & E Pl op con to 7 RAR located and destroyed 30Lb of polished rice, partly dug up. The rice was estimated to have been cached 6 months ago and it was also estimated that it had been dug up just prior to discovery. Six other holes were located in the vic, 3 of them 100m to the NW.

Comment: This area has been previously used by units of both D445 and LONG DAT District, as a base camp area.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) and (3) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 3 VC (2 by SAS)

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) ~~Individual~~

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown 1 x AK 47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured At YS423888: 1 US compass, 1 plastic wallet, 1 pack containing salt, rice and coffee, US pattern belt and carrier.

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(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
201600H	D & E Pl	YS617620	30 lb rice

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3

(2),(4),(6),(8),(9),(10),(11),(12),(13) to (18),(21) and (27) Omitted

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 21 VC | (19) B-40 rounds 4 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (22) SA rounds 720 |
| Action 8 | (23) GRENADES 21 |
| Caches 1 | (24) AP Mines 3 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 55 lb | (25) AT Mines 2 |
| | (26) TNT 21 lb |

5,6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9 and 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 353/70.

(a) Para 3 a (1) (a), amend "YS433870" to read "YS443890"

(b) Para 3 a (3) (a), amend DTG to read 192015H.

(2) Ref INTSUM 352/70.

(a) Para 3, Summary of Enemy Activity: amend no of contacts to read "two".

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (200145H) at YS450620, 586 R Coy sighted and engaged 7 VC moving NW to SE. On contact, the en wdr north with results unk. A sweep was conducted, the following were loc: 1 pr sandals, 1 bowl of hot rice, 5 pkts cigarettes, 1 cooking stove and a small qty of med sups. Comment: Possibly local guerillas attempting infiltration in LONG DIEN for the purpose of resupply.

(2) (201940Z) at YS705705, XUYEN MOC reported poss mor primaries, estimated to have come from this loc. No explanation for noises heard; arty engaged the area with results unk.

(3) (Prior to 201230H) at YS374607, BARIA reported that 12 VC have infiltrated LONG HUONG through this loc, Sector forces to investigate. Comment: Possibly elements from BARIA City Unit.

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 354/70
DATED 20 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received at Sector 32, uneval.
(110800H Dec 70) at YS236728, approx 40 VC of D65 Engr Bn wearing mixed uniforms were seen. Arms incl: 3 x B40 and B41, 1 x HMG, 1 x MG and personal wpns.
Comment: It is thought unlikely that the VC seen were members from D65 Engr Bn as they are thought to have left this general area for the MAY TAO's. No ident can be drawn from the above report.
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ANNEX D TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 354/70
DATED 20 DEC 70

GROUND SURVEILLANCE

1. HORSESHOE HILL radar detected the following:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE</u>
192040H	YS542595	2-3 mov SW
192135H	YS538634	3-4 mov West
192148H	YS542632	4-5 mov East
192336H	YS518627	2-3 Stationary
200145H	YS536633	2-3 Stationary

Comment: No pattern estb, probably local VC.

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DATED 20 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
200800H	YS616590	Tracks of one pers mov North, 1-2 days ago.
201000H	YS656757	An old camp site with one pit, 5 ft square and 3 ft deep, showed no signs of recent activity.
	YS655760	An old bunker complex with one pit 15 x 8 ft, of unk depth and other smaller pits; shows no signs of recent activity.

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1. ~~1st Australian Task Force~~ INTSUM No. 355/70.

2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Dec 70.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) Further to INTSUM 354/70 para 3.a.(1)(a). Sweep of area confirmed that the gp from SW was also approx 10 persons. No further evidence of a claymore type wpn believed used in the contact.

(b)(211540H). At YS467885, 5 Pl B Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a hole approx 12ins x 12ins x 6ft. 1 SKS rifle and an empty ammo box found in the hole. Two tunnels at the bottom of the hole. One 6ft long, 3 ft high and 12ins wide. Other 18ins x 18ins and length unk.

(2) AO JUDY

(a)(211400H). At YS231737, 8 Pl C Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a bunker 6x3 x3ft with 12ins OHP, 1 week old and last used 2 hrs previously. A north/south track ran through area. For items CIA see para 3. At YS231743, a qty of rice was loc in 11 bags. See para 4(e)(3).

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
211216H	YS480513	150 ft	LMG	Downed	A/S conducted	Unk

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a.b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(c) Breakdown 1 x SKS.

(2) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS231737	Rice	101b	Destroyed
	Fish	51b	Destroyed
	Prawns	11b	Destroyed
YS231743	Rice	3151b	Handed to CA Unit

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(2)(4)(6)(8) to (18)(21)(27) Omitted.

(1) KIA 21 VC (20) 12.7mm rounds 20

(3) Hoi Chanh 1 (22) SA rounds 720

(5) Individual Weapons (23) GRENADES 21

Action 8 (24) AP Mines 3

Caches 1 (25) AT Mines 2

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons (26) TNT 21 lb.

(19) B-40 rounds 4

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Documents CIA by 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS423888 (ref INTSUM 354/70 para 3.a.(1)(b), ident body as probably a member of Rear Services SR4.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70 dated 15 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further to 586 RF Coy contact at YS450620 on 200145H (INTSUM 354/70 para 11.f.(1) refers). Items recovered incl 1 claymore mine complete, qty of foodstuffs and qty of misc eqpt and med sups.

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(2) Late Report. (201745H) At YT315080, GVN forces engaged 10 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA. 2 x AK47 CIA.

(3) Late Report.(202045H). At YS374607, NPFF, elms of 302 and 577 RF Coys conducted a cordon and search op fol a report of an infiltration into LONG HUONG (ref INTSUM 354/70 para 11.f.(3)). 2 VN males and 1 VN female detained. Released after interrogation.

(4) (211350H) At YS533567, 124 RF Coy loc 6 bunkers last used approx 2-3 months ago and in very poor condition. Loc in system were 1 x M16 fuse assembly, 2 fish traps and qty cooking eqpt.

(5) (Prior to 211216H) At YS480513, a light observation helicopter took ground fire from a LMG. At 211510H an A/S was conducted on this loc. All bombs were within 50m of target, but no BDA was conducted.

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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 355/70
dated 21 Dec 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A personal letter was captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a pack at YS 462887 on 171907H Dec. It was written by NGO VAN PHU aka NGO VAN CUONG of K76C Hospital (MR7) to his father NGO VAN TRI, Xuan Loc Hamlet, TRUNG THANH Village VUNG LIEM District (Unk). The letter was dated 4 Dec 70. No tactical info.

2. Documents captured by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a camp at YS469881 at 172000H included:-

a. An envelope marked from CHINH (unk) to HAI CAN (unk-no longer thought to be CO D65 as reported in INTSUM 350/70) to LBN A185N (possibly CAO SU District), undated.

b. A portion of a letter to ANH BA (unk). NFI.

c. A typed message from 6250/UT (probably LONG DAT District HQ) to all organisations and units. It was signed by HO VIET HOA (Executive Offr CAO SU District) 30 Nov 70 and refers to the celebration of "Victory Parties" in units.

3. Documents captured by 4 Pl B Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on a body at YS423888 at 201643H Dec included personal letters, a promotion order and note books. The documents probably belonged to HOANG KHAC DAM, aka HUONG XUAN DAM. He appears to be a Sect. Comd in the Rear Svcs of SR4.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 355/70
dated 21 Dec 70.

From Sector S2, graded ARVN C3:-

An agent reports an en unit (70 persons) wearing ARVN type uniforms, carrying one crew served wpn and pers wpns at YS635660. They told jungle workers not to enter the area.

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ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)
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dated 21 Dec 70

1. HORSESHOE HILL radar detected the fol:

TIME	LOCATION	MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE
202134H	YS557623	3-5 mov west
202200H	YS558625	3-5 mov west
210230H	YS546623	1 mov north
210235H	YS547623	1 mov north

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 355/70
dated 21 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>
211030H	YS227724

Sighting

Footprints of 2 people made within last 24 hrs. Wearing boots and HO CHI MINH sandals.

YS232738

Large camp extending south for approx 150 yards. At least 6 bunkers, 4 tunnel entrances and other fighting pits. One pers sighted hiding from ac, ran to southern end and appeared to dive into a bunker. Person sighted was wearing black clothes, but no weapon was seen.

211100H YS735852

Track running NW/SE used by 15-20 persons in last 2-3 days.

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2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO LONG LE

(a) Late report (212245H) At YS417654, tk of 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted a light 100 m east of above loc. Light moved and was fired upon with nil res.

(2) AO MICE

(a) (220814H) At YS457887 mine clearing tank detonated 10 lb CHICOM block explosive buried below the surface. Res: 1 set of rollers buckled.

(b) (221815H) At YS470896, 1 Sect 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a 20 lb anti-vehicle/tank mine of CHICOM block, Mine was laid on old APC track and poss operated by a tilt switch. Res: 1 APC damaged.

(3) AO JEANETTE

(a) (Prior to 221215H) At YS439631. ptl from 1 ARU loc small tunnel system over 6 years old.

(4) AO YVONNE

(a) Late report(211620H) At YS376721, ptl of 1 ARU loc a staging camp poss used for carrying party. Camp extends from YS376721 south along the river for 100 m. Consists of 30-40 pits with exit/entry pts north, south, east and west. Camp 2 weeks old and last used 2 weeks ago and in good condition. Loc were 6 med phials(4 empty, 2 filled), 1 cup canteen and helmet outer (both US type), 203x50 cal rounds, 2 letters, 2 ammo liners, 10 sandbags, 1 bottle(possiodine) and a qty of US webbing eqpt. Also loc were 2x1CM bomblets (poss 155mm).

(5) AO MANGO

(a) (221000H) At YS258764, 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc 3 pits 8'x3'x4 ft approx 5 years old and last used 5 years ago. Pits had been destroyed. Loc were 1 inert 6" French Naval shell, 30 metal containers for shaped charges and other scrap metal.

(6) AO XUYEN MOC

(a) (221230H) At YS628649, 1 Sect 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc a tunnel complex with 2 storage bays and 2 fighting pits. System 50x10m running east-west parallel to R23. System included 2 shell scrapes 3'x3'x2ft. The 2 storage bays were 7ft underground, L shaped (vertical 3'x3'x7ft and horizontal 3'x3'x5ft). Tunnel was 82ft long x3'x3ft. 4 entry/exit multi directional. System 6-9 months old, last used 2-4 months ago and in good condition.

(7) AO NAOMI

(a) (221110H) At YS482562, team from 1 Fd Sqn destroyed a 30-40 lb mine that had been pointed out by a civilian. Mine est to be emplaced for approx 2 weeks, near where mine was reported 7 weeks ago. (Refer INTSUM 315/70 para 11 f (b) which reported the detonation of a mine by a cow at YS496556 on 11 Nov 70, and that the VC are laying mines on R326 along the telephone lines).

(b) D & E Pt1, HQ Coy, 1 ATF reported sighting a slash in a tree on 201004 Dec at YS617617. The slash was 18" high by 6" wide and was in the centre of a bunker system thought to be previously occupied by C3 Coy D445. Markings of a similar size and shape have now been found on former D445 positions on 13 May, 27 Apr and 12 Dec 70. On the 3 latter dates the markings were also discovered near the perimeter of the positions.

Comment. There are poss special signs for use within D445.

(8) OTHER AREAS

(a) (221620H) At YS789937, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 3 VC who returned fire with automatic wpns. Res. 1 AK47 and 1 pack CIA. 2 BT followed but search abandoned because of terrain.

b. Omitted

4. a.b.c.d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1. (b) Omitted. (c) Breakdown 1x AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

Refer 3 a (4)(a), 3 a (5)(a), 3 a (8)(a).

(b) Omitted.

(3) (4) (5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(2), (4), (6), (8)-(18), (21), (27) Omitted

(1) KIA 23 VC

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 9, Caches 2.

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons

(19) B-40 rounds 4

(20) 12.7mm rounds 20

(22) SA rounds 923

(23) GRENADES 21

(24) AP Mines 3

(25) AT Mines 5

(26) TNT 21 lb

5. a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES. 1 at YS457887 and YS482562.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
221815H	YS439896	A - Veh/Tk	1 APC damaged

6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

1. (220030H) At YS479598, the PHUOC THANH Village Office at DAT DO received 10 and tracer fire fol by a ground probe by 20 plus VC. Tracer fire received on a bearing of 2200 mils. At 220100H, VC wdr SE. Res. 3 GVN pers KIA(2PF and 1 PSDF). 11 WIA and 17 MIA.

(220715H) At YS479590, 578 RF Coy and MAT 2 loc blood trails leading SE and SW. Est 4-5 VC WIA. At YS477595, 578 RF Coy and MAT 2 loc 2 VC KIA(BC) plus 1xB40 and 5 rounds, 1xD10 mine, 13 CHICOM grens and 1 AK47.

(220830H) At YS481581, 578 RF Coy and MAT 2 loc 3 fresh graves containing 3 bodies, KIA in attack on DAT DO. Also loc 2 blood trails (2 WIA poss). One body ident as DUONG VAN SUNG, (Ex PF) of D445.

2. (220730H) At XS993877, 395 RF Coy were ambushed by a pl of VC. Res: 1 RF KIA, 6 RF WIA, 2 PSDF MIA and 2 M1 carbines MIA.

3. (221000H) At YS4452, a ¾ ton veh detonated a mine of unk size. Res: 10 MSF KIA, 1 veh completely destroyed.

4. (221015H) At YS459891, NP and 40 PF pl detained 8 person, (6 women, 1 girl and a man) for having 100 lb rice and numerous illegal stores. Detainees and stores removed to DUC THANH by 1 Sect 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

5. (221130H) At YS459884, NP from DUC THANH and pti from 2 RAR detained 10 pers. 8 pers were illegal plantation workers and were released. Other two are NGUYEN THI THEU, 28 years, and NGUYEN VAN CHIEU, 68 years. House at loc contained 50 kilos of rice, 1 kilo tobacco, 10 kilos sugar, approx 20 lb tea, and unk qty of canned milk.

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6. (221615H) At YS483829, NP from DUC THANH detained 31 pers from the coffee plantation who were outside civil acces areas.

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ANNEX B (Captured documents)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 356/70
dated 22 Dec 70.

1. Ref INTSUM 355/70 Annex B item 1, last line. VUNG LIEM District is in VINH BINH Province MR4.

ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 356/70
dated 22 Dec 70.

1. (212207H) At YS526613, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
2. (212230H) At YS526614, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
3. (212245H) At YS526614, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
4. (212315H) At YS526614, 2-3 pers mov North on a bearing 2214 mils
5. (220635H) At YS536632, 2-3 pers stationary

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 356/70
dated 22 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
Prior to 221215H	YS7361 (NUI TAM BO)	On the shore line between the two pts ac sighted 10-15 boats. Bush rangers engaged area to discourage any landing or RV. At 221245H, no boats within 200m of shore line.
221355H	YS6858 YS658901	6 pers near a track, moved into cover as ac approached.
221200H	YS288732	A track runs south from grid where it crossed a creek line at YS303725, followed up to spur line at YS302722 where there was a small lie up area. Track approx 2 weeks old and used by a small party moving south.
	YS291722	A large cave under a big rock containing a chair, a table, several long boards and a couple of bottles. Approx 40 yds down the western slope are 2 smaller caves. Area shows signs of light movement within the last month.
	YS728732	A hole in the side of a large bomb crater appeared to enter 2ft and then open into a large room. Size of hole approx 15" diam. No signs of recent activity.
	YS292752	A large tunnel entrance, recently dug and approx 2ft diam. A smaller hole nearby. Tunnel was at side of a small clearing. A lie up area about 50 yds east on the edge of another small clearing with heavy track leading north, approx 1 week old.
220800H	YS657745	Ox cart track used approx 1 month ago by several ox carts enters this area from the south and enters a Y junction at the grid. Other tracks run east and north to YS657745.
221000H	Y 3734618	Old bunkers and trenches, no recent use.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 357/70
- 2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) Further to INTSUM 356/70 para 3.a.(1)(b), tunnels found by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ. Tunnels were 3 ftx2 ftx6 ft and 18 insx18 insx15 ft. System 9-12 months old, last used 9-12 months ago and in fair condition. System was destroyed.

(b) (222200H-230330H) At YS461887 APC of SHQ B Sqn, 3 Cav Regt sighted 2 lights. After sighting, one light moved north and the other south. At 222245H one light moved west along the track and halted out of range of claymores. It then went out. The en moved north approx 300m and then the light was seen again for 5 mins. Light then went out and was not seen for the rest of the night but movement was heard on all sides of the AP throughout the remainder of the night. It is believed 1-2 gps of en were involved in this movement. Comment. Probably movement of commo-liaison personnel on known east-west route through the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Plantation.

(c) (Prior to 230135H) FSB GARTH (YS452905) reported flares and .50 cal fire 2 1/2 km to the north. NFI. Comment. Checked with 2/25 Bde and 18 ARVN Div. Incident still unexplained.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 230101H) 4 Fd Regt sighted several flares on a bearing of 2600 mils, distance 500m from YS449664. Also on a bearing of 3400 mils at a distance of 800 m from YS449664 lights were sighted at 15 sec intervals. Prior to 230129H more flares sighted in area of previous sightings.

(b) (Prior to 230145H) more flares (all hand held) on a bearing 3000 mils from YS449664.

(c) (Prior to 230128H) At YS407649, 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ sighted lights 300-400 m to their north.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (231430H) At YS658834, 3 Pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a grave containing a body which had been buried by the VC. Comment. On 11 Nov 70 a SAS Ptl had a contact in the area in which they killed one en. Possibly the body found in this grave.

(b) (231640H) At YS752854, HQ 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc 6 sets of footprints, less than 12 hours old, heading west-east. Tracks followed with no results.

(c) (231100H) At YS627649, 1 Sect 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a tunnel and storage complex 30mx5 m. Tunnel 100 ftx3 ftx5 1/2 ft and storage section 6 ftx3 ftx3 ft. Entry/exit east-west multi-directional. System 6-9 months old and used in last 2-4 weeks and is in excellent condition.

(b) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Omitted.

(f) Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 23 VC | (8)-(18) Omitted |
| (2) Omitted | (19) B-40 rounds 4 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (4) Omitted | (21) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (22) SA rounds 923 |
| Action 9 | (23) Grenades 21 |
| Caches 2 | (24) AP Mines 3 |
| (6) Omitted | (25) AT Mines 3 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (26) TNT 21 lbs |
| | (27) Omitted |

5.6.7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

(a) Omitted.

(b) Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 356/70.

(1) Para 3.a.(6)(a) delete "C Sqn 1 Armd Regt" and insert "B Sqn 3 Cav Regt".

(2) Para 3.a.(7)(b) delete "D & E Plt" and insert "D & E Pl".

(3) Para 4.f.(25) amend to read "3".

(4) Para 11.f.(3) amend "10 MSF KIA" to read "8 MSF KIA".

(c)(d)(e) Omitted.

(f) Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further to INTSUM 356/70 para 11.f.(1) which gave an account of an en attack on PHUOC THANH Village Office, DAT DO (at YS479598) on 22 Dec 70, comment is as follows:-

Three of the VC KIA have been ident as belonging to C1/D445. The wdr route from the scene of the attack is beleived to lead back into the LONG HAIs. It is therefore possible that an element of all of C1/D445 may have re-established themselves back in their old base in the MINH DAM Secret Zone (LONG HAIs). To date some recent identification has been made of C1, C2, C3, K8, and K9 from either contacts or docus. C4/D445, the Hy Wpns Coy, has not recently been identified, and as K8 is possibly present with D445, it may be that C4 was the coy that was sent to BA LONG Province HQ in approx Aug 70 for training as sappers. C4/D445 was last identified from docus on a body which identified VO VAN HOA, Asst Pl ldr, C4/D445, at YS53013. (Refer INTSUM 2/25 336/70, ANNEX B.)

(2) (230115H) At YS472604, 32 PF Pl sighted 2-4 suspected VC. 60mm HE and illumination fired with nil res.

(3) (231240H) At YS482503 USAF conducted A/S. BDA: 1 cave closed, 1 secondary explosion.

(4) (Prior to 231945H) At YS555575 ac sighted 4 lights. When ac flew over the lights were extinguished but when ac had flown away approx 6,000 m lights were again visible.

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Attachments

ANNEX B - Captured Documents

ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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MACV-CICV

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18 ARVN Div

3 Tac Fighter Wing

12 Cbt Avn Gp

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25 Div

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 357/70
dated 23 Dec 70.

1. Documents captured by 1 ARU (see INTSUM 356/70) 211620H Dec in a staging camp at YS376721 were two letters and part of a cigarette cover.
2. No tactical information nor unit identifications could be made.

ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 357/70
dated 23 Dec 70.

Ground Surveillance

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. (222220H) YS531612, 2-3 pers stationary | 7. (230013H) YS504620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh |
| 2. (222240H) YS506620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh | 8. (230026H) YS502620, 1x veh stat |
| 3. (222255H) YS504620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh | 9. (230055H) YS501621, 1x veh stat |
| 4. (222320H) YS505620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh | 10. (230105H) YS503621, 5-6 pers stat |
| 5. (222355H) YS504620, 5-7 pers, 1x veh | 11. (230520H) YS538582, 2-3 pers mov north |
| 6. (230013H) YS501621, 1 veh mov east | 12. (230605H) YS526625, 1 pers mov east |
| | 13. (230610H) YS533624, 1-2 pers (went to ground) |
| | 14. (230630H) YS528627, 1 pers mov north |

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 357/70
dated 23 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
230630H	YS475702	Cooking fire.
	YS786915 (vic R331)	Fresh tracks in cleared areas.
230805H	YS225599	3 fishing boats with fishermen gathering poles. There are several tracks matted with stripped foliage from the poles. This foliage may have been used to hide footprints.

2.3.4.5. Omitted

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 358/70.
- 2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO NAOMI.

(a) Late Report (231300H) at YS650826, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR loc and destroyed a camp which covered an area 100X200m, comprising 12 bunkers with 18" OHP, 20 corrugated iron lean to's with beds and fire places for family groups, 2 slit trenches with collapsed OHP, 4 fresh water springs, 1 CP, with 2 entry/exit tunnels, and horse-shoe-shaped pits. The camp was est to be 3-4 yrs old, last used 1 month ago and in a fair condition, numerous tracks lead into and through the camp. The camp was est to have been regularly used by gps in transit. Loc and destroyed in the camp were 2 old AK47 bayonets and numerous cooking utensils.

(b) (242043H) at YS504543, Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 7 RAR, in defence of their posn, engaged with 1 claymore mine, 2 en who approached to within close proximity of their loc, from the west. Res: en wdr with unk cas.

(2) AO JUDY.

(a) (241330H) at YS308697, D and E Pl loc 4 old frag grens partially buried under a rock. The grens were without levers but still had safety pins and were est to have been in the loc for a long time.

(b) (241630H) at YS359647, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc 15 inch long stick placed across a north/south track. The stick had VN writing on one side and Chinese writing on the other.

COMMENT: Translation will be provided after backloading.

(3) AO MICE.

(a) Late Report (232015H) at YS458894, an APC from Sqn HQ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted 1 light that approached from the south and 2 other lights that approached from the SE. The lights approached to within 300m of the APC's loc and remained there until 240130 hrs. A sweep of the area this morning revealed no signs.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	*DAMAGE	**FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
241036H	Y. 480513	2600 ft	SA	1	A	N/A
241900H	YS4851	unk	unk	1	A	N/A

*DAMAGE CODE: 1-Neg hits, 2-Light damage, 3-Moderate damage, 4-Downed, 5-Crashed

**RESPONSE CODE: A-No response, B-Returned fire with organic weapons, C-Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. - d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. At YS650826: 2 old AK47 bayonets, cooking utensils.
At YS308697: 4 frag grens.

(3) - (5) Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3.

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|---|-----------------------|
| (1) KIA 23 VC | (19) B-40 rounds 4 |
| (2) Omitted. | (20) 12.7mm rounds 20 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (21) Omitted. |
| (4) Omitted | (22) SA rounds 923 |
| (5) Individual Wpns: Action 9 | (23) Grenades 25 |
| Caches 2 | (24) AP Mines 3 |
| (6) Omitted. | (25) AT Mines 3 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 Tons | (26) TNT 21 lb |
| (8) - (18) Omitted. | (27) Omitted. |

5. - 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 357/70:

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(a) amend INTSUM number to read 355/70.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (241425H) at YS780870, USAF conducted an A/S on an en posn. BDA : one secondary explosion, 2 en KBA(poss).

(2) (241623H) at YS783870, USAF conducted an A/S on an en camp. BDA : one large secondary explosion, 50m trench line destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged.

(3) (241855H) YS373655, 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted lights coming from the vic of this grid ref. Lights were extinguished not long after the sighting.

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- Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports
 C. Agent Reports
 E. Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
HQ II FFV	3 Tac Fighter Wing	
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 358/70
DATED 24 DEC70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. II FFORCE V have provided the fol report regarding 84 Rear Svc Gp in VC BA LONG Province:

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On 6 Dec 70 at YS230790, 5 km N of PHU MY, LE THI DINH rallied and stated that she was a member of the 84 Rear Svc Gp. DINH gave information concerning the location of the HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp. The headquarters was located in the MAY TAO Mountain area, vic YS730900, from Jan to Oct 70. In Aug and Sep 70, when ARVN and allied forces conducted operations in the area, HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp ordered its subordinate units to disperse their forces in the area of the headquarters. The 84 Rear Svc Gp suffered 20 to 30 KIA as a result of the allied operations. They also found troubles in the purchase and collection of supplies from their supply points in BAO BINH, vic YT480038, and BAO MY, vic YS580998. The rice supply was exhausted in Aug 70. Because of the allied operations and few supplies, morale was low and desertion was a problem. In Oct 70, the source and 14 others departed the MAY TAO Mountain area in order to make contact with an unknown rear svc element in the RUNG SAT Special Zone. They passed the following areas: SONG RAI vic YS585857; Route 2, vic YS457893; CHOI DONG, vic YS402815; PHUOC THAI, vic YS273768; with the ultimate destination being the THI VAI Stream area, vic YS245740. On 6 Dec 70, when the group was crossing Route 15, vic YS230790, the source rallied. DINH gave the following personalities: TAM CUONG, CO and BA CU, PO, both of the HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp; and TAM CON, CO Rear Svc Gp, SR-4..... (G2 Comment: Formerly the HQ 84 Rear Svc Gp was unlocated in VC BA LONG. OB will now hold the location vic YS730900. In MR-7, it is common to find the supply routes in a N to S direction and com-mo-liaison routes in an E to W direction. Therefore, the small group of cadre which travelled from MAY TAO to THI VAI were possibly being reassigned to HQ SR-4. This is quite possible because of the unavailability of food and supplies to the 84 Rear Svc Gp. OB currently holds TAM CUONG as CO and BA CU as PO of the 84 Rear Svc Gp and TAM CON as CO of HQ SR-4). COMMENT (1 ATF). This report provides further evidence of mov by en rear service elms through the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Plantation areas in 2 RAR/NZ AO MICE.

2. II FFORCE V have provided the fol report regarding espionage in MR 3:
A Hoi Chanh recently confirmed that exploitation of Vietnamese nationals working on US and allied bases is a standard operating procedure of VC/NVA espionage. The use of women employed as clerks and maids on US and THAI bases to carry out low level observation is reportedly common. Source stated that a high percentage of the people residing near US and allied bases are sympathetic to the VC cause. These people include local inhabitants, bar girls, and prostitutes. These individuals are regularly exploited for information. Source stated that the use of men as low level informants and observers is rare. Any information gathered by these sources is relayed verbally to the collection agency at prearranged locations.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM 358/70
DATED 24 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received from 7 RAR from VN sources at HOI MY, uneval:
Locations of elements of D445 as at late afternoon on 24 Dec:
 - a. HQ D445 at YS601589 and intend to stay at that loc.
 - b. C1 or C2 Coy D445 at YS545575 and they intend to move to HOI CUU(AP LO GOM), HOI MY and PHUOC LOI on night of 24/25 Dec.
 - c. C3 Coy D445 at YS481518 and they intend to move to LANG PHUOC HAI on night 24/25 Dec.
2. Report received from 7 RAR from VN sources uneval, at 242045H: 10 VC have entered HOI MY.
3. Report received at HOA LONG, eval unk:
(241700H) at YS495643, 19 VC (17 male, 2 female) were seen, arms incl 2 X B40. Direction of movement not known.
4. Report received by 7 RAR from DIOCC, eval VN C1:
(241700H), 40 VC have moved from the MINH DAM SECRET ZONE (LONG HAI HILLS) to the LONG MY jungle.(SW of HOI MY).

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 358/70
DATED 24 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
240800H	YS733864	Smoke was seen in this vic but due to the thick canopy, only 3 small holes, in line, were seen. The area is suspected to contain a camp although no structures could be seen.
	YS752863	A well worn track runs south alongside the fire trail to YS751850, 10-15m out from the eastern side of the trail.
241000H	E81-84 N73-76	Many track were seen in the area, incl fresh animal prints. COMMENT: Probably illegal gardeners.
241330H	YS765768	An intersection of tracks made recently by 20 (plus) pers.
241500H	YS650628	One bunker.

2. - 5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 359/70.
- 2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO MICE

(a) (250020H). At YS 459894, APC of SHQ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in defence of their posn engaged 1 en. En was carrying a light and was approaching friendly posn. Sweep revealed nil results.

(b) (Prior to 250010H). At FSB GARTH (YS 451905), lights were seen at approx 1500m on a bearing of 600 mils. Flares and two bursts of SA fire were also reported.

(c) (251000H). At YS 470890, 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn observed a gp of pers mov hurriedly east. Gp saw pl and changed direction to the NE, still mov quickly. Pl followed up and loc a blood trail which is believed to be a result of contact at 250010H at YS 459894 with SHQ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(2) AO JOANNE

(a) (251400H). At YS 650826, A Coy 7 RAR loc an M16 mine. Mine was not buried, and was U/S.

4. a. b. c. d. e. Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 23 VC | (19) B-40 rounds 4 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (22) SA rounds 923 |
| Action 9 | (23) GRENADES 25 |
| Caches 2 | (24) AP Mines 4 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (25) AT Mines 3 |
| | (26) TNT 21 lb |

2,4,6, 8, to 18, 21, 27 Omitted

5. a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES

1 at YS 650826

6. 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.

9. 10. Omitted

11. Micellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 356/70

ANNEX E amend "YS728732" to read "YS288732".

c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report. (241055H). At YT 569010, elm of 2/25 Bde contacted en force. Results 3 NVA KIA, 2 US WIA, 1 Kit Carson Scout WIA.

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(2) (251600H). At YS 440630, according to an unconfirmed report, an unk no of villagers were stopped by 9 VC (7 males, 2 females) for an unspecified purpose. NFI.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

List A	RTAVF	BIEN HOA TAC	2/25 Bde
II FFORCE V	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 48	
MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Sector S2	
MACV-CICV	12 Cbt Avn Gp	25 Div	

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 359/70
dated 25 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
250800H	YS767767	Old bunker system with some usable bunkers. Tracks of 20 - 30 persons found to lead to system from track junction at YS766767. Track about 1 - 2 weeks old runs SW from junction and joins main track.
	YS703746	Large track from YS729769. Old bunker system used in last month. Tunnel entrance at YS712750.
251000H	YS750873	Well worn track used in last 7 days.
	YS753872	Surrounding area showed signs of much mov for 150m over the past few days. Two fireplaces and a poss bunker in area.
	YS782863	Track to YS786868 about a week old, used by 2 persons mov north.
251230H	YS815846	Rice on fire trail has been harvested. Track runs west from this loc to YS785844 where it joined a known track system. Track has had recent heavy use. Other tracks in this area showed signs of use.
241200H	YS284551 YS289556	Old tunnels and bunkers with no signs of recent use seen at both locs.
251250H	YS 7262	Large number of fishing boats unusually close to shore. 1 boat on beach, No 522/VT2947.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 360/70.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO NAOMI

(a) Late report (251600H) at YS648852, 1 pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a secure transit area over an area of 100m sq, comprising 15 bunkers with 9-18 ins OHP and numerous entry / exit pts. The camp was estimated to be 6 months old, last used 3-4 months ago and in good condition. Loc were cooking pots and 1 hoe.
 - (2) AO JUDY

(a) (261900H) at YS41624, 2Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted a 4 wheeled veh mov west to east at this loc. Upon sighting 2 Tp, the veh's lights were extinguished and the veh moved off to the west. The area was illum but nothing further was seen.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. b. c. d. e. Omitted
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA	23	VC	(19) B-40 rds	4
(2) Omitted			(20) 12.7 mm rds	20
(3) Hoi Chanh	1		(21) Omitted	
(4) Omitted			(22) SA rds	923
(5) Individual Wpns	Action	9	(23) GRENADES	25
	Caches	2	(24) AP Mines	4
(6) Omitted			(25) AT Mines	3
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	0.19	Tons	(26) TNT	21 lb
(8 - 18) Omitted			(27) Omitted	
5. 6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70
9. 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous. a. b. c. e. Omitted
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (261155H) at YS316044, pt1 from 2/25 Bde contacted an unk no of en. Res: 2 PW, 2 Hoi Chanh, 1 x AK47 CIA.
 - (2) (261320H) at YS475715, ac sighted a tractor with a trailer on tow and 1 truck, both carrying timber and mov from the SE.
 - (3) Further to questioning of villagers by 9VC between 1800H and 1830H on 25 Dec 70, reported INTSUM 359/70 para 11 f (2), further info:
 - (a) The VC are believed to have asked the villagers about 1 ATF, PF and RF and also about ambush positions.
 - (b) The VC also asked for taxes and sups, and made propaganda speeches about their "victory" at DAT DO. (Obviously referring to attack on PHUOC THANH of 22 Dec 70, see INTSUM 356/70 para 11 f (1).

ANNEXES

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports
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List A. HQ IIFV. MACV-J2. MACV-CICV. RTAVF. 18 ARVN Div. 3 Tac Fighter Wing
 12 Cbt Avn Gp. BIEN HOA TAC. Advisory Team 48. Sector S2. 25/US Div. 2/25/US Bde.

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ANNEX C

TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 360/70
DATED 26 DEC 70

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received from DUC THANH, (251430H). At YS489814, 4 VC, (3 Male and 1 female) armed with AK47 and SKS, wearing green uniforms, were seen. They are believed to have abducted THANH, a 60 - 70 year old odd-job resident of NGAI GIAO village. At the time of THANH's abduction three other young VN were in the area but they fled when they saw the VC.

ANNEX D

TO 1 ATF INTSUM
No 360/70
DATED 26 DEC 70

GROUND SURVEILLANCE

1. HORSESHOE HILL radar detected the following:

- a. (252005H) YS541629, 5-6 personnel
- b. (252030H) YS529589, 3-4 personnel
- c. (252035H) YS528602, 3-4 personnel
- d. (252048H) YS530604, 3-4 personnel
- e. (252103H) YS532608, 3-4 personnel

ANNEX E

TO 1 ATF INTSUM
No 360/70
DATED 26 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
260800H	YS E34-37 N73-76	No fresh tracks seen in the area, old bunker system shows no sign of use.
261100H	YS E32-35 N69-70	Nil significant sightings.
261200H	YS E55-58 N58-61	Nil significant sightings; old camps in the area show no signs of recent use.
261238H	YS 352699	Boot prints of 2-3 people lead to YS355644, where they were lost in thick bamboo.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports
ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 361/70
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO MICE

(a) (270930H) At YS470896, ptl of 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a mine consisting of 3 lb C4 explosive and 2xRPG 7 rds. Mine destroyed.
 - (2) AO JUDY

(a) (270930H) At YS358644, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc an en camp consisting of 20-30 bed spaces and a no of natural caves. Loc in area were 1x105mm UXB, qty batteries, 1 pr canvas boots and qty of docus.

(b) (Prior to 272205H) At YS395629, SHQ C Sqn 1 Armd Regt heard 2-3 shots from approx YS389618.
 - (3) AO CHRISTINE

(a) (270001H) At YS446679, gun picquet 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted a shaded light approx 100m east. At 270400H the light was seen again at approx 500 m, intermittently, until 270515H. Sweep revealed nothing.
 - (4) AO MANGO

(a) Late report (262110H) At YS260765, FSB LORRINE saw a light at 350-400 m to the NE.
 - (5) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report. (261730H) At YS459690. ptl of 7 RAR heard firing on a bearing of 6,000 mils, range 2,000m.
4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR-3

(1) KIA VC 23	(13-17) Omitted
(2) Omitted	(18) Omitted
(3) Hoi Chanh 1	(19) B-40 rounds 4
(4) Omitted	(20) 12.7 mm rounds 20
(5) Individual Wpns	(21) Omitted
Action 9	(22) SA rounds 923
Caches 2	(23) GRENADES 25
(6) Omitted	(24) AP Mines 4
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons	(25) AT Mines 4
(8-12) Omitted	(26) TNT 21 lbs
	(27) Omitted.
5. a. Omitted.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES 1 at YS470896.
- 6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 50/70 dated 22 Dec 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 360/70. ANNEX E last item Amend YS355644 to read YS355694.
Para 3.a.(2)(a) Amend YS41624 to read YS416624.
 - c.d.e. Omitted.

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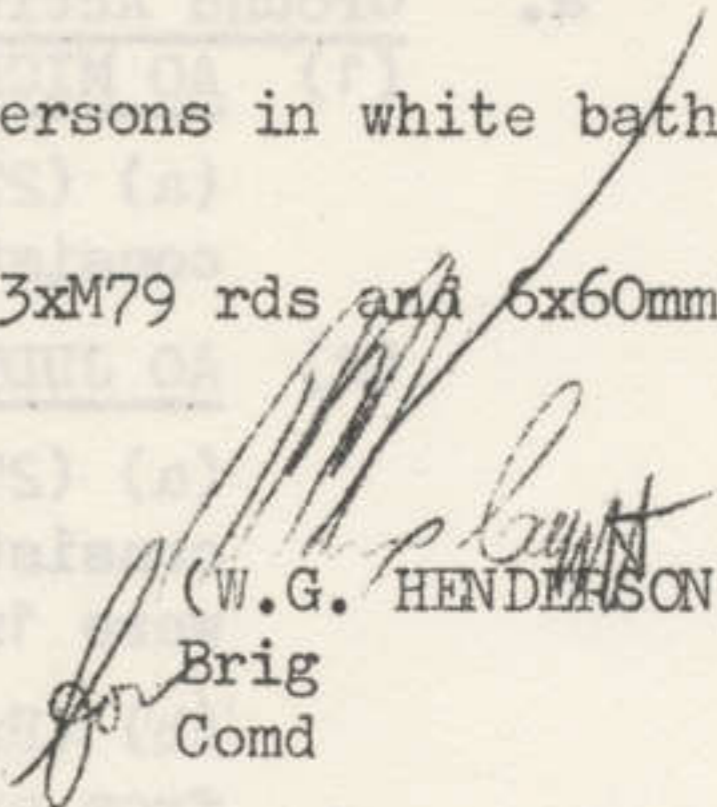
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (270210H) At YS373615, PRU contacted approx 20 VC who returned SA and B40 fire. En wdr NW. Results 1 VC KIA, 1xB40 and qty of docus CIA.

Comment: No conclusive identification can be made from the documents. The body has been photographed and it is hoped that an identification can be notified soon.

(2) (Prior to 271540H) At YS400750, US ac sighted 8 persons in white bathing in a stream. Persons ran into bush on sighting ac.

(3) (271815H) At YS 489504, 3 Pl 302 RF Coy received 3xM79 rds and 6x60mm mor rds. En wdr north with unk results.


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List A	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 48	ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 361/70 dated 27 Dec 70.
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MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	25 Div	
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	2/25 Bde	
RTAVF			

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION
RETURNEE NGUYEN VAN SO

Ref A: Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM 331/70 dated 27 Nov 70.

1. The subject has provided info on a medical unit loc west of VIET CUONG (YS4288).
2. At at 9 Nov 70, there were 4 separate bunker systems in the SONG CA and SOUI SOC area, approx loc YS3788, YS3888 and YS3988, with total of approx 80 pers, incl 12 patients.
3. K10 (possibly Bispensary of SR4) base camp had 18 pers incl 4 patients from SR4, 1xB40 and 6xAK47. Details of "Protection P1" camp unk. Camp occupied by a 274 Regt medical unit has 9 bunkers. Str of this camp and that of "Protection P1" is approx 60, 8 of whom are patients. Weapons in 274 Regt medical unit camp are 2xB40 and some AK47.
4. Fourth camp is unoccupied and is situated on the SOUI CA (approx YS3788). Contains 19 new bunkers. On the track from camp complex to VIET CUONG there is a sentry.
5. If attacked, the en plan was to wdr to HONDA camp at approx YS3590. According to the subject there is a cache of medical sups in the camps which would require 16 men to car it.
6. Info has been passed to 2 Bde 25 Inf Div.

ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 361/70
dated 27 Dec 70.

1. HORSESHOE HILL Radar detected the following:
 - a. (270352H) YS502604; 3-4 persons stationary.
 - b. (272105H) YS523609; 1-2 persons mov north.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 361/70
dated 27 Dec 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
270800H	YS499726	Remains of a small fire several days old.
	YS506718	Well worn track runs north/south across clearing and forks on south edge of clearing. No footprints seen. Poss used by animals.
	YS500713	At least 4 bunkers on south edge of clearing, 2 are semi-circular and 2 are U shaped. All bunkers old.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 362/70.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (280410H) At YS520642, ptl of 10 Pl D Coy 7RAR contacted 2-3 en mov east to west north of their loc. Area swept with nil results.

(2) AO JOANNE

(a) Prior to (281740H) At YS687867, 3 Pl A Coy 7RAR loc 10 wpn pits with OHP. The area has withinit 100 empty warheads of friction type grenades. A booby trap was loc, consisting of 2 grenades, 1 partly exposed, fitted with an anti-lift device.

(3) AO MICE

(a) (281833H) At YS438888, ptl of 2 Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ(AN IAC) Bn contacted 2 plus en wearing mixed clothing and sweat bands. En mov W and withdrew W in dir of AP of another ptl of 2 Pl.

(b) (281842H) At YS422887, an ambush ptl from V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 3 VC in black trousers and brown shirts. En approached fast from E. Result: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA. Further sweep to be conducted in morning. Believed to be same en gp as in para 3.a.(3)(a) above.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY	RESULTS
280745H	YS465538	3200 ft	3-5 rds tracer	Neg Hits	RESPONSE Engaged by LFT rockets	

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Toatal KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(c) Breakdown 1 x AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 100 grenades minus explosive.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR-3

(2)(4)(6)(8-18)(21)(27) Omitted

(1) KIA 25 VC

(3) Hoi Chanh 1

(5) Individual Weapons

Action 10

Caches 2

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons

(19) B-40 rounds 4

(20) 12.7mm rounds 20

(22) SA rounds 923

(23) GRENADES 127

(24) AP Mines 4

(25) AT Mines 4

(26) TNT 21 lbs

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

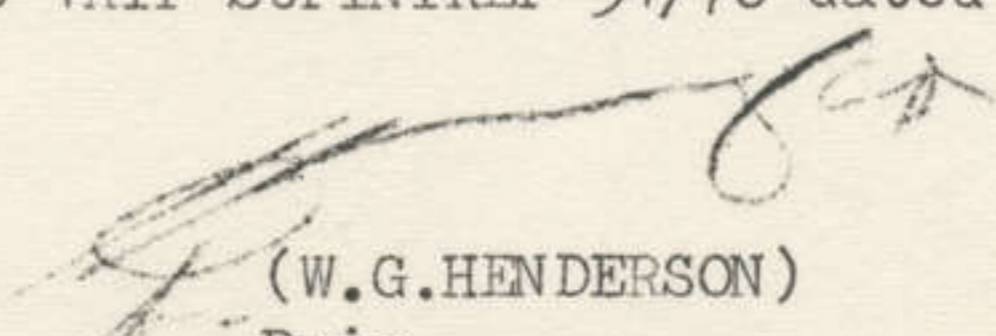
BOOBY TRAPS

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6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1ATF SUPINTREP 51/70 dated 28 Dec 70.

9.10.11. Omitted.


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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
HQ II FFV	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 US Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO. 362/70
DATED 28 DEC 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
281200H	YS428821	3 holes. One appeared to be an old well. One was 2ft diameter and 2ft deep. Other 10ft long, 5ft wide and 6ft deep and appeared to have green object of pack size at bottom.
	YS431822	Bunker system with 8 pits seen and 5 tunnel entrances. Footprints of several pers were seen entering one tunnel entrance. Several weeks old. Wooden structure 10ft x 5ft x 5ft with one side open appeared to have object in it. System appeared quite old.
281420H	YS602858	Fresh track in trees on E side of clearing. Seems to be track pattern for camp. Track then heads N.
	YS605830	Track from this loc to YS595838 has been used in last month. At YS595838 up to 12 holes 12 inches across and 2ft deep. Perfectly symmetrical. Old bunker system 100 yds N shows no sign of use.

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2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Dec 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO MICE

(a) Further to contact by ptl of 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR-NZ at YS422887 on 281842H (Intsum 362-70 para 3 (a) (3) (b) refers). Further sweep carried out this morning loc were a qty of docus and a compass. For readout on docus refer ANNEX B.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) (Prior to 282020H) At YS317617 ptl of 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR-NZ sighted 2 lights on a bearing 4900 mils. Lights believed to be mov east of the southern feature of the NUI DINH Mts.

(b) (291000H) At YS358654 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR-NZ loc a staging camp 50 x 20m fol creek line, consisting of 4 caves, with 12 ft rock OHP, with 8 bed spaces. Entry-Exit SE and NW. System 1 yr old used 1 mnth ago and in good condition.

(c) (290900H) At YS354645 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR-NZ loc a base camp 50 x 20m consisting 1 cave 20 ft deep with numerous natural off shoots. Natural rock OHP. Entry-Exit east and north. Age of camp unk but last used 1 yr ago and in poor condition. 1 M16 mag U-S loc in camp. Comment: (for (a) and (b) above): Camps probably used by BARIA City Unit as is the case with most camps on SE side of NUI DINHS.

(3) AO NAOMI

(a) (291110H) At YS610627 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR heard 5 shots to the south of their loc. NFI. Comment: Probably signal shots.

(b) (291340H) At YS535570 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 7 RAR loc and des 1 bunker and 5 sleeping bays in area 1 x 30m. Bunker had 18 in OHP. Entry-exit multidirectional. System 3 months old. Not used since last rain and is in good condition.

(c) (281000H) At YS605809 Ptl of 161 Bty loc an underground sleeping bay capable of accommodating 4 pers. Consisted of 2 tunnels 20ins x 36ins x 30 ft long. System has 4ft OHP, and last used 6-8 months ago. Comment: Possibly an old staging camp used on route between southern PHUOC TUY and BA LONG Headquarters. This route not normally used during the wet.

(4) OTHER AREAS

(a) (281755H) At YS817861 SAS ptl heard mov and talking of 2+ en mov along a track 30m from ptl. Ptl had just come out of an AP. At 290715H ptl re-established the AP and at 290803H heard en approaching from the NE. At 290803H ptl ambushed 2 en, one was dressed in khaki and other in black; both were wearing basic webbing and armed with AK 47's. Res: 2 en KIA (BC), 2 x AK 47, qty of docus, pack, clothes and rice CIA. 2 VC KIA ident as TRINH VAN LA (native of TAY NINH PROV) Sect Comd Ba Long Postal-Comms Unit and DANG NGOC (native of Long Phouc village YS4564) Sect 2IC of same unit. For further readout of docus refer ANNEX B. During extraction of ptl after the contact ac reported sighting of muzzle flashes. Bushrangers suppressed area. Res 1 VC KBA (poss). A VR flown 290925H reported a well worn track and a large area (100 x 100M) with track work and well trodden ground at YS816855. See ANNEX E item 3 for further details.

(b) (Prior to 290700H) At YS452894 ac reported houses were all locked up and windows blocked. On follow up it was discovered that the houses were completely boarded up and area deserted. All the people normally living in the area have moved.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) and (3) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC.

b, c, d, Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual 2
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown 2 x AK 47

(2) and (3) Omitted.

(4) Captured Documents See ANNEX B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : MR-3

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|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 27 VC | (13) to (18) Omitted |
| (2) Omitted | (19) B-40 rounds 4 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (20) 12.7 mm rounds 20 |
| (4) Omitted | (21) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (22) SA rounds 923 |
| Action 12 | (23) GRENADES 25 |
| Caches 2 | (24) AP Mines 5 |
| (6) Omitted | (25) AT mines 4 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 0.19 tons | (26) TNT 21 lbs |
| (8) to (12) Omitted | (27) Omitted. |

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. VC KIA by PRU 270201H at YS373615 (Intsum 361-70 para 11 f (1) refers) ident as NGUYEN THANH LIEM aka TU LIEM, Sect Comd Baria Special Action (C610).

b. Ident of the 2 KIA by 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR-NZ 281842H at YS422887, (Intsum 362-70 para 3 a (3) (b) refers) is NGUYEN VAN TAN. As at 16 Jan 70 he was Pl 2IC B 3 274 Regt. B 3 is the term for the Rear Services element of 274 Regt.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 51-70. dated 28 Dec

9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS Refer Intsum 362-70.

- (1) Para 4 f (23) amend to read "25".
- (2) Para 4 f (24) amend to read "5".
- (3) Para 3 a (3) (b) amend to read "ptl of 2 Pl V Coy".
- (4) ANNEX E amend item 3 to "YS602855".

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (272000H) At YS 645608, USAF conducted an a-s Nil BDA.
- (2) (282000H) At YS667607, USAF conducted an a-s NIL BDA.
- (3) (290855H) At YS465538, USAF conducted an a-s NIL BDA.
- (4) (291900H) At YS 200291, USAF conducted an a-s NIL BDA.
- (5) (291930H) At YS201694, USAF conducted an a-s NIL BDA.

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(6) Night 28 Dec 70 at CAT LO a mine 50-75 lbs was attached to a work boat. Mine discovered this morning when boat sailed and mine came to the surface. Mine did not det due to malfunction. Comment: Probably emplaced by A32 Water Sapper Pl of VUNG TAU unit.

(7) Ref Supintrep 51-70 para 7: AFV have advised that the enemy has announced that his stated Cease Fire period for the New Year is 310100H Dec 70 to 30100H Jan 71. Comment: The enemy has shown no compunction about breaking stated Cease Fire periods in the past. See Annex C paras 2 and 3 for possible enemy attacks during stated Cease Fire period

(8) (282030H) At YS655670 609 RF Coy in an AP heard mov of 3-4 pers SE NFI.

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Annexes

- ANNEX B Captured Documents
- ANNEX C - Agent Reports
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List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
11 FF V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
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MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

ANNEX B TO 1 ATF INTSUM
363-70 DATED 29 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

SAS Contact

1. Documents taken by SAS from two VC KIA at YS815860 on 290803H included promotion certificates, reports, and personal letters.
2. The quantity and type of documents identify the two KIA as probably postal couriers belonging to BA LONG Province HQ. Letters were apparently from (and to) BA LONG HQ, C25 Coy, and CHAU DUC, but a very recent change in LBNS prevents positive identification.
3. Of particular interest are a letter from TAM PHUONG E3 (unk) to BA HONG SANH (unk) and CHIN CUOC (unk) dated 28 Dec 70. "I'm now off to attend the party BA THUAN (unk) stays behind. As there is liaison at Route 2, I write to you to send my regards and hope you achieve good merits to celebrate the New Year 1971. The organisation Section invites Comrade DUNG (unk) on receipt of the invitation letter (attached) to liaise with the representative of CHAU DUC or CAO SU District to attend the party on 1st Jan 71. Even if he may be late, he should try to be present at the party. The situation of the entry-exit point 63 C10 (unk). Presently it is easy to buy food and to take according to requirements, but we have not got enough money".

(Signed)
TAM PHUONG

PS. Please hand over the enclosed letter to Comrade DUNG".

The following letter was attached and was meant to be forwarded to DUNG:-

"I've been with the party since 25 Dec 70, and I'm contributing for the party. I write to you to ask after your health and to invite you to attend the party on 1 Jan 71. You will contact CHAU DUC or CAO SU District, to follow them to the place where the party will be held. You are to have with you personal gear and 10 litres of rice. I hope that you will be present. Regard, with determination to fight and win against the American aggressors". Comment: The term "party" may refer to possible forthcoming tactical activity.

2 RAR-NZ(ANZAC) Contact.

4. Documents taken by 2 Pl V Coy 2RAR-NZ(ANZAC) B:n at YS422887 at 281842H Dec 70 included personal letters, details of supply issues, and commendation certificates one ...unopened.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 364/70
- 2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Dec 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) At 301112H at YS649630 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR contacted approx 30 VC in a bunker system totalling about 26 bunkers. En wpns incl one M60. Bushrangers supported 7 RAR tps during contact, which was broken at approx 1240 hrs. 7 RAR Cas: 4 wounded, one of whom died of wounds. Pl captured qty docus which identify en as elm of D445 (for readout see Annex B), and fol a hy BT to NE. En cas est at least one WIA. See Annex E items 8-10 for VR report of sightings in area immediately north of area of contact.

(2) AO MICE

(a) (301400H) At YS460835 four shots were fired at a 1 Field Sqdn vehicle which was waiting at RV for APC escort. Shots were fired from a position 200 metres west of Route 2 and were considered to be AK47 fire.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (292245H) At YS429664 a light was sighted on a bearing of 4900 mils. At 292315 a light was sighted on the western edge of HOA LONG and appeared to be signalling. Four flashes, a pause, then another four flashes were seen. Shortly afterwards a light was seen on a bearing of 3800 mils. Two long flashes followed by one short flash were seen. At 292328 this light was seen on a bearing of 3600 mils.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d and e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR=3

- (2), (4), (6), (8)-(18), (21) and (27). Omitted.
- (1) KIA 27 VC (20) 12.7 rds 20
- (3) HOI CHANH 1 (22) SA rds 923
- (5) Individual Wpns: Action 12 (23) Grenades 25
- Caches 2 (24) AP Mines 5
- (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed .19 tons (25) AT Mines 4
- (19) B-40 rds 4 (26) TNT 21 lbs

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements: Docus captured by 6 Pl B Coy at YS648630 at 301112H (ref Para 3.a.(1)(a)) identify an elm of D445.

7, 8, 9 and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a, c, d, and e. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 363/70

- (1) Para 11.f.(4) amend grid to read "YS200691".
- (2) Para 11.f.(8) amend DTG to read "292030H".
- (3) Para 6.b. amend "Ident of the 2 KIA" to read "Ident of one of 2 KIA".

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (301900H) At YS461537 lights observed and seemed to move 1000M ENE.
- (2) (301900H) At YS443534 lights observed-stationary.
- (3) (301900H) At YS4552 lights seen in area indicated, or possibly 1 Km to East. Lights began to move SW.
- (4) (301840H) At YS462533, camp fixes were seen.
- (5) (302030H) At YS435579, RF Coy sighted 10-12 VC moving North.
- (6) Late Report. (Prior to 292335H) At YS455535, ac sighted lights

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ANNEX B - Captured Documents

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MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Advisory Team 48	2/25 Bde
MACV-CICV			

ANNEX B TO 1 ATF
INTSUM 364/70
DATED 30 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus captured by 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR at YS649630 on 301112H included propaganda material, a map and several letters.
2. Letter dated 25-12-70 to BA(unk) from LE MINH BACH (poss 2ic PHUOC BUU Guerilla Unit) informing BA that he has entered the Bn (poss D445) and met HAI KHAMH (Political Officer D445). BACH informs BA that Aust tps and vehs have been going from CHU KIA "T" junction (poss YS623630) and BA TO NUOI (poss YS625630) right up to BAI CHIEN (unk). About 1400H on 24 Dec, Aust vehs came to ONG TO (probably YS6161) and NUI LE (YS626637) and SAS/Commandos dismounted at ONG GO CONG Temple (unk). Str and intentions unk. An agent came to report and said that XUYEN MOC is preparing an operation, but loc is unk. The letter then goes on to say that rice is hard to get, and he asks for some rice to eat.
3. Letter from MINH (unk) to BAY HAI (unk) saying in part "I have spoken with several people in the battalion; if anyone goes back to you, report to BA TAM (CO D440), all right?"
4. Letter dated 25 Dec 70 sent to THI NAM (unk) and mentioning C39 (unk poss C3) D445.
5. Piece of paper dated 27 Dec 70 mentioning NGOC (unk).
6. Piece of paper mentioning CHI HAI NGA (unk) Province Rear Service.
7. Piece of paper with name PHAN THANH HA (AKA HAI HA, C of S BA LONG Province and numerous other posns).
8. Sketch map of D445 base at YS704698 showing posns of C2, C3, Sapper Recce and Signals. Also shows poss friendly LZs and routes of attack, and en counter measures. Reverse of map, shows map of portion of XUYEN MOC along Route 23, and 1 Km from Sub-Sector HQ (approx YS653674). Map also shows a planned route of attack. Both maps may be quite old.

Comment: The account in BACH's letter (para 2 above) of an Australian operation near the ONG TO Base (YS6161) probably refers to the reaction of elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav from XUYEN MOC into this area on 24 Dec in an attempt to apprehend a gp of 50 people who had been reported to be gathering rice illegally in the area.

ANNEX E TO 1 ATF
INTSUM 364/70
DATED 30 DEC 70

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
300035H	YS450560	Lights sighted, Nil action.
Prior to 301200H	YS315801	4 oxcarts, 1 logging truck, 11 people, 1 waving RVN flag.
Prior to 301200H	YS343775	Woodcutting evident as far East as the N/S Creek along 34 Easting. At YS343775 an old bunker system still usable was sighted, There was evidence that woodcutters had crossed the creek and light timber dutting was noted.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Prior to 301200H	YS330770	A track was followed East from YS533770 to YS337768 where it turned south. Track used in last week. At YS337764 an unusual smell was noted.
Prior to 301200H	YS346766	Numerous tunnel entrances seen in recently burnt out clearing. Many bunkers in area, some in good condition.
Prior to 301200H	YS345764	Small patch of trees in clearing with sleeping areas for 6-8 small bunkers in area with thatchwork covering. No use for last 3 months.
Prior to 301200H	YS332737	Bunker system, one bunker appeared to be concrete 8'x4' with square entrance. Fresh tracks in area.
Prior to 301740H	YS 651636	Track of 30+ people moving NE from YS651636 to YS654637 along S. HOA. At 654637 track was lost in thick foliage.
Prior to 301740H	YS 654639	Camp fire 2 days old.
Prior to 301740H		Bunkers found with evidence of movement around them at YS657642.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 365/70.
- 2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO NAOMI

(a) (310357H) At YS690668 AP of HQ B Coy 7 RAR and 1 Sect of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambushed approx 40 on who approached AP from west. The VC returned fire with RPD and SA and remained in the contact area until 0645 hrs, from time to time engaging the area in an attempt to withdraw their cas. En put up red flares soon after initial contact. It is believed that these were signals to regroup. 0645 hrs en wdr to west. Sweep conducted after first light. Result: 21 VC KIA (BC), 99 BP (incl 2 hy). 6 Pl B Coy moved to area and commenced to track BT along wdr route to SW, until BT petered out. En mov on wdr route believed to total approx 20.

See para 4 e. 1-4 for wpns, material, foodstuffs and docus captured in contact. See Annex B for initial document readout (a further readout will follow).

Comment. For comment on identification of en gp see General Comment at end of Annex B (Captured Documents) to this INTSUM.

(b) (311905H) At YS490651 ptl from Aslt Par Pl 7 RAR which was moving into AP contacted 3-4 en. En initiated contact and were mov N to NW. Nil cas. Sweep revealed nothing.

(2) AO JUDY

(a) Prior to: (310700H) At YS3769, ac sighted 2 tracks heading west towards the "twin features" (YS3769). Each track was est to have been used by an est 20 plus pers.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) Prior to: (311920H) At YS593816, elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt found 2 circular holes, 4 ft deep and 6 to 8 ins in diameter. Soil was damp. Also found were 4 poles approx 8 ft long, each having one end divided into four sharp prongs. Appeared to be fishing spears and were freshly cut.

(b) Prior to: (312045H) From YS419663 fishing lights were sighted 4,500 metres to the NW.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	*DAMAGE	**FRIENDLY RESULTS
					RESPONSE
310617H	YS420667	unk	4-5 rds yellow tracer	Nil	D Nil

*DAMAGE CODE: 1-Neg hits, 2-Light damage, 3-Moderate damage, 4-Downed, 5-Crashed.

** RESPONSE CODE: A-No response, B-Returned fire with organic weapons,, C-Called in Arty, D-Inserted ground forces, E-Engaged with aerial weapons systems (specify)

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance See ANNEX E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

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- (2) Aust Inflicted NVA VC 21
(3) RVNAF Inflicted NVA Nil VC

b., c., and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons (in ambush YS690668)

- (a) Individual 13
(b) Crew served 4
(c) Breakdown

8 AK47
2 K54 pistols
3 .45 cal pistols
2 RPD IMGs
2 B40 RPGs

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured (from ambush YS690668)

476 SA rds, 12 rds and 6 boosters B40, 12 claymore mines, 5 60mm mortar rds, 18 M79 HE rds, 100 rds link 7.62, 1 frag gren, 4 concussion grens, 1 ANPRC 25 set with 2 batteries, 2 electrical dets, 30 NVA pattern hootches, 1 fishing net, 29 packs, 5 entrenching tools, 1 machete, 10 web belts, 8 ammo pouches, 6 water bottles, 6 cups canteen, 17 hammocks, 8 torches, 4 local pattern lamps, 3 sets of barber equipment, 20 yds electrical wire, 100ft antenna cord (for 25 set), qty batteries (incl 50 B-type).

Misc items 30 prs new chopsticks, qty cooking utensils, 51 prs trousers (clean folded), 31 shirts (clean folded), 12 handkerchiefs, 7 towels, 16 sewing kits, 3 watches in poor condition (2 mens 1 womans), 5 transistor radios, 1000 cigarettes (VN brand "COTAG"), 5 lbs tobacco.

Medical equipment 13 shell dressings, 335 assorted phials of drugs, 51 bottles penicillin powder, 10 pkts of pills (cough drops), 5 bottles of sulphur pills, 10 bottles of vitamin I assorted pills, 2 rolls adhesive tape.

Note All eqpt was taken from the 29 packs.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs (from ambush YS690668)

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS690668	Rice	230 lbs	unk
	Salt	5 lbs	unk
	Fish meal	2 lbs	unk
	Sugar	10 lbs	unk
	Tea	5 lbs	unk
	Milk	9 tins	unk

(4) Captured Documents (in ambush YS690668)

10 lbs weight (see Annex B for initial readout.)

(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative totals for Month: MR-3

- (1) KIA NVA VC 48
(2) Omitted
(3) Hoi Chanh 1
(4) Omitted
(5) Individual Wpns
Action 25

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| (6) Crew served wpns
Action 4 | (20) 12.7mm rds 20 |
| (7) Rice captured and destroyed .305 tons | (22) SA rds 1,511 |
| (8) Salt captured and destroyed 5 lbs | (23) Grenades 48 |
| (9) Med stores 14 lbs | (24) AP mines 7 |
| (15) 60mm mor rds 5 | (25) AT mines 4 |
| (19) B-40 rds 16 | (26) TNT 21 lbs |

2,4,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,21 and 27 omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 51/70 dated 28 Dec 70.

9. Omitted

10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) INTSUM 364/70

(a) Para 3a(2)(a), amend DTG to read 301200H.

(b) Annex E, sighting at YS530770: amend YS530770 to read YS330770.

c., d., and e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report: (302310H). At YS 513627(LANG PHUOC HAI), 124 RF Coy were engaged by an est pl of en using SA and B40 fire. The en wdr E and at 310004H contacted the RF while in transit from the Mil Compound (YS514533) to the contact area. The VC then wdr in an unk direction with unk cas. An unconfirmed report from another RF Coy states that the VC were seen to be carrying wounded.

Res: 1 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA; en cas unk.

(2) (310700H) At YS288703, a gunship from US Special Forces sighted and engaged 2 pers running downhill to the west. Result unk.

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/s/ (W.G. HENDERSON)
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ANNEXES

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports
ANNEX B - Captured Documents
ANNEX C - Agent Reports (Omitted)

ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance
(Omitted)
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance
ANNEX F - Psyops Int

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Distribution

List A	18 ARVN DIV	Sector S2
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	25 US Div
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Cp	2/25 US Bde
RTAVF	BIEN HOA TAC	
	Advisory Team 48	

1. Other items of reporting interest

(1) Late report (2010H) at 12 31 1968 (12 31 1968) 124 IN Coy was engaged by an unit of an unknown size and 500 lbs. The ex who E and at 2100H contacted the W while in transit from the 121 compound (2010H) to the contact area. The W then who in an unknown direction with him one. An unclassified report from another 124 Coy states that the VC were seen to be carrying wounded.

Ref: 12 KIA, 4 IN WIA; on one unit.

(2) (2100H) at 12 31 1968, a forward team of Special Forces was engaged and engaged 2 hours running downhill to the west. Result was 12 KIA, 4 IN WIA; on one unit.

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124 IN Coy
(2010H)
124 IN Coy
(2010H)

ANNEX A - Investigation Reports
ANNEX B - Captured Documents
ANNEX C - Agent Reports (Omitted)

ANNEX D - Ground Surveys
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance
ANNEX F - Maps etc

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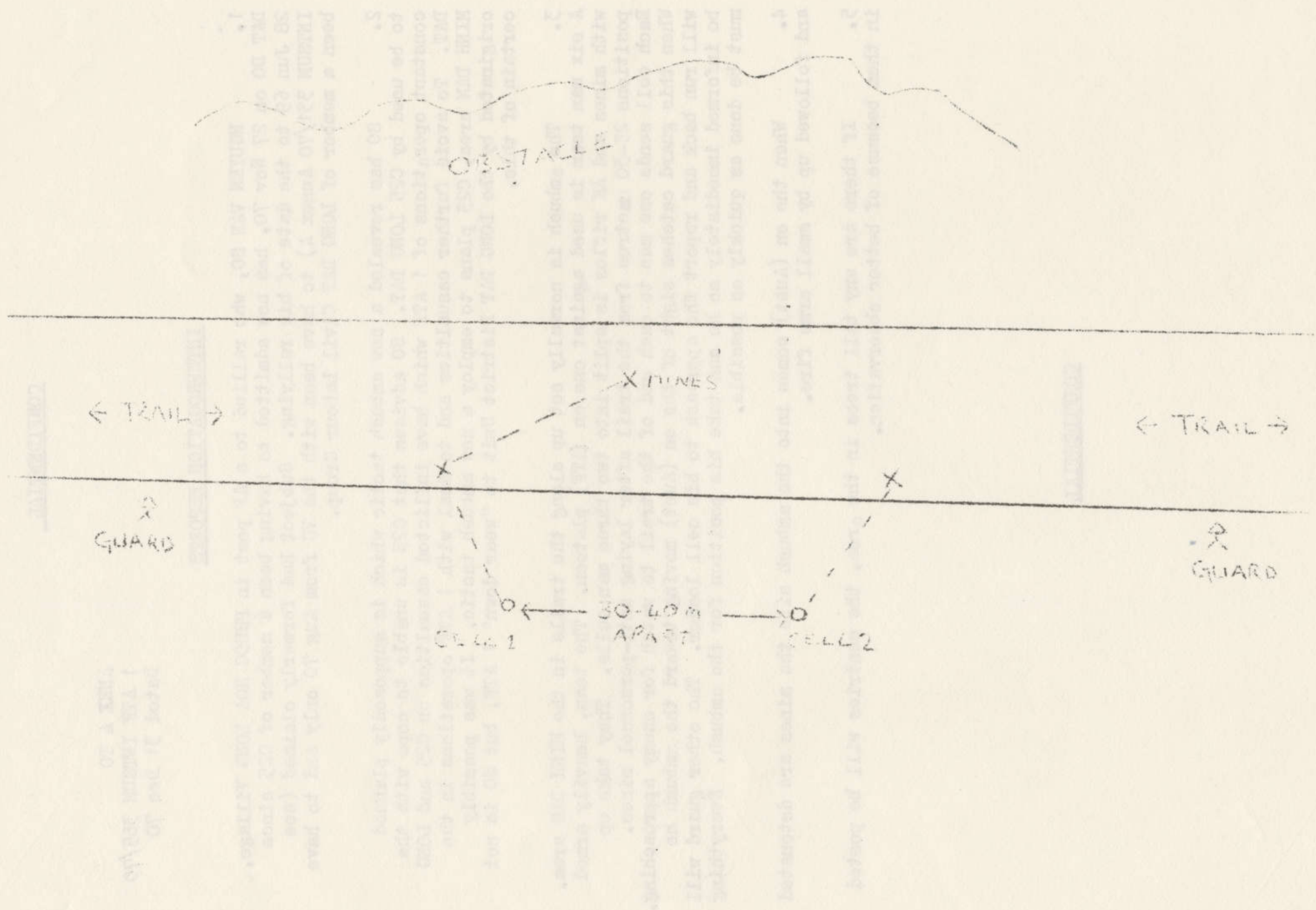
ANEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 365/70
Dated 31 Dec 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. NGUYEN VAN SO, who rallied to a AF post in PHUOC HOA LONG Village, DAT DO on 27 Nov 70, has now admitted to having been a member of C25 since 28 Jun 69 to the date of his rallying. Subject had formerly claimed (see INTSUM 331/70 Annex A) to have been with the VC from Aug 70 only and to have been a member of LONG DAT Civil Labour Group.
2. SO has revealed a new ambush tactic which is supposedly planned to be used by C25 LONG DAT. SO advises that C25 is unable to cope with the constant operations of 1 ATF which have inflicted casualties on C25 and LONG DAT. To avoid further casualties and to deal with 1 ATF operations in the MINH DAM area, C25 plans to employ a new ambush tactic. It was possibly originated by the LONG DAT District Unit to "wear down" 1 ATF, but SO is not certain of this.
3. The ambush is normally set up along the trails in the MINH DAM area. A six man team is used against one en (ATF) platoon. The team, heavily armed with mines and AK rifles is split into two three man cells. They take up positions 25-30 metres from the trail after laying anti-personnel mines. Each cell sends one man to each end of the trail to watch for enemy approaching. When this guard catches sight of the en (Aust) moving toward the ambush he will run back and report the approach to his cell leader. The other guard will be informed immediately so he can take his position for the ambush. Everything must be done as quickly as possible.
4. When the en (Aust) comes into the ambush site the mines are detonated and followed up by small arms fire.
5. If there are any tall trees in the area, the sentries will be posted in them because of better observation.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 365/70
DATED 31 DEC 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A large quantity of docus were captured during the 7 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambush at YS690668 on 310357H Dec 70. This Annex lists :

- a. En KIA.
- b. Items of tactical interest.
- c. Some items of general interest.

En KIA

2. The following has been positively identified as KIA from photograph and documents:

TRAN VAN TO, AKA NAM TO - 2ic C2 D445.

3. The following are considered probably KIA, from commendation and promotion certificates and other personal docus:

a. PHAN THANH CHIEN, AKA MUOI CHIEN, Party Chapter Secretary of LONG DIEN (Rural) and member of several LONG DAT Committees. Captured docus included biographical data for MUOI CHIEN, which would not be expected to be held with D445. A further three documents relating to MUOI CHIEN were captured. The reason for MUOI CHIENS presence with D445, apart from liaison, is not clear.

- b. NGUYEN THANH TAM - 2ic D445
- c. TRINH VAN LIEM, aka TRINH VAN DO, aka BA LIEM - political offr C2.
- d. HUYEN VAN TAI - P1 2ic C2/D445.
- e. HUYEN NGOC MINH - pl 2io C2/D445
- f. PHAM VAN THUAN - Sect Comd C2/D445
- g. PHAM DINH BA - possibly C2/D445
- h. VU VAN MEN - Sect Comd C2/D445
- i. NGUYEN VAN MINH - C2 D445
- j. PHAM VAN SAU - C2/D445
- k. DANG VAN HONG - C2/D445
- l. NGUYEN VAN MUOI - Squad 2ic Recce P1, C5, D445
- m. NGUYEN VAN MIN - OC Recce P1 C5 D445
- n. NGUYEN HAI TAI, aka VU LAN THU, aka VU KHA, possibly C5, D445.

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.../o. NGUYEN

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Comment: SO lied about his employment with the enemy and may have lied about this. The use of this technique cannot be confirmed because C25 have not had a successful ambush against 1 ATF troops for a considerable period. However the technique described confirms generally with enemy principles and may well be the technique planned to be used by C25.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE SOURCE DURING HIS VISIT TO THE AREA ON 10 FEBRUARY 1968.

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES WERE MENTIONED BY THE SOURCE DURING HIS VISIT TO THE AREA ON 10 FEBRUARY 1968.

2. THE SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES WERE MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE LIST WERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

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- o. NGUYEN VAN THONG - Recce Pl, C5 D445
- p. NGUYEN VAN THAI - Recce Pl, C5, D445
- q. TRAN VAN CHIEN - Sect 2ic, Recce Pl, C5 , D445
- r. HUYNH VAN HUNG - Sect 2ic Recce Pl, C5, D445
- s. NGUYEN VAN SON aka NGUYEN HOANG SON C3/D445

4. The following is considered possibly killed:

NGUYEN THANH LONG - OC C2 D445

or

LONG (a soldier) - C2 D445.

Items of Tactical Interest (full translation will be provided)

- 5. Exercise book containing tactical notes on regular, regional and guerilla forces, battle and ambush tactics, camouflage and base development.
- 6. Two sketchmaps of troops deployment (C2,C3,C4,and C8) near BUNG RIENG GS YS7168.
- 7. A sketchmap showing attack plans plus attached orders (for use in courses or possibly TEWTs) mentioning B1,B2,B3 (no date). Documents appear to have come from CU CHI.
- 8. A list of codes and designated numbers - for tactical use.
- 9. A training pamphlet dated 10 May 69. It covers the use of the Armalite and its characteristics, grenade launchers, AA fire, sketches of APCs and helicopters, formations for movement etc.
- 10. Weapons state dated Jan 70 for an unk coy,. Several other undated lists incl one for K8 (Ex hvy wpns coy D440).
- 11. Letter to NAM TO (2ic C2/D445, aka TRAN VAN TO) from THANH LUONG dated Jun 70, stating that THANH LUONG's unit is in LONG DAT District, and that they will have to kill many people and destroy and burn many vehicles and outposts. (Commendation certificate for TRAN VAN TO was also captured.
- 12. Notebook containing financial transactions, clothing requirements, results of mortar and RCL training. SAU THU (CO D445) and MUOI SINH (Secretary LONG DAT Party Committee) received 25,000 piastre 6 Nov 70. Incomplete entries indicate K8 (ex D440) was to receive rice issues from the battalion (D445).
- 13. Letter dated 2 Nov 70 writer unk, which comments that the work of the cadres is difficult because of the present military situation. MUOI SINH (Comd LONG DAT) is mentioned.
- 14. A letter from HOAN (unk) to SAU TAM (unk) dated 10 Dec 70 which reveals that MUOI MINH's (LONG DAT Party Committee) and MUOI CHIEN's (Party Chapter Secretary of LONG DIEN) groups were to go to LONG DAT on that day and that MUOI CHIEN would send them the attack plan for the dry season. The attack would be divided into three stages.

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Some Items of General Interest

15. Letter from TAM (unk) to MUOI GIAI (Adjnt D445) saying that the two members who went on sapper trg have no more rice. Letter requests that MUOI send some rice and also incl an issue slip for 1000 piastre, dated 30 Dec 70 (presumably dated in advance by a day). Another letter from LE MUOI of F and E Sect LONG DAT tells BA LONG F and E Sect to supply personnel going on training to P'vince with money for food.

16. Nominal roll of unit C2 (probably 2nd Coy D445). Strength 32, present 28, in hospital 1, studying 3. Party members totalled 20, and Youth Gp 8. (This generally agrees with ORBAT strength holdings on C2 D445. The high percentage of Party members (20 out of 32) can be attributed to lengthy service with D445 by many Battalion members.)

17. A roll of 17 names of C3 indicating clothing issues Sep-Nov 70, and a financial expenditure sheet for C3 for Nov 70.

18. Nominal rolls of C2, C3, C4, Signal, Recce, Orderly Room personnel, and one unk sub-unit (all of D445).

19. Many recent personal letters some still "in transit".

Propaganda

20. A propaganda pamphlet: The Platoon Commanders Political Works Guide "D445" is written on the cover. Other propaganda material was also obtained.

General Comment

21. The enemy group contacted was C2 D445 supported by elements at least of Sapper Recce Pl D445. Elements of Headquarters D445 (C5) were possibly with the group as suggested by the presence of a 2ic of the battalion. According to the captured roll-book, the strength of C2 and of Sapper Recce were 30 and 13 respectively, which conforms with the estimate of the number of en tps involved in the contact.

22. Three mentions were made in these documents of K8, the former Hy Wpns Coy of D440. This confirms the earlier estimate that K8 are now operating as a sub-unit of D445.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 365/70

dated 31 Dec 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
310800H	YS601605	Footprints on N bank of river. Mark in mud 6 ins wide 8 ins long 3 ins deep. Cleared areas under bushes on bank. Suspected fishing area.

YS591614 Well worn track moving W then SW, along N side of clearing. Disappeared into swamp at YS582608. At this point, track passed through pools which had been recently muddied and track therefore used in last 24 hrs. Thick undergrowth at YS582608 and also what looked like a bunker, although not positively identified.

310845H YS378700 - YS357713 Track of 20 plus people, poss civilian, heading N.

YS590676 2 bunkers that appear to have been dest by ground troops. 2 bamboo tables.

311200H YS747667 Track of 20 plus pers made last night, from Route 23 (YS747667) to track marked on map. Followed to 745685.

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ANNEX F (PSYOPS INT)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 365/70
DATED 31 DEC 70

PSYOPS INTELLIGENCE

An enemy propaganda document captured by 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR at YS649630 at 301112H (see INTSUM 364/70 para 3 a. (1) (a) contains a direction from the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NFLSVN) that during the enemy proclaimed period of Cease Fire for the Calender New Year (310100H Dec 70 to 030100H Jan 71) and for TET 260100H to 300100H Jan 71 "...officers and National Police personnel of the GVN are entitled to go freely to churches, attend entertainment or go to the liberated regions to unite with the people, to visit ancestor's graves and enjoy TET (lunar New Year) but with the condition that they must go separately, not in formation, unarmed and not on espionage tasks". The enemy are directed by NFLSVN to carry out the Cease Fire order but at the same time "...be ready to fight with the population in punishment of action by the US and their Allies which violate the ceremonies of the people".

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LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA (LST)

JANUARY 1971

DATE	BMNT	SR	SS	EENT	LR	MS	% ILLUM	PHASE
1	0621	0711	1841	1931	1026	2234	16	
2	0621	0711	1842	1932	1110	2329	26	
3	0621	0711	1842	1932	1153	****	36	
4	0622	0712	1843	1933	1236	0022	48	First Half
5	0622	0712	1843	1933	1320	0116	59	
6	0622	0712	1844	1934	1406	0211	69	
7	0623	0713	1845	1935	1456	0307	79	
8	0623	0713	1845	1935	1549	0406	87	
9	0624	0714	1846	1936	1644	0503	93	
10	0624	0714	1846	1936	1741	0600	97	
11	0625	0715	1847	1937	1837	0654	100	Full Moon
12	0625	0715	1848	1938	1930	0742	100	Full Moon
13	0626	0715	1848	1938	2019	0826	98	
14	0626	0715	1849	1938	2107	0907	94	
15	0626	0715	1849	1938	2152	0944	89	
16	0627	0716	1849	1938	2236	1020	83	
17	0627	0716	1849	1938	2319	1055	75	
18	0627	0716	1850	1939	****	1129	66	
19	0627	0716	1851	1940	0004	1206	57	
20	0627	0716	1851	1940	0050	1244	48	Last Half
21	0627	0716	1852	1941	0140	1328	38	
22	0628	0717	1852	1941	0234	1417	28	
23	0628	0717	1853	1942	0331	1511	19	
24	0628	0717	1853	1942	0430	1611	12	
25	0628	0717	1854	1943	0531	1714	5	
26	0628	0717	1854	1943	0630	1818	1	
27	0628	0717	1854	1943	0725	1920	0	New Moon
28	0628	0717	1854	1943	0816	2021	2	
29	0628	0717	1855	1943	0903	2118	6	
30	0628	0716	1855	1943	0949	2215	13	
31	0628	0716	1856	1944	1033	2310	22	



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Enemy Activity

1. The level of enemy activity remained low throughout the week with terrorist and sapper actions, limited ground contacts and light stand-off attacks by fire being directed against the pacification and Vietnamisation programmes. The most significant actions were the attack on the night 29/30 November against XUYEN MOC (see paras 6-7 of this report), and a company size attack in SR2 against an RF Headquarters and a PSDF office, which resulted in five friendly killed, three wounded and one missing, for an enemy loss of five killed.
2. In SAIGON, in the third incident this month, a terrorist threw a grenade into a shop, causing injuries to three civilians. Again the terrorist escaped.
3. Further rice caches have been recovered ENE of BU DOP (YU196372) bringing the total since 7 November to 48.1 tons. In the RANG RANG area of War Zone D (YT280617) another 1.4 tons of munitions have been recovered and the total from that area now stands at 24.4 tons of mixed ammunition.

Enemy Locations

4. 5 VC Div, 7 NVA Div and 9 VC Div remain in CAMBODIA. The regimental units remaining in MR3 are:
 - a. 101 NVA Regt in central BINH DUONG Province.
 - b. 74 NVA Artillery Regt, dispersed in BIEN HOA, northwestern PHUOC TUY and the northern RUNG SAT Special Zone.
 - c. 274 VC Regt in the area of the junction of the BIEN HOA, PHUOC TUY and LONG KHANH province borders.
 - d. 33 NVA Regt. This formation is normally deployed in east central BINH TUY Province.

Assessment

5. Reports continue to be received of a general enemy intention to commence a high point in the near future. Once the dry season is properly established and the harvest completed, it can be expected that attempts will be made to launch this offensive but it is unlikely that any such activity will be widely co-ordinated, intense or sustained.

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Enemy Attack on XUYEN MOC

6. On the night 29/30 November an enemy force of an estimated 30 men attacked the RF Post at XUYEN MOC. The attack followed a mortar and B40 attack upon the District Headquarters, the RF Post and other locations in the area of the town. Six GVN soldiers were killed, and six soldiers and four civilians were wounded. The attackers abducted ten Government soldiers including one officer, and captured one M60, 39 M16 rifles, 10 .45 pistols, one M79, 66 bayonets, two ANPRC 25 radio sets, six compasses, one set of Vietnamese SOIs, seven 90 kilogram bags of rice, approximately 100 cans of food and some medical supplies and money. No identification was able to be made. However because of the number of enemy troops involved and the determination of the attackers, the attacking group is believed to be a element of D445.

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7. The enemy fired at least 26 mortar and an undetermined number of RPG rounds. This suggests that the enemy force was not unduly worried by supply problems. The likely motive for the attack was for propaganda purposes, aimed at affecting adversely the morale of PF, RF and PSDF. There is therefore the possibility of a further similar attack within the Province in order to capitalise on this success. A further aim may have been to cause a dispersion of 1 ATF assets with a view to providing better opportunities for entry into hamlets in the DAT DO District.

General

8. During the week there was a general increase in activity involving 1 ATF troops, there having been eight ground contacts compared with three for the previous week. These contacts resulted in a probable four VC killed, including the Commander of C25 Mortar Platoon who was killed by 7 RAR in an ambush in the LONG HAI mountains.

Enemy Unit Identification and Locations


9. D445. This unit probably undertook the attack upon XUYEN MOC.
10. CHAU DUC. No contact was made with this group.
11. LONG DAT. Is known to be in the LONG HAIs.
12. D10 Water Sapper Battalion. The Headquarters of this unit has been known for some time to be in the area west of THAI THIEN in SR4. D10s task has been to interdict the shipping channels into SAIGON. In a series of nine contacts west of THAI THIEN between 26th and 28th November RF troops from the RUNG SAT Special Zone killed 43 enemy soldiers all of whom were probably members of D10. The unit may have remained in the same general area; but there is a possibility that elements have withdrawn south into the portion of the RUNG SAT within the 1 ATF TAOR.

Arrests of VCI and VCS

13. During the week exploitation has been carried out of information provided by CAO VAN CAM, the Political Officer of C25 LONG DAT Concentrated Company. CAM had been captured on 19th November in LONG KHANH Province, to which he had gone to attend a political training course. Following his interrogation a number of suspects have been arrested of whom 21, so far, have admitted VC activity. This total includes the Party Chapter Secretary (Rural) of LONG DIEN; the leader of the LONG DIEN guerillas; and the Commander of 2 Pl C25. There is a likelihood of further exploitation. In addition to these arrests, Sub-Sector forces have arrested a LONG DAT Finance and Economy member, in LANG PHUOC HAI, and a further twelve arrests have followed from this interrogation.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

14. An improvement in enemy morale in the Province must be expected following the news of the XUYEN MOC success. A further attack upon a government post is a possibility.
15. On the other hand the recent arrests of VCI and VCS will have weakened the enemy's supply and intelligence capability in DAT DO and LONG DIEN Districts.


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MR 3

Enemy Activity

1. A limited enemy high point occurred in MR 3 and in neighbouring areas to the east on 29 Nov. Although there was therefore an increase in activity in MR 3 during the past week, the general level of activity is still considered low.
2. On 29 Nov an attack, previously reported, occurred on XUYEN MOC. On the same day US troops south of PHUOC VINH (XT 985415) were engaged by an unknown size enemy force, and a fire Support Base (XF 581501) near DAU TIENG received a mortar attack and a ground probe. The most significant enemy action occurred in neighbouring enemy MR6 where, also on 29 Nov, the enemy launched fourteen attacks by fire and three ground attacks resulting in 14 friendly troops killed and 37 wounded, and five civilians killed and twelve wounded, as well as equipment losses. Two enemy were confirmed killed. The most notable enemy actions in MR6 were a 30 man attack upon an RF post 15 Km NE of HAM TAN ZS 160890 preceded by B40, mortar and small arms fire; and an estimated enemy company ambush of an RF convoy nearby (ZS 074840).
3. Again in MR6 on 29 Nov, terrorists entered a hamlet (YT 834376) and abducted seven civilians although the enemy were engaged by RF troops. This incident reflects a recent increase in terrorism in BINH TUY Province. The latest figures available are for the week ending 25 Nov, during which 18 people were abducted, 10 were killed and 10 wounded in terrorist incidents. Over the preceding fortnight there had been only five reported abductions.
4. On 27 Nov, three kilometres north-west of XUAN LOC, Government PSDF personnel, in co-ordination with an enemy force, attacked a PF platoon compound resulting in five friendly killed, seven wounded, five missing and 21 weapons missing. This incident may be an example of the enemy's successful penetration of some PSDF units.
5. In SAIGON there was only one terrorist incident during the week, when a charge of 4.4 lbs was detonated inside a building. There were no casualties.

Friendly Activity

6. On 27 Nov ARVN forces contacted an unknown size enemy force 13 Kms SSE of LONG THANH (YS 200000) killing 13 enemy who may have been members of DIO VC Water Sapper Battalion.

Assessment

1. The recent high point was not sustained, but the enemy has demonstrated a continuing ability to initiate co-ordinated offensive activity. It is probable that enemy initiated activity in the Military Region will remain at a low level during the coming week at least.

General

8. There has been no change to the current low level of activity involving 1 ATF. During the week 1 ATF troops have been involved in five ground contacts, resulting in four enemy killed and one captured.

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Recent indications have confirmed earlier reports of the presence of a battalion - sized NVA element, which is strongly suspected to be 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt in LONG KHANH Province near the PHUOC TUY Province border. There is as yet no indication that this unit is about to undertake offensive activity. Other developments during the week have included losses sustained by an enemy hospital unit in the northern RUNG SAT.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

10. D445. No firm identification has been made of D445. It is still believed that it was probably elements of this unit which attacked XUYEN MOC on 25 Nov. Track patterns suggest that the attackers have withdrawn to the east and north. On 1 Dec an SAS patrol in the BAU HAM area (YS 694855) captured one enemy who may be able to provide further information on D445. The interrogation is continuing.

11. CHAU DUC continues successfully to avoid contact, and only one report has been received recently of a possible infiltration into a hamlet by elements of CHAU DUC (into LONG HUONG on the night 25/26 Nov)

12. LONG DAT is known still to be in the LONG HAI.

13. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. A Special Agent report indicates that an enemy unit believed to be 3 Bn 33 NVA Regiment has moved to an area approximately 10,000 metres north-east of the COURTENAY rubber plantation (approximate area YS 5697). Captured documents, recent heavy track activity including the sighting of NVA boot prints, and searching of bunker complexes have provided further evidence of the probable presence of this unit. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt appears to have moved into this area over a period of several months from its former AO in western BINH TUY Province. This move tends to correspond with information obtained from the interrogation of CAO VAN CAM, the former Political Officer of C25 LONG DAT Company (see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 para 13). CAM has stated that while en route to attend his political training course in LONG KHANH Province he had met the Political Officer of D445 south of the MAY TAOS. The latter had informed CAM that a "9 Battalion", which we believe to be 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt, had been placed under command of HQ BA LONG Province in July, as a replacement unit for the now disbanded D440. The detachment was to be for an indefinite period and 3 Bn was to operate in LONG KHANH Province, while D445 was to operate in PHUOC TUY. The battalions were to be mutually supporting if the operational requirement arose. It is unusual for an NVA unit to be placed under command of a Province Headquarters and further information will be sought as to the possible subordination of 3 Bn to HQ BA LONG Province.

Contact with Hospital Unit in the RUNG SAT.

14. On 2 and 3 Dec RUNG SAT Special Zone RF troops, acting in response to a PW report which followed from the successful operations against D10 Water Sapper Battalion west of THAI THEIN (1 ATF SUPINTREP 47/70 para 12), killed 16 enemy in a series of contacts in the northern RUNG SAT. Captured documents confirm that the VC contacted were staff and patients of medical units subordinate to Military Hospital K76A which is believed still to have its headquarters in the MAY TAOS. The patients are believed to have been from SR4 units.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

15. It is to be expected that 3 Bn 33 NVA Regiment will be targetted mainly against friendly units in LONG KHANH Province. The possibility exists of attacks against opportunity targets in northern PHUOC TUY, although no evidence exists to show that this might occur in the near future. Troops believed to be of 3 Bn who were sighted on 23 Nov in LONG KHANH were seen to be wearing new green uniforms, were carrying AK47 rifles, packs and RPG rounds and were observed to have fresh haircuts. There have been reports of low morale in 33 Regt units, but there is no indication that morale is sufficiently low to hamper combat effectiveness.

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With regard to D445, a document captured recently at NUI BE (YS805918) made reference to a requirement for D445 to prepare for possible attacks on Australian units in October. Although this month is past, on previous indications it is possible that these proposed attacks probably by fire may be carried out when the dry season becomes established.

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 49/70
(PERIOD 7 DEC - 13 DEC 70)
(MR3)

Enemy Activity

1. In MR3 enemy initiated activity returned to a low level during the week and was again characterised by anti-pacification operations, limited ground contacts and light attacks by fire. The only deliberate ground attack occurred in TAY NINH Province on 4th December when a mortar attack on a Night Defensive Position (XT437343) was followed by a mortar and ground attack against a nearby District Headquarters. The attack resulted in 6 friendly KIA and 11 WIA for an enemy loss of 2 KIA and 1 PW. The PW identified his unit as the 48th Sapper Coy and his statements provided confirmation of an increasing emphasis on sapper activity in MR3 generally, and in TAY NINH Province in particular.

In SAIGON

2. There were two petrol bomb attacks over the last few days against American vehicles.

Friendly Activity

3. In SR4 on 4th December, a PRU force NW of LONG THANH made a series of 4 contacts with the enemy, reporting 36 enemy KIA and the capture of a quantity of ammunition and supplies, for 2 friendly KIA and 3 WIA. The enemy force involved was probably elements of the D-2 VC Bn and Rear Services staff members of SR-4.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

4. A Ho Chi Chanh has provided further information on food and supply shortages in 3 Bn 274 Regt (Area YS2081). It is reported that no Rear Services supplies have been received for 5-6 months and 3 Bn are unable to purchase food. Subsistence is dependent upon jungle foraging. There have been other reports of the poor condition of this battalion.

5. II FFORCE V have disseminated a report from a reliable source which states that the enemy has commenced the first of three phases of an overall campaign plan, Phase 1 has commenced. During Phase 1 VC sympathisers and soldiers together are to increase the level of hostilities. The report states that on 19 Dec there are to be attacks and harassments, including the destruction of bridges and roads, assassinations, kidnappings, and isolation and capture of RF and PF. Phase 1 is to culminate on 20 Dec which is the anniversary of the founding of the NLF. Phase 2 is to be a re-organization and reconnaissance phase. Phase 3 is to commence in approximately March 71, and is to be a general offensive. II FFORCE V has commented that the enemy

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probably does have the capability to increase terrorist and sabotage activities within the MR and a number of bridges have been attacked and some GVN elements have been over-run, indicating that the report concerning Phase 1 has some validity. The planned reorganization period for Phase 2 is in keeping with the enemy's normal practice. However II FFORCE V believe that the enemy would not be able to undertake a general offensive by March. Therefore it is assessed that a large scale offensive would probably occur later in the year when full advantage could be taken of a reduced allied presence.

Assessment

6. The high point at the end of November was not able to be sustained but the enemy did achieve some successes. These, combined with recent probable food resupplies as a result of the harvest, have been probably brought about an improvement in enemy morale. The present low level of activity can be attributed to the lull which follows most enemy high points. However it appears probable that there will soon be an increase in enemy activity, probably on or about 19 and 20 Dec.

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General

7. Activity involving 1 ATF remained at a generally low level. However there was one significant contact with an enemy force believed to be D445, and a major bunker system was discovered by 7 RAR. During the week there were three contacts, resulting in one enemy confirmed killed and two Australians wounded. Possibly nine enemy were wounded, and three Australians were wounded by mines.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

8. D445.

a. On 9 Dec 7000m east of XUYEN MOC (YS731694) a platoon of 7 RAR received twelve 60mm mortar rounds followed by a ground assault by 25 - 30 enemy supported by M60 and RPG fire. Bushranger aircraft provided support for the platoon and one Bushranger was required to make a forced landing as a result of receiving ground fire. One VC was confirmed killed and two Australians were wounded. However four enemy were seen to fall in the initial engagement and from heavy blood trails it is estimated that a minimum of seven enemy were wounded by ground action and air. While following up from this contact 7 RAR found in the area (YS742699 to YS749700) a major enemy base camp 1000mX300m which contained 120 bunkers, two circular anti-aircraft gun positions in which were found expended and live 12.7mm rounds, two mortar pits, 20 cooking areas, and four wells. One third of the camp was about 12 months old, while the remainder was of recent construction. Some bunkers were still being built. The camp had probably been occupied by 80 - 100 VC until several hours after the contact nearby with 7 RAR. The dead enemy soldier has been identified from documents as a member of K9 Coy, D440, which from previous information may have been under command of D445. Documents found in the camp appear to have belonged to D445. Because of the large number of enemy troops in the area and the presence of at least one and possibly two 12.7mm Heavy Machine Guns it is believed that most of D445, including attached elements of the disbanded D440, may have been present. It appears possible that most of D445 has withdrawn north-west from the contact area, while an element, probably including the wounded, may have withdrawn south-west towards NUI KHO (YS651622).

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b. In the enemy camp 7 RAR found identity discs belonging to an RF soldier missing since the attack on XUYEN MOC on 29 Nov, and to another RF soldier who was captured by the enemy at XUYEN MOC but has since been released. Also found in the camp were two M79 CS rounds and two new US gas masks. Similar items were captured by the enemy at XUYEN MOC. A document found in the camp mentions that on 15 Nov C2 and C3 (presumably referring to the companies of D445) and C8 (probably K8 Heavy Weapons Company of D440) were to commence preparing for an operation. A suspected base plate position for 82mm mortars has now been found north of XUYEN MOC (at YS 648698). It is believed that this position may have been used during the attack on 29 Nov. For these reasons it is believed most likely that elements of D445 carried out the attack on XUYEN MOC, including elements of a Heavy Weapons Company.

c. It now appears a possibility that both K8 Heavy Weapons and K9 companies of D440 may have been subordinated to D445. However further information is required before any definite conclusions can be made.

9. CHAU DUC

a. No confirmed contact has been made with this group. However on 8 Dec a reliable report was received of the location of a group of CHAU DUC in the RUNG SAT (YS260629). An airstrike was placed on the area and the aircraft received ground fire from the target location. No BDA was possible because of darkness.

b. Over the past week there are believed to have been at least four infiltrations into HOA LONG. No confirmed information has been received but it is believed that the infiltrations were carried out by members of CHAU DUC.

10. LONG DAT is believed still to be in the LONG HAI's.

11. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is believed still to be in the area approximately 6000M East of BLACKHORSE (sq YS4496).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

12. The recent infiltrations into HOA LONG indicate that the enemy are once more attempting to use this village as a resupply centre.

13. According to recent agent reports, on 7 Dec a number of rockets were brought to LONG SON Island by four VC travelling in a motor junk from LONG HOA (YS338590). The following day three enemy artillery reconnaissance personnel were reported to be on LONG SON Island (square 2755) preparing for a rocket attack on VUNG TAU. Previous reports have suggested that a small group of 74 NVA Rocket Regt has been in Southern PHUOC TUY periodically since June 1970. The rocket attack on VUNG TAU on 24 Nov may have been carried out by a small group from this Regiment. It is thought possible that two 107 mm rockets were fired at XUYEN MOC from the South West (from YS643668) on 11 Dec but the impact points have not yet been found.

14. There have been two further mining incidents on Route 2 South of NDP GARTH (YS4590). In addition GVN forces have passed on an agent report that a road to the East is mined (approximate area YS473887 to YS492873). Over the past three months there have been other mining incidents on Route 2 in this area. On 9 Nov a Platoon Commander of D65 Engineer Bn was killed to the South East of GARTH (at YS498877) and it is thought that a small group from D65 may be working in conjunction with BA LONG Engineers in carrying out mining activity in this area.

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15. Should the report disseminated by II FFORCE V concerning a coming high point be accurate, it must be anticipated that enemy attacks or terrorist activity may occur on 19 or 20 Dec. A recent example of such terrorist activity occurred on 7 Nov near THAI THIEN (at YS280800) where two men were beaten to death for pro-government activity. Major enemy units which possess the capability for offensive action are D445 and 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

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MR3

Enemy Activity

1. Activity remained at a generally low level in the MR, although there was a slight increase in the number of attacks by fire and an increase in terrorist activity in SAIGON.
2. On 16th December BEIN HOA Airbase (XT9913) received five 122mm rockets resulting in equipment damage. In the region North of PHUOC TUY Province there were four attacks by rocket or mortar between 16th and 19th December. On 16th December an ARVN Compound (YT6211) received 10-12 107 or 122mm rockets without casualties. FSB MACE (YT6311) received 3 to 5 107 or 122mm rockets on 16th December, and seven 60mm mortar rounds on 19th December. Neither attack caused casualties. On 18th December XUAN LOC received four 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 16 US wounded.
3. In SAIGON on 19th December two 122mm rockets were received resulting in six civilians killed and two injured. There were three reported terrorist incidents during the week. On 15th and 16th December terrorists detonated two charges, each of more than 30 lbs, inside US BOQs, resulting in one US killed, one wounded and a number of Vietnamese civilians wounded. On 16th December terrorists on a motor cycle threw a grenade into a group of civilians, resulting in one US civilian killed, nine US civilians and one soldier injured and one Vietnamese civilian killed and thirteen injured.

Friendly Activity

4. On 12th December US forces found a cache North East of BU GIA MAP (YU383413), PHUOC LONG Province, in which were discovered 622 82mm mortar rounds, 599 B40 rounds and 86,800 small arms rounds.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

5. A Hoi Chanh who has rallied near LONG THANH has provided information about some medical units of MR7. The Hoi Chanh claimed that he had been trained in a hospital designated 1500 and located on NUI MAY TAO (YS7391), and at the K20 hospital some 13Km South West of BLACKHORSE (YS3488). He claimed that an airstrike in September had collapsed a tunnel complex at Hospital 1500 killing all but a few of the 120 patients and staff inside. This has not been confirmed by ground sweeps but on 21-24 November 51 bunkers were found in the area described and some showed evidence of hospital activity.
6. There has so far been little indication of the projected high point scheduled to commence on 19th December. However, other high points in the past have been delayed and some increase in offensive activity could still occur.

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General

7. There was a slight increase in activity involving 1 ATF during the week, with a total of nine contacts with the enemy. These contacts resulted in a possible 17 enemy killed, of which 14 are confirmed, and two wounded. Two Australians were wounded.

Contacts South of NDP GARTH

8. Six of the contacts, resulting in 14 enemy killed, were initiated by 2 RAR/NZ in the area of the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Rubber Plantations South of NDP GARTH (YS4590). Captured documents have identified 274 Regt, including its Rear Services, 84 Rear Service Group, possibly a district level resupply organisation and possibly C205 Protection Section of Headquarters SR4. The pattern of enemy movement is East-West and seems to be related to the known enemy use of the VIET CUONG Plantation as a liaison.

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station for communications between BA LONG Province and Sub Region 4, and for distribution of supplies. Many of the Rear Service facilities of 274 Regt are located to the West of the VIET CUONG.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations.

9. D445. No further contact has been made with this unit which is believed still to be in the XUYEN MOC area.
10. LONG DAT is still in the LONG HAIS. On 21st December an observation helicopter was forced to land after receiving ground fire from HON VUNG Mountain, from YS480513. Three days previously an aircraft received AK47 fire from the same general location with no hits and on 21st November an aircraft received machine gun fire, also with no hits, from the same grid reference from which fire was also received on 21st December.
11. CHAU DUC. No contact has been made with this group.
12. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is believed still to be in the area East of BLACKHORSE (approx area square YT5503).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions.

13. Most of the enemy contacted South of GARTH in the past week have probably been engaged on liaison tasks. However, a suspected enemy 82mm mortar base plate position has been found South of GARTH and apparently targetted against that location. Should an enemy high point materialize during the coming week an attack by fire against GARTH is a possibility.
14. Between 12th and 19th December there have been five mining incidents on Route 2 South of GARTH, following a period of several weeks during which no such incidents were reported. It is thought possible that this increase in activity may be intended as a contribution towards the high point which was reportedly planned for the present period.
15. D445 remains in the general area of XUYEN MOC and elements may have infiltrated the village on the night 18/19 December. XUYEN MOC remains a likely target for an attack by D445.

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(PERIOD 21 DEC - 27 DEC 70)
MR-3

Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity increased slightly during the week with the emphasis still on anti-pacification operations and mining, limited ground contacts and attacks by fire. The most significant attack in MR-3 occurred on 20th December in BINH LONG Province, when ARVN forces 19 km WSW of LOC NINH received an estimated 100 x 82 mm mortar rounds which resulted in 10 wounded. The enemy unit involved may have been an element of 96 NVA Arty Regt.
2. In Southern LONG KHANH Province an unknown size enemy force attacked an RF Coy 13 km East of XUAN LOC (XT598065) on the night 22/23 December employing SA, B-40 and mortar fire, killing four civilians and injuring 23. Eight government soldiers were wounded.
3. In SAIGON there were two terrorist incidents. On 19th December an estimated 3.3 lbs of plastic explosive exploded in a newspaper office injuring four, and on 21st December a 2 lb charge was detonated in a train station without injury.

Friendly Activity

4. On 21st December, US forces in PHUOC LONG Province captured two rice caches (YT588563 and YU395379) each containing an estimated two tons. Both were in good condition and were estimated to have been in place less than 2 months.
5. Further exploitation of the cache discovered by US forces on 15th December, NE of BU GIA MAP (YU383413) brings the total of munitions to an estimated 7.9 tons including 622 x 82mm and 415 x 60mm mortar rounds, 699 x B-40 rounds, 24 x 75mm RCL rounds and 116,320 SA rounds plus 1,837 lbs of explosives.

Enemy Locations

6. The main bodies of 5 and 9 VC Divs remain in CAMBODIA. However, 141 Regt of 7 NVA Div has moved South of the RVN border, to 13 km SE of KREK (XT128943), and 165 Regt is now deployed in the border region. 7 NVA Div appears to have taken advantage of the Christmas cease-fire to re-deploy some units into SOUTH VIETNAM.

Assessment

7. The enemy has announced that he will observe a Cease Fire for the calendar New Year. The dates are unspecific although PHUOC TUY Province authorities believe that the period is 31 Dec to 3 Jan. II FFORCE V have advised that attacks by fire and possible ground action against regional forces may occur just before and just after this Cease-Fire period.

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8. There was a decrease in activity involving 1 ATF during the week, with a total of four contacts resulting in a possible four enemy killed, two of them by air, and two wounded. The possible enemy KIA resulted from an SAS contact South-West of NUI BE (at YS780870).
9. The most significant incidents during the week were a small scale enemy attack upon a Village Office in DAT DO, and the reported movement of two enemy provincial command elements towards BLACKHORSE (YS4396).

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations10. D445 and LONG DAT

- a. On 22nd December the PHUOC THANH Village Office (YS479598) at DAT DO received B40 and tracer fire followed by a ground probe by approximately 20 VC. Four GVN soldiers were killed, ten were wounded and seven are missing. There is an indication that the attackers may have been assisted by some PSDF members, and it is significant that of the seven PSDF missing, three are former VC. Five enemy were killed in the attack and blood trails indicate that at least

two were probably wounded. Three of the enemy killed have been identified as members of C1 Company D445. The attackers were probably from C1, with possibly some assistance from LONG DAT, guided by PHUOC THANH guerillas. The attackers appear to have withdrawn towards the LONG HAIS. It is therefore thought that an element or all of C1 may have re-established themselves in their old base in the MINH DAM Secret Zone.

b. No contact has been made since 9th December with the main element of D445, comprising C2 and C3 and possibly K8 and K9. This group may still be in the general area of XUYEN MOC.

c. LONG DAT are still in the LONG HAIS. This unit may have assisted in the attack on PHUOC THANH, and has fired on two more aircraft. On 22nd December **eight** members of MSF were killed when their vehicle struck a mine West of NUI DIEN BA (at YS445531).

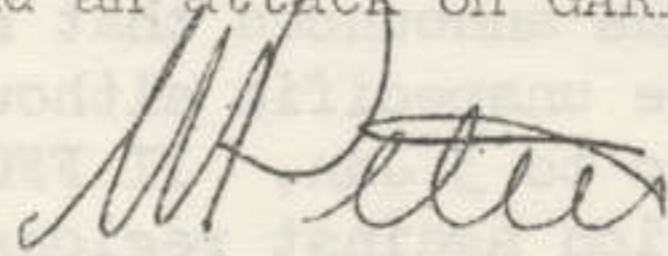
11. CHAU DUC. Continues to avoid contact.

12. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. Remains in the area East of BLACKHORSE (area YT5501). On 24th December troops of the 2nd Bde 25 US Inf Div killed three NVA soldiers in a contact in this area (YT569010). A nearby bunker system (YS562997), evacuated that morning, had probably been a 3 Bn base camp.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

13. There have been a further two mining incidents in the area of NDP GARTH (YS 4590), making a total of seven such incidents since 12 th December. The mining is most likely being carried out by BA LONG Province Engineers possibly assisting local guerillas.

14. There has been some recent evidence that two enemy province command headquarters have moved closer to BLACKHORSE and NDP GARTH. US troops have observed tracks of heavily laden water buffalo being led down the SUOI LUC to the area of the Province border (YS5694). According to a recent report Headquarters BA LONG Province has moved to this general area from its normal location North of NUI MAY TAO. Other reports suggest that the Protection Unit of Headquarters SR-4 is in the area West of the VIET CUONG. This in turn indicates that Headquarters Sub Region 4 has moved East to this area (area YS3889). BA LONG Province probably has a command responsibility over 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. In addition 1 Bn 274 Regt is just North of the ONG QUE Rubber Plantation (last contacted at YT396034 on 17th December). The threat of an attack by fire in the area of GARTH continues, although there are GVN targets in the area which would provide the enemy with greater propaganda gains than would an attack on GARTH.


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ANNEX L TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 70 TO 31 DEC 70

COMMANDER'S POLICY AND DEMI-OFFICIAL LETTERS

MESSAGE FORM

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FOR COMM SIGNALS USE

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE - TIME GROUP 04 0830 Z Dec 70	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM / ATE		PREFIX	
TO: ARMY CANBERRA		GR	
INFO: ARMY MELBOURNE		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	
		UNCLAS	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	
		OPS 1599	

FOR QMG FROM COMB D PLEASE CONVEY
 TO MRS MACKAY SINCERE THANKS
 CONSIGNMENT OF 40 YOS WHICH
 ARRIVED SAFELY 02 DEC 70 THE HELP
 AND COOPERATION OF ARMY WIVES
 ASSOCIATION CANBERRA MUCH APPREC-
 -IATED @ ARMY MELBOURNE FOR DMGO

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES	REFERS TO MESSAGE	DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL. NO.
	CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	WI/ER	D/COMB	EBOVV 29

FOR OPERATOR'S USE								RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	
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								RANK	
								CPT	

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MESSAGE FORM

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FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE - ACTION	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE - TIME GROUP 30 0100 Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM 1 ATF	TO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM		PREFIX GR
INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 1766

FOR COMAFV FROM COMD 1ATF @
 REF YOUR 22828 OF 300420 Z DEC 70 @
 PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE ACTION
 WAS IN HAND TO PROVIDE SIX INTERPRETERS
 TO JWTC @ TWO WILL REPORT TODAY
 WITH REMAINDER REPORTING AS THEY
 RETURN FROM OPS AND LEAVE @ ALL
 WILL REPORT ~~BY~~ AT THE LATEST
 MONDAY MORNING 4 JAN 70 @ JWTC HAS
 BEEN INFORMED AND ALL EFFORT IS
 BEING MADE TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENT

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES	REFERS TO MESSAGE	DRAFTER'S NAME TWIGG PATERSON	OFFICE CSD2 CA/AYOP	TEL. NO. 70
CLASSIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		FOR OPERATOR'S USE		
R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR
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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>W. Henderson</i>				RANK BRIGADIER

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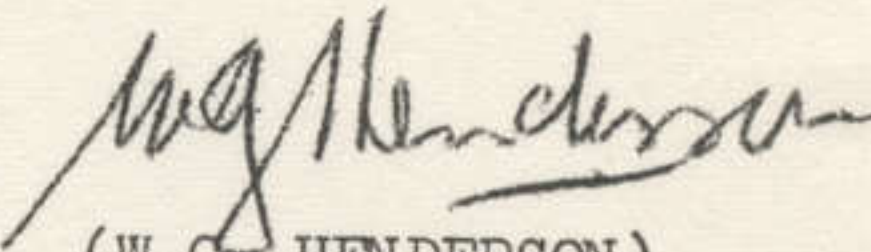
HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

31 Dec 70

List A (Less serials 24 - 30)
List C

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY
COMMANDERS NEW YEAR MESSAGE

For the Task Force, 1970 has been a year of hard work and change, but it has also been a year of progress of which all members can be rightly proud. We have come a long way but there is still much to be done in the coming year and I rely with confidence on all to continue the high standard of achievement demonstrated in the past. I wish you a profitable and prosperous New Year and hope that it brings you the success and happiness you have earned.


(W.G. HENDERSON)
Brig
Comd

ANNEX N TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 70 TO 31 DEC 70

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Serial 44

2 DEC 70

Numbers 122-124

A MATTERS

122. IDENTITY DISCS AND IDENTITY CARDS

1. An increasing number of 1 ATF soldiers when questioned by RAA Pro road patrols in the TAOR or by foot patrols in Vung Tau, are not wearing identity discs or carrying identity cards.
2. Identity discs are to be worn by 1 ATF members at all times.
3. Identity cards are to be carried by 1 ATF members at all times except when outside the 1 ATF base on operations.
4. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 Nos 37 and 38 dated 15 Jun 70 are cancelled.

123. MESS AND CANTEEN FUNDS - PIASTRE TRADING

1. Vietnamese personnel are allowed to purchase goods from the messes and canteens of the unit to which they are attached. Payment is to be accepted at the rate of VN \$118 to one dollar US (MPC) and the piastre may be credited to the appropriate Trust Account in dollars at the same rate of exchange.
2. There is obviously scope for illicit profit making by Australian and Vietnamese personnel. After consultation with Lt Col Hiep, the senior ARVN officer at 1 ATF, the following procedures are to take effect:
 - a. Vietnamese personnel are to trade with only one mess or club. Individual purchases are to be limited to (US) \$5.00 (\$ VN. 590.00) per week.
 - b. Messes and clubs are to record each purchase in a book against the name of the attached Vietnamese member.
 - c. The book is to be produced at 1 ATF Cash Office for inspection when piastre is banked.
3. Vietnamese personnel from 10 MID and interpreters of Det 1 Div Int Unit only are to purchase from the Det 1 Div Int Unit 'Sub Rosa' club.

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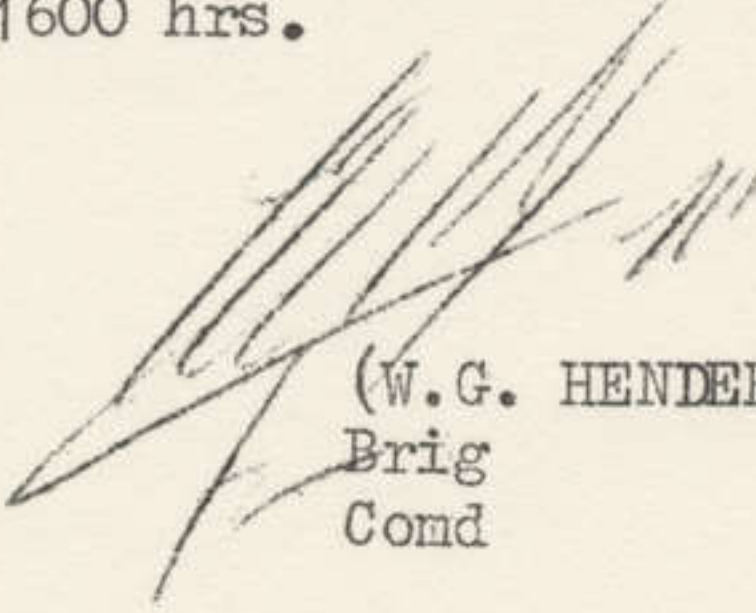
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4. Personnel of MR3 Liaison Team, 1 Psy Ops Unit and 1 Aust Civil Affairs Unit are only to purchase from 1 ATF Sergeants's Mess.

5. Vietnamese personnel attached to other 1 ATF units are to purchase only from messes/clubs of that unit.

124. 1 ATF SGT'S MESS - GENERAL MESS MEETING

1. Members are advised that the next General Mess Meeting will be held in the Mess on Monday Dec 14 1970 at 1600 hrs.


(W.G. HENDERSON)
Brig
Comd

NOTICE

FOR SALE

1. 1 only 24 nov GENERAL ELECTRIC " SUPERLINE " AIRCONDITIONER in working condition. Located in the Bar of 1 ATF Sgt's Mess. Tenders addressed to the Secretary 1 ATF Sgt's Mess will be received up to 1200 hrs on the 14 Dec 70.

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Serial 45

5 DEC 70

Numbers 125-126

G MATTERS125. RESULT OF EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION - 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Attached as ANNEX A to this order is a nominal roll of candidates showing the results of an examination in Subject 'C' for promotion to the rank of sergeant.
2. The examination was conducted at 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on 27 Nov 70.

A MATTERS126. OPENING OF LETTERS SENT TO AUSTRALIA

1. Numerous complaints have been received about the opening of private letters by postal and customs authorities. Attention is drawn to MBI 168-8, paragraph 27 which states:

"All articles sent to Australia through the post are subject to quarantine and customs inspection and all parcels and packages must have an approved form of Customs Declaration fixed on them, duly completed by the sender."

2. Some complaints alleged unnecessarily officious behaviour by postal/customs officials and these are to be investigated in Australia. It should be clearly understood however, that the opening of letters is a legitimate act provided that the addressee is present or has given written permission.
3. Unit members should be reminded that, despite recent rumours to the contrary, customs declarations are still required for cassette tapes sent to Australia.
4. When the investigation in Australia is completed HQ AFV intends to notify the detailed procedures of examination required by postal and customs regulations.


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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF RO
PART 1 DATED 5 Dec 70

PROMOTION COURSE - RESULTS
SUBJECT "C" SERGEANT - 27 NOV 70

<u>2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn</u>			<u>PASS</u>	<u>FAIL</u>
5410962	Cpl	J.J. BRANDER		N
15596	Cpl	C.E. BOND		N
214942	T/Sgt	A.J. COLEMAN	P	
14725	T/Sgt	R. CRONIN	P	
173425	Cpl	D.B. CUMNER	P	
15535	Cpl	D.G. GRAHAM	P	
215737	Cpl	R.J. HART	P	
18872	Cpl	G.J. HOLMES	P	
3411764	Cpl	K.N. JOHNSTON	P	
311569	Cpl	W. MANSON	P	
5411593	Cpl	P.G. PIERCE		N
16815	Cpl	R. PARKER	P	
15943	Cpl	V.L. ROBERTS		N
<u>1 SAS Sqn</u>				
55171	Cpl	A.L. BACSKAI	P	
54840	Cpl	N.K. BAINBRIDGE	P	
5411575	Cpl	L.J. LEWIS	P	
5411577	Cpl	E.A. MAVRICK	P	
18179	Cpl	J.E. VAN ELDICK	P	
<u>161 Recce Flt</u>				
166901	Cpl	B.F. SPILSBURY	P	
<u>1 ARU</u>				
6410164	Cpl	L.R. SMITH	P	

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10 DEC 70

Serial 46
Numbers 127
to 129

G MATTERS

127. UNAUTHORISED DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Reference: A. Army Security Manual Vol. 1 1969 Para 203.

1. An occurrence has been reported of the unauthorised disclosure of classified information by a member serving in South Vietnam to a civilian in Australia.
2. All members of AFV are warned that the disclosure of information to any person, other than in the course of his official duty, is an offence and the member may be charged under the relevant Acts as stated in the reference.
3. To be published in Unit Routine Orders.

128. RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION - 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Attached as Annex A to this order is a nominal roll of candidates showing the results of an examination in Subject 'C' for first promotion.
2. The examination was conducted at 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on 4 Dec 70.

A MATTERS

129. IDENTITY CARDS - NZ PERSONNEL

Reference: A. 1 ATF Routine Order No. 122/70 dated 2 Dec 70.

1. Identity cards (MD 58) are to be carried by NZ personnel at all times including operations.



(W.G. HENDERSON)
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Comd

Notice: 1 ATF Christmas Services.

RESULTS OF SUBJECT 'C' FOR FIRST PROMOTION

<u>2 RAR/NZ</u>			<u>PASS</u>	<u>FAIL</u>
56022	Lcpl	B.C. BARNES	P	
36002	Cpl	C.R. BRODIE	P	
214469	Pte	G.D. BROOMFIELD	P	
1202271	Lcpl	D.W. DAVEY	P	
1202156	Lcpl	B.J. HENLEY		N
43804	Cpl	B. HOLSCHER	P	
126686	Pte	M.G. HORSTEN	P	
1202260	Lcpl	B.R. JOHNSTONE	P	
312570	Cpl	C.T. KONDRATOWICZ	P	
44949	Pte	N.A. MORGAN	P	
218427	Cpl	M.J. NEWTON		N
218881	Pte	N.A. OWENS	P	
2789885	Cpl	F.R. RADFORD	P	
123195	Pte	P.T. ROEBIG	P	
55849	Cpl	R.D. SNEDDEN	P	
2783011	Pte	D.M. TWIGG	P	
364961	Lcpl	B.J. VANTONGEREN	P	
1202267	Lcpl	D.L. WATTS	P	
<u>1 SAS Sqn</u>				
5714828	Cpl	A.J. CALLAGHAN	P	
<u>1 ARU</u>				
311617	Cpl	C. STEVENS	P	

NOTICE

1 ATF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thu 24 Dec 70 1700 hrs Carols by Candlelight at LUSCOMBE BOWL
Thu 24 Dec 70 Midnight
CE At tennis courts opposite Community Centre
RC At LUSCOMBE BOWL
PD At EAGLE FARM - 2 RAR Chopper Pad

CHRISTMAS DAY

Fri 25 Dec 70	<u>1 ATF Chapel</u>	<u>2 RAR Chapel</u>
	CE 1000 hrs	0800 hrs
	RC 0900 hrs	1000 hrs
	PD 0800 hrs	0900 hrs
	1400 hrs	A stereo recording of the MESSIAH will be played at the Task Force "ALL SAINTS" Chapel.

CE, RC and PD Services will be held at:-

NDP ISA	0930 hrs
NDP BRIGHT	1030 hrs
FSB HORSESHOE	1130 hrs
NDP GARTH	1445 hrs
NDP MELISSA	1545 hrs

To be published in Unit Routine Orders Part 1.

RESTRICTEDAUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCESROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER W.G. HENDERSON, OBECOMMANDER 1AT AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE11 DEC 70Serial 46
Number 130A MATTERS130. ALCOHOLIC LIQUORPurchase and Sale

1. 1 ATF TAOR. Alcoholic liquor is only to be purchased by individual members of 1 ATF in the 1 ATF TAOR from authorised messes, clubs or canteens in the 1 ATF Base, at the Horseshoe where authorised, or by members of liaison teams officially attached to other headquarters. Members are not to purchase from civilian establishments or individuals.

2. Vung Tau Special Zone. Alcoholic liquor is only to be purchased in 1 ALSG or in the Vung Tau Special Zone for personal consumption at the time and place of sale, and members are not to remove such alcoholic liquor from this area.

3. Cans are to be opened at the time of all retail sales of beer.

4. Det 2 AFCU Bulk Store, Nui Dat. Cash purchases of alcoholic liquor are not to be made by individuals at the Bulk Store. Only authorised representatives of a unit may purchase alcoholic liquor on behalf of that unit mess, club or canteen. Wines and spirits are only to be sold to officers and sergeants messes and never for cash.

Possession

5. Members of 1 ATF are not to be in possession of alcoholic liquor except:

- a. When on the premises of an authorised club or canteen or attending an authorised unit function in a unit area.

.../b. When proceeding

- b. When proceeding on R and R or RTA.
 - c. When, after authorisation by an officer, liquor has been purchased for despatch to an overseas address. Such liquor is to be despatched no later than 24 hours after the time of purchase.
 - d. When engaged in authorised carriage of bulk liquor.
6. Members are not to keep alcoholic liquor in sleeping or living quarters or in working areas.
7. Members of 1 ATF, below the rank of sergeant, are not to be in possession of wines or spirits.

Consumption

8. 1 ATF TAOR. Alcoholic liquor is only to be consumed by members in messes, clubs, canteens or areas authorised by unit routine orders. Alcoholic liquor is not to be consumed in civilian bars, brothels or business premises. Wines and spirits are not to be consumed by members of 1 ATF below the rank of sergeant.
9. Vung Tau Special Zone.
- a. 1 ALSG. Alcoholic liquor is only to be consumed by members of 1 ATF at the AFV Amenities Unit area, in accordance with the prevailing orders of HQ 1 ALSG, or in authorised messes clubs or canteens of 1 ALSG.
 - b. Vung Tau Township. Alcoholic liquor is only to be consumed in the Vung Tau township area by members of 1 ATF when on authorised leave as evidenced by the possession of a leave pass or, in the case of officers, a valid Grand Hotel pass card. Liquor is only to be consumed by members of 1 ATF within premises carrying the FWMAF 'Approved' sign.

Carriage

10. Carriage into 1 ATF Base. Alcoholic liquor is not to be brought by road or air into the 1 ATF base except:

.../a. For authorised

- a. For authorised consignments to Det 2 AFCU Bulk Store.
- b. By 161 Bty RNZA, who have a special US trading account.

11. Carriage Out of 1 ATF Base. Alcoholic liquor is not to be taken by road or air out of the 1 ATF Base by members of 1 ATF except;

- a. By personnel departing on R and R or RTA.
- b. By individuals whose authorised duty it is to carry alcoholic liquor to the Horseshoe or a defensive position which has been approved by HQ 1 ATF as a place for the consumption of liquor. An AAF G2 or written authority is to be carried, signed by an officer not below the rank of major and the quantity of liquor specified.
- c. By a member of the 1 ATF Liaison Unit. The AAF G2 or written authority is to be signed by the OC 1 ATF Liaison Unit.
- d. By the 1 ATF Liaison Unit LO at Duc Thanh who is authorised to personally take out 12 cases of beer once per month for his team at Duc Thanh.
- e. For the repayment of Vietnamese hospitality. The AAF G2 or a written authority is to be carried, signed by an officer not below the rank of lieutenant-colonel or by the DAAG HQ 1 ATF and specifying the quantity of liquor.
- f. When authorised in writing by the D Comd or DAAG HQ 1 ATF.

Conduct of Messes, Clubs Canteens and Social Functions.

12. Each unit commander is to issue orders governing the operation of messes, clubs and canteens and for the conduct of social functions in his unit, subject to the following restrictions.

- a. No alcoholic liquor is to be issued, sold or consumed between the hours of 1400 and 1600 hours daily or after 2230 hours daily.
- b. Other ranks clubs and canteens are to be closed by 2200 hours daily.

13. Variations to timings for special occasions may be requested in advance from DAAG HQ 1 ATF.

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Receipt of Alcoholic Liquor by Mail

14. Members of 1 ATF who receive alcoholic liquor by mail are to declare the quantity immediately to the unit or sub-unit commander who is to arrange for its custody and issue to the member.


15. Wines and spirits received in the mail are to be retained by the unit on behalf of the member until he proceeds on R and R or RTA and can return the liquor to Australia. If the member does not wish to take the wines or spirits back to Australia he may sell it to an officers' or sergeants' mess at the current ASCO price.

16. If a member fails to immediately declare alcoholic liquor received in the mail then in accordance with the provisions of AMR 215(A) it may be seized and shall thereupon be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

General

17. The provisions of this Routine Order are to be republished in Unit Routine Orders every three months. The current order is to be promulgated to each new member of a unit within 24 hours of his marching-in.

18. 1 ATF Routine Order No 9 dated 25 Jan 70 and No 62 dated 2 Aug 70 are cancelled.


(W.G. HENDERSON)
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

15 Dec 70

Serial - 48
Numbers - 131 - 134

GS MATTERS

131. RESULT OF EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION - 547 SIG TP

1. Attached as Annex A to this order is a nominal roll of candidates showing the results of an examination in Subject C for First Promotion and Sergeant.
2. The examination was conducted at 547 Sig Tp on 16 Oct 70.

132. RESULT OF EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION - DET 1 DIV INT UNIT AND HQ COY 1 ATF

1. Subtended is a list of candidates showing the result of an examination in Subjects A and C for First Promotion:

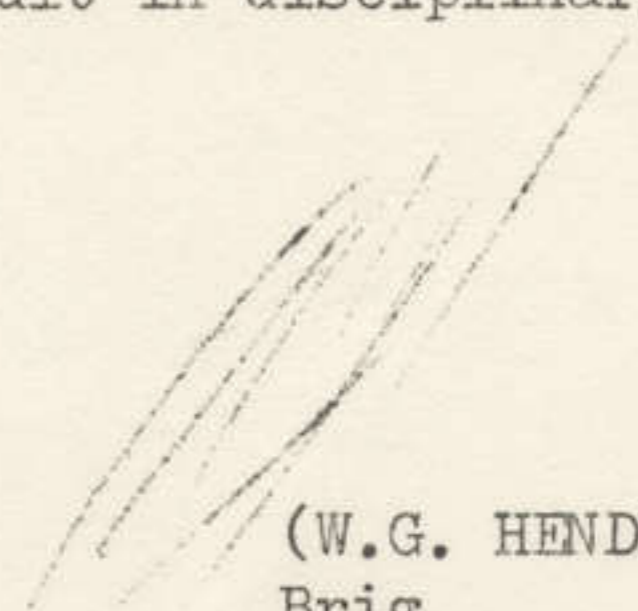
216842	Cpl	M.B. HETHERINGTON	Det 1 Div Int Unit	Pass
2793476	Cpl	L.D. BLACKMORE	Det 1 Div Int Unit	Pass
267929	Pte	R.C. AMOS	Det 1 Div Int Unit	Pass
3792834	Pte	W.J. HEWAT	HQ Coy 1 ATF	Pass
2. The examination was conducted at Nui Dat on 30 Nov 70.

133. AUSTRALIAN FORCES RADIO (AFR) - 1 ATF REPRESENTATIVE

1. The 1 ATF representative on the AFR Advisory Committee is the DAAG HQ 1 ATF.
2. Suggestions to improve the AFR services should be made through Unit Amenities Officers, or direct to the DAAG.
3. This information is to be published in unit routine orders.

134. DRAWING OF WATER - ENTRY ON AAF F78

1. Vehicle drivers are failing to enter the details of water drawn on the AAFsF78 provided at Water Points.
2. Members drawing water from Water Points are to ensure that the above entries are made. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action against the members concerned.
3. To be republished in unit routine orders.


 (W.G. HENDERSON)
 Brig
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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
ROUTINE ORDER PART 1
NO 131/70

547 SIG TP SUBJECT C COURSE FOR FIRST
PROMOTION AND SERGEANT 8 - 16 NOV 70

Sergeant Candidates				
Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Results
2785526	Cpl	C.W. Saunders	8 Fd Amb	Pass
1200612	L cpl	R.A. Hutton	547 Sig Tp	Pass
13727	L cpl	J.G. Kaarsberg	547 Sig Tp	Pass

Corporal Candidates				
Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Results
45274	L cpl	A.J. Coyle	547 Sig Tp	Pass
39022	L cpl	D.A. Cochrane	547 Sig Tp	Pass
1201552	Sig	D.J. Dean	547 Sig Tp	Pass
1201592	Sig	P.J. McGrath	547 Sig Tp	Pass
55177	Sig	K.J. Petersen	547 Sig Tp	Pass

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NOTICES

MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

1. Dapsone was prescribed for 1 ATF on 30 Aug 70 - 15 weeks ago.
2. Only one soldier of 1 ATF has contracted malaria since. It is believed that this soldier suffered from gastro-enteritis, missed some meals and consequently failed to take paludrin or dapsone for two days.
3. If you are unwell you must continue with your suppressive tablets.
4. The Commander wishes to express his pleasure at the excellent standard of individual and group discipline being maintained in anti-malarial precautions.
5. November-December is the worst period for malaria and 1970 has seen the lowest malaria rate since 1 ATF has been at Nui Dat.
6. The above notice is to be reproduced in unit routine orders.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

1. Reference 1 ATF Routine Order serial 46 dated 10 Dec 70. Amend timings to read 1900 hours.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

19 Dec 70


Serial - 49

Number - 135

General Staff

135. RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION - 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Attached as Annex A to this order is a nominal roll of candidates showing the results of an examination in Subject 'C' for Sergeant.
2. The examination was conducted on 11 Dec 70.


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PROMOTION COURSE - RESULTS
SUBJECT 'C' SERGEANT
11 DEC 70

<u>2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn</u>		<u>PASS</u>	<u>FAIL</u>
18396	Sgt K.K. ANDERSON	P	
5410962	Cpl J.J. BRANDER		N
217132	Cpl J. CASSIDY	P	
36753	Cpl A.H. CLARK	P	
38314	Cpl W.J. DAVISON	P	
342973	Cpl J.A. FITZSIMMONS	P	
1200877	Cpl A.R. HARRISON	P	
1200993	Cpl P.J. HEALY	P	
212217	Cpl A.A. HERBERT		N
243422	Cfn F.D. JONES	P	
1200892	Cpl R.W. KENNY	P	
1200818	Cpl V.F. LIEBICH	P	
54937	Cpl D.C. MANSFIELD	P	
39943	Cpl G. MAILKOWSKI	P	
5411593	Cpl P.G. PIERCE	P	
15943	Cpl V.L. ROBERTS		N
17613	Cpl B.R. SEELEY	P	
216155	Cpl C.J. StCLAIR		N
2782524	Cpl P.D. SPICER		N
216214	Cpl G.J. TAYLOR	P	
216971	Sgt M. WILSON	P	
17955	Cpl J.W. YULE	P	
 <u>1 SAS Sqn</u>			
19963	Cpl J.L. GRIFFITHS	P	
3411814	Cpl D.H. JENSON	P	
 <u>161 (Indep) Recce Flt</u>			
1201942	Cpl G.E. DAVIDSON	P	
 <u>1 ARU</u>			
44123	Cpl J.G. CHAMBERLAIN		N

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

21 DEC 70

Serial 50

Number 136

General Staff

136. RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION - 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Attached as Annex A to this order is a nominal roll of candidates showing the results of an examination in Subject 'C' for Corporal.
2. The examination was conducted at 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on 18 Dec 70.

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
NO 136/70

NOMINAL ROLL - RESULTS EXAMINATION
SUBJECT 'C' FOR CORPORAL 18 DEC 70

<u>2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn</u>			<u>PASS</u>	<u>FAIL</u>
55921	PTE	T.J. CAMERON	P	
1200481	PTE	D. COOPER	P	
526031	PTE	M.K. DICTON	P	
6709435	LCPL	R.T. DIXSON	P	
4721101	PTE	M.B. DWYER	P	
448048	PTE	M.C. FISHLOCK	P	
3179825	LCPL	P.J. HEENEY	P	
1202156	LCPL	B.J. HENLEY	P	
1202038	PTE	G. KELERIS	P	
39996	PTE	P.W. LUNT	P	
37281	LCPL	D.J. MILLER	P	
1201839	CPL	J.W. MURDOCH		N
1202201	PTE	D. McGRATH	P	
53928	CPL	K.L. PRATT	P	
123100	CPL	K.G. PUGH	P	
219035	LCPL	D.J. RILEY	P	
1734178	LCPL	L. ROLPH	P	
1735562	LCPL	K.J. SCOVELL		N
55757	CPL	E.J. STANSFIELD	P	
 <u>1 SAS SQN</u>				
218850	LCPL	P. CLARK		N
 <u>161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT</u>				
8793	CPL	G.J. DEAN	P	
 <u>1 ARU</u>				
218598	CPL	D.J. KING	P	
55865	CPL	R.W. WALKER	P	

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

BRIGADIER W.G. HENDERSON, OBE

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

28 DEC 70

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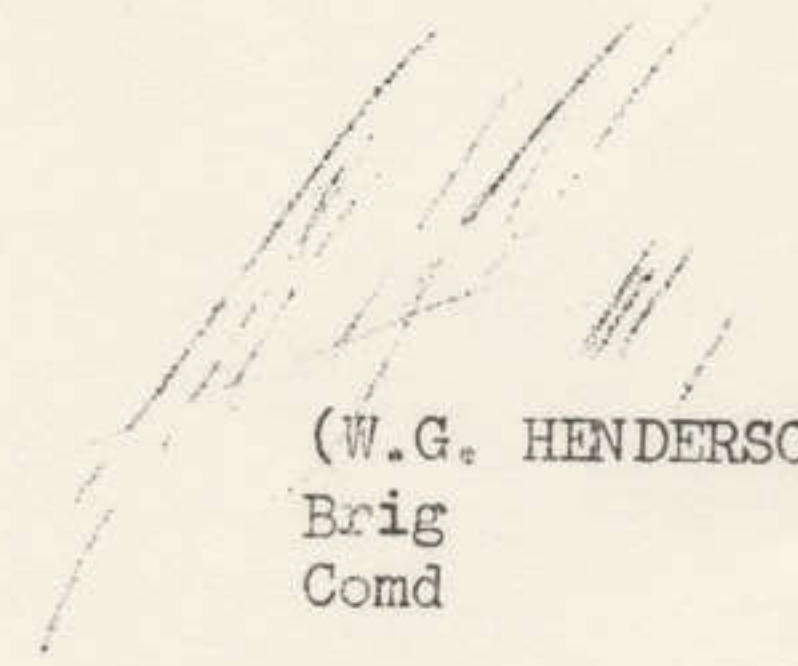
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GENERAL STAFF

137. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

1. Subtended below is the text of AHQ Signal No OPS59727 of 240200Z Dec 70:

"For Comd and all ranks from DMO and P Staff. Greetings for this festive season. Our thoughts are with you at this time and we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and every prosperity in the coming year. We look forward to your safe return to families and home for next Christmas.


(W.G. HENDERSON)
Brig
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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A MATTERS

138. OUT OF BOUNDS PREMISES - BARIA - REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION

1. 'Kims Laundry' and the adjacent 'Nguyet Shop', are in bounds to Australian Troops with effect from 29 Dec 70.
2. The two premises comprise the first shop building on the LEFT when entering Baria from Nui Dat. The address is 512/2 Ny Vinh Trinh and the grid reference YS384614.
3. This order may be reproduced in unit and sub-unit orders.


(W.G. HENDERSON)
Brig
Comd

NOTICES

GUN CLUB

The Nui Dat Gun Club meets every Sunday at 1400 Hrs between 1 Fd Sqn and the lake. All interested members are invited to attend.

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MESSAGE FORM

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			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

VISIT BY BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY FOR STATE MR KERSHAW AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO SVN MR MORETON (1) REF IATF G1568 OF 29 NOV (1) CANCEL REF (1) NEW PROGRAMME AS FOLLOWS CLN

02 1430H ARRIVE LVSC MET BY D/COMD (1) HQ COY TO PROVIDE 2 VEHs

1430 - 1500 DISCUSSION WITH COMD IATF

1500 - 1510 MOVE TO 7RAR HORSESHOE (1) VEHs TO KANGA (1) ALBATROSS TO HORSESHOE (1)

1510 - 1530 TOUR 7RAR AREA AND BRIEF (1) VEHs TO MOVE TO HORSESHOE (1)

1530 - 1620 ROAD TOUR OF CA PROJECTS (1) ALBATROSS TO BE AT BARIA PAD AT 1620

1620 - 1630 MOVE FROM BARIA TO LVSC

1630 DEPART LVSC EMBASSY A/C

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MESSAGE FORM

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PROPOSED VISIT AFV BY DEPUTY COMD 1 ATF AND CO 1 AUST CA UNIT (.)				
ALFA (.) PROPOSE COL DD WEIR AND LT COL KP OUTRIDGE VISIT SAIGON TO ATTEND MONTHLY PACIFICATION CONFERENCE MORNING OF 11 DEC TO (.)				
LT COL OUTRIDGE ADDITIONALLY WILL VISIT STAFF OFFERS AFV ON CA MATTERS AND PROJECT 399 (.)				
BRAVO (.) TPT (.) PARTY WILL ARRIVE BY VEN AFTERNOON 10 DEC TO (.) COL WEIR WILL DEPART BY AIR AFTERNOON 11 DEC TO (.)				
LT COL OUTRIDGE AND MVR WILL DEPART SAIGON MORNING 12 DEC TO (.)				
CHARLIE (.) REQUEST ACCN COL WEIR NIGHT 10-11 DEC AND LT COL OUTRIDGE NIGHTS				
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		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	
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10-11 DEC AND 11-12 DEC TO AT CONTINENTAL
HOTEL (.) ALLN FOR DVR CMM LCP L LUCAS
ALSO REQUESTED NIGHTS 10-11 DEC AND
11-12 DEC TO (.)
DELTA(.) PLEASE ADVISE

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RLY FORM 53

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FAREWELL VISIT TO THE AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR MR R.L. HARRY - 8 DEC 70

3 Dec 70

Introduction

1. Mr R.L. Harry, Australian Ambassador will pay a farewell visit to 1 ATF on 8 Dec 70.

Itinerary

2.
 - a. 1115 hours. Arrives Kanga Pad - met by Comd 1 ATF.
 - b. 1120-1215 hours. Briefing on operational and civil affairs.
 - c. 1215-1350 hours. Luncheon 1 ATF Officers Mess.
 - d. 1350 hours. Depot Officers Mess.
 - e. 1400 hours. Arrives Luscombe Field and is received by Joint Service Guard of Honour.
 - f. 1415 hours. Departs Luscombe for Freeworld by Albatross.

Luncheon

3. Officers from AFV of all three Services, including unit commanders and senior staff officers will be invited to the luncheon by the PMC 1 ATF Officers' Mess.

Joint Service Guard of Honour.

each

4. Composition. One officer and 14 other ranks from the RAN, Army and RAAF will comprise the guard of honour under and Army guard commander. The Army component is to be provided by 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn. The guard commander is to be Maj T.A.N. Roberts 2 RAR.

5. Form of Parade. Attached as Annex A. A diagram of the venue is attached as Annex B.

6. Rehearsals. The RAAF and RAN contingents will arrive and settle in at 2 RAR on the morning of 7 Dec 70. Rehearsals will be conducted by the guard commander with the assistance of the TFSM (RSM 4 Fd Regt) p.m. 7 Dec and a.m. 8 Dec.

7. Dress. Dress for the Army contingent will be:
 - a. Green shirt and trousers.
 - b. Black belt.
 - c. SLR with side arms. (Officers with pistols).
 - d. Ribbon bars.
 - e. Lanyards.
 - f. Slouch hats.
 - g. Boots GP.

8. Weapons. 2 RAR is to issue SLRs to the RAN contingent.

Transport

9. HQ Coy is to provide four Landrovers(LR) with appropriate flag/star plates for:
 - a. Ambassador, Mrs Harry and the Australian Military Attache.
 - b. Comd 1 ATF, his LO, Comd 1 ALSG, and Comd RAAF Vung Tau.
 - c. COMAFV, his aide and Gp Capt Bourke RAAF.
 - d. D Comd and other senior officers.
10. LRs are to have the rear seats covered with sheets.

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11. LRs will be required on 8 Dec as follows:
- a. 1100 hours. HQ 1 ATF to transport Comd and D Comd to Kanga to meet official party.
 - b. 1345 hours. 1 ATF Officers' Mess facing West. Order of departure is to be Comd 1 ATF, COMAFV then D Comd's vehicles, followed one minute later by Ambassador (accompanied by DAAG).
 - c. LRs will be directed by provost to a parking area at Luscombe.

Summary of Units Required to take Action

- 12.
- a. HQ Coy. Luncheon, transport.
 - b. 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn. Accommodation RAN and RAAF contingents. Provision of guard commander and Army contingent. Training of guard. Provision of weapons to RAN contingent.
 - c. Det AFV Pro Unit. Traffic control 1 ATF Officers' Mess to Luscombe. Prevent traffic entering parade area at Luscombe until march-off of guard.
 - d. GSO2 (Air) HQ 1 ATF. Ensure helicopter at Luscombe does not start up until Ambassador has completed inspection of guard.

Briefs for VIPs

13. Separate briefs will be issued by the DAAG.



(M.A. COUNT)
Maj
DAAG

- Annexes: A. Form of Parade
B. Diagram of Venue

Distribution:

- List A less Serial 27, 28, 30.
List C

FORM OF PARADE

Sequence

1. The guard is to be formed up in the assembly area by RSM at 1345 hrs, the RSM then hands the guard over to guard comd who posts the officers.

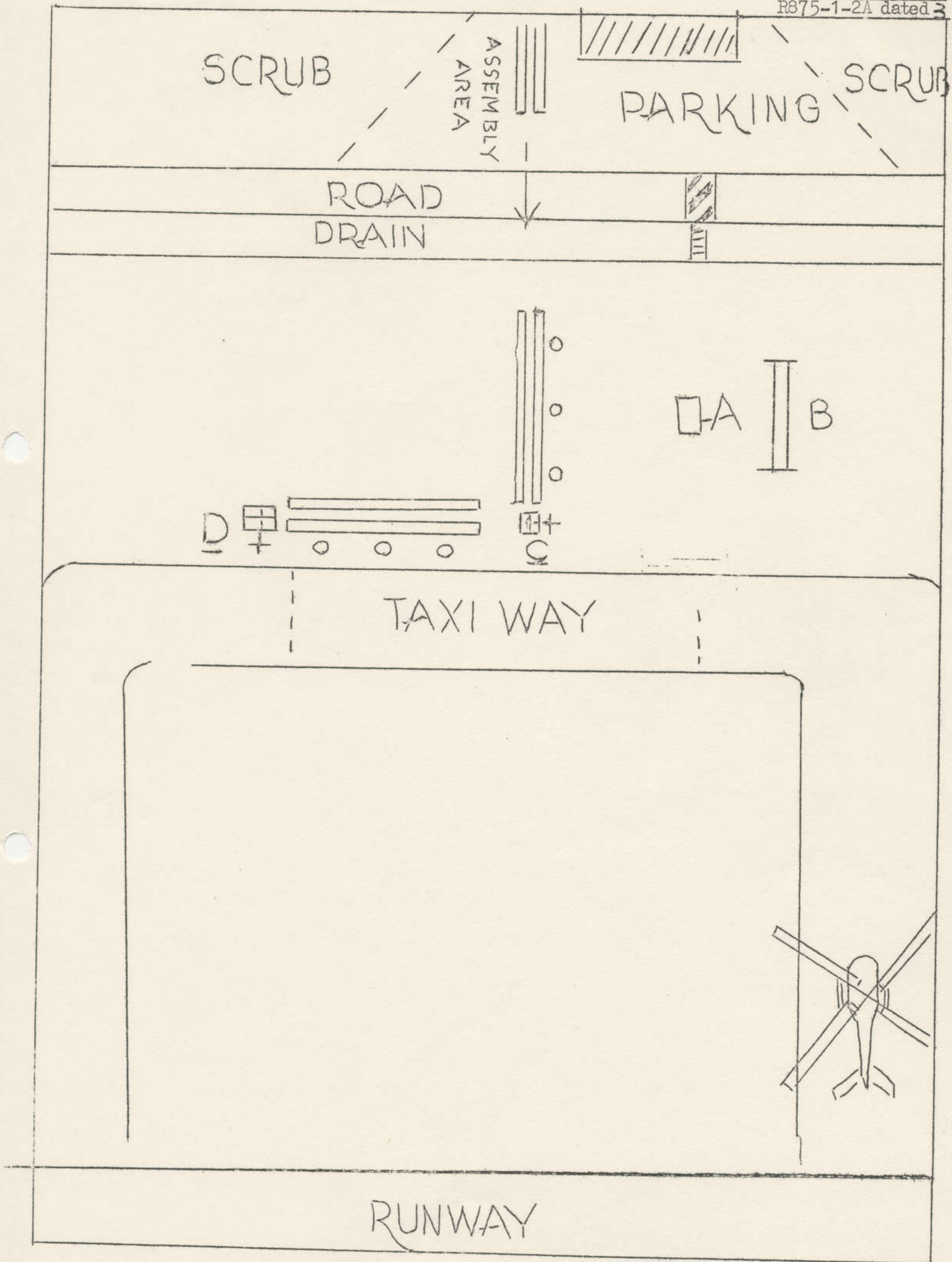
2. Subsequent sequence is as follows:

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	<u>GUARD SHOULDER-ARMS</u>	Guard Comd	
2.	Guard move to the right in file. <u>RIGHT-TURN</u>	Guard Comd	
3.	By the left <u>QUICK-MARCH</u>	Guard Comd	
4.	<u>GUARD-HALT</u> , will advance <u>LEFT-TURN</u>	Guard Comd	
5.	<u>ORDER-ARMS, OPEN ORDER-MARCH, RIGHT-DRESS</u>	Guard Comd	Guard dressed by RSM on line "C" at the open order.
6.	<u>STAND AT-EASE</u>	Guard Comd	
7.	<u>GUARD-ATTENTION</u> (Guard Comd salutes)	Guard Comd	COMAFV arrives and moves to dais, RAN, ARMY and RAAF Representatives move to point "B".
8.	<u>STAND AT-EASE</u>	Guard Comd	
9.	<u>GUARD-ATTENTION</u> <u>GUARD SHOULDER-ARMS</u> <u>GUARD GENERAL SALUTE</u> <u>PRESENT-ARMS</u>	Guard Comd Guard Comd Guard Comd	Ambassador arrives, moves to point "A", steps on dais and takes salute.
10.	<u>GUARD SHOULDER-ARMS</u> <u>GUARD ORDER-ARMS</u>	Guard Comd Guard Comd	
11.		Guard Comd moves forward and reports Guard ready for Inspection	Guard Comd accompanies Ambassador on inspection, inspection party includes COMAFV and Ambassador's Military Attache
12.		Inspection party moves along front rank left to right, and rear rank right to left.	
13.		On completion of the inspection the party moves to a position approximately 6 paces to the right front of guard, the Guard Comd <u>HALTS, SALUTES</u> and withdraws from the inspection party and returns to his position in front of the guard.	
14.	<u>GUARD STAND AT-EASE</u>		Ambassador, COMAFV and Military Attache move to point "B" to farewell representatives of RAN, ARMY and RAAF.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
15.			Ambassador and COMAFV move to Helicopter.
16.	<u>GUARD-ATTENTION, SHOULDER-ARMS, move to the right in file RIGHT-TURN, QUICK-MARCH, RIGHT-WHEEL, HALT, will advance LEFT-TURN, DRESSING BY THE-RIGHT</u>	Guard Comd	Guard moves from line "C" to line "D". Dress half arm intervals, at the open order.
17.	General salute <u>PRESENT-ARMS</u>	Guard Comd	Given as helicopter lifts off, hold present until helicopter moves away.
18.	<u>SHOULDER-ARMS, ORDER-ARMS, STAND AT-EASE</u>	Guard Comd	
19.	<u>GUARD-ATTENTION</u>	Guard Comd	Comd 1 ATF moves to his vehicle and leaves.
20.	<u>GUARD SHOULDER-ARMS</u> <u>CLOSE ORDER-MARCH</u> Move to the right in file <u>RIGHT-TURN, QUICK-MARCH</u>	Guard Comd Guard Comd Guard Comd	
21.	<u>GUARD-HALT, WILL ADVANCE</u> <u>RIGHT-TURN, ORDER-ARMS.</u> <u>FALL OUT THE OFFICERS</u>	Guard Comd Guard Comd Guard Comd	Hands guard over to RSM.
22.	<u>GUARD-DISMISS</u>	RSM	Guard moves to vehicles.

DIAGRAM OF VENUE

ANNEX B TO 1 ATF
R875-1-2A dated 3 Dec 70



MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE ROUTINE

030900 Z DEC 70

R875/1/6

FROM: 1ATF

UNCLAS

TO : B SQN 3 CAV REGT 106 FD WKSP

G1595

2 RAR 17 CONST SQN GSO3 (OPS) 1 ALSG 11 MC GP
HQ COY 1 ATF

INFO: CENARMYREC MELBOURNE AUSTFORCE VIETNAM 7 RAR

D COMD DAAG PRO GSO3 (SD & TRG)

CMF VISITS (.) OFFRS GP 25/70 CMM 10 - 24 DEC 70 (.)

ONE (.) ALLOCATION (.)

ALFA (.) B SQN 3 CAV REGT CMM CAPT G KOTLARKSI 3/9 SAMR C COMD (.)

BRAVO (.) 106 FD WKSP CMM CAPT CN HERRING RAEME 10 COY RAASC WKSP
W COMD (.)

CHARLIE (.) 2 RAR CMM MAJ TM STERLING RA INF MUR S COMD (.)

DELTA (.) 2 RAR CMM CAPT NS GIST RA INF 1 INDEP RIFLE COY S COMD (.)

ECHO (.) 17 CONST SQN CMM MAJ WF HARDY RAE HQ 6 CONST GP S COMD (.)

TWO (.) HOST UNITS TO PROVIDE $\frac{3}{4}$ TON VEHS TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE AT 101700Z DEC 70
TO TPT VISITORS AND BAGGAGE TO UNITS (.) 11 MC GP TO ADVISE GSO3 (SD & TRG)
1 ATF OF ANY CHANGE OF TIMINGS (.)

THREE (.) GSO3 (OPS) WILL BRIEF MEMBERS AT 110815H DEC 70 IN 1 ATF CONFERENCE ROOM (.)
HOST UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE VISITORS PRESENT 110810H DEC 70 FOR
BRIEFING AND SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS (11-12) NOV 1 ATF PROGRAMME (.) DETAILS
TO FOLLOW (.)

FOUR (.) VISITORS ARE TO VISIT 1 ALSG CMM TRAVELLING TO VUNG TAU ON WAL 2 22 DEC 70
AND RETURNING SAIGON ON WAL 1 24 DEC 70 (.) HOSTING UNITS ARE TO ENSURE
VISITORS ATTEND THIS PART OF VISIT (.)

FIVE (.) 2 RAR TO PROVIDE ESCORT OFFR FOR 11-12 DEC 70 (.) OFFR TO REPORT TO
GSO3 (SD & TRG) AT 110815H DEC 70 (.)

SIX (.) ALL VISITORS TO BE CLEARED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO 1 ALSG (.) WITHDRAWALS
FROM VISITORS OF ITEMS ON TEMPORARY ISSUE OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED AT 1
ATF IS PROHIBITED CMM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A MEMBER REQUESTS SUCH A
WITHDRAWAL (.)

SEVEN (.) FOR MOVEMENT (.) AC BOOKINGS FOR MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS ARE CLN
ALFA (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA FOUR ABOVE (.)
BRAVO (.) RTA FLIGHT TO TAN SON NHUT 240700Z DEC 70

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SEAGER GSO3 (SD & TRG).

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ONE @ VISIT BY COL W.D. JAMESON CMM MA
BANGKOK @ TO TAKE WD ADPT. AS DMI @

TWO @ VISIT AS FOLLOWS @

070745 MET BY D.COMD AT LUSCOMBE, CMM VEH @

070800 - 070900 BREAKFAST CMM OFFRS MESS @

070900 - 071000 BRIEF BY COMD. IATF @


071000 - 071230 COMD'S FLIGHT @

071330 - 071630 INT. BRIEF AS ARRANGED @

THREE @ 080930 - 081030 PSYOPS @

081030 - 081445 TO BE ARRANGED @

081445 VEH. TO WAL 3 @

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7 Dec 70

1 ATF PROGRAMME
CMF VISIT GROUP 25/70

Thu 10 Dec 70 Arrive at LUSCOMBE - Unit reps to meet - move to host units.

Fri 11 Dec 70
0815 1 ATF Briefing
0915 1 ATF CP
1000 Morning tea - 1 ATF Offrs Mess
1015 Tour 1 ATF - HQ Coy veh
1100 Visit ARU
1200 Depart 1 ARU for 1230 lunch 1 ATF Offr Mess - HQ Coy veh
1330 Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1415 Province Familiarisation tour by air (RAAF) (AC to pick up at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt)
1610 Land KANGA visit 1 Fd Sqn (mines room) - HQ Coy veh (arrive 1 Fd Sqn 1615)
1700 Return to host units - RV 1 Fd Sqn

Sat 12 Dec 70
0745 RV at 1 ATF flags - HQ Coy veh req full day
0800 Visit A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
0900 Visit 1 SAS Sqn
1015 Visit TFMA
1115 Visit B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
1230 Lunch 1 ATF Offr Mess
1330 Visit CA/Psy Ops units
1430 Visit 104 Sig Sqn
1530 Visit 4 Fd Regt
1645 Visit 8 Fd Amb
1730 Return to host units - RV 8 Fd Amb

Sun 13 Dec 70 Individual host unit itineraries
Tue 22 Dec 70

- Note 1. Familiarization Flt (AC not to land) (1½ hrs allowed for Flt) - To incl all FSBs, Refugee Camps, Main Villages, occupied NDPs GARTH, BRIDGID etc. Offrs to carry weapons and may bring cameras.
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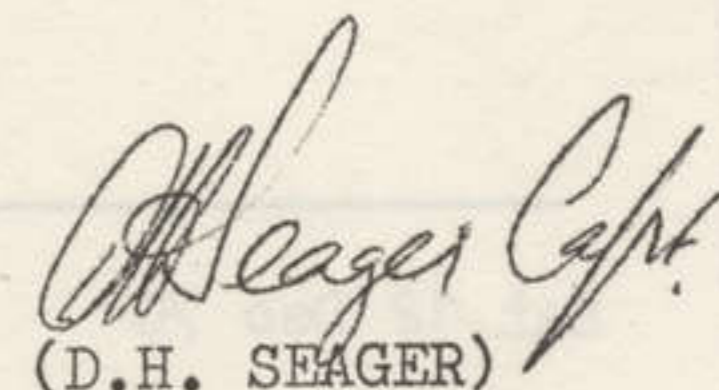
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CMF VISITS
GROUP 25/70 10-24 DEC 70

Reference: A. 1 ATF UNCLAS G1595 dated 030900. Z Dec 70.

1. Attached is 1 ATF two day programme for group 25/70 arriving Thursday 10 Dec 70 at approximately 1700 hours and remaining with 1 ATF units until Tuesday 22 Dec 70.
2. The group consists of two Maj, three Capt
3. Escort Officer as nominated by 2 RAR to report to GSO3 (SD & Trg) by 0815 hrs 11 Dec for briefing.
4. Host Units are;
 - a. B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - b. 17 Const Sqn.
 - c. 2 RAR.
 - d. 106 Fd Wksp.



(D.H. SEAGER)
Capt
GSO3 (SD & Trg)

Distribution:

List A (less serials 4,24-30)
PMC 1 ATF Offrs Mess
HQ Coy (Supervisor Tpt)
CMF Visitors (1 each)

ANNEXES: A 1 ATF Programme

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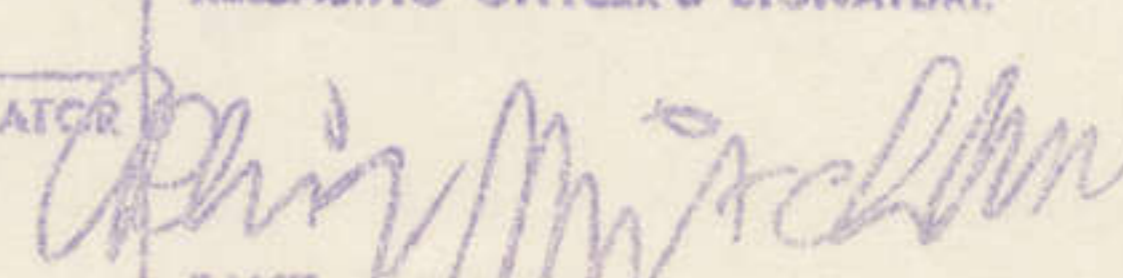
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			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 1657

ONE (1) VISIT BY MR. WRIGHT CMM PRESIDENT CITIZENS FOR FREEDOM AND MR. MULLINS CMM PRESIDENT NATIONAL CIVIC COUNCIL OF QLD. (2) TO VISIT IATF ON 17 DEC 70. (1) (2) (3) ESCORT OFFR. TO RE CAPT. D. SEABER (1) (2) (3) (4) ARRIVE 17145H BY VEH. FROM VUNG TAN (1) 1445-1510 BRIEF BY D/COMD. IATF (1) 1510-1530 TOUR OF IATF AREA WHILST ON WAY TO LUSCOMBE (1) 1530 DEPART LUSCOMBE ON RV 3. (1)

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FROM LO.	TO: L1ST B. OFFRS' MESS.		PREFIX OR
INFO: LO BARRIA.			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS.
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 1704

ONE (1) VISIT TO IATE ON 26 DEC 70. OF THE MINISTER FOR NAUTICAL
THE HON. D. J. HILLEN MP (1)

TWO (1) ARRIVE 0815 AT KANGA CMM MET BY COMD. IATE (1)
 0830 - 0915 BRIEF BY COMD IATE (1)
 0915 - 0930 MORNING TEA WITH COMD. (1)
 0930 - 0950 WALK TO CP. (1) 62 OPS. (1)
 1000 - 1200 COMD'S FLIGHT (1)
 1200 - 1330 LUNCH CMM OFFRS' MESS (1)
 1400 DEPART KANGA FOR ST 4 RDA (1)

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1 ATF
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21 Dec 70

R875/1/6

CMF VISITS
GROUP 26/70 10-24 DEC 70

Reference : A. 1 ATF UNCLAS G1709 dated 210120Z/Dec 70.

1. Attached is 1 ATF two day programme for group 26/70 arriving Thursday 24 Dec 70 at approximately 1700 hours and remaining with 1 ATF units until Tuesday 5 Jan 71.
2. The group consists of one major, three captains and two lieutenants.
3. Escort officer as nominated 7 RAR to report to GSO3 (SD & Trg) by 0815 hours 25 Dec 70 for briefing.
4. Host units are:
 - a. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - b. 4 Fd Regt
 - c. 7 RAR
 - d. TFMA

D. H. Seager Capt.
(D.H. SEAGER)
Capt
GSO3 (SD & Trg)

Distribution

List A (less serials 4, 24-30)
PMC 1 ATF Officers Mess
HQ Coy (Supervisor Tpt)
CMF Visitors (1 per member)

Annex A: 1 ATF Programme

1 ATF PROGRAMME
CMF VISIT GROUP 26/70

Thu 24 Dec 70 Arrive at LUSCOMBE - Unit reps to meet - move to host units.

Fri 25 Dec 70

0815 1 ATF Briefing
0915 1 ATF CP
1000 Morning tea - 1 ATF Officers Mess
1015 Tour 1 ATF - HQ Coy Vehicle
1100 Visit ARU
1200 Lunch with Host units. Tpt to be provided by Host units.
1330 Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. Unit tpt to LUSCOMBE.
1415 Province familiarisation tour by air (RAAF) (AC to pick up at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt)
1610 Land KANGA visit 1 Fd Sqn (mines room) - HQ Coy vehicle (arrive 1 Fd Sqn 1615)
1700 Return to host units - RV 1 Fd Sqn

Sat 26 Dec 70

0745 RV at 1 ATF flags - HQ Coy vehicle required full day
0800 Visit A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
0900 Visit 1 SAS Sqn
1015 Visit TFMA
1115 Visit B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
1230 Lunch 1 ATF Officers Mess
1330 Visit CA/Psy Ops units
1430 Visit 104 Sig Sqn
1530 Visit 4 Fd Regt
1645 Visit 8 Fd Amb
1730 Return to Host Units. RV 8 Fd Amb

Sun 27 Dec 70 Individual host unit itineraries
Tue 5 Jan 71

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2. Timings - It is essential that above timings are observed to ensure a comprehensive briefing at each unit.

MESSAGE FORM

N. 20

ROUTINE ROUTINE 210120 Z DEC 70

FROM: 1 ATF

UNCLAS

TO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT 7 RAR TFMA GSO3 OPS 1 ALSG 11 MC GP
HQ COY 1 ATF

G 1709

INFO: CENARMYREC MELBOURNE AUSTFORCE VIETNAM 2 RAR D COMD DAAG PRO
GSO 3 (SD & TRG)

CMF VISITS (.) OFFRS GP 26/70 CMM 24 DEC 70 - 07 JAN 71 (.)

ONE (.) ALLOCATION (.)

ALPHA (.) C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CMM LT GF COLE RAAC 8/13VMRS COMD (.)

BRAVO (.) 7 RAR CMM MAJ SW KAY RA INF 42 RQR N COMD (.)

CHARLIE (.) 7 RAR CMM CAPT HE ROBERTS RA INF E COMD TRG GP E COMD (.)

DELTA (.) 7 RAR CMM LT XL HORNE RA INF HQ 9 TF C COMD (.)

ECHO (.) 4 Fd Regt cmm Capt R.W. DUNN RAA CSTU N COMD (.)

FOXTROT (.) TFMA CMM CAPT KG CORBETT RAASC 3 COY RAASC E COMD (.)

TWO (.) HOST UNITS TO PROVIDE ¾ TON VEHS TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE AT 241700H DEC 70 TO
TPT VISITORS AND BAGGAGE TO UNITS (.) 11 MC GP TO ADVISE GSO3 (SD & TRG) 1 ATF
OF ANY CHANGE OF TIMINGS (.)THREE (.) GSO3 (OPS) WILL BRIEF MEMBERS AT 250815H DEC 70 IN 1 ATF CONFERENCE ROOM (.)
HOST UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE VISITORS PRESENT AT 250810H DEC 70 FOR
BRIEFING AND SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS (25-26) DEC 1 ATF PROGRAMME (.) DETAILS TO
FOLLOW (.)FOUR (.) VISITORS ARE TO VISIT 1 ALSG CMM TRAVELLING TO VUNG TAU ON WAL TWO 05 JAN 71
AND RETURNING SAIGON ON WAL ONE 07 JAN 71 (.) HOSTING UNITS ARE TO ENSURE
VISITORS ATTEND THIS PART OF VISIT (.)FIVE (.) 7 RAR TO PROVIDE ESCORT OFFR FOR 25-26 DEC 70 (.) OFFR TO REPORT GSO3 (SD & TRG)
AT 250815H DEC 70 (.)SIX (.) ALL VISITORS TO BE CLEARED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO 1 ALSG (.) WITHDRAWALS FROM
VISITORS OF ITEMS ON TEMPORARY ISSUE OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED AT 1 ATF IS
PROHIBITED CMM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A MEMBER REQUESTS SUCH A WITHDRAWAL (.)

SEVEN (.) FOR MOVEMENTS (.) AC BOOKINGS FOR MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS CLN

ALPHA (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA FOUR ABOVE (.)

BRAVO (.) RTA FLIGHTS TO TAN SON NHUT 070700H JAN 71 (.)

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ROUTINE ROUTINE 23/200 Z (DEC 70) TABULATE

FROM : 1 ATF UNCLAS

TO : ~~Ø SQN Ø CAV REGT~~ ~~Ø RAR~~ ~~TFMA~~ ~~GSO3 (OPS)~~ G1720
1 ALSG 11 MC GP HQ COY 1 ATF

INFO : CENARMYREC MELBOURNE AUSTFORCE VIETNAM ~~Ø RAR~~
~~Ø COYD~~ ~~Ø AAG~~ ~~Ø RØ~~ ~~GSO3 (SD AND TRG)~~

CMF VISITS (.) OFFRS GP 1/71 CMM 7 JAN 71 - 21 JAN 71 (.)

ONE (.) ALLOCATION (.)

ALFA (.) A SQN 3 CAV REGT CMM MAJ JD DEVKIN RAAC 10LH W COMD (.)

BRAVO (.) 2 RAR CMM CAPT K O'DEMPSEY RA INF 49 RQR N COMD (.)

CHARLIE (.) 2 RAR CMM CAPT GF PALTRIDGE RA INF 27 RSAR C COMD (.)

DELTA (.) 2 RAR CMM LT DG SUTHERS RA INF 1 RNSWR E COMD (.)

ECHO (.) TFMA CMM MAJ NM TUCKER RAASC 7 COY RAASC S COMD (.)

TWO (.) HOST UNITS TO PROVIDE ¾ TON VEHS TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE AT
071700H JAN 71 TO TPT VISITORS AND BAGGAGE TO UNITS (.) 11 MC GP
TO ADVISE GSO3 (SD AND TRG) 1 ATF OF ANY CHANGE OF TIMINGS (.)

THREE (.) GSO3 (OPS) WILL BRIEF MEMBERS AT 080815H JAN 71 IN 1 ATF CONFERENCE
ROOM (.) HOST UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE VISITORS PRESENT AT
080810H JAN 71 FOR BRIEFING AND SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS (8 - 9 JAN)
1 ATF PROGRAMME (.) DETAILS TO FOLLOW (.)

FOUR (.) VISITORS ARE TO VISIT 1 ALSG CMM TRAVELLING TO VUNG TAU ON WAL TWO
19 JAN 71 AND RETURNING SAIGON ON WAL ONE 21 JAN 71 (.) HOSTING
UNITS ARE TO ENSURE VISITORS ATTEND THIS PART OF VISIT (.)

FIVE (.) C SQN 3 CAV REGT TO PROVIDE ESCORT OFFR FOR 8 - 9 JAN 70 (.) OFFR
TO REPORT GSO3 (SD AND TRG) AT 080815H JAN 71 (.)

SIX (.) ALL VISITORS TO BE CLEARED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO 1 ALSG (.)
WITHDRAWALS FROM VISITORS OF ITEMS ON TEMPORARY ISSUE OTHER THAN
THOSE ISSUED AT 1 ATF IS PROHIBITED CMM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A
MEMBER REQUESTS SUCH A WITHDRAWAL (.)

SEVEN (.) FOR MOVEMENTS (.) AC BOOKINGS FOR MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS CLN
ALFA (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA FOUR ABOVE (.)
BRAVO (.) RTA FLIGHTS TO TAN SON NHUT 210700H JAN 71

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FROM: <i>1 ATF</i>		PREFIX <i>CR</i>	
TO: <i>LIST A LESS SERIALS 4, 24 TO 29</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>UNCLAS</i>	
<i>C SQN 1 ARMED REGT LAD</i>		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>Q 1867</i>	
<i>B SQN 3 CAV REGT LAD</i>			
INFO: <i>AUST FORCE VIETNAM</i>			

ADOS VISITS @ WHERE POSSIBLE CMM LT COL SHEEHAN WILL VISIT THE TASK FORCE EVERY TWO WEEKS @ UNITS WISHING TO SEE THE ADOS SHOULD DIRECT THEIR REQUESTS TO OO 1 ATF //

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PRIORITY		2110210 Z	(DEC TO)
FROM: IATF			PREAS
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INFO: PLUS GARTH, LORRAINE, HORSESHOE			
LIST C (LESS SERIALS 10, 18-19)			RESTRICTED
			OPERATOR'S NUMBER
			OPS 1725

VISIT OF THE RT HON MR KILLEN MP COMM MINISTER FOR THE NAVY (.)
 FOR ITINERARY IS TO BE OBSERVED FOR THIS VISIT (.)

251200 (.) ARRIVE KANGA CAMP MET BY COMD AND D COMD (.)

251205 (.) VISIT MR OR MESS WITH COMD DURING SOLDIERS' MESS
 DINNER (.)

251230-251300 (.) BUFFET LUNCH IATF OFFERS' MESS WITH COMD (.)

251330-251400 (.) IATF BRIEF BY COMD (.)

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251410-251630 (.) Province Tour as shown below C/N WITH D COMD (.)

ALFA (.) 1410-1425 (.) EN ROUTE GARTH (.)

BRAVO (.) 1425-1450 (.) GARTH (.)

CHARLIE (.) 1450-1500 (.) EN ROUTE LORRAINE (.)

DELTA (.) 1500-1525 (.) LORRAINE (.)

ECHO (.) 1525-1545 (.) EN ROUTE HORSESHOE (.)

FOXTROT (.) 1545-1630 (.) HORSESHOE (.)

GOLF (.) 1630 (.) DEPART FOR FRIE WORLD FROM HORSESHOE
BY HELI (.) PAREN TASKED BY HQ
AFV PAREN (.)

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FOR COMD LO (.) PLEASE ARRANGE FOR TPT (.)

ALFA (.) VEH FOR RECEPTION 251200
AT KANGA (.)

BRAVO (.) RAAF HELI FOR GARTH CMM LORRAINE
CMM HORSESHOE (.)

SIoux TO COLLECT D COMD 251630
AND RETURN HIM TO NUI DAT (.)

NOTE CLN HELI SP FROM SAIGON TO NUI DAT AND HORSESHOE
TO SAIGON WILL BE TASKED BY AFV (.)

OUR G1704 OF 201330H (DC) IS CANCELLED

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PRIORITY	PRIORITY INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP 24 0730Z Dec 70	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM: IATF			PREF: OR
TO LIST A (LESS SERIALS 4, 24-30)			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
-INFO: PMC IATF OFFERS MESS HQ COY (SUPERVISOR TPT) CMF VISITORS (6)			UNCLAS
			ORGANIZATION NUMBER
			G 1729

IATF PROGRAMME CMF GROUP 26/70 (C) REF IATF R875/1/6
 OF 21 DEC 70 (1)
 ONE (1) AMEND ANNEX A TO REF BY SUBSTITUTING
 1330 - 1700 PROGRAMME 25 DEC WITH 1330 - 1730 PROGRAMME
 26 DEC AND VICE VERSA
 TWO (1) UNIT TPT STILL REQUIRED FOR MOV TO CA/PS OPS
 UNITS 251330H (1) HQ COY TPT REQUIRED FOR MOV
 TO 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT BY 261330H (1)
 THREE (1) CHANGES CAUSED BY HEAVY AIRCRAFT USAGE
 25 DEC 70

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FROM LO IATT.			PREFIX GR
TO: AFV			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS.
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REF. YOUR D 22598 CMM PROPOSED VISIT OF
PRESIDENT THIEU (C)

ONE (1) PARTIES FOR SPTS (C)

COMD. IATT. CMM BRIG W. G. HENDERSON OBE (C)

D/COMD. IATT CMM COL. D. D. WEIR MRE (C)

CO 4TD. REGT. CMM LT. COL. B. P. FORWARD (C)

OC C SQN. IRRMA REGT CMM MAJ. P. W. BOURNE (C)

OC R SQN. RCAN REGT. CMM MAJ. H. J. COATES (C)

CO 2RAR/12 (ANZAC) CMM LT. COL. J. M. CHURCH (C)

CO 7RAR CMM LT. COL. R. A. GREY (C)

OC 1FD. SQN CMM MAJ. R. J. JOHNSON (C)

OC 17 CONSTR. SQN. CMM MAJ. H. E. PARK (C)

~~OC 1ST. P. A. UNIT CMM LT. COL. H. P. OUTHOUSE (C)~~

~~OC 1ST. P. A. UNIT~~

CO 1 MST. CA. UNIT CMM LT. COL. H. P. OUTHOUSE (C)

OC 1 PSY OPS UNIT CMM CAPT. A. J. WHITE (C)

OC JWTC CMM LT. COL. J. SULLIVAN (C)

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② JIC JWTC CMM MAT. P.W. BEALE (1)
 OC 161 (INDEP) RECCE TIGHT CMM MAS. PJ. CALVERT (1)
 GUARD COMMANDER (1) TO BE ADVISED (1)

TWO (1) BIOGRAPHY OF COMD. IAFE TO FOLLOW (1)
 BRIG. W. G. HENDERSON OBE (1)

WILLIAM GEORGE HENDERSON, WAS BORN ON 19 JUL
 1919 CMM AND WAS EDUCATED AT THE CHURCH
 OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL CMM NORIA SPONS (1)
 FOLLOWING HIS GRADUATION FROM THE ROYAL
 MILITARY COLLEGE CMM QUENTON CMM ON
 19 JUN 1941 CMM HE HELD THE FOLLOWING
 APPOINTMENTS (1)

1/3 AUSTRALIAN ANTI-TANK REGIMENT CMM
 2ND AUSTRALIAN ARMY TANK BATTALION CMM

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19TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION CMM
 INSTRUCTOR AT THE SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY (ANTI-TANK NO.)
 HQ 1ST AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF) CMM
 AUSTRALIAN STAFF COLLEGE CMM
 HEADQUARTERS WESTERN COMMAND CMM
 HQ 13TH INFANTRY BRIGADE CMM
 DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AT
 ARMY HEADQUARTERS CMM
 3RD BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT
 IN KOREA CMM
 AA AND QMG AT HQ 3RD DIV. CMM
 AA AND QMG AT HQ FARLEF (A)
 CI SCHOOL OF TACTICS AND ADMINISTRATION CMM
 COMMANDANT JUNGLE TRAINING SCHOOL CAMPBELL CMM

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SECONDED DETT. OF DEF UNITED KINGDOM (1960-1963)
 CMM HONORARY ADC TO LG GOV. GEN. IN 1969 CMM
 MP. ARMY REG. WASHINGTON CMM
 COMD. GTF IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA CMM
 COMD IAF IN RVN (C)
 BRIG. HENDERSON WAS PROMOTED CAPT. IN 1942
 CMM MAJOR IN 1951 CMM LT. COL. IN 1955
 CMM COL. IN 1964 CMM BRIG. IN 1967 (C)
 BRIG. HENDERSON IS MARRIED AND HAS
 THREE SONS (C) BRIG. HENDERSON'S RECREATIONS
 ARE CRICKET CMM TENNIS CMM
 SURFING (C)

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FROM: <i>LO.</i>	PREFIX		<i>GR</i>
TO: <i>LIST C</i>	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		
INFO: <i>CPRS' MESS, LO BARIA.</i>	UNCLAS.		
INFO:	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>G 1740</i>		

ONE (1) VISIT ON 1 JAN 70 BY MR. B. SULLY CMM
 GEN. SEC. NSW DIV. OF LIBERAL PARTY (1)
 TWO (2) 1 ANST. CA. UNIT TO SPONSOR VISIT (1)
 THREE (3) 0945 ARRIVE LUSOMBE MET BY MR. G. FITZGERALD (1)
 0945-1030 BRIEF AND VISIT TO CA PROJECTS (1)
 1030-1330 LUNCH WITH COMD. 1 ATF. (1)
 1330-1400 TOUR OF 1 ATF BY VEH. (1)
 1400-1500 AIR RECCE. OF PROVINCE WITH ESCORT
 CTR. 2 RAM 1 ANST CA UNIT (1)
 1500 LUSCOMBE FOR DEPARTURE ON WTL (1)
 FOUR (4) 1 ANST. CA UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR VEH. TRANSPORT
 AND ITINERARY FOR PROV. RECCE (1)

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FROM: LO IATF.		PREPR	
TO: LIST C, CAPS' MESS.		GR	
		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS.	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 1751	
INFO:			

VISIT BY AIR VICE MARSHAL W.E. TOWNSEND CBE TO IATF ON 13 JAN 70. (1)

ONE (1) 0915H. ARRIVE HANGA CMM MET BY COMD. (1)
 0920-1000 BRIEF BY COMD. IATF. (1)
 1000-1230 COMD'S FLIGHT OF PROVINCE (1)
 1230-1330 LUNCH IATF OFFER'S MESS WITH COMD. (1)
 1330-1430 INSPECTION OF AIR CELL CMM PA (1)
 1430 DEPART HANGA FOR RAAT CMM VT (1)

TWO (2) TO RE ACCOMPANIED BY AIR. CORE. C.H. SPURGEON DFC CMM FLT. LT. R.G. MILLS (1)

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FROM: LO IATF.			PERK CR
TO: LIST B, OFFERS' MESS.			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS.
			ORIGINATOR'S TELETYPE GO 1758

ONE (1) VISIT OF CSO LT. COL. R.E. CONLEY CMM CSO
 DESIGNATE LT. COL. G.J. MARSON CMM ON 8 JAN 71 TO
 IATF AREA (1)
 TWO (2) ESCORT OFFICER TO BE PROVIDED BY
 104 SIG. SQDN. (1)
 THREE (3) 1710 ARRIVE W4 CMM MET BY DC 104 SIG. SQDN. (1)
 FOUR (4) 9 JAN 71 (1)
 0915-0930 DISCUSSIONS WITH D/COMD IATF (1)
 0930-1000 DISCUSSIONS WITH COMD IATF. (1)
 1000-1230 COMD'S FLIGHT OF PROVINCE (1)
 1230-1330 LUNCH AT IATF OFFICERS' MESS. (1)
 1330-1430 161 (INDEP) RESCE FLIGHT (1)
 1430-1530 547 SIGS. (1)
 1530-1630 AS ARRANGED BY 104 SIG. SQDN. (1)
 FIVE (5) DEPART 10 JAN 71, CMM 0950 W/II (1)

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FROM: <i>LO IATF</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>UNCLAS.</i>
TO: <i>L1ST C.</i>			
INFO: <i>IALSG.</i>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>6 1759</i>
ISSU.			

ONE (1) VISIT BY 25 STUDENTS COMM TO CADRE COMM FROM
 RUN NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE TO IATF AREA
 ON 21 JAN 70. (1)

TWO (2) ESCORT OFFICERS TO BE PROVIDED BY
 GSO 2 (OPS) (1) TRANSPORT BY BUS PROVIDED
 BY HQ COY IALSG (1)

THREE (3) 0800 ARRIVE AT LUSCOMBE (1)
 0815 - 0900 BRIEF BY GSO 2 (OPS) (1)
 0900 - 0930 TOUR OF IATF AREA (1)
 0930 - 1000 INSPECTION OF CP COMM AIR CELL
 COMM ARTY TAC (1)

PARTY SPLITS INTO TWO GROUPS FOR THE
 LAST TWO SERIALS (1)

FOUR (4) 1010 DEPART LUSCOMBE (1)

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FROM: <i>LO IATF.</i>		TO: <i>LIST C</i>	
INFO: <i>OFFERS' MESS, LO BARIYA.</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>UNCLAS.</i>	
ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>G. 1761</i>		PRIORITY	

ONE (1) REF. 61740 (MM) PROPOSED VISIT OF MR. B. SULLY
 TO IATF ON 1 JAN 70 (1)
 TWO (2) NOW POSTPONED UNTIL 1 FEB 70 (1)
 THREE (3) REMAINDER OF ITINERARY TO STAND (1)

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FROM: LO IATF.			EXEMPT
TO: 1 AUST. CA. UNIT, LISTC, CHRS' MESS.			OR
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