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FROM 1 JAN 70 TO 31 JAN 70

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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2 Jan 69

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

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

1. Operation Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues security ops in DUC THANH AO. One tp remains on land clearing protection in LONG GREEN.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in DUC THANH AO and AO ROSSLYN, and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT D0 vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continued ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued security ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy returned to 1 ATF Base from recce op vic YS5369.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues security ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3835. Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support. Nil.

b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Jan 70

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with inf and cav sp. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing protection. One pl deploys on recce op vic YS5270.
- (6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS465848, 2 Tp(-) YS538602, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) YS599764, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty - 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL, 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY; C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS664822, B Coy(-) YS550862, C Coy(-) YS534914, D Coy(-) YS588876.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy(-) YS505808, B Coy(-) YS401999, C Coy YS515874, D Coy(-) YS427897.
- (7) Tango Force: YS536778.
- (8) Land Clearing Team: YS538602.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team: YS498606.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 011045H at YS522577, elements of A Coy 6 RAR located 10 bunkers possibly used 3 weeks ago by 3 people. In the area were found a damaged M16 barrel and action and a qty of plastic cooking utensils.
- (2) At 011142H at YS551862, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 4 or 5 enemy and after an exchange of fire during which an RPG was fired, a sweep revealed two blood trails, a pack containing clothing and a small no of AK47 rounds. Results: 2 VC WIA(BT).
- (3) At 011504H at YS511878, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted possibly 3 enemy when the sentry saw and fired at the VC who moved close to the platoon position. Result: 2 VC WIA(BT).
- (4) At 011525H at YS429898, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 VC who returned fire before retiring. There were no casualties but 2 packs were CIA.
- (5) At 011705H at YS419917, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 VC carrying weapons and moving East along a track towards the pl position. The enemy stopped some 60 M from the sentry probably sensing Free World troops in the area, and were immediately engaged with the result that 2 VC were WIA(BT) and 1 pack was subsequently found containing 2 US SF rations and two suits of new civilian clothes. Some 55 minutes later at YS416919, 5 Pl again made contact, with 2 VC, during the follow up to the previous contact. Result: 1 VC WIA(BT).

e. Results

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 7 VC WIA(BT)
 - (b) Materiel. Damaged M16 barrel and action, qty cooking utensils; 2 ration packs; small qty AK47 ammo; 2 sets civilian clothing.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.
- (4) Results: 1 VC KIA(BC).

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2. Combined Operations

- a. Psychological Operations: Nil.
- b. RF Operations: Nil.
- c. Engineering Operations
 - (1) Land Clearing - 65,000 sq meters cleared,
 - (2) Mine Clearing - 9 mines detonated Dat Do, area cleared 100mX40m. Heavyweight area, 500 mines detonated.
 - (3) Road Repair - Continuous between LONG DIEN and PHUOC LE.
 - (4) Bridge Repair - Continuous route 44.

3. Meteorological Detail

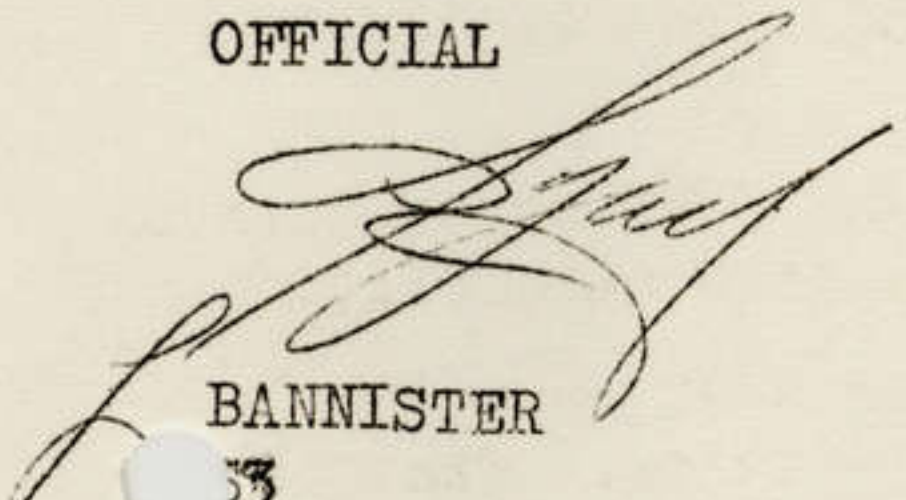
- a. Rainfall: Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. South at 03 knots.

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

3 Jan 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operations TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO. One tp remains on land clearing protection in LONG GREEN.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 51 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continued ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued security ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy deployed to vic YS5270 on recce ops.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues security ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Strikes.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0930/0955H	YS843777	100/80. 6 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged, 1 4x4 well exposed, 3 bunkers exposed, fresh tracks in the area.
1511/1555H	YS460545	100/Unk. 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged. All bombs within 100 metres

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with Inf and Cav sp. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy continues recce op vic YS5270.
- (6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp TANGO FORCE; 2 Tp YS538598; 3 Tp YS385865; 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp (-) YS601762; 3 Tp (-) FSPB PEGGY; Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT; 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT; 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY; C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT; A Coy (-) YS664822; B Coy YS537866; C Coy (-) YS543914; D Coy (-) YS606885; Aslt Pnr YS593768.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) NUI DAT; B Coy (-) YS548696; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy (-) YS505809; B Coy (-) YS402909; C Coy (-) YS503853; D Coy (-) YS429905.
- (7) Tango Force (-) YS432862.
- (8) Land Clearing Team (-) YS538603.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team (-) YS498606.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) During the morning of the 2nd Jan at YS412916 elements of 8 RAR located a small camp probably used as a hospital or a dispensary; as a qty of empty phials and drug containers were found in the area.
- (2) At 021005H at YS429904 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 6 VC who withdrew NW after an exchange of fire. A subsequent sweep in the general area located a qty of cooked and uncooked food, and $\frac{1}{2}$ gal of soya bean oil. Negative results.
- (3) At 021400H at YS525578 elements of the Land Clearing Team found an enemy camp consisting of some 25-30 pits. Further search of the the area revealed several small caches which contained 2 x Bangalore torpedoes; 5 assorted claymores-type mines, 28 x M79 grenades, an assortment of demolition equipment, 1200 x M16 rounds, approximately 250 lbs or rice, cooking utensils and a small quantity of other foodstuffs.
- (4) At 021545H at YS606885 elements of D Coy 5 RAR located a large cache containing amongst other items, the following: 1 x RPD, 2 x BAR, 44 x A/tk grenades, 21 x RPG 7 rounds plus 13 boosters, 11 RPG 2 boosters, 31 x 75mm RR rounds in cannisters, 315 .30 cal rounds, 2000 ft detonating cord, 2 field telephones, 1 US "walkie talkie" radio, 1 x AN/PRC 10 (not complete), and a qty of radio parts and tools. Other than the weapons and radio eqpt all items will be destroyed.
- (5) At 021624H at YS426896 a section from 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 VC which resulted in 1 VC WIA (BT).
- (6) At 021945H at YS438905 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR were in ambush when possibly 6 VC, the leader carrying a torch, walked into the killing zone. The ambush was sprung and a detailed search will be made at first light. No results at this stage.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 VC WIA (BT).

(b) Materiel. 1 RPD, 2 x BAR, 44 A/tk grenades, 21 RPG 7 rockets, 15 RPG 7 boosters and 11 RPG 2 boosters, 31 x 75mm rockets, 5 claymores, 2 bangalore torpedoes, 1200 x M16 rounds; 28 x M79 grenades, 350 assorted rounds, demolition equipment, 250 lbs rice and sundry other items.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 3.
Platoon - 2.
Squad - 5.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Nil Report.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations. Land Clearing Team: 50,000 sq yds cleared; 5 machines serviceable. Mine Clearing Team: 5 mines detonated, area cleared 100m x 40m. Road Repairs continue. Bridge repairs continue.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

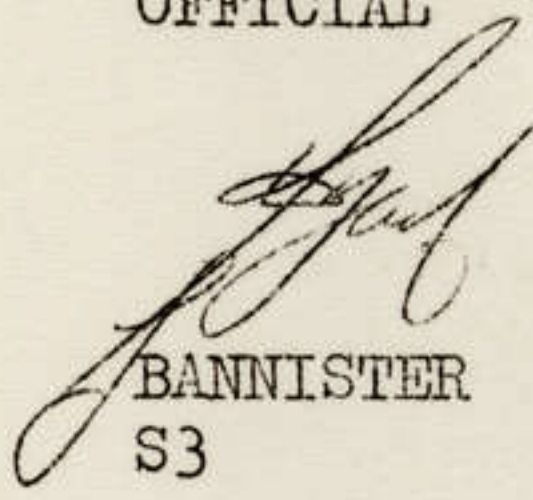
b. Prevailing Winds. SOUTH at 03 knots.

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4 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Jan 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO. One tp remains on land clearing protection in LONG GREEN.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 40 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058. Road construction continues on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy remains vic YS5270 on recce ops.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YB3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0923/0948H	YS460545	95/Unk. 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed. 75% bombs within 25 metres.

b. Plans Summary For Period 040001H to 042400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with Inf and Cav support. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy continues recce ops vic YS5270.
- (7) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE(extended). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

6. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp TANGO Force, 2 Tp (-) Land Clearing. 3 Tp YS412918.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp, Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT. 2 Tp (-) FSPB PAT and YS617825.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty: 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE. 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy (-) YS668825. B Coy (-) YS513547. C Coy (-) YS550924. D Coy (-) YS596885.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) NUI DAT. A Coy HORSESHOE HILL. B Coy (-) YS567684.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy (-) YS503819. B Coy (-) YS412916. C Coy (-) YS507845. D Coy (-) YS429906. Atk Pl YS414916.
- (7) TANGO Force. YS453801.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS538602.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS499605.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. Following the ambush at YS438905 by 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR a sweep this morning located 3 VC (KIA) BC, 2 AK 47's and 1 M1 carbine was also recovered.
- (2) At 031500H at YS668825 elements of A Coy 5 RAR with the Engineer mini team located and blew a SOVIET anti-tank mine.
- (3) At 031400H at YS430903 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located an old enemy camp and a further detailed search of the are revealed a cache containg 72 pairs of trousers, 72 shirts, 420 pairs of shorts, all new, also 100 candles, 2 X RPG2 rounds, 150 assorted SAA and 31 grenades.
- (4) At 031200H at YS412919 elements of B Coy 8 RAR located a small camp probably last used some 5 days ago by 3 enemy.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA.
 - (b) Material. 2 X AK47, 1 X M1 carbine, 72 pairs of trousers, 72 shirts, 420 pairs of shorts, 100 candles, 150 rounds ammunition, 31 grenades, 2 X RPG2 rounds, documents and other sundry items.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations
 - a. Psychological Operations. Nil.
 - b. RF Operations. Nil.
 - c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. 65,000 sq yds cleared, 5 vehicles serviceable.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. 12 mines detonated, 80m X 100m and 40m X 50m cleared.
 - (3) Road Repairs. Continues between BARIA and PONG DUI.
 - (4) Bridge Repairs. Continues on Route 44.
3. Meteorological Detail.
 - a. Rainfall. .09 points.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. East at 05 knots.

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NUI DAT

5 Jan 70

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

TO: Commanding General
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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 48 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058. Road construction continues on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy completed recce ops vic YS5270 and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0945/1015H	YS460545	95/unk neg BDA.

b. Plans Summary For Period 050001H to 052400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with Inf and Cav support. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy deploys on recce ops vic YS5769.
- (7) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS429874, 2 Tp Land Clearing, Team, 3 Tp YS435920, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp FSPB PAT, 3 Tp(-) YS384865, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT 1 sect HORSESHOE, 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS668825, B Coy(-) YS532872, C Coy(-) YS549923, D Coy YS586900.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS497831, B Coy(-) YS408916, C Coy(-) YS507845, D Coy(-) YS429905.
- (8) Tango Force. YS429874.
- (9) Land Clearing Team. YS538602.
- (10) Mine Clearing Team. YS499605.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry: At 040300H at HORSESHOE HILL A Coy 6 RAR received a total of 12 x 82mm mortar rounds fired from an area believed to be in DAT DO, YS482601. 1 Aust WIA.
- (2) At 041000H at YS395865 elements of Sp Coy 8 RAR located a VC who had been previously wounded and wished to receive medical attention. This VC is at present classified as a Detainee pending interrogation.
- (3) At 041100H at YS332917 elements of 5 RAR located a small camp.
- (4) At 041130H at YS4333904 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a raised cache containing 100lbs soya beans, 100lbs green beans, 100lbs red beans, 25 x 1lb bags of noodles, 30lbs salt.
- (5) At 041425H at YS525583 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt were engaged by an unknown number of enemy who fired 12 RPG rounds, slightly damaging one tank. There were no friendly casualties and no located enemy casualties despite fire returned by the tanks.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. 1 Tank damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. 300lbs assorted beans, 25lbs noodles, 30lbs salt.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

Land Clearing Team - 100,000 sq yds cleared, 5 vehicles servicable.

Mine Clearing Team - 100x50m cleared, 9 mines detonated.

Bridge Repairs - continue on Route 44.

Road Repairs - continue between LONG DIEN - BARIA.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.


b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 10 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

6 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Jan 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp with one sect 6 RAR/NZ mortars and one coy XUYEN MOC RF tps deployed on recce and ambush op centre of mass YS7063.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 5 contacts and 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058. Road construction continues on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy deployed on recce ops vic YS5769.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0912/0945H	YS846777	100/unk Bombs within 100m neg further BDA.
1505/1537H	YS566586	100/90 1 bunker destroyed 1 bunker damaged.

b. Plans Summary For Period 060001H to 062400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with Inf and Cav support. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.

(5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy remains on recce ops vic YS5769. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.

(7) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS455899, 2 Tp YS538598, 8 Tp(-) YS439910, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS620825, 2 Tp YS658683, 3 Tp YS454889, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE, 103 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35(US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS668825, B Coy YS539880, C Coy YS563928, D Coy YS615910.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy(-) YS568709.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy(-) YS484832, B Coy(-) YS408916, C Coy YS513859, D Coy(-) YS419905.

(7) Tango Force. YS455899.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS518598.

(9) Mine Clearing Team. YS499606.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 051000 at YS597594 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a boat landing place, also a severely damaged boat and an outboard motor-the motor was unserviceable and has now been destroyed.

(2) At 051045 at YS428897 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 100 new chicom detonators, 50 old detonators 60 X AK47 rounds and an old torch. These items have been destroyed.

(3) At 051230 at YS55292 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR found an enemy camp composed of 18 bunkers but apparently not used for a considerable period though in good condition. A thorough search of the area located 40 X wooden practice grenades, 1 X chicom anti-tank mine 1 homemade blast grenade, 80 X AK47 rounds and a quantity of old webbing and medical supplies. The camp and recovered items have been destroyed.

(4) At 051300 at YS393867 Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR located a well constructed enemy base camp capable of housing some 70 soldiers. There were inter communicating trenches between fire pits and the camp was sited to give all round defence, this system is to be blown on 6 th Jan.

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(5) At 051250H at YS600872 Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR contacted possibly 11 enemy wearing black and civilian clothes. On contact the enemy returned fire with an MG and automatic weapons, and an initial search revealed 2 X AK47's, 1 X M1, a quantity of magazines, documents, 11 packs, a quantity of clothing and food, 1 gallon of whisky and a large Communist Flag. Follow up located three significant blood trails. Result 3 VC WIA(BT).

(6) At 051400 at YS441889 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav found 8 X 44 gall drums of rice which exceeded the allowable amount to be held by householders: 6 drums have been confiscated and are being delivered to the DC at DUC THANH.

(7) At 051500H at YS541889 CHQ and 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy by firing and immediately killing 1 VC. Some 20 minutes following the contact movement was heard and the second VC fired, wounding one Australian. Results 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47 CIA, 1 pack CIA, 1 Aust WIA (Dustoff) also recovered were a number of documents.

(8) At 051824H at YS419905 CHQ D Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 enemy wearing black uniforms who were possibly on their way to do some fishing. Result 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 SKS CIA.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.
- (b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA(BC)
3 VC WIA(BT)
- (b) Material. 3 X AK47's, 1 X M1 Carbine, 1 SKS, quantity of magazines, 150 detonators, 290 X AK 47 rounds, 1 anti-tank mine, 1 blast grenade, 12 packs, quantity of clothing, 1 outboard motor, 1 gallon of whisky, Communist flag, documents and 1800lbs of rice.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- 3.4. Omitted.

2. a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- 1. Land Clearing Team - 90,000 sq yds cleared.
- 2. Mine Clearing Team - 100X30m cleared, 3 mines detonated, 2 slots completed.
- 3. Road Repairs - Continue between LONG DIEN - PHUOC LE.
- 4. Dridge Repairs. - Continues on Route 44.

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3. Meteorological Detail

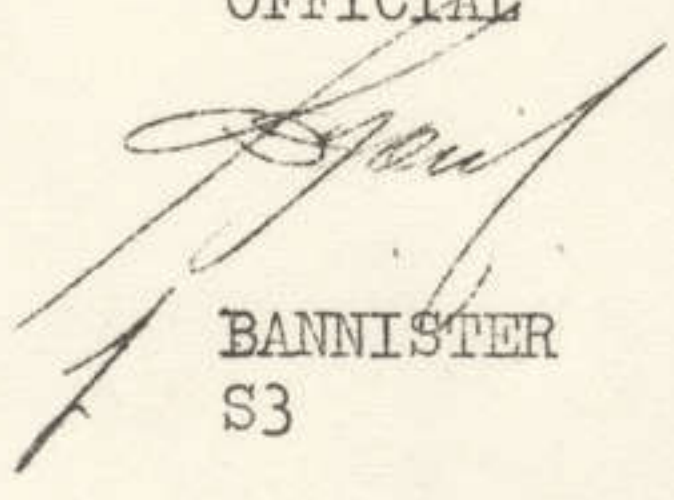
- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 07 knots.

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7 Jan 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp with one sect 6 RAR/NZ mortars and one coy XUYEN MOC RF tps continues recce and ambush ops centre of mass YS7063.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 12. H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058. Road construction continues on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy continues recce ops vic YS5769.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0920/0953	YS831758	100/50. 2 bnkr destroyed, 2 bnkr damaged, 20 m comms trench exposed, all bombs within 75 metres of target.
1510/1530	YS846777	100/60. 1 mil structure destroyed, 1 mil structure damaged, 1 3 x 3 well damaged.
1622/1628	YS846777	100/Unk. 2 huts damaged. All bombs within 100 metres smoke.

b. Plans Summary For Period 070001H to 072400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp ceases recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with Inf and Cav support and whole force returns to 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area returns to 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.

(5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy completes recce ops vic YS5769 and returns to 1 ATF Base. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.

(7) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS451909, 2 Tp LCT, 3 Tp YS437912.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS615792, 2 Tp YS774644, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty - 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS662847, B Coy YS551883, C Coy YS563928, D Coy YS617912.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS494831, B Coy YS408916, D Coy(-) YS429905.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS538602.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS500606.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late Entry. During the afternoon 5th Jan at YS513863 C Coy 8 RAR located a camp consisting of 12 bunkers and 16 weapon pits, They were destroyed today.

(2) Late Entry. At 051430H at YS619913 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC who was badly wounded. Result: 1 VC WIA(BT), 1 x AK47 CIA.

(3) Late Entry. At 051850H at YS425890 a patrol from 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 VC with negative results.

(4) Late Entry. At 052344H at YS384865 Aslt Pnrs 8 RAR had movement on their perimeter and initiated a contact; a sweep this morning revealed nothing.

(5) At 060210H at YS613802 2 sect 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt had one enemy walk close to their night location and although fire was brought to bear there were negative results.

(6) At 060215H at YS422918 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR initiated a contact with 8 to 9 enemy who ran into the platoon night position and in so doing set off a flare. A thorough search of the contact area this morning revealed blood soaked hats, drag marks, documents, 4 sets of webbing, 3 x AK47 wooden butt, 1 x AK47 metal butt and 3 dead enemy. Results: 3 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA(BT), 4 x AK47 CIA, 4 packs CIA.

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- (7) At 060808H at YS619911 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a camp consisting of 22 bunkers lived in very recently as there was evidence of meagre rations, bananas, bamboo shoots and grass but no rice, in the area. Also found were 200 rounds of assorted ammunition, 2 grenades and an 82mm mortar bomb.
- (8) At 060907H at YS476824, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 VC carrying bags and cooking pots in the area of a campsite, but there were no results.
- (9) At 061000H at YS539880, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR located a circular enemy camp last used as a staging area about 3 days ago.
- (10) At 061145H at YS575707, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a camp consisting of 9 bunkers - these have now been destroyed.
- (11) At 061345H at YS363928, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC who was wounded. Result: 1 VC WIA(BT), 1 AK47 CIA.
- (12) At 061615H at YS580904, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted VC with negative results.
- (13) **Sitrep** 040001H to 042400H 1.d(7) delete all detail, insert:
- (a) At 051435H at YS619913, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC who approached the platoon sentry from the south - he was immediately fired at and heavy bloodtrail found and followed till a body was located. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47 CIA.
- (b) At 051500H at YS614909, CHQ D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy who were immediately engaged and who returned fire which resulted in 1 Aust being wounded. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47 CIA, 1 pack CIA, 1 Aust WIA (Dustoff).

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
- (a) Personnel. 3 KIA, 3 WIA.
- (b) Materiel. 5 x AK47, 1 x 82mm Mortar bomb, 2 grenades, 200 rounds of ammunition, 4 packs, 4 sets webbing, documents and sundry personal items.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Air Broadcast.
- (a) 3 Bn 274 Regt. Air broadcast for 40 mins vicinity centre of mass YS3981. Themes tactical and Chieu Hoi.
- (b) Suspected ELms BA LONG Province HQ. Air broadcast for 35 mins vicinity centre of mass YS6057. Themes tactical and Chieu Hoi.
- (c) Air broadcast for 40 mins vicinity centre of mass YS7583 against communist elms and sympathisers. Theme Chieu Hoi.

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(2) Leaflet Drop. Air leaflet drops areas vicinity centres of mass YS3981, YS7583 and YS6562. Themes allied tactical successes and Chieu Hoi.

d. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100, 000 sq yds cleared .

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 100m x 30m cleared.

(3) Road Repairs. Continue on Route 23.

(4) Bridge Repairs. Continue on Route 44.

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ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf completed recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect plus one ANC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH returned to 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp with one sect 6 RAR/NZ mortars and one coy XUYEN MOC RF tps continues recce and ambush ops centre of mass YS7063.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 42 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DUC DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy completed recce ops vic YS5769 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS4687. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0948H	YS739786	100/80. 100% bombs within 80 metres, 85% within 40 metres, 50% within 20 metres.
1500/1535H	YS752770	100/20. Neg further.

b. Plans Summary For Period 080001H to 082400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE returns to 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect/

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sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection.

- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS538598, 3 Tp YS439910, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) FSPB PAT, 2 Tp(-) YS782652, 3 Tp(-) FSPB PEGGY, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, 103 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161(NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35/US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS668863, B Coy(-) YS576905, C Coy(-) YS544902, D Coy YS524905.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy(-) YS494831, B Coy(-) YS404907, C Coy(-) YS505880, D Coy(-) YS438374.
- (7) Land Clearing Team(-) YS538598.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS499606.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) On 6 Jan elements of 8 RAR located small enemy camps at YS431903, YS500824, YS477827 and YS476825.
- (2) At 070805H at YS580904 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted two enemy when they approached the platoon sentry post. One enemy was killed by the initial burst of fire but the other moved to a flank, fired some 90 rounds and then withdrew North East. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47 CIA, 3 magazines CIA, and 1 pack CIA.
- (3) At 070810H at YS617912 CHQ and 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted six enemy who approached standing patrol and were engaged by the machine gunner. The MG fired some 50 rounds by which time the enemy had moved to a flank and began withdrawal by fire and movement. The subsequent sweep of the contact area revealed one enemy. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK 47 and 1 pack CIA.
- (4) At 071200H at YS432902 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing, 1 x portable radio; 2 x claymores, 100 rounds of ammunition, 1 x RPG2 round; 170 detonators; 30 grenades and an assortment of tools. 2 tins salt; a small amount of food and 1 tin of kerosene.
- (5) At 071530H at YS523578 elements from the Land Clearing Team located a small cache containing 10 lbs salt, 1 cross cut saw, 1 turtle trap C/W turtle; a quantity of tie wire and 1 x RPG7 round.

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(6) At 071710H at YS605881 elements of Sp Coy 5 RAR contacted one VC with negative results.

(7) At 070825H at YS632825 Atk Pl 5 RAR located a staging area last occupied some 3 - 6 days ago; a search of the area revealed 3 x 75mm RCL fuzes, two anti-tank mine tilt switches and a pair of crutches.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA(BC).

(b) Materiel. Two x AK47; six x AK magazines, 260 assorted rounds; 1 x RPG7 round; 1 x RPG2 round; two claymores; 170 detonators; 30 grenades; small quantity of food; one tin of kerosene; two packs, small quantity of clothing and personal items; one saw; tie wire, and turtle trap, 3 x 75mm fuzes and other sundry items.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 2

Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations. 578 RF Coy operating in conjunction with 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav to East of NUI TAM BO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team: 9,000 sq yds cleared, six vehicles servicable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Dat Do 1½ slots completed, 3 slots dug nil mines: LO Gom 33 mines detonated.

(3) Road Repair. Continues on Route 23. and Route 2.

(4) Bridge Repairs. Continues on Route 44.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 04 knots.

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9 Jan 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from AO ROSSLYN.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp with one sect 6 RAR/NZ mortars and one coy XUYEN MOC RF tps complete recce and ambush ops centre of mass YS7063 and returns to 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nine Contact and 32 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS4687. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0905/0940	YS706835	100/20%, 2 bunkers damaged
1040/1114	YS739895	9 large bunkers destroyed, scattered clothing in target area
1510/1534	YS614604	100/80%, neg BDA.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One tp completes op in XUYEN MOC area and returns to 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.

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- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
 - (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
 - (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
 - (7) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp LCT; 3 and 4 Tps NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp(-) FSPB PAT; 2 Tp(-) YS713613; 3 Tp(-) NUI DAT; SHQ Tp(-) LCT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty - 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL; 103 Fd Bty FSPB PAT; 161 (NZ) Bty FSPB PEGGY; C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT; A Coy(-) YS668862; B Coy YS586926; C Coy YS564929; D Coy NUI DAT; Atk Pl YS633890, Aslt Pnrs YS605880.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT; A Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy YS476810; B Coy(-) YS407893; C Coy(-) YS505880; D Coy(-) YS438873; Atk Pl YS439868.
- (7) Land Clearing Team(-) YS538598.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team: YS499606.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Late Entry. At 070815H at YS445906, elements of A Sqn and Atk Pl 8 RAR located a camp, consisting of 6 bunkers, a kitchen and a toilet, probably capable of housing an enemy platoon and last used about 2 months ago.
- (2) At 080900H at YS448873, D Coy 8 RAR found an abandoned Honda motorcycle without number plates. This machine has now been rendered completely unservicable and efforts are being made to trace the original licence holder.
- (3) At 181415H at YS665870, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 enemy moving along the creek line who was heard and fired at by the sentry at 20M range. Result: 1 VC KIA, 1 M1 Carbine and small quantity of documents CIA.
- (4) At 081905H at YS432824, Tracker Elements of Sp Coy 8 RAR contacted an unk number of enemy and remained in intermittent contact for some 2 hrs. Pnr Pl and APC's were sent to reinforce the Trackers whilst night A/S and Shadow were called in. Further details will follow.

e. Results

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 M1 Carbine CIA, 1 motor cycle(possibly), small quantity of documents.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 4
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Air Broadcasts. Air broadcasts were conducted in areas centres of mass YS3988, YS4189, YS5391, YS5086, YS5184 and YS7891. Themes allied successes and Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time 4 hours.

(2) Ground Teams

(a) ICAP, MY XUAN, night 7/8 Jan 70.

(b) Broadcast and movies. Route 15.

b. RF Operations. 578 RF Coy operating in conjunction with 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav to South West of NUI TAM BO.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team: 100,000 sq yds cleared, six vehicles servicable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team: Work continues.

(3) Road Repair. Continues on Route 2 and Route 23.

(4) Bridge Repairs. Continues on Route 44.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. SSE at 05 knots.

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NUI DAT

10 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Jan 70.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from AO ROSSLYN.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp with one sect 6 RAR/NZ mortars and one coy XUYEN MOC RF tps completed recce and ambush ops centre of mass YS7063 and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continued recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS4687. One coy returned to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4383.

(10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0916/0932	YS752770	100/40. 12 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed.
1510/1545	YS692846	100/90. 4 military structures destroyed, 2 military structures damaged, 6 bunkers damaged, 2 weapon pits damaged, 1 table exposed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAI DC. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn deploys into AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Completes recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) and returns to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp LCT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) FSPB PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp (-) FSPB PEGGY, SHQ Tp (-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, one sect HORSESHOE HILL, 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35(US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS644910, B Coy(-) YS605925, C Coy(-) YS580928, D Coy NUI DAT, Aslt Pnr YS617882.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) NUI DAT, A Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy (-) YS407894, C Coy YS500888, D Coy (-) YS438873.
- (7) Land Clearing Team (-) YS537603.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team YS500606.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry: At 081905H at YS432824 elements of the Anti Tank/Tracker Platoon 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. The contact continued for some 8 hours during which the platoon was reinforced by the Aslt Pnrs and a section of APCs, whilst Spooky gave close fire support. A sweep of the area this morning revealed several drag marks and a short follow-up by A Coy located a blood trail, there were no further definite results. 1 VC WIA (BT).
- (2) At 091720H at YS438873 D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 enemy when the leading one approached to within 70 metres of the company sentry who fired. Two other VC then appeared and all 3 withdrew SOUTH WEST. Result 1 VC WIA (BT).

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 VC WIA (BT).
 - (b) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: There have been 3 contacts within the past 24 hrs.
- (4) Results. 9 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Air Broadcasts. Conducted in areas centres of mass YS4984, YS5184, YS5082, YS7189, YS7389, YS7598 and YS7890. Themes were: allied firepower and Chieu Hoi.

(2) Ground Teams. HE and HB Teams with APTs visited AN NGAI. 400 persons contacted.

b. RF Operations. 578 RF Coy completed operations in conjunction with elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team, 110,000 sq yards cleared, 5 vehicles serviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team, DAT DO, 6 mines detonated, 3 slots completed; LO GOM, 97 mines detonated.

(3) Road Repair, continues on Routes 2 and 23.

(4) Bridge Repair, continues on Route 44.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SSE at 05 knots.

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11 Jan 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THIANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE returned to 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS6280. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ loc FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deployed into AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn completed recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS4687 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0905-0930H	YS752770	100/80 4 bkrs destroyed, 3 bkrs damaged, 1 bkr exposed, 10M trench exposed. All bombs within 50M. Magpie 51. VC base camp.
1510/1542H	YS614602	100/85 1 bkr damaged, neg further.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One tp plus deploys to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.

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- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) commences ops in DUC THANH/AO BAYSWATER area. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp LCT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) FSPB PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, SHQ Tp(-) NUI DAT 1 sect LCT 1 sect FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty 1 sect FSPB PAT 1 sect FSPB TIGER, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS699911, B Coy(-) YS626920, C Coy(-) YS584904, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, B Coy(-) NUI DAT, V Coy YS491814, D Coy(-) YS452818, W Coy YS430810, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. (-) YS544616.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. New NDP YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 100410H at YS433824 an ambush ptl from Mor Pl 8 RAR contacted 2-3 enemy when they engaged movement with claymores and MG fire. A sweep was conducted through the ambush area this morning but there were no significant signs of any enemy casualties.
- (2) At 101715H at YS492814 a ptl from CHQ V Coy 6 RAR located a cache consisting of 50xAK47 rounds, 7 Chicom grenades, and 2x30lb shaped blocks of Chicom explosive. This cache was situated close to an enemy staging camp.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. 50xAK47 rounds, 7xgrenades, and 60lb of explosives.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

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(1) Air Broadcasts. Conducted in areas centres of mass YS4984, YS5082, YS5184, YS7192, YS7190 and YS7389. Themes were Allied Firepower and Chieu Hoi.

(2) Ground Teams. HE and HB Teams with APT visited LONG CAT.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 50,000 sq yds cleared.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. The work in the southern portion of the DAT DD minefield has now been completed and activity will commence NORTH of Route 23.

(3) Road Repairs. Continue on Routes 2 and 23.

(4) Bridge Repairs. Continue on Route 44.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

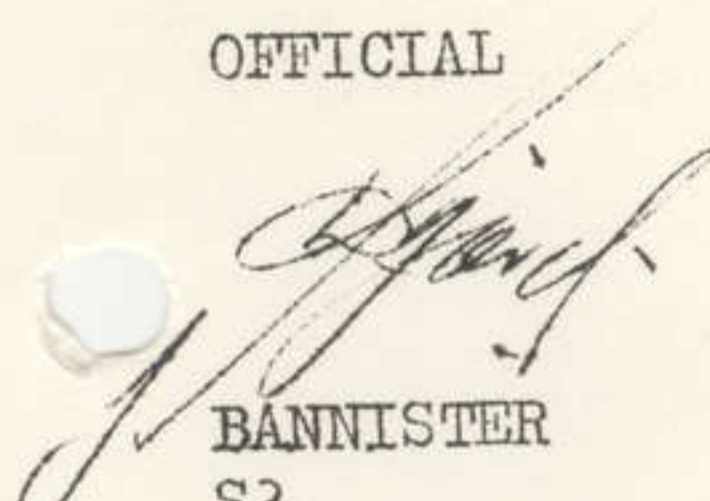
b. Prevailing Winds. SOUTH at 06 knots.

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12 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Jan 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE returned to 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp deployed to 6 RAR/NZ.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS6280. Road construction continues vicinity LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ located FSPB PAT YS6032.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base.

b. Plans Summary For Period 120001H to 122400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One tp plus remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459. Road construction continues vicinity LONG DIEN.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in DUC THANH/AO BAYSWATER area. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT. 4 Tp YS538598.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp F PB TIGER. 2 Tp YS465793. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt (-) NUI DAT. 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY. Sect 105 Bty FSPB PAT. Sect 105 Bty FSPB TIGER.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS700912. B Coy YS627922. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS545780.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB P GGY. A Coy HORSESHOE. B Coy YS466792. V Coy YS466795. D Coy YS462796. W Coy YS432799.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 111320H at YS486808 V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 5 to 6 VC after they had found 6 packs in an area. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 7 packs, 1 X .38 pistol, 400 X 7.62mm rounds, a quantity of food and documents CIA. Nil friendly casualties.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 7 VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 7 packs, 400 rounds 7.62mm, 1 X .38 pistol, quantity food, quantity documents.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 3
- (4) Results. 7 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Ground Team deployed with 6 RAR/NZ.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) LCT. 100 metres X 80 metres cleared.
- (2) MCT. 1 mine detonated.
- (3) Road Repairs. Continues on Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. North at 04 knots.

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NUI DAT

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Jan 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in Nui Dat.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One tp plus two AMC sects op con.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 15H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5258. Road construction continues vicinity LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ located FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base.
- 10.11. Omitted.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1313/1332	YS470525	IMMED 100/80 1 cave ent dam, 5 cav-ent destroyed, 1 KBA - 2 KBA poss.
1355/1422	YS470575	(IMMED 100/40 3 cave ent PRE-PLANNED dest, 3 poss KBA. DIVERTED)
1520/1600	YS471526	100/unk 4 tunn ent collapsed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. Tp less one sect returns to 1 ATF Base from 6 RAR.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459. Road construction continues vicinity LONG DIEN.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER area. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 1 Tp Nui Dat
 2 Tp "
 3 Tp "
 4 Tp YS543617
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ Nui Dat, 1 Tp FSPB TIGER, 2 Tp YS465793, 3 Tp Nui Dat.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA Nui Dat, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Bty FSPB PAT, 161(NZ) Bty Nui Dat, C Bty 2/35 US Arty Nui Dat, D Bty 5/2 (AW)(SP) US Arty Nui Dat.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS700912, B Coy YS627922, C Coy Nui Dat, D Coy YS545780.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy Horseshoe, B. YS466796, V Coy YS467796, D Coy YS461792, W Coy YS460792.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete Nui Dat.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. YS498616.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS543617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 121043H At YS513574 elements of 17 Const Sqn located an M16 mine lot No LOP - 43-9-3-62.
- (2) During the day in vicinity of YS4584679 6 RAR detained 12 persons for interrogation by Duc Thanh personnel.
- (3) At 121455 At YS465795 B Coy 6 RAR located an aircraft rocket pod containing 14 X 2-75 live rockets.
- (4) At YS458478 elements of D Bty 5/2 (AW)(SP) US Arty located a cache containing 1 X 60m mortar, 42X60mm WP rounds, 2 X illum rounds, 38 new composition type B rounds, 49 OLD TNT mortar rounds, 4 X training rounds, 30 X anti personel mines type NM-M14, 1 anti tank M72 parts, 20 grenades launcher adaptors, 2 belts M60 ammo, 4 pressure release devices, 1 X WP hand grenade,

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses
 (a) Personnel Nil
 (b) Material Nil

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(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 3 VC KBA

(c) Material 1 X 60mm mortar, 42 X 60mm WP rounds, 2 X illum rounds, 38 new composition type B rounds, 49 OLD TNT mortar rounds, 4 X training rounds, 30 X anti personel mines type NM-M14 anti tank M72 parts, 20 grenade launcher adaptors, 2 belts M60 ammo, 4 pressure release devices, 1 X WP hand grenade.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 9

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team 75,000 Sq yds cleared.

(2) Mine Clearing Team Area cleared 100 X 75m 3 bunds pushed in. 4 mines detonated.

(3) Road Work Road construction in Route 2 and Route 23 continues.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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14 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Jan 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5258. Road construction continues vicinity **LONG DIEN.**
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ located FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const. Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy commenced fighting ptl activity along East slopes.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0910/0940	YS452529/ YS460545	100/80. 1 bunker exposed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459. Road construction continues vicinity LONG DIEN.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER area. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy continues fighting ptls on East slopes of NUI DINH'S.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS543617.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB TIGER, 2 Tp YS465793, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Bty NUI DAT, C Bty 2/35 US Arty NUI DAT,
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS700912, B Coy YS634911, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS528786.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS439869, D Coy YS501901, W Coy YS414831.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS543617.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498616.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 131405H at YS513571 elements of 17 Const Sqn with the Land Clearing Team detonated 1 x M16 type mine. Results, negative casualties to personnel. 1 x D8 Bulldozer U/S with damaged radiator.
- (2) At 131410H at YS429868 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 11 VC. Contact initiated by 3 Pl and enemy wdr East. Results: 4 en KIA(BC), 1 en WIA(BT), 11 packs containing medical notebooks, 1 SKS, 1 x 7.62 pistol, 1 x 1 carbine CIA.
- (3) At 131800H at YS426735 a Box defence patrol of 5 RAR contacted 1 VC. Result 1 VC WIA(BT), 1 AK47 CIA.
- (4) **Approx 131500** at YS429862 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system containing a number of bunkers, some tunnels and a 10 x 6 steel tank which is assumed to be a cache. Area will be investigated on 14 Jan.
- (5) At 131825H at YS439869 V Coy HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR captured 1 VC who was suffering from old wounds in foot and thigh and had been left in a bunker with medical and food supplies. Initial ident is CAM from XUAN SON Village political cadre.
- (6) At 131800H at YS440370 Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy 6 RAR sighted 3 VC moving NE. Resulting sweep located 1 sack of rations and 1 pair Ho Chi Minh sandals.
- (7) At 132100H at YS386652 a Base Defence Patrol from 8 RAR contacted 6 enemy who approached from NW. Enemy were engaged with claymore and M60 MG. Result: Unknown.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 4 KIA(BC), 2 WIA(BT), 1 detainee.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x SKS, 1 x 7.62 pistol, 11 packs containing medical notebooks, 1 x AK47, 1 x sack of rations, 1 pair Ho Chi Minh sandals.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - Nil
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 55,000 square yards cleared. 1 mine detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 100 x 75 metres cleared, 2 slots completed, 1 started, 4 bands pushed in, 4 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. NE at 04 knots.

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15 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programs. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 27 II and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and DINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5258. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recon and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ located FSPD PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPD PRGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting pti activity along east slopes of NUI DINH mountains.
- (10) Air Support

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0924/1001	YS739909	100/unk ⁶ , Neg BDA - all bombs within 40M.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements commences Op MATILDA operating initially along line of Route 23 between XUYEN MOC and HAM TAN. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp plus op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 23 and 2, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459. Road construction continues vicinity LONG DIEN.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recon and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).

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(6) 17 Const Sqn. Bn(-) remains ops in 17 Const Sqn. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy continues fighting pits on East slopes of NUI DIH's.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT; 1, 2, 3 Tps NUI AT; 4 Tp YS538602.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp FSPB TIGER; 2 Tp(-) NUI DAT; 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Pd Regt RAA NUI DAT; 104 Pd Bty FSPB PEGGY; 105 Pd Bty 1 Sect FSPB PAT, 1 Sect FSPB TIGER; 164(NZ) Pd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL; C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT; A Coy(-) YS700912; B Coy NUI DAT; C Coy YS747883; D Coy(-) YS669869.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL; B Coy NUI DAT; V-Coy YS439689; D Coy(-) YS472890; W Coy YS396837.

(6) 8 RAR; HQ, B, C, D Coys NUI DAT; A Coy(-) NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS538602.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS497617.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 132055H at YS306652 a Base Defence Patrol from 8 RAR contacted estimated 11 enemy who approached night ambush position from West. Result: 8 enemy KIA(BC), 2 WIA(PW), 1 RPG2, 1xM1 Carrand, 2xM1 carbines, 1 xSKS, 1x.38 pistol, 1xChicom Pistol, 1xAK47, 1xM26 grenade, 3xChicom grenades, 5xRPG2 propellents, 2xRPG7 rockets and 1 stick grenade.

(2) At 141042H at YS709900 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 enemy dressed in black. Result: 2 en KIA(BC), 1 WIA(BT), 2xAK47 and 4 mags CIA. Also captured one pack containing qty of clothing and food. Following contact 1 enemy wdr West.

(3) At 140530H at YS419738 a Base Defence Patrol from 5 RAR were fired on by unknown number of enemy. Patrol returned fire with SA and 1xclaymore. Result: Negative.

(4) At 140530H at YS429862 3 Pl V Coy fired claymores at unknown number of enemy who approached 3 Pl from adjacent bunker system. Result negative.

(5) At 131600H at YS435869 V Coy 6 RAR located 1 bunker, a tunnel and cookhouse and sleeping area for 25-30 persons. Area occupied within the previous 24 hours.

(6) At 141500H at YS439870 V Coy 6 RAR located a transit camp and cache. The system consisted of 15 bunkers and hides in an area 100M x 150M. Located in area: 3 Anti Tank rifle grenades, 1 Chicom stick grenade, 27x.50 cal rounds, 10x.30 cal rounds, 1 new VC flag, 1xfrag grenade.

(7) At 141220H at YS513572 elements of 17 Const Sqn with the Land Clearing Team located a bunker system consisting of 25 pits, fire trenches, covered trenches and caches in an area 200M x 200M. All caches empty except for 1x60 mm mor round with percussion cap removed and an electrical det inserted for command detonation. An M16 mine was detonated in the area resulting in minor damage to 1xD8 bulldozer and nil cas to personnel.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Nil.

(b) Materiel. 1xD8 bulldozer light damage.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 10 VC KIA(BC), 2 VC WIA(PW), 2 VC WIA(BT).

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(3) Material. 1xM16, 1xM1 Garrand, 2xM1 carbine, 1xSKS, 1x.38 pistol, 1xAK47, 1xM26 grenade, 1xChicom pistol, 3xChicom grenades, 5xM16 propellants, 2xRPG7 rockets, 2 stick grenades, 1 pack, qty foodstuff and clothing; 3x'a'i tank rifle grenades, 27x.50 cal rounds, 10x.30 cal rounds, 1xfrag grenade, 1x60 mm mortar round, 1xVC flag.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - Nil
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 1.
- (4) Results: 1(NZ) KIA.

2. a-b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

- (1) Land Clearing (opp). 85,000 sq yds cleared, 1 mine detonated, 6 vehs servicable, 2 unservicable.
- (2) Mine Clearing (opp). Area cleared - nil. 11 mines detonated. Field cleared to South of Route 23 except to fence.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. East at 09 knots.

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NUI DAT

16 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements under op con command armoured sweep towards HAM TAN (Op MATILDA). One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 21 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5258. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ located FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER center of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 3 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along East slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0945/1008H	YS470505	95/70. Negative further.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements continues Op MATILDA operating initially along line of Route 23 between XUYEN MOC and HAM TAN. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp plus op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).

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(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on East slopes of NUI DINH's.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp YS802706, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS786681, 4 Tp Land Clearing.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ YS802708, 1 Tp FSPB TIGER, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp: a. YS788667, b. YS778672.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty Section FSPB TIGER, Section FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty Section NUI DAT, Section HORSESHOE, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS700912, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy YS740888, D Coy Y 681870.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS786681, V Coy YS439669, D Coy YS463896, W Coy YS396842.

(6) 8 RAR. Complete in NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS438602.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 151025H at YS433864, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 8 enemy. Negative friendly cas. Enemy cas unknown. Enemy withdrew EAST.

(2) At 151045H at YS396838, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (PW), 1xAK47 and 3 packs CIA.

(3) At 151110H at YS473814, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an old weapon pit complex, which had been cleared for use as a sleeping area. Also in area were 1 VC hootchie and a sheet of plastic. Area was last occupied by a squad within previous 2 days. A search of area located 2 graves, two weeks old containing 2 male and 1 female body. Enemy believed to have died from frag wounds.

(4) At 151153H at YS472881, Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR contacted estimated 15 enemy. Anti Tank Pl initiated contact against 2 enemy who withdrew EAST and SOUTH, the remainder withdrew NORTH EAST. Negative results.

(5) At 151345H in vicinity of YS472881, D Coy 6 RAR apprehended 9 Vietnamese who had inaccurate ID cards and who had approached from direction of Anti Tank Pl contact. All persons detained and moved to DUC THANH District Post for interrogation.

(6) At 151400H at YS474882, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a squad size transit camp last used within previous 48 hours. Found in area were 1 eating bowl and 1 US helmet.

(7) At 151520H at YS475888, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a squad size base camp used within previous 8 hours. Found in area 1 jerry can and 1 stick grenade.

(8) At 151830H at YS500894, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 10-15 enemy moving EAST. One enemy moving on Northern flank of main body was engaged by sentry at 100-150 metres. Enemy withdrew WEST. Artillery fired on withdrawal route. Subsequent sweep produced negative results.

e. Results.

(1) Cmitted.

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

16 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 150001H to 152400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements under op con command armoured sweep towards HAM TAN (Op MATILDA). One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 21 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5258. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ located FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER center of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 3 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along East slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0945/1008H	YS470505	95/70. Negative further.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements continues Op MATILDA operating initially along line of Route 23 between XUYEN MOC and HAM TAN. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).

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c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp YS802706, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS786681, 4 Tp Land Clearing.

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(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty Section FSPB TIGER, Section FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty Section NUI DAT, Section HORSESHOE, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS700912, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy YS740888, D Coy Y 681870.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS786681, V Coy YS439669, D Coy YS465896, W Coy YS396842.

(6) 8 RAR. Complete in NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS438602.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

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e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA (BC), 1 WIA (PW), 3 bodies not previously reported (1 female and 2 males).

(b) Materiel. 1xAK47, 3 packs, 1 eating bowl, 1 US helmet, 1 jerry can, 1 stick grenade.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 1

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit actions with contact: 1.

(4) Results. 1 KIA (Poss).

2. Combined Operations.

a.-b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. AO extended to 56 Easting. Area cleared 65,000 sq metres. Nil mines.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 2.5 slots opened. .75 slots completed. 6 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 10 knots.

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

17 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Jan 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 remains in Nui Dat.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements under op con continue armoured sweep towards HAM TAN (Op MATILDA). One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5258. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ located FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 and commenced trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along ~~EAST~~ slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (10) HQ 1 ATF Def Pl returned to 1 ATF Base from recce op vic YS3363.

b. Plans Summary For Period 170001H to 172400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements continues Op MATILDA operating initially along the line of Route 23 between XUYEN NOC and HAM TAN. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.

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(4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended). One sect 105mm guns moves from FSPB TIGER YS6491 to FSPB LYNX YS7582.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on EAST slopes of NUI DINH's.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ YS830713. 1 Tp YS880737. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS830713. 4 Tp YS538602.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSPB TIGER. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS881737.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt. NUI DAT. 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY. 105 Bty, sect FSPB PAT, sect FSPB TIGER. 161 Bty RNZA, sect NUI DAT, sect HORSESHOE. C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS700912. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS739892. D Coy YS685870.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy HORSESHOE. B Coy YS830713. V Coy YS439869. D Coy YS467896. W Coy YS396838.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.

(7) Minelfd Clearing Team: YS498617.

(8) LCT. YS538602.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 160940H at YS344641 D & E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF contacted 3 enemy moving East to West. Results: 3 enemy KIA (BC), 2 AK47, 1 RPG2 and docus CIA. Contact initiated by D & E Pl at 10 - 15 metres distance.

(2) At 161145H at YS393827 a patrol from 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR sighted 8 - 10 VC moving SW. The patrol followed up to YS388827 before the trail was lost. Artillery used in support. Negative results.

(3) At 161105H at YS436858 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a camp for six persons last used that morning and two days previously.

(4) At 161000H at YS804708 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav operating with Tango Force located a vegetable garden which was destroyed.

(5) At 161410H at YS685872 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 5 bunkers, 1 kitchen, 1 lecture hut and furnace. 10 claymores were set up in area. They were type DH 10, D8, D2 (Rectangular) and 1 X US claymore. Documents identifying Z301 were found.

(6) At 161430H at YS466867 Atk Pl 6 RAR located a company size camp approx three months old. Located in area were 160 X 5.56 mm rounds.

(7) At 160930H at YS421829 elements of Sp Coy 6 RAR located one grave approx six months old.

(8) At 161800H at YS506904 a patrol from 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Contact initiated by 10 Pl firing a claymore. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 X AK47 and 3 mags CIA. Enemy withdrew North.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 KIA (BC). 1 body in grave not previously reported.

(b) Materiel. 3 X AK47 and 3 extra mags, 1 X RPG2, qty of docs, 10 X claymores including type DH10, D8, D2 (rectangular) and 1 X US, 160 X 5.56 mm. rds.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 3
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 70,000 sq yards cleared. Nil mines detonated. Six vehicles serviceable and 2 U/S.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared and slots opened: nil, slots completed: 2. One mine detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 10 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

18 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Jan 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep towards HAM TAN (Op MATILDA). One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 46 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5258. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. New FSPB established at LYNX YS7582. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along EAST slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
162115H	YS619605	75% coverage. Results unknown. (FAC s/time 04)
170908/0934	YS718909	100/unk - Neg BDA.

b. Plans Summary for Period 180001H to 182400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements continues Op MATILDA operating along the line of Route 23 between XUYEN MOC and HAM TAN. Force planned to arrive at HAM TAN pm 18 Jan. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on EAST slopes of NUI DINH's.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ(-) YS909762, 1 Tp YS909762, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS909762, 4 Tp YS538602.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp TIGER, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS932784.
- (3) 1 ATF Atillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty 1 sect FSPB LYNX 1 sect FSPB TIGER, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS700912, B Coy YS753831, C Coy YS734892, D Coy YS697881.
- (5) 6 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS753831, V Coy YS432867, D Coy YS490905, W Coy YS396838.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS538602.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Reference installation report of 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR reported 16 Jan 70. Delete description and insert; 6xDH10 claymores, 2xDH5 claymores, 1xDH4 claymore, 1xDH2 square charge, 1xM18A1 (PA-45-1) 4/68, 3xM60 ignition primer, qty of detonators, 10xbakelite fuzes, qty of C4, 1 rifle approx .300 origin unknown, small qty docs, large qty stick grenades, qty clothing, 5xAK47 mags, bunker 12'x8'x4' deep with 2'6" OHC, one bunker under kitchen 30'x10'.
- (2) At 171001H at YS633889 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt operating with 5 RAR located fresh tracks of 4 people and 1 dog moving south. 3 people wearing Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 had bare feet.
- (3) At 171540H at YS734892 HQ C Coy and 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a hospital installation located in a bunker and natural cave complex. Bunkers have been destroyed. The largest cave which is 50' deep contains 12 timber beds, an operating table and subterranean stream. Area **last used** two days ago. Located in area; qty of med supplies, 1x75mm RCL c/w mount and tripod, 2x60mm mortars complete and 1 sight, 1 new SKS rifle, 60 lb barley, 60 lb rice. Further complex located to west and entire area will be subject of further search 18 Jan.
- (4) At 171900H at YS463896 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted two enemy. Contact initiated by 12 Pl when element emplacing night defensive devices were seen by two enemy. Enemy engaged by sentry and withdrew west with negative results.
- (5) At 172000H at YS740893 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged with M60, 1 enemy who approached from the east along track. Results unknown and occasional movement in vicinity of contact was continued to be engaged for some time.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. 6xOH10 claymores, 1xDH4 claymore, 2xDH5 claymores, 1xDH2 claymore square charge, 1xM18A1 (PA-45-1) 4/68, 2xM60 ignition primers, qty of detonators, 10xbakelite fuzes, qty of C4, 1xrifle (approx .300inch origin unknown), small qty docs, large qty stick grenades, qty clothing, 5xAK47 mags, 1x75mm RCL c/w mount and tripod, 2x60mm mortar including sight (1), 1xSKS rifle, 60lb barley, 60lb rice.

Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 3
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 80,000 square yds cleared, nil mines detonated, 7 machines servicable and 1 u/s.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100x40M, 4 slots opened, 1.5 slots completed, 1 mine detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 05 knots.

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NUI DAT

19 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Jan 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force arrived HAM TAN pm 18 Jan. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA:

(4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5258. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along EAST slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.

b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H Jan 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cavelements continues Op MATILDA in HAM TAN area. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.

(4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on EAST slopes of NUI DINH's.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) YS911841, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp with LCT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB TIGER, 3 Tp(-) YS932784.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty(-) TIGER, Sect FSPB LYNX, 161 Fd Bty(-) NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE, C Bty 2/35 US Bty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS700912, B Coy(-) FSPB LYNX, C Coy YS734890, D Coy YS722874.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL, B Coy YS911841, V Coy(-) YS397877, D Coy(-) YS490905.

(6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At YS473885 at 181545H Jan 70, 12/D/6RAR contacted and killed 1 VC in a camp. A sweep of the camp revealed 4-5 bed spaces.

(2) At YS651913 at 182205H Jan 70, FSPB TIGER engaged 4 en seen 250 metres east of perimeter. Results unknown.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA(BC).

(b) Materiel. 1 MI carbine, 10 x flares, 10,000 rds 7.62 SA approx, 27 frag grenades, qty of explosive, 4 x AN/PRC 10 sets, 2 x VHF receiver/transmitters.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company -- 2
Platoon -- 3
Squad -- 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drop.

(a) One mission was conducted in LONG HAI area. Targeted at D445 and C25 en units. The themes were CHIEU HOI.

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(2) Voice Missions.

(a) One voice mission was conducted in areas centre of mass YS4981, YS4883, and YS4885. Tapes used were HOI CHANH voices from that area and CHIEU HOI themes.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 105,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100 x 80 metres and 40 x 50 metres. 3 slots completed. 11 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 04 knots.

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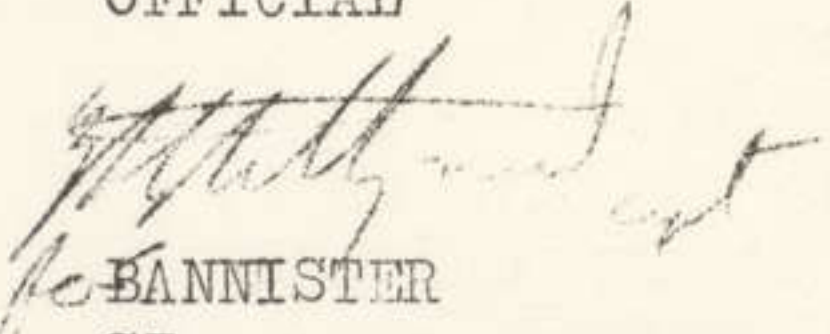
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NUI DAT

20 Jan 70.

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Jan 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force conducted recce ops to North of HAM TAN. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deployed to DAT DO area to support RF op in LONG HAI.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp(-) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5560. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along EAST slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (10) 1 ATF Def Pl deployed to vic YS3972 to check reports of mortar fire 18/19 Jan.
- (11) Air Strikes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0914/0936	YS627923	100/80. Three bunkers destroyed, five bunkers damaged, 50 metres of comm trenching exposed and damaged. One bridge damaged.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements continues Op MATILDA in HAM TAN area. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team support.

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Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp(-) op con mountains.

- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(-) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on EAST slopes of NUI DINH's. One mortar sect supports RP op in LONG HAI mountains.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) NUI DAT, OA, OB YS990842, 1 Tp YS990842, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS990842, 4 Tp LCT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) FSPB PAT, 2 Tp(-) NUI DAT, 3 Tp(+) MATILDA FORCE, SHQ Tp, AO's ROSSLYN, BAYSWATER, LCT, METEOR.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty 1 sect FSPB TIGER, 1 sect FSPB LYNX, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, C-1/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS700912, B Coy FSPB LYNX, C COY YS749889, D Coy YS736875.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). A Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL, B Coy MATILDA FORCE, V Coy(-) YS398877, D Coy(-) YS390906, W Coy(-) YS397838.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, C Coy Base Patrol Coy.
- (7) MATILDA FORCE (-) YS990842.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. NDP YS538602.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. NDP YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents. Late Entries.

- (1) At 180840H at YS432833 a patrol from 101 Fd Bty located a squad size tunnel and weapon pit system estimated to have last been used one year ago.
- (2) At 18 Jan at YS716872 12 D Coy 5 RAR located a small cache containing: qty chicom explosive, qty of docs dated 1968, qty of ammo. also detected in area fresh N/S track used that day.

Contacts and Incidents. Today's Activities.

- (3) At 180950H at YS425835 a patrol from 101 Fd Bty located, beside a track, five trees with spikes in them which had been used as observation posts. Tracks two to four days old also found in area.
- (4) At 181400H at YS433829 a patrol from 101 Fd Bty located a possible mortar base plate position consisting of a small square of hard packed earth covered with cut grass.
- (5) Between 182340 and 190120 at YS394716 and YS395725 unidentified mortars were detected firing into YS7173.

Area engaged by Arty and Hades a/c which detected two secondary explosions in YS395725. Up tight aircraft detected hot spot at YS384706 at 190315. Area investigated by Hawk flight 19 Jun. No results so far.

(6) At 190525H at YS407625 a base defence patrol from 8 RAR challenged two persons in ox cart who entered ambush area. Ox cart attempted to depart area when challenged and was engaged by claymore. Result: one ox killed, two detainees held for questioning.

(7) At 190915H at YS397887 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 11 bunkers and six eating areas. The area could accommodate a Pl but was last used six months ago by a small party. Also found in area were a number of Aust type ration packs and it is not known if these were used by VC or friendlies.

(8) At 190830H at YS490905 D Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing three ammo tins, Arty M557 fuze containers, two tins containing 25 lbs of rice, one tin containing small qty peppers, qty of rock salt, refined salt and some salt crystals in plastic bag.

(9) At 191000H at YS425840 elements of Sp Coy 6 RAR located sleeping places for hammocks, one fire place and tunnel four ft by ten ft under bunk. The area is estimated to be 6-12 months old and contained one M16 minus bolt and in poor condition.

(10) At 191000H at YS424640 elements of Sp Coy 6 RAR located a pl size area consisting of 37 sleeping bays, two sentry posts, one fighting bay, two cooking areas. Area last used 6-12 months ago and struck by Arty one to two weeks ago.

(11) At 191530H at YS475874 Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR contacted one VC who withdrew East. No results.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Materiel. One incomplete M16; three ammunition tins; 25 lbs of rice, quantity of salt pepper and ~~psom~~ salts.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 5
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Two broadcasts were conducted and targeted at areas, centre of mass YS4880, YS4882, YS5081. Total broadcast time was four hours. The themes were CHIEU HOI.

b. RF Operations.

(1) Combined op with elems PHOUC TUY RF tps commences in LONG HAI area.

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(2) Combined op with elms BINH TUY RF tp continues in HAM TAN area.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 75,000 sq yds cleared. Seven vehicles servicable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 100m x 80m cleared, 23 mines detonated by dozer and mini team.

(3) Bridge Construction. Continues Routes 23 and 44.

(4) Road Repairs. Continues Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.


b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 08 knots.

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21 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 20001H 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force conducted recce ops vic YS9392. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained HORSESHOE HILL following cancellation of LONG HAI Op.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5560. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along EAST slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0935	YS570901	95/40 5 Bnk Dam.
1315/1339	YS472534	100/90 BDA to follow - Poss
1257/1310	YS475520	100/40 " " " - "
1247/1255	YS474522	100/100 " " " - "

b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H Jan 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements continues Op MATILDA vic YS9997. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp shells tgts in LONG HAI mountains.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on EAST slopes of NUI DINH's. One mortar sect supports RF op in LONG HAI mountains.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) NUI DAT, OA & OB-, 1 Tp YS990842, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp (-) YS990841, 4 Tp YS538602.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) FSPB PAT, 2 Tp(-) FSPB PEGGY, 3 Tp(+) MATILDA FORCE, SHQ Tp Sects in AO's ROSSLYN, BAYSWATER, Land Clearing & METEOR.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX, 161(NZ) Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, C/2/35(US) Arty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS785853, C Coy YS763893, D Coy YS788684.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL, B Coy YS943914, V Coy(-) YS395892, D Coy YS490905, W Coy(-) YS398855.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, B Coy Base ptl Coy.
- (7) MATILDA FORCE - YS990841.
- (8) Land Clearing Team - NDP - YS538602.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team - NDP - YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 200840 at YS929923 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR operating with MATILDA FORCE saw and fired at 1 VC but there were no signs that the enemy had been hit.
 - (2) At 201020H at YS437847 a patrol from Sp Coy 6 RAR located a small cache containing 30X7.92 rounds, 30X9mm rounds, 1 fragmentation grenade a quantity of clothing, cooking pots and an entrenching tool. All these items were wrapped in plastic.
 - (3) At 201120H at YS435848 a Sp Coy 6 RAR patrol located a small camp with hide connected by tunnels. In the area were found 6 sheets of CG1, VC plastic material, a quantity of crockery, and used medical containers.
 - (4) At 201145H at YS435847 the same Sp Coy patrol contacted 1 enemy who was shot at and hit - result 1 VC WIA(BT).
 - (5) At 201220H at YS751899 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR saw 3-4 enemy who were engaged by artillery with negative results.
 - (6) At 201400H at YS506906 elements of D Coy 6 RAR located a squad sized camp that contained a water point with concrete tank which was destroyed.
- Late Entry: At 191158H at YS743889 C Coy 5 RAR located a small camp last used some 2 days ago.

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e. Results

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) ~~Enemy Losses~~ 1 MG M4A (lost)

(b) Material 60 rounds SAA, 1 grenade, cooking pots, entrenching tool, 6 sheets ~~CG~~, plastic material, crockery, and small quantity of clothing.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 3

Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts

(a) Two voice missions were conducted in support of planned operations. Population control of the LONG DIEN & DAT DO districts was the theme.

b. RF Operations

(1) Combined op with elms BINH TUY RF tp continues in HAM TAN area.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 135,000 sq yds cleared. Seven vehicles serviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 1400m x 80m and 40m x 50m cleared, 28 mines detonated, 1 slot completed, 2 bonds pushed in.

(3) Bridge Construction. Continues Routes 23 and 44.

(4) Road Repairs. Continues Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 14 knots.

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NUI DAT

22 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H Jan 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force conducted recce ops vic YS8801. One tp remains on LCT protection in LONG GREEN. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp shelled LONG HAI mountains.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect op con 17 Const Sqn in LONG GREEN. One tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA. One sect escorted convoy to XUAN LOC.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 53 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5560. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Elements remain op con 17 Const Sqn for LCT protection. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting ptl activity along East slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.

(10) Air Support.

<u>DTC</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0917/0940H	YS475523	100/20. 1 bunker damaged, 4 more bunkers in good condition - recommend more A/S on target.

b. Plans Summary for Period 220001H to 232400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements continues Op MATILDA. Force to take resupply at YS8197. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team support. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One Tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One sect escorts resupply convoy XUAN LOC - YS8197 - XUAN LOC.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for Land Clearing Team protection. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy continues fighting patrols on East slopes of NUI DINH's.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT, OA & OB - MATILDA FORCE, 1 Tp MATILDA Force, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp MATILDA Force, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) YS687763, 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT, 3 Tp MATILDA Force, SHQ Tp - Sects in AO's ROSSLYN, BAYSWATER, METEOR, and LCT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty - 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS809855, B Coy (-) YS801869, C Coy (-) YS768900, D Coy (-) YS787889.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL, B Coy MATILDA Force, YS861996, V Coy (-) YS394892, D Coy (-) YS490905, W Coy (-) YS446887.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT, B Coy - Base Patrol Coy.
- (7) MATILDA Force (-) YS861996.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. NDP YS538602
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. NDP YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 210255 at YS416659 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR sighted 8-10 enemy moving NORTH through the rubber. As the range was too great for accurate fire they were not engaged.
- (2) Between 0900-1100H in area YS4283 a ptl from 101 Fd Bty located three small unoccupied camps and staging areas.
- (3) At 211100H at YS364694 a HKT from 2 (US) Bde received automatic ground fire but there was no damage.
- (4) At 211030H at YS809853 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy with negative results.
- (5) At 211125H at YS754892 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR sighted 1 enemy.
- (6) At 211200H in the area of YS509380 elements of 17 Const Sqn LCT detonated 3 x M16 mines with only minor damage to plant.
- (7) At 211350H at YT897051 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR operating with MATILDA Force were ambushed by 3 enemy which resulted in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS rifle and 1 pack CIA.
- (8) At 211455H at YS438734 a base patrol from 5 RAR located signs of enemy digging and will ambush the general area to-night.
- (9) At 211500H at YS395884 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located 15 well constructed bunkers probably used some 8 months ago.
- (10) At 211840H at YS787889 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 4 LF enemy with the result that there were 3 VC KIA, (BC).

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(11) At 212000H at YS434857 a ptl from 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC with nil result.

(12) At 212125H in area YS7987 12 Pl D Coy and 11 Pl D Coy, plus elements of CHQ, had two contacts which resulted in 3 VC KIA (BC), 12 Pl killing one and 11 Pl killing two.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 7 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Materiel. 1 SKS rifle and 1 pack.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2.

Platoon - 4.

Squad - 5.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPS deployed.

(3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcast. One broadcast was conducted, targeted at areas centre of mass YS5085, YS5184, YS4984. Total broadcast time was 30 minutes. The themes were Chieu Hoi, using the voices of Hoi Chanh and District Chief.

(b) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in area YS E53 59, N90 92. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations. Combined op with elms BINH TUY RF tps continues.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 135,000 sq yds cleared. Six vehicles serviceable, 3 mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 100m x 80m cleared, 2 bunds pushed in and 8 mines detonated.

(3) Bridge Construction. Continues Routes 23 and 44.

(4) Road Repairs. Continue Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

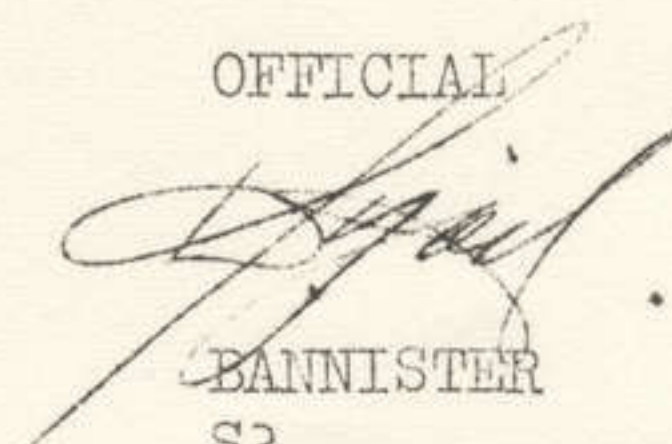
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 06 knots.

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

23 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 220001H to 222400H Jan 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force took resupply vic YS8196. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from LCT protection. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect and one tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA. One sect escorts resupply convoy at XUAN LOC.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 46 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team completed ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5560 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues fighting pti activity along East slopes of NUI DINH mountains. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (10) Air Activity.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0910/0945H	YS570901	100/80. One bunker destroyed, five bunkers exposed and damaged.
1502/1514H	YS475523	100/95. Neg further due to NAP smoke.
1532/1543H	YS489515	100/80. Neg further due to NAP smoke.

b. Plans Summary for Period 230001H to 232400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) with inf and cav elements continues Op MATILDA vic YS8094. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp (+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One sect escorts resupply convoy XUAN LOC - NUI DAT.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minofield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction on 2 and 25 and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO ROSSLYN. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn (-) deploys to vic XUYEN MOC YS6668 for future ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT. OA, OB, 1 Tp and 3 Tp MATILDA Force. 2 Tp and 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ and 2 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp AO ROSSLYN. 3 Tp (+) MATILDA Force. SHQ Tp: Sects in AO's ROSSLYN, BAYSWATER, TIENTAI and LCT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt and C/2/35 (US) Bty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY. 105 Fd Bty FSPB LYHAI. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS809855. B Coy (-) YS808872. C Coy (-) YS760912. D Coy (-) YS787889.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL. B Coy MATILDA Force, YS790939. V Coy (-) YS387897. D Coy (-) YS482913. W Coy (-) YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT. A Coy Base Patrol Coy.
- (7) MATILDA Force. YS808968.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. NDP YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Reference contacts noted in last nights SITREP (210001H to 212400H). 1 d (10) should read 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 d (12) should read 11 Pl killed 2 VC.
- (2) At 220800H at YS790892 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located and secured one Chevrolet truck and 3 chain saws. These had been used by woodcutters moving in a prohibited area.
- (3) At 220923H at YS719814 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine which damaged 1 APC.
- (4) At 221330H at YS840988 elements of MATILDA Force located a booby trap made from block explosive with a trip wire initiator. This was demolished by the mini-team.
- (5) At 221815H at YS424735 base patrol 44 from 5 RAR contacted one LF enemy which resulted in 1 VC KIA, 1 AK47 and 2 X AK47 magazines CIA.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 APC damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA, (1 VC WIA. Late entry).
 - (b) Materiel. 3 AK47, 2 AK47 magazines (2 AK47 are late entry).

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 3
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has two LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations. Nil.
- b. RF Operations. Combined op with elements of BINH TUY RF troops continued.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. 75,000 sq yds cleared. LCT returns NUI DAT.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. 100m X 80m cleared.
 - (3) Bridge Construction. Continues Routes 23 and 44.
 - (4) Road Repairs. Continues Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail.


- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. NORTH at 02 knots.

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NUI DAT

24 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Jan 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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with inf and cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force operates vic YS7993. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from LCT protection. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA. One sect escorted resupply convoy from XUAN LOC.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team completed ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5560 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn deployed to XUYEN MOC in preparation for future ops.
- (10) Air Support

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1944/2000	YS843776	100/unk, all bombs within 30M.
1913/1930	YS848767	100/unk, all bombs within 30M.
0831/0850	YS734892	100/50%, All bombs within 30M. 40M comms trench destroyed, 4 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged.
0925/0952	YS732889	100/80%, 2 military structures destroyed, 6 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed and damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 240001H to 242400H Jan 70

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with inf and cav elements continues Op MATILDA vic YS8094. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn conducts cordon and search op XUYEN MOC YS6668.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) NUI DAT, remainder MATILDA FORCE; 1 Tp YS787927; 2 Tp NUI DAT; 3 Tp YS787927; 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp FSPB LYX; 2 Tp(-) NUI DAT; 3 Tp YS787927. SHQ Tp - sects in AO's ROSSLYN, BAYSWATER, METEOR.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY; 105 Fd Bty FSPB LYX; 161(NZ) Fd Bty-1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL; C/2/35(US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT; A Coy YS646911; B Coy YS311868; C Coy YS772903; D Coy YS739891.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL; B Coy MATILDA FORCE YS787927; V Coy YS386897; D Coy YS496921; W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn complete XUYEN MOC YS655683.

(7) MATILDA FORCE YS787927.

(8) Mine Clearing. NDF YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Late Entry. At 222245H at YS851985, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav contacted 2 LF enemy with negative results.

e. Results: Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - Nil
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Air Broadcasts. Three missions were flown by US voice aircraft in Long Hais, Xuyen Moc and Duc Thanh. Themes Chieu Hoi.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Leaflet drops conducted in areas North of Binh Gia. 100,000 leaflets dropped.

b. RF Operations. One RF Coy from Xuyen Moc District in sp of 8 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Mine Clearing Team. 80m x 40m; 2 slots completed; 86 mines detonated.

(2) Bridge Construction. Continues Routes 23 and 44.

(3) Road Repairs. Continues Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. South at 05 knots.

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25 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)

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 and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force operates vic Y57838. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA. One sect plus inf escorted one 175mm gun to vic YS4955 to engage targets in LONG HAI mountains.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 35 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6200 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn conducted cordon and search of part of XUYEN MOC.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0930/1000	YS811718 & YS810717	100/Unk. Neg BDA. 100/100. 2 bunkers destroyed, 3 M117 on each grid. B/camps.

b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements continues Op MATILDA vic YS7838. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

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(6) 8 RAR. Bn conducts cordon and search op NUI NHON YS5863.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) NUI DAT, remainder MATILDA Force, 1 Tp MATILDA Force, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp MATILDA Force, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS054789, 2 Tp(-) NUI DAT, 3 Tp MATILDA Force, SHQ Tp, sects in AO's ROSSLYN, BAYSWATER, METZON and at NUI NHON.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB LINX, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 x sect NUI DAT, 1 x sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy FSPB TIGER, B Coy YS854789, C Coy YS772903, D Coy YS788891.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BN HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy MATILDA Force, V Coy YS386897, D Coy YS483917, W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ AP NUI NHON YS582634, A, B, C, D Coy's AP NUI NHON YS582634.

(7) MATILDA FORCE. YS780774.

(8) MINE CLEARING. 1 Fd Sqn - NDP YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) 232020H at YS645910 Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR engaged enemy who tripped a trip flare, with claymore and M60. Enemy approached from East and wdr East with negative results.

(2) At 232230H at YS435655 1 Fd Sqn detected lights and movement. A sweep conducted at first light produced negative results.

(3) At 241055H at YS453892 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR engaged 1 enemy who approached from S/W. Enemy fired on by sentry and withdrew S/W with negative results.

(4) At 241150H at YS818868 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR located a recently used installation consisting of 3 bunkers with 2' OHP and 2 huts. A well used track leads 75 m to water and there may possibly be mines. Arty to engage.

(5) At 241200H at YS450892 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a camp area for five persons. The area was estimated to have been occupied 2 months ago and provided good observation. Located in area: 3 conical containers, 1 blue shirt, 1 black trousers, 1 water bottle containing rice whisky, 4 packets of cigarettes, 2 lb tobacco, 1 pr green shorts (Aust), 55 lbs rice, 1 pkt marmite, 3 lbs cooked fish, 3 lbs cooked rice, 2 lbs salt (course), 6 lbs cooked bamboo shoots, 1 cooking pot, 1 razor and qty razor blades, 1 mirror.

(6) At 241230H at YS311869 B Coy 5 RAR located 2 x 500lbs bombs which had apparently been dropped by air and not detonated. They will be destroyed when B Coy leaves their location.

(7) At 241400H at YS628923 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR engaged 1 enemy dressed in black who approached from the east. Result: 1 VC KIA(BT). Enemy wdr East.

(8) At 241500H at YS450892 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR detained 3 persons including 1 female suspected VC and two men, one of whom has a wounded arm. They will be extracted to NUI DAT.

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- (9) At 241745H at Y8753899 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 enemy at 250m range. 7 PI fired killing one enemy and wounding a second, but during the subsequent sweep the wounded enemy fired and hit some Australians. He was shot. Results: 2 VC KIA(BC), 2 x AK47 CIA, 3 Aust WIA(DO).
- (10) At 241840H at Y8472695 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 enemy at some 250m range, there were no positive results.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 3 Aust WIA(DO).
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA(BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 2 x AK47, 55 lbs rice, 4 packs cigarettes, 2 lbs tobacco and sundry items of foodstuffs.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - 4
Squad - 6
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

- a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. Elements of 787 RF Coy op con to 8 RAR for ops in NUI NHON area.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Mine Clearing. 2 sects completed, 18 mines detonated.
 - (2) Bridge Repairs. Continue on Routes 23 and 44.
 - (3) Road Repairs. Continue on Routes 2 and 23.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN AVIATION CORPS
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26 Jan 70

SUBJECT : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
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250001H to 262400H Jan 70.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THUNG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR and in BINH TUY Province. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con continues armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force operates vic YS8275. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt on Op MATILDA.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 28H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6200 and in AO extension to East. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4303. One Coy remains with MATILDA Force.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn conducted cordon and search of NUI NHON YS5863 and then returned to NUI DAT.
- (10) 1 ATF Def Pl reacted to check on report of on in vic YS4070.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0915/0946	YS811778	100/70.

One Military structure destroyed. All bombs within 20m. Five within 10m and two direct hits.

b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements continues Op MATILDA vic YS8273. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp(+) op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).

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FSPB LYNX closes. 105 Fd Bty returns NUI DAT. US Fd Bty moves to FSPB PAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn commences deployment to NUI DIEM mountains.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ MATILDA Force and Nui Dat. 1 Tp MATILDA, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp MATILDA, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp MATILDA Force, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp MATILDA Force.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Bn HQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty LYNX, 161 Fd Bty NUI DAT (1 x sect); HORSESHOE (1 x sect), C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ PAT, A Coy YS646911, B Coy YS817706, C Coy YS790803, D Coy YS786879.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy MATILDA Force, V Coy YS386897, D Coy YS482913, W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy NUI DAT.

(7) MATILDA FORCE. Main body YS791709.

(8) MINIFIED CLEARING. NDP YS498621.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) 242250 at YS794877, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted three local forces. Results: 2 KIA(BC), 1 AK47, 1 x 9MM pistol CLA.

(2) 251210 at YS525695, Hawk Flight contact one enemy. Result: 1 KIA(BC). 1 long handle gollok CLA.

(3) 250700 at YS483904, Anti Tk 6 RAR sighted seven VC moving SE, lost trail at YS490905.

(4) 250930 at YS456893 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted six main forces. Result: 1 KIA(BC), 3 PW(1 x WIA), 1 WIA(Poss), 1 AK47, 1 chicom pistol, 78 x 7.62 short rds.

(5) 251045 at YS450890 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted one main force. Result: 1 KIA(BC). No weapon.

(6) At approx 1130 at YS465865 Element of W Coy and B Sqn Cav sighted 10 to 11 VC with packs. Results: 1 Aust WIA, Shrapnel to head. Two sweeps through area have produced neg results.

(7) At YS832744 Elements of B Sqn 3 Cav located a cache under a hut. Long list of items located will be sent later.

(8) At 251525 at YS452883, three local forces sighted. Resulting in 1 KIA. Nil weapon.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.

(b) Material. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 6 x KIA(BC), 1 x WIA(Poss), 3 x PW(1 x WIA).

(b) Material. 2 x AK47 CIA, 2 X Chicom pistol CIA, 78 rds x 7.62mm short CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil.
Platoon - 3
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results. 1 x KIA(BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. Minefield clearing: 1 x slot completed, 18 x mines detonated and seven mines initiated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NE at 06 knots.

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

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H Jan 70.

27 Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) with Inf and Cav elements under op con completed armoured sweep (Op MATILDA). Force returned to NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN and 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180. FSPB LYNX closed down. Bn HQ loc FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4383.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Two coys deployed East face of NUI DINH Mountains.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0933/0955H	YS455525 YS458520	100/unk - Neg further. 50% bombs within 50M 100% bombs within 100M.
1113/1122H	YS455525	100/unk - Neg further.
1126/1140H	YS458520	100/unk - Neg further.

b. Plans Summary for Period 270001H to 272400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN. Bn HQ loc FSPB PAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn completes deployment to NUI DINH mountains.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp, 4 Tp all NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp, Sqn HQ sects all NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT 1 sect H'SHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT, B/2/13 US Arty FSPB PAT
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS627912, B Coy YS570844, C Coy(-) YS571782, D Coy YS633892.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS386896, D Coy YS462888, W Coy(-) YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT. B Coy, D Coy pls deployed.
- (7) Minefield Clearing. NDP YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 260730H at YS459863 Anti Tk Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 NVA at 50M range, who approached from North. Result: 1 KIA (BC), 1 pack and qty docs CIA.
- (2) At 260745H at YS454886 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 local force approaching from the South. Result: 1 KIA (BC), 1 SKS and 9 rds CIA. Second enemy escaped East.
- (3) At approx 261000H at YS451886 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR located 1 grave which is believed to be the result of the contact at 250910H at YS456893.
- (4) At 261230H at YS474836 elements of Sp Coy 6 RAR located a camp area for 6 persons. Area last used by a squad 24 hrs previously, but vacated by 1 enemy 2 minutes before entry of ptl. Sweep produced negative results.
- (5) At 261410H at YS428874 elements of 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 5 VC approaching from SW. 1 enemy engaged at 50M by forward scout and then 4 more seen to move NE. Result: 1 VC KIA, 1xM1 carbine and 1 pack containing docs CIA.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 3 KIA (BC).
 - (b) Material. 1xM1 carbine, 1xSKS, 2xpacks CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Nil.
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: N/A.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. One voice mission was conducted by II Field Force aircraft. Areas covered were LONG HAI and DUC THANH. The theme was CHIEU HOI.
- (2) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in DUC THANH area. The theme was CHIEU HOI.

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- b. RF Operations. Nil.
 - c. Engineering Operations. Minefield clearing: 1 slot completed, 1 slot part completed, nil area cleared, 1 mine detonated.
3. Meteorological Detail.
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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

28 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One Tp(-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect deployed with Land Clearing Team to vic YS2674.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER, and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Land Clearing Team deployed to vic YS2674.
- (7) 5 PAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180. Reacting to info on en one coy deployed to vic YS5664. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 13 ARVN Div. One coy deployed from 1 ATF Base to vic YS4774 in reaction to info on en.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys air assaulted to top of NUI DINH mountains. Two coys remain on East face. Bn HQ and Bn arty remains 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0905/0935	YS745900	100/50. One structure and table destroyed. One structure damaged and one bunker exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 280001H to 282400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp sp sector op in DAT DO District.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Tp with 5 RAR to be brought up to str. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44. Sps Inf Bns.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PAT.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in NUI DINH mountains.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp, 4 Tp, SHQ sects NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 Fd Bty NUI DAT (1 sect) HORSESHOE (1 sect).
C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT, B/1/13 Arty PAT, A/7/8 NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. BHQ PAT, A Coy YS633921, B Coy YS568844, C Coy YS559779, D Coy YS555664.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS469715, V Coy YS386896, D Coy YS471903, W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS341636, B Coy YS378678, C Coy YS356658, D Coy YS332624.

(7) Minefield Clearing - NDP YS497617.

(8) Land Clearing - NDP FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 271215 at YS571808 A Tk Pl 5 RAR located a camp. Consisted of two bunkers and three huts, last used three to four months ago.

(2) At 271430 at YS374628 C Coy 8 RAR located two water points. One used used this morning by two men also fresh signs indicating a camp which is believed to be in vicinity of YS355659.

(3) At 271540 at YS556664 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted five LF enemy. Results: 2 KIA(BC), 1 x SKS CIA and som documents.

(4) At 271520 at YS427883 a ptl of 3 Pl W Coy contacted three enemy moving West. Engaged with small arms and artillery with negative results.

(5) At 271547 at YS345637 Ptl of 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted unknown number of enemy who initiated contact by firing claymore type mine. Negative casualties either side and contact broken.

(6) At 271600 at YS444875 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR detained four females. Detainees were brought back to NUI DAT for interrogation.

(7) At 271915 at YS438870 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted three LF enemy. Resulting in one KIA(BC); one WIA(poss); one pack CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 x WIA(remained on duty).

(b) Materiel. NIL.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 x KIA, 1 x WIA(poss), 4 x detainees for questioning.

(b) Materiel. 1 x SKS CIA, 1 x pack CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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- (1) Company - Nil.
Platoon - 2.
Squad - 5.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Omitted.
- c. Engineering Operations. Nil slots completed. Nil area cleared.
12 mines detonated. Two mines initiated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

29 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect remains with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elements deployed to 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN to give bn one tp op con.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact and 21 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Task Force arty engaged large en force sighted by B Coy 6 RAR/NZ in vic YS4672 at 0530H.
- (5) 1 Fd Regt. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road const continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge const continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180. One coy remains vic YS5765. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains vic YS4875.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys sweeping NE and SE respectively from top of NUI DINH mountains. Two coys remain on East face. Bn HQ and Bn arty remains 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 1 ATF Ready Reaction force deployed to vic YS4473 fol sighting of large en party East of Route 2. Sweep failed to make contact with en.
- (11) Air Support.

DTG REFERENCE BDA/REPORT.

0900H YS738895 Aborted due to weather.

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 202400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp support sector op in DAT DO District.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 5 RAR. Sect op con 6 RAR/NZ to be replaced by tp. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44. Supports inf bns.

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- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge const continues on Route 23.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended). One coy remains vic YS5765.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains vic YS4873.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in NUI DINH mountains.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1Tp, 2Tp, 3Tp, NUI DAT, 4Tp LANG PHUOC HAI.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp LANG PHUOC HAI, SHQ Sector.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSHSHOE, C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT, B/1/13 Arty FSPB PAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS603921, B Coy(-) YS550841, C Coy(-) YS525743, D Coy(-) YS558570.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy(-) YS499713, V Coy(-) YS386896, D Coy(-) YS458879, W Coy(-) YS438870.
- (6) 9 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT, A Coy(-), B Coy(-) YS378678, C Coy(-) YS357667, D Coy(-) YS32624.
- (7) Minefield Clearing. NDP YS498615.
- (8) LCT. FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 280340 at YS464729 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR detected estimated 50-60 enemy moving 2-300m south of their location. Arty engaged area and enemy appeared to break into a number of groups moving north and east.
- (2) At 280515 at YS263723 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR heard movement and fired 1 claymore. Results unknown.
- (3) At 280645 at YS464729 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted unknown enemy force with unknown results. At 0742 a pack containing docs indentifying unit being deployed against (D440) was found in close proximity to their loc.
- (4) At 271830H at YS557658 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted estimated squad of enemy who approached in tactical formation from SW. Engaged by ME at 200m. They returned with AK47 & RPL before withdrew NW by fire and movement.
- (5) At 271915H at YS451895 elements of 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted unknown en with negative results.
- (6) At 272000H at YS451895 elements of 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted one enemy with negative results. Enemy withdrew North.
- (7) At 281300H at YS556667 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted estimated squad of en. in bunker system. En returned fire with claymore, RPG & AK. Result: 2 packs qty docs and letters, food, clothing and fishing gear, 1 stick grenade, 2 hand grenades 5 AK47 rds, 1M1 carbine. 1 WIA(BT).
- (8) At approx 281430H at YS355660 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 en and believed they are approaching a camp instalation. Sweep continuing.

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(9) At 281430H at YS345637 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted unknown number of en in bunker system. They are being joined by 2 Pl and will continue clearing ops.

(10) At 281845H at YS332625 D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 VC approaching from N. Resulting in 1 x KIA(BC), 1 x WIA(PW), 1 x AK47CIA, 1 x M2 carbine CIA. Think VC wdr W.

e.b. Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 x KIA, 1 x WIA, 1 x WIA(poss).

(b) Material. 1 x AK47 CIA, 1 x M1 Carbine CIA, 1 x M2 CIA, 3 x packs CIA, 1 x stick grenade CIA, 2 x hand grenades CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted

2. a.b. Omitted

c. Engineering Operations Minefield Clearing - 300m fencing completed, 34 mines detonated, Nil area cleared, Nil slots completed.
LCT 50,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. South at 05 knots.

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

30 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp returned to HORSESHOE HILL from vic YS5253. One tp deployed to vic YS4868 with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force (RRF).

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect remains with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. Two sects deployed to vic YS4868 with RRF.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period, 20 Intel targets.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SANFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road const continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge const continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180. One coy remains vic YS5765. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy moved from vic YS4875 to vic YS4671 to continue recce ops.

(9) 8 RAR. Two coys sweeping NE and SE respectively from top of NUI DINH mountains. Two coys remain on East face. Bn HQ and Bn Arty remains 1 ATF Base.

(10) 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force deployed to vic YS4868 fol maximum sniffer readings in area.

(11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0925/0945H	YS739895	100/50%, 2 huts destroyed, suspect more damage but was unable to determine because area completely devastated
1030/1035H	YS452522	100/100%, 3 secondary explosions.
1132/1145H	YS458520/ YS454525	100/100%, Neg further
1230/1300H	YS765940	100/80%, Neg further
1440/1450H	YS517672	100/unk%, 30 metres trench exposed
1500/1505H	YS523663	100/unk%, 5 bunkers and 7 weapon pits exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 300001H to 302400H Jan 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deploys to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 5 RAR. Sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) to be replaced by tp. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT.

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(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44. Supports inf bns.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge const continues on Route 23.

(5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended). One coy remains vic YS5765.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains vic YS4671.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in NUI DINH mountains.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp(-) FSPB PAT; 2 Tp(-) FSPB PEGGY; 3 Tp(-) YS521649; 4 Tp YS521644.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp FSPB PAT; 2 Tp NUI DAT; 3 Tp YS514651; 4 Tp YS521649.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY; 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT; 161 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE HILL; C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT; B/2/13 Arty FSPB PAT; A/7/8 NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT; A Coy YS603921; B Coy YS521845; C Coy YS530722; D Coy YS554692.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy YS522649; B Coy YS463723; V Coy YS399876; D Coy YS461890; W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT; A Coy YS343638; B Coy YS378678; C Coy YS357664; D Coy YS332624.

(7) Minefield Clearing - YS499617.

(8) Land Clearing - FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Late Entry. At 281150H at YS448867, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR made contact with 3 en resulting in 1 WIA(HBT). PW captured in para (4) reports 4 KIA from this contact.

(2) At 282347H at YS378678, B Coy 8 RAR contacted estimated 4 or 5 en. Torches observed by sentry at 40M and B Coy stood to. Enemy approached to 15M of perimeter and engaged. In the ensuing fire fight 1 Aust KIA. En withdrew North and engaged by arty.

(3) At 290715H at YS424724 a Base Ptl of 5 RAR contacted 3-4 enemy who approached from East and were engaged at 30M by Ptl with MG, SA, and claymores. Results: 2 KIA(BC), 1 WIA(HBT), 2 SKS, 1 M2, 3 packs, qty docus CIA. En wdr SW without returning fire.

(4) At 290730H at YS443874, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR captured 1 VC who had previously been wounded. Believed in contact with elements of 1 Pl W Coy at 281150H at YS448867. PW states that he and 7 others engaged and 4 were killed, he was wounded and the four SKS which party had were probably lost in contact.

(5) At 290915 at YS611781, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located a bunker and two fighting pits believed to be a listening post for two enemy last occupied 6 months ago. Sweeps of area detected nothing further.

(6) At 291000H at YS431873, elements of Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located 1 bunker and well with good water, last occupied by 5 pers 24 hrs ago, qty of cooking utensils, wet washing, and 2 batteries captured.

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- (7) At 291200H at YS344626, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located a cache consisting of a box containing: 1 stick of explosives, 100' electrical cord, 8 anti lifting devices, 1 bath, 9 M16 igniters, 30 detonators and 15 candles.
- (8) At 291300H at YS344635, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located an RPG2 round rigged as a booby trap. Destroyed in situ.
- (9) At 291400H at YS473882, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a cache behind a tree consisting of 32xtins of condensed milk, 1xgallon of salad oil and 20 yds of plastic. All destroyed in situ.
- (10) At 291450H at YS502519, elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located 1xM16 mine which was destroyed.
- (11) At 291500H at YS457813 olms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 2-3 VC moving along creekline with negative results.
- (12) At 291630H at YS452884, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR detained a female with a baby, Detainee evacuated to NUI DAT for questioning.
- (13) At 292035H at YS336632, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown size force with unknown results. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 1xKIA.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 2 KIA(BC), 4 KIA(Poss), 1 WIA(HBT), 1 PW(WIA)
1 detainee (female with baby).

(b) Materiel. 2xSKS, 1xM2, 3xpacks, qty foodstuffs CIA, Ref para d (5), (6).

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 3

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With contact: 1.

(4) Results: Ref para d. (2).

2. Combined Operations

a.b. Nil

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Minefield Clearing. Area cleared 40x50M. 2 slots completed, 55 mines detonated, 42 mines initiated.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 90,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated. 6 vehs serviceable, 2 U/S.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. South at 03 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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NUI DAT

31 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deployed to vic YS4273 with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force (RRF). One tp deployed to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect remains with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. Two sects deployed to vic YS4273 with RRF.

(4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 67 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 and Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5765. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains YS4671.

(9) 8 RAR. Two coys sweeping NE and SE respectively from top of NUI DINH mountains. Two coys remain on East face. Bn HQ and Bn Arty remains 1 ATF Base.

(10) 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force deployed to vic YS4273 to check for caches reported in area.

(11) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>	
1110/1135H	YS745900	100/100.	All bombs within 50m - 65% within 20m. 1 cache area destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed.
1140/1155H	YS745900	100/80.	2 military structures destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed.
1200/1218H	YS738898	100/80.	Neg further, 1 secondary explosion.

b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H Jan 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 5 RAR. Sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) to be replaced by tp. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23, and bridge construction Route 44. Supports inf bns.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge construction continues on Route 23.

(5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended). One coy remains vic YS5765.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains vic YS4671.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in NUI DINH mountains.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS560640.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) FSPB PAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 Bty (-) NUI DAT, Sect 161 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL, B/2/13 Arty FSPB PAT, A/7/8 NUI DAT, C/2/35 US NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS603921, B Coy YS556734, C Coy YS546708, D Coy YS526684.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS409878, D Coy YS472884, W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS343638, B Coy YS378678, C Coy YS357664, D Coy YS334623.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 300805H at YS343635 3/A/8 RAR detonated a BBT. Results: 1 Aust WIA.

(2) At 301015H at YS613930 3/A/5 RAR contacted unk number of en. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK 47 CIA. En wdr North.

(3) At 301058H at YS561563 ptl from A Coy/6 RAR detained a 15 year old youth fishing. Returned to NUI DAT for interrogation.

(4) At 301240H at YS375675 9/C/8 RAR located a transit area with 15 fireplaces used by approx 60 people overnight, 3 to 5 days ago.

(5) At 301308H at YS431729 Atk Pl/6 RAR located a blood trail, approx 24 hrs old. Blood trail led East to West.

(6) At 301122H at YS438862, 2/W/6 RAR contacted 2 LF VC who withdrew North then West. Results: 1 WIA (BT), 1 WIA (Poss).

(7) At 301145H at YS434865, 2/W/6 RAR contacted 6 LF VC after following up blood-trails from earlier contact. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (Poss), 2 AK 47 and 2 packs CIA. Friendly cas 2 NZ (WIA).

(8) At 301540H at YS483813, elms B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 6 RAR detained 2 females and 1 male who were taken to DUC THANH for interrogation.

(9) At 301750H at YS553750, ptl 13A/A/6 RAR detonated a mine. Results: 2 Aust KIA, 4 Aust WIA.

(10) At 301455H at YS3564, a ptl from 8 RAR located a cache, emptied 2-3 days ago. The cache was a hole 3'x5'x4'. Tracks by approx 4 people led to the NE.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 Aust KIA, 5 Aust WIA, 2 NZ WIA, 1 VN WIA.

(b) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA.

(b) Materiel. Large qty edible foodstuffs, beverage materials, small qty printing materiel, qty docus, med sups, water bottles, qty cooking and eating gear, one gas mask, 1 lb CHICOM TNT, 2 anti lift devices, 2 M16 igniters, 1 CBU attached to anti-lift device, 3 AK 47.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1.

Platoon - 2.

Squad - 3.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: 2.

(4) Results. See Para e (1) and (2) above.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Late Report. 29 Jan 70. Air Broadcast. One voice mission was conducted by II FFV aircraft. Areas covered were centres of mass YS5474 and YS4983. The theme was "Exploitation of Hoi Chanh". Total time flown was one hour and thirty minutes.

(2) 30 Jan 70. Aircraft Broadcast. One mission was conducted by II FFV aircraft, in area centre of mass YS4883. The theme was "Chieu Hoi". Total time flown was 20 minutes.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

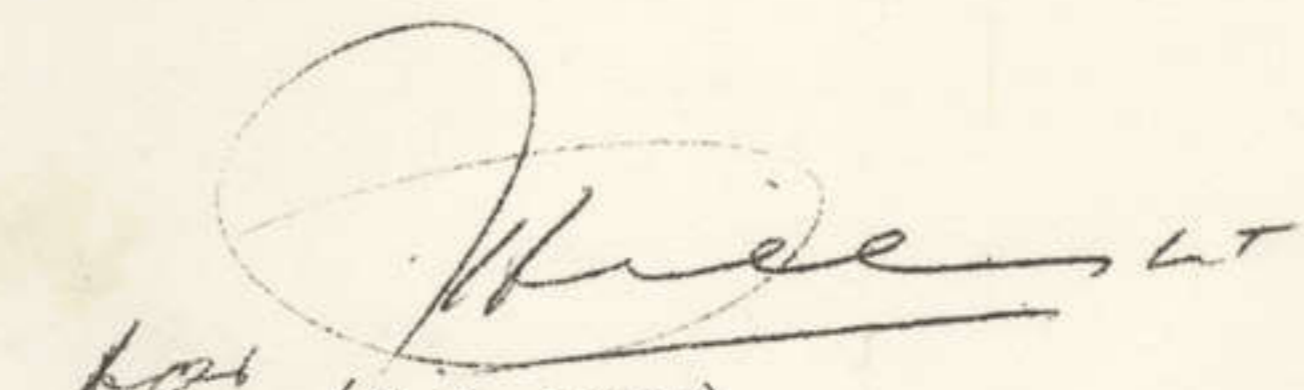
(1) Minefield Clearing. Finished. 55 mines detonated, 33 mines initiated.

(2) Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 08 knots.

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

1 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Jan 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 remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect remains with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect deployed to 8 RAR. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 41 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 and Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5765. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 trg one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains YS4671. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys sweeping NE and SE respectively from top of NUI DINH mountains. Two coys remain on East face. Bn HQ and Bn Arty remains 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0905/0945H	YS562798	100/50. 1 bunker destroyed.
1515/1525H	YS660375	95/50. Neg further. (Bombed on target of suspected concentration of enemy troops).
1555/1612H	YS710853	95/50. Neg further. (Bombed on target of suspected concentration of enemy troops).

b. Plans Summary for Period 010001H to 012400H Feb 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 5 RAR. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains op con 8 RAR.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearing DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23 and bridge construction Route 44. Supports inf bns.

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- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge construction continues on Route 23.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended). One coy remains vic YS5765.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains vic YS4671.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in NUI DINH mountains.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 2 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS463731. 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp, 2 Tp FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY. 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty: 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE. C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT. B/2/13 FSPB PAT. A/7/8 NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS603921. B Coy YS561709. C Coy YS562892. D Coy YS519692.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy HORSESHOE. B Coy YS463731. V Coy YS422887. D Coy YS500894. W Coy YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS343638. B Coy YS378678. C Coy YS377664. D Coy YS334623.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 310700H at YS455868 elements of 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 Local Force VC resulting in 1 X VC KIA (BC). Two wdr to the South.
- (2) At 300950H at YS439833 lights were sighted from FSPB PEGGY and were engaged with mortars. Sweep conducted this morning revealed tracks of 2-3 people. Negative results.
- (3) At 311100H at YS616908 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system last used approx 1-2 weeks ago. A small qty of medical supplies and cooking utensils were found in the system. All were destroyed in situ.
- (4) At 310930H at YS455868 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a mine and booby trap. The device consisted of a pressure switch and blast grenade which were disarmed by elements of 1 Fd Sqn.
- (5) At 311145H at YS486728 elements of 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a track which had been closed to civilian traffic for two weeks but which had been used by 30 persons in the last 24 hours.
- (6) At 311250H at YS382707 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a small camp for 3 men 24 hours old containing blood stained gauze and a bottle of red medicine.
- (7) At 311250H at YS344634 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 3 sets of clothing, 1 poncho, 3 poncho liners, 1 mosquito net, 1 X M72, 1 X M1 carbine, qty propaganda, silk printing screen, 10 Lbs loose rice, 4 X 4 gal drums of polished rice, 2 reams foolscap, 5½ reams printing paper.
- (8) At 311300H at YS344634 A Coy 8 RAR located a bunker and weapon pit complex built to accomodate 50 persons. Bunkers were built for 2 men and had 18" - 2' OHC of timber, rock and sand. Most of the area had been constructed 6 - 12 months ago but there was evidence of very recent work. Four booby traps (previously reported) were destroyed with the system.

- (9) At 311100H at YS616908 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located two bunkers under construction and one recently completed 15 metres from creek. Bunkers in good condition with natural camouflage and 2' OHC. Located in the area was a small qty of medical supplies, qty cooking utensils and some old used bandages,
- (10) At 311430H at YS442869 elements of W Coy 6 RAR detected an enemy mine estimated to be 20 - 30 lbs which was detonated by a scrub fire. The mine had been placed on an old APC track which has not been used for at least six months.
- (11) At 311645H at YS360635 Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy 8 RAR contacted an estimated 3 enemy who approached from the East. One dressed in greens and 2 in black uniforms and one carrying suspected RPG. Enemy engaged by forward scout and wdr East. Negative results.
- (12) At 312000H at YS442878 elements of 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results. Sweep to be conducted at first light.
- (13) At 312030H at YS345625 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy who were engaged with SA and hand grenades with unknown results. Sweep to be conducted at first light.
- (14) At 312212H at YS355668 C Coy 8 RAR observed 10 major lights (torches) and several minor lights. Area engaged with ground directed mortar fire. Approximately 60 bombs seen to fall into area of lights. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
- (a) Personnel. 1 X KIA (BC).
- (b) Materiel. Qty of medical supplies, cooking utensils, 3 sets of clothing, 1 pincho, 3 poncho liners, 1 X mosquito net, 1 X M72, 1 X M1 Carbine, 2 reams of foolscap, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ reams of printing paper, qty propaganda materiel, silk printing screen, 10 lbs rice, 4 X 4 gal drums of polished rice.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1.
Platoon - 1.
Squad - Nil.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. One voice mission was conducted by II Field Force V aircraft, targeted at areas centre of mass YS8172 and YS5075. The theme was CHIEU HOI taken from information received from HOI CHANH personnel. Total broadcast times was one hour.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Op FRANGIMUS. One slot completed. 1 slot 75% complete, Nil Mines detonated.

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(2) Land Clearing Team. 165,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines dtonated.
Six machines serviceable, 2 machines U/S.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 06 knots.

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ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 JAN 70 TO 31 JAN 70

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND SUMMARIES ISSUED

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 1-70.
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were six contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (011504H) At YS511878, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one (poss three) enemy who approached from the EAST and withdrew EAST. Results: one VC WIA(BT) and one pistol grip poss belonging to an LMG CIA.

(b) (011525H) At YS429898, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 VC who withdrew NORTHEAST. Results: enemy casualties unknown, 2 packs containing sweet potatoes CIA.

(c) (011705H) At YS419917, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 VC moving WEST to EAST on a track. Results: 2 VC WIA(BT) and 1 pack containing 2 US Special Forces rations, 2 pr sports trousers and 2 shirts CIA.

(d) (011800H) At YS416919, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 VC during a follow up of the contact reported above. Results: 1 VC WIA(BT).

(2) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (011142H) At YS551862, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted approx 5 VC moving NORTH EAST. Results: 2 VC WIA(BT), 1 pack containing food and clothing and 6 old AK47 rounds CIA.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (011045H) At YS522577, 17 Const Sqn LCT located a bunker system consisting of 10 bunkers. Two of the bunkers had been occupied by three persons approx three weeks ago. Recovered: 1 M16 barrel (damaged), a qty of empty food tins and a qty of plastic cooking utensils.

(b) (011918H) At YS498606 the mine clearing Team reports two 82 mm mortar rounds impacting approx 100 metres to their NORTHEAST.

(c) (012025H) At YS360635 a stationary light was observed by 161 Bty. Light was engaged by arty with unknown results.

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 - 1 VC.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure

(1)(2) Omitted.

(3) 82 mm Mortar - 2.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. LMG pistol grip, 4 packs, qty clothing, qty cooking utensils, 5 AK47 rounds, 1 damaged M16 barrel.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS429898	sweet potatoes	2 packs	unknown
YS419917	US rations	2	"
YS551862	unknown	unknown	"

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA - 1 VC
 (2) (9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Docus taken from a VC KIA by D/8 RAR at YS428897 on 30 Dec 69 probably identify NGUYEN VAN DAN aka NGUYEN THANH DAN, pl comd C24 TN Coy 274 VC MF Regt.

S2 COMMENT: A letter dated 29 Dec 69 to TAN CHIEN of C5/84 RSG requests med sups from K76A hosp for 274 Regt. This suggests that 274 VC Regt has not received word that the hosp, previously located in the NUI MAY TAO, has moved following 6 RAR's operations.

b. Docus recovered from a pack dropped during a contact by C/8 RAR with 4 en at YS387920 on 30 Dec 69, disclose no idents. A letter from VAN THAM (NFI) to HAI LINH (NFI) dated 28 Dec 69 states that THAM was unable to return to Br (NFI) on 27 Dec 69 as Australians were operating around their bases.

S2 COMMENT: This suggests that the party contacted was from elms of 274 Regt operating WEST of the contact area.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.

9.10. Omitted.

11. a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report (311830H) At YT324026, 3/2/48 ARVN engaged an unknown number of VC with SA and AW's. USAF LFT'S and a Spooky AC were used in support. Results: 2 ARVN KIA, 2 US WIA, 15 ARVN WIA, Enemy cas unknown.

(2) Further to contact report on 312115H at YS485595 (INTSUM No 365/69 Para 11. f (6) refers) 33 PF Pl initiated a contact with 2 VC platoons at 312015H while the VC were in DAT DO village. The VC returned fire with B40 and AK47 weapons. After 10 minutes fighting the PF broke contact and withdrew to the Phuoc Thanh compound. Results: 2 PF KIA, 4 PF MIA, village NP Chief MIA, one .45 cal pistol and one M79 MIA, Enemy cas unknown but a large qty of blood, bone and flesh was found in the killing area of the ambush.

(3) Further to contact report on 312115H at YS500534 (INTSUM No 365/69 para 11. f (5) refers). I and R Pl and 577 RF Coy comd by Province Chief sighted 3 groups of VC approaching their position from the WEST. The RF Coy allowed the first group to pass and ambushed the second group. Results: 6 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47 and 3 M16 CIA. Enemy unit was identified as C25 unit.

(4) (011545H) At YS428740, 655 RF Coy located the body of a woman.

Annex: A. Interrogation Report
 E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORT)
TO HQ 1 ATF INTSUM 1/70
DATED 1 JAN 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW: [REDACTED]

Biographical Details

1. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. AKA: None
- c. D/POB: [REDACTED], THAI BINH town, THAI BINH NVN
- d. Rank/Appt: Cpl
- e. Unit: [REDACTED]
- f. Edn: High School NVN
- g. Religion: None
- h. Father: Deceased
- i. Mother: [REDACTED]

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: D/6 RAR
- b. Date: [REDACTED]
- c. Place: [REDACTED]
- d. Wpns and Docs: 1xAK47
- e. Circumstances: Returning to Z300 with two others when wounded by Australians.

Past Activities

3. Apr 68 called up for Military service and did 3 months infantry training in HA DONG Province NVN. Jul 68: Began infiltrating SOUTH with infiltration group 709 with a strength of 200 carrying AK, SKS and RPD. Dec 68: Gp 709 arrived at HAI YEN (KONTUM) SVN, only two pers were lost en route, from malaria. Feb 69: Subject arrived in PHUOC TUY and was assigned to Z300, located near the foot of the MAY TAO hills.

Exploited information

4. Z300: A combat unit of coy size, however in Sep 69 was renamed C1 and became a unit of C100 Independant Combat Bn of T7.

C100: Formed in Sep 69 and directly responsible to T7. Divided into 2 Coys i.e. C1 and C2 which were divided into 3 pls each.

Bn Comd	HONG 35 SVN Colt
2IC	TUNHE 38 " "
PO	QUAN 35 " "
APO	Unk
Adjt	TIEM 28 " "
Total Str	240
Task	since formation to defend K76A hospital
Loc	HQ Staff located with K76A

C1 (formerly Z300)

Coy Comd	RANH 30 SVN colt
2IC	NHUT 26 " "
PO	MAU 28 NVA "
APO	None
Adjt	TAO - " -

B1 C1

Pl Comd	MUOI 27 NVA Carbine
2IC	TAI 29 " "
Str	37
Wpns:	AK, SKS and carbines

B2 C1

Pl Comd VAN 25 SVN carbine
 2IC CHI 25 NVA "
 Str 27
 Wpns AK, SKS, carbine

B3 C1

Pl Comd QUOC 25 SVN carbine
 2IC TAU 23 " "
 Str 27
 Wpns AK, SKS, carbine
 Loc Unknown

C2 (formed in Sep 69 from convalescent unit NFI)

5. Circumstances leading to capture: In approx late October subject went with the majority of Z300(C1) to BAO BINH on a food collection mission, just prior to reaching BAO BINH the subject fell sick with malaria and spent the next 5 weeks in an old bunker system with two others. Meanwhile Z300 completed their mission and returned to their base.
6. Following recovery he began walking back to his unit (although he did not know the exact location) on the morning of 27 Dec 69 met two other VC (names and unit unk) who were returning to the same area when they contacted Aust troops.
7. Resupply: Subject made two trips to BAO BINH, both times going to hamlet 3 for food. The food bought was consumed by Z300. The unit has been short of food since early 1969 and short of rice since Jul 69, and recently they were only able to buy beans from BAO BINH.

S2 Comments

Interrogation not complete as subject was too weak for prolonged interrogation. The role of Z300 has still to be determined. OB currently holds Z300 as a munitions workshop/factory unit.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 1-70
DATED 1 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
011000H	YS429769	Fresh tracks on creek line
	YS422769	Appears to be fresh tracks on NORTH of creek line
	YS394780-	Heavy fresh tracks following creek line on EAST side.
	YS387774	Track crosses creek at YS387774 and heads WEST. Also from YS394780 a few smaller tracks going EAST.
	YS411770	A few small tracks. Appear fresh.
011300H	YS390772	A camp consisting of 10 or more bunkers in the vic. of fresh tracks reported at YS387774. Old camp but in reasonable condition and there are indications of movement in the camp.

2.-5. Omitted.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 2/70.
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ASHGROVE

- (a) (012300H). At YS433889, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of en moving WEST who on contact withdrew EAST. 10 Pl initiated contact when movement coughing and the scraping of metallic objects against bushes were heard to their front. Results: En casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.
- (b) (021003H). At YS429904, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted six en. The en wdr SOUTH with unknown results.
- (c) (021125H). At YS428902, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a parcel which contained a qty of cooked and uncooked food and a $\frac{1}{2}$ gal of salad oil. Comment: This and other food supplies found by 8 RAR show that at least small amounts of locally purchased foods are getting to 3/274 Regt, probably from COURTENAY workers.
- (d) (021535H). At YS412916, elms of 8 RAR located five weapons pits. Small qty of med sups found could indicate a possible aid post.
- (e) (021624H). At YS426896, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted four VC who wdr WEST. Results One en WIA (Blood trail)
- (f) (021630H). At YS498810, A Coy 8 RAR sighted two en moving WEST.
- (g) (021945H). At YS438905, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted an estimated six en with unknown results.
- (h) (022000H). At YS412918, B Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system. No further details are available.

(2) AO ROSSLYN

- (a) (021730H). At YS606885, D Coy 5 RAR located a cache approx one year old. Items recovered: One RPD, two BAR, one PRC 10 radio (incomplete), one telephone, one US "walkie talkie", one U/I fd telephone. Items to be destroyed: 31 x 75mm RR rds, 21 RPG 7 rds, 44 Atk grenades, 15 RPG 7 boosters, 11 RPG 2 boosters, 315 x .30 cal rds, 2000 ft of det cord, qty of radio parts and three spanners.

(3) LCT AO

- (a) (02 Jan 70). At YS525578, LCT located 25-30 pits. Several caches were found in the area. Items recovered: Two lbs salt, three lbs sugar, 300 lb rice, fishing eqpt, qty of docus, med sups, cooking utensils, two bangalore torpedoes, five claymores, 28 M79 rds, 1200 x M16 rds, five rolls of wire, one Atk grenade, two detonators and a qty of safety fuses.

b. Air Activity

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 3.
- (b) Crew Served - 0.
- (c) Breakdown - RPD, 2 BAR.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Small qty of med sups, one PRC 10 radio (incomplete) one telephone, one US "walkie talkie", one U/I fd telephone, fishing eqpt, qty of docus, cooking utensils, two bangalore torpedoes, five claymores, 28 M79 rds, 1200 M16 rds, five rolls of wire, one Atk grenade, two detonators and a qty of safety fuses.

(b) To be Destroyed: 31 x 75mm RR rds, 21 RPG 7 rds, 44 Atk grenades, 15 RPG 7 boosters, 11 RPG 2 boosters, 315 x .30 cal rds, 2000 ft of det cord, qty of radio parts and three spanners.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS428902	Unknown	Small	Destroyed
	Salad Oil	1/2 gal	Destroyed
YS525578	Salt	2 lbs	Unknown
	Sugar	3 lbs	Unknown
	Rice	300 lbs	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENTS</u>
021730H	D Coy 5 RAR	YS606885	See para 3 a (2)(a).
02 Jan	LCT	YS525578	See para 3 a (3)(a).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 VC
- (2)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual weapons - 3.
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.15 tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. A VC KIA by 5 RAR at YS425737 on 31 Dec 69 has been identified as NGUYEN THI CAU, Leader of the BINH BA Village Ladies Liberation Association. A second body from the contact has not yet been identified.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 1/70. Para 11.f.(4) delete all reference and insert "(011545H). At YS428740, 655 RF Coy recovered two female bodies who were killed by a ptl from 5 RAR at 311800H. One of the bodies has been identified as a member of the BINH BA Guerillas."

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

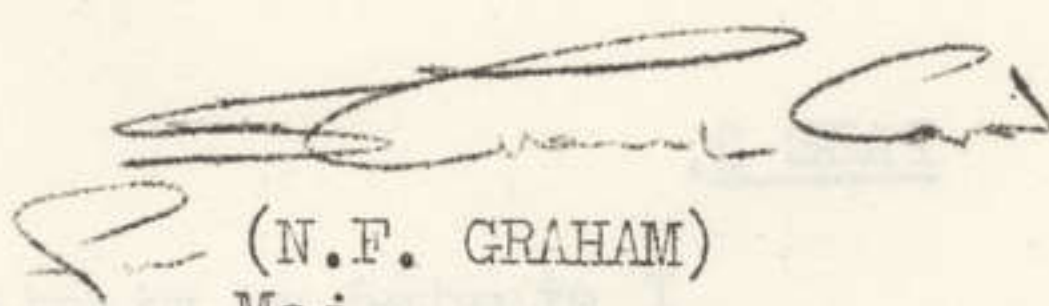
e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (020155H). At YS429639, 609 RF Coy ambushed an unknown number of VC, VC returned fire and wdr in an unknown direction. Results: En cas unknown, nil friendly cas.

(2) (020930H). At YS843777, A/S on en base camp. Results: Six military structures destroyed, four bunkers damaged, one 4' x 4' well and three military structures exposed. Fresh tracks were sighted in the area.

(3) (021511H). At YS460545, A/S on en base camp. Results: 2 bunkers destroyed and one bunker damaged.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 2/70
DATED 2 JAN 70

1. BATCH NO 1167
CAPTURING UNIT: C/8RAR
DOC/POC: 30 Dec 70/YS 387920
SUMMARY OF CONTENTS: Letter from VAN THAM to HAI LINH (INTSUM 1/70
Para 6.b. refers)

PAGE 1.

Dear HAI LINH,

This is to inform you that I arrived at the battalion on 24 Dec 69. It took about one hour to send the message (letters). After having lunch I started to go to the three bases to complete the mission.

On 27 Dec 69, the Australians operated on our bases, therefore I could not go back to the battalion.

I went to VIET CUONG and met BA who was evacuating patients so I joined up with him. I haven't as yet got a radio or any of the other items that you wanted me to get, so I will go and get them from Rear Services. When I carry out my task I will bring them to you, if not I will send them to K 76 C. Don't worry about them as they will arrive very soon.

I was in a hurry to write this note so please forgive my bad writing. Wishing you the best and I will write again later on.

SIGNED BY VAN THAM
ON 28 DEC 69

PAGE 2.

I started my mission on 2 Sep 69

From 4 Oct 69 to 5 Oct 69
" 15 Nov 69 to 16 Nov 69
" 16 Nov 69 to 24 Dec 69

I have not been paid since August.
Since September I have not been paid.

Total days that mission covered - 110 days. My food allowance is 15 Piastre per day, so the total money owing to me is 1650 Piastre.

Food Allowances from August to December '69 (5 months - 400 Piastre)

Labour allowances from September to December '69 (4 months at 100 Piastre per month) is 400 Piastre total.

I bought 2 kilo of green beans which cost 300 Piastre

The total owing to me during this period is 2,750 Piastre.

SIGNED BY VAN THAM
DATED 27 DEC 69

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 2/70
dated 2 Jan 70.

1. (020910H). Agent report from DAT DO. VN Eval C-2. At YS552595, there is a coy of VC, strength 70 men, armed with four M60s, three MG, RPD, four RPG2s and dressed in greens. Possible intention is to establish a base camp and conduct supply missions. This unit belongs to D445 and is reported to have moved NORTH.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 2/70
dated 2 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
020800H	YS847765	In clearing in this loc there is a well used W-E foot track. Track has been used by approx 20 people in the past week.
	YS8070	Gardens, some in current use.
	YS8272	
	YS8274	
	YS8375	
02 Jan 70	YS828728	Fresh gardens. NORTH of the gardens is a hut frame. Poss occupied.
	YS821745	Gardens and one hut.
	YS829755	Gardens and one hut.
	YS828759	4-5 bunkers and one hut.
	YS835759	Gardens and one hut.

Comment: A Hoi Chanh from the MAY TAO has stated that BINH CHAU has been a regular source of food supply for K76A hospital. The area probably also serves other units still in the area of Eastern PHUOC TUY and Western BINH TUY Province.

020210H YS7867 Lights. Shadow engaged tgt with unknown results.

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
012309H	YS570900	1 near river.
	YS770890	1 near mountain.

5. Omitted.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 3/70.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASHGROVE.
 - (a) Late Report. (021945H), further to contact at YS438905 by 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR reported in INTSUM No 2/70 Para 3.a.(1) (g), results: three enemy KIA (BC), two AK47's and one M1 carbine CIA.
 - (b) (031645H) At YS438903, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR, located a base camp in an area of 1200 sq yds consisting of bunkers, fighting pits and a hut for smoke diffusion. One of the pits was under construction, the other pits were old.
 - (c) (031735H) At YS437905, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache of 72 pairs of trousers, 72 shirts, 420 coloured shorts, 100 candles, two RPG rounds, one stick propellant, 50 X .30 cal rounds, 100 link .30 cal rounds, small grenade possibly M30 or M33.
 - (d) (031804H) At YS428892, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located three CHICOM grenades, 20 - 30 various types of CHICOM claymores.
 - (2) AO ROSSLYN.
 - (a) (031500H) At YS668825, A Coy 5 RAR located a Russian anti-tank mine weighing 10 - 15 lbs and was 10 ins by 4 ins in size, the mine was tilt switch operated and was destroyed in situ.
 - (3) AO CUTLASS.
 - (a) (031245H) At YS524577, a patrol from 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a mine marker, consisting of skull and crossbones drawn on cardboard, at the side of a track.
 - (b) (031300H) At YS538605, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ, reported hearing small arms fire from 1000 metres from their North West.
 - (4) OTHER AREAS.
 - (a) (030150H) At YS441657, 8 RAR sighted a stationary light.
 - (b) (030225H) At YS418659, 161 Bty RNZA observed lights.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.
 - (1)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) RPG 2 - 2.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 3.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - two AK 47, one M1 carbine.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.
 - (a) Captured: 72 pairs of trousers, 72 shirts, 420 coloured shorts, 100 candles, two RPG rounds, one stick propellant, 50 X .30 cal rds, 100 X .30 cal link rds, small grenade possibly M30 or M33, three CHICOM grenades, 20 - 30 various types of CHICOM claymores, one Russian Anti-tank mine.
 - (3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENTS</u>
031735H	8 RAR	YS437905	See Para 3.a.(1)(c).
031804H	8 RAR	YS428892	See Para 3.a.(1)(d).

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Jan 70.

- (1) KIA - 4 VC.
- (2)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 6.
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.15 Tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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One at YS668825.

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a-c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (030110H) At YS513530, 611 RF Coy, contacted two Platoons of VC infiltrating from the West which resulted in two RF MIA and enemy casualties unknown.

(2) (030330H) At YS2172 a patrol from 32nd Coastal Group reported 28 VC in seven sampans trying to move into ambush position which resulted in unknown results.

(3) (030948H) At YS460545, USAF conducted an airstrike which resulted in one military structure destroyed.

Attachments

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
- ANNEX D - Ground Surveillance.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution

- List A
- II FFORCE V
- MACV - J2, MACV - CICV
- RTAVF, 18 ARVN Div
- 3 TAC Fighter Wing, 12 Cbt Avn Gp
- BIEN HOA TAC, Advisory Team 48, Sector S2

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 3/70.
dated 3 Jan 70

1. Late Report. (011630H) Agent report received from 199 LIE stated that 1 Bn NVA armed with heavy and individual weapons located at YS275988 were going to shell all villages and hamlets belonging to LONG KHANH Province from now until 15 Jan 70. Eval C3.
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ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 3/70.
dated 3 Jan 70

1. (030430H) At YS430660, SID indicated movement which ceased immediately.
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 3/70.
dated 3 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Late Report 021200H	YS680882	Camp area consisting of four huts.
Late Report 021500H	YS7574	Light existing track shows light use.
Late Report 021500H	YS747754	Light track breaks off existing track heading South. Lost under canopy.
Late Report 022335H	YS750635) YS760634	Lights sighted.
Late Report 022335H	YS762639	Fires.
030930H	YS7093	One enemy dressed in black trousers and green shirt.

- 2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
030058H	YS555655	One near stream
030645H	YS270700	One on river

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 4/70.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ASHGROVE.

(a) Late Report. (032030H) At YS412919, elements of 8 RAR located one weapon pit with 4 ft of Over Head Protection, and hootchie spots for 3-4 men. Last used approx 5 days ago.

(b) (041020H) At YS395865, Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR located a wounded VC who was detained and evacuated to NUI DAT. Interrogation Report see Annex A of this INTSUM.

(c) (041220H) At YS433904 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 100lbs soya beans, 100lbs green beans, 100lbs red beans, 25lbs of noodles and 30lbs salt.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (040805H) At YS671824 A Coy 5 RAR located four old graves.

(b) (041105H) At YS552917 elements of 5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 12 bunkers with 2-3 ft OHC. The system had been used 2-3 months ago.

(3) HORSESHOE AO.

(a) (040300H) At YS4962 A Coy 6 RAR reported that the Northern bunkers on the HORSESHOE feature received 12 rounds of 82mm mortar, from a possible base plate position in DAT DO at YS482601.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (041445H) At YS526583 elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt were engaged by an unknown number of enemy who fired RPG 7, fire was returned and the enemy again fired RPG's and withdrew. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties, 1 tank slightly damaged.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

(a) Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
040825H	YS467480	5 people
	YS480488	4-5 people
	YS498508	10-12 people believed to be fishing.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted

b. Omitted

c. Detainees.

(1)-(4) Omitted

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 1.

(6) Omitted

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

(1)(2) Omitted

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(3) 82mm Mortar - 12

(4)-(6) Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted

(2) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS433904	soya beans	100 lbs	Unknown
	green beans	100 lbs	"
	red beans	100 lbs	"
	noodles	25 lbs	"
	salt	30 lbs	"

(4) Omitted

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
041220H	11/D/8 RAR	YS433904	See para 3a(1)(c) for contents.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Jan 70.

(1) KIA - 4 VC

(2)-(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Weapons - 6

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice Captured - 0.15 Tons

(8)(9) Omitted

5. Omitted

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Detainee identified Q4 (74 Regt) see Annex A of this INTSUM for Interrogation Report.

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.

9.10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 3/70, para 11f(2)- delete all detail, entry should read: (030330H) At YS2172 a Ptl from 33rd Coastal Group contacted 28 VC in seven sampans. The Ptl set up an ambush. Nothing further reported.

(2) Reference INTSUM 1/70 para 4a(1)(b), add to results 2 WIA (BT).

c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

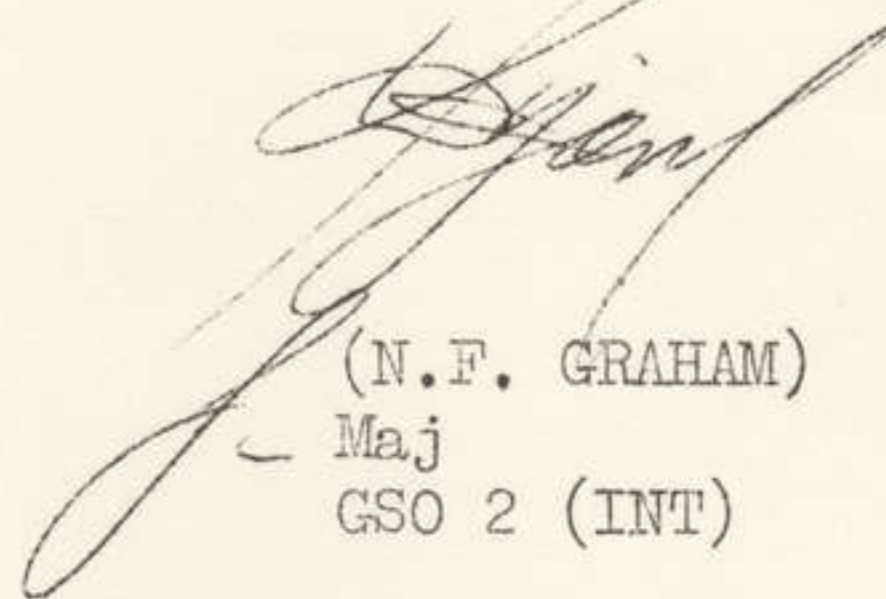
(1) (040250H) At YS487612 910 RF Coy at the Northern check-point was fired on with B40 or mortar fire and then attacked by two squads of VC from inside DAT DO who fired B40's and AK47. At 040325H the enemy withdrew to the WEST. A search of the contact area this morning revealed the following: 1 bangalore torpedo, 2 B40 rounds, 15 grenades, a small qty of clothing, 3 small chairs, 5 75mm RCL casings, 2 75mm RCL expended

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rounds, a letter (which indicates C4 of D445), 5 large pools of blood and 1 blood stained sandwich. Nil friendly casualties.

(2) (040945H) At YS460545 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.


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ANNEX A - Interrogation Report

Distribution:

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RTAVF
18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
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INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. AKA: [REDACTED]
- c. D/POB: [REDACTED] /UNG HOA District HA DONG (NVN)
- d. Rank/Appt: [REDACTED] - entertainer
- e. Unit: [REDACTED]
- f. Father: [REDACTED]
- g. Mother: [REDACTED]
- h. Religion: Buddhist

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: Aslt Pnr Pl, 8 RAR
- b. Date: [REDACTED]
- c. Place: [REDACTED]
- d. Wpns/Docs: None
- e. Circumstances: Subject was wounded 4 days ago, had lost his unit and surrendered to Aust. troops.

Exploitation Information

3. The subject was an entertainer for the patients in 274 Regt dispensary. 6 days ago (30 Dec 70) the dispensary was forced to move to VIET CUONG (vic YS 4388) area because of the shortage of food in the BINH SON area. After travelling for 2½ days, but still approx 4 hours from VIET CUONG, the group was ambushed. The subject was wounded and ran off. He was unable to find the others from the dispensary and after three days wandering around living on bananas **surrendered to Aust** troops.

4. 274 Regt Dispensary: This treats minor wounds and sicknesses. The serious cases are sent to K1500 in the MAY TAO area.

- a. Strength: 1 Doctor (DA DIEP)
10 Medics
20 Nurses
20 patients as at 1 Jan 70, all malaria cases (up to 70 patients can be treated).
- b. Location (old): Approx YS 2688
- c. Location (new): 4½ hours walk NE of VIET CUONG plantation in a disused bunker system.
- d. 10 days ago the dispensary sent 50 litter patients to K1500 hospital in the MAY TAO area. They were portered and protected by C22, 274 Regt and guided by a section of the Regt Recce Unit.

5. 274 Regt

- a. HQ located in SONG NHAN area.
- b. D1 (NFI).
- c. D2 located 15 minutes from the dispensary's old loc.
- d. D3 (NFI).
- e. During the last 2 weeks the Regt has been building new base areas.
- f. No reinforcements have been received for 7 months.

6. Resupply The Regt obtains most of its supplies from BINH SON and some from VIET CUONG. At BINH SON the Rear Service element buys supplies from the local villages and stores them in a number of caches in the Rubber Plantation. Units collect their food from these caches.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 5/70
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASHGROVE

(a) The wounded NVN detained by Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR at 041020H at YS395865 (INTSUM 4/70 Para 3.a(1)(c) refers) has been classified as a PW.

(b) (051100H) At YS428891 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: 150 Chicom dets, 60 AK47 rounds and two electrical dets and wire inside a torch.

(c) (051320H) At YS393867 Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR located a coy size bunker system last used approx 1 year ago. Camp contained 70 one man pits, connecting comms trenches and a well.

(d) (051440H) At YS441889 armd elements operating with 8 RAR found eight 44 gal drums of rice in a house. Six drums (approx 1800lbs of rice) have been confiscated and passed to DUC THANH Sector for disposal to local population. The food captured by 8 RAR yesterday (INTSUM No 4/70 Para 3.a.(1)(c) refers) has also been passed to DUC THANH Sector.

(e) (051500H) At YS454877 3 Sec 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted four men with packs running west. An element of 3 Section gave chase with no results.

(f) (051824H) Ay YS419905 D Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1 SKS CIA.

(2) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (051250) At YS607869 Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR contacted approx 11 VC. Results: 3 enemy WIA (blood trail) and 2 AK47, 1 M1 carbine, 10 assorted rifle and pistol mags, webbing and 11 packs containing large quantity of food (NFI), tobacco, qty male & female clothing, 1 gal whisky, qty personal eqpt, 1 large 6'X4' Russian Flag and a qty of documents CIA.

(b) (051300H) At YS552921 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of 18 bunkers. Recovered were: 40 wooden practice grenades, one ATK mine, one home made blast grenade, 80 AK47 rounds, qty old webbing and a qty of used meat supplies.

(c) (051500H) At YS541889 D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 VC. Results 1 Aust WIA, Enemy cas. 1 VC KIA and 1 AK47 and a pack containing small qty documents, food, and clothing CIA.

(3) HORSESHOE AO

(a) (05155H) At YS597594 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a boat landing point. Also located in the area was a damaged boat and a U/S two stroke motor.

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>
051007H	YS423542	Unknown	AK47	Neg hits	No response.

(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
- (3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) PW - Nil
- (2) Innocent Civilians - Nil
- (3) Civil Defendants -
- (4) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 20
- (6) VCI Suspects - Nil

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 5
- (b) Crew Served - Nil
- (c) Breakdown - 3 AK47, 1 SKS and 1 M1 carbine.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Large qty Chicom dets, qty AK47 rounds, webbing, 12 packs, tobacco, qty assorted male & female clothing, 1 gal whisky, qty personal eqpt, 1 large 6'X4' Russian Flag, qty documents, 40 wooden practice grenades, and a qty used medical supplies.

(b) Destroyed: Boat and U/S two stroke motor.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS441889	Rice	1800lbs	Passed to DUC THANH Sector.
YS607869	unknown	unknown	unknown
YS541889	unknown	unknown	unknown.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
051100	10/D/8 RAR	YS428891	See para 3.a.(1)(b)

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 6 VC
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 11
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

- (7) Rice Captured 1.05 Tons.
 - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
 - (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- 5.6.7.9. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.
10. (5) Capture of Rally of Significant Cadre.
See Annex F to 1 ATF INTSUM No 5/70 dated 5 Jan 70 for Detainee Report for LONG LE district.
11. b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
(1) Reference INTSUM 4/70 Para 6 delete (74 Regt) and insert (274 Regt).
(2) Reference INTSUM 2/70 para 3.a.(3)(a) delete LCT and insert elements of 6 RAR.
- c.d.e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
(1) (051025H) At YS480565 elements of 5/2 US Arty(AW) operating near the base of the LONG HAI'S detained 3 old men, 5 boys and 3 ox carts. Detainees were passed to NP as VC suspects. At 051300H a further 12 persons were detained and passed to NP.
(2) A NPFIF informant has indicated that there has been a re-deployment of D445(LF) Bn by coys under the new AKA of D510 Bn as follows:
 - a. C1 - to operate against Route 15.
 - b. C2 - to operate in the CHAU DUC district.
 - c. C3 and C4 to operate in the LONG DAT district.
- S2 comment: This deployment of D445 was intended, according to the informant, to strengthen local companies C25 and C41. If this was so it would be a reverse in organization, defeating the purpose of having provincial units as a step between local guerrilla forces and main force units. The small increase in the capabilities of local companies as a result of support from D445 would not appear to compensate for such a step. If true, it would indicate an acceptance by the VC of the inability of D445 to operate effectively as a unit.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

ANNEX F - Detainee Report (LONG LE District)

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MACV - J2

MACV - CICV

RTAVF

18 ARVN Div

3 TAC Fighter Wing

12 Cbt Avn Gp

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 5/70
dated 5 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
050550H	YS497602	Explosion (possibly a mine)
051200H	YS5658	Area shows signs of much recent use. Track and two bunkers sighted at YS566586, track appears to have been made in last 24 hours. Bunkers hit by A/S at 051505H resulting in 1 bunker destroyed and the other damaged.
051330H	YS723727	1 comp consisting of 3 huts. Has not been used for last 3 months.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports

2 Jan 70	YS953830 to YS958330	Foot/Cart trail activity running N/S through cleared area.
2 Jan 70	YS925849 to YS931851	Cart trail running N/S through cleared area.
2 Jan 70	YS938847 to YS933849	Cart trail running E/W through cleared area.
2 Jan 70	YS939846 to YS939850	Foot trail activity running N/S through cleared area.
2 Jan 70	YS936785 to YS938783	Cart/Foot trail activity running E/W off old highway.
2 Jan 70	YS939762 to YS946768	Cart/Foot trail running N/S through cleared area disappearing into woodline.
2 Jan 70	YS817706 to YS794749	Wheeled vehicle trails running N/S through clearing.
2 Jan 70	YS791755 to YS816737	Wheeled vehicle track running NW/SE along stream bank.
2 Jan 70	YS791790 to YS805799	Wheeled vehicle track running NE/SW.
2 Jan 70	YS890758 to YS893749	Foot trail running NW/SE from road, across clearing into jungle.
2 Jan 70	YS898808 to YS903809	Foot trail running E/W across clearing.

3. Stet

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
051710H	YS620730	1 off road.
"	YS440735	8 in plantation.
"	YS625775	6 in woods.

4.5. Omitted.

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ANNEX F TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 5-70
DATED 5 JAN 70

DETAINEE REPORT (LONG LE DISTRICT)
PERIOD COVERED 29 DEC 69 TO 4 JAN 70

NAME	RANK	UNIT	STATUS	CAPTURE DATA	DISPOSITION
PHAM VAN CAC	N/A	N/A	Suspected of supplying info & comms/liason activities for VC.	Detained at his house in PHUOC HOA on 30 Dec 70 following DIOCC report.	Held by LONG LE National Police at HOA LONG.
HA THI HAI	"	"	"	"	"
NGUYEN VAN LIEM	"	"	Suspected of working for VC	Walked into 8 PF Pl ambush at YS331612 on 292210H Dec 69	"
LE VAN LAM	"	"	Suspected of passing info & supplying to VC	Detained in AP BAC, HOA LONG by NP on 2 Jan 70 on basis of agent report.	"
NGUYEN VAN CU	"	"	"	"	"
LE VAN TAI	"	"	"	"	"
LE VAN DAU	"	"	"	"	"
NGUYEN THI LAM	"	"	Suspected of supplying food to VC.	Detained at LONG SON Village by NP & brought to DIOCC on 2 Jan 70	"

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 6-70.
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were eight contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) Late Report (051430H) At YS619913, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted one en who wdr south badly wounded. One AK47 and one diary were recovered. Follow up at 060800H loc 22 bunkers and five cooking huts occupied last night. One body was also found. Results: One en KIA(BC), one AK47, one diary, one 82mm mor rd, two CHICOM grens, 200 rds of assorted ammo, cooking utensils and a small qty of food, and clothing CIA.

(b) Late Report (051500H) At YS614909, elms of D Coy 5 RAR contacted two en. Results: One en KIA(BC), one AK47, one pack, small qty of docus, food, cooking utensils and clothing CIA.

(c) (060210H) At YS613802, elms of 3 Cav Regt contacted one en who walked into their camp. The en escaped south.

(d) (061000H) At YS539880, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR loc a bunker system of five bunkers with 2-2½ ft OHC (two of which had collapsed), one cookhouse and two wells in a creek bed. Recovered was one 4 gal tin containing propaganda papers.

(e) (061345H) At YS563928, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted one VC. Results: One VC WIA(BT) and one AK47 CIA.

(f) (061615H) At YS580904, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted one en who escaped SW.

(2) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (051850H) At YS425890, elms of 8 RAR contacted one VC with unknown results.

(b) (060215H) At YS422918, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 8-9 VC moving west to east along a road and wdr west on contact. Results: Three VC KIA(BC), one VC WIA (heavy drag marks and blood stained hat), three AK47 (wooden butts), one AK47 (folding metal butt) and four sets of webbing CIA.

(c) (060907H) At YS476824, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted two en moving east, who wdr SE and NW with unknown results. The contact area had been used as a camp area for several days by more than two men.

(d) (061540H) In vic of YS433902, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR loc two bunkers with 2½-3 ft OHC. The bunkers were used yesterday.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (061145H) At YS573707, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR loc a bunker system of six bunkers, three bunkers under construction, four cookhouses and one laundry hut. All were destroyed.

b. Air Activity. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.

(3) Omitted.

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b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 7
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - AK47's.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: One 82mm mor rd, two CHICOM grens, 200 rds assorted ammo, clo, cooking utensils, one pack, qty of docus, 4 sets of webbing, clothing.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS619913	Unknown	Small	Destroyed.
YS614909	Unknown	Small	Destroyed.

(4). (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 12 VC
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 18
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.05 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movement.

a. Docus taken from a cache at YS523578 by 3/A/6RAR on 021430H Jan 70 probably identify the cache as having belonged to the LONG DAT Fwd Supply Council. The docus were old, the most recent dated Feb 69 and had no exploitable value.

b. Docus taken from 3 VC KIA by 11/D/8RAR at YS439904 on 022000H Jan 70 probably identify:

- (1) PHAM VAN NY C5/84 RSG Sect 2ic.
- (2) NG VAN MINH C5/84 RSG Sect Comd.
- (3) DANG VAN HO C2/84 RSG Sect 2ic.

The docus are of no tactical value, mainly comprising personal letters and promotion certificates. An undated nominal roll of C5/84 RSG was included.

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- c. Docus taken from a VC KIA by B/8 RAR at YS416915 on 031530H Jan 70 probably identify NGUYEN BA NHO a soldier of C21 Sapper/Recon coy 274 VC MF Regt. The docus were of no exploitable value.
- d. Docus found in a bkr at YS438902 by D/8 RAR on 031530H Jan 70 disclose no idents. Included among the docus were 3 colour polaroid photos of an American woman sent to her husband GUY OWENS (NFI).
- e. Docus taken from a VC KIA by D/5 RAR at YS614909 on 051500H disclose no ident on initial readout. There were however a qty of each of 3 different propaganda booklets addressed to BA-LONG Province HQ.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
- (1) Reference INTSUM 5-70.
- (a) Para 3.b.(1) Amend Friendly Response to read "area engaged with Cobra gunships" and add results - 2 VC KBA (Poss).
- (b) Para 3.a.(2)(b). In last line amend "meat" to read "med".
- (c) Para 3.a.(2)(c). In results add a further one en KIA(BC).
- c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) (060920H) At YS831758, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two bunkers damaged and exposed and 20m of comms trench exposed, two bunkers destroyed.
- (2) (061510H) At YS846777, A/S on en base camp. Results: One hut destroyed, one hut and one well damaged.
- (3) (061622H) At YS846777, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two huts damaged.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 6/70
dated 6 Jan 70.

1. (041300H) Agent Report from XUYEN MOC. Uneval. 3 VC appeared at YS652712 and stopped woodcutters. The woodcutters were told to stay away from the area.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 6/70
dated 6 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
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061035H	YS793786	Old camp previously located four months ago. Track activity and two structures sighted plus one new looking cooking pot, one table.
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	YS786800	Tracks of 4-5 people along sand in creek bed less than one week old.
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061230H	YS830840	Old bunker. No recent activity.
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2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
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051710H	YS620730	1 off road
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	YS625775	6 in woods
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051730H	YS477544	1 in woods
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	YS475526	1 in woods
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	YS452506	1 in woods
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	YS455509	1 in woods
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	YS454513	1 in woods
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060250H	YS690870	1 on river
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- 4.5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 7/70.
- 2. Period covered from 070011 to 0724001.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO AMHOROVI.

- (a) Late report. (050900H). At YS500824, elms of 8 RAR located and destroyed two bunkers with OHC consisting of 6" dia timber and pressed soil, and one hut.
- (b) Late report. (061030H). At YS476825, elms of 8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of three two man weapon pits with OHC. The system had not been used for approx 12 months.
- (c) Late report. (061130H). At YS477827, elms of 8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of two two man weapon pits with OHC. The area had been occupied by approx 10 en in the previous 24 hours.
- (d) (071130H). At YS495812, elms of 8 RAR located and destroyed one bunker with OHC. The crew sized bunker was last used twelve months ago and is situated near an EAST - WEST track.
- (e) (Late report). (061330H). At YS431903, elms of 8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of two two man bunkers with 3ft OHC, and five bed spaces outside the bunkers.
- (f) (071330H). At YS432902, 10/D/8 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: one portable radio, two DH 10 claymores, 60 AK 47 rounds, 40 x 45 cal pistol rounds, one RPG round, 190 detonators, 30 tilt switch grenades, 10 stick grenades, assorted tools, two tins of coarse salt, two tins of boned chicken, one gallon kero, one gallon oil and three AK 47 mags.
- (g) (071435H). At YS445906, Atk Pl 8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of six bunkers.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (070805H). At YS580904, 10/D/5 RAR contacted two en, moving SW, who withdrew NE when contacted. Results: one en KIA(BC); one AK47, three mags and one pack CIA.
- (b) (070810H). At YS617912, D Coy HQ and 11/D/5 RAR contacted six enemy dressed in black, carrying AK 47, who approached from NE. Results. One en KIA(BC); one AK47, one pack containing clothes, food (no rice), and docu CIA.
- (c) (071710H). At YS605881, Sp Coy 5 RAR contacted one en, dressed in black trousers with dark blue shirt and carrying AK47. En was moving NW and withdrew SE with no casualties.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (071530H). At YS523578, elms of 17 Const Sqn located a cache containing 10 lbs salt, one RPG 7 round, a qty of tie wire, one cross cut saw and one turtle trap.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

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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) Captured. See para 4.e.(5).

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff. See para 4.e.(5).

(4) Omitted.

(5) Saches.

<u>DFG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>COMMENTS/COMMENT</u>
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071330H	10/D/8 RAR	YS432902	One portable radio, two DH 10 claymo: 60 AK 47 rds, 40 x 45 cal pistol rds, one RPG rnd, 190 detonators, 30 tilt switch grenades, 10 stick grenades assorted tools, two tins of coarse salt, two tins of bone chicken, one gallon kero, one gallon oil, three AK 47 mags.
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071530H	17 Const Sqn	YS523578	10 lbs salt, one RPG 7 rnd, a qty of tie wir, one cross cut saw, one turtle trap.
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f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 12 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3)(4) Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 19

(6) Nil

(7) Rice captured 1.05 Tons

(8)(9) Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from three VC KIA by 4/B/8 RAR at YS422918 on 060215H Jan 70 probably identify:

(1) DO VAN LE Sect 2IC of C502/84 RSG (Colo Factory).

(2) NG KHAI PHUONG of Z301/84 RSG (Munitions Factory).

(3) HANG VAN LUYEN of K76 A/84 RSG (Hosp).

S2 Comment: A letter dated 3 Jan 70 amongst the docus from HOANG VAN of Z 301 to PHUONG LAN of C5/84 RSG(Supply) states that Z301 is critically short of rice. For further see Annex 'B' (Captured Docus).

b. A certificat found by C/8 RAR on a courier's route at YS510878 on 020900H Jan 70 belonged to PHAM VAN DUC, a member of K76 C hosp as at 14 Nov 68.

7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/79 dated 30 Dec 69.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM No 5/70.

(a) Para 3.a.(2)(c), delete all reference. (INTSUM 6/70 Paras 3.a.(1)(a) and (b) refer).

(b) Para 4.a.(2), amend to read 1 VC.

(c) Para 4.e.(1)(a), amend to read 4.

(d) Para 4.e.(1)(c), amend to read 2 AK 47.

(e) Para 4.f.(1), amend KIA to read 5.

(f) Para 4.f.(5), amend to read 10.

(2) Reference INTSUM No 6/70.

(a) Para 4.b.(2), amend to read 2 VC.

(b) Para 4.f.(1), amend to read 10 VC.

(c) Para 4.f.(5), amend to read 17.

(d) Para 11.b.(1).(c), delete all reference.

(e) Para 3.a.(1)(e), after DTG insert "At YS619911,".

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (070310H). At YS424593, 54 RF Pl contacted an unk no of en. Results: One VC KIA(BC), one AK 47 CIA, three VN KIA, one VN WIA and four VN MIA.

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Attachments:

ANNEX B - Captured Documents.

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ANNEX B (Captured Docs)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 7/70
DATE 7 JAN 70

POC : From three bodies at YS422918.
DOC : 060215 Jan 70,
UC : 4/E/8 RAR.

1. Reproduced below is a letter from PHAM VAN NGO of Z301/84RSG to his friend SON HAI of 6502/84RSG.

Dear Son Hai,

Today, Phuong Long is going to your location so I have asked him to deliver this letter to you.

I hope that you are well and that your job is going along fine. I'm sure that you know about my situation so I don't think there is any need for me to explain it in this letter. Since the day I was wounded, I have been looked after by the unit and by B so I am in good hands.

The day before yesterday I went to KY6 and returned because they had no medicine or equipment at all.

One day I contacted the enemy and I lost my pack and rifle, which has now left me without a thing. My clothes are worn so could you try to buy or make me a set of clothes at your location. The clothes will probably be a bit expensive but I will pay 1,500P or more if necessary.

I hope you are well.

PHAM NGO
(UNIT Z 301)

S2 Comment.

1. PHAM VAN NGO was wounded in a contact with D/6 RAR at YS663863 on 271600H Dec 69. He dropped his pack and AK47 and fled. An NVA PW, [REDACTED] of Z 300 was captured in the same contact. 1 ATF INTSUM 362/69 Para 3a(1)(c) dated 27 Dec 69 refers. [REDACTED], who was badly wounded had had NGO's name from a pack beside him, placed around his neck by the capturing unit immediately prior to evacuation to surgery and it was not until 1 Jan 70 that he was able to be interrogated and his correct name ascertained. 1 ATF INTSUM 1/70 dated 1 Jan 70 Annex A refers.

2. NGO's letter to SON HAI cfms that he was wounded and had lost his pack and wpn. It is significant that NGO, whose unit Z 301 was believed to have had its base camp in the MAY TAOS during 6 RAR's CP MARS DEN, was apparently unaware that K76 A (presuming that the K76 to which he refers was K76 A) had been destroyed by 6 RAR, until he sought aid following his wounding on 27 Dec 69.

3. This docu follows a letter taken from NG. V. DAM a Pl Comd with C24 7th Aslt Coy 274 VC MF Regt, KIA by D/8 RAR at YS428897 on 30 Dec 69. The letter dated 27 Dec 69 was from 274 Regt Rear Svcs requesting med **supps** from K76 A. 1 ATF INTSUM 1/70 para 6a refers. This therefore tends to confirm that as late as the last week possibly, the news was not yet reached a number of units of MR 7, which are serviced by K76 A, that the hospital no longer exists - at least for the time being.

4. Communications throughout MR 7 by radio and courier would appear therefore to be experiencing a difficult, if not unworkable period. Further, since neither letter mentioned above, reached its destination, these units possibly continue to be unaware of K76 A's disposition.

5. Detainee [REDACTED] (Annex 'A' to 1 ATF INTSUM 4/70 refers) of 274 Regt states that 274 Regt Dispensary sent 50 litter patients to the MAY TAOS on approx 27 Dec 69.

6. These patients, may have been part of the 150-200 patients from 274 Regt

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that HOI CHANH [redacted] of protection unit K76 A, had stated this hospital had been warned to receive in late Dec 69. (1 ATF INTSUM 357/69 Annex 'A' dated 23 Dec 69 refers).

7. Should the remaining 100-150 patients mentioned above be despatched to the MAY TAOS by 274 Regt before it is advised that the K76 A hospital is no longer there, the effect on their general condition of the patients would be presumably, seriously aggravated. A further move to K76 C would possibly throw an unexpected strain on that hospital's resources in addition to probably proving fatal to a percentage of the patients. There repercussions to 274 Regt are obvious.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 7/70
dated 7 Jan 70

1. Agent report received from DUC THANH stated that at 071300H a Pl of VC (NFI) with unk types of weapons and mixed dress were sighted at YS505752.
2. Agent report received from DUC THANH stated that at 071400H a U/I VC pl at YS465725 told rubber workers to leave the area. No eval. Friendlies from DUC THANH went to investigate the report (NFI).

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 7/70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
070900H to 071120H	YS860870	Old camp site. Two bunkers in collapsed condition and what appeared to be the framework of a hut. An old track leading to the area was overgrown and not for a considerable time.
071000H to 071145H	YS621605 YS616607	A well worn track leads out of bush and heads NORTH across paddy field. Track has regular use. Two bunkers located on edge of bush. No sign of recent activity.
	YS616609	One bunker in good condition and along side was a fire place that has had recent use.
	YS619604	Two huts of log construction with matting roof and walls.
	YS614604	One thatched roof hut and two bunkers all in good condition. Area is well worn with recent foot tracks leading into camp from main EAST - WEST foot track.
071230H to 071425H	YS752770	Four bunkers in good condition, two tables and a well used NORTH-SOUTH track which ran through the area which was 100 metres in diameter.
071400H to 071600H	YS280557	Two large bunkers in good condition. Well worn tracks lead to bunkers. The bunkers may have been occupied as one Vietnamese hat and one large wicker basket were seen outside bunker entrance. Could be more bunkers in the area.
	YS283559	An old camp consisting of four bunkers.
	YS272541	Two bunkers connected by comms trench.
	YS247564	One bunker in swamps. Could be more in area.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
060220H	YS850795	One return near road.
060230H	YS150760	One return near plantation.
	YS440725	One return near plantation.
062145H	YS835985	One return on road.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
071330H	YS581809	Maximum.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 8/70.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASHGROVE

(a) Late report. (070815H) At YS445906, 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and Atk Pl 8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of six bunkers with 2'6" of overhead cover, one toilet and one kitchen.

(b) (080920H) At YS448873, D Coy 8 RAR located an unservicable 50 cc Honda motor scooter, with no number plates, which had been hidden two months previously.

(c) (081910H). At YS432824, Tracker Pl 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(2) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (081415H) At YS665870, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted one enemy wearing black trousers and shirt and carrying an M1 carbine, moving from W to N, which resulted in one KIA(BC), one M1 carbine and a small qty of documents CIA.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (081347H) At YS636627, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt operating with 578 RF Coy detonated a pressure detonated mine consisting of 20-30 lbs of explosives, which resulted in one RF KIA, two RF WIA.

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 - 1 VC.

b-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - one M1 carbine

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(1) Captured: one 50 cc Honda motor scooter.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 13 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 20

(6) Nil

(7) Rice Captured 1.05 tons.

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>
081347H	YS636627	Pressure, Anti Tank	One RF KIA, two RF WIA.

8. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Documents taken from packs captured following contact by the Aslt Det Pl 5 RAR at YS607689 on 051250Z Jan 70. The documents were mainly dated 1968 and early 1969 and have no exploitable value.

9. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 1/70 dated 6 Jan 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 7/70:

(a) Ref Para B, amend to read 1 ATF Supintrep 1/70 dated 6 Jan 70.

(b) Ref Annex B, third para, first line delete KY6 and add K76.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (080905H) At YS706835, USAF conducted an A/S on an enemy base camp which resulted in two bunkers damaged.

(2) (080930H) At YS346819, A Coy 2 Bn 18 Inf(US) engaged three enemy with no result.

(3) (0809 H) At YS312748, Recon Pl 1 Bn 16 Inf(US) were engaged by four to five enemy, which resulted in 1 US WIA, 1 enemy WIA(BT).

(4) (081035H) At YS390785, B Coy 2 Bn 16 Inf(US) were engaged by two enemy, the same two enemy were again contacted at YS397784 with no result.

(5) (081040H) At YS738898 and YS739895, USAF conducted two A/S at the first co-ord there was no BDA, at the second co-ord, nine were destroyed and clothing was scattered in the area.

(6) (081153H) At YS645613, Sector elements from XUYEN MOC located a cache. Recovered was one ton of sugar and a small qty of fish sauce.

(7) (081153H) At YS640611, Sector elements from XUYEN MOC located a well used track running South to SE. The track had been used by a large force that morning.

(8) (081236H) At YS345821, A Coy 2 Bn 18 Inf(US) contacted three VC which resulted in one VC KIA(BC), the remainder of the VC withdrew SE.

(9) (081300H) At YS390781, B Coy 2 Bn 16 Inf(US) were engaged by five to ten enemy with no results.

(10) (081310H) At YS347821, A Coy 2 Bn 18 Inf(US), contacted an unknown number of enemy which resulted in one bloodtrail and one pack CIA.

(11) (081534H) At YS614604, USAF conducted an A/S on an enemy base camp, for which there was no BDA.

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Annex: E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 AIF INTSUM NO 8/70
DATED 8 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
06 Jan	YS410925	One bunker under construction; one VC
	YS406919	One bunker and track system
	YS479818	Two bunkers
080940H	YS706835	Heavy track activity in the area.
081415H	YS5559	One large flash and explosion.
081435H	YS862862	Five old huts, most of roof thatching collapsed, no fresh sign
081435H	YS859854	Four old huts, as above
081435H	YS848858	Old bunkers and huts along stream, no fresh sign
081435H	YS839848	Old bunkers, no fresh sign
081605H	YS699618	Previously A/S camp had one large hut still remaining in good condition
081605H	YS652610	Camp consisting of three bunkers, one bunker had collapsed but others were in good condition. CGI sheets and a pile of flare canisters were also in the area.

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
070058H	YS255560	one near shore
	YS299540	one near shore
	YS299670	one in open
071850H	YS445965	one on road
080015H	YS430685	one on road

5. Omitted

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 9/70.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASHGROVE.
 - (a) Further to contact report in INTSUM No 8/70 Para 3 a (1) (c). (081910H) At YS432824 Tracker Pl and Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR contacted two groups of VC, each approx 6 persons. Both groups were moving SOUTH to NORTH before the contact. When contacted one group moved SOUTH and the second group moved SOUTHWEST. On initial contact the enemy returned fire and withdrew. Mortar and arty engaged the VC's withdrawal routes and shortly after the enemy returned to the contact area where fire was again exchanged. The contact lasted for approx two hours before the VC finally withdrew. A sweep this morning revealed a blood trail and drag marks. Results: 1 VC WIA (blood trail) and 2 VC WIA (poss) (drag marks).
 - (b) (091615H) At YS433873 Atk Pl 8 RAR located a well and two bunkers.
 - (c) (091720) At YS438873 elements of D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 VC who withdrew SOUTHWEST. Results: 1 VC WIA (blood trail).
 - 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 - 9 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b.-e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Jan 70.
 - (1) KIA - 22 VC.
 - (2) PW - 1.
 - (3)(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 20.
 - (6) Omitted.
 - (7) Rice captured - 1.05 tons.
 - (8)(9) Omitted.
5. Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
 - a. Documents recovered from a bunker at YS445906 by the Atk Pl 8 RAR on 071327H Jan 70 disclosed no identifications. One of them was written at CAM MY on 3 Dec 69. See S2 Comment at Annex 'B'.
 - b. Documents from a VC KIA by 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR at YS580904 on 070805H Jan 70 identify LE VAN BE aka DUYN HOA Sect Comd K76A Hosp/84 RSG. Included also was a nominal roll of Area (Ward) of K76A dated Dec 69. HOA in a personal letter dated 26 Dec 69 to NGOC LAN (NFI) makes reference to difficulties being encountered in the area due to the enemy (probably 6 RAR) sweeps.

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c. Documents taken from a VC KIA by 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR at YS617912 on 070810H Jan 70 identify HOANG VAN AN a section 2IC of K76A Hosp/84 RSG. AN had infiltrated to SVN with Infiltration Group 215. Included in the documents was a letter from Dr TRAN DIEN of 274 Regt Dispensary to BA DUC of BA LONG Province Medical Section. The letter is reproduced in full at Annex B to this INTSUM.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 1/70 dated 6 Jan 70.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

(1) INTSUM No 4/70 Para 11 b (2). Delete para 4 a (1) (b). Insert Para 3 a (1) (b).

(2) INTSUM No 7/70 Para 3 a (1) (g). Delete all detail.

(3) INTSUM No 7/70 Para 11 b (2) (e). Delete all detail. Insert "Para 3 a (1) (a), third line." After 060800H insert "at YS619911".

(4) INTSUM No 8/70 Para 11 b (1) (a). Delete "Para b", Insert "Para 8".

c. Omitted.

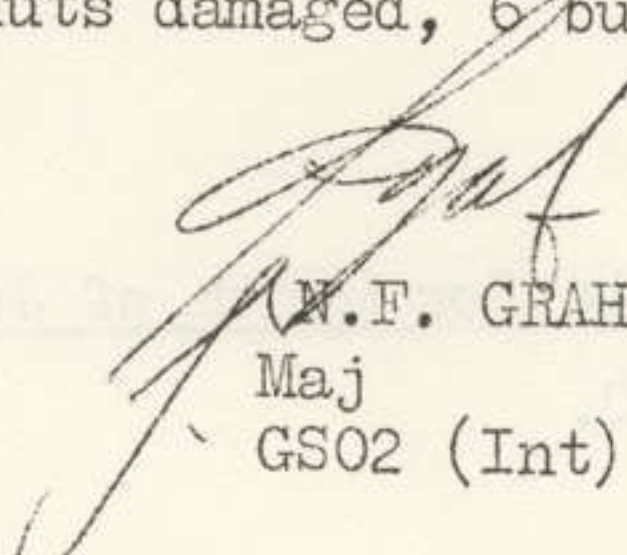
d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (090916H) At YS752770 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged and 2 bunkers exposed.

(2) (091510H) At YS692846 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 4 huts destroyed, 2 huts damaged, 6 bunkers exposed and damaged and 2 fighting pits exposed.


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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORT)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 9/70
DATED 9 JAN 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE : [REDACTED]

General.

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data.

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. AKA: Nil
c. D/POB: [REDACTED], Long Phuoc, Longle, Phuoc Tuy.
d. Address: As above.
e. Rank/Appt: Soldier.
f. Unit: [REDACTED]
g. Occupation: Farmer.
h. Edn Standard: Illiterate.
i. Religion: Buddhist.
j. Political Affiliation:
k. Previous convictions: Eight months in jail in 1962 for spreading VC propagander leaflets.
l. Father: [REDACTED]
m. Mother: [REDACTED]
n. Marital Status: Married and two children.
(1) Wife: [REDACTED], 27, casual labourer in Ap Dinh hamlet, Long Dien village.
(2) Children: [REDACTED]
o. Close relatives.
(1) Sister: [REDACTED], casual labourer in Long Dien.
p. Relatives working for the GVN : None.
q. Relatives working for the VC : None.

Past Activities.

3. a. 1954 - 1957 : Cattle herder at Long Phuoc, Long Le, Phuoc Tuy.
b. 1958 - 1960 : Worker at the rubber plantation in Ap Nam hamlet, Long Phuoc.
c. 1960 - 1961 : Enlisted in the popular forces Long Phuoc village.
d. 1962 : Jailed for eight months for suspicion of spreading VC propaganda leaflets.
e. Feb 1963 : He was captured by Long Phuoc village guerillas to work as a civilian labourer for D 445. During three months, then, he was assigned to [REDACTED] until he returned to the GVN.

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4. a. Date : 15 Dec 60.
b. Place : Phuoc Hoi village, Dat Do, Phuoc.
c. Circumstances: Whilst the Battalion moved from So Bong, approx YS480530, across the mountain at approx YS470519, towards Long Hai, he was sick and stayed behind. After, he escaped and returned to the GVN.
d. Reasons:
(1) Forced by the VC to follow them.
(2) Scared of death.
(3) Short of material and low morale.
(4) Missed his family.
(5) Was not treated by the VC when he was sick.

Exploited Information:

5. D 445 Bn:
a. HQ.
(1) CO: San Chu, Long My, K54.
(2) 2IC: Nam Vu, 28, Phuoc Hai, K54.
(3) 2IC and C of S: Hai Tam, 30, SVN, K54.
(4) PO: Hai Khanh, Dat Do, K54.
(5) APO: San Bao (transferred to D2 in about Oct 69.)
(6) APO: San Phuong (transferred to Province unit Oct 69).
(7) Medical Offr: Ba Minh, 28 SVN.
(8) Medic: Tri, 26, SVN.
(9) Adjutant: Muoi Giai, 30, SVN.
(10) Armorer: Dung (Met), 28, SVN.
(11) Security: Unknown.
(12) Cook: Thi San Dung, 26, Long Phuoc.
(13) Cook: Thi Hai Mai, 26, Hoi My (she had tried to escape and return to the GVN but she was captured and put in jail).
b. Recce-Sapper Platoon: Unknown.
c. Signal Platoon:
(1) Comd unknown.
(2) 2IC Nam, 28, Hoa Long, K54.
d. Strength (D445): Excluding the sick and wounded soldiers the combat strength was approx 110 persons.
e. Weapons:
(1) 1 x 75mm RCL gun.
(2) 2 x 82mm mortar.
(3) 2 x 12.7mm HMG.
(4) 12 x RPD MMG.
(5) 18 x B40.

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f. Location: The subject did not know the location of the Bn HQ or of 1, 2 and 3 Coys. 4 Coy was camped in Lang Dai jungle, in the vicinity of YS575600, from Aug 69 to Oct 69. From 15 Oct 69 to 15 Dec 69, C4 Coy moved to camp at So Bong, approx YS475528.

g. C4 Coy/D445.

- (1) OC: Ba Minh, 28, SVN, K54.
- (2) 2IC: Ly, . 27, SVN, K54.
- (3) PO: Thui, 29, SVN, K54.
- (4) APO: Nil.
- (5) Adjutant: Ba Nam, 27, SVN, AK.
- (6) Medic: Hung, 26, SVN.
- (7) Strength: 38 persons (including 10 sick persons unable to fight).
- (8) Weapons: 2 x Goryunor HMG (12.7mm).
2 x 82mm mortar and AK's.

h. 1 Pl/C4 Coy.

- (1) Comd: Tu Nghia, 28, SVN, AK.
- (2) 2IC: Unknown.
- (3) 1 Squad Comd: Nghia Tong, 26, Phuoc Hai carries HMG.
- (4) Names of remainder were forgotten.

i. 2 Pl/C4 Coy.

- (1) Comd: Thong, 27, SVN, AK.

j. 3 Pl/C4 Coy.

- (1) Comd: Hoa, 26, Can Gio, AK.

k. Future Plans. The subject did not attend any reindoctrination or have any plan because he had stomachache. However, on the 10 Dec 69 at 1000H, the subject knew about the briefing of Platoon and Coy cadres to discuss on the establishment of a base camp (at So Bong YS475528) and the transportation of sufficient food for the unit to attack Long Dien district in early 1970.

l. Supplies. C4 Coy collected rice at (Ap) Cau Ba Nia hamlet YS514541 and at Phuoc Loi village YS500570. Rice was bought by Long-Dat district Rear Service Unit. The subject was sick and did not attend any transportation trips.

Comments by 10 MLD.

6. During the interrogation, the subject was sincere. His knowledge and health were poor. He had stomach ache and did not participate in the activities therefore, the information received was restricted.

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUMENT)
NO 1 ATF INTSUM No 7/70
DATED 9 JAN 70

Doc: YS617912
Poc: 070810H Jan 70
UC 11/D/5 RAR

1. Reproduced below is a letter from Dr TRAN DIEN (held by OB as belonging to 274 Regt Dispensary; but now possibly transferred to C5/84RSG to BA DUC of BALONG Prov Med Sect:

"Dear BA DUC,

I have arrived at C5 ((84 RSG entry/exit point at VIET CUONG)) but on the way I contacted rangers (SAS?) 2 or 3 times and became separated from the group, I am here with others waiting to go to Q4 (274 Regt) dispensary.

On the way, and at C5, there were a number of problems on which I would like you to help me.

Q4 has a stretcher bearer group and a number of seriously wounded patients who were sent to 76C but did not receive treatment there; only a few walking were treated. A number of patients had to go to 76A but met difficulties en route and Q4 and 76A bearers returned to C5.

There are some problems. The reason 76C could not receive the seriously wounded patients was because they had insufficient bearers. 76C must receive patients and take them to 76A and at least change their dressings. When you get to 76C I hope you will follow this up. I'm not saying you must keep the patients but at least change their dressings and hide them when the enemy is near. I'm sure some one will be in trouble because of this.

An element of C5 with a strength of 40 is at VIET CUONG but they have not had a medic or medical supplies for two months. C5 has one medic (Miss TU ANH) but she has been transferred to the Medical Office to replace Miss LAN at 301 (an element of SAU MIEN's unit; a different element to C5). C5 is at 2 locations; TAN RU has 1 medic but the VIET CUONG element has none.

I suggest we purchase 1 set of medical instruments, some medical supplies, equipment and bandages for 40 persons. We will need the assistance of 76A medics for transporting patients because we are continuously in contact with the enemy and there are patients from other groups hiding with them.

HQ C5 request one medic for this element. While we are here we have to stay close to C5 entry/exit point although there are enemy in the area; we must stay close to the people and the hamlets so we can buy the necessities. Our task is to support 76A and 76C and so far we have supplied these units with most of their food supplies. At present we are preparing 2 areas (possibly wards). The enemy are sweeping the area and we are continually on the move. I forgot to purchase bandages and medical supplies. If possible please supply C5 element at VIET CUONG with a medic.

Finally I hope you are well and give my regards to VU.

Regards
LE TRAN DIEN
17 Dec 69"

S2 Comments

1. The above letter underlines the now serious difficulties being experienced by 274 VC Regt in endeavouring to evacuate its wounded and should be read in conjunction with Annex 'B' to 1 ATF INTSUM No 7/70.

2. There seems little doubt now that:

a. At least 50 litter patients from 274 VC Regt have been despatched to the MAY TAOS, ie. to the now non-existent K76A.

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b. The large amount of drugs and medical equipment removed from the MAY TAO's by 6 RAR has removed the major source of supply of these items to the other hospitals and regimental dispensaries throughout the Region. Assistance from K76A with treatment and stretcher bearers will not be forthcoming, as requested by DIEN.

c. K76A seems to be unable to treat casualties other than those with minor wounds and sickness and K76A is/was probably the only hospital in MR7 capable of major surgery. The loss of this facility will have very serious consequences. Neither the medical post at VIET CUONG, the 274 Regt dispensary now located probably in the BAU BINH area, nor K76C have the supplies or facilities to care for the present casualties. It seems impracticable therefore that the regiment could undertake offensive operations in which further casualties could be incurred.

3. Communications are difficult (and for couriers in particular, hazardous). That of late (from captured documents they are not even being received and therefore not being answered, further complicates the already difficult situation.

Due to allied operations, the VC in PHUOC TUY Province and probably BIEN HOA are being forced to move closer to the populated areas to get food and other necessities. Rallier from BA LONG Province Staff Section, who rallied to XA BANG Post (YS4584) on 16 Dec 69, disclosed that due to the food shortage BA LONG HQ was tending to move in closer to the populated areas where food was more accessible.

5. Various documents captured recently in PHUOC TUY Province have indicated that, despite an apparent abundance of food following the rice harvest in the Province, difficulty of distribution has caused serious shortages to some VC units. Further evidence from ralliers and PWs has disclosed that various VC elements have resorted to stealing food from farmers gardens. 1 ATF units on a number of occasions recently, have reported finding evidence of consumption of green bananas and other native foods and wild game.

6. These trends indicate that whilst attacks by fire are always possible, the VC in PHUOC TUY Province are at present not capable of launching a major ground attack and it would appear their first priority in general, is collecting enough food to stay alive.

7. It is likely also that the food collecting parties will be increased in size and the fighting strength of their escorts increased in order to attempt to open up the entry/exit points at present denied to them. It is likely also that, provided that operations are continued against sources of supply along Route 2 and Route 15, there will be an increase in the number of ralliers.

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 9/70
DATED 9 JAN 70

Agent Report from DUC THANH, Eval - C2 (VN). At 072000H, 100 VC who were well armed with individual and crew served weapons (incl a wpn, poss a 57mm or 75mm RCL) and wearing green/grey uniforms and HO CHI MINH sandals, were moving from NUI LE to TAN VIETNAM Plantation and then in the direction of CU-BI Plantation. Their intentions were unknown.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 9/70
DATED 9 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
090800H	YS744798	Fresh tracks running EAST-WEST. 2 old bunkers.
090900H	YS692846	Fresh track activity and a camp consisting of nine huts 10'x10' with bamboo, thatched and corrugated iron roofs. Camp is spread over 150x150 metres. The rest of area between 68-70 Easting and 81-83 Northing shows some light activity on existing tracks.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
090527H	YS512789	6 on stream
090527H	YS568771	3 in open

4. Omitted.

5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 10/70.
- 2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ASHGROVE.

- (a) (100430H) At YS433824 Mor Pl 8 RAR engaged 2-3 enemy with claymores and MG. The enemy approached from the south and withdrew in an unknown direction with unknown results.
- (b) (101235H) At YS443873 elements of 8 RAR detained 3 VN females. All three persons were sent to DUC THANH and are still undergoing interrogation.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) (101715H) At YS492814 elements of 6 RAR located a transit camp area for 10-20 persons and a cache. Recovered were: seven Chicom grenades, 2x30lbs of Chicom explosive (shaped for use in mines) and 50xAK47 rounds.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 3.
- (6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Omitted.
 - (b) Destroyed. Seven Chicom grenades, two 30lb blocks of Chicom explosive, 50xAK47 rounds.
- (3)(4) Omitted.
- (5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
101715H	6 RAR	YS492814	7 Chicom grenades, 2x30lb blocks of Chicom explosive, 50xAK47 rounds.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Jan 70.


- (1) KIA - 22 VC
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - nil.
- (4) VCI - nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 20
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.05 tons
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - nil.
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - nil.

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5. Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
 - a. Documents taken from a VC KIA by 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR at YS665870 on 081415H Jan 70, identify HO VAN NGHIA of Ba Long Province Ordnance Section.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 1/70 dated 6Jan 70.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a.-c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) Late Report (091645H) At YS555947 elements of 199 LIB engaged 2 en who withdrew SOUTH EAST. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 NVA ammo vest and miscellaneous equipment CIA.
 - (2) (100905H) At YS752770 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 4 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker exposed, and 10 metres of fighting trench exposed.
 - (3) (100925H) At YS368814 elements of 2 Bde 16 Inf (US) contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One WIA (BT).
 - (4) (100945H) At YS277558 637 RF Coy and 12 PF Pl contacted an estimated VC squad who initiated contact with B40's and AK47's and withdrew with unknown results.
 - (5) (101050H) At YS284554 637 RF Coy and 12 PF Pl contacted an estimated VC squad who fired B40's and AK47's and withdrew with unknown results. A sweep of the area located a bunker system at YS285554 which had been used 3-4 hours previously.
 - (6) (101050H) At YS262732 Cav elements operating with 16 Inf detonated 2 mines at the above grid reference. Both mines consisted of approx 30lb explosive placed on the left hand side of a track. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 APC heavily damaged, one APC lightly damaged.
 - (7) (101245H) At YS6498 elements of 3/7 Recon Coy sighted 15-20 enemy moving south down the line of the SONG RAI. The area was engaged by arty and CH. Results: 2 enemy KIA and the remainder withdrew south.
 - (8) (101510H) At YS614602 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: one bunker damaged.


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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Report.
ANNEX C - Agent Report.
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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 10/70
dated 10 Jan 70.

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Preliminary Interrogation Report.

200900 Dec 69 - Source rallied to 48th ARVN Regt, vicinity CAM MY Village YS4692.

Name: ██████████

DOB: ██████

POB: CAM MY Village, Long Khanh Province.

Age: █████ years.

Mother: Deceased.

Father: Deceased.

Information: Source states that there are 13 members now in the CAM MY guerilla force.

They are: DAT (aka) TU DAT 27 years old, squad leader - weapon M79 (male)
LINH (aka) HAI LINH - village VC Secretary 31 years - weapon K54 (male)
TU KHUAY - finance member (female) - weapon 1 grenade.
BA CHE - movement cadre (female) - weapon 1 grenade.
HAI HUE - female - weapon 1 grenade.
THI (aka) HAI THI - 32 yrs old - Assit squad leader (male) - weapon AK47.
SAU TE - 28 yrs old - team leader - weapon AK47 (male).
BAY - weapon CKC rifle (male).
BA MAI - 19 yrs old - weapon old Soviet type rifle M1891/30 (male).
HAI BO - 21 yrs old (male) - weapon carbine.
CHIN - 25 yrs old (male) - weapon Soviet rifle M1891/30 type.
DIEM - 18 yrs old (male) - weapon carbine.
CU EM - 18 yrs old (male) - weapon 2 grenades.

Before source became a Hoi Chanh the guerilla force lived on the SUOI RAN river, vicinity YS4892, 500 metres from Courtney Rubber Plantation, which is to the west and 2 kilometres from CAM MY Village itself.

Source states that they go to the plantation usually once every 2-3 days to collect taxes, food and supplies and/or information from the people working in the rubber. Workers also inform them of approaching ARVN or US units. Once a month the VC hold a propaganda meeting in the rubber mainly concerned with material assistance.

Source stated that he saw a VC force of over 100 men cross the plantation north of the village approximately 1 kilometre in an east to west direction. Destination unknown to source. He was told that the force was known as the 2nd Bn. (About 1 Dec 69)

Also 4 days ago (16 Dec 69) source stated that he saw a transport team of approximately 20 persons crossing the same area carrying food and ammunition and in the same direction as the 2nd Bn. Destination unknown to source.

Following individuals are reported to handle the tax collecting and propaganda meetings:

1. Linh (aka) Hai Linh (male)
2. Tu Khuay (female)
3. Ba Che (female)
4. Hai Hue (female)

These personnel are listed previously in this report.

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ANNEX C (Agent Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 10/70
dated 10 Jan 70.

1. Agent Report from DAT DO stated that at 100945H a VC Coy (NFI) of 100 men, wearing mixed dress and armed with one 82mm mortar, one 57 RCL, two HMG's, six B40's and B41's, and individual weapons were at YS589662, and were moving to YS587665. Their intentions are to support C47 RSG in re-supply in Bau Lam jungle. Eval: VN B2.
2. Agent Report from DAT DO stated that at 100630H six VC propaganda cadre armed with AK47 and grenades appeared at YS565615, then moved to YS567622 and then returned to YS565615. Intentions were unknown but it is believed they were to collect taxes along Route 23. Eval: VN B3.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 10/70
dated 10 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
101030H	YS792848	Old base camp.
100900H	YS918834	Two bunkers with OHC, 1 shelter.
	YS916829	Small camp consisting of 1 large bunker and several cave entrances. Also in the area were 2x44 gal drums hidden under bamboo near cave entrance.
	YS903840	Well worn north-south track enters small camp.
	YS882855	Old bunker system, showed signs of bunkers being repaired. Fresh cut logs stacked alongside old bunkers.
100904H	YS931811	2 graves and light fresh track activity from NW-SE through area.
101245H	YS899885	2 small old huts.
10	YS905917	1 old hut.
101330H	ZS091889	Old bunker system.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
101705H	YS897987	One in forest south of road.
	YS888998	9 north of road junction.

4.5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 11-70.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO BAYSWATER.
 - (a) (111320H) At YS486808, V Coy 6 RAR contacted 5 - 6 VC who withdrew NW on contact. A cache was also located. Results: Two VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (BT). one .38 cal pistol, seven packs, one liner, 400 X 7.62mm rounds, 10 X M1 rounds, a quantity of food, documents and clothing were recovered.
 - (b) (111645H) At YS466795, V Coy 6 RAR detained one male, three females and one child. They will be released after normal procedures.
 - (2) AO ROSSLYN.
 - (a) (111352H) At YS643905 a VC rallied to 5 RAR (1/B/3 Cav). He surrendered one AK47 and three magazines. He has been identified as a member of 84 RSG Workshop Z301 located in the vicinity of Lake BAU NGUA. Initial interrogation indicates the strength (40) and that the workshop produces DH mines and repairs weapons.
 - (3) LCT AO.
 - (a) (11 Jan 70) At YS514575, LCT located in the fork of a tree a M16 ammo liner with 12 HE 40mm rounds and three buck shot 40mm rounds. In the same area eight old but well constructed bunkers were located. The bunkers showed signs of recent use and a quantity of documents were recovered.
 - 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 - 7 VC.
 - b. Omitted.
 - c. Detainees.
 - (1)-(3) Omitted.
 - (4) Hoi Chanh - 1.
 - (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 5.
 - d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 2.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - .38 pistol, AK47.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.
 - (a) Captured. Seven packs, 10 X M1 rounds, 400 X 7.62mm rounds, one liner, quantity of documents, clothing, M16 ammo liner, 12 HE 40mm rounds, three buck shot 40mm rounds, three AK47 mags.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS486808	Unknown	Small	Destroyed.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
111320H	V Coy 6 RAR	YS486808	See para 3 a (1) (b).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 29 VC.
- (2) PW - 1.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 22.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil.
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.05 tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. ID cards recovered from the two KIA by V Coy 6 RAR at YS486808 identify HO VAN NAM and DAO VAN NHOM. NHOM has been identified by the District Chief at DUC THANH as a member of the BINH GIA guerilla unit.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 1-70 dated 6 Jan 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

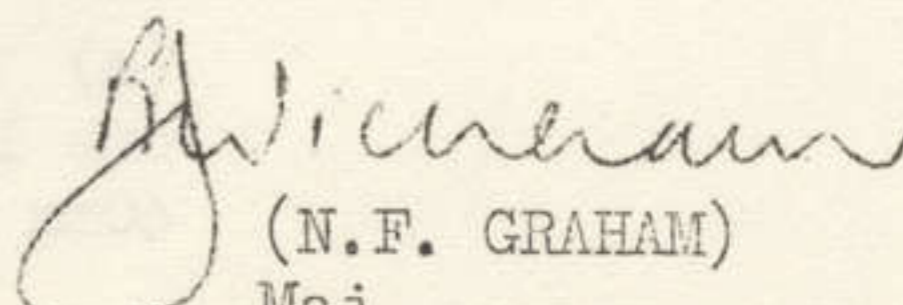
a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items Of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (110912H) At YS670615. A/S on enemy base camp. Results: eight bunkers destroyed, 100 metres of comms trench exposed.
- (2) (111129H) At YS328738, B Coy 1 Bn 16 Inf (US) engaged two NVA moving east, resulting in two NVA WIA (PW). They have been identified as members of a med services unit.
- (3) (111145H) At YS368823, A Coy 2 Bn 16 Inf (US) engaged two NVA who withdrew south with unknown results.
- (4) (111200H) At YS637703, a civilian from XUY N MOC located a RPD and 75 rounds of ammunition.
- (5) (111430H) At YS147990, LONG THANH North received incoming mortar fire. No further details are available.
- (6) (111507H) At YS460545, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: One bunkers damaged, two bunkers exposed.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.


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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INPSUM No. 11-70
dated 11 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
11 Jan 70	YS751899	One old fox hole on top of ridge.
	YS787898	Numerous logging trails in area.
	YS860939	One yellow bogging truck camouflaged with leaves.
	YS759983	Two huts, one lean to, tractor and a truck.
111038H	YS482495	People on coast.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
112125H	YS480510	One emission.

4-5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No.12/70
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Jan. 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO ROSSLYN
 - (a) (121455H) At YS627922 elements of B Coy 5 RAR located an aircraft rocket pod containing 14 live rockets. Rockets are to be destroyed.
 - (2) AO BAYSWATER
 - (a) (120850) At YS4679 6 RAR conducted a cordon and search of AP NGAI GIA resulting in 12 persons being detained.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) US Inflicted - 2 VC KBA
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC KBA
 - b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.
 - (1) US Inflicted - Nil
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC
 - (3) RVNAF Inflicted - Nil
 - c. 1. to 4 Omitted.
 - Detainees.
 - (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 12
 - (6) Omitted.
 - d. Omitted.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA - 31 VC
 - (2) PW - 1
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
 - (4) VCI - Nil
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 22
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
 - (7) Rice captured - 1.05 Tons.
 - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted.
 - (9) Omitted.
5. a. Omitted.

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b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES

AP MINES

BOOBY TRAPS

1 at YS513574 by 17 Const LCT.

2. Omitted.

6.7.9.10. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 1/70 dated 6 Jan 70.

11. a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) INTSUM No 8/70 Para 3 a.(2)(a). Amend results to read 2 KIA(BC). Amend totals in INTSUMS 9/70 - 11/70 accordingly.

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report (111418H) At YS303753 A Coy 1 Bn 16 Inf(US) contacted 2 NVA. Results: 2 KIA, 2 AK47, and qty documents CIA.

(2) (121430H) At YS418902 D Coy 2 Bn 3 Inf(US) stopped a lambretta and detained four persons. Results: 2 NVA(PW), 2 detainees and 1SKS CIA.

(3) (121437H) At YS732951 elements of 199 LIB located a grave containing a body dressed in black pyjamas and wearing a pistol belt. Body had been killed by small arms fire.

(4) (121527H) At YS619989 elements of D Coy 3 Bn 7 (US) Inf sighted and engaged 2 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA and 1 US carbine CIA.

(5) (121645H) A VC rallied to elements of 199 LIB. Hoi Chanh if from east of the MAY TAO'S and belonged to E204 which is a local unit and has an approx strength of 70 persons.

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Attachments

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

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II FFORCE V

MACV - J2

MACV - CICV

RTAVF

18 ARVN Div

3 TAC Fighter Wing

12 Cbt Avn Gp

BIEN HOA TAC

Advisory Team 48

Sector S2

2nd Bde 1st US Inf Div

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 12/70
dated 12 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
120955H	YS775675	Heavily used fresh oxcart tracks.
121030H	YS473533	1 X UXB. Explosives had been removed.
"	YS472534	1 occupied tent covered bunker. Approx
"	"	10 occupied caves sighted. 3 airstrikes
		were later conducted by USAF and RAAF
		resulting in 3 KBA, 5 KBA(poss) and 10
		cave entrances destroyed.
121115H	YS665870	1 body on track. See para 11. b (1) of
"	YS666868	this INTSUM.
"	YS667867	1 hut.
		Brush fence across creek.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
120245H	YS257716	2 in open
121835H	YS357703	1 (NF1)
"	YS416705	"
"	YS347753	4 (NF1)
"	YS248752	1 (NF1)

4.5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 13/70.
- 2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (131410H) At YS417883, V/6RAR located tracks of two persons approx three hours old, moving west to NE. At YS417884, V/6RAR located tracks of 15 persons approx 24 hours old, moving NE.

(b) (131410) At YS429868, 3/V/6RAR contacted 11-12 en who withdrew East on contact. Results: Four en KIA(BC), one en WIA (BT), 11 packs containing medical and surgical notebooks, one SKS, one M1 and one 7.62 mm pistol CIA. Following contact, 3/V/6RAR located a complicated bunker system and tunnels were found near this loc. It will be searched at first light by 3 Pl.

(c) (131800H) At YS440870, Aslt Pnr Pl/6RAR saw three VC moving NE. En left behind a sack of rations.

(d) (131825H) At YS439869, V/6RAR HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl/6RAR captured one en litter case with old wounds. He had been with medical supplies and food. The PW has tentatively been identified as CAM, a political cadre from XUAN SON village YS570775. PW stated that a badly wounded en from 3/V/6RAR contact had moved to a base camp area YS4487.

(2) OTHER AREAS

(a) (131800H) At YS426735, a 5 RAR ptl contacted one VC dressed in black. Results: One VC WIA(BT) and one AK47 CIA.

(b) (132102H) At YS386652, a 8 RAR ptl contacted six persons moving from NW (NFI).

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>
132135H	LONG HAI		Not known	Nil		Nil

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 4 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) PW - 1
- (2). (6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - Four.
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - SKS, M1, AK47, 7.62mm pistol.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: SKS, M1, AK47, 7.62mm pistol.

(b) Omitted.

(3).(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
12 Jan 70	5/2 Arty (AW)	YS458478	One 60mm mortar, 42 x 60mm WP rds, two illum rounds, 38 New Composition Type B rds, 49 old TNT mortar rds, four training rds, 30 AP mines, type NM/M14, Anti Tank M-72 parts, 20 grenade launcher adapters, two belts M60 ammo, four pressure release devices, one WP hand grenades.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 35 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 26
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.05 Tons.
- (8).(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AT MINES</u>	<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>
Three by LCT.		

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
131405H	YS513571	Unk (poss M16)	One D8 unserviceable.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus captured at YS432898 at 131335H identify C5/84RSG.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 2/70 dated 13 Jan 70.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (121947H) An unk VC force was contacted when sighted moving from YS503602 to YS504597. Mors were fired by RF with unk results.

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- (2) (130845H) At YS452529, an airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp. Nil BDA.
- (3) (130845H) At YS460545, an airstrike was conducted against an en base camp resulting in one bunker exposed.
- (4) (131225H) At YS433897, elms of 199 LIB contacted unk number of en. Results: One US WIA, one AK47 CIA, en bloodtrails were found.
- (5) (131400H) At YS485582, 189 RF Coy located a M14 mine. Member tried to lift the mine and it detonated. Result: One RF WIA.
- (6) (131450H) At YS265845, 2/18 Bn located a cache. Recovered were five SKS, three M1's, two Garands, one MG(NFI), six bags of rice, and a qty of ducus.

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Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Report.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 13/70
dated 13 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
13 Jan 70	YS4752 YS4751	Four fresh tracks used by 10+ people. The tracks split up into an area in which there are numerous caves.
	YS472524	Ref airstrike on 12 Jan 70. Tracks indicate up to ten people and rocks have been removed.
130900H to 131100H	YT827056	Large base camp consisting of eight large thatched huts, bunkers, tables, clothing, utensils throughout area. An immediate airstrike was called in resulting in one hut destroyed, two huts damaged, two huts exposed, three bunkers exposed.
	YT8106-YT8406 YT8103-YT8403	Twenty large gardens in this area. All gardens have one or more huts located on jungle fringe.
130900H to 131120H	YT8005-YT8006 YT8007-YT8008	Many garden areas but only partially used.
	YT800081	Two huts in old condition.
	YT801071	Four huts and one bunker. Huts in good condition but only one appears to be used.
131430H	YS4974	Two people dressed in black with white hats in clearing at a waterhole.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
121840H	YS393774	One emission.
121850H	YS302737	One emission.
130155H	YS475531	Three emissions in open.
	YS474492	Three emissions on road.
130200H	YS485496	One emission on road.
130205H	YS499507	Three emissions on stream.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
121900H	YS895940	One return on road.
	ZS005820	One return on road.
121950H	YS305605	One return on road.

5. Omitted.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 13/70
dated 13 Jan 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: [REDACTED]

Evaluation: C2

General

1. The following is a report of an interrogation carried out by Det 1 Div Int Unit on 11 Jan 70.

Biographical Data

2. a. NAME: [REDACTED]
b. D/POB: 1938, LONG THANH Village VUNG TAU
c. RANK/APPT: [REDACTED]
d. UNIT: [REDACTED]
e. RELIGION: CAO DAI
f. FATHER: [REDACTED]
g. MOTHER: [REDACTED]

Past Activities

3. 1965 - Joined BA-LONG Province Unit as a soldier in Tpt Element 48.
1967 - Transferred to Z300 Workshop as a soldier in the Tpt Pl.

Circumstances of Return

4. a. Receiving Unit: 5 RAR & 1/B/3 Cav
b. Date: 11 Jan 70
c. Place: YS643905
d. Wpns/Docs: 1 x AK47, 3 mags, 2 x certificates
e. Circumstances: Subject left Z301 on 6 Jan 70 intending to return at XUYEN MOC but heard APC in the area and Chieu Hoi'd to Aust troops.

Exploitable Information

5. Z301: Formerly Z300 of 84 Rear Services Group but in late Jan 69 came under control of T7 and was redesignated Z301.
- a. Task: To manufacture mines and grenades for T7.
b. Org: HQ and 3 Pls: B1, B2, B3.
c. HQ Z301
(1) Comd: UT THINH, 43, K54
(2) 2ic: HAI HONG, 32, K54
(3) PO: Comd
(4) APO: MUOI THAP, 43, K54
(5) Adj: LIEM
d. B1
(1) Comd: MUI, 33, AK
(2) 2ic: TAI (KIA 1 Jan 70)
(3) Task: Manufacturing mine casing from tin or steel water pipes collected in the BAU LAM village area by a rear service element.

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- e. B2
- (1) Comd: HUAN, 33, M1
 - (2) 2ic: GIOI, 32, M1 (died from malaria Feb 68 - no replacement).
 - (3) Task: To fill mines with explosive and complete manufacture. Explosives are brought to the unit by a T7 element.
- f. B3
- (1) Comd: LANH, 35, colt
 - (2) 2ic: Subject, AK
 - (3) Task: Tpt pl for collection and tpt of food supplies.
- g. Total Str Z301: Approx 40 (until Aug 69 str was about 100 but acute shortage of food forced the unit to cut its numbers.
- h. Wpns: AK, SKS, carbine, B40.
- i. Loc: Poss YS6786.

Z301 Base Camp:

6. This consists of 3 base areas; B3 area HQ and B2 area and B1. In Dec 69 allied troops found HQ & B2 area and destroyed 2 bunkers so HQ & B2 were relocated in B1 area and are in this area at present. On approx 1 Jan 70 TAI & DAT from Z301 returned to the old HQ-B2 base and were killed by rangers (SAS). Since 6 Jan 70 B3 is also located in B1 area.

7. HQ Z301 and the other pls are in a base area of 10 bunkers 3m x 2m. 50 x 1m 30 deep with overhead cover, the workshop area is above ground 5 mins away. The base is protected by a 3 man cell who constantly patrol around the base during daylight hours. They patrol 3 mins from the base (300m). If the en is sighted one is sent back to give the alarm, the others will attempt to fire a DH mine at the en (3 DH are set up around the base). As a further defence, grenade boobytraps are set up in trees.

Food Resupply for Z301

8. When the unit exhausts its food supplies the adjt of Z301 issues an issue-slip to the resup mission cond (normally the Pl Comd B3). The subject, as 2ic, usually remained in the base area.

9. Food supplies are normally collected from T7 Rear Service element (NFI) near AP 3, BAO BINH. Z301 has 3 resup missions a month. From 10-18 persons go on these missions bringing back an average of 30 liters of supplies per person. Since Oct 69 rice has been very scarce and the unit often received beans in lieu. Just before returning the subject heard Route 1 Entry/Exit point had rice supplies.

10. The subject knew NGUYEN VAN TON a welder of B1 Z301 who was captured by 6 RAR on 27 Dec 69 and PHAM NGO of B2 who was wounded in the same contact. He last saw the 2 men 1 month ago.

Z301 Production Capacity

11. 1000 grenades and 200 mines per month. Since Dec 69 production had come to a standstill because of the critical food shortage.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 14/70.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (141042H) At YS709900, 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted three enemy carrying AK47, which resulted in two enemy KIA(BC), one enemy WIA (POSS), two AK47, four AK47 mags, one pack with a small quantity of clothing and foodstuffs was CIA.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Further to Para 3. a. (1) (b) INTSUM 13/70, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ while waiting for first light had a small contact, there are no further details of the contact; results of the sweep of the bunkers revealed one main bunker, one small tunnel and a cookhouse.

(b) (141500H) At YS439870, V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a camp consisting of 14 to 15 bunkers, recovered were three CHICOM anti tank rifle grenades, 27x.50 cal rounds, 10x.30 cal rounds, one VC flag, one frag grenade.

(c) (14 Jan 70) In the NGAI GIAO area (YS4679), 6 RAR detained 10 VN who were taken to the DUC THANH Sub Sector.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) Further to contact report (132055H). At YS386652 by a patrol from D Coy 8 RAR reported in INTSUM 13/70. The ptl contacted 11 VC which resulted in eight VC KIA(BC) including one female, two WIA PW one RPG2, one M1 Garrand, two M1, one SKS, one .38 Smith and Wesson pistol, one CHICOM pistol, one AK47, one M26 grenade, three CHICOM grenade, five RPG2 propellants, two RPG7 rockets and one stick grenade.

(b) (140600H) At YS419738 a ptl from 5 RAR received an unknown number of small arms rounds into their location, the ptl returned fire with unknown results.

(c) (141205H) At YS512573 a D8 bulldozer of 17 Const Sqn detonated an M16 pressure mine which resulted in minor damage to the bulldozer.

(d) (141855H) At YS513572, 17 Constr Sqn located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of 25 bunkers, recovered was one 60 mm round rigged for command detonation.

b. Air Activity

(1) Nil.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Nil

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period

(1) Nil

(2) 8 VC.

c. Detainees

(1) PW - 2

(2)(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 10

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d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 9

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - three AK47, one RPG2, one M1 Garand, two M1, one SKS, one .38 Smith and Wesson.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: four AK47 mags, one pack, three anti tank rifle grenades, 27x.50 cal rds, 10x.30 cal rds, one VC flag, one frag grenade, one M26 grenade, five RPG2 propellants, two RPG7 rockets, one stick grenade, one 60 mm mor round, small qty of clothing and foodstuff.

(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>	<u>COORD</u>
141500H	V/6 RAR/NZ	See para 3. a. (2) (b).	YS439870

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 35 VC

(2) PW - 4

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1

(4) Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 35

(6) Crew Served Weapons - nil

(7) Rice Captured 1.05 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Nil

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Nil

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
141205H	YS512573	M16	Slight damage to D8 bulldozer

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Documents from seven packs CIA by V/6 RAR/NZ following a contact with five to six enemy, two of whom were KIA identify the BA LONG Province rear services section. The two KIA were identified as NAM and NHOM, the latter being identified as a NGAI GIAO guerilla, incorrectly reported in 1 ATF INTSUM 11/70 para 6. a. as a BINH GIA gurilla.

b. Documents taken from a body after a contact (131410H) at YS429868 with 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ identified the KIA as a member of BA LONG Province medical unit.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities, No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 2/70 dated 13 Jan 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 11/70 para 3, amend to read - there were three contacts with Task Force elements.

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c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

- (1) (140205H) At YS782660 USAF engaged four sets of lights with unknown results.
- (2) (140940H) At YS452529 to YS460545, USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp which resulted in one bunker exposed.
- (3) (141001H) At YS739909, USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp, No BDA.
- (4) (141140H) At YS302715 elms of 2 Bde, 1 Div(US) located a cache consisting of eight bolt action rifles and one pistol.
- (5) (141442H) At YS385818 elms of 2 Bde, 1 Div(US) contacted one VC which resulted in one VC KIA(BC), one K54 pistol and two radios CIA.
- (6) (141555H) Two HOI CHANH rallied to DUC THANH Sub Sector.

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Annex: E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 14/70
DATED 14 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
131230H	YS460557	Track system indicating camp. A NS track into the area.
141150H	YS472510 and YS467518	Very heavy and well used tracks appearing to end at coords. These tracks branch off major tracks coming from R44 N of LONG HAI village.
141410H	YS476527	Two small cave entrances. Indications of recent use. A small trail to a stream from the caves show recent use.
141440H	YS449553	Footprints in sandy soil.
	YS446551	Track leads to heavy foliage in re-entrant - cleared areas beneath foliage.
	YS443553	Old bunker.
	YS446546	"
	YS449545	"

2. Photo Interpretation Reports

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
2 Jan 70	YS533600	Two one man and one two man foxholes on treeline, possibly more under canopy.
	YS546585	Heavy oxcart tracks running NE-- SW through clearing.
	YS599579	Footprints and dragmarks on beach N into treeline.
	YS536556	Several oxcart tracks NE-SW along sand, also one track from N.
7 Jan '70	YS476527	Unidentified structure, also deep cleft formation, ideal cave entrance and natural fortification. <u>COMMENT: REDHAZE 130010H - 130030H Jan 70 at YS475527 -</u> 15 emissions. Checked by VK 141000H Jan 70 resulted in two small cave entrances being sighted and indicate recent use. A small trail from the caves to a stream shows recent use.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
140324H	YS295855	Two in open
140324H	YS307857	One in open

4-5 Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 15/70
- 2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) (150745H) In vicinity of YS471885, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) sighted 10 en dressed in green and black with packs and individual weapons moving SOUTH to NORTH along axis of plantation road. When the en reached the cross-roads they moved NE.
- (b) (151025H) At YS433864, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) contacted two en moving SW to NE. Results: No friendly cas, en cas unknown. En wdr EAST.
- (c) (151040H) At YS435869, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a large quantity of washing pots and a large cooking pot all of which were in new condition.
- (d) (151045H) At YS396838, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted two LF VC wearing black trousers and green shirts, who approached from the NE. Results: One en KIA (BC), one WIA (PW), one AK47 and three packs CIA.
- (e) (151110H) At YS473884, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a squad size camp consisting of old wpn pits cleared out and used as sleeping bays. The camp had been used approx 48 hrs ago. Recovered were: One VC type shelter and a sheet of plastic. Also found was two graves approx 2 weeks old containing three bodies been killed by shrapnel.
- (f) (151135H) At YS472881, A/Tk Pl 6 RAR/NZ, contacted about 15 en who wdr EAST, SOUTH and NE. Results: En cas unknown. One .30 cal Springfield rifle, 2 packs containing food and docus were recovered.
- (g) (151400H) At YS474882, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ, located a squad size transit camp used approx 48 hrs previously. An eating bowl and one US helmet were recovered.
- (h) (151520H) At YS475888, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ, located a squad size camp, used approx eight hours previously. One jerry can and one stick grenade were recovered.
- (i) (151525H) At YS472881, D Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained nine persons who had ID cards that were dissimilar to the bearers. All nine persons approached from the direction of the ATK Pl contact at YS473881 and all are being taken to DUC THANH for interrogation.
- (j) (151830H) At YS500894, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ, contacted 10-15 en moving EAST with unknown results. The en wdr WEST.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (151135H) At YS733884, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a harbour posn approx one week old. Posn was probably occupied by about 30 persons.
- (b) (151742H) At YS727889, a ptl from 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located one bunker with 2 1/2' CTS. A qty of old clo was recovered.

(3) Other Areas.

- (a) (150930H) At YS396684, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR, found footprints heading WEST.
- (b) (151016H) At YS374685, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR, found a recently built dam. Also in that vicinity, fish and animal traps were found.

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b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DAM</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
132345H	YS457517	Unk	SA	Unk	Unk	Unk
	YS463590	Unk	SA	Unk	Mini-guns	Unk
151330H	YS823766	Unk	SA	Nil	Mini-guns rkts/M60	2 secondary explosions

(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. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) PW - 1.
- (2)-(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 2.
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - 1xAK47, .30 cal Springfield rifle.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. Qty of washing pots, one large cooking pot, three packs, one shelter, a sheet of plastic, two packs, docus, one jerry can, one stick gren, one eating bowl, one US helmet, qty of old clo fish and animal traps.
- (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS472881	Unk	small	destroyed

(4)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Jan 70.

- (1) KIA - 46 VC.
- (2) PW - 4.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.
- (4) Nil.
- (5) Individual weapons - 38.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) Rice captured - 1.05 tons.
- (8)-(9) Nil.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus CIA following a D/8 RAR contact at YS386652 (INTSUMs 13/70 and 14/70 refer) confirmed by two PW (see serials 10 and 11) identify the following as having been killed in that action:

(1)	BA THANH	PO CHAU DUC Dist HQ
(2)	BA HUU DUC	Member CHAU DUC Dist Party Committee
(3)	NINH	Member Mil Int Sect CHAU DUC
(4)	LAND	Member Dist HQ
(5)	LUN	Member Dist HQ
(6)	LE VAN VIET	Medic C41
(7)	NGUYEN VAN DUYEN	Member C41
(8)	VO VAN BA	Sqn Ldr Dist Unit
(9)	NGUYEN VAN ANH	Member C41
(10)	NIUNG	Sect 2IC, Rear Services Sect HQ CHAU DUC (PW)
(11)	DUOC	Member Protection Cell HQ CHAU DUC (PW)

b. Docus from the above contact also identify and confirm OB holdings that the two VC contacted by B/1-16 US at YS328738 on 11 Jan 70 were:

(1)	Dr CHIN THANG	PW CO CHAU DUC Hospital
(2)	TU CUONG	KIA CO CHAU DUC Ordnance Wksp.

c. Docus taken from a body KIA by B/2-16 US on 141442H at YS381808 identified LE THAI BINH, held by OB (Nov 68) as the Chief Doctor of the Civil Health Sect SR4.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 2/70 dated 13 Jan 70.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

- (1) Reference INTSUM No 14/70.
 - (a) Para 4 e (1)(a) amend to read 10.
 - (b) Para 4 e (1)(c) add one CHICOM pistol.
 - (c) Para 4 f (1) amend KIA to read 45.
 - (d) Para 4 f (5) amend individual wps to read 36.
 - (e) Para 3 a (3)(a) Line 7, add after stick grens "were recovered".
- (2) Reference INTSUM No 13/70/
 - (a) Para 3 a (1)(d) delete all mention of PW and insert Detainee.
 - (b) Para 4 a (1)(c) delete all reference.
 - (c) Para 4 f (2) amend to read 1 amend subsequent INTSUMs accordingly.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (142335H) At YS297563, an est squad of VC engaged a PSDF post at BAT RAU hamlet with five RPG2 rds, resulting in one PSDF KIA and one PSDF WIA. VC casualties unknown.
- (2) (150945H) At YS470505, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.
- (3) (151320H) At YS276561, 637 RF Coy ambushed 3 VC. Results: One VC KIA, one M1 and two RPG2 rds CIA. Nil friendly casualties.
- (4) (151945H) At YS437892, elms of 199 LIB contacted two en. Results: 2 en KIA, one .45 cal pistol, one pack CIA.

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Attachments:

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
INTSUM 15/70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. The following interrogation reports and S2 comments are attached as appendices.

- a. Appendix 1 - IR for [REDACTED], detained by 6 RAR at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].
- b. Appendix 2 - IR for [REDACTED] captured by 8 RAR at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].
- c. Appendix 3 - IR for [REDACTED] captured by 8 RAR at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].
- d. Appendix 4 - S2 comments covering appendix 2 and appendix 3.

INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE - [REDACTED]

APPENDIX 1 to ANNEX A
to 1 ATF INTSUM 15/70.

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. AKA: Nil.
- c. D/POB: 1924, BA TRI, KIEN HOA Province.
- d. Address: QUANG GIAO Village.
- e. Rank/Appt: [REDACTED]
- f. Unit: QUANG GIAO Village.
- g. Occupation: Field worker.

Circumstances of Capture

3. a. Date: 13 Jan 70.
- b. Place: CHAU LAC Rubber Plantation - YS439869.
- c. Wpns and Docs: Nil.
- d. Circumstances: In about Aug 69 the subject was wounded by a contact with the ARVN, while he went out to collect bananas at QUANG GIAO. About Sep 69, he was evacuated to CHAU LAC Rubber Plantation. On 13 Jan 70, Aust troops swept through the area and captured the subject, while his wife went to XUAN LOC market and the Medic (who looked after him after he was wounded) ran away.

Past Activities

4. a. Before 1945 - Lived in KIEN HOA.
- b. 1945-1951 - Joined the French troops in KIEN HOA.
- c. 1951-1962 - Discharged from the French troops and returned to KIEN HOA and lived there as a field worker.
- d. 1962-1965 - The subject followed his fellow to come to QUANG GIAO to plant tobacco, after then [REDACTED] (Asst party chapter secretary of QUANG GIAO) persuaded him to join the production cell of the village.
- e. 1965-1969 - [REDACTED] promoted him to the [REDACTED].

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- (4) 4th cell - Leader: MAM, 40 years, NVN.
Member: BE, 30 years, Montagnard.
Member: DUONG, 20 years (returned in Sep 69).
- (5) 5th cell - Leader: DAO CUI, 42 years, (Killed by Aust).
Member: THUC, 40 years, (Killed by Aust).
Member: HUM, 35 years, (returned).
- i. Tasks - The subject disclosed that most of the members had rallied or had been killed by the ARVN or Australians, so there are only about 10 members left. Sometimes they go on civil labour tasks for the province HQ. (Personally, the subject has not gone on these missions so he does not know what kind of goods that they transported).
- j. Other units - The subject used to see the CHAU LAC Guerilla Unit (about 10 persons) moving through this area.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

PW- [REDACTED]

General.

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data

2. a. NAME : [REDACTED]
 b. ALIAS : Nil
 c. D/POB : 1944, QUANG TRI.
 d. ADDRESS : QUANG TRI.
 e. RANK : [REDACTED]
 f. UNIT : [REDACTED]

Circumstances of Capture

3. a. CAPTURING UNIT : 8 RAR
 b. DATE : [REDACTED]
 c. LOCATION : [REDACTED]
 d. CIRCUMSTANCES : On resupply mission to get rice from cache in the NUI DINH. From base at TRANG NAI, approx YS 345710, the subject and ten others went towards the NUI DINH but were ambushed by Aust troops.

Exploited Information

4. a. CHAU DUC Unit The HQ elements consists of the following:
 Comd : NAM KIEM (Returned)
 2ic : TU HIEU (Also PO)
 2ic : SAU XUCM (transferred from D440 approx Dec 69)
 2ic : SAU KICH. HOA LONG.
 2ic : BAY TAM. HOA LONG.
 Adjt : BA TONG. HOA LONG.

b. Orderly Room:
 Comd : HOANG, 23.
 Clerk : THI SAU KUAN, 26.

c. Med Sect:
 Med Spec : CHEN THANG (captured on 10 Jan 70 in the HAT DICH area while returning from the District Unit Orderly Room back to the Section)
 Medics : CONG
 : THI THUY
 : THI SAU BONG

d. Armament Sect:
 Comd : [REDACTED] (captured in same circumstances as above)
 : 15 others, names unknown.

e. Rear Services Sect:
 Comd : HAI CHUNG. HOA LONG (Pl 2ic)
 2ic : CHIN TRUONG. HOA LONG.
 Sect Comd : BAY THANG. HOA LONG
 : TU CUA. HOA LONG.
 : TAN. HOA LONG.
 : [REDACTED]

f. Postal Sect:
 Comd : BAO, 34.
 2ic : BA HOI, Montagnard.
 : the remainder consists of two sections consisting of 14 persons.

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g. Engr Unit;

Comd : TAM GIHU
2ic : SAU THANH (Recco Sect Comd)
STRENGTH : 20 persons. Two Sections, each consists of 10 persons.

Method of Sending Mail

5. If the situation is quiet then on every odd day (1st, 3, 5, 7, 9 etc) the Postal Sect divides into groups of 3 and delivers the mail.

Task of the CHAU DUC District Unit

6. About the beginning of Dec 69 the CHAU DUC District Unit organised a Political Training Phase for the cadre/soldiers in the unit. During the phase, NAM KIEM, District Unit Comd, disclosed that the task of the District Unit was to attack HOA LONG Village, LONG LE District. He also said that it was in celebration of the coming New Year. (according to the subject the attack would probably take place before TET).

7. On 9 Jan 70, C41 Coy moved to the NUI DINH (Location unknown) poss YS 3567 in order to infiltrate HOA LONG to get rice. C41 Coy were to transport the rice back to the base in TRANG NAI, approx YS 345710 and then attend a reindoctrination course for the coming operations phase. After the reindoctrination, C41 will move back to the NUI DINH in order to attack HOA LONG Village (date unknown)

Locations of CHAU DUC District Committee, the District Unit and C41

8. From the beginning of Dec 69 the above units were located at TRANG NAI, approx YS 345710 (near an old Aust base). On 9 Jan 70, C41 moved into the NUI DINH in order to transport rice from HOA LONG and then take it back to the base at TRANG NAI on 15 Jan 70.

C41 - CHAU DUC Concentrated Coy

9. Coy Comd : DANG
2ic : BAY GIAI
PO : SONG
Medics : KIEM
PO : BAY TRI
Medics : HA
Weapons : LOI
Location : 4 x B40, 2 x RPD, 1 x BAR, 1 x 60mm mor. Remainder AK 47.
On 9 Jan 70 moved to the NUI DINH approx YS 3567. On 15 Jan 70 were to return to their base at YS 345710. Later to receive reindoctrination for the attack on HOA LONG. (Heard from another member of Rear Services Sect, CHUNG, on 13 Jan 70). Usually C41 gets its rice from PHUOC THAI, BINH BA, SUOI NGHE and HOA LONG. On 6 Jan 70, D440 moved into a base at approx YS 3876 (K Area) and took over the collection of rice in BINH BA, SUOI NGHE and DUONG CUNG. The CHAU DUC District Units now get their rice from HOA LONG.

Other Units in the Area

10. The subject said that on 12 Jan 70, D440 Bn (consisting of K5, K6, K9 and Bn HQ were located near the SONG XOAI YS 380760. On 7 Jan 70, BA NOI, Bn 2ic, D440, discussed a secret plan with NAM KIEM at the CHAU DUC District base in TRANG NAI. (Poss on coming ops in HOA LONG).

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INTERROGATION REPORT

P.W. [REDACTED]

GENERAL

1. The following is a translation by DET 1 DIV INT Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

2. a. NAME: [REDACTED]
 b. ALIAS: NIL
 c. D/POB: 1943, LONG TAN.
 d. ADDRESS: As Above.
 e. RANK: Soldier.
 f. UNIT: Protection Unit, CHAU DUC District Committee.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE

3. a. CAPTURING UNIT: 8 RAR.
 b. DATE: [REDACTED]
 c. LOCATION: YS386652.
 d. CIRCUMSTANCES: On 10 Jan 70 the subject together with 10 others from Rear Services District Unit, and C41 went towards the NUI DINH to get rice. Before reaching the area they were ambushed by Aust troops on 13 Jan 70.

PAST ACTIVITIES

4. a. Up to Oct 67: Farm worker in LONG TAN.
 b. Oct 67: Captured by VC, worked as a civilian labourer for CHAU DUC District.
 c. Mar 68: Joined Protection Cell of CHAU DUC District Committee and was a soldier there until captured.
 d. Jun 68: The Committee moved to area K (XOAI River) up until 10 Jan 70.
 e. 13 Jan 69: Captured by Aust.

EXPLOITED INFORMATION

5. a. CHAU DUC District Committee.
 (1) Secretary: BA LUONG (he replaced THANH who went to Province about the middle of Dec 69).
 b. Orderly Room.
 (1) Comd: NAM PHUONG, 30
 (2) Clerk/Typist: THI NU, 23, LONG DIEN.
 c. Org Section.
 (1) Comd: BA GIA, 60.
 (2) Member: CAM, 27, LONG PHUOC.
 d. Security Section.
 (1) Comd: THANG, 30
 (2) Member: BINH, 30
 (3) Three others, names unknown.
 e. Finance/Economy Section.
 (1) Comd: BAY GIANG, 35.
 (2) Member: CAO, (killed on 13 Jan 70 when leading rice collection group).

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- (3) Member: HIEU, 30, CVN. In charge of the BINH BA area.
- (4) Three others names unknown.

- f. Forward Supply Council: Unknown.
- g. Civil Health: None. (TAM CONG returned to Province about Jul 68).
- h. Youth: Unknown.
- i. Womens: Unknown.
- j. Protection Unit for District Committee.

- (1) Comd: TINH, 20, Carbine M1.
- (2) Member: TAM, 19, Garand.
- (3) Member: DUOC (Subject).

- l. Strength of CHAU DUC District Unit: Approx 30 persons.

- m. Location.

(1) From Jun 68 up to 10 Jan 70 the District Committee and the District Unit (as apposed to C41 Concentrated Unit) operated in K area (centre approx YS375764). Whenever the base was attacked the units withdrew and afterwards returned to the area. In this area they were located in an overall area of about 300 metres by 500 metres. When the allies swept their base they would move to an area about 10 minutes walk away. The subject emphasised the fact that from Jun 68 up to now that the units did NOT move out of this zone.

- 6. CHAU DUC District Unit.

- a. HQ

- (1) Comd: NAI KIEM, (recently transfered back to CHAU DUC District about one month ago).
- (2) TIC: Unknown.
- (3) Political Officer: Unknown.

- 7. Supplies.

a. Before Oct 69 the District Committee only got rice from PHUOC THAI, but from about Oct 69 up to now this area was swept and the Committee got its rice from the THI VAI Mountains. This rice was purchased by FINANCE/ECONOMY Section and hidden in a cache in these mountains. About Oct 69 up to now the Committee went twice to the THI VAI Mountains to get rice, 300 litres each time. On 10 Jan 70 CAO, FINANCE/ECONOMY cadre, went to the NUI DINH to get 100 litres of rice with the subject and nine others. On the way the group was ambushed and the subject was captured.

b. The subject stated that the Committee usually had enough rice, beans and corn. About two months ago they were out of rice for two days. All the cadres and soldiers were sent out to obtain food.

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APPENDIX 4 TO

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 15/70

DATED 15 JAN 70

(Interrogation Report)

S2 Comments

1. The interrogation reports of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appear to conflict in some detail. The reports have been collated, together with documents taken from VC killed in the same contact on 132055H by a patrol of 8 RAR.
2. The following comments are intended to amplify the interrogation reports:
 - a. HQ CHAU DUC District (referred to as CHAU DUC District Unit), strength approximately 30, appears to be located in the general area of square YS3776 in a well established base probably close to the SUOI XOAI. The HQ moved from the base when the areas is swept but always return to it.
 - b. On 6 Jan, D440 (at least C5, C6 and C9) moved into this base area, or into one nearby possible YS3876, and have assumed responsibility for operations against Route 2.
 - c. A base for C41 (CHAU DUC concentrated coy) is located in the vicinity of YS344710, having moved from an alternative base at YS3567. The coy is preparing to attack HOA LONG (one or more RF/PF posts) in company with D440 at or possibly just before, TEF (6-9 Feb). It was requested in a letter to HOA in HOA LONG that information be provided about the posts at YS409634, the bunkers NORTH of AP TAY, and about possible troops at the old fort at YS398628.
 - d. A party from the CHAU DUC HQ joined members of C41 to collect rice from a cache in the NUI DINH (loc not known). Another cache in the area of NUI THI VAI was previously used until US ops forced them to divert. The rice was to be transported back to HQ base area vic YS3776.
 - e. From letters, it appears also that a Rear Services element located in the NUI THI VAI area is responsible for rice collection, and issues from the cache. The letters were undelivered and were possibly intended to be handed over to this Rear Services element for delivery to an address in HOA LONG; Rear Services being the group who go to HOA LONG to collect rice for the cache.

ANNEX B (Captured Documents) to 1 ATF
INTSUM No 15-70 dated 15 Jan 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. The following appendices are translation of documents captured by 8 RAR in the contact at YS 386652 on 132050H Jan 70.

- (a). Appendix 1 - Letters from **NAM KIEM** to BAY and SAU.
- (b). Appendix 2 - Extracts from the diary of **NGUYEN VAN MINH**.
- (c). Appendix 3 - Letter from **TU NHAN** to HOA at HOA LONG.

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The following is a translation of a document captured
by 8 RAR at YS 386652:

"Anh BAY and SAU,

The enemy attacked our area on 11 Jan 70, and killed
CHIN THANG and CUONG. The enemy is now moving to the TOC
TIEN area and will battle down the mountain, as I wrote you
before. We are trying to transport as much rice as possible
away in case of an alert. If the enemy sweeps down, please
send 1st Platoon to transport rice back here by the CHAN PHA
route.

If the enemy sweeps down the mountain area, then we
are up here and we dont dare come down and we all out of rice.

Please (you two friends) direct the entire Rear Services
that they have the responsibility for rice transportation and
not just the issue of it. The personnel from Rear Services
should also help in withdrawing the rice, just as the members
of our own agency do.

How about sending us some tobacco?

Ask Rear Services to send me 1 litre of kerosine.

I can buy another 1,000 litres of rice, but don't dare
send much down. If you can borrow 40,000 Piastre we can buy
1,000 litres of rice and we can repay later.

Signed NAM KIEM"
Dated 12 Jan 70

APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX B TO 1 ATF
INTSUM 15/70
DATED 15 JAN 70

1. Diary: NGUYEN VAN NINH

Dates being wounded: 0800 8 Oct 65
1100 4 Apr 68
0900 23 Mar 69
" " killed: 2102 13 Jan 70

Joined VC: 2 Apr 64
" Group: 29 Oct 64
" Party: 67

2. HOA LONG

2 BD groups ((possibly RDC teams)), teams 12 and 16
each of platoon strength, usually at 1830, go out on ambush
and return to base at 0730 in the morning.

3. PSDF from the time ? us until now do not do any guard
duties.

4. According to talk among the people in HOA LONG, the enemy has laced DONG DON, DONG DAU, DONG XOAI and CHAU PHA "out of bounds" ((to civilians)) as they will hold sweep operations there starting 10 Dec 69.
5. There was a CHIEU HOI ((in HOA LONG)) who returned on 7 Dec.
6. 8 Dec 69 BARIA has reinforced LONG LE District with 1 platoon of Field Force Police.
7. On 10-11 Dec we fired 5 shells which did not do any damage.
They fell 15 metres to the east and 27 metres to the north.
8. On 10 Dec Sub sector held a sweep operation in 4 hamlets of HOA LONG, strength: 3 companies.
Result: 2 people captured.
Names: SAU CHAN ((or CHAU)) and HAI TU.
9. On 12 Dec F18 ((18 ARVN Div)) still going home ((NFI)).
10. 12 Dec. NUI DAT. No increase, no reduction, but on Route 15 there is a squadron of armoured vehicles. THAM THIEN. However in Artillery there has been a reduction.
11. Night 14 morning 15 Dec 69 at 7.45, we had a contact in AP TAY, result we killed 8, wounded 12. We lost 1 killed and 1 civilian was killed.
12. Bunker 2 ((squads)) There are Australians and PF.
13. 28 Dec 69 1830 hrs
Firing ((might mean a clash)) 400 metres NW of AP XANG ((part of BINH BA)).
Results: 6 Aust killed, 8 wounded.
We lost 1 killed.
14. The enemy terrorised the people 29 ((Dec 69)), captured 10 people from AP XANG, BINH BA Village.
9 male and 1 female.
15. 30 Dec 69, cordon and search type operation AP DUC MY, captured 5 people. 4 men, 1 woman.
16. 31 Dec 69 - 1630 we fell into an ambush at lot 88/89 - Drain ((?)) West of DUC MY 200 metres. Result: we lost 1 killed ((female guerilla)) and 1 "mother" ((?)).
17. 2 RDC Teams
 - a. Team 12 - 1 platoon
have 1 MMG.
Commander: LE VAN MAN
Team 2IC: HO
 - b. Team 16 - 1 platoon
have 1 MMG
Team commander: TRI
Team 2IC: XUNG

18. Sweep operation B.BA ((Possibly BINH BA))

- a. 6 Jan 70: at 7 'o'clock there was convoy stationary, stretching from NGOC KHA ((?)) to B.BA.
- b. Also at the same time there were many groups of HUIA from the direction of PHUOC THAI to the old B.BA airfield. Much military equipment. It is said that they are American and THAI troops.
At 1500 hrs there were 14 HUIA, about 1 company.
- c. On 7 Jan 70 at 0700, there was gunfire at SUOI CHIT((?)) which is 1500 metres NW of B.BA base.
- d. At 0900 they fired 2 shells which exploded 600 metres SW of B.BA base.
- e. 1100 hrs 2 FACs directed 3 F100s to bomb the old base of A57, 1500 metres SE of B.BA base.
- f. 1430 hrs. - 1 or 2 FACs directed 3 F100s to bomb 1500 metres N of B.BA base.
- g. 1520 hrs. We clashed with the enemy in ((the)) Banana Garden ((actually)) 700 metres NNW of B.BA base. After 10 minutes, about 20 shells ((arty)) were fired.
- h. 1700 we clashed with the enemy at the drain ((?)) which is 700 metres NNW of B.BA base.
- i. 1745. Arty fired over 50 shells around B.BA base.
- j. 8 Jan 70 at 0800 there were HUIA equipped with loud speakers.
2 FACs directed 2 F100s to bomb 900 metres to the west of B.BA base.
- k. 1100 hrs we fought in the Banana Grove, 800 metres NNW of B.BA base.
After 15 minutes, arty from NUI DAT shelled the area 700 metres to the west of B.BA base.
- l. 1400 hrs. Another class at the same spot and shells from NUI DAT, ((in support)) fell 700 metres west of the base.
- m. 1500 hrs we ambushed and fought at 5 minutes later arty from NUI DAT and HANG LAU ((or LAN)) fired in support while we were still fighting.
- n. 1530 hrs. Bombardment.
- o. 0600 hrs 9 Jan 70. Bombs rained down 1000 metres SW of B.BA base.
- p. 1800 hrs 8 Jan 70 Here was gunfire from the direction of NGAI GIAO. Later, there was reacting artillery fire and bombs and we heard fighting all night.

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APPENDIX 3 to ANNEX B to
1 ATF INTSUM No 15/70
dated 15 Jan 70.

"HOA at HOA LONG

For 7 days the THAI and AMERICAN forces have been on operations in BINH BA area east of PHU MY. The cell has heard that THAI forces are camped at NUI DAT. So HOA will you please confirm this information as soon as possible.

In GO SUNG (possible AP TAY of HOA LONG) the enemy are camped in bunkers in the area HAI CHOI - NUOC NHI (?) (this part is not clear, that is the last four words. We have no interpretation for this),

HOA, can you let me know about this please. We badly need reports on activities going in GO SUNG (YS415635) area.

We have also heard that about one company are making their camp at stone fort along the road to BARIA. Can you give us some more information on this please.

I have sent you a letter earlier, did you receive it?

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 15/70
dated 15 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
150030H	YS7361 and YS7364	6 lights
150050H	YS737634	Base camp
150025H	YS731633	Shadow sighted tgt and engaged, expending 27,000 rds. Results: six secondary explosions and two small fires.
151330H	YS826778	Fresh track leading SW along the creek line from this co-ord to YS812758.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 15-70.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) (160330H) In the vicinity YS471877, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ engaged an unknown no of en with claymores after a trip flare had been detonated with unknown results.
- (b) (160330H) In the vicinity of YS479881, Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ engaged an unknown number of enemy with claymores after a trip flare had been detonated with unknown results.
- (c) (160930H) At YS421829, elms of Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a grave approx six months old.
- (d) (161105H) At YS436858, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a camp for approx six persons which had been used within the last 12 hours. The en withdrew in a SW direction from the camp.
- (e) (161145H) In the vicinity YS388817, 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ sighted 8 - 10 VC moving SW.
- (f) (161226H) At YS390825, a ptl from 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 8 - 10 VC. Tracks of the gp were fol to YS388827 where the VC broke up into small groups and dispersed into thick bamboo. Results: En casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.
- (g) (161430H) At YS466867, Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a coy size bunker system which had not been used for over three months. Recovered were 160 rds of 5.56 mm. ammo.
- (h) (161800H) At YS506904, a ptl from 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC moving south. Results: One VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA and 3 AK47 mags CIA.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (161410H) At YS685870, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR guided by a Hoi Chanh located a camp believed to be a munitions workshop. Camp consists of five bunkers, one kitchen, one lecture hut and a furnace. It was used approx 4 days ago. Ten claymores and a qty of docus were recovered. Docus include a commendation certificate identifying Z301/84 Rear Svcs Gp. Comment: The loss of XUAN LOC worksite to 6 RAR, the disruption of Z300 and its subsequent amalgamation with Z301, and the eventual loss of Z301 to 5 RAR will limit severely the capacity of 84 Rear Services Group to produce munitions, particularly mines and grenades.

(3) AO METEOR.

- (a) (161021H) At YS780685, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located and destroyed a freshly dug garden and a hut.
- (b) (161135H) At YS804708, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located and destroyed a garden area. Comment: The BINH CHAU area has been an important source of supply (C2 Entry/Exit Point) for 84 Rear Services Group. There have been a large number of gardens destroyed in this area by 1 ATF ops, disrupting further the already difficult VC food supply organisation.

(4) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (160940H) At YS344641, D & E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF contacted three MF en. Results: three en KIA (BC), two AK47's, one RPG2 and a qty of personnel docus CIA. (See also Para 6 b of this INTSUM).

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.(a) Photo Interpretation Reports.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
5 Jan 70	YS697654	Approx 30 X 1 man foxholes in a clearing

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.A. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 4 VC.

b-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 4.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 3 X AK47, 1 X RPG2.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.(a) Captured: 160 rds of 5.56 mm ammo, ten claymores, docus, 3 AK47 mags.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 50 VC.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 42.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil.

(7) Rice Captured - 1.05 Tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus recovered from 2 packs CIA by Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ following a contact at YS472881 on 151135H Jan 70 probably identify the owner of one pack as NGUYEN VAN HOA aka NGUYEN PHUONG, possibly of BA LONG Province Military Proselytising Section. The packs contained both Farmer and Troop Proselytising material.

b. Docus recovered from a body fol a contact with the D & E Pl at 161020H at YS344641 identify NGUYEN VAN CU a medic with rank of Pl 2I/C of A2 (NFI) of D67 (Eigr) Bn. There was no ident of the other two bodies. This is the first ident of D67 in PHUOC TUY for several months. The unit could be expected to take part in ops against Route 15.

c. Documents recovered from a body and a PW following a contact with W Coy 6 RAR/NZ at 151045H at YS396838 identify NGUYEN VAN HOA aka TAM PHUONG, Military Proselyting Cadre BA LONG Province HQ and DOAN VAN TRIEU (PW), Finance and Economy member of SR4 HQ. A full Interrogation Report will follow in a later INTSUM.

7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 INT SUPPLEMENT 2/70 dated 13 Jan 70.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
- (1) Reference INTSUM No 15-70.
- (a) Para 3 a (1) (d) amend 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ to read 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ.
- (b) Para 3 a (1) (i) amend first grid ref to read YS473881. Amend grid ref in line 4 to read YS472881.
- (c) Para 6 a (4) amend to read LANG.
- (d) Para 11 f (4) amend results to read "2 en KIA, one 44 cal pistol (NFI), one 9mm Canadian pistol, one AK47, two sets of webbing, large amount of docus, two bags of rice, 2 flash lights (US type) and a large amount of NVA mail CIA.
- (e) Appendix 2 to Annex A. Para 4 d. In first line amend captured to read killed.
- c-e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) (161050H) At YS562982, B Coy 3 Bde 7 Inf (US) located seven bunkers, inside the bunkers B Coy located beds and med supplies. The system had been used by approx 30 persons nine days ago. Comment: This was probably K76A hospital as indicated by Hoi Chanh 1 ATF. The loss of the major hospital K76A and the smaller hospital K76C, and the loss of large amounts of med supplies and equipment, will place 274 Regt and 33 Regt in a serious position. The 274 Regt Dispensary has little, if any capacity and C5/84 Rear Services Group in VIET CUONG appears to be very short of med supplies and probable has only one med assistant. The affects will be felt throughout MR7.
- (2) (161599H) At YS603986, elms of 199 LIB entered a bunker system and contacted an unknown no of VC. Results: Three en KIA. En wdr NE.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 18/70.
- 2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (181545H) At YS473885, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC. A sweep of the area located a camp area consisting of 4-5 bed spaces. Results: One VC KIA(BC) and one M1 carbine recovered.

(2) AO ROSSLYN

(a) Further to installation report received C Coy 5 RAR on 171550H at YS734892 (INTSUM 17/70 Para 3.a.(1)(b) refers). Also located were: Four PRC 10 sets (complete), two VHF receiver/transmitters, 25 fragmentation grenades, ten flares, one 2 gallon drum of grease, three 4 gall drums of assorted 7.62mm ammunition (approx 10,000 rounds), one 60mm mortar illumination round, one crow bar, and two fragmentation grenades set up as command detonated booby traps.

(b) Further to contact report received from 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR on 172032H at YS740894 (INTSUM 17/70 Para 3.a.(1)(c) refers). 7 Pl contacted 2 or more enemy who approached from the east and withdrew SE. Results: One en WIA(Poss) .

(c) (181410H) At YS716872, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a small cache which had been used within the last 24 hours. Recovered were: A qty of Chicom explosives, a qty of documents (dated 1968) and a qty of ammunition.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1
- (b) Crew Served - Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - One M1 carbine.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: 4 x PRC 10 radio sets, 2 x VHF receiver/transmitter.
- (b) Destroyed: 25 fragmentation grenades, 10 flares (NFI), 1 x 2 gall drums of grease, 3 x 4 gall drums of assorted 7.62mm ammunition, 1 x 60mm mortar illumination round, 1 x crow bar, 2 fragmentation grenades set up as command detonated booby traps, a qty of Chicom explosives, a qty of ammunition.

(3).(4) Omitted.

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(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
181410H	12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR	YS716872	See Para 3.a.(2)(c).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Jan 70.

- (1) KIA - 51 VC.
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 45
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.08 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 2-70 dated 13 Jan 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 17/70.

(a) Para 11.f.(9). Amend to read "located two XM148's".

(b) Para 11.f.(3). Delete all reference entry should read "Late Report (162220H) At YS455580, 701 RF Coy engaged suspected enemy location with five rounds of 60mm mortar HE."

c.f. Omitted.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 18/70
dated 18 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
181010H	YS461507	30 metres of old comms trench.
	YS474523	Camp consisting of 5 or 6 bunkers.
	YS4550 to	All known tracks in block bounded by grid
	YS4850 to	reference showed signs of recent activity.
	YS4552 to	
	YS4852	
181230H	YS675747	Two old bunkers.
	YS681781	Two bunkers in good condition.
181400H	YS541928	Well used track on north side of creek line recently used.
	YS542858	E-W track, heavily used recently.

2:4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
181400H	YS533926	Maximum
	YS510923	Strong
	YS522913	Strong
	YS533924	Strong

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 17/70.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (171001H) At YS633889 B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted very fresh tracks of 4 people and a dog, three of the people wearing Ho Chi Minh sandals and the fourth was bare foot.

(b) (171550H) At YS734892 9 Pl and Coy HQ B Coy 5 RAR located a med instl in a network of caves to a depth of 50'. In the main cave which had a subterranean stream running through it was located an operating table; in another cave were located 12 timber beds. Fresh blood stains on bandages suggested that this system was last used two days previously. Recovered were: 1x75mm RCL complete with round and tripod, 2x60mm mortars, only one having a sight, 1 new SKS rifle, birds (fowls) in a cage, 60lb barley and 60lb rice. Comment: Probably a dressing station set up for VC cas previously treated in K76A.

(c) (172032H) At YS740894 7/C/5 RAR contacted one enemy who was walking along a track to the east of this location, with unknown results. Movement and noises in vicinity of contact was continually engaged.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (171900H) At YS463895 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC at a distance of 100m moving from north to south, with no results.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) Late report (162110H) At YS453665 A Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted lights.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

(b) Crew Served - 3

(c) Breakdown - 1xRCL, 2x60mm mortars, 1xSKS 1x.300 cal rifle of unknown origin (captured on 16 Jan 70).

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 1xoperating table, 12xbeds, 1x75mm RCL round, qty of birds in a cage.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS734892	barley	60 lbs	Unknown
YS734892	rice	60 lbs	Unknown

(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 50 VC

(2) PW - 4

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1

(4) VCI - Nil

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- (5) Individual Weapons - 44
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.08 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 2/70 dated 13 Jan 70.

9. Omitted.

10. VCI/Guerilla ORBAT.

a. VCI Information.

(1)-(3) Omitted.

(4) Additional Data. Of the detainees held from the cordon and search operations at DUC TRUNG (29 Dec 69), BINH BA/DUC MY (30 Dec 69) and NGAI GIAO (12 Jan 70), 10 are being held at PIC for further interrogation.

b. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref para 6c INTSUM No 16/70, delete 'NGUYEN VAN HOA aka TAM PHUONG, military proselyting cadre BA LONG Province HQ'.

(2) Ref para 3a(2)(a) INTSUM No 16/70, add the following: one M18A1 (PA-45-1), three M60 ignitor primers, a qty of docs, 10 bakelite fuzes, 1xrifle approx .300 cal of unknown origin, large qty of stick grenades, 5xAK47 mags and a qty of C4 explosives.

(3) Ref para 11b(2)(b) INTSUM No 15/70, amend para No to read para 4c(1).

c-e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report (162150H) AtvYS619605 USAF conducted an a/s with unknown results.

(2) Late report (162220H) At YS452582 701 RF Coy detected suspected VC movement and heard SA fire from the same direction.

(3) Late report (162220H) At YS455580 701 RF Coy received five 60mm HE rds from the NW of their location. 701 RF Coy returned fire with 81mm with unknown results.

(4) (170934H) At YS718909 USAF conducted an a/s on a suspected base camp, with unknown results.

(5) (171250H) At YS566982 B Coy 3/7 Inf (US) were contacted at 15M by 6 to 10 enemy from both flanks by M16 and M60 from a bunker system astride a creek. The enemy were dressed in black and wore Ho Chi Minh sandals. They withdrew NE and N after the contact, which resulted in 2 US KIA, 1 VC KIA (BC). There **was** no identification of them. Prior to the contact an agent report indicated that BA LONG Province HQ was in that gen area.

(6) (171340H) At YS468492 USAF engaged a tripod on a boulder under camouflaged cover.

(7) (171430H) 199 LIB reports that a PW at XUAN LOC gave info of a food cache consisting of rice and beans hidden in the roof of an isolated house approx 300-400M south of AP BA CUI. Comment: This is a known supply area in VIET CUONG.

(8) (171522H) Rallier to NP, believed to be a member of BAU CHINH. (Probably BAU CHINH Guerillas, hamlet of NGAI GIAO)

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(9) (171035H) At YS342815 elms of 2/16 Inf (US) located 2xM148's in servicable condition lying on the ground.

(10) (172030H) At YS399739 elms of 2/16 Inf (US) in contact, no further details at this stage. There is a degree of radio jamming suspected.

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Attachments.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 17/70
dated 18 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
171045H to 171230H	YS517813 YS567802	Footprints in dry creek. Old bunkers in camp site previously A/S, fresh foot prints in crater. Comment: Strong Sniffer reading this area one week ago.
171430H to 171610H	YS562800	Adjacent to previously A/S camp four bunkers were found. They appeared to be in good condition - track activity suggested recent light use. One of the bunkers was roofed with corrugated iron.

2-5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 19/70.
2. Period covered from 190000H to 190000H.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) (180840H) at YS432883 a patrol of 101 Fd Bty located a camp consisting of two "L" shaped pits, one fighting pit and two tunnels. Another small tunnel was located 100 metres away from the main camp complex. The system was last used approx 12 months ago.
- (b) (180950H) at YS425835 a patrol of 101 Fd Bty located two trees which had spikes driven into them to enable the trees to be used as observation posts. Also located in the area were tracks two to four days old.
- (c) (181400H) at YS433829 a patrol of 101 Fd Bty located a possible mortar base plate position.
- (d) (190830H) at YS490905 D Coy 6 RAR located a small cache under a fallen tree. Recovered were three ammo tins containing one Arty M557 fuse, 25 lbs rice and a small qty assorted foodstuffs.
- (e) (190915H) at YS397887 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a platoon size camp. Camp consisted of 11 bunkers and six eating spaces. Recovered were a number of Aust type ration packs.
- (f) (191000H) at YS425840 a patrol from 6 RAR Bn HQ located a camp consisting of four sleeping spaces, one fireplace and one tunnel. Camp had not been used for six to 12 months. Recovered were one pair sandals and one M16 (less bolt). A further two camp areas, 50 ft in diameter, were located at 100 yds away. The camps contained 37 sleeping bays, two sentry areas, one fighting bay and two cooking areas. Both camps were also six to 12 months old and had been hit by Arty one to two weeks ago. Also located were: a small SW track, one small N/W track and a major track from the North.
- (g) (191530H) at YS478354 Atk Pl 6 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (182205H) at YS651913 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav engaged four enemy at a range of 250 yds. Results: enemy casualties unknown, no friendly casualties.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (182340H) 131 Div Loc Bty reported a base plate position at YS394716. The area was engaged by arty and shadow aircraft. Results: two small secondary explosions.
- (b) (190528H) at YS407624 an 8 RAR Base area patrol detained two civilians breaking curfew.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 2.

(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1.

(b)(c) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 1 M16 (less bolt).

(b) Destroyed: 1 arty M557 fuse, small qty rice and foodstuffs, qty Aust type rations and pair sandshoes.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS490905	Rice	25 lbs	Destroyed.
	Assorted foodstuffs	Small qty	Destroyed.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
(190830H)	D Coy 6 RAR	YS490905	See para 3.a.(1)(d).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 51 VC.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 46.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 3.

(7) Rice Captured 1.08 Tons.

(8) (9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from 4 VC KIA(BC) by 3/V/6 RAR/NZ at YS429368 on 131410H Jan 70. Possibly identify a rear services elm of HQ BALONG Province. (1 ATF internal addressees see Annex B).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 2-70 dated 13 Jan 70.

9.10. Omitted.

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11. Miscellaneous.

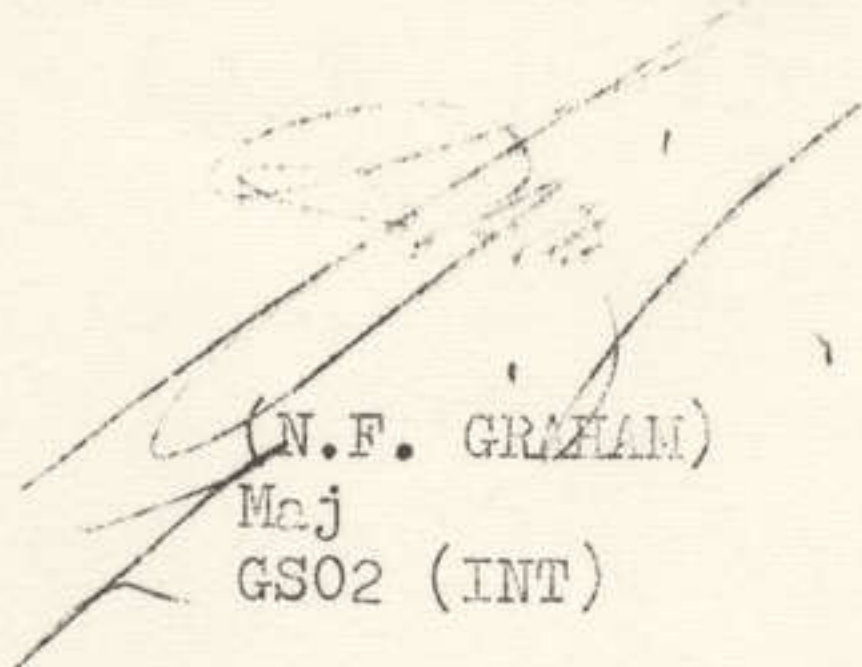
a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM NO 16/70 para . . .
11.f.(1) fourth line. Amend "K76A" to read "K76C".

c.-c. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (190914H) at YS627923 on A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: three bunkers destroyed, five bunkers damaged, 50 metres comms trench exposed and damaged and one foot bridge damaged.


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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX B - Captured Documents.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation
TO 1 ATF INTSUM ^{Report} 19/70
DATED 19 JAN 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW: [REDACTED]

General

1. The following is a report of an interrogation carried out by Det 1 Div Int Unit.

Biographical Data

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. AKA: [REDACTED]
c. D/POB: 1939, BINH THUNG Village, CONG THANH District, BINH HOA.
d. Rank/Appnt: [REDACTED]
e. Unit: SR4 Finance/Economy Section.
f. Father: [REDACTED]
g. Mother: [REDACTED]
h. Religion: Buddhist.

Circumstances of Capture

3. a. Capturing Unit: W/6 RAR.
b. Date: [REDACTED]
c. Place: [REDACTED]
d. Wpns/Docs: Personal docs.
e. Circumstances: Subject was returning to his unit with 2 others when contacted by New Zealand troops.

Exploitable Information

4. a. Circumstances leading up to capture:
(1) On approx 9 Jan 70 the subject with two others from SR4 Finance/Economy Section, TAN a bodyguard and HAI Y a cook, left their base on the SUOI CA to go to CHAU LAC plantation to meet TU XICH (2IC BA LONG Province Rear Services) to discuss changing money (the VC believe the GVN is about to introduce a new 500 piastre note, withdraw all old notes and declare them valueless. Thus, unless the VC have a means of quickly converting their money they would be left with old worthless notes). They arrived on about 10 Jan 70.
(2) Following the discussion, TU XICH's group of 6 and the subjects group were moving out of the CHAU LAC plantation area to return to their units, when they contacted Aust troops with tanks (or APC). The subject did not know the results of the contact and escaped with TAN and HAI Y. They stayed in the jungle on the edge of the plantation for 3 days before attempting to return to their unit. When they did move they contacted W/6 RAR, TRIEU CIA and TAN KIA.
b. SR4 Finance/Economy Section
Comd: BA DAO, 34, K54
Secretary: TAN CONG, 44, Browning pistol
Adjt: TU QUAO, 34, K54
IC Taxes: SAU THUAN, 42, K54
Cadre: BA MY, 45, pistol

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Protection: TAN, 18, M1 (KIA 15 Jan 70)
Protection: CHIEEN, 27, AK
Protection: QUANG, 26, AK
Cook: MAI Y
Strength: 12
Weapons: K54, AK carbine
Location: Near SUOI CA pass vic YS3890

c. BIEN HOA Rear Services.

Task: To obtain supplies from PHUOC THAI, LUONG CUNG, CHAU LAC and VIET CUONG for the CAO SU District Units and the BIEN HOA Civil Health Hospital.
Strength: 50
Weapons: AK, SKS, B40, carbine
Location: Co-located with SR4 Finance/Economy Section pass vic YS3890. The base is protected by a 6 man protection all of whom are armed with AK, SKS and a B40.

d. BIEN HOA Civil Health Hospital

Strength: 12
Location: 4 hours North of Rear Services base.

e. Resupply: The subject stated that food supplies have been difficult to obtain in the villages because the people are unwilling to sell.

f. TET 1970: Subject heard all units were to prepare to go into the towns for TET 1970.

Comments by Interrogator

5. Subject has been well indoctrinated, was not cooperative and was found to be lying in the **initial** interrogation.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 19/70
DATED 19 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
19 Jan 70	YS439550	Poss one grave in re-entrant.
19 Jan 70	YS488519	A cave with a plank of wood raised above ground (poss a seat). Limited track activity around the area.
191215H	YS568901	Old camp containing four bunkers and one hut which appears to be in good condition. No signs of recent activity in the camp.

2-5. Omitted.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)

TO 1 ATF INSTN 19/70

DATED 19 JAN 70

(1 ATF INTERNAL ADDRESSES ONLY)

1. Docus taken from 4 VC KIA(BC) by 3/V/6 RAR/NZ at YS429868 on 131410H Jan 70. Possibly identify a rear services elm of HQ BALONG Province.

S2 Comment: Positive identification was prevented by a failure on the part of the capturing unit to tag which documents belonged to which body (where at all possible). In this contact, 11-12 en were engaged, of whom four were killed and 11 packs CIA. Some of the documents examined indicate that TU XICH, a highly priced rear service cadre (and former travelling companion of BA UT KIA 21 Nov 69 by D and E Pl and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt) from BALONG Prov was a member of the party contacted. Since all the docus were mixed, it cannot be ascertained whether TU XICH was among the KIA. XICH's job is/was to keep open and functioning the entry - exit points along Route 1 and Route 2 but in particular VIET-CUONG, QUANG-MINH, and BA CUI. His death at this stage would be a considerable blow to BA LONG and MR 7 (as 274 Regt is trying desperately to feed off VIET-CUONG) complicating an already very difficult food situation. If TU XICH has been killed, our not knowing about it won't lessen their problems. However, it would be advantageous if we did know. These comments therefore are submitted to stress the considerable importance, in the handling, by capturing units, of documents, particularly in associating documents/packs with bodies, if there are more packs than bodies. The tactical situation permitting of course.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 20/70.
2. Period covered from 200004H to 202400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late report (191100H). At YS306906 D Coy 6 RAR located a squad sized living site which had been last used three days ago. The site consisted of a concrete syphone, filled water tank 15' in diameter and 9' high and had a platform for a pump. There were bunkers set into the bank adjacent to the tank, which has now been destroyed.
- (b) (201020H). At YS437847 a ptl from Sp Coy 6 RAR located a small cache. Recovered were: 30 x 7.92mm rds, 32 x 9mm rds, one stick grenade with fragmentation casing, a qty of old clothing, a qty of cooking pans and one entrenching tool.
- (c) (201120H). At YS435848 a ptl from Sp Coy 6 RAR located a squad size hide. Recovered were: a qty of used medical supplies, a qty of crockery, six sheets of corrugated iron, a qty of VC ponchos, and one concrete tank 2' x 2' x 2'. The hides had not been used for approx six months.
- (d) (201145H). At YS435847 a ptl from Sp Coy 6 RAR contacted one VC dressed in black carrying some type of satchel, results: one VC WIA(BT).

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) Late report. (191158H). At YS743889 C Coy 5 RAR located a camp consisting of two bunkers and one cookhouse which had last been used two days ago.
- (b) Late report. (191850H). At YS751899 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR sighted three to four enemy. The area was engaged with no results.
- (c) (201130H). At YS753892 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a well used SE track.
- (d) (201140H). At YS751901 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located two dead oxen about two weeks old, a water point and tracks with recent sign of enemy.

(3) AO METEOR.

- (a) (200840H). At YS929923 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted one VC, with no results.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: 30 x 7.92mm rds, 32 x 9mm rds, one stick grenade with fragmentation casing, qty of old clothing, a qty of cooking pans and an entrenching tool, qty of used medical sups, qty of crockery, six sheets of corrugated iron, qty of VC ponchos, concrete tank 2' x 2' x 2'.
- (b) Destroyed: One concrete syphon filled tank.

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3.4. Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>COTENTS/COMMENT</u>
201020H	Sp Coy	YS437847	See Para 3a. (1)(b)
	6 RAR		

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 51 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 46
- (6) Crew served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice captured 108 tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted
- (9) Omitted.

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/70 dated 20 Jan 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (200935H). At YS570901 USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp which resulted in five bunkers damaged.
- (2) (201255H) At YS474522 USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp. The BDA has yet to be carried out.
- (3) (201310H). At YS475520 USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp. The BDA has yet to be carried out.
- (4) (2013394H). At YS472534 USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp. The BDA has yet to be carried out.
- (5) (1201445H). Four Hoi Chanh's rallied to DUC THANH Sub Sector (YS4678). They were members of BAU CHINH (NGAI GIAO) guerillas. Initial intg has revealed that four more might be prepared to rally and this would account for almost the whole group. Comment: A combination of military pressure and the psyops programme has had a significant effect in their area where VCI have been disrupted, imposing greater difficulties on LF units.
- (6) (201900H). At YS438515 3MSF compound received 35 rds of 82mm ~~mor~~ rds from the NS, the base plate position unknown. The rds **impacted** inside and outside of the compound. Friendlies returned fire with ~~mor~~ and arty and enemy fire ceased immediately. Results: 5MSF WIA, 2 US WIA, no damage, En cas unknown.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div
II FFORCE V	3 TAC Fighter Wing
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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 20/70
dated 21 Jan 70.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
15 Dec 69	YS820978	2x logging trucks on highway, logs laying along edge of highway with logging trail activity in the area.
"	YS820969	Logs laying along edge of highway with prob logging trail running from highway back into the forest.
"	YS805970	Logs laying along edge of highway with prob logging trail running from highway back into the forest.
"	YS795972	Logs laying along prob logging trail just off main highway.
"	YS820965	Logging camp with approx 20x structures and logs laying near main highway with trail activity running back into forest.
"	YS942975	Logs laying near road.
"	YS841992	Logs stacked just of main highway.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 21/70.
2. ~~REDACTED~~
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were seven contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (210950H) At YS425834, a ptl from 101 Fd Bty RAA, located five old weapon pits which had last been used 12 months ago.

(b) (211005H) At YS424834, a ptl from 101 Fd Bty RAA, located three bunkers, one of which had collapsed and one used recently. Recovered were: two cooking pots, two wash basins, large number of empty fish tins, piece of silk and one empty ammo container.

(c) (211100H) At YS421832, a ptl from 101 Fd Bty RAA, located a pl size camp site consisting of sleeping areas and three fire places which had last been used two weeks ago. Recovered were: Four earthenware pots.

(d) (211500H) At YS395884, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR, located a bunker system consisting of 15 well constructed bunkers, which is believed to be an old trg area for a coy sized force. The system had not been used for eight months. Recovered were: Old food tins, and practice stick grenades.

(e) (212000H) At YS434856 a ptl from 6 RAR, contacted two VC with no results.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (211030H) At YS809853, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted two enemy who approached from the South and withdrew East on contact. Results: Unknown.

(b) (211844H) At YS787839, 11 Pl and Coy HQ D Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Result: unknown at this stage.

(c) (211900H) At YS793877, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted four VC, which resulted in three VC KIA (BC).

(d) (212125H) At YS793877, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted one VC approaching from the East. Results: One VC KIA (BC).

(e) (212125H) At YS787889, 11 Pl and Coy HQ D Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: 2 en KIA (BC).

(3) AO METEOR.

(a) (211400H) At YT897051, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR and 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt were contacted by three VC which resulted in one VC KIA (BC), one SKS rifle, one empty pack and old webbing CIA.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (210245H) At YS416659, a ptl from 8 RAR sighted between eight and ten enemy moving tactically from South to North through rubber. Comment: Possibly the group which attacked HOA LONG at 202315H.

(b) (211204H) At YS509580, elms of 17 Const Sqn LCT detonated three M16 mines. Results: One slightly damaged bulldozer.

(c) (211445H) At YS438734, a ptl from 5 RAR located two weapon pits in good condition.

(d) (212100H) At YS430660, 161 Bty RNZA sighted lights and movement, area was illuminated and engaged with M79 with no known results.

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b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
211110H	YS364694	Unknown	SAA	Neg Hits	VR sent to area	Unknown
211522H	YS396748	Unknown	SA	Unknown	Returned fire with organic weapons	One NVA KBA 2 NVA KBA (Poss)

(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 - 7 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1.
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - one SKS rifle.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. Two cooking pots, two washing basins, large number of empty fish tins, large piece of pure silk, one empty ammo container, four earthenware pots, old food tins, practice stick grenades, one empty pack and old webbing.

(b) Omitted.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Jan 70.

- (1) KIA - 58 VC.
- (2) IW - 4.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual weapons - 47.
- (6) Crew Served weapons - 3.
- (7) Rice captured - 1.08 tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents.

(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
210705H	YS350612	QL 15	300 yards of grass tufts, removed by ARVN.
210705H	YS253723	QL 15	75 yards of branches spread along the surface of the road.

(2) 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>
Late Report	200940H	YS245801	Unknown	2 US WIA
Late Report	211010H	YS246801	Unknown	Unknown
	211204H	YS509530	3 x M16	No casualties, minor damage to bulldozer.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus recovered from a bunker system at YS685872 by D/5 RAR on 161136H Jan 70 identify Z301 Weapons/Munitions Factory of 84 RSG. The docus were aged and of no exploitable value.

b. Docus recovered from a camp at YS474830 on 191400H Jan 70 probably identify the camp as having belonged to the CAU SU District Unit. Two of the docus were dated Dec 69 but neither was of any exploitable value.

c. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 12/D/6 RAR at YS473885 on 181545H Jan 70 identify PHAM VAN CAN, The Adjt of a Youth Aslt Coy, probably of BALONG Province. The remaining docus were too mutilated to be exploited.

d. Docus captured following a contact by a recce ptl from 2 Bde at 201432H at YS385805 identify the Political and Training Section of SR 4.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINFRREP 3/70 dated 20 Jan 70.

9.-10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

(1) Ref INTSUM 20/70, Para 3 a (1)(a) amend GR to read YS506906.

(2) Ref INTSUM 20/70, Para 3 a (2)(b) Line 2, amend to read "the area was engaged with arty with unknown results".

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (201432H) At YS385805, a recce pl from 2 Bde contacted 16 NVA. Results: 2 NVA KIA (BC), one AK 47 and a qty of documents CIA. The ptl also located and destroyed seven bunkers in the area of the contact, and captured an ammo box containing docus (NFI) and medical supplies.

(2) Late Report. (201738H) At YS456902, elms of 199 LIB ambushed six VC who withdrew South. Results: En cas unk, Fri cas unknown.

(3) Late Report. (202315H) At YS421637, (HOA LONG Sub Sector Compound) received an estimated 10 x 60mm mortar rds, two of which impacted within the compound. The baseplate position was believed to have been at YS416645. The withdrawal route was engaged by arty. Results: 1 PF WIA and one truck damaged.

(4) Late Report. (202335H) At YS426596, 56 PF P1 contacted an unknown number of VC in LONG DIEN market place, the VC fired SA and 6-10 RPG 2. The village office received four RPG 2 rounds. At 202350H 81mm illumination was fired in support of the contact. At 210015H 586RF Coy

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reinforced 56 PF P1. The VC withdrew and the suspected withdrawal routes were engaged by 60mm mortar. Results: en cas unk, Fri cas unk.

(6) (210200H) At YS297557, 12 PF P1 ambushed eight VC who were trying to infiltrate GO SO Hamlet LONG SON. Results: Three VC KIA (BC), one RPG 2 launcher, one AK47, one carbine CIA and 2 PSDF WIA.


(7) (210940H) At YS475523, USAF conducted an A/S on a camp of five bunkers, which resulted in one bunker damaged.

(8) (211020H) At YS394746, an aircraft from 2/16 Inf (US) engaged and killed one NVN.

(9) (211100H) At YS603987, elms of 199 IIB located three bunkers, a well and five graves.

(10) (211330H) At YS445983, a Hoi Chanh rallied to D 2/3 Inf (US). No further details at this stage.

(11) (212000H) At YS228738, a ptl from 2/13 Inf (US) contacted one sampan. Results: Three NVA KIA (BC), one sampan and eqpt CIA.


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Attachments:

ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 21/70
DATED 21 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
1015/1235H	YS363686	Fresh tracks 4-5 people leading EAST-WEST along creek bed.
	YS362657	Banana trees on Western side of hill in clumps.
	YS354698	Appears to be a rest-area. Well trampled with track activity leading N + S through it.
	YS363693	Tracks leading into thick undergrowth. A smell normally associated with camps in use was noticed.
	YS364695	Fresh tracks along sand of creek bed - appeared to be heading SOUTH.
	YS361703	1 person swimming in creek in search of concealment. Further VR revealed nothing.
1230/1430H	YS5271	Numerous tracks in area, leading N and W.
	YS544716	Tracks running NE from creek junction.
1400/1615H	YS4875	Approx 20 wood cutters located. Approx six males were dressed in JG shirts and black trousers.
	YS473752	One small camed thatched roof shelter.
	YS512747	One tunnel entrance and one small bunker. Good foot track entered area from EAST.
	YS522751	One bunker on West-side of stream. No fresh signs of use.

2.-5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 22/70.
- 2. Period covered from 210004H to 222400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO NEEBOL.

(a) (220800H) At YS790892, 11/D/5 RAR located the truck which they heard approaching their location last night shortly before contact at 212400H at YS788890. Found in the truck were: three chain saws, logging equipment, food and clothing.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) (221835H) At YS424735, a ptl of 5 RAR contacted one on wearing dark blue shirt and black trousers who approached from SE. Results: One VC KIA (BC), one AK47, two AK47 mags and belt CIA.

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 - 1 VC.

b-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - One.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - One AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. One AK47, two AK47 mags and belt.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

(1) KIA - 57 VC.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 50.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 3.

(7) Rice Captured - 1.08 tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents.

(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
220720H	YS509548	Route 44	Road blown three feet deep full length of road.

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b. Enemy Unplaced Mines and Booby Traps.(1) Destroyed by friendly Forces.BOOBY TRAPS.

One at YS840988 demolished by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
220930H	YS719814	HE Block	One AP heavily damaged.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from two VC KIA by D Coy/5 RAR at YS787889 identify one of the KIA as DANG THANH DANH, Adjnt of the National Liberation Front Committee of BA LONG Province HQ.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/70 dated 20 Jan 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM No 21/70.

(a) Ref para 3 a (2) (c). Delete all reference, entry should read: (211850H) At YS794877, 12/D/5 RAR contacted four VC moving from north to south carrying AK47. Results: two VC KIA (BC), two AK47, four packs, 100 lbs of rice and 40 lbs of split peas CIA.

(b) Ref para 3 a (2) (d). Delete all reference, entry should read: (212140H) At YS792878, 12/D/5 RAR contacted one VC dressed in black, who approached from the south along a fire trail and withdrew south. Results: one VC WIA (BT).

(c) Ref para 3 a (2) (e). Delete all reference, entry should read: (212100H) At YS788890, 11/D/5 RAR contacted two VC. Results: two VC KIA (BC), two grenades and a qty of docus CIA.

(d) Ref para 3 a (1) (e). Delete all reference, entry should read: (211908H) At YS432855, a ptl from 6 RAR contacted two local force VC with unknown results. Recovered from contact area was one booby trapped Chicom grenade.

(e) Ref para 3 a (2) (b). Delete all reference.

(f) Ref para 3. Amend no of contacts to read "six".

(g) Ref para 4 a (2). Amend to read 5.

(h) Ref para 4 e (1). Amend to read 3.

(i) Ref para 4 e (3). Add two AK47.

(j) Ref para 4 f (1). Amend to read 56.

(k) Ref para 4 f (5). Amend to read 49.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

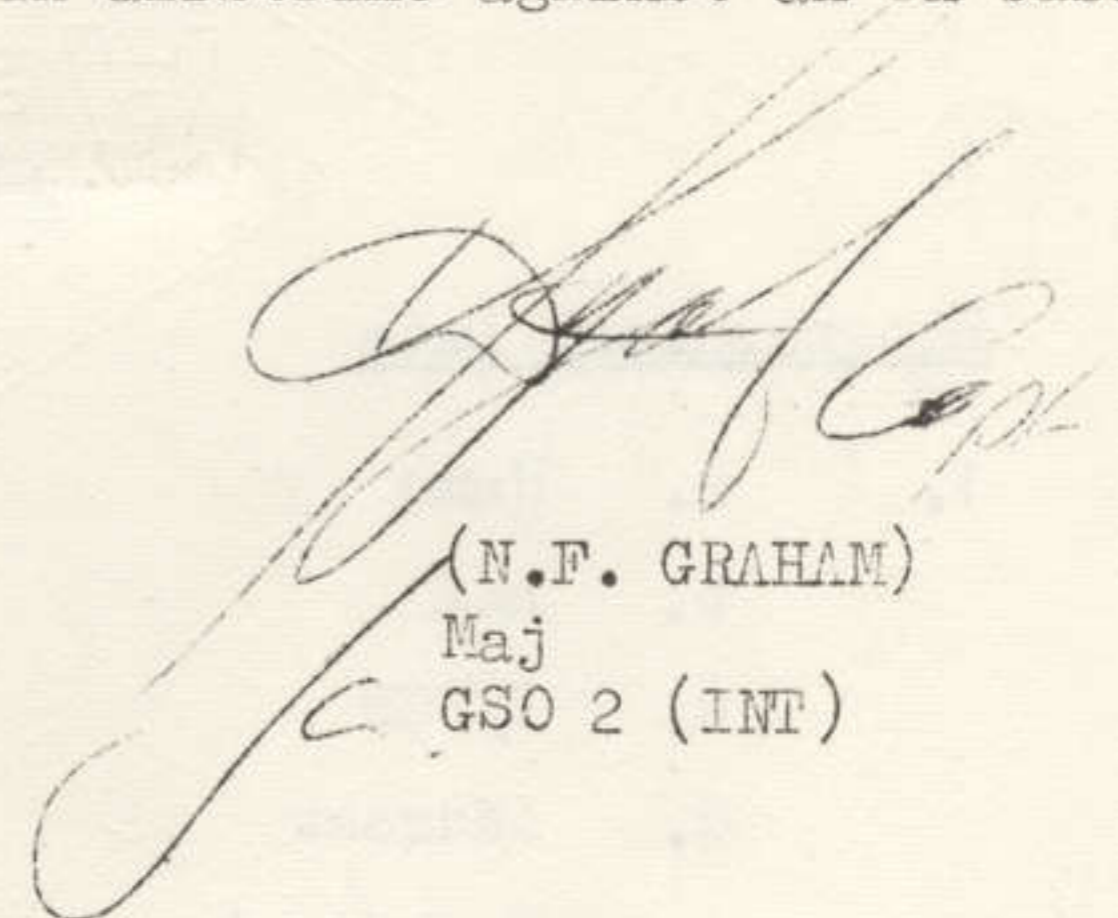
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (220115H) Shadow A/C sighted and engaged light in grid square YS4851.

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- (2) (220238H) At LONG SON hamlet RD Cadre Team 15 contacted a VC propaganda team who withdrew in two groups, one SW towards LONG BINH and one SE through AN BINH with unknown results.
- (3) (220910H) At YS570901, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an on base camp. Results: one bunker destroyed and five bunkers exposed and damaged.
- (4) (221315H) The two suspected VCE apprehended on Long Son Island on 21 Jan 70 were NGUYEN VAN BANG, apprehended at 0700H, who gave name of second person, NGUYEN VAN BIEU, who was apprehended at 1800H.
- (5) (221500H) At YS475523, USAF conducted an airstrike against an on base camp. BDA: one bunker damaged.
- (6) (221530H) At YS489515, USAF conducted an airstrike against an on base camp. There was no BDA due to smoke.
- (7) (221915H) At YS848767, USAF conducted an airstrike against an on base camp. No BDA.
- (8) (221950H) At YS843776, USAF conducted an airstrike against an on base camp. No BDA.



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Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
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INTERROGATION REPORT

1. Attached as appendices I - IV to this annex are interrogation reports on the following who rallied to DUC THANH Sub Sector on 20 Jan 70. All were members of the BAU CHINH Guerilla Unit;

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]

APPENDIX I TO
ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 22/70
DATED 22 JAN 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

REFURNAME: [REDACTED]

Biographical Data

- 1. a. Name [REDACTED]
- b. AKA [REDACTED]
- c. D/POB 1928, BAO CHINH, PHUOC TUY
- d. Address BAU CHINH
- e. Rank/Appt [REDACTED]
- f. Unit BAU CHINH
- g. Occupation Farmhand
- h. Edn Std Illiterate
- i. Religion Nil
- j. Father [REDACTED] Deceased
- k. Mother [REDACTED] Deceased
- l. Marital Status Single

Circumstances of Return

- 2. a. Receiving Unit DUC THANH Sub Sector
- b. Date 20 Jan 70
- c. Place DUC THANH Sub Sector
- d. Wpns/Docs Nil
- e. Circumstances Subject decided to return with 3 others.
- f. Reasons Hunger, as they had not eaten for 3-4 days.

Past Activities

3. 1966 - '69 Before 1966 worked as a farmhand. In 1966 while living in BAU CHINH he was captured by the VC. He was forced to work as a civilian /labourer

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INTERROGATION REPORTS
REF ID: [REDACTED]

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) PHUOC TUY.

Biographical Data

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. Aka: Nil
c. D/POB: 1945, NGAI GIAO village
d. Address: NGAI GIAO village
e. Rank/appointment: [REDACTED]
f. Unit: BAU CHINH hamlet NGAI GIAO village.

Circumstances of Return

3. a. Receiving Unit: Unknown
b. Date: 20 Jan 70
c. Location: DUONG CUNG hamlet, NGAI GIAO village
d. Weapons/documents: Nil
e. Circumstances: The subject had made contact with his family and whilst collecting bananas in the jungle the subject took the opportunity to go to DUONG CUNG hamlet to return on 20 Jan 70.
f. Reasons:
(1) Hunger
(2) Misses his family
(3) Had contact with his family.

Exploited Information

4. a. NGAI GIAO Party Chapter
Secretary: BA NHA TON, 50 years old.
Security: NAM NGOC, 30 years old and carries a THOMPSON.
Finance and Economics: Not known.
Military Proselyting: Not known.
(all other details unknown)
b. NGAI GIAO Village Unit: unknown.
c. BAU CHINH Hamlet Unit/ NGAI GIAO Village.
Unit Commander: HAI BACH, 40 years old and carries a GARAND.
(he is short and thin)
Unit 2ic: NAM HUYET, 30 years old, no weapon.
d. BAU CHINH Hamlet Guerillas
DAO MONG, 30, GARAND.
DAO VAN BUNG (not the subject), 30, GARAND.
DAO VAN KHANH, 30, no weapon.
DAO THI CHUA (wife of NAM HUYET), 30, no weapon.
DAO THI THANH (wife of DAO VAN BUNG mentioned above), 40, no weapon
e. Location of BAU CHINH Hamlet Unit. Usually along the jungle edge at about YS 486805. If this location is endangered by allied operations they move to the mandarine garden belonging to Mrs KY at about YS 495805. BA NHA TON (NGAI GIAO Party Chapter Secretary) and HAI BACH (BAU CHINH Hamlet Unit Commander) are located West of Route 2 (co-ords not known) but they usually go through the slope at about YS 463803 to go back to BAU CHINH Hamlet.

Supply

5. The subject stated that from Sep 69 until now the BAU CHINH Hamlet Guerillas and Farmers Association lacked rice and had to eat bananas and jungle potatoes. But these days all the bananas are gone and the potatoes are about gone.

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labourer carrying weapons for unknown units. He was later organized by unknown persons into a Farmer's Association (about 1-2 years ago). He has been on three supply trips. Whenever they went on a trip there were very many others.

Exploited Information

4. BAU CHINH Hamlet Farmers' Association Cell. (also guerilla unit)
- Strength : 8
- Cell Leader : QUYET, 35, SVN, K44.
- 2 IC : SAU MON, 35, MONTAGNARD, GARAND.
- : BUNG, (other returnee) MONTAGNARD
- : BA LO " " "
- : TRINH " " "
- : DUONG (subject)
- : TIN, 45, MONTAGNARD
- : KHANH, 26, "
- Location : YU 486826 for last two months.
- Food : QUYET would go to VIET CUONG Rubber Plantation to get their rice. There was very little. Otherwise they ate beans and manioc from cultivation.

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General.

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data.

2. a. Full name: [REDACTED]
b. AKA: Nil.
c. D/POB: BAU CHINH Hamlet, NGAI GIAO Village.
d. Address: As Above.
e. Rank/Appt: [REDACTED], BAU CHINH Hamlet.
f. Unit: BAU CHINH Hamlet, NGAI GIAO Village.

Circumstances of Return.

3. a. Capturing Unit; DUC THANH Sub Sector.
b. Date: [REDACTED]
c. Location: DUC THANH Sub Sector.
d. Circumstances: During the Australian Operation the subject with three other persons ran away and rallied.
e. Reasons for Return:
(1) Hardship.
(2) Lack of morale and commodities.
(3) Heard from airplane appealing to return.

Exploited Information.

4. a. Elements of NGAI GIAO Village Party Chapter: Unknown.
b. Elements of BAU CHINH Hamlet Unit:
(1) Hamlet Unit Leader: BACH, 40 yrs, SVN, SKS.
(2) 2IC: QUYET, 38 yrs, SVN.
(3) Guerilla: MON, 35 yrs, BAU CHINH, Garand.
(4) Guerilla: BUNG, 36 yrs, BAU CHINH, Garand.
(5) One other, name unknown.
c. Self-defense militia: It consists of three cells, each cell consists of three persons, the subject knows one cell.
(1) Cell Leader: MON (Guerilla and Militia).
(2) Cell Member: BUNG (Guerilla and Militia).
(3) Cell Member: KHANH, 33 yrs, Montagnard, BAU CHINH.
d. Farmer Association: It consists of 3 cells, each cell consists of 3 persons.
(1) 1 Cell:
(a) Cell Leader: SAU CHANH, 43yrs, SVN
(b) Cell Member: SAU CHANH's wife (name unknown)
(c) Cell Member: BUNG's wife (see below)
(2) 2 Cell:
(a) Cell Leader: [REDACTED]
(b) Cell Member: [REDACTED]
(c) Cell Member: TINH, 35yrs, BAU CHINH
(3) 3 Cell:
(a) Cell Leader: TIEU, 45yrs, SVN
(b) Cell Member: TIEU's wife (name unknown)
(c) Cell Member: THI CHUA (QUYET's wife) 25yrs, BAU CHINH.
(4) (a) Strength: 9
(b) Weapons: Nil
(c) Location: 4 weeks ago, the hamlet unit, guerilla and farmer associat on was stationed in the vicinity of YS 498809, but two weeks ago, allied troops operating

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Different Units in the Area

6. The subject said that the Rear Services Group of BA LONG Province at the BAU CHINH entry/exit point had shifted to QUANG MINH about Dec 69. The group consisted of:

- (1) TU CHO, group Comd.
- (2) SAU HUONG, 30 years old.
- (3) HAI TRU.

7. The subject said that they moved from the BAU CHINH area to QUANG MINH because they were unable to buy rice and rations at BAU CHINH.

8. a. BAU CHINH Farmers Association
Comd: SAU CHINH.

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNED: [REDACTED]

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MED (ARVN attached)

Biographical Data

- 2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. D/POB: 1935, NGAI GIAO village.
- c. Address: BAU CHINH hamlet.
- d. Rank/Appt: [REDACTED]
- e. Unit: BAU CHINH hamlet unit.

Circumstances of Return

- 3. a. Place: DUC THAIH Sub-Sector.
- b. Date: 201330H Jan 70.
- c. Weapons/documents: Nil.
- d. Circumstances: Australian troops operating in the BAU CHINH AREA 2 weeks ago forced the subject with three others to flee into the jungle where they got lost. They found their way to DUC THAIH and rallied to Sub-Sector forces.
- e. Reasons:
 - (1) lack of food.
 - (2) Australian Operations.
 - (3) heard broadcasts from aircraft calling to return.

Past Activities

4. Lived in BAU CHINH as a child and then went to work as a field worker in NGAI GIAO. From Oct 68, the subject was forced by BACH (Hamlet Civil Affairs Sect) to be a Militia member until his date of return.

Exploited Information

- 5. a. The subject does not know any details of the organizational element of NGAI GIAO village.
- b. BAU CHINH Hamlet Unit.
Comd: BACH, carries an SKS.
- c. Hamlet Guerillas (the subject only knows names and not appointments).
BACH, 30 years, POB unknown, SKS.
MON, 30 years, NGAI GIAO, GARAND.
BUNG, 30 years, NGAI GIAO, GARAND.
TINH, 27 years, LONG THANH, GARAND.
- d. Militia Cell: It consists of 3 cells, each consisting of 3 persons.
 - 1 Cell: BACH (cell leader up to Jul 68 he went to QUANG MINH plantation)
2ic: QUYET, 35 years.
Member: MON.
 - 2 Cell:
Cell leader: [REDACTED]
2ic: DAO VAN DUONG, Aka HO [REDACTED]
member: DAO VAN LO, 27 years, BAU CHINH.
TASKS: dig road and build barrier on Route 2 from NGAI GIAO to DUONG CUNG.
 - 3 Cell: Unknown.
 - Farmers Association Cell: Unknown.
 - Womens Cell: The subject knows 2, appointment unknown.
BA SAU CHINH, 30 years.

in the area forced them to disperse and CHINH, BUNG, LO and DUONG got lost.

(d) Supplies [redacted] person must find his own food, there is wild manioc and banana available but no rice.

(e) In May 69 the subject went on an ammunition transportation mission (type of ammunition unknown). The transportation group consisted of 30 - 40 (some came from unknown units), the ammunition was put in a jungle of BA LONG Province (location unknown). The transportation mission took one month. [redacted]

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ANNEX B (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 22-70
DATED 22 JAN 70

4. A document captured by 1/16 US on 11 Jan 70, written by the Political Officer, Command Committee of CHAU DUC District dated 17 Nov 69, reveals further serious concern of the VC about the effects of "pacification", psychological and military operations on the ranks of the VC in PHUOC TUY. It is significant that the vital elements of VC organisation, administrative and medical sections and village guerilla units in particular have been affected. The document is reproduced here for the information of 1 ATF Units and PHUOC TUY Sector.

The document states:

During the past Spring and Summer Campaigns the friendly ((VC/NVA)) forces conducted repeated attacks and deep thrusts into the fringe area, towns, cities and on enemy ((PVM/RFM/RVNAF)) base areas. They successfully broke the enemy's oppressive control of the rural areas, and caused serious losses to US, "Puppet" ((RVNAF)), and satellite forces. To regain control, the enemy doubled their efforts to counter friendly attacks, and carry out the accelerated pacification programme in Long Dat, Chau Duc and Cao Su Districts. Moreover, the enemy also resorted to bribery, intimidation, and psychological warfare activities to demoralize the population and to break their confidence in the ((VC)) Revolution. The cited efforts adversely affected the ideology of friendly cadre and troops. The desertion rate of friendly units, particularly the Ngai Giao and Kuan Son ((possibly village units)), and the administrative and medical sections, increased remarkably.

To foil the enemy's psychological warfare plots and reduce the desertion rate, all subordinate units were instructed to place a greater emphasis on the political missions to heighten the fighting spirit and revolutionary ethics of cadre and troops, improve the leadership of the commanding cadre, and review the political situation of the units to take appropriate measures to preclude desertion. They should also prohibit cadre and troops from listening to the enemy broadcasting programmes and reading his leaflets, and tightly control the ideology of each cadre and troop. To promote solidarity between the population and troops, the subordinate units were ordered to motivate the population, particularly the teenagers, to participate in various cells in charge of protecting the revolutionary agencies, improving the living conditions of cadre and troops, and disseminating information and political lessons broadcasted by the Hanoi and Liberation Radio Station. The security staff officers of various subordinate units were required to submit the personal history statements of personnel who deserted and were reported missing or captured to the higher headquarters.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 22/70.
dated 22 Jan 70.

1. An agent report from DUC THANH states that on 221300H at YS485830, 10 VC were sighted carrying individual weapons and wearing mixed clothing. VC forbade all people to go to the plantation to get coffee. Evaluation: VN C-2.

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BA BINH, 40 years, NGAI GIAO.

Youth Cell: Unknown.

Security: Unknown.

Finance and Economy: Unknown.

Strength: 10

6. The subject did not know where the remainder went after the Australian troops arrival in the base.

7. Two weeks ago they were stationed in the vicinity of YS 497300. After the Australian troops presence, they ran to the vicinity of YS 489300. Present location was attacked by Australian troops. Everyone ran away, except the subject with the other three came out and rallied.

Weapons: At present there are 2 GARANDS.

Supplies: While BACH was there, BACH looked after the food supply but at present it is up to the the individual. Their food is manioc and banana.

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UNIT 4 (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 AIF BATTAL No 22/70
dated 22 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
221045H to 221250H	YS559709	An area approx 100 X 50 metres was cleared under trees, different to the surrounding area. One bunker entrance sighted.
	YS556702	Four old bunkers and 50 metres of old trench.
221300H to	YS391721	One hut.
221440H	YS370734	Footprints in creek crossing.

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Annex B (Captured Documents)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 23/70
dated 23 Jan 70.

DOC: 21 Jan 70.

POC: YS788890 (from VC KIA)

UC: D/5 RAR

1. The following is a translation of a sealed letter marked "URGENT" from NAM BINH comd of the NLF Committee of BA LONG Province HQ to BA TRONG NEAN of the Province Finance and Economy Section. The letter dated 20 Jan 70 was taken from DANG THANH DANH, Adjt of the NLF Section, who was KIA by D/5 RAR at the above grid. INTSUM 22/70 para 6a. refers.

"The enemy are still here and we are unable to return. On 18 Jan 70, we organized a meeting intending to go and find you but you were not at the old place. I sent someone to THANG NGHIEM (NFI) to find you to liaise with A1. If you know what is proposed please let us know immediately.

We are starving. I went to BAO BINH but was unable to return. We are now all digging for manioc but each day we are finding less and less. NAM MINH asked if you can spare us a few litres of rice temporarily. Yesterday NAM and all the others ground up all the manioc.

K76A and Z301 are both out of food. They came to our base to hunt for meat but were not adequately organized. I don't know the answer. Really, it is very difficult. They are starving but we are unable to assist them because we are also starving.

All the best to you and the other comrades.

Sgd NAM BINH

20 Jan 70."

S2 Comment.

1. As suggested in previous INTSUMs, it would appear that the VC have endeavoured to re-enter the MAY TAO complex (following 6 RAR/NZ's move out of the area) to get med supplies and probably cached food.

2. BAO BINH, in Long Khanh Province, a major entry/exit point for BA LONG, has for some time been gradually drying up as a food resupply area and additionally, from captured documents, the VC have had increasing difficulty entering BAO BINH.

3. Following their forced withdrawal from the MAY TAO area, BALONG HQ moved west to AP CAM MY and south to NUI LE - NUI SAO area. They subsequently sought re-supply in VIET CUONG and QUANG MINH but were prevented from so doing by 8 RAR.

4. The MAY TAOS, VIET CUONG and QUANG MINH continued to be sealed off to the VC by 5 RAR's and 6 RAR's deployment into those areas with elms of 199 LIB moving in from the north. The sad picture painted in this letter is the result.

5. Continued sealing-off of re-supply areas such as QUANG MINH, VIET CUONG, BAO BINH, BAO DINH, CAM MY and BINH BA, DUC TRUNG, SNOI NGHE, NGAI GIAO and HOA LONG will force an even further collapse of VC morale and capability within 1 ATF TAOR, to a point of ineffectiveness.

6. Attention is drawn to 1 ATF INTSUMS:

a. 7/70.

b. 9/70.

c. 19/70.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 23-70.
- 2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO METEOR

(a) Late report. (222245H) At YS851985, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted two enemy with unknown results.

(2) OTHER AREAS

(230827H) At YS419739, a patrol from 5 RAR located a well used track running from East to West.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
231650H	YS530704	Unk	Unk	Neg hits	Nil	See Annex E Para 5.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. a-e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA 57 VC,
- (2) PW - 4.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 50.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3.
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.08 tons.

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/70 dated 20 Jan 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late report. (222235H) At YS451583, 61 PF Pl engaged 3 VC who returned small arms fire. 701 RF Coy engaged YS447573 with 60 mm HE, enemy withdrew South. No friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.
- (2) (230538H) At YS243737, US elements engaged 1 junk and 1 sampan with claymores, automatic and small arms fire. The enemy did not return fire. Results: 3 NVA KIA.
- (3) (230730H) At YS243737, US elements detained one VN.
- (4) (230831H) At YS734892, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 40 metres comms trench destroyed, 4 bunkers destroyed and 3 bunkers damaged.
- (5) (230925H) At YS733889, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 2 huts destroyed, 6 bunkers destroyed and 3 bunkers exposed.

[Signature]
 (N.F. GRAMM)
 Maj
 GS02 (Int)

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 24-70.
- 2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

- (a) Late Report (232020H) At FSPB LYNX (YS752832), Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR engaged one to two en who had detonated a trip flare on their NDP. The en wdr east with unknown results.
- (b) (241230) In the vic of YS629925, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located two 500 lb bombs which were destroyed.
- (c) (241400H) At YS628923, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted one en who approached from the east. Results: One en WIA(BT).
- (d) (241745H) At YS753899, 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted approx eight en who approached from the west resulting in one en KIA(BC). During a sweep of the area, contact was re-established and this resulted in a further one en KIA(BC). Results: Two en KIA(BC), two AK47 and a qty of eqpt CIA. Two AUST WIA.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

- (a) (241055H) At YS453892, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC who wdr SW. The Pl followed up the withdrawal rte of the VC to YS450889 where they spoke to a woman who indicated the whereabouts of two VC. The two VC were then apprehended (one of whom was wounded by V Coy 6 RAR/NZ on the 13 Jan 70) and evac to 1 ATF NUI DAT. The woman was taken by the District Chief to DUC THANH for further interrogation. Results: Two VC PW.
- (b) (241200H) At YS450892, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a resting place/OP for five persons. Recovered were: Three containers, qty of clothing, one water bottle containing rice whisky, qty of food, 58 lbs of rice, one cooking pot, and a qty of misc items.
- (c) (241700H) At YS484917, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a trg camp in an area 50m x 30m consisting of fire places, sleeping spaces and a water point. The camp was last used up to 48 hrs ago. Recovered were: Radio batteries, qty of razor blades, blood stained bandages and a qty of mackerel tins. A track crossing a creek and heading NW was also located.
- (d) (241840H) At YS472895, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted four VC moving north with unknown results.

(3) OTHER AREAS

- (a) (24 Jan 70) During a cordon and search of XUYEN MOC (YS6568), elms of 8 RAR detained seven persons and destroyed 25 yds of det cord and a small qty of batteries.
- (b) (241305H) At YS515697, Atk Pl 8 RAR located a very old bkr system. Recovered were: A bipod, qty of 7.92 mm ammo and a 40 gal drum. There were no signs of recent activity.

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>
240200H	YS411555	Unk	Unk	Nil	Engaged by Arty	Unk

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) PW - 2
- (2).(4) Omitted.
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 8
- (6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 2
- (b) Crew Served - Nil
- (c) Breakdown - 2 AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Qty of eqpt, 3 containers, qty of clothing, one water bottle, one cooking pot, qty misc items, radio batteries, qty razor blades, bloodstained bandages and mackerel tins, one bipod, qty of 7.92 mm ammo, 40 gal drum.

(b) Destroyed: Two 500 lb bombs, 25 yds of det cord and qty of batteries.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS450892	Unk	small	destroyed
	Rice	58 lbs	"
YS484917	Mackerel	small	"

(4).(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 59 VC
- (2) PW - 6
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 52
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.11 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Identification, Location and Movements.

(a) Docus recovered from a contact by a ptl of 5 BAR at YS424735 at 221835H identify C5/D445 LF Bn (INTSUM 22-70 Para 3.a.(2)(a) refers).

7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3-70 dated 20 Jan 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No. 22-70.
 - (a) Para 3.a.(1) Delete 'AO METEOR' and insert "AO ROSSLYN".
 - (b) Para 11.f.(8) Delete last sentence and insert "Results: Five military structures destroyed, one bunker destroyed and clothing scattered in area".
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (240055H) At YS7362, YS8070 and YS8170, USAF ac sighted groups of fires. The latter two GR's were engaged by ac with unknown results.
 - (2) (240340H) At YS419568, Shadow ac sighted and engaged lights moving towards a town with unknown results.
 - (3) (240930H) At YS810717, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.

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(N.F. GRAHAM)
Maj
GSO 2 (INT)

Attachments

ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

List A
II FFORCE V
MACV-J2
MACV-CICV
RTAVF
18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
BIEN HOA TAC
Advisory Team 48
Sector S2

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 24-70
dated 24 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
24 Jan 70	YS5164	7 persons and 6 oxcarts loaded with grass moving south. Tracks were followed up and headed north to YS5167.
241030H	YS608881	A built up landing stage on the river bank. An off shoot of the E-W track along the 86 northing led to it.
	YS587863	E-W track sighted above continued along the 86 northing to a river bank under thick canopy.
	YS683861	Platform built over N-S creek. 3 conical fishing traps and two baskets were next to the platform, all in good condition.
241115H	YS622863	Old bkrs and tables, all in disrepair. No signs of recent use.
	YS611879	Old camp in disrepair. Appears to be used in conjunction with a landing stage. Camp is partially destroyed.
241130H	YS498762	One stationary ox cart loaded with grass and two ox carts loaded with wood moving SW.
241145H	YS496679	A man made mound.
	YS501681	Ox cart track leading north into timber.

2.5. Omitted.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 24-70
dated 24 Jan 70

7. (220945H) Agent Report from DUC THANH. VN eval C-2. An estimated 50 VC were sighted at YS385726. They were well armed and wearing grey uniforms and HO CHI MINH sandals and spoke with a NVN accent. Twenty four including two children were fishing at SUOI LON creek.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INPSUM No 25-70.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were seven contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ROSSLYH.

(a) Late Report. (242250H) at YS794877, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted three VC moving south and withdrew north on contact. Results: Two VC KIA(BC), one AK47, one 9mm pistol (NFI), two packs and one US compass CIA. Comment: Two enemy KIA have been identified as members of K76 A Staff. One armed with pistol was medical officer.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late Report. (241715H) at YS450866 a ptl from 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted two VC. A sweep of the area revealed a resting area which was well camouflaged. Recovered was a small quantity of food.

(b) (250700H) at YS483904, Anti Tk Pl 6 RAR/NZ sighted seven enemy with packs, Anti Tk Pl followed tracks of enemy to YS490905 where tracks lost in APC tracks.

(c) (250930H) at YS456893, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted six main force enemy. Results: One enemy KIA(BC), one enemy WIA captured, two enemy captured, one enemy WIA(Poss), one AK47, one Chicom pistol (NFI) and 78 x 7.62mm short rounds CIA. Preliminary interrogation of detainees revealed they were members of 274 Regt. (See Annex A for Preliminary Interrogation Report).

Comment: VC KIA has been identified as Nguyen Van Hai, Rank coy comd, comd 274 Regt Rear Services Ordnance Sect.

(d) (251045H) at YS450890, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted one main force enemy. Results: One enemy KIA, a small quantity of food, tobacco and one torch was recovered.

(e) (251000H) at YS484916, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a camp area for approx 20 people.

(f) (251200H) at YS464863, a Ptl from Support Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 10 to 11 main force enemy. The enemy were wearing greens and carrying full packs moving south to SE. Results: Enemy casualties unknown. One Aust WIA.

(g) (251525H) at YS452883, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted three local force enemy. Results: One en KIA(BC) nil friendly cas.

(h) (251700H) at YS458900 2/W/6 RAR detained a VN who walked into their location. Detainee has been evacuated to Nui Dat for interrogation.

S2 Comment. There is still considerable VC mcv in the VIET CUONG area, and movement into it from SW and NE. This has long been the focal pt for 84 Rear Svcs Gp supplies, distributing to BA LONG and MR7 units. Some VC units are still attempting to find supplies in this area, not knowing that ops are continuing. It is significant that so many units are foraging very far afield to get supplies, even from BINH SON area, and is a further reflection on the obvious deficiencies of the logistics system. Continued pressure in this area will affect VC plans for ops in the TET period and will force them to take even greater risks to get supplies.

(3) AC MEMPHOR.

(a) (251130H) at YS793742, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located and destroyed a camp consisting of five huts and one bunker.

(b) (251330H) at YS832744, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a cache under a hut. The area was protected by Panji stakes and Panji pits. Recovered were: 500 metre of nylon fishing fishing rope, one bamboo mat, four by Chinese cement bags (empty), two machetes one axe, one tomahawk, 50 yds fishing nets, six empty sand bags, 30 lbs of salt, one rice pounder, one hammer, three pairs of pliers, one hacksaw, one 44 gal drum used for rice storage, one 40 gal jar used for rice storage, four lbs of water melen seeds, ten lbs of rice, one rice grainer, ten rice baskets, four aluminium dishes, two files, two chisels, one funnel and two gallons of pitch.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (25 Jan 70). During a cordon and search of NUI NHON, elements of 8 RAR detained two persons.

(b) (251210H) at YS525695, A tk Pl 8 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in black moving from east to west, Results: One enemy KIA.

Comment: The body has been handed over to DUC THANH Sub-Sector for identification.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX 7.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 3 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 4 VC.

(3) Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 5.

(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 4.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 2 x AK47, 1 x 9mm pistol (NFI), 1 x chicom pistol (NFI).

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. 78 x 7.62mm short rounds, two packs, 1 x US compass, 1 x torch, 500 metres of nylon fishing rope, 1 x bamboo mat, 4 x Chinese cement bags (empty), 2 x machetes,, 1 x axe, 1 x tomahawk, 50 yds of fishing net, 6 x empty sand bags, 1 x rice pounder, 1 x hammer, 3 prs of pliers, 1 x hacksaw, 1 x 44 gal drum used for rice storage, 1 x 40 gal jar used for rice storage, 4 lbs of water melon seeds, 1 x rice grainer 10 x rice baskets, 4 x aluminium dishes, 2 x files, 2 x chisels, 1 x funnel, 2 gals of pitch.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS832744	salt	30 lbs	destroyed.
	rice	10 lbs	destroyed.
YS450866	unknown	small qty	unknown.
YS450890	unknown	small qty	unknown.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
251330H	B Sqn 3 Cav	YS832744	See 3a(3)(b).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Jan 70.

- (1) KIA - 66 VC.
- (2) PW - 6.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 56.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3.
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.11 Tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5.-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3-70 dated 20 Jan 70.

9. Omitted.

10. VCI/Guerrilla ORBAT.

a. Omitted.

b. Guerrilla ORBAT.

(1)-(5). Omitted.

(6) Additional Data.

(a) Of the eight persons detained during cordon and search of XUYEN HOC Village on 24 Jan 70 one has been released and the following have been detained for further interrogation:

(i) NGUYEN THI HIEU.

(ii) NGUYEN VAN PHUT.

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- (iii) PHAM VAN MOI.
- (iv) TRAN VAN SACH.
- (v) LE THI HUE.
- (vi) NGUYEN THI HUONG.
- (vii) LE THI SAU.

(b) Of the two persons detained during cordon and search of NUI NHON on 25 Jan 70 one has been released and the following person has been detained for further interrogation.

- (i) TRAN THI NO.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 24-70.

(a) Para 6a., in second line amend C5/L445 to read C5/D440 LF Bn.

(b) Para 3a(1)(d) add to results, one KIA(Poss), one WIA (dragmarks) and four packs CIA.

(2) Reference INTSUM 7-70.

(a) Para 3a(2)(b) amend results to read 2 KIA.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (241945H) at YS447498, 25 FF P1 contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One VC KIA(BC), one pistol (NFI) CIA. One PF WIA.

(2) (250130H) at YS516533, an unknown number of VC fired an unknown number of RPG2 rounds into the Artillery Cadre Post. Results: Two cadre WIA.

(3) (250915H) at YS811778, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One military structure destroyed.

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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 25-70
DATED 25 Jan 70

1. Initial intg report of PW from K24 (274 Regt Dispensary) captured by 6 RAR at YS456893 on 25 Jan. K24 was loc area YS3791 or YS3892 on 24 Jan, 15 mins walk north of track shown on map. A sup part of nine incl adjutant K24 and the PW was sent to find food in VIET CUONG on 24 Jan and K24 was to wait in above loc until their return. The dispensary is very short of food and med sups. Str total 40 staff, incl two by ten man secy sects, and 20 patients of 274 Regt. Secy unit wpns incl two by B40s, seven by AK47, four by M16, three by SKS. Other units trying to get sups from area VIET CUONG incl 33 Regt and K76 C Hospital/84 RSG.

S2 Comments.

2. Remainder of sup party will probably return within 24 hrs to K24 and the unit would then move. This is the first indication of any elm 33 Regt seeking sups in this area. Either 33 Regt has moved south from last loc northern BINH TUY or those observed were ex-patients of K76 A or K76 C, the latter is more likely. Units getting sups from BINH SON and 274 Regt, 74 Regt and D510 (not ident). All units between BINH SON and HAY TAO are experiencing great difficulty in procuring sups and cont to suffer from a serious lack of med sups and facilities.

ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 25-70
DATED 25 Jan 70

1. Agent report received from 33 DTA stated that at 231500 at YS465543, there was a province meeting which was presided over by BIN TIEN. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans to attack DAT DO and LONG DIEN. Their goal is to attack RDC and PF. Agent also reports that a sapper unit designated A2 has already infiltrated LONG DIEN to attack friendly installations. Evaluation: VN-D4.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 25-70
DATED 25 Jan 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
251030H	YS570895	River crossing faint, a well defined track and two old bunkers on south side of stream.
	YS595881	Old camp with no signs of recent use.

2.-5. Omitted.

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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX A TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 25-70
DATED 25 JAN 70

1. Intg of VC pers captured by 6 RAR 24/25 Jan 70 revealed the following:
 - a. [REDACTED] (NVN) member K24 (274 Regt Dispensary) K24 loc possibly YS349898, intends move to YS376931.
 - b. [REDACTED] (NVN) member 3/274. WIA Aug 68 LONG KHANH, patient at K76 A, returning to unit Jan 70 via K24. WIA again and captured. States gp three to four pers from 33 Regt also getting sups from VIET CUONG.
 - c. [REDACTED] (SVN). Member BA LONG FWD SUP COUNCIL. States comd D440 (HAI HA) said the unit would fight on four days at TET, 29 Jan, 1, 2, 3 Feb). States BA LONG Sappers with anti tk mines in area 5 (old CAM MY rubber Route 2).
 - d. [REDACTED] (SVN). (Brother of IHIEU above) WIA 13 Jan. BA LONG FWD SUP COUNCIL. Taken PW with brother 24 Jan.
 - e. [REDACTED] (SVN). Member CAM MY Guerrilla Unit. On leave from 9 ARVN Div Feb 65 captured by VC. Released but did not RTU. Joined CAM MY guerillas, then provided coffee sups to VC in VIET CUONG by stealing and selling.

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Annex A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 26/70
dated 26 Jan 70.

1. Attached as Appendices I - VI are Interrogation Reports for the following:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]
- e. [REDACTED]
- f. [REDACTED]

Appendix I to Annex A
(Interrogation Reports) to
1 ATF INTSUM No 26/70
dated 26 Jan 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

General

1. The following is a translation of a report received from 10 MID.

Biographical Data

- 2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. AKA: Nil.
- c. D/POB: 1930, TAM KHANH District, BINH DUONG.
- d. Rank: Member.
- e. Unit: BA LONG Province Forward Supply Council.

Circumstances of Capture

- 3. a. Capturing Unit: Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR.
- b. Date: [REDACTED]
- c. Place: [REDACTED]
- d. Wpns/Documents: Nil
- e. Circumstances: Subject was taking food and Med supplies to his wounded brother when both were captured.

Exploited Information

4. On 15 Dec 69 the subject received orders from UT LAM (Chairman Fwd Sup Council) to go with NUOI DAN, NUOI LOI and his brother [REDACTED] to CHAU DUC District to meet LE QUANG of CHAU DUC Fwd Sup Council to liaise on purchasing of rice and beans for the Province Unit HQ.

5. From TRANG DAU approx YS 635910 they crossed the SONG RAI and SUOI LUC at approx YS 578947 where they met D2 (D440), the subject heard HAI HA (Bn Comd) tell NUOI DAN that the Bn was in Area K, so the four members of the Fwd Sup Council went with D2, they crossed the SUOI NHAC and the SUOI THE and Route 2 at about YS 458887. DAN and LOI continued onto Area K with D2 but the subject and CHAU had to remain in the area until they returned. They were at approx YS 422852 when they met a group of VC consisting of TU XICH (Province Rear Services Cadre), SAU THANH, TUAN, CHIN GIO (CHIN VO), TU TIEN, TAM TIEN, NUOI THANH and 5 to 6 others the subject did not know (belonging to 84 RSG) and about 10 illegal residents, at about the same time helicopters put down troops who fired on the VC wounding CHAU. They all ran off toward KA BANG (East). The subject later heard that 3 or 4 had been killed, he only knew of one being wounded (CHAU). The subject and his brother ran off to YS 450892. From 13 Jan 70 to 24 Jan 70, the subject was buying medicines and food from BA BAY to help keep his brother alive.

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Other Units and Personalities in the Area

6. VIET CUONG - Element of 84 RSG
 QUANG MINH - Unknown
 NGUYEN HIEP - Province Rear Service element (approx YS 422852)
 Area S (Rte 2 near CAM MY) - Engineers from the Province Unit armed
 with Atk mines
 DUONG CUNG - NGAI GIAO Guerillas
7. BA LONG Province Committee
 Comd - CHIN LE, 55 yrs, K54.
 2ic - TU HI, 40 yrs, K54.
 Member - BA DAI (Mil Proselytizing Section).
 Member - NAM NINH (now with D1((D445)))
 Member - UT LAM, 45, K54. (responsible for the Fwd Supply Council).
8. Training and Propaganda Section
 SAU KHANH, 40 yrs.
 SAU TAM, 42 yrs.
9. Psywar Entertainment Section
 Comd - BA CHINH, 35 yrs.
 2ic - TONG, 26 yrs.
 - BA DO.
10. Finance and Economy Section
 Comd - BA TRONG NHAN, 58 yrs.
11. Security Section
 Comd - MUOI DAN, 50 yrs.
 - VU TAN
 - HOANG MINH
 - BA NAM
 - SAU HO
12. Detention Camp
 Comd - BA CONG.
13. Rear Services Section
 Comd - BA THAI, 48 yrs. (KIA in MAY TAO's in Dec 69).
 - TU PHUONG, 50 yrs, K54.
 - TAM HONG, 42 yrs, K54.
 - BA THUAN, 50 yrs, K54.
 - TU XICH, 41 yrs, K54.
 - CHIN CUOC, 40 yrs, K54.
 - TUAN.
 - THANH.
 Strength: 40
14. This unit usually purchases rice, cabbage and beans from Rte 1 (84 Km post), Rte 2 (from HOA LONG to HANG GON) and LONG DAT (NFI). At present they cannot get sufficient supplies and are now buying mainly beans and corn.
15. Forward Supply Council
 Comd - UT LAM, 45 yrs, K54.
 2ic - MUOI CHAU, 60 yrs, K54.
 Adjt - MUOI RUNG, 45 yrs, M1.
 Cadre - MUOI LOI, 50 yrs, K54.
 Cadre - MUOI DAN, 55 yrs, K54.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 26/70.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO BAYSWATER.
 - (a) (260730H) At YS459863 Atk Pl 6 RAR contacted 1 NVA enemy. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 pack containing docs CIA.
 - (b) (260745H) At YS454886 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted 2 enemy, one of whom withdrew East. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS and a small qty od docs CIA.
 - (c) (261030H) At YS456893 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a grave containing one body. They believe it is from a contact on 250910H at YS456-893. (INTSUM 25/70 para 3a(2)(c) refers).
 - (d) (261230H) At YS474836 elements of 6 RAR located an approx squad size camp site last used approx 24 hrs ago. The camp had been occupied by one person just prior to the ptls arrival.
 - (e) (261410H) At YS428874 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted five VC. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 M1 carbine and 1 pack (containing docs) CIA.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 NVA 2 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.d. Omitted
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 2
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - 1 SKS and 1 M1 carbine.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: 2 packs, qty docs and a small qty SA ammunition.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3)(4)(5) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month.
 - (1) KIA - 1 NVA 68 VC
 - (2) PW - 6
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
 - (4) VCI - Nil.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 58
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
 - (7) Rice Captured - 1.11 tons.
 - (8)(9) Omitted.

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/70 dated 20 Jan 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (252100H) A and L Coy at BARIA received 2xM26 grenades into their compound, one of which failed to detonate and was destroyed this morning. Friendly casualties unknown.

(2) Late Report. (252200H) At YS341614 5 PF Pl contacted two groups of VC approaching their location from the North. The contact was initiated with SA and claymores and the VC returned fire with SA and grenades. Results: Nil friendly casualties, 1 VC KIA (poss), 1 M79 CIA.

(3) (260205H) At YS438588 576 RF Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: 1 RF WIA, enemy casualties unknown.

(4) (260933H) At YS458520 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp with unknown results.

(5) (261113H) At YS455525 an airstrike was conducted on a tunnel entrance with unknown results.

(6) (261126H) At YS458520 an airstrike was conducted on a tunnel entrance with unknown results.

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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

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Cadre - VAN CONG, 35 yrs, K54.
 Cadre - BA LIEN, 37 yrs, K54.
 Cadre - SAU PHE, 50 yrs, K54.
 Member - HUNG, 20 yrs, No Wpn.
 Member - CUONG, 25 yrs, No Wpn.
 Member - BAY TUNG, 45 yrs, No Wpn.
 Member - DANG, 27 yrs, No Wpn.
 Member - NHIEU (subject).
 Member - CHAU (subjects brother)
 Typist - THI TRAM, 22 yrs.
 Servant - THI NGOC, 23 yrs.
 Servant - THI DIEN, 21 yrs.

Location: Prior to 15 Dec 69 at approx YS 635910 but subject thinks they were forced to move due to Allied operations in the area.

Task: The Forward Supply Council is responsible to liaise with the districts and purchase rations for the Province unit, Province Committee and the District units in BA LONG Province. Usually the Council liaises with CHAU DUC, XUAN LOC and LONG DAT, if they are able to purchase supplies the subject liaises for receipt and transportation back to the unit (sometimes they use civilian labourers, depending on the amount to be carried).

16. BA LONG Province Unit

Comd - TU LAC, 50 yrs.
 2ic - BA UT (KIA by AUST troops in Nov 69) No replacement.
 PO - BA CAN.

(a). Medical Section

Dr - THOI
 Dr - THANH
 Nurse - HUNG
 - DONG
 - THI HUE
 - THI ANH

17. D1(D445)

Comd - NAM NINH

18. D2(D440)

Comd - HAI HA, 45 yrs, K54.
 Str - 100 plus
 Wpns - 1 x 60mm mor
 3 x LMG
 3 x B40

Future intentions of D2: The subject heard HAI HA telling NUOI DAN that during this TET the VC would fight on 4 days - 29 Jan 69, 1,2 and 3 Feb 70.

19. NGAI GIAO Party Chapter

Secretary - BA NHA TON, 40 yrs, colt.
 Asst Secretary - TAM SO, 37 yrs, carbine.
 Member - BA NHIEU, 42 yrs, carbine.

(a). Security Section

Comd - TAM SO
 2ic - HAI DIEN, 30 yrs, carbine.
 Member - NAM NGOC, 27 yrs, K44.
 - DE, 23 yrs, K44.

(b). Finance Section

Comd - NAM COM, 40 yrs, carbine.
 2ic - Unknown.
 Member - TU NHAT BON, 35 yrs, K44.

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(c). Mil Proselytizing Section
Comd - UT MUOI MOT

(d). Mil Int Section
Comd - BA DI, 36yrs, colt.
Member - MOT, 25 yrs, K44.
- NINH, 27 yrs, K44.

(e). Forward Supply Council
Civil labourer - DINH, 22 yrs.
Procurement - MINH, 30 yrs.
Nurse - THI ANH, 20 yrs.
NURSE - TONG, 21 yrs.

(f). Commo Liaison
THAP, 30 yrs.
CHOT, 25 yrs.
VAN, 25 yrs.
HAI, 16 yrs.

20. CHAU DUC District
District Committee - NAM THANH, 50 yrs, K54.
2ic - BA LUONG, 37 yrs.

21. Morale. The morale of both cadre and soldiers is low because of the lack of necessities, disease and constant harrassment by bombing and arty.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

PW: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

General

1. The following is a translation by DET 1 DIV INT UNIT of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) PHUOC TUY.

Biographical Data

- 2. a. Name: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- b. D/POB: 1933, at TAN HOA/BINH DUONG.
- c. Address: Hamlet 4, NGAI GIAO.
- d. Occupation: Labourer.
- e. Religion: Ancestral Religion.
- f. Unit: Member of Province Forward Supply Council.

Circumstances of Capture

- 3. a. Date: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- b. Location: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- c. Wpns/Docs: None
- d. Circumstances: Was captured by Aslt Pmr Pl 6RAR/NZ after being wounded whilst trying to escape.

Exploited Information

4. Beginning of March 69, UT LAM (Chairman of Province Forward Supply Council) went to subject's house and recruited him into participating in the Council. During March '69, BA LIEN (Commerce Cadre) led the subject plus:- THI NGOC, THI DIEN, THI LAN, THI TRANG, THI TRAM and HOA TIN through BAO BINH where they picked up rice and corn to carry back to the base camp (each person carried about 20 litres). The base camp was located west of SONG RAI river. The camp was located at this location for more than one month until June '69 when ARVN made a sweep through the area, so they (VC) moved to XUAN LOC district committee's base area.

5. During the period the subject was stationed at this location, he found that the District Committee leader's name was BA SAI, 36 yrs, SVN, armed with a K54.

6. Other VC who tried to escape from Aust forces were:

- a. TU XICH - Province Rear Services
- b. SAU THANH - " " "
- c. CHINH NO - 84 Rear Services
- d. NOP - Illegal resident
- e. TU TIEN - 84 Rear Services
- f. BA TUONG - Illegal resident
- g. SAU CHANH - " "
- h. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- i. TUAN - Province Rear Services

- j. MUOI LOI -
- k. TAM TIEN - 84 Rear services
- l. MUOI THANH -
- m. HAI - Illegal resident

Comments

7. Subject was sincere. He has recently been wounded in the left leg so he was also in pain. He needs further interrogation to obtain further information. Subject was weak or in dazed state during the interrogation so information was very restricted.

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Appendix III to ANNEX A
(Interrogation Reports)
to INTSUM No 26-70
dated 26 Jan 70.

INTERROGATION REPORT

DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

General

1. The following is a report of an interrogation carried out by Det 1 Div Int Unit.

Biographical Data.

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. Unit: CAM MY Guerilla Unit.
- c. Appt: Soldier.
- d. D/POB: 1943, CAM MY Village, XUAN LOC, LONG KHANH.
- e. Father: Deceased - NOK [REDACTED]
- f. Mother: Deceased.
- g. Religion: Buddhist.

Circumstances of Returning.

3. a. Receiving Unit: 6 RAR
- b. Date: [REDACTED]
- c. Location: [REDACTED]
- d. Circumstances: Aust forces were operating in area and subject was frightened of being shot and gave himself up.

Exploited Information

4. a. CAM MY Guerilla Unit
Comd: DAT, 26 yrs, AK
2IC: Unknown.
Adjt: THI, 30 yrs.
Member: TRUNG, 26 yrs, SKS.
Member: BE, 20 yrs, K 51.
Member: TE, 28 yrs, M1.
Member: DUONG, 28 yrs, K 50.
Member: EM, 28 yrs, M1.
Member: LO, 22 yrs, AK.
Member: LINH, subject.

Location.

Aug 69 - NUI RAN, YS446905.

- b. CAM MY Party Chapter.
Secretary: LINH, 30 yrs.
Asst Secretary: BA QUIET, 60 yrs, K 54.
Member: BE, 55 yrs.
Member: THI CUONG, 26 yrs, grenade.
Member: THI TU, 30 yrs, grenade.

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APPENDIX IV TO ANNEX A
(Interrogation Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 26/70
DATED 26 JAN 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

General

1. The following is a translation by DET 1 DIV INT UNIT of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) PHUOC TUY.

Biographical Data

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. D/POB: [REDACTED] at DAK BOI/GIA LAI.
c. Address: AR Village/DAK BOI/GIA LAI
d. Rank: [REDACTED]
e. Unit: [REDACTED]

Circumstances of Capture

3. After going to K76A, on 1 Jan 70, subject went to VIET CUONG to return to his unit - D3,Q4. On 24 Jan 70, subject met Q4's transportation group going to VIET CUONG. The strength of this group was about 8 persons and their aim was to pick up supplies to take back to the unit. On their way they made contact with Aust forces and the subject was wounded.

- a. Capturing unit: Aslt Pnr P1 6RAR/NZ
b. Date: [REDACTED]
c. Location: [REDACTED]

Past Activities

4. a. 1942-1957: Farmer (worked in fields).
b. 1957: Re-grouped to North Vietnam.
c. 1967: Returned south with infiltration group 259.
d. April '68: Subject when to LONG KHANH and joined 3 Bn 274 Regt and served with this unit 31 Aug 68.

Exploited Information

5. On 31 Aug 68, subject participated in LONG KHANH battle and during the fighting he became wounded in the leg by arty. After that he was taken for treatment at K1500 (K76A) in the MAY TAO MT. On 2 Oct 69, subject was well enough to move outside hospital area and he was stationed in the medicine storehouse area.

6. At about the beginning of Jan 70, he was allowed to move freely and he followed K76A's transport group so that he could contact the supply group belonging to D3,Q4. When he reached VIET CUONG he went into hiding until 24 Jan 70. He met up with Q4's transport group led by NGUYEN VAN HAI who guided the subject to K24,Q4.

7. On 25 Jan 70, Aust operational forces entered the VIET CUONG area and the subject was wounded in contact. The other members (transport group) fled but subject has no knowledge of where they went.

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8. Subject also disclosed that, besides Q4's transport group, there is another transport group belonging to A57 (33 Regt) consisting of 3 or 4 persons which also came to the area to buy foodstuffs.

9. K76A Location: When the subject was at K76A, the hospital was located in the medical storehouse area (NFI). After 1 Jan 70, subject left K76A and he said that he heard that K76A had been discovered and was probably now located in a new location.

- a. No of staff at K76A: approx 20.
- b. No of patients at K76A: approx 10.

Comments

10. Subject was wounded in the thigh fairly severely. He has a good education standard. During the interrogation the subject cooperated and seemed fairly sincere. However he knows little about Present VC activities because he was hospitalised for more than one year.

INTERROGATION REPORT

DETAINEE : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data

2. a. Name: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
b. Aka: None
c. D/POB: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, VINH HUNG, VINH LOC, THANH HOA.
d. Address: As above.
e. Rank/appt: Soldier of Protection Squad.
f. Unit: K24 (Aid Post Q4).

Past Activities

3. 1950 - Feb 1969 : Lived in THANH HOA, NVN.
Feb 1969 : Did Military service duty, received training for one month from Training Group 338 (in THANH HOA).
11 Mar 1969 : Infiltrated into SVN in Group 206, strength 400 persons. They departed from THANH HOA, NGHE AN, HA TINH through QUANG BINH, crossed TRUONG SON to LAOS, CAMBODIA, arrived QUANG NAM Province (CVN) on 29 May 69. There they were allocated to units in CVN. The subject together with 4 others were allocated to Q4 which assigned them to K24 hospital.

Circumstances of Capture

4. a. Capturing Unit: Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR.
b. Date: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
c. Place: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
d. Circumstances: Whilst he was attempting to escape.

Exploited Information

5. On 10 Jan 70, K24 base camp was located at approx YS 349898. Their strength was 40 persons plus 20 sick and wounded soldiers.

Weapons : 2 x B40
7 x AK
4 x M 16
3 x SKS

6. The subject was guided by HOANG, adjutant of K24, all together 8 persons went to VIET CUONG Rubber Plantation to buy and collect noodles, tea, tobacco and green beans for patients and unit members. The adjt bought them from people working at VIET CUONG, CHAU LAC Rubber Plantations, but he could only buy 2 bags of rice paper and noodles. He sent 2 persons to transport them back to the vicinity of YS 376931 (location of an old camp) where K24 will move to stay.

7. Six other people remained at VIET CUONG Rubber Plantation for seven days (from 10 Jan 70 to 17 Jan 70) to wait for the adjutant to buy more food, but he could not. (There were three persons who were lost in this location because of arty). The remaining three persons moved to YS 442899 and stayed here for eight days.

8. On the morning of 24 Jan 70 the subject's team met four VC (SVN) armed with K54's (unit not known) and carrying a large qty of money. These four VC stayed overnight with the subject's team till the morning of 25 Jan 70 and at 0500H, the adjutant moved out with them in the direction of YS 450903,

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after telling the subject and NHUAN to stay at the sleeping point if the situation was calm and to find out the way to the new camp at YS 376951 if it was insecure but the subject and NHUAN intended to rally to the allied forces, therefore they did not run away. When the Australian troops arrived, they put their hands up to surrender and handed over the wpn to the operational unit.

Location of elements in Q4

9. Q4 has 3 combat battalions D1, D2 and D3.
- Location of D1 - Unknown
 - Location of D2 - approx YS 301912
 - Location of D3 - The subject heard that it went to PHUOC THAI in Dec 69.
 - The Regt HQ is camped at approx YS 325918.
 - The subject does not know the elements in Q4 Regt.
10. K24 Aid Post has a troop str of a coy.
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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Comd | - THANH, 40, SVN, K54. |
| 2ic and med specialist | - NAM MINH, 38, SVN, K54. |
| PO | - CAO TIEN, 40, SVN, K54. |
| Med specialist | - BINH, 40, SVN. |
| | LOI, 38, SVN. |
| Medic | - BUNG, 38, SVN. |
| | THANH, 27, NVN. |
| | THANH, 25, SVN. |
| | THI HUE, 25, SVN. |
| | THI HONG, 22, SVN. |
| | THI SAU, 32, SVN. |
| | THI LIEU, 25, SVN. |
| | DAN, 27, SVN. |
- Assistant Pharmacist cell:
- | | |
|--------|--------------------|
| Leader | - TAM, 26, SVN. |
| | XUYEN, 22, SVN. |
| | THI NHAN, 21, SVN. |

Rear Services Section

11. Comd - HOANG, 26, NVN.
 2ic - TRUONG, 32, NVN, AK.
 Member - NHUAN, 20, NVN
 VUI, 20, NVN, SKS.
 CAM, 24, NVN.
 THI MY, 21, SVN.

12. The RS Section was responsible for the buying and collection of foodstuffs such as dried fish, tin meat, tin fish, pork, dried prawns, sugar, milk, candies and tobacco. The foodstuffs are bought from workers at the BINH SON Rubber Plantation Entry/Exit Point (vic YS 221949).

13. The RS Section also bought and collected foodstuffs in VIET CONG Rubber Plantation from the workers. These foodstuffs were to be issued to patients and unit members. The unit's Rear Service contacted Q4's Rear Service to receive rice and beans (bought in PHUOC THAI and BINH SON).

14. The unit has two protection squads.
- Squad 2 :
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|----------|------------------------|
| Leader : | LOA, 32, SVN, AK. |
| Soldier: | KHO, 31, NVN, AK. |
| | DE, 21, NVN, SKS. |
| | HANG, 23, B40. |
| | VINH, AK (the subject) |
- Squad 1 :
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| Leader : | CAO, 28, NVN, AK. |
| Soldier: | THAN, 21, NVN, SKS |
| | NGON, 24, NVN, B40. |

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PHUC, 25, NVN (killed in an ambush on 10 Jan 70).
KHAI, 27, NVN, SKS.

Strength of both squads is 10.

Weapons : 2 x B40
 4 x AK
 3 x SKS

15. The protection unit is in charge of the security for the dispensary, and also of transport for the unit's Rear Services.

Q4 Rear Services Office

16. Details not known.

Cadro Coy Comd: HAI, 28, SVN, K 54.
QM: NUOI, 31, SVN, K 54.
Pl Comd: VIET, 27, NVN, K 54.
Pl 2ic: HOANG, 31, NVN, no weapon.

Q4 Ordnance

17. Pl Comd: VIET, 33, SVN.

Other Units in VIET CUONG

18. Besides K24, Q4 and Regt 4 RS, there was also C5 which was responsible for buying and collecting foodstuffs in VIET CUONG (C5 entry/exit point VIET CUONG). There was also an element of 5 persons of a village agency but the subject does not know which village.

Comments by 10 MID

19. The subject is an infiltrated soldier to the South. He was given a job of unimportance and therefore the information from him is limited. During the interrogation he was sincere. His health is normal.

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APPENDIX VI to ANNEX A
(Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 26-70
dated 26 Jan 70.

INTERROGATION REPORT.

DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

General.

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data.

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. AKA: [REDACTED]
c. D/POB: [REDACTED], AN KHANH, HOAI DUC, HA DONG, NVN.
d. Address: As Above.
e. Rank/Appt: Soldier.
f. Unit: D1/Q4.

Circumstances of Capture.

3. a. Capturing Unit: Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ.
b. Date: [REDACTED]
c. Place: [REDACTED]
d. Circumstances: The subject was captured when he was trying to escape from contact.

Exploited Information.

4. About Feb 1968, the subject received an invitation letter of AN KHANH Village Office from GIAC who is the platoon commander of Militia force. This letter informed that he had to join the army. On 13 Feb 68 he was sent to a training camp in NHO QUAN, NIN BINH and he was trained for 45 days, after that he was sent to 435 Infiltration Group. On 15 April 1968 this group started to move to the south (SVN). They departed from NINH BINH, to THANH HOA, NGHE AN, HA TINH, QUANG BINH, through LAOS, on 21 July 68 they arrived at Slope 30 in DUC THANH District PHUOC TUY Province.

5. On 28 July 68, HOANG VAN BUC (the platoon commander of 1 Platoon, 1 Battalion Q4) who led the subject and the following persons: HAI, CU, MINH, NHUONG, TAI, THANG, QUANG, BINH, TET to BINH SON entry and exit point to transport rice, dried fish, corn, beans and clothing. The above goods were drawn by HOANG VAN HAI (the Quartermaster company commander) who had asked the people in BINH SON to buy for him. The people who used to purchase the goods to supply to VC are:

- a. BA MUOI, 34 yrs, lives near the stream.
b. BA NAM, 52 yrs, lives near the stream.
c. CO MY, 20 yrs, lives near the stream.

The above persons used to come up to LONG KHANH to purchase goods.

6. On transportation tasks, every person carries 25 litres of rice back to SUOI CA. In Sep 68, BA CUC the company commander of 1 Coy 1 Bn/Q4, transferred him to 1 Coy as a cook.

7. In May 69 the subject had abdominal pains, (Spleen ache), MINH, (the medical specialist of 1 Bn/Q4) sent him to K76C Hospital which is near the MAY TAO Hills. He was treated in this hospital for one and a half months and then, they took him to 86 rest camp. Which is near DA QUYT River, and is near the CAMBODIAN Border (half an hour by walking)

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- a. K76C Hospital.
 Doctor: THAI, 45 yrs, NVN.
 Medical Specialist: HOANG TIEN, 33 yrs, from TRA VINH.
 Medical Specialist: CAO VAN MAI, 26 yrs, Cambodian.
 Medical Specialist: HOA, 34 yrs, SVN.
 Medic: THI DUNG, 24 yrs, SVN.
 Medic: TRINH, 25 yrs, SVN.
 Medic: DUONG, 21 yrs, SVN.
 Asst Pharmacist: THI THAO, 22 yrs, SVN.
 Adj: HOANG BA BINH, 28 yrs, NVN.
 Resupply: LIEN, 31 yrs, SVN.
 Cooks: Two persons (Unknown).
- b. Transportation Platoon.
 Commander: KINH, 26 yrs, NVN, AK.
 2IC: Unknown.
 Mission: Transporting foodstuffs to supply the patients of K7
 They used to go on transportation tasks every third day at VIEN
 CUONG (BA CUI, CHAU LAC), TAN VIET NAM Plantation, BAO BINH
 (the trip takes 3 days both going and returning).
 Location: Near MAY TAO Mountain and to the east.
- c. Protection Platoon.
 The subject only knows GIANG who is platoon 2 IC.
 Mission: Patrolling around K76C hospital.
 Location: Near MAY TAO Mountain and to the east.

86 Rest Camp.

8. There are two battalions of patients in this camp.
 - One battalion of wounded soldiers.
 - One battalion of sick soldiers.
- a. Second Coy of sick soldiers.
 Coy Comd: THUY, 27 yrs, NVN, K54.
 Coy 2 IC: CONG, 30 yrs, NVN, K54.
 Political Officer: MAU, 28 yrs, NVN, K 54.
 Clerk: TRANG, 20 yrs, SVN, No weapon.
 This Coy consists of four platoons.
- b. 1 Platoon.
 Pl Comd: PHAT, 26 yrs, NVN, K54. (The subject heard that +
 had been the Bn Commander of A57 Bn and he was demoted because
 killed his messenger).
 Pl 2 IC: CHIU, 34 yrs, NVN.
 Soldier: PHACH, 22 yrs, SVN.
- c. The other platoons are unknown.
9. The subject left 86 Rest Camp in Dec 69 and moved to K24 Dispensary/
10. K24 Dispensary.
 Medical Specialist: NAM MINH, 32 yrs, SVN, K54.
 Medical Specialist: HAI BINH, 30 yrs, SVN, No weapon.
 Asst Pharmacist: TAM, 29 yrs, SVN, No weapon.
 Asst Pharmacist: QUYEN, 21 yrs, No weapon.
 Cook: THIEU, 36 yrs, SVN, No weapon.
 Adj: HOANG, 33 yrs, NVN.
 They are short of medical supplies.
- a. Medical Supplies
 TAM used to go to BINH SON and PHUOC NGUYEN to purchase medicine
 supplies for the dispensary. This dispensary handles wounded patients
 belonging to Q4.

11. On 28 Dec 69 HOANG (Adjnt of the dispensary) took the subject to VIET CUONG YS454891, at this location NGUYEN VAN HAI (Quartermaster of 4 Regt). Had a supply of rice, noodles, dried fish, tinned fish, medicines and clothing which had been prepared for K24 and the transportation group of 4 Regt. These supplies were bought at BA CUI, CHAU LAC, VIET CUONG, TAN VIET NAM, QUANG MINH by the people in these areas.
12. People who normally buy goods to supply the VC are:
- BA CUI - ONG SAU (killed 1970).
 - CHAU LAC - BA TAM (captured 1970).
 - VIET CUONG - Unknown
 - QUANG MINH - Drivers of buses on the route which passes through this place.
13. The subject stated that HAI goes to VIET CUONG, QUANG MINH, CHAU LAC, TAN VIET NAM to buy goods (since Aug 69). Since 15 Jan 70 the Australians have cut off their routes of supply.
14. In November 69 the transportation group led by BA CUC (D1/Q4) evacuated about 60 patients to K76A (Before the Australian operation). On 15 Dec 69 they were going to transport a number of patients to K76A (they found a new location after the Australian operation) but they reached SUOI SOC YS363882 they discovered the other side of Route 2 was occupied by the enemy so they went back to SUOI CA. After returning to SUOI CA for 4 or 5 days they were hit by artillery and Australian operations so they had to move towards CAM DUONG.
15. VC Units purchasing supplies at VIET CUONG comprise of the following:
- Province Youth Assault Group.
 - K24/Q4.
 - 84 Rear Services Group - A57 (33 Regt).
16. From 28 Dec 69 to 25 Jan 70 the number of people purchasing food at VIET CUONG was 8.
- NGUYEN VAN HAI (Company Comd and Quartermaster of Q4)
 - MUOI (Quartermaster of Q4).
 - VIET (Quartermaster of Q4).
 - CA 3 Bn/Q4 (Waiting to RTU).
 - HOANG (Adjnt of K24).
 - NINH (captured with subject).
 - HIEN (Subject).
 - The subject had heard that HAI had been killed (shot).
17. VC units located around BINH SON are:
- 274 Regt (artillery) In the direction of SONG NHAM River.
 - Mortar Group (Rockets). This group has been established for a long time. (Infiltrated from NVN) This Unit mortar LONG BINH.
 - 251 Engineer Bn came to BINH SON area since Oct 69 and have been in many battles. One company of 251 Bn clashed with THAI Forces at BINH SON and Route 25 at the beginning of Dec. This battalion usually get rice from BINH SON and PHUOC NGUYEN.
 - 4 Regt.
18. The main places to buy food and goods are LONG AN, PHUOC KIENG, PHUOC THAI and PHUOC NGUYEN, VIET CUONG is the most important place.

Other Particulars.

19. On 18 Jan 70 a Recce Platoon consisting of 18 persons plus 2 Regt commanders, commander of 4 Regt (UT) and commander of A57 (THANG). Went (according to subject) to a meeting at T7 Sub region, from SONG RAI to BINH SON. They traveled through VIET CUONG.
20. According to the subject (guess) they will study a few military points about BINH SON - LONG KHANH in preparation for Tet Offensive.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 27/70.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were seven contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (271520H) At YS427883, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) contacted three VC who were engaged from a distance of 150m, the VC withdrew WEST and were engaged by arty. A sweep of the area produced no results.

(b) (271915H) At YS438870, W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) contacted three VC, which resulted in one VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (Poss), and one pack CIA.

(c) (271935H) At YS451865, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in contact, no further details at this stage.

(d) (272010H) At YS451895, 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in contact, no further details at this stage.

(2) AO ROSSLYN. (272015H) At YS571808, Atk Pl 5 RAR located a rest camp 50m x 50m, with two bunkers 8'x5' with 2' of overhead cover, the camp had last been occupied three to four months ago.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (271015H) At YS449653, D Coy 8 RAR reported hearing chopping and sighted smoke, a ptl was sent to the area. See Para (c).

(b) (271130H) At YS4969, Sniffer mission reported that there were civilians working in the area.

(c) (271140H) At YS449653, a ptl from 8 RAR detained 10 VN, who were later released as innocent civilians.

(d) (271445H) In the vicinity of YS355659, C Coy 8 RAR found indications of a camp. Located were: Cut trees, two water points; one used that morning by two people, and one track used by two people recently. No further details at this stage.

(e) (271515H) At YS557658, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted five VC which resulted in two VC KIA (BC), one SKS and a qty of documents CIA. See Para 6 b.

(f) (271545H) At YS345637, a ptl from 8 RAR contacted four plus enemy. Enemy initiated contact with three claymore type mines, automatic weapons and one RPG 2. Results: enemy casualties unknown, friendly casualties one WIA (remained on duty).

(g) (271835H) At YS557658, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted four enemy at a distance of 150m. No further details at this stage.

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.

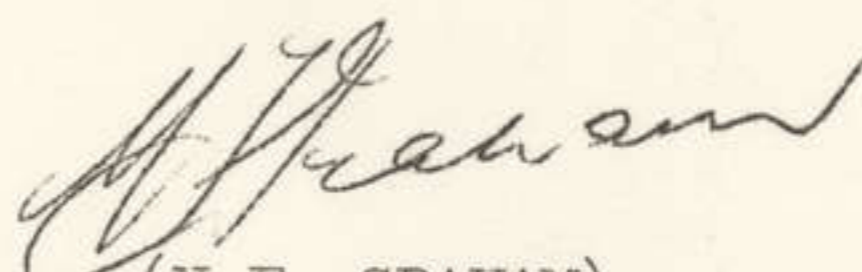
(2) Aust inflicted - 3 VC.

(3) Omitted.

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- b. Omitted.
- c. Detainees.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Innocent civilians - 10.
 - (3)-(6) Omitted.
- d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.
 - (1)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) RPG 2 - 1.
 - (6) Omitted.
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 1.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - 1 x SKS.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: 1 x SKS, 1 x pack and qty docs.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3)-(5) Omitted.
- f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Jan 70.
 - (1) KIA - 1 NVA and 72 VC.
 - (2) PW - 6.
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 1.
 - (4) VCI - Nil.
 - (5) Individual weapons - 59.
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3.
 - (7) Rice captured - 1.11 tons.
 - (8)-(9) Omitted.
- 5. Omitted.
- 6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
 - a. Documents captured by A/2/18 Inf (US) at 231810H at YS346793, identify D67 Engr Bn.
 - b. Documents captured by 5 RAR at YS558707 on 27 Jan possibly identify the Tn Coy of BA LONG Province.
- 7. Omitted.
- 8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/70 dated 20 Jan 70.
- 9.-10. Omitted.
- 11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs. Ref INTSUM No 26/70, Para 4 f (1), amend VC KIA to read 69.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (270935H) At YS745900 USAF conducted an A/S on a base camp. Results: One mil structure damaged, one mil structure destroyed, one table destroyed and one bunker exposed.
 - (2) (271610H) At YS444875 National Police detained four females, who are presently located at 1 ATF.


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Attachments:

- NNEX C - Agent Reports.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 27/70
dated 27 Jan 70

AGENT REPORT

An agent report received from DUC THANH at 271614H stated that at YS485815, VC dug seven tunnels with overhead cover of trees dirt and grass. VC strength and intentions unknown. Eval VN F5.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 27/70
dated 27 Jan 70

- 1.-3. Omitted.
- 4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
262259H	YS305790	Two in open
- 5. Omitted.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 28/70.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were seven contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (281300H). At YS556667, 12 Pl D Coy, 5 RAR contacted an est en squad in a bunker system who fired RPG, claymores and SA and then wdr NW and SE. Results: Two en WIA(BT), one M1, six packs, six lbs of polished rice, five lbs of tobacco, qty of docus, etc, fishing gear and qty of food, one stick grenade, two hand grenades and five 7.62mm short rds CIA.

(b) (281805H). At YS538670, elms of 5 RAR loc a bunker system of 14 bunkers and three cooking huts which was built four weeks ago. The bunkers had 18 inches OHC. Recovered were: One M181A claymore, three grenades and a qty of cooking utensils.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (2803454). In the vic of YS464729, B Coy 6 RAR/NZ detected mov of a large body of VC approx 200 - 300 metres from 4 Pl loc at YS464729. At 280450H, the area of mov was engaged by arty and the en broke into smaller groups and wdr east and SE. At 280515H, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ heard mov and engaged with claymores. During a sweep by 4 Pl this morning, 4 Pl loc a pack containing docus. At 280830H, VR reported sighting tracks leading SE from B Coy loc (vic YS464729). B Coy are following up. (See para 6 c of this INTSUM).

(b) (281150H). At YS448867, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted three en. Results: One en WIA(BT), three packs and a qty of food CIA.

(c) (281245H). At YS441873, elms of 6 RAR/NZ during cordon and search of the village detained NGUYEN VAN TU who had no means of identification.

(d) (281720H). At YS500723, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a heavy tracks of 30 - 35 persons moving east.

(3) AO SAMFORD.

(a) (281422H). At YS356661, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one en moving NE with unk results.

(b) (281745H). At YS345637, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR loc a bunker system. So far seven bunkers (one of which was booby trapped). Items recovered have been searched: One rifle grenade, one hand gren, one RPG rd, 30 lbs of rice, small qty of med eqpt, med text books, qty of docus and personal diaries.

(c) (281640H). At YS336634, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR loc fresh tracks and blood stains approx two days old.

(d) (281845H). At YS332624, D Coy 8 RAR contacted three VC who approached from the south. One VC wdr west. Results: One VC KIA (BC), one VC PW (WIA), one AK47 (folding butt), one M2 carbine CIA.

(e) Late Report. (271434H). At YS356657, elms 8 RAR loc nine wpn pits which were destroyed.

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(4) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (272115H). At YS453657, A Coy 8 RAR observed a light on the perimeter approx 200 - 300 metres from wire. One rd of SA was fired at the light and it then disappeared.

(b) (280345H). At YS425735, a ptl from 5 RAR loc found a body approx two weeks old. Person had died of gun shot wounds and has been credited to contact by a ptl from 5 RAR on 131800H at YS426735 (INTSUM No. 13/70 Para 3a (2)(a) refers).

(c) (281720H). At 487615, elms of 1 Fd Sqn were engaged by one VC who threw an M26 gren and wdr S. Results: Nil friendly casualties or damage.

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 - 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 - 4 VC

(3) Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) PW - 1

(2) Inocent Civilians - Nil

(3) Civil Defendants - Nil

(4) Hoi Chanh - Nil

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 1

(6) VCI Suspects - Nil

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 3

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - 1 M1, 1 M2, 1 AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Nine packs, cloths, fishing gear, one stick gren, 6 hand gren, 5 x 7.62mm short rds, tobacco, one M181A claymore, qty cooking utensils, qty of docus, one rifle gren, one RPG rd, 30lbs rice, qty of med eqpt, med text book,

(b) Omitted.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS556667	Rice	6 lbs	destroyed.
	Food small		"
YS448867	Food	Small	"
YS345637	Rice	30 lbs	"

4.5. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 77 VC
(2) PW - 7
(3) Hoi Chanh - 1
(4) VCI - Nil
(5) Individual Weapons - 62
(6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
(7) Rice Captured - 1.13 Tons.
(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

5. Omitted.

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

BOOBY TRAPS

1 at YS345637.

(2) Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification Location and Movements.

a. Docus recovered from a contact by D/5RAR with VC in a bunker system at YS556667 on 281300H Jan 70 identify Med Sects of O445 and LONG DAT district. Older docus in the camp suggest that it was at one time occupied by the Mor PC/ o445.

b. Docus taken from two VC KIA by C/5RAR at YS753899 on 241715H Jan 70 probably identify C2/84RSG.

c. Docus taken from a pack following a contact by B/6RAR at YS470724 on 280330H Jan 70 identify the pack as probably having been owned by DOAN VAN NUOI, Sect Comd C5/D440.

d. Docus taken from a VC KIA by W/ 6RAR/NZ at YS438870 on 271915H Jan 70 identify NGUYEN VAN PHUC, Sect Comd, C21 sapper/Recon Coy 274 VC regt.

e. Docus taken from a VC KIA by Atk Pl/6 RAR at YS459863 on 260730H Jan 70 disclose no idents. The VC KIA may have belonged to an elm of 84RSG.

f. The VC KIA by a 5 RAR ptl at YS424725 on 221835H Jan 70 may have been NGUYEN VAN DUNG, a liaison soldier of C5/ C440. Intsum 24/70 para 6a. refers.

g. Docus taken from 2 VC KIA by 12/D/5 RAR at YS794877 on 242250 probably identify.

(1) Dr. VU BINH CAN, Bn 211c rank of BALONG MED SECT - or K76A Hosp, and

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(2) VO XUAN TRUONG, PC Comd K76A.

h. Docus on a VC KIA by Aslt Pnr Pl/6 RAR at YS450890 on 250955H Jan 70, probably identify the VC as having been a member of 274 VC Regt Rear Services Staff. No positive identification was possible.

7.9.10. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/70 dated 27 Jan 70.

11. a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 27/70.

(a) Para 3a (1).(d). Delete all reference.

(b) Para 3. Amend number of contacts from seven to six.

(c) Para 3.a.(1).(c). Delete "in contact, no further details at this stage" and insert "contacted an unknown number of en with unknown results."

(d) Para 3a. (1).(b). Amend KIA(BC) to read two.

(e) Para 3a.(3)(g). Delete last sentence and insert "Results unknown."

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (270730H). Two Hoi Chanhs rallied to RF at BAO BINH(YT4203). They were from the BA LONG ASLT YOUTH GROUP and were named NGOYEN LE DUNG and NGUYEN VAN UT. During the interrogation the following was revealed:

(a) (18 Jan 70). There was a mobile base camp in the area of YS605920 consisting of three bunkers. There are 20 plus en in the camp and are probably elms of BA LONG HQ.

(b) Approx 50 VC from D440 were dispersed and camped at YS580920, a group from D440 went to BAO BINH on 26 Jan 70 for food.

(c) Base camp of BA LONG Postal Section is mobile in the area of SUOI LUC stream at YS560935. Another postal elm is mobile around YS545905.

(2) (270900H). A HOI CHANH rallied to 626RF coy. Initial interrogation revealed that her name was DAO THI CHIN AKA THI VONG who was a member of XUAN SON Protection Cell since 1966. Her unit is loc in the vic of YS576776.

(3) (280100H). At YS513528, a Pl of VC entered PHUOC HAI and killed a PF soldier. The VC beleived the soldier was a govt agent. The VC also held a propaganda meeting in PHUOC HAI theatre till 0400H when they wdr leaving a gren booby trap near some propaganda papers.

(4) (282030H). LONG DIEN reports sighting a coy of VC moving from YS454603 to YS454590. The area was illuminated with Nil results.

(5) (282155H). At YS290558, 12 PF pl contacted an est en squad with unknown results. Nil friendly casualties.

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(6) (281030H). At YS379750, 2/16 Inf(US) contacted 2-3 NVA with unknown results. One US WIA.

ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 28/70
dated 28 Jan 70.

1. Attached as Appendicis I - I-V are Interrogation Reports for the following:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]

(N.F. GRAHAM)
Maj
GSO 2 (INT)

Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

- List A
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- 3 TAC Fighter Wing
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- BIEN HOA TAC
- Advisory Team 48
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ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM 28/70

DATED 28 JAN 70

DOCUMENT TRANSLATIONS

1. The following is a translation of a document captured by D/2/3rd Inf, 199 LIB on 16 Jan 70 at YS 437893 from two bodies.

2. Contents: Letter, dated 13 Jan 70, signed by HONG SON for the Forward Supply Council of C69 ((possibly aka Current Affairs Committee, COSVN)), addressed to the Forward Supply Council, Sub Region 4, ((MR7)), states in substance as follows:

"We are now on temporary duty in BARIA - LONG KHANH ((Province MR7)); but due to the requirements of our mission, we cannot come to see you in Sub-Region 4.

As prescribed in Directive 125/CTNT from C69, you will have to consolidate the forward supply machinery (in Sub-Region 4) from higher echelons to lower ones on an urgent basis. Such key elements as civilian laborers, medical items, and provisions should be consolidated first.

To meet the requirements of the X Campaign (time unspecified), you should display greater efforts to support the (combat) forces and enable them to fulfill their assigned missions. Also, you will have to hold a forward supply congress to brief various units and agencies (in Sub-Region 4) on the supply requirements dictated in Directive 125/CTNT. In recruiting additional personnel for your branch, we suggest that your effort be directed at laborers and workers. Concurrently, you should proselyte the middle class people (meaning to ask them for provisions and financial support).

With regard to the civilian laborers, try to maintain their legal status (in RVN controlled areas) and give them as much political indoctrination as possible. Once released from (VC transportation) service, they should become the nucleus of (VC) underground organizations. Also, a close co-ordination between civil health agencies and medical elements should be achieved, and medical collecting points should be established.

Instead of sending your report to R (possibly HQ, SVNLA) as previously, please forward it to us in BA RIA - LONG KHANH by early Feb 70."

1. A notebook, maintained by NGUYEN PHUONG, cadre of Military Proselyting Section, BA LONG Province (MR 7), containing notes on political lessons, food expenditures, and military proselyting activities during the period Nov 67 to Dec 69, was captured by Atk Pl 6 RAR on 15 Jan 70 at YS 472881.

2. In an undated entry, pertaining to the military proselyting missions to be carried out during the fourth quarter of 1969, the document states that according to the experiences gained from past activities in LONG DAT District (PHUOC TUY Province), the enemy (possibly 1 ATF) had manifested an affection for Vietnamese children and sometimes allowed them to enter their base camps. Military proselyting in LONG DAT District should motivate and indoctrinate these children to disseminate (VC) leaflets in the enemy camps.

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INTERROGATION REPORTS
DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

General.

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from Sector.

Biographical Data.

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. Aka: [REDACTED]
c. D/POB: 1947, PHUOC HAI
d. Address: HAI TRUNG Hamlet, PHUOC HAI Village.
e. Rank/Appt: Servant.

Circumstances of Capture.

3. a. Capturing Unit: National Police.
b. Date: [REDACTED]
c. Location: [REDACTED]

Exploited Information.

4. a. LONG KHANH Province Ordnance Unit
Commander: DAT
Strength: 50 including 11 women, and 10 Protection members.
Weapons: RPG2, M16, AK (qty unk).
Location: Base Camps at YS550920, YS570920, YS550900, and YS570900.
Entry/Exit Points: QUANG MINH and PHUOC LOI, for rice and food supplies by the manager (Adj).
Mission: Repairing weapons (about 30 RPG2 launchers were under repair).
Make mines, hand grenades.
Other Units in Area: Nil.
b. Subject stated that these are trenches for mines, weapons and rice around there (base area?), but she did not know where.

INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

General.

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) PHUOC TUY.

Biographical Data.

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. Aka: Nil
c. D/POB: 1935 BINH AN/BINH DINH
d. Address: DUONG CUNG hamlet NGAI GIAO
e. Rank/Appt: [REDACTED]
f. Unit: BA LONG Finance and Economy Sect.

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Circumstances of Capture.

3. a. Capturing Unit: 6 RAR.
- b. Date: [REDACTED]
- c. Location: [REDACTED]
- d. Circumstances: The subject was captured when she went to CHAU LAC rubber plantation to purchase food for herself.

Exploited Information.

4. a. Finance and Economy Section BA LONG Province.
Leader: TU XICH, 50yrs, BINH DINH, Colt 45.
Member: NAM THANH, 32yrs, SVN, No wpn.
Member: SAU CHAU, 22yrs, SVN, No wpn.
Member: [REDACTED]
Strength: One cell consisting of four persons.
Location: YS355870. A hut (3m X 3m) and a bunker 2m x 1m x 1m.
Mission: TU XICH used to guide them every fourth day to the CHAU LAC rubber plantation to transport rice, corn, green beans, bananas and salt. Each trip they made they carried about 45 kgs of rice or beans, which the VC's agency had purchased for them. The subject did not know this agency as only TU XICH entered this area to received the foodstuffs.

Rice Transportation Route: They used to start from their camp at YS335870 at 1700 hrs, they cut a path through the jungle, accross a stream at YS400875 then go along the edge of CHAU LAC rubber plantation to the receiving location at YS440890 at 1900hrs. They return by the same route.

Supply: TU XICH himself hid the rice in the secret caches and issued to other agencies and units belonging to BA LONG. (Details unknown).

Comments: The subject previously worked for NGAU GIAO village womens cadre, but since working for the BA LONG Finance and Economy Section. She has only been involved in transportation tasks. It is known that the VC purchase foodstuffs from CHAU LAC, Viet Cuong and NGUYEN HIEP plantations.

APPENDIX III to ANNEX A
(Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM dated 28 Jan 70.

INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE: [REDACTED]

General:

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached).

Biographical Data.

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. Aka: [REDACTED]
- c. D/POB: 1927 Phu Ngai, Ba Tri, Ben Tre.
- d. Address: CHAU LAC.
- e. Rank/Appt: Cell members womens cadre.
- f. Unit: QUANG GIAO Village Unit.

Circumstances of Capture.

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APPENDIX 1V to ANNEX A
(Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 28/70
dated 28 Jan 70.

1. The PW, [REDACTED] captured by D Coy 8 RAR at 281845H at YS332625 was a member of CHAU DUC Rear Svcs. This elm is loc in area YS317711 in TOC TIEN feature with a str of 12 persons and armed with four wpns. One other VC group, loc and ident unknown, is in THI VAI area. The party contacted was going to KIM HAI (YS335614) for sups. Rice has been in very short sup and it is sometime since Rear Svcs provided any C41. Comment: PW intg from an earlier contact by 8 RAR with C41 revealed a cache in southern NUI DINH but t is has not yet been substantiated by this PW ((INTSUM 14/70 Para 3a (3) (a) refers to contact)).

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 28/70.
dated 28 Jan 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
271320H	YS5066-YS5268	Freshly used foot track running NE.
281025H	YS563570	Tracks lead from creek to what appeared to be a camouflaged pit or bunker. It was covered with dead sticks and branches.
	YS555589	Old camp of three bunkers still in use-able condition.
281720H	YS765666	15 graves alongside road, fresh ox cart tracks seen E-W in the area and fresh foot-prints alongside the graves.
	YS778678	4 fresh graves and numerous tracks in the area.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
271100H	YS528682	Maximum	281200H	YS 467727	Strong
	YS541672	Strong		YS473697	"
	YS565668	Minimum		YS486688	"
	YS541673	"		YS485690	"
	YS520703	"		YS496696	"
	YS520709	"		YS495698	"
	YS521720	"		YS496700	"
	YS528718	"		YS496707	"
	YS527712	"		YS496708	"
	YS526709	"		YS496717	"
	YS525705	"		YS490725	"
281200H	YS486686	Maximum		YS496726	"
	YS488686	"		YS496729	"
	YS491688	"		YS500708	"
	YS491690	"		YS500711	"
	YS497694	"		YS501719	"
	YS496703	"		YS501721	"
	YS500697	"		YS501727	"
	YS496705	"		YS500729	"
	YS496710	"		YS501733	"
	YS496714	"		YS501722	"
	YS497732	"		YS521745	"
	YS497734	"		YS531744	"
	YS500697	"		YS532707	"
	YS501723	"		YS536718	"
	YS501725	"		YS537722	"
	YS501731	"		YS537726	"
	YS531695	"		YS539731	"
	YS532699	"		YS540732	"
	YS532703	"		YS467725	Minimum
	YS532705	"		YS473701	"
	YS537724	"		YS427704	"
	YS538729	"		YS472725	"
	YS469700	Strong		YS496720	"
	YS468704	"		YS490730	"
				YS496722	"

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
281200H	YS501701	<u>Minimum</u>
	YS500717	"
	YS501734	"
	YS506694	"
	YS506702	"
	YS506706	"
	YS506711	"
	YS506716	"
	YS506748	"
	YS511712	"
	YS510719	"
	YS510724	"
	YS509741	"
	YS510745	"
	YS510750	"
	YS515696	"
	YS520734	"
	YS521742	"
	YS531742	"
	YS531747	"
	YS531752	"
	YS536716	"

- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 29/70.
- 2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Jan 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements (one not in reporting period).

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN. (290915H) At YS611781 elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operating with 5 RAR located a small, six months old bunker system consisting of one bunker (poss a listening post) and two fighting pits.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late Report. (282010H) At YS444852 a patrol of 6 RAR detected 2 to 3 VC moving past their AP approx 150 metres away. The area was engaged by mortars and a sweep this morning (29 Jan 70) produced no results.

(b) (290617H) At LANG PHUOC HAI (area of YS5153) A Coy 6 RAR conducted a cordon and search. Results: 35 detainees and 2 draft dodgers (both attempted to escape, one was wounded whilst being recaptured).

(c) (290730H) At YS443874 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR captured a wounded guerilla (poss from NGAI GIAO guerilla unit). PW states he was wounded in a contact on 28 Jan 70 South of the village. (1 ATF INTSUM No 28/70 Para 3. a. (2) (b) refers). He claims 8 VC including himself were contacted as they were attempting to get into the village to get food. Four VC were KIA and himself wounded.

(d) (291000H) At YS431873 a patrol of Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a bunker and a water well. Camp had been used within the last 24 hours. Recovered: qty cooking utensils, qty clothing and 2 batteries.

(e) (291400H) At YS473882 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache. See para 4. e. (5).

(f) (291500H) At YS457813 elements of 6 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 2 VC (previously sighted by VR aircraft) with unknown results.

(g) (291630H) At YS452884 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR detained one female with a baby. The woman is believed to be VCI and has been evacuated to 1 ATF for interrogation.

(3) AO SAMFORD

(a) Further to 1 ATF Installation Report INTSUM No 28/70, Para 3. a. (3)(b). A total of 28 bunkers were located, most of which were booby trapped. The following items were found in the bunker system and a cave nearby: 1 stick of explosive, 100 ft elec cable, 8 anti lift devices, 9 MIG's(NFI), 30 detanators, qty candles, qty assorted food, wine and cooking oil, qty cooking utensils, bottle kerosene, qty misc US army equipment, 1 NVA helmet and assorted NVA rank insignias and several bags. All bunkers and items located were destroyed.

(b) Late Report. (282347H) At YS378678 B Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown size enemy force (poss 4 or 5). Results: 1 Aust KIA, enemy casualties unknown.

(c) (291145H) At YS386697 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a VC letter box containing documents. Documents have been evacuated to 1 ATF for exploitation.

(d) (291527E) At YS363667 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a latrine and a blood trail which led up over a hill and down a creek line to an old overgrown enemy camp that has previously been hit by airstrike. 7 Pl believe the camp is still being used.

(e) (291840H) At YS344636 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 50 vitamin capsules and a bag containing paper flowers and streamers. S2 COMMENT: Indicates possible intention to enter a local town to

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take part in TET celebrations as a propaganda gesture.

(f) (291840H) At YS354671 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located 3 old huts and a N North/South track that has not been used for some time.

(g) (292035H) At YS336632 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results. A sweep of the area will be conducted at first light on 30 Jan 70.

(4) OTHER AREAS. (290715H) At YS424724 a patrol of 5 RAR contacted 1 enemy.

Results: 1 enemy KIA(BC) and 1 SKS, qty explosives, qty food and 1 Aust type shovel CIA.

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 - 1 VC.

b. Total KIA reported during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 4 VC.

c. Detainees

(1) PW - 1.

(2)(4) Nil.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 37

(6) VCI suspects - 1

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 1.

(b) Omitted.

(c) 1 SKS.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: Documents.

(b) Destroyed: See para 3. a. (2)(d); 3. a. (3)(a); 3.a. (3)(e); 3. a. (4).

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS473882	Condensed milk	32 tins	Destroyed
YS344636	onions	3 lbs	"
"	cooking oil	1 bottle	"
"	dried fish	4 lbs	"
"	rice wine	2 gals	"
YS424724	unknown	unknown	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

DTG UNIT CO-ORD

291400H 11 Pl D Coy YS473882 32 tins condensed milk, 20 yds plastic and 1 gal salad oil. Cache and contents destroyed.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 82 VC.
- (2) PW - 8
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - 1
- (5) Individual Weapons - 63
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice Captured 1.13 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

AP MINE: 1xM16 pressure mine vic YS502519 by elements of A Sqn
1 Armd Regt.

1xM16 pressure mine vic YS291355 by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

BOOBY TRAP: 1xRPG2 vic YS344635 by 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
291130H	YS263732	M16	2 civilians killed and 1 civilian wounded.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Documents recovered following a contact with a patrol from 5 RAR at 290715H at YS424734 identify NGUYEN VAN HUNG (KIA) Sec Comd, Mortar Section, C41, and HO VAN DANG (WIA) medic, C41. The third (KIA) was not identified.

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/70 dated 27 Jan 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS: Reference INTSUM No 28/70:

(1) Para 3a (3)(b). Amend to read "So far seven bunkers (one of which was booby trapped) have been searched" and delete "have been searched" from line 3.

(2) Para 6 a - second line delete 0445 and insert D445.

(3) Para 6 a - fourth line delete PC/0445 and insert P1/D445.

(4) Para 6 f - second line delete C5/C440 and insert C5/D440

(5) Para 6 g - first line delete Bn 211c and insert Bn 21C

(6) Para 6 g - delete PC Comd and insert P1 Comd.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (290925H) At YS745900 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 2 huts destroyed.

(2) 291030H) At YS452522 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy bunker system. Results: 1 blockhouse type construction damaged by napalm. 2 secondary explosions reported by ground forces.

(3) (291045H) LONG DIEN District reports that 4 suspect VCI were detained PM on 28 Jan 70. Suspects have been sent to Province Interrogation Centre (PIC) for interrogation.

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- (4) (291132H) At YS454525 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy bunker system. There was no BDA.
- (5) (291230H) At YS765940 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 5 weapon pits exposed.
- (6) (291440H) At YS517672 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy troop concentration area. Results: 30 meters comms trench exposed.
- (7) (291500H) At YS523663 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy troop concentration area. Results: 5 bunkers and 7 weapon pits exposed.
- (8) (29 Jan 70). A Hoi Chanh, LY THANH, rallied to DUC THANH Sub-Sector See Annex A for Interrogation Report.

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TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 29/70
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1. A Hoi Chanh surrendered to DUC THANH Sub Sector on 29 Jan. He is currently held at Sector. The substance of initial intg is as fol:
 - a. Name: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Rear Svcs 274 Regt).
 - b. In mid. Dec 69, 60 members of A57 and 60-70 civ laborers began to carry ammo and wpns from DONG NAI river.
 - c. A57 was accompanied by A58 (elm 1/274) and A59 (elm 3/274) also bringing similar sups.
 - d. On 25 Jan they arrived in the gen area YS7084, YS6982, YS7182, YS7284 where all celetrated pre-TET.
 - e. On 26 Jan A57 with some 35 civ labourers (others remaining with A58/A59) moved to the area YS687825, then crossed the SONG RAI area YS587796.
 - f. In area YS5274 the gp was hit by arty fire and suffered many killed and wounded. The remainder reached Route 2 area YS4573 at about 281900H where the subject deserted. A57 crossed the rd to the West. Movement of the other gps is not known.
 - g. A57 carried 6x60mm mors with 10 cases ammo, 4x82mm mors with 10 cases of ammo plus 3 cases CS gas ammo, 10xB40 rkts, 15 cases of AK47 ammo and mines incl DH4, DH8, DH10.
 - h. Strs: A57 - 100)40 carriers, 60 tps mainly NVA).
A58)
A59) - Possibly total 150 incl 60 NVA; not yet clear if this is total for each or both.
 - i. Tps wearing greens, badges of rank as NVA; carrying boots and will change to ARVN dress.
 - j. Intentions to shell VUNG TAU and to attack BARIA during TET (date not known). Cadre heard to say at pre TET celebration they are prep to sacrifice 80 men to attack BARIA.

S2 COMMENTS: It is not possible to evaluate this report and further intg will be nec. If correct it could account for the continued prescence of C21 (274 Regt Recce Coy) elm in area VIET CUONG, ident on several occasions in the past 3 weeks. There has been no other evidence of the passage of this large no of en. It should however be presumed correct while further checks are made.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
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1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
291000H	YS580586	One bunker in good condition with a well used foot track leading up to it. Was engaged later in the day resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and 4 bunkers damaged and exposed
291315H	YS766724	Small stream running East/West crosses heavy Northeast/Southwest track. Indications of recent movement.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>Location</u>				
29113CH-	Maximum	YS534684	YS523684	YS518684	YS 475685	
291215H		YS479680	YS484680	YS520685	YS555680	
	Strong	YS531684	YS526684	YS520685	YS459680	YS462680
		YS466680	YS486679	YS532674	YS530675	YS523675
		YS487675	YS512660	YS519660		
	Minimum	YS458683	YS520675	YS503667	YS490675	
		YS485675	YS480675	YS523665	YS516660	

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
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1. Agent report from DAT DO. Eval VN B/3. C25 and local guerillas reported at YS447549. Intentions: infiltrate DAT DO from South/West.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 30/70.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ROSSLYN. (301015H) At YS613930 a ptl of 3/A/5 RAR contacted two en moving East to West and withdrew East then North on contact. Results: One en KIA (BC), one AK47 CIA.
 - (2) AO BAYSWATER.
 - (a) (301122H) At YS438862, 2/W/6 RAR/NZ contacted two LF en dressed in black who approached from South and Wdr West. Results: One en WIA (BT), one en WIA (Poss).
 - (b) (301145H) At YS434865, 2/W/6 RAR/NZ contacted six LF en dressed in black. Results: Two en KIA (BC), two en WIA (Poss), two AK 47 and two packs CIA, two NZ WIA.
 - (c) (301540) At YS483813, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 6 RAR/NZ detained two females and one male who were taken to DUC THANH Police Station.
 - (3) AO SAMPFORD.
 - (a) (301240H) At YS375675, 9/C/8 RAR located a stopping place with 15 fire places, used by approx 60 people for one night stop over three to five days ago. Tracks from stop-over lead NE.
 - (b) (301455H) At YS356664, a ptl from 8 RAR located a cache which had been emptied two to three days ago. The cache was a hole 3'x5'x4'. Tracks made by approx four people led away to the NE.
 - (4) Other Areas.
 - (a) Late Report. (29 Jan 70). At YS483680, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located an old bunker which had not been used for approx 12 months. In the vicinity of the bunker the grass had been flattened out, and a leaflet written in Vietnamese was found. Also in the vicinity 2 Tp located a North/South and East/North tracks which showed signs of recent human movement.
 - (b) (301058H) At YS561563, 3/A/6 RAR/NZ detained a 15 year old youth.
 - (c) (301130H) At YS440726, Ready Reaction Force sighted a suspicious person dressed in green with a black pack moving from East to West.
 - (d) (301308H) At YS431629, Ready Reaction Force located a blood trail approx one day old. Blood trail led from East to West.
 - 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 - 3 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b. Omitted.
 - c. Detainees.
 - (1)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Still undergoing interrogation - Five.
 - (6) Omitted.

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d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - Three.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - Three AK 47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. One gas mask, 1 lb CHICOM TNT, two anti lift devices, two M16 igniters, 1 CBU attached to anti-lift device.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE/QTY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS345637	A large qty of edible foodstuffs, cooking additives, curry, tea, coffe, sugar and peanuts.	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
281745H	3/A/8 RAR	YS345637	A large qty of edible foodstuffs, cooking additives, curry, tea, coffe, sugar, peanuts, printing material, qty of documents, small qty of medical supplies, water bottles, qty cooking and eating gear.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Jan 70.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA, 86 VC.

(2) PW - 8.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) VCI - 1.

(5) Individual weapons - 68.

(6) Crew served weapons - 3.

(7) Rice captured - 1.13 tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. 88 AP Mines.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
300805H	YS343635	Pressure Release	One Aust WIA
301750H	YS553570	Unk	Five Aust WIA

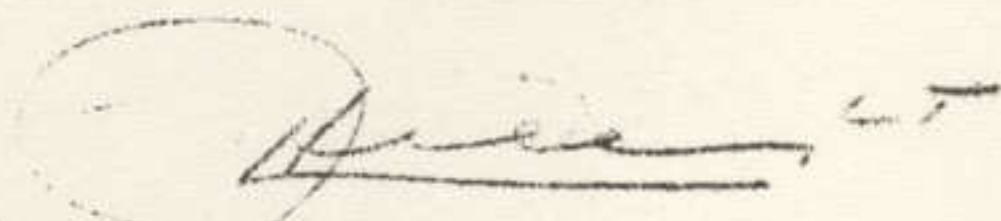
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Docus found on en KIA YS434865 by W Coy/6 RAR/NZ 301145H identify a member of 74 Arty Regt. Comment: D74 was edent recently operating NE of BINH SON. It is probable that a small foraging party had been sent to COURTENAY for sups since BINH SON sups are inadequate.

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7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/70 dated 27 Jan 70.
- 9.-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 29/70.
 - (a) Para 5 b (1) amend GR in second incident to read YS502516.
 - (b) Para 3 a (4) amend results to read 2 KIA (BC), 1 WIA (HBT), 2 x SKS, 1 x M2 carbine, 3 packs and a qty of docus CIA.
 - (c) Para 4 a (2) amend to read 2 VC.
 - (d) Para 4 e (1) (a) amend to read 3.
 - (e) Para 4 e (1) (c) add 1 x SKS and 1 x M2 carbine.
 - (f) Para 4 f (1) amend VC KIA to read 83.
 - (g) Para 4 f (5) amend to read 65.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (301100H) At YS745900, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. Results: One cache area and one military structure dest.
 - (2) (301135H) At YS745900, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. Results: Two military structures and two bunkers destroyed.
 - (3) (301155H) At YS738898, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. Results: One secondary explosion.
 - (4) (301158H) At YS395710, A/2/16/1st US Inf Div contacted two en. Results: One en KIA (BC), one en KIA (Poss).


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1. Detainee [REDACTED], detained by elms of 6 RAR/NZ on [REDACTED] was identified by a Hoi Chanh as a supplier of food and info to VC. The subject named a number of VCS who collect tax from rubber workers. These include:

BA SUNG	AK47
SAU THUC	K44 (7.62 SMG)
TAM SO	K44
NAM KHOM	K44

On 27 Jan he was five VC move from VIET CUONG to Route 2 with one B40 and three AK47. He denies working for VC and has been passed on to NP.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
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1. Agent Report stated that at 291700H, five well armed VC wearing mixed clothing appeared at YS425767. Eval: C-2 (VN).
 2. Agent Report stated that at 291000H, one VC coy fully armed were at YS500750. Eval: C-3 (VN).
 3. Agent Report stated that at 291000H, one bn of VC carrying 82mm mortars and seven 12.8 anti-aircraft wpns, wearing grey uniforms and HO CHI MINH sandals, carrying packs and speaking with NVA accents were moving from CU BI RUNG (jungle around old AP CU BI YS4382) to BINH BA Village (YS4574). The force belongs to the 1st Bn 4th Regt, 274 Regt.
- S2 Comment. There is no evaluation of the source or the information. Old CU BI Village is near to RHODE ISLAND. Possibly an exaggerated sighting of C8/D440, but still unlikely.
4. Agent Report from DUC THANH states that approx one coy of VC moved from TAM BO stream to YS550830. Agent reported that the group was well armed and incl women. Group was commanded by BON BINH who was carrying a pistol. At 291600H the group was till located at YS550830 where they had stopped and were digging in. No Evaluation.

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1.-2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
292045H	YS972874	10 emissions in forrest
to	YS973864	5 emissions in forest
292100H	YS937830	25 emissions in clearing
	YS990812	30 emissions in forest
	YS984774	20 emissions in forest
300720H	YS445568	12 emissions in a straight line in clearing

Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
301130H	YS710870	Strong
to	YS685798	Minimum
301230H	YS685871	Minimum
	YS726828	Minimum
	YS726832	Minimum
	YS726857	Minimum

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 31-70.
2. Period covered from 310000H to 312400H Jan 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (311100H) At YS616908, 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of one complete bunker and two incomplete bunkers. The system had been used one to two weeks ago. Recovered were: A small qty of med supplies, nine cooking utensils and a qty of old used bandages.

(2) AO SAMFORD.

(a) Late Report. (302003H) At YS384693, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR reported lights 150 metres North of the NDP. Lights were moving East and not engaged.

(b) Late Report. (302045H) In the vicinity of YS361675, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR sighted lights moving NE to West. Not engaged.

(c) Late Report. (30 Jan 70) In the vicinity of YS344634, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR sighted lights moving along ridge approx 300 metres NW of the above grid reference.

(d) (311250H) At YS344634, A Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 28 bunkers and weapon pits with OHC consisting of timber supports and rock slabs covered with soil. The system had not been used recently. Recovered were: Three sets of clothing, one poncho, three poncho liners, one mosquito net, one M72 (weapon), seven reams of foolscap paper, a qty of propaganda leaflets, a qty of items used for printing, one M1 carbine, four 4 gallon drums of polished rice, a qty of cooking utensils and four booby traps. All items were destroyed with the exception of the two weapons. All bunkers were destroyed.

(e) (301250H) At YS385696, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a fresh blood trail running North to South. 5 Pl followed trail with neg results.

(f) (311250H) At YS382707, B Coy 8 RAR located a blood stained bandage and a bottle of medicine in a small camp that had been used within the last 24 hours.

(g) (311645H) At YS360635, Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR contacted two to three enemy moving East who withdrew West on contact. Results: Nil enemy casualties, nil friendly casualties.

(h) (312030H) At YS345625, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy moving from South to North who withdrew NE on contact. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.

(3) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late Report. (301950H) At YS438833, elements of 6 RAR sighted and engaged a light on their perimeter with mortars. Sweep this morning revealed tracks of 2 to 3 persons at YS439833 leading NE.

(b) (310700H) At YS455868, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 3 LF enemy who approached from the South. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), nil friendly casualties.

(c) (311145H) At YS486728, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a track that had been used approx 24 hours ago by 30 persons.

(d) (312000H) At YS442878, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted unknown number of enemy who withdrew West on contact with unknown results.

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b. Air Activity.(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
310345H	Grid Square YS5054	Unk	S/A	Unk	Unk

(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.

b-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 X M1 carbine, 1 X M72.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. A qty of medical supplies, a qty of cooking utensils, 3 sets of clothing, 1 poncho, 3 poncho liners, 1 mosquito net, 7 reams of paper and a qty of propaganda leaflets.(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS344634	Rice	4 X 4 gal drums	Destroyed.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Jan 70.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 87 VC.

(2) PW - 8.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1.

(4) VCI - 1.

(5) Individual Weapons - 70.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 3.

(7) Rice Captured - 1.13 Tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. BOOBY TRAPSOne at YS455868 located by 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ.
Four at YS344634 located by A Coy 8 RAR.AP MINES

One at YS455868 located by 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ.

AT MINES

One at YS442869, W Coy 6 RAR/NZ reported that a scrub fire had detonated a mine consisting of 20 - 30 lbs of explosives. W Coy believe mine was over 6 months old.

(2) Omitted.

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- 6-7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4-70 dated 27 Jan 70.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
- (1) Reference INTSUM No 30-70.
- (a) Para 5 b (2) second incident, amend results to read 2 Aust KIA and 4 Aust WIA.
- c. Information Received from Voluntary Informants.
- (1) 311625H a woodcutter reported sighting 2 groups of VC at YS460565 and YS465566.
- d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) (302030H) At YS517537, 36 PF Pl engaged an unknown enemy force who had moved into LANG PHUOC HAI from the North. 613 RR Coy reinforced 36 PF Pl and enemy withdrew. No known results.
- (2) (310905H) At YS562798 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed.
- (3) (311500H) At YS4271, DUC THANH Sub Sector reported that a member of the NGAI GIAO Guerilla unit rallied to Sector elements at AP SUOI NGHE.
- (4) (311515H) At YS660875, an airstrike was conducted on a suspected troop location. Neg BDA.
- (5) (311555H) At YS710853, an airstrike was conducted on a suspected troop location. Neg BDA.
- (6) (311640H) At YS223573, PRU elements located a VC boat with equipment that could be used in the manufacture of grenades. Also located were: Several rounds of assorted ammo and a small qty of documents. Documents have been evacuated to Sector for exploitation and the boat has been destroyed.
- (7) (312100H) At YS425574, 615 RF Coy contacted approx 25 VC, enemy broke contact and withdrew NNE and NE. Results: Unknown at this time.

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1. Agent report received from BARIA stated that at 301000H Jan 70 C3 Coy D445 Bn were sighted moving along SUOI DA BANG at YS474710. Eval: VN, C-3.
2. Agent report received from DUC THANH stated that at 290800H Jan 70 six guerillas from NGAI GIAO, carrying individual weapons appeared at YS473846.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 31-70
DATED 31 JAN 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
311030H	YS560572	One bunker in good condition.
	YS591600	Two bunkers with recent signs of activity.
311130H	YS704889	One bunker in good condition.
31 Jan 70	YS660609	Two bunkers in good condition. Area showed signs of recent activity.
	YS654609	One bunker in good condition.
310930H	YS4849	Nine people fishing on beach in grid square.
311730H	YS800701	Recent track activity in area, North to South and West to East.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
311130H	YS716865	Maximum	311130H	YS649838	Minimum
	YS714865	"		YS628842	"
	YS711865	"		YS668845	"
	YS700864	"		YS704860	"
	YS695864	"		YS725865	"
	YS654864	"		YS723865	"
	YS649864	"		YS657863	"
	YS636883	"		YS647863	"
	YS639883	"		YS645863	"
	YS641883	"		YS709870	"
	YS670885	"		YS733874	"
	YS726884	"		YS730875	"
	YS633890	"		YS714875	"
311130H	YS629836	Strong		YS712875	"
	YS706860	"		YS709875	"
	YS719865	"		YS705875	"
	YS659862	"		YS641879	"
	YS651864	"		YS674885	"
	YS689870	"		YS681885	"
	YS691870	"		YS730885	"
	YS660885	"		YS722889	"
	YS663885	"		YS712889	"
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MESSAGE FORM

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300330Z JAN 70

FROM: 1 ATF

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TO: II FFORCE V LBN

OPS 0113

ATTN: G3 CHEMICAL OFFICER .

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL THREAT OF GAS ATTACK .

REFERENCE ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORT) TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 29/70 DATED 29 JAN 70 .

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON REPORT PLUS ANY FURTHER INFO AVAL OF CS THREAT

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Enemy Activity in III CTZ

1. Enemy activity was confined generally to scattered light attacks by fire and light ground probes. The New Year's truce was violated by enemy forces on eighteen occasions, but the respite was used primarily for logistics activity.

Enemy Locations

2. a. 9 VC Div: no change; in normal AO War Zone C.
- b. 7 NVA Div: no change in northern BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG Provinces.
- c. 5 VC Div: no change in NE PHUOC LONG Province with 95 NVA Regt deployed in western TAY NINH.
- d. MR 7
- (1) 33 Regt: LANG NGA base area.
 - (2) 274 Regt HQ: east of BINH SON rubber, 1 Bn south of BINH SON rubber, 2 Bn on a resupply mission in War Zone D and 3 Bn west of COURTENAY rubber.

Enemy Activity in 1 ATF TAOR

3. a. AO ASHGROVE. 8 RAR continues to make contacts with elements of 3/274 Regt in the SUOI CA base area. Identifications of 274 Regt support elements in this area include sapper/reconnaissance, medical, transportation, communications, youth assault group and the 274 Regt dispensary. Large quantities of fresh and canned food supplies have been found in and around the VIET CUONG area and supply appears to be this unit's principal concern. There is evidence that these supplies are being brought into the area from the areas of CAM MY, BAU BINH and COURTENAY estate. A PW captured en route to the new location of 274 Regt dispensary has indicated serious medical problems exist in the regiment with malaria and casualties aggravated by lack of medical supplies. The dispensary is possibly now located in the SUOI RAN area east of CAM MY. The unit is now using hospital K76C, having lost the use of K76A in the MAY TAO, and a HOI CHANH has indicated that this is probably located in the BAU BINH area.
- b. AO ROSSLYN. There has been evidence of considerable enemy activity in this area. A cache of weapons, ammunition and communications equipment was located at YS 606885 and several contacts have been made with unidentified VC. It is probable that there is an amount of transit movement across the northern part of the AO and HQ BA LONG Province could be located in the area. There is evidence also that movement back into the MAY TAO has commenced but this might be reconnaissance only at this stage.
- c. LONG DAT District. Two attacks were made by VC during the week (31 Dec 69 and 4 Jan 70) on RF at DAT DO; the second was followed by an attack on the HORSESHOE by 82mm mortar. A tank of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt was attacked by RPG fire in the LONG GREEN YS 526583. They were probably carried out by C4/D445, the company being identified by documents from the attack on 4 Jan 70. C25 was active in the

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area of LANG PHOU C HAI, identified by documents in one contact in which PI killed 6 VC. From letters carried by one of the dead VC, addressed to members of D445, it is believed that at least C2/D445 was not located in that area. A police report has indicated that D445 might have redeployed its companies to operate in support of the local companies C25 and C41, with C1 and C2 allocated to Route 15 and the CHAU DUC district, and C3 and C4 to LONG DIEN - DAT DO area. Reports of a new unit D510 may be explained by the re-designation of D445 in its new role. If this report is correct it would support our assessment of a greatly reduced capability of D445 and the acceptance by the VC of its failure to operate effectively as a unit.

Comment

4. Attacks by fire and small scale raids on RF/PF are likely to continue, principally in LONG DAT district but Route 15 areas of ONG TRINH, PHU MY and PHUOC HOA could also receive attention in accordance with VC directives to attack RF/PF and PSDF. Attacks by fire could also occur against AUSTRALIAN bases and vehicles. While VC activity against Route 2 has been curtailed by recent TF operations, further harassment may be expected.

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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Tilt Rod Firing Device (VC)

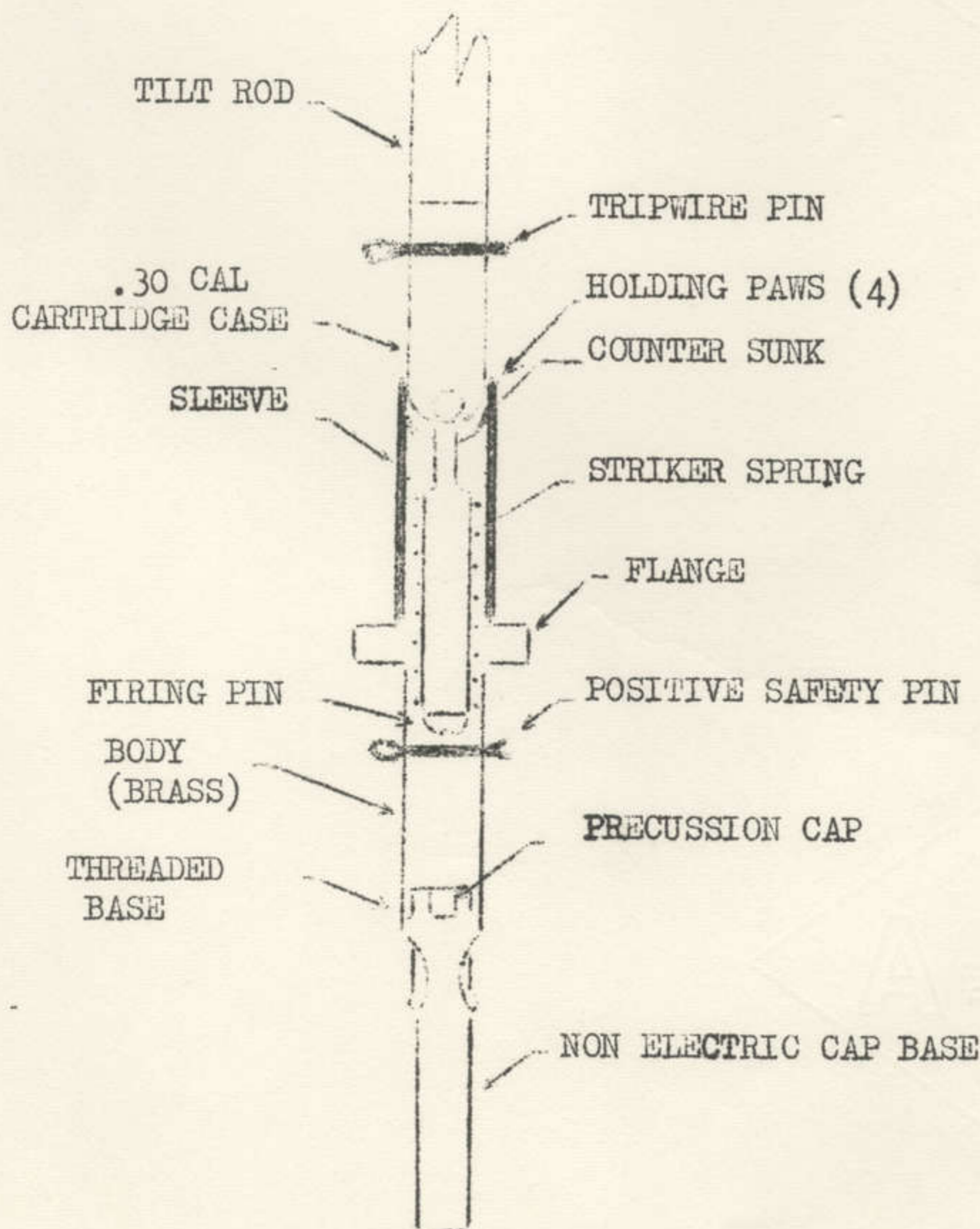
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TILT-ROD FIRING DEVICE (VIET CONG)

1. Analysis of a VC homemade, tilt-rod firing device has recently been completed. This tilt rod firing device is usually employed with anti-personnel, anti-vehicular and anti-helicopter mines. A well constructed, effective homemade device of simple design, it has four major components: Tilt-rod holder, body, firing pin and spring, and sleeve. The tilt-rod holder is made from an expended .30 calibre cartridge case, the upper of which is cut off for insertion of a tilt-rod of steel or bamboo. This end is also equipped with a modified cotter pin to which a trip wire can be attached. The cylindrical brass body houses the steel firing pin and spring. A positive safety pin is positioned latitudinally through the centre of the body. The lower end of the fuze body has inside threads into which a standard non-electrical cap base is screwed and the sleeve slides up and down the tilt-rod holder. When the sleeve is in the down position, it is a locking safety and the device will not function. Conversely, when the sleeve is in the up position, the device is armed. If the tilt-rod is inclined 10 degrees in any direction from vertical, the tilt-rod holder releases the firing pin, detonating the blasting cap and the mine. When the device is placed in helicopter landing zones and a palm frond or similar item is used in the tilt-rod, the force of air from the helicopter rotor blade is strong enough to move the branch and activate the device. When employed as a tripwire device a lateral pull of one half kilogram releases the firing pin. An axial pull of two kilograms will also release the firing pin.



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 13 JAN 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 2/70
PERIOD COVERED 6 JAN 70 TO 12 JAN 70

Enemy Activity in III CTZ

1. Activity remained at a low level during the week. There were several attacks by fire including a mortar attack on LONG THANH NORTH on 11 Jan.

Enemy Locations

2.
 - a. 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C.
 - b. 7 NVA Div remains in northern BINH LONG
 - c. 5 VC Div remains generally along the Cambodian border in PHUOC LONG. 275 Regt was indentified by ARVN on 7 Jan in a contact at FSPB JUDY YS 2223 in which 32 enemy were killed.
 - d. MR7
 - (1) 33 NVA Regt remains in the LA NGA river basin.
 - (2) 274 Regt. 3 Bn was tentatively identified by documents from a contact with RTAVF on 11 Jan SW of BINH SON. A HOI CHANH reported on 10 Jan 1 and 3 Bns and support units of 274 Regt were located in this area. If this identification is correct, 3 Bn has returned to the area encountering difficulties in the SUOI CA base area. The last indentification made of any element of 274 Regt was that of the sapper/reconnaissance coy on 3 Dec 69 by 8 RAR.

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3. There has been no major enemy activity during the week and a picture is emerging of the very serious plight in which VC are finding themselves in PHUOC TUY Province.

AO ASHGROVE

4. 8 RAR had 6 contacts mainly in the VIET CUONG area west of COURTENAY estate. This is the entry/exit point C5 staffed by 84 Rear Services Group, responsible for arranging supplies and the transit of casualties for units in this part of the province. C5 has been rendered largely ineffective, lacking medical facilities and probably not able to collect and distribute supplies. Casualties of 274 Regt have been in transit through the area heading for the now destroyed K76A and it is probable that the 40 - 50 litter cases remain in the area of COURTENAY.

AO ROSSLYN

5. 5 RAR had nine contacts on the east-west communications route along the boundary PHUOC TUY + LONG KHANH on the 6th, 7th and 8th Jan. Identified were elements of BA LONG HQ including the Security Section, Ordnance Section and Sapper Unit; the latter had been instructing local guerillas on Route 2 in the use of mines. Also identified were personnel of K76A hospital. Of particular interest has been the growing evidence from captured documents indicating critical problems of medical supply and treatment of casualties of C5, 274 Regt Dispensary which recently moved to an area NE of VIET CUONG, and K76C hospital, a direct consequence of the loss of K76A which was the

principal surgical hospital and medical supply area in BA LONG. There is evidence also of serious food shortages.

6. A HOI CHANH from Z301 Wksps/84 Raer Services Group rallied to 5 RAR on 11 Jan. This installation, staffed by about 40, makes mines and repairs weapons; it is located some 3,000 metres NE of Lake BAU NGUA YS 6784. This is the third and last of the Rear Services Group workshops, the first two being located and destroyed in past operations, and its loss would severely curtail mining operations in the province.

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7. 6 RAR has been in contact with local guerillas, probably the montagnard group from NGAI GIAO, in the area YS 4881. Some explosives for mines and food supplies were captured and two VC killed. Twelve detainees so far have been held from a cordon and search of NGAI GIAO YS 4979.

LONG DAT DISTRICT

8. In the western end of the LONG GREEN, areas YS 5157 and YS 5257, several old caches of ammunition, explosives and food were found by 6 RAR. Documents identified D445 and the Forward Supply Council LONG DAT District. Further interrogation of a HOI CHANH who rallied in December from D445 indicates the unit now has only 110 effectives and is very short of ammunition. Companies are probably still hiding in the LONG HAI hills and to the east, keeping out of contact.

9. RF/PF had only one contact during the week when a post fired on an unidentified VC group trying to enter DAT DO on the night 6/7 Jan.

10. Airstrikes by USAF and RAAF aircraft caught VC in the open and forced others from tunnels in the vicinity of YS 470525 (LONG HAI hills). Three were killed and five were possibly killed and a number of tunnel entrances collapsed. The VC were probably members of C25 or C4/D445 which have recently been operating in company.

11. SW of XUYEN MOC one ton of sugar was found. It is likely that, in view of the illegal gardening, track activity and frequent reports of lights at night between XUYEN MOC and BINH CHAU, this could become an important supply area since the losses sustained elsewhere. This entry/exit point at BINH CHAU (C2/84 RSG) has long been used to supply the MAY TAO area.

12. A mine incident occurred to the SW of XUYEN MOC killing one RF and wounding two others.

Other Items of Interest

13. A HOI CHANH who rallied to 6 RAR in the MAY TAO area in December has provided the following information; believed to be probably true:

a. A HQ Rear Services element of MR7 responsible for supervision of the MAY TAO base complex was located in area YS 7793 in December.

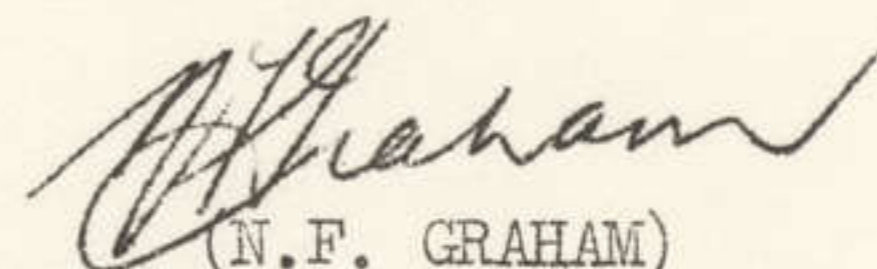
b. The main storage area for VC supplies from BAU BINH is in the narrow jungle strip in area YT 4902.

c. K76C hospital is located in the area YT 5203 or YT 5303 due east of BAU BINH.

The interrogation report will be disseminated separately.

Summary

14. All VC elements, particularly the important directing and administrative HQs of BA LONG and 84 RSG in the north, are suffering from a serious disruption of communications and supplies. Despite higher directives to pursue offensive operations, it is unlikely that they will be able to recover any capability to carry out other than mining or minor attacks by fire and loss of manufacturing facilities and lack of ammunition supply should inhibit even those. For the near future they will continue to avoid contact.



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HQ 1 ATF
 NUI DAT
 20 Jan 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/70
PERIOD 13 JAN 70 - 19 JAN 70

En Activity in III CTZ

1. There were two only significant ENI during the week; a sapper attack was made on FSB CAROLYN and a mortar attack was made on a US NDP in the NHON TRACH in which there were 30 US and VN casualties. In a major contact in TAY NINH 89 VC of a LF unit were killed.

Locations

2. 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C.
 7 NVA Div remains in northern BINH LONG.
 8 VC Div remains in eastern PHUOC LONG.
 MR 7 - 33 Regt has moved east into BINH TUY.
 274 Regt no change.

3. In the coming week there is likely to be an increase in recce and preparations for TET activities but VC will continue to avoid contact. Attacks by fire are likely to occur, particularly against posts/bases where VC have noted some vulnerability.

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4. There was only one significant contact during the week when a patrol of 8 RAR killed 8 and captured two VC. Elsewhere, disruption of supply and transit routes in AO BAYSWATER, and the location of a medical installation, a large munitions cache and a munitions workshop in AO ROSSLYN, have further damaged VC logistic support.

AO BAYSWATER

5. 6 RAR killed 6 VC, captured 2, found three new graves and detained 19 persons believed to be connected with VC supply organization. Numerous bunkers and camps were found and evidence of frequent NE - SW movement. Operations here will have caused further **serious** disruption to this important VC communications and supply area.

AO ROSSLYN

6. 5 RAR contacts and sightings in the area of the MAY TAO indicate that the area is still being used by VC. Patrols killed 2 VC and located 2 important installations - Z301 Munitions Workshop of 84 RSG at YS 685870 and a medical installation in caves at YS 734892 in which was also found a large amount of weapons (including a 75mm RCL), ammunition and some supplies.

7. Because of the importance of the MAY TAOs complex to MR 7 support for units to the west and because the terrain is very favourable for camps and caches, it is probable that the area will be restored for continued use as soon as practicable.

CHAU DUC DISTRICT

8. A patrol of 8 RAR ambushed 11 VC, killing 8 and taking 2 wounded PWs, west of HOA LONG. Documents have indicated that this was a supply

party of C41 and CHAU DUC District HQ, trying to move rice from the NUI THI VAI before U.S. operations compromised the caches. Interrogation of PW revealed an intention to attack RF posts at HOA LONG, using a force of three companies of D440 with C41, possibly just before TET.

9. A patrol from HQ Coy 1 ATF ambushed and killed 3 VC at YS 344641. One has been identified as a member of D67/MR 7. This was the second identification of D67 in the past month and while it does not appear to be undertaking operations, elements of it could be on hand for activities against Route 15 in the TET period.

En Capabilities

10. The past week has been used by the VC for political preparation, planning and supply collection for activity during or shortly before TET. While there has been a general dissipation of offensive capability, it is possible their attacks by fire on RF/PF or ATF locations could occur during the coming week. Action against vulnerable opportunity targets, of course, could be undertaken at any time.

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HQ 1 ATF

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27 Jan 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/70
PERIOD 20 JAN - 27 JAN 70

Enemy Activity in III CTZ

1. During the period enemy activity increased sharply between 20 - 22 Jan. Heaviest enemy activity was in 9 VC Div AO in War Zone C and in MR 10 around BU DOP and SONG BE. There was an increase in attacks by fire in MR 7 and an increase in mine incidents in the HAT DICH and the area SE of BINH SON.
2. The greater part of the enemy activity, primarily attacks by fire, occurred in War Zone C as the enemy shifted emphasis from the north centred part of the corps to the NW.
3. Since 22 Jan, activity has continued at a moderate level.

Enemy Locations

4. a. 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C in a position to conduct further attacks on bases in the zone.
- b. 7 NVA Div remains in northern BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG Provinces, threatening BU DOP and LOC NINH areas.
- c. 5 VC Div remains located in northern and central PHUOC LONG, probably targetted against installations in the SONG BE and DUC PHUONG areas.
- d. MR 7
 - (1) 33 Regt: DINH CUONG - VO DAT area.
 - (2) 274 Regt: no change.

Assessment

5. There are indications of a country-wide increase in enemy activity which will possibly commence around 29 Jan 70.

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6. There has been no major contact with enemy but there is further evidence of aggravated supply difficulties and declining morale. However, preparations are being made for activities before and during TET.

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7. 6 RAR operations have continued to disrupt VC supply activity. Identified have been supply parties from 84 RSG, BA LONG Supply Council, BA LONG Rear Services Group, D440, 274 Regt and 33 Regt foraging for supplies in the Route 2/VIET CUONG area. The presence of a party of about 4 from 33 Regt (on PW interrogation) cannot yet be explained, but a document captured by 6 RAR in area YS 4890 identified the Regiment, and a PW report indicated that on 18 Jan 70 commanders of 33 Regt and 274 Regt, with a recce platoon, travelled from the SONG RAI toward BINH SON to attend a meeting, possibly at HQ SR4. If correct this would indicate co-ordination between 274/33 Regts and a possible move further south than we have held 33 Regt to be.

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8. PW from 274 Regt Dispensary gave details of serious food and medical difficulties and a location of that unit with 20 casualties and 40 staff north of the SUOI CA, possibly area YS 3991.

9. There is evidence also that D440 has made unsuccessful attempts to retrieve medical and ammunition supplies from the north, possibly the COURTENAY hill area. As a result of 6 RAR/2 Bde operations some cache areas have become inaccessible and the unit is relying on supply by C41 and local guerillas.

AO ROSSLYN

10. Contacts by 5 RAR indicated that Rear Services elements continue to search the MAY TAO for possible supply caches missed in our previous operation, apparently with little success. Also identified have been staff of K76A hospital near NUI BE where, presumably, they had moved from the MAY TAO.

Enemy Locations

11. D440 appears to have moved south as a result of 2 Bde operations to an area NW of NUI NGHE. A VC KIA by 5 RAR west of DUC MY was identified as a member of C5/D440 and recce of the general area BINH BA/DUC MY has been attempted, indicating a particular interest here. As reported earlier, from PW interrogation, C41 and elements of D440 appeared to be planning coordinated activities against HOA LONG, but these units would not necessarily be co located and operations could be conducted by C41 from the west and D440 from the east, if their old base areas in the west become untenable.

12. Agent reports, recent VR and high sensor readings between the SUOI LO O NHO and SUOI GIAO have indicated that some element or all of D445 have probably returned to the old DAT SET base area. It is probable that D445 plans for operations will be coordinated with those of D440, and as has happened before, some part of D445 could combine with part of D440 for operations against Route 2 and DAT DO from the east.

13. C25 has not recently been identified, but it is probable that the frequent entry of LONG DIEN has been effected by this company and that its primary target area will be LONG DIEN.

14. Identifications of elements of D67 in the NUI DINHs indicate that this unit could be available for operations against Route 15.

Enemy Intentions

15. It is assessed that:

a. D440(-) and C41 will attack RF/PF posts and government installations at HOA LONG.

b. Elements of D440 and D445 will attack targets on Route 2 in the area of BINH BA/DUC MY and possibly also DAT DO, from the east.

c. C25 will attack in LONG DIEN area.

d. Attacks may be supplemented by a BA LONG sapper unit and village guerillas mining Route 2.

e. The attacks will take the form of small scale sapper attacks and attacks by fire to minimize casualties. Infiltration of target areas might occur prior to operations.

f. Attacks will probably take place from 29 Jan to 3 Feb.

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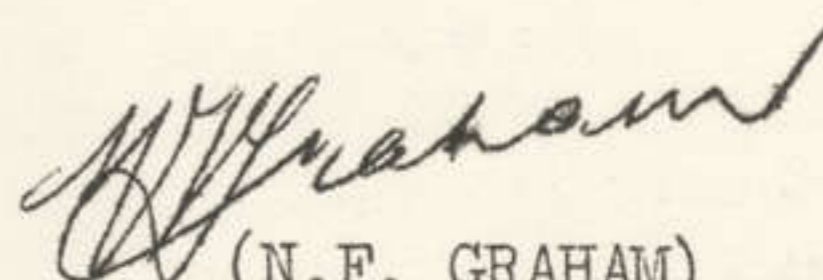
g. Following these operations the enemy will attempt to infiltrate towns and villages generally to capitalize on their operations and to demonstrate that they retain the capability to enter and join the people with impunity during the TET celebrations.

Enemy Capabilities

16. While such a plan of operations might appear rather ambitious, if undertaken in a dispersed way by small groups, and assisted by prior infiltration, the present limited capabilities of enemy units would be maximized. They will be seriously hampered by a lack of medical support and a lack of cache areas on which to fall back. It is likely that ammunition, in particular for heavy weapons, will be very limited so that maximum use will be made of RPGs, mines and explosive charges.

17. D440 has already suffered relatively serious casualties in contacts with 2 US Bde. A HOI CHANH who rallied to 199 LIB on 27 Jan reported that some 40-50 personnel of D440 were at present in the BAU BINH area seeking supplies; this corresponds with the report of a rallier to Sector in Dec 69 that some 30 personnel of D440 had been sent for duties with a protective unit of BA LONG HQ because they were unfit for combat duties. It is probable, therefore, that not more than two companies with a total of 100-120 would be available immediately for operations while a further 50-70 would probably be held in reserve to carry casualties and assist in withdrawal.

18. The combat strength of D445 is probably not more than 100 men.


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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 JAN 70 TO 31 JAN 70

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

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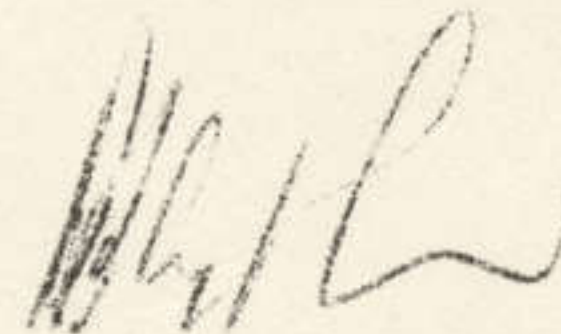
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21 Jan 70

Distribution: See below

1 ARU EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS RANGE INSTRUCTIONS
AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The attached Annex A is to be included in your Unit Range Instructions.



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Annex: A. 1 ARU Explosive Weapons Range Instructions and Safety Instructions.

Distribution:

List A Less Serials 4, 24-30

1 ARU EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS RANGE INSTRUCTIONS
AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

General

1. a. The 1 ARU Explosive Weapons Range is an integral part of Range 6, and as such is controlled by 1 ARU. All users are to conform to these instructions.
- b. Range 6 rifle range is to be known as 6 ALFA and the explosive weapons range as 6 BRAVO.

Location

2. a. The range is at YS 45366654
- b. Left of arc - 500 mils
- c. Right of arc - 940 mils
- d. Axis of fire - 720 mils
- e. Left and right of arc are defined by yellow discs marked L and R.

Classification

3. The following weapons may be fired/thrown from 6 BRAVO:
 - a. M72 (from wing projections)
 - b. M79 (from the four available firing points)
 - c. Hand grenades (M26,M61,M67) (from grenade throwing bays only)
 - d. Claymores (from wing projections only)

Clearance

4. Firing will not commence until clearance has been obtained from ERUDITE CP. The Range cannot be used concurrently with Range 7 or Range 6 ALFA.

Communications

5. There are to be two radios on the range during practices. At all times they are to be manned by a competent person. One radio is to be on the ERUDITE net and the other on the unit net.

Medical

6. There is to be a first aid kit at the range whilst firing practices are being conducted.

7. Ear protection is to be available and used by all personnel at the range.
8. A safety vehicle is to remain in the vicinity of the waiting area.

Waiting Areas

9. The following are designated as waiting areas and are to contain all personnel not being practiced:
 - a. The moving tgt trench;
 - b. Mound 1 Range 6 ALFA;
 - c. The grenade bays when M72's are being fired.
10. No movement is to take place between the Range and waiting areas or between waiting areas without the authorization of the Safety Officer in charge of the practice.

Blinds

11. A demolition kit must be taken to the range. All blinds are to be destroyed by a competent person. If for any reason a blind cannot be destroyed, it is to be marked by a pyramid of three stakes whose vertex is directly above the blind and a UXB sign attached.
12. In the event of a blind not being located the officer in charge of the practice is to:
 - a. Report to ERUDITE and EXPRESS;
 - b. Mark approximate location on the "Blind Location Map" beside the control tower;
 - c. Note the details in 1 ARU Blinds Book and personally inform 1 ARU Training Officer or Training WO.
13. On subsequent days at the range efforts must be made to locate and destroy the blind, and all troops made aware of the probable location of blinds. Movement is to be restricted in dangerous areas.
14. In the event of a hand grenade blind occurring a period of 15 minutes is to elapse before any effort is made to find and destroy it. All personnel are to remain under cover.
15. Some blinds will occur inside the danger area of other ranges. No attempt is to be made to locate and destroy such blinds until firing has ceased on the appropriate ranges, and clearance has been obtained from ERUDITE to move into the danger area.

Produce

16. All produce is to be removed at the conclusion of practices and disposed of in accordance with current instructions. A check to ensure no stores, weapons or explosives remain on the range, is to be carried out prior to departure.

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Safety

17. Safety Officer. All practices are to be controlled and supervised by an officer, who is to be located in the "control tower", except when M72 LAW is being fired.

General

18. a. Only one type of practice will be conducted at any one time. eg. grenades and M72's will not be used concurrently, nor will number 6 ALFA range be in use when personnel are on the grenade range.
- b. All personnel on the range are to be armed.
- c. Practices are to cease when aircraft are observed flying over the range or impact areas.
- d. Soldiers will not handle any ammunition found "down" range.
- e. No firer or thrower will undertake any preparation of his weapon without a direct order from the supervising Offr/NCO.
- f. During all practices red flags will be flown:
- (i) mound at 6 ALFA;
 - (ii) at 6 BRAVO.
- g. On receipt of a "check fire" from ERUDITE, all firing and throwing is to cease; with the exception of grenades with safety pins withdrawn which will be thrown or fired provided the impact area is clear.
- h. All Range Safety Officers are to use a whistle as a means of controlling fire. If in an emergency, it is necessary to stop firing; this will be accomplished by a series of short whistle blasts.
- i. A sentry is to be positioned on mound 1 of range 7 to ensure no firing takes place whilst the grenade range is in use.
- j. No night practices will be conducted.
- k. All users will wear steel helmets and "flak jackets".
- l. All firers will be individually supervised by an officer or NCO during all firing or throwing.

Hand Grenades

19. a. Only M26, M61 and M67 (with M123 and M217 fuses) are to be thrown.
- b. An NCO/ Offr competent in the safe handling of grenades is to supervise each bay.
- c. No more than one person, in addition to the supervising NCO, is to be in any bay at one time.

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d. Smoking is forbidden on the range when grenades, detonators etc are being handled or carried.

e. Once the safety pin has been pulled the grenade must be thrown.

Firing Grenades

20. a. If when the safety pin is removed from the grenade, the safety lever flies off or the striker rotates under the safety lever, the grenade is to be fired onto the impact area. No attempt is to be made to remove the grenade from the launcher in any other way.

b. In the case of the M67 grenade with the M217 fuse, no attempt will be made to observe the point of impact.

M72 LAW

21. a. Firing is to take place only from the wing projections. Under no circumstances are M72's to be fired from the grenade bays.

b. A waiting detail may be held in the grenade bays. All members of which one to remain seated, under cover, until called to the firing point.

c. Targets are not to be engaged outside the left and right of arc, or under a range of 200 metres.

d. Controller to remain in grenade bays, not control tower.

M79 and Claymore

22. a. The M79 may be fired from both grenade bays and the wing projections. Claymore may only be fired from the wing projections. Waiting details will remain in the moving target trench until called forward.

b. No target will be engaged with the M79 outside the left and right of arc or under a range of 100 metres.

c. Flak jackets and steel helmets are to be worn until further notice.

HQ 1 ATF
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23 Jan 70

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INSTRUCTION 1/70
1 ATF RANGES - GENERAL

Introduction

1. Recent visits to 1 ATF Ranges by the Task Force Safety Officer have revealed a number of disturbing facts about the employment of the facilities.
2. The following faults have been noted:
 - a. Firing has taken place without officer or NCO supervision.
 - b. Red flags are not being flown.
 - c. Angle iron pickets have been used as target holders.
 - d. Range facilities such as range identification markers and boundary markers have been rendered useless by indiscriminate small arms fire.
 - e. Ranges have been left in a disgraceful condition by user units.

Range Supervision

3. With immediate effect the OC 1 ARU is appointed as the 1 ATF Range Supervisor. His function is purely one of supervision of range discipline and in no way intrudes upon unit responsibilities as laid down in current instructions.
4. OC 1 ARU may employ his WO1 (Trg) to assist him in his inspection duties. He is empowered to stop any practise which does not comply with current safety instructions and he is to report all such breaches to the 1 ATF Safety Officer (DAQMG HQ 1 ATF).

Unit Corrective Action

5. Owner units are to take immediate steps to place their ranges in a fully operable and clean condition. Any AAF P26 action required to restore range markers etc are to be submitted to 198 Wks Sect without delay.
6. Units are also requested to revise the instructions produced for their respective ranges and submit the amended drafts to DAQMG HQ 1 ATF for perusal by 6 Feb 70.
7. Once all instructions have been updated the 1 ATF Safety Officer will co-ordinate them and re-issue comprehensive orders for the 1 ATF ranges.

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Use of Explosive Ammunition

8. With immediate effect, explosive weapons (M72, M79, all types of grenades and Claymore Mines) are only to be fired from the explosive weapons facilities on ranges 1 and 6 BRAVO.
9. There have been two recent instances of injuries occurring when explosive ammunition was being used. The safety procedures detailed in Infantry Training Vol 3 Para 33 and FETM Para. 10 are quite specific and are to be rigidly adhered to.

Conclusion

10. It is obvious that many members of 1 ATF believe that normal safety precautions do not apply in a theatre of war.
11. Unit commanders are to ensure that all personnel are familiarised with range safety procedures and furthermore they are to regard future breaches of range safety as a serious offence.

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 for (S.P. WEIR)
 Brig
 Comd 1 ATF

ANNEX N TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 JAN 70 TO 31 JAN 70

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER S.P. WEIR, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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1. ROUTINE ORDERS 1969

- 1. Last Routine Order Part 1 issued for 1969 was numbered 100 dated 22 Dec 69.

G MATTERS

2. TRANSMISSION OF CLASSIFIED MATTER

- 1. The number of occasions where units are committing breaches of security by sending classified matter to Australia has increased to an unacceptable level.
- 2. Units are reminded that they are to comply with the Army Security Manual Vol 1, Chapter 3, paras 347-350, when dealing with the transmission of classified matter and that Unit Security Officers are to be considered responsible where future breaches occur.

A MATTERS

3. OUT OF BOUNDS AREA - LUSCOMBE AIRFIELD

- 1. The area of LUSCOMBE Airfield that is:
 - a. Bounded on the South by Hughes Rd and the old Rt 2 airfield by-pass road.
 - b. Bounded on the West by the old Rt 2 airfield by-pass road.
 - c. Bounded on the North by the old Rt 2 airfield by-pass road, the continuance East of that road to the water point and the Southern boundary fences of 5 RAR and 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - d. Bounded on the East by Canberra Ave.
 is declared an out of bounds area.
- 2. The exceptions to the above are as follows:
 - a. Persons whose duty requires them to operate within this area and who have the prior approval of the Airfield Commander (OC 161 (Indep) Recce Flt).

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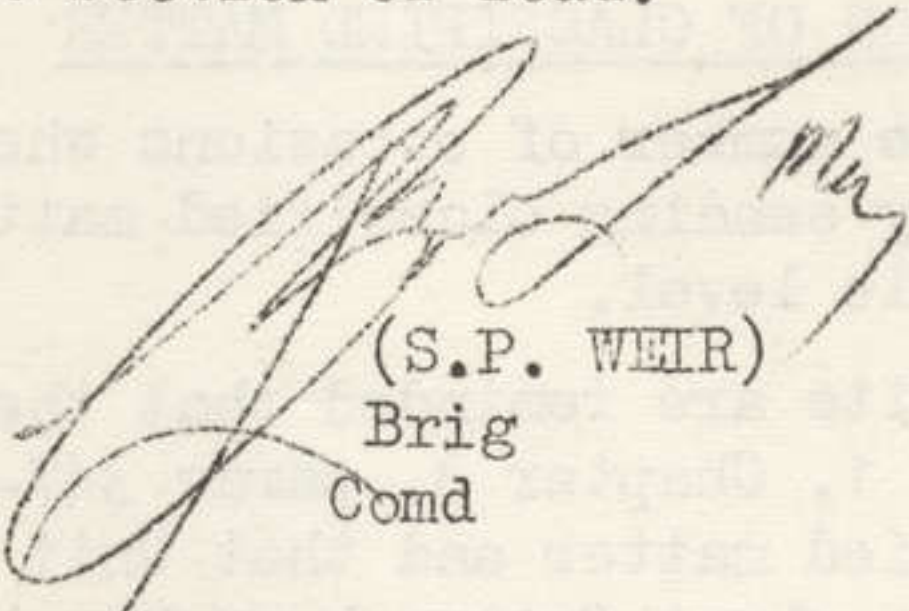
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- b. Personnel involved in the loading and unloading of AC, and passengers emplaning or deplaning are permitted on the Western tarmac area, when there is no AC movement in progress on the tarmac.
3. Persons wishing to move onto LUSCOMBE Airfield (with the exception of para 2 b.) are to contact the Ops Offr, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt for clearance prior to doing so. Persons working on the airstrip will normally be required to establish and maintain radio comms with LUSCOMBE Tower for air safety reasons.
4. 1 ATF Routine Order number 26/69 dated 12 Feb 69 is cancelled.

Q MATTERS

4. SMOKING IN FUEL STORAGE AREAS

1. It has become apparent that many personnel are disregarding normal safety precautions in fuel storage areas by smoking near these areas.
2. In order to reduce the fire hazard the following restrictions are to be observed at all times:
 - a. No smoking or naked lights are permitted within 50 feet of any fuel installation or pipeline.
 - b. All vehicles involved in fuelling operations or carriage of fuel constitute a dangerous area for the purpose of fire prevention measures.
 - c. The area of the aircraft parking bays at LUSCOMBE Airfield and the road West for 60 yards contain a low flash point fuel system. No smoking is permitted in this area or in vehicles travelling along that section of road.


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NOTICES

1. TREES AND SHRUBS FOR AREA BEAUTIFICATION

1. The following trees and shrubs are now available for beautification of unit areas from AFV Detention Barracks Vung Tau:

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Number</u>
Crotin	24
Flowering Pomegranate	7
Tallow Wood	6
Cotoneaster	7
Norfolk Island Hibiscus	200
Gum Trees	12
Hibiscus	11
Custard Apple	4
New Zealand Christmas Bush	19
Banksia	7
Tea Tree	5
Crimson Bottle Brush	12
Orange Tree's	6

2. Units requiring trees and shrubs are to contact the WO IC Detention Barracks (telephone EMU 188) direct.

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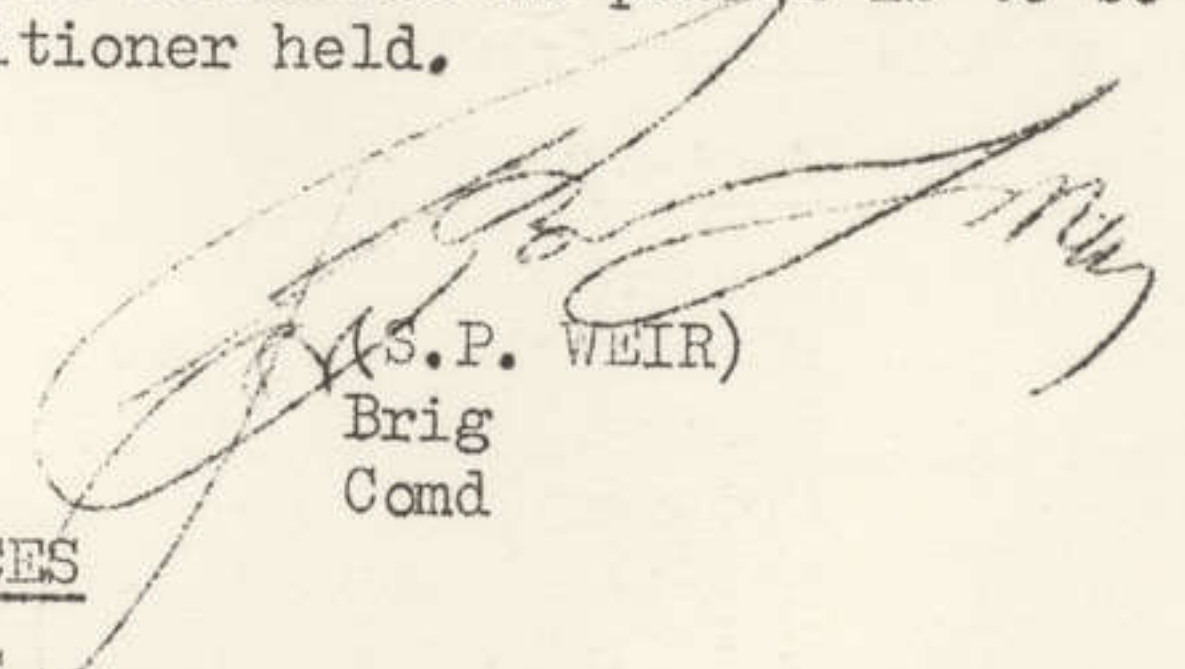
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1. INSURANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY/EFFECTS
2. WATCH FOUND
3. CAMERA FOUND

Q MATTERS

5. MAINTENANCE OF AIR CONDITIONERS

1. Units with air conditioners installed are responsible for the maintenance of the sponge rubber or polyurethane air filter protecting the cooling coil from dust and dirt.
2. Units are to ensure that the following instructions are put into effect forthwith:
 - a. Check that the air conditioning equipment is operating with a filter.
 - b. Check that the filter is washed and free from dirt and dust.
 - c. Inspect the air conditioner weekly and when necessary soak the filter in hot soapy water or similar suitable solvent; the filter is to be repositioned only if it is dry.
 - d. If a filter is unserviceable or if an air conditioner is deficient a filter a AAF G1045 is to be submitted to 21 Engr Sp Tp requesting the necessary repairs.
3. A notice showing the information contained in para 2 is to be displayed immediately adjacent to each air conditioner held.


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NOTICES

1. INSURANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY/EFFECTS

1 Pl 2 AFCU will ensure personal effects during movement to or from Vietnam. Personnel wishing to avail themselves of this service are to contact Gift Shop staffs for further details. Rates are \$2.30 per \$100 of insured items.

2. WATCH FOUND

A watch was found at Luscombe Bowl on the 27 Dec 69. Owner can have same by identifying at Pro Unit.

3. CAMERA FOUND

A "Cannon" Camera was found on 1 ALSG beach during go-kart meeting, Sun 4 Jan 70. Further enquiries to Sgt Rowe, Det 17 Const Sqn, Vung Tau phone EMU 177.

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G MATTERS

- 6. APPOINTMENT OF 1 ATF SAFETY BOARD
 - 1. The incumbants of the following appointment are appointed as members of 1 ATF Safety Board as follows:
 - a. President: DAQMG.
 - b. Member: DCRE.
 - c. Member: GSO3 (Ops).
 - d. Member: BC HQ Bty Fd Regt.
 - 2. These appointments do not preclude the appointment of additional members and technical advisors to the board as may be necessary.

A MATTERS

- 7. MEDICAL CONDITION STATES OF PATIENTS AT 1 AUST FD HOSP
 - 1. 1 Aust Fd Hosp provides medical condition states of patients to this Headquarters and units by signal. All units have nominated hospital visiting officers (HVO's) who visit the hospital to liaise with the staff and provide personal links between the patient and the unit. These two methods are the only way by which units can obtain medical information about patients. The hospital is not permitted to release details about patients, to members of units, by telephone.
 - 2. To be promulgated in Unit Routine Orders.
- 8. TRAFFIC OFFENCES - PREVALENCE
 - 1. Speeding has become unusually prevalent both within 1 ATF Base and on roads outside the base. Units are to draw the attention of all personnel to the speed limits applicable in PHUOC TUY Province. The responsibility for maintenance of speed limits rests not only with the drivers themselves, but also with the senior passenger in each vehicle.
 - 2. Units are to declare speeding a prevalent offence in Unit Routine Orders.


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9. CONSUMPTION AND CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

1. Club/Canteen Hours. All clubs and canteens in 1 ATF area are to close daily by not later than 2200 hrs.
2. Consumption of Alcohol. Consumption of alcohol is only permitted in areas specifically laid down in Unit Routine Orders. Unit Routine Orders are to expressly forbid the consumption of alcohol in:
 - a. Vehicles.
 - b. All areas outside 1 ATF Base except those specifically authorized for rest, recreation and convalescence.
3. Carriage of Alcoholic Liquor. No vehicle or person is permitted to carry alcoholic liquor into or within 1 ATF Base without written authority. Alcoholic liquor is not to be taken out of 1 ATF Base without written authority from HQ 1 ATF. The only exception to this is that when authorized by an officer, personnel may despatch alcoholic liquor to an overseas address, take liquor on R and R and RTA under existing regulations.
4. Purchase of Alcoholic Liquor and Cigarettes. Liquor and cigarettes are not available for purchase for cash from Det 2 AFCU Bulk Store. Det 2 AFCU are instructed not to make cash sales of liquor and cigarettes.
5. Consumption of Beer. Cans are to be opened for all retail sales of beer.
6. Order No 9 is to be amplified and republished in Unit Routine Orders.


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NOTICE

1. NATIONAL FLAG - REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. The National Flag of the Republic of Vietnam was officially adopted on 14 Jun 48. The yellow background of the flag is the traditional colour of the ancestral land, symbolizing the golden rice grains and the metal considered one of the most precious by humanity. The three red bands represent the three regions of Vietnam, North, Central and South, re-united in the national community.
2. When flown in 1 ATF, in conjunction with other flags, the flag of the Republic of Vietnam will be displayed on the right. It will be hoisted first and lowered last.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R875/1/2

2 Jan 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MR HUGH APPLING, US PSA TAY NINH PROV
1130H - 1630H 6 JAN 70

1. Mr Appling will visit 1 ATF 1130H 6 Jan 70 and depart 1630H 6 Jan 70.
2. Purpose of visit is familiarisation before taking up position as 2IC US Embassy Canberra.
All air movement will be by Mr Applings personal ac.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply any road transport required.
5. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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Brig
Comd

Distributions:

- 1st C
- 5 RAR
- 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
- 8 RAR
- HQ Coy 1 ATF
- PMC Offr's Mess

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/2
DATED 2 JAN 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
6 Jan 70		
1130H	Arrive Kanga	Met by D Comd
1130-1200H	Interview with Comd / D Comd	
1200-1330H	Lunch 1 ATF Officer's Mess	PMC Offr's Mess
1330-1630H	Visit units in Nui Dat and in the field	Details to be arranged by LO
1630H	Depart for Tay Ninh Province	

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1 ATTF
10 JAN 70

HQ 1 ATTF
NUI DAT

R875/1/2

PROPOSED ITINERARY

3 Jan 70

Distribution below:

Remarks	Date
<u>VISIT TO 1 ATTF BY</u> <u>BRIG I.A. GEDDES, DIRECTOR OF JOINT SERVICES WING ASSC. AND</u> <u>CMDR G. LOOSLIE, DS OF JOINT SERVICES WING ASSC</u> <u>1000H 11 JAN - PM 12 JAN 70</u>	
1. Brig I.A. Geddes and Cmdr Looslie will arrive 1 ATTF Wallaby 2 11 Jan 70.	
2. Purpose of visit is orientation and consolidation of theoretical JWS studies.	
3. Comd/D Comd will escort Brig Geddes and Cmdr Looslie.	
4. HQ Coy 1 ATTF responsible for tpt.	
5. Outline itinerary attached as Annex A.	
(S.P. WEIR) Brig Comd	

Distribution:

- List C
- 5 RAR
- 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
- 8 RAR
- 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
- 3 SAS Sqn
- TFMA
- A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
- B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
- HQ Coy 1 ATTF
- PMC Offr's Mess

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/2
DATED 5 JAN 70

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

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Date	Event	Remarks
11 JAN 70		
0945-1000H	Arrive Wallaby 2 - Move to accommodation	Met by D Comd
1000-1100H	Interview with Comd/D Comd and update briefing	GSO2 (Ops), (Int), (Air)
1100-1200H	Visit TF HQ	DAAG, DAQMG, CP
1200-1330H	Lunch 1 ATF Officer's Mess	PMC Offr's Mess
1330-1630H	Visit units in Nui Dat	Unit Comds - details issued separately
	Remain overnight 1 ATF	D Comd flat
12 JAN 70		
0830-1200H	Visit units in the field	Met by COs - FSPB PEGGY FSPB PAT (including VR of Phuoc Tuy Province)
1200-1330H	Lunch 1 ATF Officer's Mess	PMC Offr's Mess
1330-	Reserved	
	Return to Saigon	

List C
5 BAR
6 BAR/WZ (ANAC)
8 BAR
1st (Indep) Recce Plt
3 SAS Sqn
ATMA
A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
HQ Coy 1 ATF
PMC Offr's Mess

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

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4 Jan 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
COL T.R. GIBSON, SDSLO
MR G.F. CAWSEY, DEPT OF DEFENCE
MR G.E. BARLOW, DEPT OF DEFENCE
10 JAN 1970

1. Col Gibson, Mr Cawsey and Mr Barlow will visit 1 ATF arriving Wallaby 2 10 Jan and departing Wallaby 3 10 Jan 70.
2. Purpose of visits familiarisation of 1 ATF.
3. HQ 1 ATF is to supply any tpt required.
4. Attached as Annex A is a proposed itinerary.

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 (S.P. WEIR)
 Brig
 Comd

Distribution:

List C
 HQ Coy 1 ATF
 CMC Offr's Mess

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/2A
DATED 4 JAN 70

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Date	Event	Remarks
<u>10 Jan 70</u>		
0945H	Party arrive Wallaby Two	Met by D Comd veh required
1000-1030H	Interview with Comd/D Comd	
1030-1200H	Visit units 1 ATF Base	Vehicle Required
1200-1330H	Lunch 1 ATF Officer's Mess	PMC Officer's Mess
1330-1500H	Visit units in field	Details issued separately
1530H	Depart Wallaby Three	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R875/1/2A

14 Jan 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
COL W.H. WANSLEY, COMD 1 LSF
16 JAN - 19 JAN 70

1. Col Wansley will visit 1 ATF arriving 0800 16 Jan 70 and departing by road convoy to 1 ALSG 19 Jan 70.
2. Purpose of visit is to make a preliminary examination of Aust Army Logistic System in SVN and the desirability of later detailed examination by smaller teams.
3. DAQMG, Maj P.W. Blyth is appointed escorting and coordinating officer.
4. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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Annex: A. Outline Itinerary

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ANNEX A TO
 1 ATF R875/1/2A
 DATED 17 JAN 70

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
<u>16 Jan 70</u>		
0800H	Arrive by air from 1 ALSG	Met by DAQMG
0815-0830H	Interview with Comd	
0830-1000H	Meet D Comd, Discuss general Q Matters	D Comd/DAQMG - includes general briefing in briefing room
1000-1200H	Attend 25 Div Briefing	DAQMG (including morning tea)
1330-1630H	Tour 1 ATF Base, Visit TFMA units and briefing on TFMA Ops	DAQMG Maj Kilner
1930-2100H	Attend Grade 2 Staff Conference in Air Cell and general discussions with DAQMG and Service reps	DAQMG, Maj Kilner, GS02 (Air) Capts (ST) (EME) (Ord)
<u>17 Jan 70</u>		
0800-1200H	Visit TFMA PELICAN Pad and fly a Chinook sortie, examine AD procedures at PELICAN	Maj Kilner
1330-1430H	Visit 6 RAR AQ Cell and see Admin Procedures (Rear)	Maj J.J. Lakey
1500-1800H	Fly to FSPB PEGGY and view and discuss A/Q and Chairman procedures forward	2Lt Badcock
1800H	Remain overnight at 6 RAR	
<u>18 Jan 70</u>		
1030H	Return to KANGA Pad	Require AC
1100-1600H	Visit Op MATILDA Base at HAM TAN	DAQMG - AC
1600-1800H	Debrief by D Comd and DAQMG	D Comd, DAQMG
1800H	Remain overnight 1 ATF	
<u>19 Jan 70</u>		
	Depart for 1 ALSG by road convoy	Capt (ST)

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16 Jan 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MR N A BROWN, MP DIAMOND VALLEY VIC
1000-1700H 25 JAN 70

1. Mr N A BROWN proposes to visit Australian troops at 1 ATF on 25 Jan 70.
2. Arrives Wallaby two at 1000, departs for 1 ALSG Wallaby four 25 Jan 70.
3. Capt A M SZOEKE is appointed escorting and co-ordinating officer.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply tpt.
5. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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 Brig
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LIST C
 HQ Coy 1 ATF
 Capt SZOEKE
 PIC Offrs Mess

ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
R875/1/2A DATED
16 JAN 70

PROPOSED ITINEBARY

TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
25 Jan 70 0945-1000	Arrive Wallaby two	Met by escort officer
1000-1030	Meet Comd/D Comd	As available
1030-1045	Briefing	Escort officer in Briefing room
1045-1200	Visit units in NUI DAT	Escort officer to arrange
1200-1330	Lunch 1 ATF mess	PMC
1330-1630	Visit units in field	Escort officer
1630-1700	Depart Wallaby four for 1 ALSG	

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16 Jan 70

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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY

SENATOR CONDON BYRNE, DLP QLD

1000H 22 JAN - 1530H 22 JAN 70

1. Senator BYRNE proposes to visit 1 ATF troops between 1000-1530 22 Jan 70.
2. Arrives Wallaby two , departs Wallaby three.
3. Lt P.A. HILLS is appointed escorting and co-ordinating officer for the visit.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply Tpt.
5. Attached Annex A is an outline itinerary.

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 Brig
 Comd

LIST C
 HQ Coy 1 ATF
 Lt P.A. HILLS (2)
 PMC Offrs Mess

ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
R875/1/2A DATED
16 JAN 70

PROPOSED ITINERARY

TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
22 Jan 70 0945-1000	Arrive Wallaby two	Met by escort officer
1000-1030	Meet Comd/ D Comd	As available
1030-1045	Briefing	Escort officer in Briefing room
1045-1200	Visit units in NUI DAT	Escort officer to arrange
1200-1330	Lunch 1 ATF mess	PMC
1330-1630	Visit units in field	Escort officer
1630-1700	Depart Wallaby four for 1 ALSG	

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19 Jan 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MAJOR GEN C.M. GURNER, CBE DGMS
19 - 20 JAN 70

1. Party consists of DGMS Maj Gen Gurner, Col A.J.M. Sinclair, AHQ consultant Psychiatrist and ADMS HQ AFV.
2. Maj Harvey is appointed escorting officer.
3. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

(Signature)
 (S.P. WEIR)
 Brig
 Comd

Distribution:

- List C
 5 RAR
 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
 8 RAR
 1 Fd Regt
 1 Aust CA Unit
 8 Fd Amb (3)
 Det 1 Fd Hygiene Coy
 1 DUC THANH
 1 Offr Mess

ANNEX A TO
 1 ATF R875/1/2A
 DATED 7 JAN 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
<u>Mon 19 Jan 70</u>		
1645H	Arrive Kanga Pad from 1 ALSG	Met by D Comd, SMO D Comd Vehicle, SMO Vehicle VIP Vehicle
1700H	Drinks with Comd and Province Chief	1 ATF Offr Mess
1800H	Dinner 1 ATF Officers Mess	PMC Offr Mess
<u>Tue 20 Jan 70</u>		
0815-1000H	Briefing	Comd, D Comd, S5 & SMO
1015-1030H	8 Fd Amb	D Comd, SMO
1045-1100H	Det 1 Fd Hygiene Coy	Lt P.A. Hills
1100-1115H	1 Fd Regt RAP	RMO
1115-1200H	Tour 1 ATF Incl stop at 8 RAR RAP	RMO
1220-1320H	Lunch 1 ATF Officer's Mess	PMC
1330-1345H	Depart 1 ATF for field	RAAF Helicopter
1345-1415H	FSPB PEGGY (6 RAR)	
1430-1500H	FSPB PAT (5 RAR)	
1530-1545H	MEDCAP at BINH GIA	
1600H	Return to 1 ATF Kanga Pad	Vehicles
1615H	Visiting party luggage to Kanga Pad	
1630H	Depart 1 ATF	MACV Chopper

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19 Jan 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
BRIG E.C. LORD, OBE, DOS AHQ
21 - 23 JAN 70

1. Brig Lord will visit 1 ATF arriving Wallaby Four 21 Jan departing Wallaby Three on 23 Jan 70.
 2. Purpose of visit is to examine Ordnance Supply System in SVN.
 3. Capt H.S. Grant is appointed escorting and coordinating officer.
- Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

(Signature)
 (S.P. WEIR)
 Brig
 Comd

Distribution:

- List C
 A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 5 RAR
 8 RAR
 106 Fd Wksp
 1 Fd Sqn
 61 (Indep) Recce Flt
 OFF
 TFMA
 HQ Coy 1 ATF
 PMC Offr Mess
 Escort Offr ()

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/2A
DATED 14 JAN 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Time	Event	Remarks
<u>21 JAN 70</u>		
1700H	Arrive Wallaby Four Remain over night 1 ATF	Met by D Comd, Escort Offr CO Fd Regt flat
<u>22 JAN 70</u>		
0815-0845H	Interview with Comd/D Comd	
0845-1000H	Discussions with DAQMG, ORD Offr	
1000-1020H	Morning Tea	
1030-1100H	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt	Escort Offr Met By Maj Hill-Smith
1100-1200H	Visit 1 OFFP	Met by Capt Burkhill
1200-1330H	Lunch TFMA	Maj Kilner
1330-1500H	Visit FSPB PAT	Escort Offr
1500-1700H	Visit MATILDA Force	Escort Offr
1830H	Dinner 1 ATF Offr Mess	(All Ord Offrs in 1 ATF)
<u>23 JAN 70</u>		
0815-0930H	Visit 106 Fd Wksp	Met by Maj Nolan/2Lt Clark
0930-1000H	Visit A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	Met by Capt Toll
1000-1015H	Morning Tea A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	
1015-1045H	Visit 1 Fd Sqn Wksp	Met by Maj Johnston & OC Wksp
1100-1130H	Visit B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	Met by Maj Rooks
1130-1200H	Reserved	
1200-1330H	Lunch 1 ATF Offr Mess	
1330-1400H	Visit 8 RAR	Met by Lt Col O'Neill
1400-1500H	Final discussion Q Branch/D Comd	
1530H	Depart Wallaby 3	

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10 Jan 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MR A.S. PEACOCK, MINISTER FOR ARMY
0845H - 1700H 28 JAN 70

1. Mr Peacock will arrive 1 ATF 0845H 28 Jan and depart 1700H 28 Jan 70.
2. The party will consist of:
 - a. Mr Peacock.
 - b. Mr B. White, Secretary Dept of Army.
 - c. Mr J.McD. Aitken, Asst Secretary (Planning).
 - d. Mr P. Wagner, Private Secretary.
 - e. Maj Gen Hay, COMAFV and ADC.
3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is responsible for tpt.
4. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

S.P. Weir

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Brig
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Distribution:

List A (less serials 4, 24-28, 30)
List C
PMC Offr Mess
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OUTLINE ITINERARY

Time	Event	Remarks
<u>28 Jan 70</u>		
0845H	Arrive 1 ATF	Met By Comd
0900-0930H	Briefing	GS02 (Ops)(Int), CO 1 Fd Regt
0945-1045H	Visit 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) at FSPB PEGGY	Met by CO Lt Col D.M. Butler
1100-1200H	Visit 5 RAR at FSPB PAT	Met By CO Lt Col C.N. Khan
1200-1330H	Lunch 1 ATF Officer's Mess	PMC, All officers
1340H	Visit HORSESHOE, view ARVN training	Maj P. Belt
1410H	Fly over LCT, Mine Clearing and bridge construction Routes 52/44	
1420-1515H	By air to LONG DIEN - Inspect CA projects at LONG DIEN	Escort required
1515-1610H	Visit units in 1 ATF Base (8 RAR, A Sqn 1 Arnd Regt, 106 Fd Wksp, Community Centre, 1 Fd Sqn, 17 Const Sqn B Sqn 3 Cav Regt)	Met by OCs
1615H	Depart 1 ATF for VAN KIEP	AATTV

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Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
ATTACHE CORPS
1000H 3 FEB - 1530H 3 FEB 70

1. List, attached as Annex A are to visit 1 ATF arriving Wallaby Two 3 Feb and departing Wallaby Three.
2. Purpose of visit is orientation of Australian activities in PHUOC TUY Province.
3. All members except Col Coombe and Gp Capt Swiney will travel by Wallaby. Above members will travel by private aircraft, arriving LUSCOMBE 0945H.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF to supply three VIP vehicles. TFMA to supply one VIP vehicle for duration of visit.
5. Det AFV Pro Unit 1 ATF to supply two gunship vehicles as required pm 3 Feb 70.
6. Attached as Annex B is an Outline Itinerary.

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(S.P. WEIR)
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- Annexes: A. List of Attaches
B. Outline Itinerary

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- List A (less serials 4, 16-18, 24-28, 30)
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LIST OF ATTACHES

Australian Embassy	-	Colonel J.W. Norrie Group Captain T.L. Bourke Lieutenant Commander J.C. Tapping
Embassy of the Republic of China	-	Colonel Chen Ju Ken
German Embassy	-	Lieutenant Colonel G. Holtorff Major C. Ziegau
British Embassy	-	Colonel B.J. Coombe Group Captain M.J. Swiney Lieutenant Colonel H.P. Trueman Major P.W.D. Cable-Alexander
Italian Embassy	-	Colonel F. Boschi Lieutenant Colonel P. Verdelli
Japanese Embassy	-	Colonel H. Taguchi
Embassy of the Republic of Korea	-	Colonel Kim Johng Bom
Malaysian Embassy	-	Lieutenant Colonel M.A.A. Rodrige
Netherlands Embassy	-	Colonel J.H. Bos
Philippines Embassy	-	Lieutenant Colonel E.H. Bueno Lieutenant Colonel S.C. Atienza
Royal Thai Embassy	-	Major Taveep Boontanhonda
United States (MATTLO)	-	Colonel G.H. Sills Commander R.R. Zuilkoski Major J. Halachis
Ministry of Defence	-	Major Nguyen Van Hong
Foreign Liaison Office	-	Colonel Cao Minh Chau

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF R875/1/2A
DATED : JAN 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
<u>3 Feb 70</u>		
0945-1000H	Party arrive - Wallaby Two	Met by Comd/D Comd Separate ac arrive prior to Wallaby Two. Four vehicles
1000-1045H	Briefing in Briefing Room	Comd - GS02 (Ops)&(Int) (Offr Mess - Cool Drinks)
1045-1200H	Tour 1 ATF Base area in four groups; Visiting SAS Hill, 5 RAR, 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Community Centre, 8 RAR, TF HQ area	Four escort offrs Briefed separately Four vehicles
1200-1330H	Buffet luncheon 1 ATF Offr's Mess	PMC Offr Mess CO/OC Major Units
1330-1500H	Tour Province area incl: BARIA, LONG DIEN, HOA LONG	Provost escort Vehicles, Escort Offr
1530H	Depart LUSCOMBE for SAIGON	

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List B

ARTICLE - "THE ONLY INNOCENTS"

Attached is an article "The Only Innocents" which was published in the 29 Nov 69 issue to "The Economist".

S.P. Weir
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THE ONLY INNOCENTS

The question that matters about the massacre at Song My is whether this abominable act is to be laid at the door of war as such, or of this war in particular. About the event itself there is no longer much room for argument. Some facts still remain obscure; how many people were killed; who of the Americans present took part in the killing and who did not; whether it was done on orders, or subsequently condoned, and if so by whom. But that an atrocity was committed, of a sort that calls for an exemplary punishment, most people have already made up their minds -- and that is what matters. An atrocity committed by Americans cannot be excused on the ground that the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong have done much worse. So they have; but the Americans have tried to fight the war by different rules, and when some of their troops violate these rules the punishment they receive should be designed to deter other men under discipline from doing such things again.

The massacre itself is now a matter for the machinery of justice. But President Nixon knows that the execution of two or three guilty men will not be the end of it. The sense of outrage has been slower to show itself in America than in Britain. But it has come this week. Mr Nixon is being told that the fact that such a thing could have happened at all invalidates the whole American position in Vietnam. Whether you believe that depends on whether you think that there is a special relationship between this atrocity and this particular war.

The answer will be clear enough if the investigation shows that what happened at Song My was not just an atrocity but part of a policy of atrocities; if there exists a general order which requires, or encourages, the killing of civilians who happen to support the other side. If that were so the Americans would have taken over their enemy's practice. The number of civilians killed by the communist forces in Hue in February last year now has risen to 2,737, by a body count at the mass graves, and to 2,900 by the communists' own apparent estimate. The number of such deaths in the whole of South Vietnam, by assassination or random terrorism, has been running at an average of several hundred a month. Let it be repeated that this does not excuse the Song My massacre, though it may help to explain the state of mind of those who took part in it the month after Hue. The Americans would deserve to be told that they had lost the war if they believed that they could not win it without the physical elimination of anyone who helps the enemy.

But the fact is that no such general order has been uncovered by any of the newspaper and television journalists who swarm through Vietnam. It is clear that people do get killed in "free-fire zones," which are supposed to be empty of civilians but often are not. The regulations which govern what the soldiers are permitted to do in inhabited areas - in what circumstances they can use artillery, or call in aircraft, and whom they have to get permission from -- are not always honoured; there may well be more horror stories yet to come. The programme called Operation Phoenix, for the detection and arrest of Vietcong officials, has undoubtedly involved some plain murder. Yet the most remarkable thing about Operation Phoenix is not its occasional murderous short-cut but the fact that most of the arrested Vietcong officials serve less than a year in prison. The bloodiness of this war is undeniable; but it is hard to detect on the American side anything that could be called a policy of atrocity.

So the question remains, what happened at Song My? Atrocities take place - when they are not a matter of policy - for one of two different reasons, and sometimes from a combination of the two. There are men in whom the acquisition of a uniform and a gun awakens a pleasure in inflicting violence. There are others, and no one can be sure he is not in this category, who break under the pressure of war: when they see their friends killed, when self-preservation seems to be the only thing that matters, when they are just too tired to think. It is probably fair to say that the Americans, on whom military discipline has never sat easily, have a rather larger number of people who fall into this second category than they would wish. It is also fair to add that the two categories together, the sadists and the men who break, are liable to commit a rather larger than average number of atrocities when a war is being fought between people of two different races. The way the Japanese treated their American and British opponents in the second world war, and the way their opponents treated them when the tide turned, is the best recent example of that. There are plenty of others. But these are only minor variations on the general fallibility of men at war. There is something close to a mathematical certainty that any army at war will produce a number of atrocity-makers of one kind or the other; and that a long war will produce some major brutalities on the scale of Song My. Of course, in most wars there are not many reporters around to tell about it; the censorship stops the handful who not only know but care; and the side that wins does not write up its own atrocities afterwards. But on this point, at any rate, Mr George Brown is quite right. There are no armies without old soldiers who know about something beastly.

The second most tragic thing about the killing at Song My, next to its innocent victims, is the discovery by American liberals that their soldiers are no better in this respect than anybody else's. For the past quarter of a century, since the United States emerged from behind the protection of British seapower, a number of Americans have indulged in a curious idyll. They have believed that their country could be a great power and yet not suffer the usual casualty rate of errors and brutalities and atrocities among the men who actually have to use the power. They really thought that Americans would be better at it. The realisation that they were wrong has left them broken men. It would be understandable if they now chose to be pacifists: a man may react to the horrors of war by rejecting violence altogether. But this is not how most of these Americans have reacted to the shattering of their long idyll. Some of them have jumped from the discovery that Americans are no less bloody-minded than anybody else to the belief that they are worse than the rest of us, which on the statistics is plain nonsense; or that this particular war has brought out the brute in human nature more than other wars do, which is merely naive. Others have fallen back on asking - and the self-regarding nature of the question is revealing - what this war is doing to the Americans who fight in it. The answer is that it is doing what most wars do to the more or less predictable percentage of fighting-men who break under the strain. The difference is that this time there is television on the spot and a free press at home.

If the Vietnam war were a contest between the Americans and the North Vietnamese to see which of them were the better people, the unsurprising conclusion would be that there is not much in it. It is therefore worth repeating that this war is not a competition in psychological excellence. It is a struggle to decide which of two radically different systems of government the South Vietnamese, and perhaps the other south-east Asians as well, will be living under for a very long period to come. It is not irrelevant, in judging which of the two systems the South Vietnamese would prefer, that the communists have rejected the idea of

competing in an election which they themselves would help to supervise. It is a negative piece of evidence, but it tells a story. The central fact about this war is that, if the Americans lose it, South Vietnam and Laos and maybe some other places as well will be run by a party and a system that differs in no important respect from Mr Brezhnev's in Russia or Mr Husak's in Czechoslovakia; and that there may be no appeal from this decision for many decades. It is against this fact that events like the abomination at Song My have to be measured. The suffering involved in continuing the war - including the suffering inflicted by American soldiers gone bezerk - has to be set against the consequences of giving up. The price of giving up would include the loss by two or three generations of South Vietnamese of the chance of creating an independent system of democracy and an efficient basis for economic growth. It is the devil's own calculus; but the sum has to be done.

It would be a **harder** sum to work out if last year's massacre at Hue, for example, was being anxiously discussed this week in Nhan Dan, or Pravda; if Hanoi radio was interviewing the men who **did** it; if Mr Truong Chinh had said it was abhorrent to the conscience of North Vietnam.

What happened at Song My is a terrible commentary on the cruel, or weak, men who committed the act. The fact that it was belatedly but inevitably discovered, and the reactions now it has been discovered, are a better commentary on what the war is being fought for. They illustrate the milewide difference between a closed society and open one. No one would argue that President Thieu's government is a model of democratic practice. Wartime governments in hard-pressed countries seldom are. But South Vietnam does possess - in its constitution, in its hesitant tolerance of the principle of opposition, and above all in the fact that it is a ward of the United States - the means of becoming a democracy. If the war is lost it will pass into the silence that covers the political and economic stagnation of the communist world.

This is why the question with which this article began **seems** to us to be one that can be answered. The Vietnam war, like most great events, is a tragedy in the strict sense of that abused word. It imposes an inescapable choice between one terrible thing and another. Those who find this choice imposed upon them can only weight the alternatives and decide, as calmly as is possible, which is the worse. It would be easy if it were a **choice** between bloody hands and clean ones; but it is not. Whenever one commits an army to war it is statistically almost inevitable that some of its men will **do** something atrocious. An unforgivable act was committed by certain Americans at Song My. Its authors must be punished. But it does not change the issues that lie behind the war.

(The above article taken from the 29 November 1969 issue of The Economist.)

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VISIT

ONE (O) MAJ RICHARDS CMM SORE 2 AFV AND
MAJ PARAMOR SORE 2 DESIGNATE ARE TO
VISIT IATF ARRIVING BY ROAD AM 16 JAN
DEPARTING WALLABY ONE 17 JAN 70 (O)

TWO (O) PURPOSE OF VISIT IS ORIENTATION AND
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1 ALSG 11 MC GP

G 0035

INFO: CENARMYREC MELBOURNE AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
D COMD DAAG DAQMG

CMF VISIT . OFFICERS GROUP 2/70 ARRIVING 21 JAN 70 DEPARTING 4 FEB 70 .

ALLOCATION CLN

- ONE . ALFA . 5 RAR CMM CAPT B R MARSH RA INF 11 RWAR W COMD .
- BRAVO . 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) CMM MAJ K M SKINNER RA INF 4 RNSWR E COMD .
- CHARLIE . 8 RAR CMM LT COL K J F GAULTON RA INF QUR N COMD .
- DELTA . 1 FD SQN CMM CAPT J W UHLMANN RAE 28 FD PK SQN N COMD (21 JAN - 27 JAN 70) .
- ECHO . 17 CONST SQN CMM CAPT J W UHLMANN RAE 28 FD PK SQN N COMD (27 JAN - 1 FEB 70) .
- FOXTROT . B SQN 3 CAV REGT CMM LT A L SMALL RAAC 10 LH W COMD .
- TWO . HQ COY 1 ATF TO PROVIDE TWO 3/4 TON VEHs TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE FIELD AT APPROX 211330H JAN 70 CMM TRANSPORT VISITORS AND BAGGAGE TO HQ 1 ATF AND THEN TO UNIT AREAS .
- THREE . IF POSSIBLE THE D COMD WILL INTERVIEW MEMBERS BEFORE THEY DEPART FOR THEIR UNITS CMM IF D COMD NOT AVAILABLE INTERVIEW WILL BE NOTIFIED TO UNITS AND HELD PRIOR TO RTA .
- FOUR . VISITORS ARE TO VISIT 1 ALSG CMM TRAVELLING TO VUNG TAU ON WALLABY TWO ON 1 FEB 70 AND RETURNING SAIGON WALLABY ONE 3 FEB 70 . HOSTING UNITS ARE TO ENSURE VISITORS ATTEND THIS PART OF THE VISIT .
- FIVE . ALL VISITORS WILL BE CLEARED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO 1 ALSG . WITHDRAWALS FROM VISITORS OF ITEMS ON TEMPORARY ISSUE CMM OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED AT 1 ATF IS PROHIBITED CMM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER MEMBER REQUESTS SUCH A WITHDRAWAL .
- SIX . FOR MOVEMENTS . AC BOOKING FOR ABOVE MEMBERS AS FOLLOWING CLN
 - ALFA . IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA FOUR ABOVE .
 - BRAVO . RTA FLIGHT TO TAN SON NHUT 0700H 3 FEB 70

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 ARRIVING 1000H 13 JAN DEPARTING 1430
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TWO O PARTY CONSISTS CLN COMAFV CMM GEN HAY
 AUST AMBASSADOR CMM MR R HARRY
 NZ AMBASSADOR CMM MR P EDMONDS
 SVN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CMM MR TRAN VAN LAM
 SVN SENATORS CMM MR NGUYEN HUY CHIEU
 MR TRAN NGOC NHUAN
 MR LE TAN BUU

THREE O VISIT IS A COURTESY VISIT O

FOUR O OUTLINE ITINERARY CLN
 1000 hrs ARRIVE IATF
 1000 - 1030 BRIEFING
 1030 - 1200 TOUR IATF (TO VISIT 8RAR)
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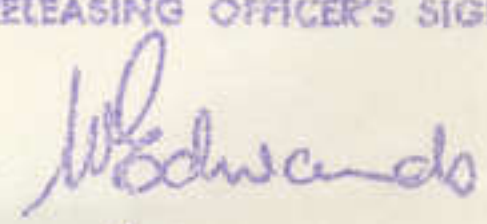
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18 JAN 70 DEPARTING 1700 19 JAN 70 0

TWO 0 MAJ GEN GURNER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
ADMS HQ AFV AND COL AJM SINCLAIR CMM
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 VISIT IATF ARRIVING WALLABY ~~FOR~~ ONE 17 JAN
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FROM I ATF			PREFIX GR
TO: LIST A (Less Ser 24-30)			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS
INFO: LIST C PMC OFFR MESS.			
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER 60057


VISITS

ONE THE FOLLOWING WILL BE VISITING IATF ON DATES STATED BELOW CMM ITINERARIES ISSUED SEPARATELY

TWO ALFA SENATOR CONDON BYRNE CMM DLP QLD CMM
 PROPOSES TO VISIT TPS CMM ARRIVE ~~1000~~
 22 JAN DEPART 1530 22 JAN

BRAVO MR N A BROWN MP (DIAMOND VALLEY VIC) CM
 PROPOSES TO VISIT AUST TPS CMM ARRIVE
~~1000~~ DEPART 1700 25 JAN 70

CHARLIE BRIG RICHARDSON CMM DST CMM
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INFO: LIST C PML OFFR MESS			
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G0058

VISIT 0

ONE 0 REF OUR G0046 OF 130015Z CMM

VISIT TO IATF BY MAJ GEN GURNER DGMS REFERSO

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	INFO CENARMY REC AUSTFORCE VIETNAM		

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 G 0035 OF 112200Z JAN 76 REFERS @ AMMEND
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G 0090

CMF VISIT (.) OFFICERS GROUP 3/70 4 FEB 70 - 18 FEB 70 (.)
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- ONE (.) ALFA (.) B SQN 3 CAV REGT CMM CAPT R.T. KEYNES RAAC 3/9 SAMR C COMD
- BRAVO (.) 1 FD REGT CMM LT COL K V ROSS RAA HQ 3 DIV S COMD
- CHARLIE (.) 17 CONST SQN CMM MAJ P L E DUNLEGIE RAB 16 CONST REGT S COMD
- DELTA (.) 5 RAR CMM MAJ T E HALL RA INF 2 RNSWR E COMD
- ECHO (.) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) CMM LT I G STOREY RA INF 2 CDO COY S COMD
- FOXTROT (.) 8 RAR CMM MAJ P J G CAMERON RA INF 20 RSAR C COMD
- TWO (.) HQ COY 1 ATF TO PROVIDE TWO 3/4 TON VEHs TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE FIELD
AT APPROX 041600H FEB 70 CMM TRANSPORT VISITORS AND BAGGAGE TO HQ 1 ATF
AND THEN TO UNIT AREAS (.)
- THREE (.) IF POSSIBLE THE D COMD WILL INTERVIEW MEMBERS BEFORE THEY DEPART FOR
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- FOUR (.) VISITORS ARE TO VISIT 1 ALSG CMM TRAVELLING TO VUNG TAU ON WALLABY TWO
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FROM VISITORS OF ITEMS ON TEMPORARY ISSUE CMM OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED
AT 1 ATF IS PROHIBITED CMM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER MEMBER REQUESTS SUCH
A WITHDRAWAL (.)
- SIX (.) FOR MOVEMENTS (.) AC BOOKING FOR ABOVE MEMBERS AS FOLLOWING CLN
A
BRAVO (.) RTA FLIGHT TO TAN SON NHUT 0700H 18 FEB 70

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CMF VISIT 3/70 ~~B~~ OUR 60090 OF 240300Z REFERS
 BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS OF 5RAR WITH 7RAR ADVANCED
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