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FROM 1 FEB 70 TO 28 FEB 70

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

2 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 010001H to 012400H Feb 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 op con 8 RAR. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact 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/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>
0920/1005H	YS660609 & YS654604	100/70%, 2 bunkers destroyed, 3 fighting pits damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H 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.
- (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).
- (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. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS463735, 2 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS463735, 2 Tp YS456886, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (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, sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 NUI DAT, A/2/13 FSPB PAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS603921, B Coy YS565702, C Coy YS569691, D Coy YS511716.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS422887, D Coy YS500896, W Coy YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS349642, B Coy YS378678, C Coy YS357664, D Coy YS334623.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Reference contact of 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR at 312000H at YS442878. Negative results.
- (2) Reference contact of 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR at 312030H at YS345625. Negative results.
- (3) Reference mortar engagement by C Coy 8 RAR at 312212H at YS355668. Negative results.
- (4) At 011600H at YS358657 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a track junction at which estimated 60 pers had passed heading 1100 mils 3 to 6 days ago.
- (5) At 011400H at YS342643 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located two bodies which were estimated to have been killed 1 to 2 weeks ago.

e. Results

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

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 4
- (2) 3 SAS has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a-b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 110,000 sq yds cleared, nil mines detonated, 6 machines serviceable and 2 U/S.
- (2) Mine Clearing Report. 1 Slot opened, 1 slot completed, 1 slot 25% complete, 50x40m cleared, 4 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

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

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

3 Feb 70

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

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ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (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 tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact 30 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 (ANZAC) 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 BIEM. 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. TFMA PI remains op con. Bn HQ and Bn Arty remain 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 1 ATF Hawk PI deployed to vic YS5475 with Hoi Chanh to follow up resupply trail allegedly used by Hoi Chanh.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0910/0945H	YS743699	100/50%, 2 bunkers destroyed, bombs within 30m.

b. Plans Summary for Period 030001H to 032400H 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.
- (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.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (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. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS463735, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp XUYEN MOC, 2 Tp YS456886, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT, A/2/13 US Arty PAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS603921, B Coy YS559687, C Coy YS562683, D Coy YS504723.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS422887, D Coy YS500896, W Coy YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS349642, B Coy YS378678, C Coy YS355633, D Coy YS334623.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS497617.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 012345H at YS501901 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown sized enemy force with negative results.
- (2) At 011745H at YS341640, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 5 x claymore mines complete with detonators and leads together with a grenade set up as a booby trap in the area of a 30 x bunker system reported on 31 Jan. The booby trap was destroyed in situ and the claymores retained by 3 Pl for further use.
- (3) At 021000H at YS442853 a patrol from Sp Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 male dressed in black and believed to be carrying a weapon. A sweep of the area did not reveal the man contacted but 3 additional men, 6 women, 2 boys and 3 girls were apprehended some of whom were not carrying ID Cards. Those ID Cards carried related to HOA LONG. All persons were taken to DUC THANH.
- (4) At 021224H at YS358673, 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a shed with signs of recent movement in the vicinity. The hut was destroyed.
- (5) At 022100H at YS455583, elements of 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR with pl of 18 ARVN Div (under trg) contacted unknown number of enemy and engaged with SA and M79 at 50m. Results: 2 BT heading South. Withdrawal route engaged by Arty.
- (6) At 022135H at YS388658 series of lights engaged by arty.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
  - (a) Personnel. Nil.
  - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel. 14 detainees.
  - (b) Materiel. 5 claymore mines complete with detonators and electric leads.

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f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

Late Report 1 Feb 70.

(1) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in areas centre of mass YS8892 and YS6563. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

(2) 2 Feb 70.

Aircraft Broadcasts. One voice mission was conducted by II Field Force aircraft. Areas covered were YS4677, YS4472, YS4264 and YS6568. The theme was aimed at civilians warning them of the consequences if they helped the enemy. Total flying time was 1 hour 15 minutes.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 225,000 square yards cleared, nil mines detonated, 6 machines serviceable, 2 machines U/S.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 3½ slots filled, 200 x 100 metres cleared, 4 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. North at 02 knots.

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4 Feb 70

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TO: Commanding General  
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 ATTN: AVFBC-RE

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- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 27 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 (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674.
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- (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. TFMA P1 remains op con. Bn HQ and Bn Arty remain 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0925/1005	YS729904	Magpie 51. 100/80. Two secondary explosions.
1035/1050	YS729904	Tide 11(3 x F100). 100/40. Three secondary explosions. Two with grey and white smoke. One black smoke.

Late BDA:

15 Jan 70 YS470505 LO DAT DO had news of 7 VC HOI MY guerillas KIA by airstrike. Also believed up to 8 VC from PHUOC HAI also killed in same airstrike.

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

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- (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 HORSESHOE HILL.
- (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 moves from vic YS5568 to vic YS5289.
- (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. One coy returns to NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS463868, 2 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS576644.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp PEGGY, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161(NZ) FD BTY 1 sect HORSESHOE, 1 sect NUI DAT, C/2/35/US Arty NUI DAT, A/C/13/US Arty FSPB PAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS536900, B Coy YS559687, C Coy YS564668, D Coy YS528741.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS435828, D Coy YS500896, W Coy YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS349642, B Coy YS278678, C Coy YS363675, D Coy YS334623.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 022135H at YS388658 lights sighted by C Coy 8 RAR were engaged by Arty with negative results.
- (2) At 030752H at YS378710 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted three VC carrying weapons. Contact initiated by machinegun. Results: One KIA(BC), one WIA(BC), one AK47 and four mags CIA. The third enemy rescued the wounded VC under cover of smoke. 11 lbs of dried and fresh food found on body.
- (3) At 031500 at YS562672 C Coy 5 RAR located nine bunkers, 18 one man fighting pits and two huts 50 metres from paddy clearing. Area estimated to have last been occupied two months ago. Destroyed by burning.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
  - (a) Personnel. One KIA(BC), one WIA(BC).
  - (b) Material. One AK47, four mags CIA. 11 lbs of dried and fresh food CIA.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 6
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Late Report 2 Feb 70.

(a) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in areas centre of mass YS5866, YS6060 and Y37262. The leaflets were of a T T theme.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 220,000 square yards, nil mines detonated, six machines serviceable, two unserviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Five bunds filled, no mines detected.

(3) Op Gladesville Bridge. No change.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

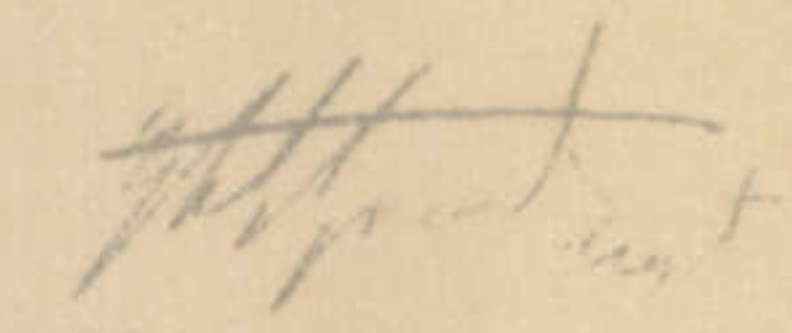
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 10 knots.

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5 Feb 70

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- (4) Task Force Artillery. TWO contact and 33 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 105 Fd Bty departed for Australia and were replaced by 106 Fd Bty.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
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- (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 returned to NUI DAT from NUI DINH mountains. Two coys remain to North and East of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0930/1015H	YS686611	100/40, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker exp.
0855/0915H	YS667612	100/80, 5 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged and exposed.
1138/1155H	YS600670	100/90, 1 bunker destroyed (bad bombs sight).

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H 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 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. Supports inf bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge construction continues on Route 23.
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- (7) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS463735, 2 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp PEGGY, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, A/2/13 US Arty PAT, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS586900, B Coy YS526889, C Coy YS558669, D Coy YS536757.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS435828, D Coy YS500896, W Coy YS438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348645, B Coy YS387678, C Coy D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498617.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 031925H and 040710H at YS449890 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 NVA with MG and SA. Sweep in morning revealed one body. Result: 1 NVA KIA (BC).
- (2) At 040743H at YS382708 6Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 local force dressed in black, carrying M1 carbines. Enemy approached from E moving very cautiously and leading man engaged at 3 metres. Results: 2 KIA (BC), 1 WIA (Captured), 2xM1 carbines, 2 mags, 1 flagon rice, wine, bottle of whisky, qty dried fruit and fish, qty of docs, 1 pack CIA.
- (3) At 041300H at YS415635 elements of D & EPl HQ Coy acting on information provided by wounded enemy (see (2) above), located and destroyed a tunnel system which contained 2 claymores complete, 1 torch, 1 ARVN shirt, 1 safari hat, 2 bottles of water.
- (4) At 041200H at YS553672 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located 10x4 gallon drums of polished rice in a cache buried 12" below the surface. Total qty rice 500lbs.
- (5) At 041930H at YS431856 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 enemy who approached from North and fled East. Withdrawal route engaged with Arty. Results: unknown.
- (6) At 041931H at YS455897 3 Pl W Coy engaged 3 enemy with SA, who approached from the rear of their AP. Results unknown.
- (7) At 042030H - 042105H at YS536757 and YS528754 D Coy and 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR detected lights in their vicinity at up to 300 metres range. Engaged by Arty with unknown results.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil
- (b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 3 KIA (BC), 1 WIA (Detained).
- (b) Material. 2xM1 carbines, 2xmagazines, 500lb rice, 1 shirt, 1 pack, 1 pith helmet, qty docs.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 9
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in areas centre of mass YS5476, YS4751, YS4454. The leaflets were of a TET theme.
- (2) Aircraft Broadcasts. One voice mission was conducted by II Field Force aircraft, targeted at areas centre of mass YS5476 and LONG HAI hills. The theme was CHIEU HOI. Total time flown was 1½ hours.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Report. 12500 square yds cleared, nil mines, 6 machines servicable, 2 U/S.
- (2) Mine Clearing Report. 1 bund pushed back across field, 1 slot 25% complete nil mines, NDP 75% demolished.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. North at 05 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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6 Feb 70

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

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

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. 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 NUI DAT. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 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/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. 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 remain North and East of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ and two coys remain 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0915/0930H	YS752901	100/20, 50% ord within 20 metres, Neg BDA
	YS729904	100/20, 75% ord within 50 metres, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 Sec exposed.
1213/1233H	YS478521	90/50, Neg further due to ground fire, 1 X KBA possibly.
1305/1318H	YS473526	100/50, 4 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged and exposed.
1330/1355H	YS473526	100/40, 2 cave entrances damaged, 1 dudMK82 bomb.
1605H	YS486511	VC's in cave, 1 X KBA, cavedestroyed.
1657/1712H	YS486511	100/unknown, 1 possible KBA.
1726/1743H	YS473527	100/neg, neg further.

b. Plans Summary for Period 06001 to 062400H Feb 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain



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HORSESHOE HILL. One tp rem ins 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 HORSESHOE HILL.

(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).

(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. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp YS463735, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS463735, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.

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

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty - 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE, B/2/13 US Arty FSPB PAT, 2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS582896, B Coy YS526889, C Coy YS558669, D Coy YS547780.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS435828, D Coy YS437892, W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348645, B Coy YS378678, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 041930H at YS431856 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted 2 en. Reference SITREP dated 5 Feb, para 1 d (5). Aslt Pnr Pl initiated contact. Results: 1 x WIA (Poss). Sweep revealed drag marks of 1 person heading SW.

(2) At 041930H at YS455897 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 en. Reference SITREP dated 5 Feb, para 1 d (6). En approached the AP from the N. 3 Pl initiated contact at a distance of 15 m. Results: negative.

(3) Reference SITREP dated 5 Feb 70, para 1 d (7). Between 042030H and 042105H D Coy HQ 5 RAR at YS536757 and 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR at YS528754 detected lights in their areas. The result of 12 Pl sighting at 042030H was footprints of up to 5 people who had moved NE - SW. The result of HQ D Coy sighting at 042050H was a small bushfire burning and there were unknown results from a search of the area of the third sighting at 042105H by 12 Pl 5 RAR.

(4) At 050948H at YS538560 a tank of 4 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt hit a mine estimated at 10-15 lbs of CHICOM TNT. The mine was offset from the initiating switch and only minimal damage was done to the tank. There were no friendly casualties from the incident.

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- (5) At 051055H approx at YS543777 elms of D Coy 5 RAR sighted en at a distance in open ground. B/R were called in and sighted 2 en in open. Shortly after an additional 8 VC were sighted in same area and were engaged. A bunker discovered at YS544777 was also engaged and damaged.
- (6) At 051125H approx at YS478521 Possum sighted 1 VC with an AK 47 who ran into a cave. Subsequently JADE who had been sent to the area sighted an unknown number of en. A/S were put into the area and results not known at this time.
- (7) At 051100H at YS546776 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 en dressed in black with a wpn carried by only one. The en initiated contact at 200m and en wdr West.
- (8) At 051030H at YS433857 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a coy sized bunker system and camp. Parts of the camp had been used within last 48 hrs. Located qty of clothing, 1 x stick grenade, a phial of penicillin and 1 x Opium pipe.
- (9) At 051125H at YS237789 the LCT found a cache containing: 3 x RPG and boosters, 100 x French detonators, qty of clothes, qty of food, 30 - 40 sandbags of rice each weighing 40 lbs approx, qty of docs.
- (10) At 051325H at YS436855 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR located a rest area and cache occupied by 3 persons within previous 48 hrs. Cache contained qty clothing, 3 torch batteries, qty toilet articles, 1 machette, 9 x 7.62 rounds converted to shot (containing powder, waz and ball bearings).
- (11) At 051740H at YS435891 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged one en who approached 12 Pl while they were establishing NDP with negative results.
- (12) 051810H at YS431850 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR were fired on by 1 - 2 enemy. Aslt Pnr Pl returned fire. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). Contact broken at 051815H.
- (13) At 051620H at YS556668 element of C Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing 14 reams of quarto paper, 22 typewriter ribbons, qty of books and docus, qty rice paper. Second cache 40m away the following were located: qty of foodstuff (including 80 lbs polished rice), fishing lines, qty medical supplies, 2 ponchos, 2 shelters, qty AK 47 rds, qty M1 rds, 1 knife. Both caches were estimated to have been established within the last 7 days.
- (14) At 051055H at YS548777 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a camp area consisting of 2 huts and 5 living areas under bamboo. 8 firing pits 2'6" deep and 1 well. Items located included cooking utensils, 20 lbs husked rice, 500 lbs bananas, 2 dead procupines in cooking pots, 20 lbs tobacco, 1 x M26 grenade set as booby trap in bananas. Food destroyed.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
- (a) Personnel. 1 KIA (BC).
- (b) Material. Qty clothing, 1 stick grenade, qty medicine, 1 x opium pipe, qty books, 630 lbs plus of polished rice, 3 x RPG rockets and boosters, 100 x French detonators, 27 lbs tobacco, qty cigarettes, 2 'C' rations, qty of clothing, qty toilet articles, 2 hammocks, 1 waterproof bag, 1 blanket, 1 parachute sleeping bag, 1 pair reading spectacles, qty webbing, 63 x torch batteries, 1 machette, 7 x 7.62 rds converted to shot, 10 lbs sugar, 1½ lbs tea, 1 lb coffee, 7 x 14 oz tins condensed milk, fishing lines, 2 ponchos, 2 shelters, 1 knife, qty AK 47 rds, qty M1 rds, 14 reams quarto paper, 22 typewriter ribbons, 500 lbs bananas, qty cooking utensils, 1 x M26 grenade.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 10.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Omitted.
- (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a.-b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 130,000 square yards cleared. 6 machines serviceable. 2 US.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. NDP demolished. 1 slot completed, 1 slot 75% completed. Nil mines.

3. Meteorological Detail.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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7 Feb 70

**SUBJECT:** Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 060001H to 062400H Feb 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 TOAR. 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 NUI DAT. One tp op con 6 RAR NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. / contact and / 7 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 (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH IA. 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 YS5365. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER cent e 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 remain North and East of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ, Bn Arty and two coys remain 1 ATF Base.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001 to 072400H 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 HORSESHOE HILL.
- (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.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (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. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS463735, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB PAT, 2 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 3Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161(NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE, B/2/13 US Arty FSPB PAT, A/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS582896, B Coy(-) YS526889, C Coy(-) YS558669, D Coy(-) YS547780.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ NUI DAT, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy(-) YS 463735, V Coy(-) YS435828, D Coy(-) YS436892, W Coy(-) YW438870.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348645, B Coy YS378678, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FWPB DAKODA.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 060735H at YS582896 2Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 en wearing green carrying packs and AK47 & sentry on who approached the Pl's resupply LZ. Negative results.
- (2) At 061015H at YS439865 Asslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR were engaged by 2 en who immediately withdrew SW with negative results.
- (3) At 061710H at YS547780 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 en who approached defensive position from North. Results 2VC KIA(BC), 1AK 47, 1 x RPG2 + 2 rounds, 15lbs of black seed CIA. Third en placed a grenade under body of 1 KIA and withdrew North. Grenade exploded under body.
- (4) At 062258H at YS452886 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged with claymores area at which trip flares had been triggered and at which noises could be heard.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses
  - (a) Personnel. Nil.
  - (b) Material. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel. 2 KIA(BC)
  - (b) Material. 1 x AK47, 1 x RPG 2 CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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(4) Results. Nil

2. Combined Operations

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations (1) Mine Clearing Team. Nil area cleared, 2 mines detonated, 1 machine damaged.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 260,000 Sq Yds cleared Nil mines, 6 machines serviceable, 2 machines U/S.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. ESE at 08 knots.

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8 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
 From 070001H to 072400H Feb 70

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 38 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 (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
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- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys remain North and East of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ, Bn Arty and two coys remain 1 ATF Base.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H 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 HORSESHOE HILL.
- (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).
- (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 N and NE of NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 and 2 Tps NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS437735, 4 Tp H RSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB PAT, 2 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 3 Tp NUI DAT.



(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 FD Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect HORSESHOE 1 Sect NUI DAT, B/2/13 US Arty FSPB PAT, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS572900, B Coy YS546903, C Coy YS560659, D Coy YS547780.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463735, V Coy YS435820, D Coy YS435829, W Coy YS438870.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348645, B Coy YS378678, C and D Coys NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 061740H at YS435892 D Coy 6 RAR located a camp installation consisting of 6 open fighting pits 2'x2'x4' with recessed shelter inset for 2', 1 command pit in base of tree and 1 cooking area. Sentry pit located 70m East Area built to accommodate a platoon and was last occupied within previous 24 hours. Located in area were an incomplete letter, animal traps, 1 body (previously reported), set of webbing, US pack, smoke grenade, eating utensils.

(2) At 070830H at YS427838 elements of 6 RAR located a cache containing 4 lbs of chicom explosives in 8 sandbags. Estimated to have been cached for 1-3 months.

(3) At 071000H at YS238789 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav and 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team located 2 pits dug into side of hill with 6' OHC. Area last used within previous 2 months and contained cooking utensils and periscope similar to M19 but without IR filter. Destroyed by bulldozer.

(4) At 071030H at YS239789 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav and 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team located a shellscrape in side of hill containing 3 new cooking pots, 6 ft of det cord, 1 pr green trousers. Area last used within one month and destroyed by bulldozer. A snare type booby trap was also located but the explosive had been removed.

(5) At 071200H at YS240790 elements of 17 Const Sqn with the Land Clearing Team located a cache at the base of a tree. The cache was six months old and contained, 1xUS claymore complete, qty of fishing lines, set of scales and eating utensils.

(6) At 070930H at YS434893 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a camp installation consisting 1 open fighting pit, 6' of crawl trench, fire place, 3 tunnels, sentry pit, last used 2-3 weeks ago.

(8) At 071725H at YS428852 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 NVA moving E to W. Result 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 chicom pistol CIA. Enemy had been previously wounded on lower right arm, possibly by shrapnel and was wearing tourniquet above the elbow.

(9) At 071500H at YS443817 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a camp area consisting of a hut (15'x10'x10' and a protection bunker 6'x3' with 3' OHP. Area last occupied 7 days ago by up to 6 pers. A 20' deep well with good water is in the vicinity. Located in area were a qty of clothing, eating and cooking utensils, 1 water bottle and carrier, 1 tent half.

(10) At 071100H at YS443814 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a camp installation for 10-15 persons consisting of 2 small bunkers, 2 long fire bunkers 'x4' with 18" OHP with 2 entrances. Area last occupied 7 days ago contained, 20 lbs chicom explosive, 2 AK47 mags in good condition, 2 electric detonators, 5 rolls of aslt cable (1010 claymore), 1 chicom grenade, 1 shovel, 12' of 1" dia plastic hose, 2 x lamps.

(11) At 071300H at YS438817 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a resting place for 5-6 persons who vacated area immediately prior to entry of 3 Pl. Located in area were, 1 entrenching tool, 1 plastic bowl, qty of C Rations, and 6 sandbags. Bunches of bananas and banana leaves also bamboo table and bench.

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e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. 1 US Army pack, 1 smoke grenade, incomplete letter, animal traps, set of webbing, qty cooking and eating utensils, 60 lbs Chicom explosive, 1 sheet of plastic, 1 periscope (similar to M19 without IR filter), 6 ft of det cord, 1 pr green trousers, 1 US claymore complete with lead detonator, firing devices and carrying bag, set of scales, qty of fishing lines, 1 chicom pistol, 30x.50 cal rds, 1 bottle of fuel, 1 water bottle and carrier, 1 large bucket, 1 tent half, 2 AK47 mags in good condition, 2 electric detonators, 5 rolls assault cable (D10 claymore), 1 shovel, 1 chicom grenade, 12'x1" diameter plastic hose, 2 lamps, 1 entrenching tool, 1 plastic bowl, qty of C ration tins, 6 sandbags.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 8

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3)-(4) Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a-b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. 320,000 square yards cleared, nil mines detonated. 6 Machines serviceable, 2 machines U/S.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  slots filled, area cleared 100x150m, 3 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. ESE at 08 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

9 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 080001H to 082400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 4 contact and 28 Hand I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. 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 YS5365. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4657. 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 remain North and East of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ, Bn Arty and two coys remain 1 ATF Base.
- (10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA
1009/1100H	YS471535	100/30%, 1 bkr dest, 2 bkrs damaged. All bombs within 50 metres of tgt.

b. Plans Summary for Period 090001H to 092400H 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 HORSESHOE HILL.
- (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).
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER and commences move into SW extension. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div. One coy remains vic YS4671.

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(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops N and NE of NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS463731, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.

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

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty, 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, B/2/13 US Arty FSPB PAT, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS572900, B Coy YS555890, C Coy YS560660, D Coy YS457780.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS463731, V Coy YS411843, D Coy YS438870, W Coy YS394866.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348647, B Coy YS381688, C & D Coy NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 081405H at YS572900 1 Pl and HQ Coy 5 RAR contacted estimated squad to Pl of VC. B/R aircraft used in close support and artillery in depth. Enemy approached from SW and withdrew South, SW and SE. Enemy dressed in black and green and carrying AK47, M79, packs and some pistols. Some M79 fire emanated from 200M from point of contact. Results: 2 KIA (BC), 2 KIA Poss (drag marks), 4 WIA (BT), 2 AK47, 1x7.62 Chicom pistol, 3 packs CIA.

(2) At approx 081450H at YS670613 elements D Coy 8 RAR contacted 6-7 VC. Heavy fire fight ensued with VC using SA and RPG. B/R aircraft used in direct support. Negative results.

(3) At 081600H at YS375862 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 4-6 VC who moved from East across rear of 3 Pl. Contact initiated by 3 Pl, 1 VC KIA (BC), immediately and 2 VC (BC) during sweep. Qty of docs, AK47 and 5 mags and 3 packs CIA.

(4) At 081725H at YS556896 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted estimated squad size of enemy dressed in light green who approached from SE. Contact initiated by M60 and enemy returned fire with AK47 and M79. Results: 1 KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 4 mags, 1x.45 pistol and 2 clips, 1 pack CIA. Pistol and AK47 taken from same body. Pack contained food, black clothing, torch, 2 transistors (1u/s).

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 WIA (Aust).

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 8 KIA (BC), 4 WIA (BT), 3 KIA (Poss).

(b) Material. 6 packs, qty docs, 4xAK47 and 9 mags, 1xChicom 7.62 pistol, qty food, qty clothing, decorated Russian flag, photo of Ho Chi Minh, 1x.45 pistol and 2 clips, 2 transistor radios (1 u/s), 1 torch.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 9

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: One.

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(4) Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA Possible.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drop. Leaflet drop was conducted in area centre of mass YS5179. Theme was Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations, Nil.

c. Engineering Operations. Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NE

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10 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 090001H to 092400H Feb 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 in 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 with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 32H and I missions were fired during the reporting.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. 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 YS5365. 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 FSPB PAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys remain North and East of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ. Bn Arty and one coy remain 1 ATF Base. One coy conducts ambush ops on East side of HOA LONG.
- (10) 1 ATF HAWK P1 returned from vic YS6662 after follow up of LRRP contact on 08 Feb 70.
- (11) Air Strikes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0910/0928	YS462545	100/30 - 2 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 tunnel ent exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 110001H to 112400H 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. One tp deploys to vic YS4553 to protect engrs.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. Tps op con 5 RAR and 6 RAR return to NUI DAT. One tp deploys to vic YS4553 to protect engrs.

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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 construction continues on Route 23. Road constructing team and quarry team with Infantry and Armoured protection deploy to vic YS4553.

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

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER and commences move into SW extension. One coy(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops N and NE of NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy. One coy deploys to vic YS4553 to protect engr.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS467796, 4 Tp YS554565.

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

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

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS572900, B Coy(-) YS548890, C Coy(-) YS560660, D Coy(-) YS547780.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy(-) YS470894, V Coy(-) YS395835, D Coy(-) YS438870, W Coy(-) YS377843.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) YS348645, B Coy(-) YS381688.

(7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 082330H at YS453729, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 4-6 en who returned fire with SA and RPG fire wounding 5 Aust. En cas unk.

(2) At 091400H at YS296571, elms 17 Const Sqn and RF/PF contacted 1 en with unk results.

(3) At 091430H at YS289572, elms 17 Const Sqn and RF/PF contacted 4 en who withdrew in an unk direction. Sweep revealed one bloodtrail.

(4) At 092027H at YS443887, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged 3-5 en who approached from the south. Results unk, sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 5 Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 13
- (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) Aircraft Broadcasts. One voice mission was conducted in areas centre of mass YS E36-41 N87 to province border and YS E41-43 N83-89. The theme was Chicu Hoi. Total time flown was one hour.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 260,000 sq yds cleared, nil mines detonated. 6 machines serviceable, 2 machines U/S.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 06 knots.

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NUI DAT

11 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 100001H to 102400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp deploys to vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER returned to NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN returned to NUI DAT. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deployed to vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. contact and 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 (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team deployed to vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues ambush and recce ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5365. 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 FSPB PEGGY.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys remain NORTH and EAST of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ. Bn Arty and one coy remain 1 ATF Base. One coy conducts ambush ops on EAST side of HOA LONG. C Coy deployed to vic YS4553 to secure engr quarry.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0910/0925H	YS470537	100/90. One bunker destroyed. Four bunkers exposed. One table and eating gear/area destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H 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. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr.



- (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. Road constructing team and quarry team with Infantry and Armoured remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER and commences move into SW extension. One coy (-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL training one coy 18 ARVN Div.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops N and NE of NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy. One coy deploys to vic YS4553 to protect engr.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS440526. 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY. 4 Tp YS524599.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS438534. SHQ elements NUI DAT and HORSESHOE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 106 Fd Bty, C/2/35 Bty (US) NUI DAT. 161 Fd Bty : Sect HORSESHOE, Sect NUI DAT. B/2/13 Bty (US) FSPB PAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS582896. B Coy YS548890. C Coy YS568652. D Coy YS547780. D & E Pl (op con 5 RAR) YS458743.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy YS560576. B Coy YS402804. V Coy YS392819. D Coy YS438870. W Coy YS374836.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ, D Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS348645. B Coy YS395728. C Coy YS437534.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.
- (8) Minefield Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 091700H at YS426851 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a camp installation for a company. Area consisted of 21 pits 4' x 3' x 18" with tunnels going back 6'. Area last used within previous 48 hours by 1-2 people and no sign of recent use by large numbers. Located in area were 100rds x 7.62mm short linked., qty of food.
- (2) At 092015H at YS454888 elements of 11Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged estimated 6 VC who approached their NDP from West. Enemy engaged by claymore and SA with no return fire. Results 2 WIA(BT), 2 X SKS and 2 packs CIA Packs contained qty food and cooking utensils and small qty SA ammo.
- (3) At 100900H at YS237790 elements of 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team located a cache containing 1 x 4 gal jerrycan of salt.
- (4) At 100930H at YS533553 elements of 1Pl A Coy, 6 RAR, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Coy of 18 ARVN Div from HORSESHOE force detonated 1 x M16 mine which exploded 3' above ground and 3' behind APC on which troops were riding. Results 5 Aust WIA and 2 VN WIA. Minor damage to APC ancillary equipment.
- (5) At 101035H and 101042H at YS545560 and YS533553 elements of 4Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated 2 x M16 mines with negative friendly casualties.
- (6) At 101242H at YS553670 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a large rice cache containing 700lbs of rice. Area booby trapped and rice was destroyed in situ.



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- (7) At 101500H at YS518559 elements of 4Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated 1 x M16 type mine which was buried 1" below ground. No casualties & no damage.
- (8) At 101335H at YS567654 C Coy HQ & 9Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged 2 enemy who approached from East and were engaged without returning fire. Enemy sighted 9 Pl at same time as they were seen and wdr East & SE. Sweep proceeded negative results.
- (9) At 101420H at YS526783 Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy 5 RAR engaged 5 enemy who approached from East and withdrew North. Contact initiated by Aslt Pnrs with claymore and MG. En returned fire..Area engaged by Arty. Results: 2 Packs, 30lbs rice and qty of docus CIA.
- (10) At 101030H at YS567654 9Pl C Coy & HQ C Coy, 5 RAR. One hut was located at YS567654 at about 1600H by elms of 5 RAR. The hut, 12' x 12', had thatched roof, wooden flooring. The structure was 5' above ground. The walls were made from chicken wire. The year old building was last believed occupied 3 weeks ago. Recovered: 200lb polished rice, 50lb dried peas, 1 x M16 mine, 8 x CKM frag grenade. These were later destroyed.
- (11) At 101650H at YS547780 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 6 en (4 dressed in blue, 2 in khaki) who approached from N. 12 Pl initiated contact with claymore mines & M60 resulting in 2 KIA(BC) and 2 WIA(BT). CIA were 2 x AK47, 5 x RPG2 heads, 7 x RPG2 tails, 5 x RPG2 boosters, 1 x 82mm HE mor rd, 7 x RPG2 primers, 3 x 82mm mor fuses, tin containing 3 x 82mm mor primers and 8 x change bags, 40 x lbs polished rice, qty civilian clothing, 6 x torch batteries, 6 x AK47 mags and a qty of documents.
- (12) At 101630H at YS392827 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located an estimated platoon size bunker system last occupied approx 2 weeks ago by squad sized force. System consisted of 7 bunkers each 8' x 5' with 2' OHC.
- (13) At 1011830H at YS459559 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 8 en dressed in greens. The en wdr with neg results. One APC hit an M16 mine during the contact resulting in minor damage to the veh and negative friendly cas.
- (14) At 102115H approx at YS555670 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown size enemy force and engaged with claymore mines & M60. Unknown results at this time, Sweep will be conducted at first light.
- (15) At 101835 at YS433534 C Coy 8 RAR were contacted by 3 en who approached the perimeter, fired a short burst of automatic fire and wdr SW.
- (16) At 102100H at YS452867 a ptl of 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown size enemy force and initiated with claymore mines and SA. Unknown results and a sweep will be conducted at first light.
- (17) At 102125H at YS437534 C Coy 8 RAR received 2 mor rds (est 60mm) in their night loc. There were negative friendly casualties.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
- (a) Personnel. 5 x Aust WIA
  - (b) Material. 2 x VN WIA
- (2) Enemy Losses
- (a) Personnel. 2 x KIA(BC)  
4 x WIA(BT)

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(b) Material. 2 x SKS, 2 x AK47, 100rds 7.62mm ammo linked, 4 x packs, 1 x M16 mine, 8 x fragmentation grenades, 970lbs rice, 50lbs dried peas, 5 x RPG2 rds + 7 boosters, 1 x 82mm mor rd and qty docs.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

Minefield Clearing

100M x 40M cleared  
2 x slots completed  
5 x mines detonated

Land Clearing Team

18,000 sq yds cleared

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 07 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

12 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 110001H to 112400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER returned to NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Tp op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN returned to NUI DAT. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security.

(4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 55 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 (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn continues ambush and recce ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5365. 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 FSPB PEGGY.

(9) 8 RAR. Two coys remain NORTH and EAST of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ, Bn Arty and one coy remain 1 ATF Base. C Coy remains vic YS4553 to secure engr quarry and ptl Northern LONG HAI mountains.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0920/0936	YS472535	100/80. Three bunkers destroyed. One bunker exposed. One MK82 dud. All ORD within 70 metres.
1645/1655	YS462545	100/30. Bombs within 40 metres, four bunkers destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H 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. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div on Route 2.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div along Route 2.

(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. Road construction team and quarry team with Infantry and Armour remain vic YS4553.

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

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER and commences move into S7 extension. A Coy(-) deploys with one coy 18 ARVN Div armour and cav to vic YS4882.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops N and NE of NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy. One coy remains vic YS4553 to protect engr.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp 1 ATF, 2 Tp YS440526, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp YS524599.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ 1 ATF, 1 Tp HORSESHOE, 2 Tp YS438534, 3 Tp 1 ATF, SHQ sections 1 sect FSPB DAKOTA, 1 sect 1 ATF.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ 1 ATF, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Bty 1 ATF, 161 Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 Arty 1 ATF, B/2/13 Arty FSPB PAT.

(4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT, A Coy(-) YS604904, B Coy(-) YS551883, C Coy(-) YS568652, D Coy(-) YS547780.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy(-) YS401800, V Coy(-) YS376813, D Coy(-) YS447869, W Coy(-) YS363824.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ 1 ATF, A Coy(-) YS348645, B Coy(-) YS395723, C Coy(-) YS437533, D Coy 1 ATF.

(7) Minefield Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

(8) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 102130H at YS554673 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged with an unknown number of enemy who approached their NDP. Results: negative.

(2) At 102100H at YS452867 a patrol of 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged unknown number of enemy who approached their NDP with negative results. Enemy initiated a trip flare and were engaged with claymore and SA.

(3) At 110935H at YS374827 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted one VC who was moving South to North. Result: One VC KIA(BC). One pack and qty docus CIA.

(4) At 111130H at YS441853 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR located a tunnel system consisting of: 160 ft of 2'6" x 5' tunnel, three rooms 12' x 5' x 6'. 5' OHP with three entrances and rice chaff matted floor. The system could accommodate a pl and is two to three years old and is now unsafe to live or work in.

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(5) At 111510H at YS577665 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown sized en force in a bunker system. 8 Pl was reinforced with a tp of tanks and contact was broken at approx 1815 hrs. Sweep was continuing and results of sweep will be given tomorrow morning. Friendly cas were three WIA.

(6) At 111910H at YS587668 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown sized en force. The en approached from the North. A sweep will be conducted at first light. Friendly casualties one WIA.

(7) At 111400H at YS389813 elms of 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a camp for four persons with one bunker. It was last used one to two months ago. The camp contained several cooking utensils, one US pack, water bottles, a mug and a collection of Chieu Hoi leaflets bundled together.

(8) At 111400H at YS380809 elms of 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a camp with three bunkers and two fire places. It was last used within the past week.

(9) At 111932H at YS385683 a ptl of Aslt Pnrs 8 RAR contacted two en resulting in two en KIA(BC), one AK47, one SKS, four AK47 mags and three SKS mags CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 KIA(BC).

(b) Materiel. 1xAK47, 1xSKS, 2xpacks, qty docus, 4xAK mags, 3xSKS mags, qty cooking utensils, miscellaneous items and qty of Chieu Hoi leaflets.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil.

Platoon - 3.

Squad - 7.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 160,000 sq yds cleared.

(2) Minefield Clearing Team. 200m x 40m cleared, three slots completed and one mine detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 07 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

13 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 120001H to 122400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security. Tp from 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) operated along Route 2 with A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ARVN group.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and ARVN op along Route 2.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 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/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues ambush and recce ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5365. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. A Coy with one coy 18 ARVN Div plus tanks and cav commenced three day op vic YS4882 on route to XUAN LOC.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys remain NORTH and EAST of NUI DINHS conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ, Bn Arty and one coy remain 1 ATF Base. C Coy remains vic YS4553 to secure engr quarry and ptl Northern LONG HAI mountains.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div along Route 2.

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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. Support inf bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge construction continues on Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with Infantry and Armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER and commences move into SW extension. A Coy(-) with one coy 18 ARVN Div plus tanks and cav continue ops vic YS4882.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops N and NE of NUI DINH mountains. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction coy. One coy remains vic YS4553 to protect engr.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp YS437537, 3Tp YS484812, 4Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS480811, 2Tp, 3Tp NUI DAT SHQ sections - DAKOTA & NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Bty FSPB PAT, 161 Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 x sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT, B/2/13 Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS620900, B Coy YS546883, C Coy YS 580662, D Coy YS547780.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy HORSESHOE, B Coy YS401800, V Coy YS368816, D Coy YS447869, W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348645, B Coy YS395723, C Coy YS 437534, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Minefield Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 111600H at YS458557 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR suffered 1 WIA (AUST) from cylindrical mine which was buried 7" below ground and exposed for 2" above ground. Mine was pressure initiated.
- (2) At 111920H at YS586668 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged with 12 clay-mores and 7 plus enemy moving South along track and spread out over 100M. Results from first light sweep were: 6 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA(BT)., 3 x AK47, 5 x packs and qty of medical equipment CIA. Preliminary report in SITREP 110001H to 112400H Feb 70.
- (3) At 121312H at YS370813 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 6 bunkers 10 x 10 with standing room inside 3'6" to 4' OHP. Two 8' tunnels, 8 lighting trenches, 1 central kitchen. System estimated 4-6 weeks old and last used 1-2 weeks ago. Located in area miscellaneous medical articles.
- (4) At 120805H at YS374813 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system under construction. Area contained 10 incomplete bunkers, each 5 x 2 x 6'. Area last used within previous 7 days.
- (5) At 121305H at YS438731 D & E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF located an old harbour position for 6-7 people. Found in area was 2 bags of block seed (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt) concealed in a bamboo clump.



- (6) At 12130H at YS442565 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located 2 fire pits which have been dug and used recently possibly as late as night 11/12 Feb.
- (7) At 121730H at YS432874 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 local force VC. This resulted in 1 VC KIA(BC). Captured in action were: 1 x AK47 with mags, 1xpack with assorted personal gear, 5lbs rice and a book containing ration receipts and issues.
- (8) At 121500H at YS496817 elms of A Coy 6 RAR & sp armd elements located a camp with 2 bunkers built for 6 people. The camp had been destroyed by fire.
- (9) At 121345H at YS491813 elms of A Coy 6 RAR and sp armd elements located a camp with 3 bunkers built for approx 8 people. Last used approx 12 months ago.
- (10) At 121615H at YS368815 V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system of 7 bunkers which had previously been hit with 155mm artillery fire causing little damage.
- (11) At 111508H at YS578664 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted a possible platoon sized en force in a bunker system. The en returned fire with AK47, RPD, RPG2 and M79. Tanks were moved in to support 8Pl and contact was finally broken at approx 121800H. Results were: 3xAust WIA; 1xVC KIA(poss); 1xRPD, 1xpack, 2 large sacks containing documents and a qty of clothing & webbing CIA.
- (12) At 120945H at YS570654 9Pl & HQCCoy 5 RAR located a bunker system with 12 bunkers, 6 huts and 1 cookhouse. The system had been used within last 24hrs. A qty of fragmentation grenades and some docs were found.
- (13) At 121227H at YS571655 9Pl and HQ C Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system of 7 bunkers with 2' OHC. The system was used within last 24hrs. Some docs found in system.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 1xAUST WIA. 4 other friendly cas mentioned in this SITREP were reported in yesterdays SITREP.

(b) Material. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 7xKIA(BC), 1xKIA(Poss), 1xWIA(BT).

(b) Material. 4xAK47, 1xRPD, 7xpacks, Assorted med eqpt & supplies 13 tons black seed, qty of fragmentation grenades, qty of food & clothing, qty of docus.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - Nil

Platoon - 4

Squad - 4

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a.b. Omitted



c. Engineering Operations

Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared.

Minefield Clearing Team. 3xbunds completed.  
1x slot completed.

3. Meteorological Detail


Omitted.

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Distribution:

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

14 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 130001H to 132400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security. One tp operates along Route 2 with A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN ep.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con 8 RAR for quarry security. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN op along Route 2.

(4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 28 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 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn continues ambush and recce ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5365. Bn HQ FFPB PAT YS6082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. A Coy with one coy 18 ARVN Div plus tanks and cav continues three day op vic YS4889 en route to XUAN LOC.

(9) 8 RAR. Two coys remain NORTH and EAST of NUI DINH's conducting recce and ambush ops. Bn HQ, Bn Arty and one coy remain 1 ATF Base. C Coy remains vic YS4553 to secure engr quarry and ptl Northern LONG HAI Mountains.

(10) Air Support.

DTG

0917/0935H YS454546 100/90. 85% within 50 metres. 50% within 20 metres. 1 structure destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 large bunker destroyed, 1 table and eating area exposed.

1155/1230H YS462545 90/unk. 85% within 50 metres. Possum to do BDA.

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

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div on Route 2.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div along Route 2.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23 and bridge construction Route 44. Support inf bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing vic YS2674. Road and bridge construction continues on Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER and commences move into SW extension. A Coy (-) with one coy 18 ARVN Div plus tanks and cav continue ops vic YS4882.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) completes recce and ambush ops N and NE of NUI DINH mountains and remaining two coys return to NUI DAT. One coy remains in NUI DAT as Ready Reaction Coy. One coy remains vic YS4553 to protect engr.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS435537, 3 Tp YS496888, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS501890, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, SHQ Sections - DAKOTA and NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 Fd Bty (NZ) 1 Sect NUI DAT; 1 Sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT, B/2/13 Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS620908, B Coy YS546883, C Coy YS568650, D Coy YS547780.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS501890, B Coy YS401800, V Coy YS366823, D Coy YS447869, W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS348645, B Coy YS395723, C Coy YS437534, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Minefield Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 131000H at YS441873 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a wounded VC who claimed that he was wounded on the afternoon 12 Feb 70 approx 1000m W of present loc. It is assumed that he was wounded in 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contact at 121730H at YS432874. He was taken PW and dusted off to 8 Fd Amb for Medical treatment.
- (2) At 130950H at YS706802 a RAAF Iroquois helicopter, whilst extracting a LRRP, detonated a mine which resulted in damage to the helicopter rendering it unflyable. It was recovered by Chinook. There were negative friendly casualties.
- (3) At 131130H at YS452896 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a crater caused by an exploding anti-vehicle mine. The mine is presumed to have been detonated by a brush fire on 12 Feb 70.
- (4) At 131150H at YS576650 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 5 bunkers, 2 huts and a barbed wire compound. Last used approx 6 months ago. System was destroyed.
- (5) At approx 131400H at YS383804 elms of B. Coy 6 RAR located 2 enemy bodies approx 7 days old. En were killed by GSW. KIAs credited to elms of 2 (US) Bde.
- (6) At 132000H at YS454738 655 RF Coy contacted an estimated platoon size enemy force who returned fire with AK47 and RPG's. ATF Arty and flare ships provided sp for 655 RF Coy during and after the contact. There were negative friendly casualties and unknown enemy casualties.



e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Material. 1 x damaged Iroquois helicopter.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 PW (WIA).

(b) Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil.

Platoon - 4.

Squad - 4.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Aircraft Broadcasts. Two voice missions were conducted in areas centre of mass YS5082, YS6581, YS4851, YS6060. The theme was Chieu Hoi, total time flown was 3 hours.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Minefield Clearing. 3 slots completed,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  slots started, 1 mine detonated.

(2) Land Clearing. 150,000 sq yards cleared.

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

15 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 140001H to 142400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security. One tp operates along Route 2 with A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN gp.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con 8 RAR for quarry security. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN op along Route 2.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. contact and 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 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS 2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues ambush and recce ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5365. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn (-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. A Coy with one coy 18 ARVN Div plus tanks and cav continues three day op vic YS4889 en route to XUAN LOC. One coy remains NUI DAT preparing to occupy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys completed recce and ambush ops to North and East of Nui Dinh and returned to NUI DAT. Bn HQ, Bn Arty remain 1 ATF Base. C Coy remains vic YS4553 to secure engr quarry and ptl Northern LONG HAI Mountains.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div on Route 2 reverts to op con 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ for op with one coy 18 ARVN Div arrives at XUAN LOC.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road

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construction on 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Continues recon and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN (extended).
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. A Coy (-) with one coy 18 ARVN Div plus cav arrive at XUAN LOC.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains NUI DAT and provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy remains vic YS4553 to protect engns.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS437535  
3 Tp YS467905, 4 Tp HORSESHOE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS471903, 2 Tp NUI DAT,  
3 Tp NUI DAT, SHQ sections DAKOTA, NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty PEGGY, 106 Bty PAT,  
161 Bty 1 X sect HORSESHOE, 1 X sect NUI DAT, C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ PAT, A Coy YS613913, B Coy YS546883, C Coy YS568658  
D Coy YS547780.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). RHQ PEGGY, A Coy YS471903, B Coy YS411878,  
V Coy YS418866, D Coy YS441973, W Coy NUI DAT
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy YS437534  
D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Minefield Clearing. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing. DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 140945H at YS568650 C Coy and 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged 1 to 3 enemy who approached ambush position from the rear (NW) with MG and SA. Enemy returned fire inflicting 1 Aust WIA (dustoff) and withdrew North West. Result: 1 Aust WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 X M1 Rifle 1 qty of AK47 rds, 2 packs, qty of docs, food, clothing and webbing CIA.
- (2) At 141030H at YS477870 elements of 1st Coy 5 Cav Regt 18 ARVN Div working with A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 8lbs of salt in plastic bags buried at the base of a tree.
- (3) At 141230H at YS478870 elements of 1st Coy 5 Cav Regt 18 ARVN Div working with A Coy 6 RAR located a squad sized installation consisting of 1 Command bunker and 4 fighting pits. All pits well constructed and not used recently. System destroyed by Engineers.
- (4) At 141200H at YS442873 D Coy and Asslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR captured 3 PW who had been exposed and identified as VC by a Hoi Chanh who rallied to Xa Bong on 14 Feb. The PW were found hiding in a tunnel. 2 adults and 2 children found in area were also detained.
- (5) At 141555H at YS474879 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with elements of 1st Coy 5 Cav Regt 18 ARVN Div located a rest area consisting of 1 large central fireplace and a number of smaller fire places scattered about in an area of 50 square feet. The rest area had 6 access tracks to it with one large one heading to a creek 30 feet away. Miscellaneous clothing and a qty of SKS rds were found in the area.

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(6) At 141840H at YS394860 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR sighted 1 VC moving West to East. A patrol from 5 Pl gave chase but lost sight of the enemy. Negative result.

(7) At 142010H at YS450886 a patrol of 11Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC which resulted in 1 KIA (BC), 1 X pistol, qty of docs CIA.

(8) At 142015H elements of 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt with C Coy 8 RAR engaged 2 sampans which were estimated to be located at YS423545. Unknown results at this time.

(9) At 142115H at YS 470878 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with elements of A Coy 6 RAR contacted an estimated VC force of 4-5 who were moving SE. Unknown results at this time.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 X WIA.

(b) Material. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 X KIA (BC), 3 X PW.

(b) Material. 1 X M1 carbine CIA, 1 X pistol CIA, 2 X packs CIA, qty SA ammo, qty food, qty clothing, qty of documents, 8lbs salt.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil

Platoon - 3

Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has Nil 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.

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100M X 40M cleared  
1 X slot 90% complete  
1 X slot 50% complete  
2 X mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 10 knots.

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NUI DAT

16 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
 From 150001H to 152400H Feb 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 in NUI DAT. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 op con C Coy 8 RAR for quarry security. One tp ceases operations along Route 2 with A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN gp and reverted to op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect remains on HORSHOE HILL. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN arrived at XUAN LOC with inf gp.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One 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/NZ in AO BAYSWATER. Elements continue minefield clearing in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW. One coy remains vic YS5365. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. A Coy with one coy 18 ARVN Div and cav tp arrived XUAN LOC. One coy remains NUI DAT preparing to occupy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. C Coy remains vic YS4553 to secure engr quarry and ptl Northern LONG HAI Mountains.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>FDA/REPORT</u>
LATE REPORT 0910/0928	YS452456	100/100- 3 bnk des, 3 bnk under cover, 1 tent structure destroyed.
LATE REPORT 1113/1140	YS708802	100/Unk 2 bunkers damaged.
0920/0940	YS567823	100/Unk 1 bunker exposed, 1 bunker damaged, all ord W/I 15 metres.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains vic YS4553 to protect engr.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con to A Coy 6 RAR/NZ returns to NUI DAT.

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(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.

(5) 5 RAR. Completes recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN and returns to NUI DAT.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. A Coy returns from XUAN LOC to NUI DAT.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) deploys by air into AO ROSSLYN. One coy continues engr quarry protection in vic YS4553. Bn HQ remains FSPB PAT.

C. Locations.

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

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

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty PAT, 161 Fd Bty 1 x sect HORSESHOE, 1 x sect NUI DAT, C/2/35 Arty NUI DAT, B/2/13 Arty HORSESHOE.

(4) 5 RAR. BHQ PAT, A Coy YS582896, B Coy YS526889, C Coy YS579649, D Coy YS547780.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ PEGGY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS411878, V Coy YS418866, D Coy YS442873, W Coy (-) HORSESHOE.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy ISA D Coy ISA.

(7) Minefield Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

(8) Land Clearing Team. DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 151900H at YS458564 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR sighted an estimated 40-50 VC approaching from the S. At 151903H at the same coordinates 9 Pl was contacted by the same enemy force which they then estimated to number 100. Artillery and HFT support was provided as well as a flarestrip from NUI DAT. 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt moved from NDP ISA around the N side of the LONG HAIS, linked up with 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR who were located at YS455568 and swept through 9 Pl position. The en shortly afterwards broke contact. Contact was again made at 152049H at the same coordinate and lasted approx 5 minutes. Friendly cas 3 x Aust WIA. En cas 7 KIA(BC), sweep continuing. <sup>7</sup> at this stage.

(2) At 152025H at YS437535 HQ C Coy 8 RAR received SA fire from an unknown sized force of en. In response to both contacts the RRF was reacted to YS437535. From this contact there were negative friendly casualties and unknown en casualties.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 x Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Unknown.

(b) Materiel. Unknown.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 0  
Platoon - 3  
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

(1) Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team. 3 x slots dug out, 115 x mines detonated.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 60,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

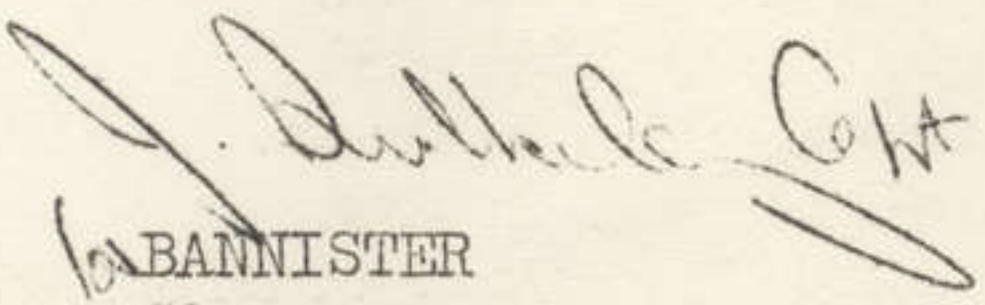
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 08 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

17 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 160001H to 162400H Feb 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(-) moved into AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) moved into AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and ARVN op along Route 2.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 4 contact and 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN, 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO SAMFORD. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn completed ambush and recce ops in AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6180 and extension to SW and returned to NUI DAT. Bn HQ NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Following contact overnight in LONG HAIS planned bn deployment into AO ROSSLYN partially aborted. Three coys plus strong tank and cav support now conduct RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Sp coy elements plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty loc FSPB PAT.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0945/0958H	YS588857	100/60, 100% within 40M, 4 within 20M, 1 dud. 3 bunkers damaged/exposed.
1230/1245H	YS473534/ YS473529	100/unk, 1 dud, all within 40M.
1250/1300H	YS475512	100/unk, all within 30M.

b. Plans Summary for Period 170001H to 172400H Feb 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains conducting RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elms Sp coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS437534, 2 Tp YS438535, 3 Tp YS450575, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ YS437534, 1 Tp YS448537, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS454573.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 106 Fd Bty, C/2/35 (US) Arty, B/2/35 US Arty all in NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Complete in NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ PEGGY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS411878, V Coy YS418866, D Coy YS442874, W Coy H'SHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ YS437534, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS448537, C Coy YS437534, D Coy YS450575.
- (7) MCT. HORSESHOE.
- (8) LCT. DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 151900H at YS458566 9/C/8 RAR engaged 40-50 enemy who approached their night AP. 9 Pl was reinforced by 8 Pl D Coy and 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and two fire teams and 155mm Arty were used in support. A heavy exchange of fire continued until 1957 and sporadic firing continued until 2047. Results: 3 Aust WIA, 8 VC KIA (BC), 22 definite drag marks with HBT plus other BT indicating a number of additional KIA (poss) and WIA (poss). 1xAK47, 1xM2 carbine, 1xM16, 1 xpistol, a qty of assorted grenades CIA.
- (2) At 152230H at YS432852 elements of 3/V/6 RAR engaged 2 VC who approached its night ambush position from the east. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1x.45 pistol, 1 pack and qty docus CIA.
- (3) At 160200H at YS419858 1/V/6 RAR engaged unknown number of enemy who approached night ambush position with negative results.
- (4) At 160930H at YS462551 8/C/8 RAR engaged squad(-) of enemy who withdrew South and SW. 1 enemy detonated a mine and was killed. 3x60mm mor rounds were fired in the vicinity of 8 Pl at same time. Negative friendly casualties.
- (5) At approx 161200H at YS458364 elements of C/8 RAR engaged 1 VC. Results: 1 VC WIA (captured). VC died before dustoff could be arranged. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (6) At 161355H at YS466597 elms of 1 Fd Sqn conducting road construction on Route 23 were engaged by estimated 2 enemy with SA fire. Enemy withdrew East immediately into Dat Do. 4 VN later apprehended by civilian police but were released.
- (7) At 161355H and 1402H at YS458555 elms of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated 2xM16 mines which had been buried 4" below ground. APC sustained light damage to jerry cans on back of vehicle. No casualties.
- (8) At 161100H at YS491603 elms of 1 Fd Sqn conducting road construction on Route 23 were fired on by SA from the South. Sweep in the immediate area revealed nothing and civil police are investigating.
- (9) At 161645H at YS401876 a ptl from 5/B/6 RAR contacted 2 LF en who were gathering bananas. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1xM16 rifle CIA.
- (10) At 161708H at YS394867 5/B/6 RAR engaged 1 enemy (female) which resulted in her being wounded and taken prisoner. She was DUSTED OFF to Vung

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Tau. Results: 1 PW (WIA).

(11) At 161740H at YS451538 B/8 RAR received 2 incoming mor rds in their perimeter. The mortars are believed to have been 60mm. There were negative casualties.

(12) At 161825H at YS442893 a ptl of 12/D/6 RAR contacted an unknown size enemy force. There were neg friendly cas and unknown en cas. A sweep will be carried out in the morning.

(13) At 162045H at YS455545 6/B/8 RAR with APC's and tanks elms in sp contacted approximately 3 enemy moving from NE to SW. The en were engaged by APC's and tanks and at this time the results are 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 WIA (suspected).

(14) At 161846H at YS448537 5/B/8 RAR located a cache containing a small qty of food, 12xyds of bandage, 100 rdsx7.92mm ammo, 10 rdsx7.62mm ammo, qty of NVA and unit flags, a US pattern water bottle, some docus and books.

(15) At 162244H at YS455545 6/B/8 RAR contacted 3 VC who were moving from NW to SE. Unknown results. Sweep will be carried out in morning.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 14 KIA (BC), 1 PW (WIA), 1 WIA (poss), 22xdrag marks with HBT (22 KIA/WIA poss).
- (b) Material. 1xAK47, 2xM16, 1xM2 carbine, 2xpistols, qty assorted grenades, 1xpack, qty food, qty SA ammo, qty docus, qty of bandage, miscellaneous gear.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Late report. One voice mission was conducted targeted at areas centre of mass YS6563 and YS6674. The theme was Chieu Hoi with a total broadcast time of 1½ hours.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations. MCT: 40x50M cleared, 2xslots completed, 1xbund backfilled, 1xmine detonated. LCT: 150,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

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

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1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. One sect remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 23 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass .. YS4687. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Three coys plus strong tank and cav support now conduct RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Sp coy elements plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty loc FSPB PAT.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0924/0955H	YS567823	100/70%. All ord within 25 metres. 3 bunkers exposed. 1 bunker damaged. 1 hut damaged.
1200/1215H	YS451353	(Immediate) 100/60%. All ord within 20 metres. BDA by ground troops.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. One sect remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn (-) remains conducting RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elms Sp coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) YS458548. 2 Tp YS437534. 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ (-) YS437563. 1 Tp YS455544. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS467548. Sp Tp (-) YS465545.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY. 161 Fd Bty FSPB PAT. 106 Fd Bty (-) NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE. C Bty 2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. B Coy (-) YS394868. V Coy (-) YS435868. D Coy (-) YS449892. W Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ YS437534. D Coy NUI DAT. B Coy (-) YS455544. C Coy (-) YS437534. D Coy (-) YS450576. Aslt Pmr Pl and Trke Pl FSPB PAT.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) 162045 at YS455545, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR and elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav contacted 3 enemy who approached night AP from the North. Contact initiated by TA11 firing .30 ca. MG. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, qty of webbing, qty clothing, hammock, hootchies and 2 letters CIA.
- (2) At 161820H at YS440892 elements of 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR sighted a group of VN, some of whom, including 1 female were identified by Bushman Scout as VC. VC left the group when they observed patrol and were engaged. During subsequent sweep following items were detected: 2 packs, 2 ducks, 1 bar of soap, 1/2 lb tea, 2 lbs powdered rice, 100gms sodium glucomate, 1 cabbage, tin of fish, 1 lb noodles, 2 lbs sugar, 1 lb onions.
- (3) At 162245H at YS445545 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR engaged estimated 3 enemy who approached night AP from NE. Enemy immediately withdrew and were engaged with M79, .30 cal with negative results.
- (4) At 171300H at YS421888 Anti Tk Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR located a well concealed bunker installation of 3 bunkers 10' X 6' X 8' deep with 2'6" OHP and 1 bunker under construction. Area very well concealed and tracks very indistinct. Area last occupied by estimated Pl one month ago.
- (5) At 171310H at YS450554 Possum a/c located a mor base plate position containing what was believed to be a serviceable mortar tripod. Elements of B Coy sweeping area have found an unoccupied bunker installation with signs of recent enemy activity. A considerable amount of food and equipment has been located and the sweep is continuing.
- (6) At 171500H at YS414584 a grader from 17 Const Sqn ran over an unidentified object which detonated with a small explosion. No casualties or damage.
- (7) At 171825H at YS449555, 5/B/8 RAR found a qty of documents, med supplies, basic webbing, 2 X M26 grenades, qty of clothing and small qtys of tobacco, rice, fish and brew materials. Documents were of med origin.

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(8) At 171930H at YS423553 an 8 RAR OP sighted 5 sampans heavily loaded. One unloaded it's cargo near an unmarked stream and headed off downstream with two others, while the remaining two commenced unloading. Sampans were engaged with 81mm Mors.

(9) At 171915H at YS445876, 10/D/6 RAR engaged one LF VC at 30 metres. Following sweep revealed a hide where enemy appeared to have been living. Recovered from hide were 2 X AK47 mags with ammo.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Materiel. 1 AK47, 2 mags, qty clothing, equipment, fowls, foodstuffs.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil  
Platoon - 3  
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psycholglcal Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted, targeted at areas centre of mass YS E47 to 49, N 48 to 54 and YS E 59 to 61, N 57 to 64. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

(2) Aircraft Broadcasts. Two voice missions were conducted in areas centre of mass YS6061, LONG HAIS and LIGHT GREEN areas. Total time flown was 3½ hours. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) MCT. 100 X 40 metres cleared MAIN minefield. Nil mines detonated. SECONDARY minefield 179 mines detonated.

(2) LCT. 200,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SW.

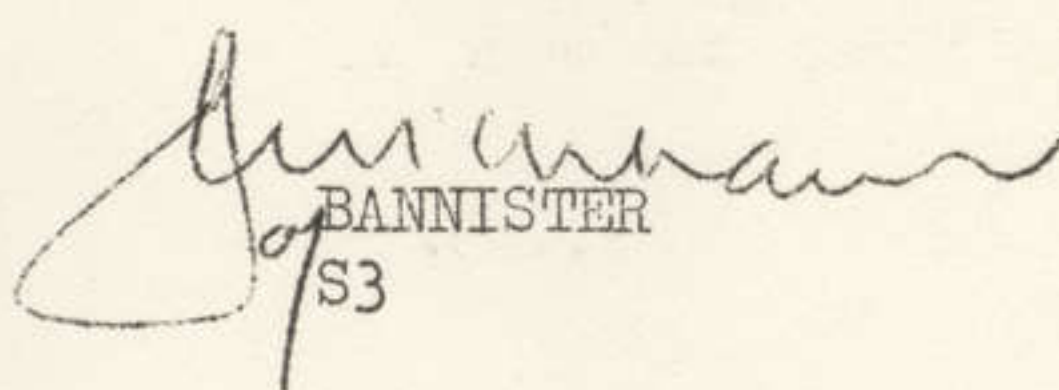
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

19 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Report (SITREP)  
From 180001H to 182400H.

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 TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR(NZ) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 42 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Three coys plus strong tank and cav support now conduct RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Sp coy elements plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty loc FSPB PAT.
- (10) Air Strikes.

TIME            REFERENCE    BDA/REPORT

0942/0955	YS467536	100/50. All within 50 mtrs, two bunkers destroyed.
1008/1025	YS458538	100/70. All within 50 mtrs, BDA by ground troops.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. Elm remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.

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- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains conducting RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elms Sp coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ YS436533, 1 Tp YS438533, 2 Tp YS477523, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp YS477523, composite Tp YS467524.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ YS437539, 1 Tp YS437539, 2 Tp YS484524, 3 Tp YS475523.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty Nui Dat, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PAT, B/2/13 US Arty HORSESHOE, A/7/8 US Arty Nui Dat.
- (4) 5 RAR. Complete in Nui Dat.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy Nui Dat, B Coy YS393867, V Coy YS435868, D Coy YS457899, W Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ(-) FSPB PAT, HQ(-) NDP ISA, A Coy YS608596, B Coy YS484524, C Coy YS475523, D Coy YS477529.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 171445H at YS450554 B/8 RAR discovered a number of wpn pits and atop cooking shelter. Pits 4'6" deep with 2'6" - 3' OHC. Area was last occupied on the previous day and is estimated to be six months old. Eqpt and pits all destroyed.
- (2) At 180540H at YS409550 8 RAR engaged three sampans with mors. Results unknown.
- (3) At 180900H at YS444845 a ptl from 6/B/6 RAR discovered three bunkers (two with OHC pens, one fighting pit) six months old, with numerous tracks in all directions. The two bunkers with OHC possibly used for storage.
- (4) At 181040H at YS455544 6/B/8 RAR discovered bunkers with considerable amount of eqpt.
- (5) At 181040H at YS454541 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt found 66 gals rice in drum. 44 gals destroyed 22 gals returned to Tp HQ.
- (6) At 181100H at YS475521 Elements of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav and 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR detonated an M16 type mine with no casualties. A second mine was discovered and while being neutralised the Pl was engaged by estimated squad of VC. One APC was hit and subsequently blew up. Two KIA(Aust), 7 WIA(Aust) dusted off. One PW was captured. One pers from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt was WIA when the APC which was being recovered by a tank blew up. One en KIA(BC). En moved into bunkers area YS476541 and fought from there.
- (7) At 181315H at YS455544 Elements of B Coy 8 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav contacted unknown number of enemy. Results: Three Aust(WIA); Two APC damaged by RPG fire.
- (8) At 181415H at YS475528 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt was engaged by unknown number of enemy who fired nine RPG rounds at them. A tank was penetrated but no serious damage was incurred. Two light

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(9) At 181430H at YS475532 Elements of C Coy 8 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted unknown number of enemy. Results: One Aust WIA.

(10) At 181500H at YS475543 C Coy 8 RAR contacted unknown number of enemy in bunker system and sustained five WIA(Aust). WIA were extracted by albatros and were only lightly wounded by schrapnel. Enemy casualties unknown.

(11) At 181615H at YS484522, elements of B Coy 8 RAR, A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav contacted unknown number of enemy. A tank from 1 Armd Sqn was hit by RPG fire. Tank remained battleworthy, seven Asut WIA. One APC was holed.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 KIA, 33 WIA.

(b) Materiel.

(1) Tanks. Two damaged by RPG, both still battleworthy.

(2) APCs. One AMC destroyed, one AMC and two APCs penetrated by RPG, all still battleworthy.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC), 1 captured.

(b) Materiel. 66 gallons rice in drums, one AK47, and some items of equipment.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2  
Platoon - 2  
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team.

(a) Minefield one: two bunds pushed across field.

(b) Minefield two: Nil. APC Steele started work at 181600H.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 250,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated. Five machines serviceable.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 08 knots from SW.

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

20 Feb 70.

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 190001H to 192400H Feb 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 TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operate vic YS 2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Three coys plus strong tank and cav support now conduct RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. One coy deployed in area E end of LONG GREEN approx YS5959.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. Elm remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base,
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains conducting RIF in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elms Sp coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ, 2Tp, 4Tp YS438575, 1Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp FSPB PEGGY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ YS437536, 1Tp(-) NUI DAT, 2Tp YS437579, 3Tp YS437578.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty(-) NUI DAT, Sect HORSHSHOE, C Bty 2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy(-) YS477881, B Coy(-) YS393867, V Coy NUI DAT, D Coy(-) YS454886, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ(-) ISA, A Coy(-) YS608595, B Coy(-) YS437579, C Coy and D Coy YS436577.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. FSPB DAKOTA.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 191000H at YS473531 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a platoon installation consisting of 6 hides dug out beneath rocks and connected by tunnels. The system is of indeterminable age and has not been occupied recently.
- (2) At 191325H at YS550614 Possum a/c located 1 VC suspect. Suspect was apprehended by Hawk Flight which was redeployed into area and transported to Nui Dat for interrogation by Horseshoe elements. Located in area was a bag containing a hammer, 1 pair pliers and 1 scythe.
- (3) At 191430H at YS472885 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a cache concealed under a trap door covered by 3" of dirt. Cache estimated to have been established there weeks ago and contained a large qty of med supplies 200M from cache 3Pl located a single action Winchester rifle in poor condition.
- (4) At approx 191600H at YS594579 1/A/8 RAR discovered one set of footprints leading from the water. A bandolier & full M16 magazines was also discovered.
- (5) At 191246H at YS538603 Possum aircraft fired on 2 VC suspects. Results unknown.
- (6) At 191130H at YS462516 Bushranger saw 2 x VC sitting under a tree with a qty of clothing and eqpt. They were engaged with MG fire and claim 1 x KBA and 1 x KBA (poss).
- (7) At 191645H at YS479878 Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR discovered 12 old bunkers and 1 x cache. They had not been used for 1 month and contained 5 x 8" wheels, 30lbs of 1.5 x 1/4" bolts with nuts, 32 lbs solder and 2 soldering irons. Tracks went SW and NE. It was probably a workshop area with bunkers previously destroyed by friendlies.
- (8) At 192020H at YS594579 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR fired on a boat suspected to contain two men. The boat capsized and one man was seen swimming. Results: 1 KIA(poss).

e. Results

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



(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 x KBA poss, 1 x KBA(BC), 1 x KIA (poss)
- (b) Material. 1 x bandolier, M16 mags, 1 x boat, qty medical supplies, equipment.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Two voice missions were conducted, targeted at areas centre of mass YS5472, YS5874, YS6664, YS7164. The theme was CHIEU HOI, total time flown was 3½ hours.
- (2) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in area YSE4750 N8090. The theme was CHIEU HOI.
- (3) Ground Teams.
  - (a) I Cap night 18/19 Feb PHU MY.
  - (b) With A.P.T. and Cultural Drama Team visited LANG CAT, LONG AN.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

- (1) Mine Clearing Team. 3 strips completed, 76 M16 mines detonated.
- (2) Land Clearing Team. 250,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. From SE at 5 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

21 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 200001H to 202400H

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 TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(.) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. One coy remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One coy deployed in area E end of LONG GREEN approx YS5959. Two coys in NUI DAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. Elm remains on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav sp. Elms Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) and 1 Sect NUI DAT, 2 Sect YS438575, 3 Sect FSPB PEGGY, 4 Sect YS438575.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ(-) YS438575, 1 Tp, 2 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PAT, A/7/8 NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) BN HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS477885, B Coy YS393867, V Coy VUNG TAU, D Coy YS451886, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ YS438575, A Coy YS608595, B and C Coys NUI DAT, D Coy YS437538.



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d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 200340H at YS437579 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 1 enemy who approached NDP. Result unknown.
- (2) At 201225H at YS612813 Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR engaged two enemy carrying 1 AK47 who fired at the patrol. A sweep of the area produced negative result.
- (3) At 201140H at YS479875 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 5 bunkers each with 3' OHP. The area was 2-3 months old and could accomodate a squad plus, located were 20 rds AK54 pistol, 5 medical phials, 1 NVA helmet, cooking utensils, qty clothing.
- (4) At 201420H at YS425570 elements of 17 Const Sqn engaged on reconstruction of Route 44 detonated a blast type mine of unknown origin when a soldier placed a wooden mallet on the ground. Mine estimated to contain  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of explosive. Result: 2 Aust lightly wounded from debris no damage to vehicles. Soldiers subsequently returned to duty.
- (5) At 201400H at YS472884 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a cache estimated to have been established 1 month ago. Cache consisted of an ammunition tin full of rice. Rice still in good condition.
- (6) At 201632H at YS454886 D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) detained a woman and two children. The woman had moved through ambush positions during the day and may have compromised them. She was taken to DUC THANH and handed over to VN authorities.
- (7) At approximately 201900H at YS589584 3/A/8 RAR discovered 2 bunkers 12 months old partially destroyed, together with 3 destroyed bunkers at YS584597. The set of tracks they had been following from YS593579 were lost at YS590585.
- (8) At 201945H at YS424543 a patrol from 8 RAR saw two vessels approx 16 feet long moving north at approx 5 knots. Illumination was fired but boats had disappeared.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly losses
  - (a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA
  - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel. Nil.
  - (b) Materiel. 20 rds AK54 pistol ammo, qty clothing, cooking eqpt, rice.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 2  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 7
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Two voice missions were conducted in areas centre of mass YS5558, YS5564, YS6266. The theme was Chieu Hoi, total time flown was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours.
- (2) One live broadcast was conducted in area YS4883 utilising a Hoi Chanh from the DUC THANH area. Total time flown was 30 minutes.

b. Omitted

c. Engineering Operations

- (1) LCT cleared 180,000 square yards, nil mines detonated.
- (2) MCT detonated 24 mines over scattered area.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SW.

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22 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
 From 210001H to 212400H Feb 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 in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nilcontact and 18 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured sp. One coy deployed in area E end of LONG GREEN approx YS5959. Elms of Sp Coy plus 161(NZ) Fd Bty remain FSPB PAT.

(10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0708 -	YS454546	BDA to be done by ground troops.
0723 -	YS450554	BDA to be done by ground troops.

b. Plans Summary for Period 220001H to 222400H Feb 70.

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

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. Elm remains on HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.

(5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.

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(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav sp. Elms Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS464557, 2 Tp YS473527, 3 Tp PEGGY, 4 Tp YS464557.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ ISA, 1 Tp YS464557, 2 Tp YS468544, 3 Tp YS478524.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Bty HORSESHOE, 161 (NZ) Bty FSPB PAT, A Bty 7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, RHQ NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ PEGGY, A Coy YS477881, B Coy YS393867, V Coy VUNG TAU, D Coy YS448888, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ(-) ISA, A Coy YS608595, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS478542, D Coy YS464557.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) ATF Less 8 RAR.

(a) At 210355H at YS394886, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR engaged with SA the area in which movement on perimeter was detected and trip flare triggered. First light sweep had negative results.

(b) Reference engagement of 1 Pl A Coy, 3 RAR at 192000H at YS594579. 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR in subsequent sweep relocated sampan and destroyed it and also located an SMG with Chicom markings.

(c) At 210930H at YS448886, D Coy 6 RAR located a hide 2½' square opening, 6 feet deep and tunneled out for 5'. OHP 3'6" on tunnel and 18" on hide. Hide could accommodate 2 enemy and was destroyed by D Coy.

(d) At 211120H at YS482878 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a squad size bunker system constructed 12 months ago. System contained 3 well constructed bunkers, 5' x 4' with 3'-4' OHP.

(e) At 211130H at YS431874, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located, in area of 10 Pl's contact at 121730H, a pack containing 1 hammock, 1 shelter, 1 new tropical smock mosquito net, 1 belt, 1 penlight, toilet gear, 1 pr shorts, 1 lamp and 8 lb of rice.

(f) At 211330H at YS475877, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a camp area concealed in bamboo thicket. Area constructed 12 months ago and last used by 30-40 pers 2 months ago. Found in area were 1 untrenching tool and qty of empty glucose and vitamin C ampoules.

(g) At 211230H at YS480876, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 5 squad size bunkers; 3 of which were complete, 1 being constructed and 1 destroyed. Bunkers were 8' x 6' x 4' with 3 to 4 OHC. System is estimated to have been originally constructed 12 months ago. Located in area were qty of cooking utensils, 1 pith helmet and a canteen cup. Tracks lead WEST from camp for 25 metres then turned NORTH.

(h) At YS583737, Albatross aircraft conducting a sniffer mission located a footbridge. Bushranger aircraft subsequently destroyed the bridge with rockets.

(i) At 211115H at YS545695, Bushrangers sighted 2 x VC dressed in black trousers, blue shirts and carrying NVA type packs. Bushrangers engaged. Results: 2 KBA(Poss).

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(2) 8 RAR Activities.

- (a) At 210815H at YS444528 a tank from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated a 20lb shaped charge. The tank subsequently burnt out. Results: 2 WIA(Aust).
- (b) At 210830H at YS446529 an APC from 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an M16 mine causing superficial damage and no casualties.
- (c) At 210902H at YS450535, B Coy 8 RAR detected a large number of recent sandal tracks crossing EAST to WEST or vice versa. There were too many to determine direction.
- (d) At approx 210930H at YS465523, elements of C Coy 8 RAR had a small contact with an unknown number of enemy. Results: Unknown. They located bodies and weapons including an RPG.
- (e) At 211105H at YS4453 and YS4454 VR reported secondary explosions resulting from arty and air fire.
- (f) At 211105H at YS454539, B Coy 8 RAR reported a large number of tracks heading West to East. They appeared to have been made in the afternoon or evening of 20 Feb 70.
- (g) At 211237H at YS468543, 480 RF Coy located a cache uncovered by ARC LIGHT strike. Cache contained 3 x explosive charges in containers, 100 ft electric wire, 17 x chicom stick grenades, 1 x chicom hand grenade, 1 x B41 launcher, 2 x 60mm mors complete, 2 x boxes mor rounds, 2 x cleaning kits, 3 x detonating charges, 6 x 40mm rounds, 1 x AK47 (bent barrel), 2 x boxes mor fuzes, 2 x containers documents.
- (h) At approx 211500H at YS461548, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR discovered a cache containing 250 lbs rice, 36 x 14 oz tins condensed milk, 32 x 5 oz cans makerel, 4 lbs brown sugar, 6 x 503 C rations, 24 yds medical gauze, 43 yds unbleached calico, 3 lbs quarto writing paper, 3 yds mosquito netting, 7 x pkts noodles, 1 x lb fresh meat, 6 x lb tea, 1 x lb sago, 1 x lb dried fish, 1 x gallon soya bean salad oil.
- (i) At 211325H at YS454538, B Coy 8 RAR found an M26 grenade attached to a mine in a bunker system. The system had been occupied within last 24 hours.
- (j) At approx 211900H 8 RAR advised the following initial BDA:
- (i) 10 bunkers destroyed YS476523.
  - (ii) 6 bunkers destroyed YS473524.
  - (iii) 3 bunkers destroyed YS466536.
  - (iv) Tunnel entrance sealed at YS467536.
  - (v) Tunnel entrance exposed YS473522.
  - (vi) 3 KIA(BC).
- (k) Further BDA to follow.
- (l) At 212245H at YS457544 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy who approached the rear of their AP. Claymores were fired and moaning was heard. A sweep will be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 2 WIA.
- (b) Materiel. One tank burnt out.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 KIA(BC), 2 KBA(Poss).

(b) Materiel. See paras 1.d.(1)(e), 1.d.(2)(g), 1.d.(2)(h), and 1.d.(2)(j).

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 8

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in the LONG HAI hills. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

(2) Aircraft Broadcasts. One voice mission was conducted in the LONG HAI hills area. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total time flown was 1½ hours.

(3) ICAPS.

(a) One ICAP was held in the area of PHUOC HOA LONG on the night of 20 Feb 70, films were shown by the HE team and a concert was conducted by the Cultural Drama Team.

(b) One ICAP was conducted in the BINH BA area on the morning of 21 Feb 70. Both HE and HB teams were present.

b. RF Operations. 280 and 124 RF Coy's are under operational control of 8 RAR during current BDA and RIF operations.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 180,000 sq yds. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team.

(a) Northern minefield. Strips 1 and 2 redone.

(b) Barrier minefield. 200 yds fencing completed. Strip 1-5 mines detonated. Strip 2 - 14 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SE.

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23 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 220001H to 222400H Feb 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. LQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp returned to NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. / contact and // H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured sp. One coy deployed in area of LONG GREEN. Elms of Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1407/1437H	YS463511	Damage to several cave structures.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. Elm remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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 Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with a strong tank and cav sp. Elms Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ YS474565, 1 Tp YS495545, 2 Tp YS474565, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp YS473524.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ YS437536, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS494544, 3 Tp YS478524.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 106 Bty(-) NUI DAT, sect 106 Bty HORSESHOE, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS477881, B Coy YS393867, V Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS455586, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ ISA, A Coy YS542585, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS474522, D Coy YS493543.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 211540H at YS457557 D/8 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 18 bunkers each with 3'-6' OHC and 2 weapons pits. The installation was constructed approx 12 months ago but has been in recent use by pl-coy size enemy force. Located in area were: 1xRPG2 round, 5lb rice, qty of clothing and qty docus. System destroyed.
- (2) At 212220H at YS420530 elements of 8 RAR at NDP ISA engaged with 81mm mortar a sampan approaching their NDP. Floating debris was observed following engagement.
- (3) At 220900H at YS576577 1/A/8 RAR sighted 10 VN moving in non-access area. VN were not apparently armed but were carrying large packs. US LFT used in support and 4 detained and returned to Nui Dat for interrogation. Search for 6 remaining continues.
- (4) At 220900H at YS454538 4/B/8 RAR engaged at 5M range 1 VC who approached from the east. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1xAK47 & 3 mags, 1 USbelt, water bottle, 1 pack, 2 sets civ clothing, 1 hammock, 15lb rice, qty salt CIA.
- (5) At 221125H at YS480521 9/C/8 RAR discovered a bunker with 8' OHC and an 8' hole dug under the bunker. It gave the impression of being a CP. A search revealed 1xRPG round and a qty of docus.
- (6) At 211200H at YS428848 elements of Sp/6 RAR/NZ discovered 9 well constructed bunkers in good condition measuring 10'x6'x3' OHC. The bunkers could accommodate a platoon and were 4-5 months. Recovered were: 1x82mm Chicom mor rd, 1x8" claymore, 89x7,62mm rds, 1x7.62mm short rd. Tracks headed northwest, southwest and south. The area had been hit by airstrike without damage to the bunkers.
- (7) At 221515H at YS479869 1/A/6 RAR located 3x12months old fighting pits. 2 old bicycle frames were found in the area. Tracks lead east and west.
- (8) At 211400H at YS454538 4/B/8 RAR discovered 2 tunnels and some weapon pits constructed of earth with some timber. They were 2-4 months old and could accommodate 2 men. An M26 grenade booby trap was also discovered. The installations will be destroyed.
- (9) At 221500H at YS826732 Bushrangers a/c noticed numerous sheets of tin around a bunker system previously destroyed by airstrike. The sheets had been rearranged. The area was engaged with mini guns and rockets destroying some sheets and severely damaging others.
- (10) At 221020H at YS450848 a patrol from 6 RAR located a small transit camp 6-8 weeks old. The camp consisted of 4 spider holes with OHP and sleeping places on top. 6 pottery bowls, believed to be used for eating were found. There were numerous empty mackerel cans in the area showing little rust.
- (11) At 222045H at YS458525 a light was seen and engaged with 3 rds of 106mm RCL. After the third round a secondary explosion was heard and the light went out.
- (12) At approx 222030H 8 RAR advised that the total KIA(BC) from the start of operations until 221800H, and from all causes, was 19.

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(13) At 222305H C/8 RAR submitted a consolidated installation report covering an area of 1,000,000 sq yds capable of holding a battalion. Installation were one to 24 months old in an area of no native growth. 28 bunkers have been destroyed out of 67 found so far. Ops are continuing. A summary of eqpt found is at Annex A to this SITREP.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC).

(b) Material. 1xAK47, 3 mags qty personal eqpt, 20lb rice, 1x82mm rd, 1x3" claymore, 89x7.62mm rounds, 1x7.62mm short, qty tin sheets, 2xRPG rds, qty docu, plus list at Annex A.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 1

Squad - 7

(2) 1st Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. One night air broadcast over the LONG HAI's. Theme was tactical and Chieu Hoi. Time 1 hour.

b. RF Operations. 189 and 480 RF Companies remained under operational control of 8 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. Nil.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Nil due to machinery breakdown.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SE.

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Annex A to SITREP  
220001H to 222400H  
dated 23 Feb 70.

List of Eqpt Captured by C Coy 8 RAR vicinity YS574521 22 Feb 70,

Weapons and Ammo.

3x82mm mor rds	4xlong handle reaping hooks
12xRPG rockets	3xbrassiers (womens)
10xRPG7 rkts	1xwomans cardigan
6xRPG boosters	9xchopsticks
8x60mm mor rds	10xsandals
2xM26 grenades	8xpr torch batteries
70x7.62mm short rds	1xsaw blade
40x7.62mm tracer	1xtypewriter
15x.50 cal rds	13xcups, canteen field
8x12.7mm rds	12lb sugar
3xChicom blast grens	30lb salt
640x7.62mm unk	10lb tobacco
534x5.56mm rds	15lb beans
597x.30 cal (ball)	3lb wire solder
3290x7.92mm rds (ball)	6xbandages 4"
2400xpistol ammo	6xsurgical Tweezers
8xM79 HE rds	74xphials drugs
1xChicom anti Tk HE gren	3xplasma intravenous drips
3xelectric detonators	5xtubes sulphur tablets
4xblast caps	10xtubes aspirin tablets
1xelectric coil	1xbottle chaphytal
26xBAR mags (loaded)	4xrolls elastic plaster
188x7.62mm link rds in tin containers	2200xchloroquine tablets
424x.30 cal link	600xanti-biotic tablets
10xRPG7 boosters	300xoptaliadone tablets
2x60mm mcrtars (1xUS, 1xFrench)	1x10cc syringe hyperdermic
2x60mm mortar sights ( Chinese)	1x5cc " "
5xSKS rifles	200xtifomysice tablets
13xshotguns	Assorted bandages
1xSMG M3	1xChicom fd dressing
1xThompson SMG	1xbottle actavene snake bite
1xBAR	1xsmall medical kit
10xUS model rifles	8xtables (type unknown)
3xGerman Mauser rifles	3xtubes pennicilin ointment
1xFrench La Belle	28xforceps
7xRussian bolt action rifles	1xbottle 10 suture needles.
2xRPG launchers	
1xM1 carbine	
1xAK47 3xM16	

Equipment, documents and food.

large qty docus  
500lb rice  
qty cooking eqpt  
25 transistor radios  
large qty dried fish (has been destroyed)  
17 pks cigarettes (2xUS, 15xlocal brand)  
2 Aust entrenching tools  
qty plastic  
10 US pistol belts  
30 Pouchs utility US pattern  
14x44 gal drums diesel  
24x44 gal drums (empty)(schapnel damage)  
3xheli slung shackles  
14xwater bottles, various types  
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24 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 230001H to 232400H  
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 in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. One sect with Land Clearing Team vic YS2674. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. contact and 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Land Clearing Team operates vic YS2674. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn complete in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured sp. One coy deployed in area of LONG GREEN. Elms of Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. One sect remains with 17 Const Sqn LCT. Elm remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance 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 Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.

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(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav sp. Elms Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

g. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 222155H at YS366654 and at 230100H at YS378656 Base patrol from 8 RAR detected lights. Both areas were engaged by arty. At YS366654 shouts of Chieu Hoi were heard during arty engagement. Sweep conducted at first light had negative results.

(2) At 230450H at YS456647 Horseshoe radar reported a stationary target of 2-5 pers. Area engaged by mortars but first light sweep was without result.

(3) At 230820H at YS476524 elements of 4 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated 1 X M16. Negative casualties or damage.

(4) At 230945H at YS384897 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR engaged one enemy who approached from East along track with negative result.

(5) At 231115H at YS579572 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 3 hides each 3'X3'X3' and covered with branches all were empty and have been destroyed.

(6) At 231145H at YS474522 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a 4 gal drum of rice and 1 X soldering iron and 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located 6 weapons: 1 X BAR and 5 assorted bolt action rifles.

(7) At 231230H at YS455545 B Coy 8 RAR located in two adjacent areas 10 bunkers and a further 10 bunkers and 6 fighting pits. Bunkers each designed for two men and constructed 12-18 months ago but used recently. 3 chicom blast grenades set as booby traps were detected. Area to be destroyed.

(8) At 23110H at YS463538 480 RF Coy op con to 8 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 12 X two/three man bunkers. All units OHC or built under shelter of rocks. Area last occupied by est pl and contained: qty of docus, qty of plastic 5 gal water cans, qty metal water cans, qty of medicine (probably penicillin).

(9) At 231230 at YS473527 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 650 X 5.56MM rds, 200 X M60 link rds, 2 X 82MM Mortar fuzes 2 X M16 mags 1 X telescopic radio aerial.

(10) At 231415 at YS547777 V Coy 6 RAR/NZ inserted by air detected movement of 1 VC. Follow up located living area for 12 people, 3 cooking areas, with fresh meat in pots and fired still warm. Exit tracks headed East to West. Also in vicinity were located 2 pots containing SKS in parts and SKS ammo. 3 bunkers also located revealed 1 X damaged SKS, 45 X 30 cal rds, qty M1 and AK47 ammo, a small bundle of plastic bags and 2 X hooks. The bunkers were 1-3 weeks old.

(11) At 231215 at YS491852 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located an installation consisting of a platform 3' above the ground and measuring 12' X 8' and constructed of logs. There were 5' deep holes 6"-18" in the same area. They had not been used for 3-6 months, and tracks lead East and West, with the western one showing greatest wear.

(12) At 231345H at YS543778 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a camp site probably used as a transit area and used by 8-10 people up to one hour before discovery. Recovered were qty of medical supplies incl

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syringes and needles, 10' detonating cord, 2 X US mags, 3 X water bottles, qty clothing incl womens black and green uniforms and civilian clothing, cooking equipment, 1 X 2 gal pot, 2 X 1 gal pots, 2 X entrenching tools, dried fish and evidence that a pig had been slaughtered, small qty rice, 40 lb bananas. The major tracks lead North to East.

(13) Late Report a. At 222315H at vicinity YS574568 Bushranger aircraft engaged a sampan. Results: 1 sampan destroyed.

b. At 230315H at YS487497 2 X sampans were sighted and engaged by Bushranger. Result: 1 sampan destroyed, 1 sampan damaged.

c. At 230940H at YS595585 Bushranger sighted and engaged 1 sampan which was destroyed.

(14) At 231935 8 RAR advised that the cumulative total of bunkers destroyed so far on this operation is: C Coy-42, D Coy-25.

(15) At 231600H at YS552562 A Coy 8 RAR discovered a bunker complex covering 7,500 sq metres consisting of 17 bunkers, 38 hammock places and 6 cooking spaces, the whole being capable of accommodating half a coy. The system was about 12 months old and could have been used by 2 or 3 persons one week ago. Tracks headed generally North West. Bunkers were made of timber and sand spoil with 2'6" OHC.

d. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS461556, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp YS478524.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ(-) ISA, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS460556, 3 Tp YS478524.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Bty (-) NUI DAT, 1 Sect 106 Bty HORSESHOE, 161 Bty (NZ) FSPB PAT, A Bty 7-8th US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS484867, B Coy YS393867, V Coy YS547783, D Coy YS448895, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ(-) ISA, A Coy YS542582, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS478524, D Coy YS460556.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil

(b) Material. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil

(b) Material. Qty rice, 1 X soldering iron, 1 X BAR, 5 X rifles qty docus, water cans, medicine, 650 X 5.56MM rds, 200 X M60 link rds 2 X M16 mags, 2 X 82MM mor fuzes, 1X radio aerial, 2 X SKS, 45 X 30 cal rds, qty M1 and AK47 rds, uniforms, clothing, 40 lb bananas, 3 sampans.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 1

Squad - 6

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact - Nil

(4) Omitted.



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2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Two voice missions were conducted in the LONG HAI hills and DUC THANH areas. The theme was CHIEU HOI, total time flown was 3½ hours.

b. RF Operations. 124,189, and 480 RF Coy<sup>s</sup> remained under operational control of 8 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team: Nil.

(2) Land Clearing Team: 200,000 sq yards. Nil mines.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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25 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
 From 240001H to 242400H. Feb 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 in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. contact and H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO 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. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn remains in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured sp. Elms of Sp Coy plus 161(NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy returns from LONG GREEN to NUI DAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Elm remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23 and bridge construction Route 44. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armour remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav sp. Elms Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp YS451543, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4Tp YS495509.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ YS473536, 1Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp YS444537, 3Tp YS 478524.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB PEGGY, 106 Bty(-) NUI DAT, Sect 106 Bty HORSESHOE, 161 Bty FSPB PAT, A Bty 7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS487846, B Coy YS393867, V Coy YS542800, D Coy NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ ISA, A Coy YS495509, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS478524, D Coy YS448537.
- (7) Minefield Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS478653.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 241040H at YS485520 elements of C Coy, 8 RAR acting upon information provided by a Hoi Chanh located 4 fresh graves containing the bodies of 6 VC and 1 body in bunker believed KIA by C Coy on 18 Feb also loc in area was a system of 20 bunkers of recent construction. Blood and used medical supplies indicate use as CCS.
- (2) At 241100H at YS434540 elements of 17 Const Sqn clearing Route 44 detonated 1xM14 mine. Mine was located three feet from road on the verge and was detonated by D8 Bulldozer with no casualties or damage.
- (3) At 240830H at YS457557 D Coy 8 RAR have continued to destroy the 31 bunkers and 4 weapon pits in this area. (25 reported destroyed 23 Feb). Bunkers cover a total area of 30,000 sq yds situated in all round defence. (Removing 6 bunkers and 4 pits destroyed 24 Feb.)
- (4) At 241200H at YS460556 D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing: 1xM26 grenades, 8 blast grenades, assorted docus, 7x empty 4 gal Kerro tins, large qty of cooking eqpt, 1x blood stained shirt, fishing net, 1x saw, 3x chicom grenades, 4 chicom defence grenades, 6x M79 cannister rounds, 3xM79 HE rds, 7x RPG3 rds, 2RPG 7 rds, 3x RPG3 boosters, 3xRPL7 boosters, 7x AK47 mags(full), 66 AK47 rds, 1 RPD mag drum(empty) & 94 RPD linked rds long qty antibiotic phials (empty), 7 AK47 mag carriers, 2 banded saws, 2 bottles ink, qty digging tools, qty of clothing (male & female), qty webbing, 50 lbs rice.
- (5) At 241510H at YS382897 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ engaged 3-5 VC. The contact was initiated by a sentry when the VC started to move away. Results unk.
- (6) At 241654 9Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy who approached from the SE wearing black trousers and a green shirt. A sentry had a misfire with his weapon. A second sentry engaged the en with small arms and grenades. Results unk.
- (7) At 242020H at YS461538 6Pl B Coy reported the following had been recovered from a cache, 80x chicom blast grenades, 1x44 gal drum. rice, 1x empty 44 gal drum, 1000 x 7.62, 5.56mm and .30 cal rds, 5x large chicom anti tank grenades, 6 x small grenades (type unk) 15 x AK47 rds, 1 pack containing rice, 1 pistol belt, 1 pr HO CHI MINH sandals.
- (8) At 241915H 8 RAR reported that a total of 32 bunkers had been destroyed today.



(9) At 241630H at YS449538 D Coy 8 RAR located a complex covering 3,000 sq yds consisting of 10 bunkers made of timber and earth and 1 weapon pit. The complex was 12 months old and located in a dry creek bed. The complex will be destroyed.

(10) At 242100H at YS399535, YS425524, YS420534, and YS399538 a total of 7 boats, probably dug-outs, were seen by 8 RAR. Engaged with mor and arty. Results unk.

(11) At 240915H at YS576862 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located 8 bunkers 6'x4' 2' OHC, approx 9 months old. Tracks headed N,NE,E and S. Friendlies had been in the area approximately one month previously and some bunkers had been previously destroyed.

(12) At 242150H at YS382897 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ detected movement from West to East along stream near their location. They engaged with claymores. Results unk.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 7 KIA (BC) from previous contacts.

(b) Material. See para 1.d.(4), 1.d.(7).

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - Nil

Squad - 6

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. A voice mission was conducted, targetted at areas, centre of mass YS4649, YS4657, YS4653. Total broadcast time was one hour. Theme was Chieu Hoi.

(2) Leaflet Drop A leaflet drop was conducted, targetted at area YSE54-60, YSN67-71, Theme was Chieu Hoi.

(3) Audio/Visual (Ground Teams).

(a) Conducted by HE/HB teams targetted hamlet of PHUOC TRUNG.

(b) Conducted by HE/HB teams targetted at Hamlet of PHUOC THO.

(4) I CAPS. An 1CAP was conducted in the hamlet of LO VOI on the night 23/24 Feb 70.

b. RF Operations. 124, 189, 480 and 614 RF coys continued operations in support of 8 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. Nil

(2) Mine Clearing Team clearing area 80x100yds. Nil mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SW.

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26 Feb 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 250001H to 252400H Feb 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. Elements on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 6 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Regt. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn remains in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured support. Elements of Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1410/1445H	YS692846	100/60. All bombs within 40 metres. 3 bunkers exposed, 2 huts destroyed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. BN(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS461554. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY. 4 Tp YS474525.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ YS473536. 1 Tp YS460556. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS478526.



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- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY. 106 Fd Bty (-) NUI DAT. Sect 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 161 Fd Bty (NZ) FSPB PAT. A Bty 7/8th (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy YS489841. B Coy YS383886. V Coy YS506796. D Coy NUI DAT. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ NDP ISA. A Coy YS494509. B Coy YS457544. C Coy YS478526. D Coy YS460556.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS479524.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 241700H at YS475546 elements of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located fresh tracks of estimated 20 people heading NNE.
- (2) At 241050H at YS521863 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker installation of 13 bunkers each 6' X 4' with 2' OHC. The system could accommodate up to 50 pers, is old and overgrown and is established on an East - West track.
- (3) At 241540H at YS529864 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located three bunkers 20' X 15', 1 cooking shelter 20' X 20' with 2' - 3' OHC and a panji pit at each of the three entrances and seven weapon pits. All have now been destroyed. The system is estimated to be two months old and could accommodate 40 pers. Located in area later were 2 X 250 lb bombs (HE removed), 1 X U/S megaphone (hand held, battery operated), 2 X cluster bombs.
- (4) At 241945H at YS607819 elements of Sp Coy 8 RAR engaged unknown number of enemy moving West to East with 81mm fire. First light sweep produced negative results.
- (5) At 242105H at YS401659 a base Ptl from 8 RAR engaged suspected enemy movement with claymores. Sweep at first light produced negative results.
- (6) At 240715H at YS467534 480 RF Coy op con to 8 RAR engaged 3 VC in a cave. Sporadic exchange of fire continued for some time before VC escaped in unknown direction.
- (7) At 250955H at YS454543 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine of unknown origin. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 1 APC damaged (2 RHF road wheels blown off).
- (8) At 251052H at YS492509 A Coy 8 RAR detonated a shrapnel mine (believed to be M16). Results: 1 Aust KIA. 2 Aust WIA remained on duty.
- (9) At 251133H at YS423863 Anti Tk Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR located tracks of 8 - 10 VC moving North within previous 24 hours.
- (10) At 251133H at YS458544 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 6 bunkers each with 4' - 5' OHP. The installation is built adjacent to a creek and a wall has been dug into the creek bed.
- (11) At 251145H at YS491529 elements of 4 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated 20lb TNT chicom mine, mine was pressure detonated and caused damage to track. 1 Aust WIA. Bushfire started detonating 1 further mine at YS498521.
- (12) At 251330H at YS447536 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located 4 graves containing bodies of 3 VC believed KIA on 18 Feb 70 by B Coy 8 RAR.
- (13) At 251425H at YS447536 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located cache containing, 500 X AK47 rds, 10 X RPG2 rds, 22 X 60mm rds, 18 mor fuzes, 22 X boosters, 3 X anti tk grenades, 1 X 82mm mortar tube and bipod.
- (14) At YS500695 aircraft of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted 15 people moving in non access area. D & E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF moved by air to vicinity and apprehended them. Security screening cleared all and they were subsequently released.

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(15) At 251655H at YS488511 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 VC, 1 wearing a green uniform, 1 a grey uniform and 1 in civilian clothes. The enemy approached from West to East and were engaged by a sentry. One enemy appeared to drop. Results: 1 WIA (Poss).

(16) At 251845H at YS439869 Anti Tk Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 1 VC wearing webbing, carrying a hammock and fishing net who was moving towards the bush carrying a bundle of bananas. The sentry challenged the man and he attempted to run away. He was engaged with M60 fire. Results: 1 KIA (BC).

(17) At YS583667 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an extensive bunker system 6 - 12 months old which showed signs of having been used by 30 - 40 VC for one night in the last 4 - 7 days. Bloodstained chicom type bandages were found. At YS583665 they found freshly discarded C Ration cans which showed signs of having been previously punctured and then recovered from rubbish pits and used by VC. A bunker surrounded by barbed wire was found in the area.

(18) In vicinity YS583669 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ located 2 crossing places which had been used within the last 3 - 4 days.

(19) At 251915H at YS489516 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR saw 1 X VC in black uniform approach their posn from the South and then started to crawl on hands and knees around posn. Sentry engaged with rifle. VC stood up and ran SOUTH.

(20) At 252108H 8 RAR advised that a total of 80 bunkers had now been destroyed in C Coy area. A detailed Installation Report will be made.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA, 4 WIA.

(b) Materiel. 1 X APC (damaged).

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 WIA (Poss), 1 KAI (BC), 3 KIA (BC) from previous contacts.

(b) Materiel. 500 X AK47 rds, 10 X RPG2 rds, 22 X 60mm mor rds, 18 X mor fuzes, 22 X boosters, 3 X Anti Tk grenades, 1 X 82mm mor tube and bipod, 2 X 250 bombs minus HE, 2 X cluster bombs.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2  
Platoon - 1  
Squad - 6

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Two voice missions were conducted, targetted at areas centre of mass YS5491, YS5691, YS5285, YS6367 and YS6764. Total broadcast time was three hours. Theme was Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations. 189, 480 and 614 RF Coys continue to operate in concert with 8 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. Cleared 7,500 sq yds around NDP. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Three bunds pushed back across field in main minefield. One mine and 15 yds fence cleared in Northern minefield, in addition to protective fencing removed.



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3. Meteorological Detail.  
a. Rainfall. Nil.  
b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SW.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

27 Feb 70

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

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 in AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. Element on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (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 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553. Land clearing operations in sp of 8 RAR in LONG HAIS.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn returns to AUSTRALIA.
- (8) 7 RAR. Complete in NUI DAT.
- (9) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (10) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured support. Elements of Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured remain vic YS4553. Land clearing continues in LONG HAIS.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ(-) NUI DAT and ISA, 1 Tp YS461553, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp PEGGY, 4 Tp YS478526.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ(-) NUI DAT and ISA, 1 Tp YS460556, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS478526.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty HORSESHOE and NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT, A/7/8 NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YSYS489846, B Coy YS383886, V Coy YS501802, D Coy NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.

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(6) 8 RAR. HQ(-) NUI DAT, NDP ISA and FSPB PAT, A Coy YS494509, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS478526, D Coy YS460556.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS480523.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) C Coy 8 RAR completed the search of the bunker system bounded by YS472530 YS489520 YS471515 at 260800H. A total of 84 bunkers estimated to be able to hold a battalion sized force, were destroyed by elms of 1 Fd Sqn and 17 Const RAE. The system had under construction over the past 24 months with some bunkers built as late as 15 Feb 70.

(2) At 261100H approx at YS483521 elms of 17 Const Sqn located a cache last used 8 days ago. The cache contained: 4xR PG rds, 5 RPG2 boosters, 1xRPG7 booster, 2x10" claymore type mines, 6xBangalore torpedoes type devices, 3 boxes of 12 batteries (unknown size), 3 mor boosters (unknown size) and a qty of electric cable.

(3) At 261415H at YS483545 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing: 3xAK47, 1xM1 carbine, 1xBangalore torpedoe, 2x10" claymore type mines, 16 anti-tk grenades, 18 Chicom blast grenades, 51x1.5 batteries, 200' claymo cable, 1 x gal cooking oil and 4 lbs coarse salt and 2x44 gl drums of rice.

(4) At 261400H at YS483521 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 17 Const Sqn RAE loc 3 belts .30 cal ammo (approx 700 rds), 12 clips of M16 rds (approx 120 rds), and 1 US haversack.

(5) At 261030H at YS406707 a base patrol of 7 RAR Adv Party detained 1 old man on an ox-cart. Detainee had no ID card. An investigation team was flown to the area to question detainee who was later released.

(6) At 261415H at YS409706 a base patrol of 7 RAR Adv Party detained 1 person dressed in greens, carrying M16 rifle and 1 M26 grenade and not carrying ID card or name tags. Detainee was flown back to NUI DAT for questioning and later released to Sector.

(7) At 261200H at YS429855 elements of 101 Fd Bty located a possible hide. Installation consisted of a tunnel 4 metres long with entrance at each end. Last used by 1 pers 2 months ago. Destroyed.

(8) At 261130H at YS430855 elements of 101 Fd Bty located a tunnel dug into creek bank. Believed to be hide for 1-2 persons but not used for some time. Destroyed.

(9) At 261215H at YS430856 elements of 101 Fd Bty located a tunnel 4 metres long believed to be a hide for 1-2 persons. Not used recently and has been destroyed.

(10) Accumulated total bunkers destroyed by 8 RAR in AO BIENDIGO and extension: B Coy - 22, C Coy - 80, D Coy - 31, LCT - 12, Total - 145.

(11) 261000H at YS470536 elements of 480 RF Coy op con to 8 RAR located 6 caves, M26 grenade trip wire booby trap across entrance of 1 cave and 5 gl can of kerosine recovered.

(12) At 261030H at YS470536 189 RF Coy op con to 8 RAR located 5-6 bunkers all of which had been destroyed by aircraft within previous week.

(13) At 261055H at YS466535 189 RF Coy op con to 8 RAR located a cave containing 2 old chicom blast grenades.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. 4xRPG rds, 5xRPG2 boosters, 1xRPG7 booster, 4x10" Claymores, 7xBangalore torpedoes, 36 batteries (size Unk), 51x1.5V batteries, 3 mor boosters (size unk), 700 rd .30 cal link, 120 rds 5.56, 1 US apck, 3xAK47, 1xM1, 16 anti-tk grenades, 20 Chicom blast grenades, 200 ft claymore cable, 1 gal cooking oil, 4 lbs coarse salt, 2x44 gl drums of rice, 5 gal kerosine.

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f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1  
    Platoon - 1  
    Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPs deployed.
- (3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

- a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. 89, 480 and 614 RF Coys continue to operate in concert with 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.
- c. Engineering Operations
  - (1) Land Clearing Team. 120,000 sq yards cleared. Nil mines detonated.
  - (2) Mine Clearing Team. Fencing complete on barrier minefield. All mines removed from northern minefield 2xM16 detonated. 1 Slot started.

Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SW.

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28 Feb 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary.a. General.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. Element on HORSESHOE HILL. Sect moved to FSPB PAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 6 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY and AO ROSSLYN. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553. Land clearing operations in sp of 8 RAR in LONG HAIS.
- (7) 5 RAR. Returned to AUSTRALIA.
- (8) 7 RAR. Complete in NUI DAT.
- (9) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS4687. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (10) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured support. Elements of Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.
- (11) Air Strikes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1410/1450	YS824755	100/65. Four military structures damaged and one exposed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. Sect remains FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured remain vic YS4553. Land clearing continues in LONG HAIS.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO BAYSWATER. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong tank and cav support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ(-) Nui Dat and Isa. 1 Tp YS437549, 2 Tp Nui Dat, 3 Tp PEGGY, 4 Tp YS474525.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ(-) Nui Dat and Isa. 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp and 3 Tp Nui Dat.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA - Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty PEGGY, 106 Fd Bty Nui Dat and HORSESHOE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT, A/7/8 US Arty Nui Dat.
- (4) 7 RAR. Nui Dat.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy YS521843, B Coy YS383886, V Coy YS486807, D Coy Nui Dat, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ(-) ISA and FSPB PAT, A Coy YS494509, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS478526, D Coy ISA.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS479524.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

c. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At APMOT 270800H at YS454545 D Coy 8 RAR discovered a complex covering 10,000 sq metres, consisting of 30 x bunkers, three cooking places, four caches (two new, two old), four graves containing three bodies and three wells and capable of accommodating a company. The bunkers were 12 months old, but cooking places had been used about one week ago, and the graves about one week ago. There were no booby traps or early warning devices found.
- (2) At 270845H at YS484512 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR saw six men walking west along a track. They were engaged with mor fire. Results unk.
- (3) At 270855H at YS489522 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR discovered a 20 lb Chicom mine fitted with a tilt switch and what appeared to be a M26 mechanism and placed underground about 3' from a well worn foot track. The mine had been there about one week and was destroyed in site.
- (4) At 271020H at YS522835 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ discovered: one bunker 6x2x2 with 3' OHC, one to three months old with signs indicating use about seven days ago. 1 Pl is continuing its investigations.
- (5) At approx 271300H at YS428848 a patrol 6A from 6 RAR found a track that had been used by an estimated squad seven days ago. The track leads NORTH.
- (6) At approx 271330H at YS493807 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ found a track going East of West one day old that had been used by a large party.
- (7) At 271400H at YS495812 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ found a track going East to West used one day ago by a small party.
- (8) At YS465530 elements of 480 RF Coy located a large well producing good clean water in vicinity of buildings previously destroyed by arty or air activity.
- (9) Total bunkers destroyed in AO BENDIGO since commencement of ops are now 201.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
  - (a) Personnel. 3 KIA(BC) from previous contact.
  - (b) Materiel. 20 lb Chicom mine (destroyed), one claymore mine casing.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1.  
Platoon - 1.  
Squad - 6.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

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(3)(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

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(1) Leaflet Drops. One leaflet drop was conducted in the areas of the LONG GREEN and LIGHT GREEN. The theme was CHIEU HOI.

(2) Aircraft Broadcasts. Two voice missions were conducted in areas centre of mass YS E58-66, N86-90 and YS E55-59, N79-85. The theme was CHIEU HOI, total time flown was four hours.

b. RF Operations. 189, 486 and 614 RF Coys continue operation in AO BENDIGO with 8 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 7000 Sq yards cleared. Nil mined detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Main barrier mine field cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SE.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
NUI DAT

1 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
 From 280001H to 282400H Feb 70

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

1. Operations Summary.a. General.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. Element on HORSHOE HILL. Sect remains at FSPB PAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Neg contact and 69H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY and AO ROSSLYN. Elements continued minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on ROUTE 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553. Land clearing operations in sp of 8 RAR in LONG HAIS.
- (7) 7 RAR. Remain in NUI DAT.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) moved to new AO SE of AO BAYSWATER centre of mass YS474 with elms remaining at FSPB PEGGY. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY with strong armoured support. Elements of Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO BAYSWATER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. Sect remains FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured remain vic YS4553. Land clearing continues in LONG HAIS.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in new AO. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with strong cav and tank support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ (-) ISA, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp PEGGY, 4 Tp YS478526.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT,
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Bty 1 Sec PEGGY, 1 Sec WILTON, 106 H/SHOE and NUI DAT, 161 Bty PAT, A Bty 7/8US NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy (-) YS545702, B Coy (-) YS529742, V Coy YS543711, D Coy YS544713, W Coy H/SHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ YS437535, A Coy YS494509, B Coy YS457544, C Coy YS478526 D Coy YS420539.
- (7) Land Clearing Team YS480523.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team YS537455.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 280723H at YS453536 4Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 VC wearing green and black uniforms with civilian clothes underneath. They were carrying 1 X RPG, 3 X AK47, 1 X M16 and 1 X M79. Results: 3 X KIA(BC), all wpns plus 9 X HE M79 rds, 2 XM79 canister rounds, 8 X M16 mags (full) 3 X AK47 mags(full).
- (2) At 280910H at YS714773 ptl VK2 contacted 3 en with negative results.
- (3) At approx 281130H at YS551755 4Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 3-5 en which resulted in 2 X VC KIA(BC) and two blood trails. A large qty of food and medical supplies, 4 packs, some webbing were recovered.
- (4) At 281045H at YS453536 4Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 VC wearing black and green uniforms. Results 4 X VC KIA(BC) 1 X 7.92 shot SMG, 3 X RPG boosters, 4 X AK47, qty AK47 rds, 2 X home made gas masks, qty docus CIA, 20lb rice, qty US webbing, 1 X Russian 7.92 pistol destroyed.
- (5) At 281103H at YS486505 1Pl A Coy 8 RAR were involved in two mine incidents. 1Pl had been moving at rate of 100M/hour clearing route of mines when M26 grenade booby trap with anti-lifting devise located Engineers party moving to neutralise the booby trap initiated an M16 mine causing 7 Aust KIA and 13 Aust WIA. At 281140H whilst guiding a dustoff helicopter into an area cleared of mines a member of 1 Pl stepped out of the cleared area and detonated a further M16 mine causing 1 Aust KIA, 3 Aust WIA and light damage to 1 XUH1H helicopter.
- (6) At 281445H at YS435532 a bulldozer of 17 Const Sqn and a Mk5 truck of 86 Coy RAASC each detonated an M14 mine placed on both sides of road. No casualties caused to personnel, left front tyre of truck destroyed.
- (7) At 281720H at YS540703 3Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted en sentry post, estimated 10 strong, and engaged with SA and MG. En returned fire with SA and RPG. Result 2 Aust WIA, 1 en KIA(BC).
- (8) At 281855H at YS550697 2Pl and 3Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted estimated en coy in bunker system associated with above contact. En returned fire with SA and RPG. Results, 10 Aust WIA, en cas unknown. 2 and 3Pl withdrew to evacuate casualties and area engaged with artillery. Nofurther detail yet available.

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(9) At 232100 at YS612826 and YS610820 elements of 8 RAR at FSPB PAT engaged 2 lights with 105MM guns and 81MM mortars. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 8 Aust KIA, 1 Aust DOW, 27 Aust WIA.

(b) Material. 1XMK5 truck damaged, 1XUH1H heli damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Material. 1XRPG, 7XAK47, 3 full mags and qty of loose rds, 1X7.92 short SMG, 1 XM16 and 8 full mags. 1XM79, 9HE rds, and 2 canister rds, 4 packs, 3XRPG boosters, 2 home made gas masks, 1 X Russian 7.92 pistol(destroyed), 20lb rice, qty webbing food and Med supplies.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 6

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: one

(4) Results: Nil.

2. a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations. 189, 480 and 614 RF Coys continue operation in combination with 8 RAR - AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. Cleared 25,000 sq yards. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Three slots open, clearing continued without any mines being detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SW.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Material. 1XRPG, 7XAK47, 3 full mags and qty of loose rds, 1X7.92 short SMG, 1 XM16 and 8 full mags. 1XM79, 9HE rds, and 2 canister rds, 4 packs, 3XRPG boosters, 2 home made gas masks, 1 X Russian 7.92 pistol(destroyed), 20lb rice, qty webbing food and Med supplies.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - 6

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: one

(4) Results: Nil.

2. a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations. 189, 480 and 614 RF Coys continue operation in combination with 8 RAR - AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. Cleared 25,000 sq yards. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Three slots open, clearing continued without any mines being detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SW.

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Distribution:

II FFORCE V G3 TOC  
CG 18 ARVN Div  
SA 18 ARVN Div  
CG RTAVF  
CG 199 LIB  
List B and C (less H'shoe)

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ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 FEB 70 TO 22 FEB 70

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND SUMMARIES ISSUED



1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 32-70
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Feb 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity
    - (1) AO SAMPFORD
      - (a) Late report (312212H) At YS355668, C Coy 8 RAR sighted lights and heard movement. Mors engaged the area with unknown results.
      - (b) (011430H) At YS342643, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located two bodies which were one to two weeks old.
      - (c) (011630H) At YS358657, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR loc a track junction showing evidence that 60 persons moving ENE had used this track three to six days ago.
    - b. Air Activity
      - (1) Omitted
      - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance
        - (a) Visual Recce

DTG	Location	Sighting
011020H	YS647607	21 Fresh graves not more than a week old
011055H	YS474532	Rock outcrop with a cave entrance, clothing and cooking utensils
011520H	YS400743	Two persons crossing a track
  - 4-5. Omitted.
  6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements
    - a. Docus recovered from a bunker system at YS345637 by 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR on 281745H Jan 70, probably identify the system as having been used by the BARLIA CITY UNIT. Other docus from the same system at YS344636 belong to NGUYEN THI SEN AKA VO THI SEN, squad 2IC of the VUNG TAU CITY UNIT.
    - b. Docus from a VC KIA by 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR at YS613930 on 301015 Jan 70 identify HUYNH VAN NAM of the Admin Sect, HQ BA LONG Province.
  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 31-70
        - (a) Para 11.f.(7) Amend results to read "One VC WIA (poss), nil friendly cas."
        - (b) Para 3.a.(3)(d) Amend DTG to read "311945H."
    - c-d. Omitted.
    - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
      - (1) Late report (31 Jan 70) At YS501581, 189 RF Coy during a morning bunker inspection found that bunker 15 had been booby trapped with one CHICOM gren.
      - (2) Late report (31 Jan 70) At YS437909, elms of 199 LIB contacted seven en. A sweep of the contact area at 010800H Feb 70 located blood trails, 30 lbs of beans, 10 lbs os sugar cane, 20 lbs of flour, 20 lbs of split peas and 20 AK47 rds.



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- (3) (010830H) At YS405720, US elms contacted four en who wdr South with unk results.
- (4) (010920H) At YS660609 and YS654604, A/S on en base camps. Results: Two bunkers destroyed and three fighting pits damaged.
- (5) (011825H) FSPB GREY (YS208932) received five to six rds of mor fire and one rocket. The mors were believed to be 82mm and the rocket 122mm. Results: Three Thais WIA and part of ammo dump destroyed.
- (6) (011830H) At YS116987, US elms on Rte 15 were ambushed by an unknown number of en. Results: One US KIA, 5 US WIA (4 slightly wounded).



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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Reports

Distribution:

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



1. Attached as Appendices I to V are Interrogation Reports for the following:

- a. DAO THI CHEO
- b. (1) PHAM VAN CU  
(2) NGUYEN VAN SAU
- c. DAO VAN NHI LU
- d. KHONG THI MUOI
- e. NGUYEN VAN CHIEU

Appendix I to Annex A  
(Interrogation Reports) to  
1 ATF INTSUL 32/70  
dated 1 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
REVIEWEE: DAO THI CHEO

Biographical Data

1. a. Name .. DAO THI CHEO
- b. Aka - BONG
- c. D/POB - 1952 at BINH BA, DUC THANH District.
- d. Address - DUC TRUNG Hamlet, BINH BA
- e. Rank/Appt - Production cell member
- f. Unit - NGAI GIAO Village

Circumstances of Return

2. a. Unit - RF Post at SUOI NGHE
- b. Date - 27 Jan 70
- c. Place - RF Post at SUOI NGHE
- d. Wpns and Docus - Nil
- e. Reasons for rallying -
  - (i) lack of material comforts and sagging morale.
  - (ii) heard broadcast from aircraft to rally.
  - (iii) has a small child.

Exploited Information

3. a. Elements of NGAI GIAO Village Party Chapter and NGAI GIAO Village Unit: Unknown.
- b. Elements of NGAI GIAO Village Production Cell:  
Cell leader : THI THANH, 20, from SVN.  
Deputy : THI KIM, 21, from SVN.  
Member : DAO THI CHEO (subject).  
" : NGOC, 23, from SVN.  
" : QUY, 23, from SVN.  
Strength : 5 persons.  
Weapons : Nil.  
Location : YS 555770, both growing area and living area.  
Housing : 1 thached building, 4.50m x 2m.  
Tunnels : Nil.  
Tasks : The growing of corn and manioc.  
Supplies : They are self supporting in respect of bananas, corn and manioc. They have no rice. During the last rainy season they only harvested 2 containers of corn and 2 containers of manioc. The remainder was eaten or spoilt by wild pigs. Consequently they could not supply anything to the village.

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4. Over the last 2 months (Dec 69 to Jan 70) they have been subjected to Arty fire and strafing by aircraft, so the entire production cell has gone away, except the subject.

<p>...          The growing of corn and manioc.          They are still supporting in respect of bananas,          corn and manioc, they have no rice. During the          last rainy season they only harvested 2 containers          of corn and 2 containers of manioc. The remainder was          sold to the army. They also supply manioc to the village.</p>	<p>...          location          location          location          Task          supplies</p>
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APPENDIX II  
TO ANNEX A  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 32/70  
DATED 1 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RETURNEES: PHAM VAN CU, NGUYEN VAN SAU

A. Biographical Data

1. a. Name PHAM VAN CU
- b. AKA -
- c. D/POB 1951, BINH DONG village, CAU MONG District, BEN TRE Prov
- d. Address DUONG CUNG Hamlet NGAI GIAO Village, DUC THANH District
- e. Rank/Appt Production Unit member
- f. Unit BA LONG Province Unit
- g. Occupation Farmer

B. Biographical Data

1. a. Name NGUYEN VAN SAU
- b. AKA -
- c. D/POB 1939, VINH HOA, BA TRI District, KIEN HOA Province.
- d. Address NGAI GIAO Hamlet, NGAI GIAO Village, DUC THANH District.
- e. Rank/Appt Production Unit member.
- f. Unit BA LONG Province Unit.

Circumstances of Return

2. a. Unit: DUC THANH District Sub-Sector.
- b. Date: 14 Jan 70
- c. Place: DUC THANH
- d. Wpns/Docs: Nil
- e. Circumstances: On 10 Jan 70 the Production Squad, consisting of 12 persons, went to transport beans at CAM MY jungle. During the return trip they were ambushed by Australian troops. The two subjects, CU and SAU, were lightly wounded and took advantage of the fact that their companions ran away, to escape (from the unit). They went back to NGAI GIAO Hamlet, contacted their families and then went to DUC THANH District to rally to the Government.
- f. Reasons for Return
  - (1) They were forced by the VC to work for them.
  - (2) Lack of food.
  - (3) Afraid they might get killed.
  - (4) They missed their families.
  - (5) Heard appeals, broadcasted by the aircraft, to rally to the Government.

Exploited Information

3. a. Elements of BA LONG Province Committee; BA LONG Province Unit and subordinate sections: unknown.

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b. BA LONG Province Production Unit consists of one squad.

Squad Commander: TU, 42, from SVN, carbine.

Assistant Commander: HAI, 25, from SVN, SKS.

Members: HAI, 26, from SVN, no weapon.

BA, 18, from SVN.

TAM, 31, from SVN.

CU )  
SAU ) the two subjects.

BAY, 26, from SVN.

DON, 29, from SVN.

CONG, 35, from SVN.

CHINH, 28, from SVN.

PHAT, 32, from SVN.

Total: about 12.

c. Weapons: 1 Carbine, 1 SKS.

Location: Since Nov 68 until 11 Jan 70 they have been hiding at YS566901 (approx). Production takes place at YS580895.

Tunnels, bunkers: There 3 tunnels for protection against aerial bombardment.

d. Tasks: Production of rice, corn, vegetables to supply to Province. The unit has only supplied 10 containers of rice, 10 containers of corn and about 50 kg of cabbage to Province.

e. However for about 3 months now, they have not been able to produce anything due to chemical spraying (defoliation?) and sweep operations, so they have to go to Cam My to bring local rice for their own consumption.

f. Supplies: Since about Oct 69 the Production Unit has had to go to the jungle near Cam My (approx YS490935) to collect rice and soy-beans. This is supplied by Province Rear Services. Each trip takes 6 days (including one rest day) and each trip they transport about 150 kg.

g. The two subjects said that during the time they have lived with the BA LONG Province Production Squad there have been 6 food transport trips to the Cam My jungle at about YS490935. Five trips were made in the period from Oct to Dec 69. On the sixth trip the subjects ran away from the VC and rallied to GVN.

h. Usually about 8 o'clock in the morning, the Production Squad would start their transportation trip. Starting from their location at about YS566901, they crossed a stream at about YS551903 continued through the jungle to about YS545908 and crossed a stream at about YS546910 (name unknown) then followed the edge of the jungle (just inside the jungle edge) to about YS543914, cross some fields and follow a track across the jungle of Cam My (LONG KHANH) YS536925, across a stream and a small track to YS532926, and continue straight through the jungle to a stream at about YS514930 and from there through the jungle to the place where they collect their food at about YS490935. They travel by day and rest at night. The subjects noticed that upon their arrival (at YS490935), 3 people (names unknown) from Province Rear Services were ready for them. Each trip, each person transports 15 litres of beans and 15 litres of rice (rice at present is very scarce, according to the 2 subjects, and they only eat beans). The trip takes 6 days, out and back. During periods of danger (GVN or Allied operations) the trip could take 9 or 10 days. The squad goes on these trips about every two weeks.

i. Caches: There are no caches at all in the squads locality. The 2 subjects further said that in the area where they pick up the rice (YS490935) there is a food cache belonging to BA LONG Province Rear Services (the subjects said that when they arrived there (at the cache) everyone had to stay "outside", while 3 caretakers went a further 50 to 100 metres to bring the food out).



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Appendix III to  
ANNEX A  
(Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 32-70  
dated 1 Feb 70.

INTERROGATION REPORT  
PW: DAO VAN NHUEN

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: DAO VAN NHUEN
- b. Rank: Unknown
- c. Unit: Unknown
- d. D/POB: 1941, unknown

Circumstances of Capture.

2. a. Capturing Unit: W/6RAR.
- b. Date: 29 Jan 70.
- c. Place: YS443874.
- d. Weapons/documents: None.
- e. Circumstances: Subject was with six others when contacted by New Zealand troops, on PM 28 Jan 70. He was wounded in the right hand and was captured at 290730H Jan 70.

Exploited Information.

3. The subject stated that he and seven others were going to CHAULAC plantation to collect coffee when ambushed. Three of the VC with him were TAI, DA and HOI, he believes these three were killed.

No further information given.

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APPENDIX IV TO ANNEX A  
(INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 32-70  
DATED 1 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
DETAINEE - KHONG THI MUOI

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: KHONG THI MUOI
- b. Aka: None
- c. D/POB: 1927, Phu Ngai. Ba Tri Ben Tre
- d. Address: Chau Lac (Ngai Giao)
- e. Rank/Appt: Unk
- f. Unit: Unk.

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: 6 RAR
- b. Date: 27 Jan 70
- c. Location: YS444875
- d. Weapons and Docs: Nil
- e. Circumstances: The police entered the house of the subject to ask if she was the wife of the wounded person TU CAM

Exploited Information

3. About Feb/Mar 69 the subject saw the following members: TU DON, HAI LE, SAU BUI and HAI SANH come to coordinate with her husband. NGUYEN VAN CAM (TO CAM) The subject stated that they were farmers association cadres for QUANG GIAO villate. From then until now the subject lived with these people. Apart from that the subject was cautioned one time by HAI SANH because he heard a rumor that the subject was having an affair with a GVN soldier at LONG HUONG BA RIA. Apart from that the subject knows nothing else.

S2 COMMENTS: Further interrogation is not needed because it appears that the subject is telling the truth and agrees with the information from HOI CHANH, NGUYEN-V-LE (HAI LE) NGUYEN-V-BUI (SAU BUI) captured on the 7 Oct 69.

APPENDIX V TO ANNEX A  
(INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 32-70  
DATED 1 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
SUSPECT: NGUYEN VAN CHIEU

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: Nguyen Van Chieu
- b. Aka: Nil
- c. D/POB: 14 July 1902. Hoa Hung, Quang Nam (Central Highland)
- d. Address: Tan Viet Nam plantation

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: 6 RAR/NZ
- b. Place: YS452884
- c. Time: 301015H Jan 70
- d. Circumstances: The Aust forces captured while he was watering his vegetables at Nguyen Hiep plantation. A Hoi Chanh identified him as a person who had supplied information and food to the VC.

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3. There were still a number of VCs at the TAN VIETNAM and HUYNH HUONG plantations.
  - a. BA SUNG, 33 yrs, SVN, AK47.
  - b. SAU THUC, 40 yrs, SVN, AK44.
  - c. TAM SO, 40 yrs, SVN, AK44.
  - d. NAM KHOM, 40 yrs, SVN, AK44.

Subject said that NAM RAU had been killed by the Allied forces in November 1969.

4. BA SUNG and SAU THUC generally went to the above mentioned plantations in order to tax the rubber tappers (130 piasters per month). During one month they didn't show up because of the Allied operation.

5. On the night of 27 Jan 70, about 2000H the subject also saw five VCs (4 males and 1 female) they came from VIET CUONG plantation at approximately YS430885 and passed NGUYEN HIEP plantation to Route 2 (destination unknown). Among these people the subject saw:

One dressed in Khaki uniform, carried B40.

One female dressed black uniform, carried a bag.

The remainder dressed black uniform carried 3 AK47.

They all spoke SVN accent.

6. Besides the above mentioned information the subject revealed that he didn't operate or supply for the VC, except to pay tax in 1963. Recently the subject was getting old and out of work therefore he didn't pay any more tax.



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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM.No 33-70
- 2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Feb 70
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late Report (012345H) At YS501901, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with no results.

(b) (021000H) At YS442853, a Ptl from 6 RAR detained three men, two boys, 6 women and three girls, the people were found shortly after a contact with one man believed to be carrying a weapon. The adults carried Identity Cards issued at HOA LONG, One woman was carrying a set of pressed green uniforms in her bag. The detainees were sent to DUC THANH for interrogation and later to Sector. S2 Comment: This was possibly a family reunion with VC. A member of CUI was killed in this area last week and it is possible that this coy, or elms, has moved north because of pressure in their normal base area.

(2) AO SAMFORD

(a) Late Report (011745H) At YS341640, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located five claymores with dets and leads but no firing devices also a grenade set up as a booby trap.

(b) (020945H) At YS390709, B Coy 8 RAR detained three civilians who were later released as innocent.

(c) (021224H) At YS358673, 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located and destroyed a galvanised iron shed 20 ft x 14 ft. The area showed signs of two to three enemy in last two to three days. Signs of rice on the floor of the shed indicate that the shed could have been used as a cache at some time.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (022100H) At YS455583, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR had a contact whilst moving to AP, sighted VC to front and engaged with small arms and M79 at 50m.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Innocent Civilians - 3
- (3),(4) Omitted.
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 10
- (6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Five claymores, one grenade.

(b) Destroyed: One shed 20 ft x 14 ft.

(3),(5) Omitted.

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- f. Omitted.
5. Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
- a. Docus captured on 27 Jan 70 by C/2-18 (opcon to 1/16 Inf US) at YS257657 dated Jan 70 identify C2/D65.
- S2 Comment: The designator D65 was first seen used in MR7 in docus on BAUT who was KIA by B Sqn 3 Cav/D & E P1 on 21 Nov 69. These docus referred to D65 as an Engr Bn, a member of the Route 15 Front Command under SR4 but directly subordinate to MR7. It was charged with the responsibility of the technical trg of VC, LF and guerillas of the Route 15 Front Command in the use of mines explosive, charges, etc. Further it was assigned a winter campaign mission of shooting down 5 ac and destroying 50 armoured vehs on Route 15.
- Docus taken from bodies by a Tiger Patrol 4/12 Inf 199 LIB at YT611412 on 21 Dec 69 included some expenditure records. Where D525 and D67 were mentioned, a hand-drawn bracket under the two units with an annotation "D65" probably indicates that both Engr Bns have now merged. These docus captured by C/2-18 are the first seen in PHUOC TUY Province referring to D65. The corps of D67 and D525 were C2, C3, C4 and C25, C26, C27 respectively. C2/D65 suggests that they have retained their coy identifications in the merger i.e. that the comp in D65 possibly run C1 - C6 or C2 - C7.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/70 dated 27 Jan 70.
9. Omitted.
10. VCI/Guerrilla ORBAT
- a. Omitted.
- b. Guerrilla ORBAT.
- (1).(5) Omitted.
- (6) Additional Data.
- (1) The following is a summary of PW's, Hoi Chanh's and VCI who were captured or rallied to 1 ATF elements during Jan 70:
- (a) NGUYEN VAN PHUC - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 4-70 ANNEX A).
- (b) LE VAN NHUNG - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 15/70 Appendix 2 to ANNEX A).
- (c) NGUYEN VAN DUOC - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 15/70 Appendix 3 to ANNEX A).
- (d) NGUYEN VAN NHIEU - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 26/70 Appendix 1 to ANNEX A).
- (e) DOAN VAN TRIEU - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 19/70 ANNEX A).
- (f) NGUYEN VAN UNG - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 28/70 Appendix IV to ANNEX A).
- (g) DAO VAN NHIEU - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 32/70 Appendix III to ANNEX A).
- (h) NGUYEN VAN CHEIU - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 26/70 Appendix II to ANNEX A).

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(i) DINH VAN CA - PW (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 26/70 Appendix IV to ANNEX A).

(j) NGUYEN VAN CAM - VCI (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 15/70 Appendix 1 to ANNEX A).

(k) BUI VAN HIEN - Hoi Chanh (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 26/70 Appendix VI to ANNEX A).

(l) LE VAN VINH - Hoi Chanh (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 26/70 Appendix V ANNEX A).

(m) NGUYEN VAN NHUT - Hoi Chanh (For Interrogation Report see INTSUM 13/70 ANNEX A).

Note: All reference to classification in previous INTSUMS should be deleted and the above classification inserted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 31/70.

(a) Para 4.f.(2) amend to read 9.

(b) Para 4.f.(3) amend to read 3.

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (011040P) At YS248802, recce element of 2/18 Inf (US) engaged 15 NVA crossing road. NVA returned fire and withdrew north with unknown results, at 011925H another group were engaged and at 011931H another group of enemy were engaged. Results unknown.

(2) Late Report (012050H) At YS244815, Night Hawk engaged one NVA in open with unknown results.

(3) Late Report (012045H) At YS116987, six US civilians in two vehicles were engaged with RPG's. Results: One civ KIA, five civs WIA.

(4) (020945H) At YS743699, RAAF conducted an A/S against a base camp, which resulted in two bunkers destroyed.

(5) The HOI CHANH, LY THANH, who has given information on the incursion of a new force into PHUOC TUY (possibly elms 274 Regt) (see INTSUM 29/70), failed to locate the supposed track which a group of 100 (60 tps and 40 carriers) followed west through the QUANG GIAO rubber on route to CHAU DUC District. There is still no ground evidence of the presence of this force but its presence remains a possibility.

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GSO 2 (INT)

Attachments

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

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

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 33/70  
dated 2 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
1 Feb 70	YS6460	21 graves, four with head markers, appear to be recent.
011735H	YS471753	Three small shelters next to oxcart tracks. Probably day shelters for timber cutters.
	YS464743	Movement was noticed which appeared to be one person in black.
2 Feb 70	YS562594	An old camp containing a number of bunkers. Appears to have fairly fresh tracks in it.
	YS5861, 5861	There appears to have been some recent activity on tracks in these areas but it is difficult to say how recent.
020900H	YS620627-640613- 654608-630625	Track showing much recent use.
021000H	YS577572	A hole (possible cache site) approx 18" wide located at base of tree near waters edge.
	YS577575	Footprints of approx 6 persons 2-3 days old leading North. Prints resembled those of Aust GP boot so possibly made by own troops.

2.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
021245H	YS540875	Maximum
	YS540868	"
	YS540858	"
	YS540847	" (Poss exhaust gas)
	YS540839	" " "
	YS540834	" " "
	YS540831	" " "
	YS576817	" (Smoke)
	YS540879	Strong
	YS540870	Minimum

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 34-70.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity.
    - (1) AO SAMFORD.
      - (a) (030752H) at YS378710 a patrol of 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted three enemy moving east to west, enemy withdrew east after contact. Results: One enemy KIA(BC), one enemy WIA(bloodtrail) and 1 x AK47, 4 x AK47 mags and 11 lbs dried and fresh food CIA.
    - (2) AO BAYSWATER.
      - (a) (031500H) at YS562672 C Coy 5 RAR located and destroyed a two months old base camp consisting of two huts, three bunkers and 18 small one man fighting pits.
    - (3) OTHER AREAS.
      - (a) Further to contact report in 1 ATF Intsum 33-70 Para 3.a.(3)(a). (021950H) at YS455583 A Coy 6 RAR contacted four to six enemy. Enemy initiated contact with SA and M79 at 150 metres as patrol moved out of the village. The patrol returned fire with M60, M16 and M79 with Arty and searchlight support. A sweep revealed two bloodtrails going south. Results: Two enemy WIA(heavy bloodtrails).
      - (b) (031055H) at YS453662 a sentry of 8 RAR sighted two persons dressed in black moving along a creekline 500 metres to his front. A patrol was sent out to investigate and they detained a total of six persons in the vicinity of YS460662. The six persons were later released after questioning by National Police.
  - 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. Omitted.
  - c. Detainees.
    - (1) Omitted.
    - (2) Innocent Civilians - 6.
    - (3)-(6) Omitted.
  - d. Omitted.
  - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
    - (1) Captured Weapons.
      - (a) Individual - 1.
      - (b) Omitted.
      - (c) Breakdown - 1 AK47.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: 4 AK47 mags and a small qty of food.  
 (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS378710	Fish	8 lbs	Destroyed.
YS378710	Vegetables	3 lbs	Destroyed.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 VC.

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 1.

(6)-(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>
030725H	YS612643	LTL 23	Culvert blown (2'x2' hole).

(2) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents taken from two VC KIA by 2/W/6 RAR at YS434865 on 301145H Jan 70 disclose no identifications.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM No 33-70.

(a) Ref para 3.a.(1)(b) seventh line. Amend "a member of CUI" to read "a member of C41."

(b) Ref Para 4.c.(5) amend total to read 14.

(c) Ref para 6.a. sixteenth line. Amend "The corps of D67" to read "The coys of D67." Also line 18 amend "the corp in D65" to read "the coys in D65."

(d) Ref para 11.f.(5). Amend "information or the incersion" to read "information on the incursion."

c.-e. Omitted.




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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (021930H) at YS360574 26 Boat Coy detained 28 persons in sampans. Detainees were handed over to National Police for questioning at 030800H. No further information available.
- (2) (030925H and 031035H) at YS729904 two airstrikes were conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Two secondary explosions (two with grey and white smoke and one with black smoke) during second airstrike.
- (3) (031420H) at YS480552 elements of 124 RF Coy ambushed an estimated VC Coy. VC broke contact at 031440H and withdrew Southwest. Results: Three RF WIA, enemy casualties unknown. One VC letter was CIA.
- (4) (031200H) Police reports from DAT DO indicate that as a result of an airstrike in the LONG HAI's on 15 Jan 70 up to seven VC from HOI MY guerillas were killed, also up to eight VC from PHUOC HAI. Checks are being made to confirm these KIA's.

  
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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  
2 Bde 1st INF DIV

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 34-70  
dated 3 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
030755H	YS680882	Old disused bunker system.
031045H	YS395827	One bunker.
031200H	YS643581	Recent activity along track from this point to the north and on its side tracks East and West.
031200H	YS646618	12-15 sheets of tin in good condition adjacent to old camp in rocks.
031400H	YS667601	One new large bunker located on edge of small fresh water stream.
031400H	YS664609	Rice drying on mat (6mx4m). Foot track going north from rice. Suspect camp in area.
031400H	YS662610	A tin hut has been re-built on edge of previous airstruck runs between bomb craters from West to East.
031400H	YS667612	Camp consisting of four bunkers in good condition and framework of one hut. Well used foot track ran into camp from a main West/East track.
031400H	YS686611	Old camp consisting of huts, bunkers and comms trench. Two bunkers appeared to be under construction as fresh soil was sighted.
031455H	YS7984	A North/South track through the area shows signs of recent movement. Track continues in the South to the coast and to the highway in the north.
031750H	YS475544 and YS480546	Unknown size enemy group moving towards the LONG HAIS. Comment: P1ss group that contacted elements of 124 RF Coy. Para 11.f. (3) of this Intsum refers.

2.-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
031045H	YS427810	Maximum
	YS426803	Maximum
	YS388860	Strong
	YS432804	Strong
	YS388856	Minimum
	YS388842	Minimum
	YS387815	Minimum
	YS428798	Minimum
	YS432801	Minimum

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 35/70.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. General Activity.

(1) AO SAMFORD.

(a) (040743H) At YS382708, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted four enemy moving east to west carrying M1 carbines. Results: 2 En KIA (BC), 1 WIA (captured), 2 M1 carbines, 2 magazines, 1 flagon of rice wine 1 bottle of whisky, a qty of assorted fruit and dried fish, 1 pack and a qty of documents were recovered. Acting on information given by captured person, elements of 1 ATF and National Police located a tunnel system. Recovered were: 2 claymore mines, 1 torch, 1 ARVN shirt, 1 hat and twobottles of water. S2 Comment. This was a very well concealed tunnel which enabled small groups to lie up within AP TAY. It is likely that similar hides have been constructed to facilitate infiltration and movement within hamlets. Supplies are purchased regularly in AP TAY by groups of CHAU DUC guerillas. See Interrogation Report at Annex A, Appendix 1.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late Report (031925H) At YS449890, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted two enemy. During a sweep of the contact area this morning at 0710H, 1 Pl found one body. Results: 1 KIA (BC).

(b) (4 Feb 70) At YS423834, a ptl from 6 RAR which had been sent out to investigate noises heard on their perimeter last night, located a track which had been used by approx 6 enemy within the last 12 hours.

(3) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (041130H) At YS554672, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a cache near an old destroyed bunker. The cache consisted of 10x4 gallon drums containing rice buried 12 inches below the surface. Recovered was: 500lb of polished rice in good condition. S2 Comment. The general vicinity is a known base area of D445 where it is believed at least one coy (probably C2) of that unit has recently been located.

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 RESPONCE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
041000H	YS374840	50 ft	10-15 rds of automatic weapon (NFI)	Unk	Area engaged by Cobra gunships	Negative

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
041050H	YS600670	A base camp consisting of 5 bunkers, believed in use, Bushrangers engaged the area immediately. At 041138H an airstrike was conducted on the area which resulted in 1 bunker destroyed.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occuring during this reporting period.

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



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7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.
- 9.10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
  - a. Omitted.
  - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
    - (1) Reference INTSUM 34/70. Para 11.f.(2) 2nd line after "Two secondary explosions" insert "during first airstrike and 3 secondary explosions".
  - c-e. Omitted.
  - f. Other Items Of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) Late Report (031055H) At YS402756, D Coy 2/16 Inf (US) contacted 1 NVA moving east. Result: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK47 and 5 magazines CIA.
    - (2) (040855H) At YS667612, an airstrike was conducted on bunkers which VR indicated were in use. Results: 5 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed and 2 bunkers exposed and damaged.
    - (3) (040930H) At YS686611, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 2 bunkers exposed.

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Attachments.

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

Distribution.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM NO 35 - 70  
DATED 4 FEB 70

1. Attached as appendices I and II are interrogation reports for the following:

- a. NGUYEN THE TIEP
- b. LE VAN NHE.

APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 35-70  
DATED 4 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
NGUYEN THE TIEP

General

1. The following is a report of an interrogation carried out by Det 1 Div Int Unit.

Biographical Data

2. a. Name NGUYEN THE TIEP
- b. D/POB 1947, BINH BA, DUC THANH, PHUOC TUY.
- c. Rank Soldier
- d. Unit C41
- e. Father NGUYEN THE NGHI
- f. Mother DO THI HUU
- g. Religion Buddhist

Circumstances of Capture

3. a. Capturing unit B Coy 8 RAR
- b. Date 4 Feb 70
- c. Place YS 384708
- d. Wpns/Docs 2 personal letters
- e. Circumstances Subject was returning to unit with 3 others when ambushed by Aust troops.

Exploitable Information

4. The detainee, from the contact with a patrol from 8 RAR at YS 384708 on 4 Feb 70, was a member of C41. With 3 others he was returning to his base from HOA LONG where the group had been hidden for two days. On 2 Feb 70, with a large group of about 40 - 50 members of C41 and CHAU DUC District HQ, he had travelled to HOA LONG (GO SUNG area) to collect TET gifts; the remainder returned to base while a group of four remained in a tunnel at YS 415635 (indicated to police by subject). At this location two claymore mines were found and items which indicated regular use as a hide; the subject also identified a home where supplies were regularly collected by VC and gave identification of the suppliers involved.

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5. Tactical Information

a. C41 base, strength 60, is three hours walk from the point of capture to the west; it is two hours from TOC TIEN feature and one hour west of CHAU PHA stream. This could place it in the area YS 3274, YS 3375. It has been in this location for at least one month. A further  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour walk to the west is located CHAU DUC District HQ, CHAU DUC Hospital and Mil Postal Unit, total strength 70.

b. All have individual weapons. Only one 60mm mor with no ammunition. An ammunition supply party of seven left in mid January (not known where they were going) and have not yet returned. (This could explain the apparent delay of the operation intended prior to TET according to a previous PW from C41).

6. Supplies. Supplies are purchased from local people in DUC MY and HOA LONG, more commonly the latter. About 2 trips each week are taken to HOA LONG (occasionally to DUC MY) by a composite group of 20 - 30 from C41 and CHAU DUC District HQ. There is no accessible reserve supply, hence regular trips to get supplies for 2 - 3 days. The subject has heard there is rice in the DINHS or THI VAI but does not know the location (previous PW indicated a rice cache at area YS 316713).

7. Intentions. A one week political orientation course was completed one week ago at which it was stated that a ground attack would be made against targets (not specified) in area AP TAY/AP BAC of HOA LONG. (Probable targets would include information office and RF).

8. Routes. Previously a route down the CHAU PHA stream was used (8 RAR contact with ten at YS 390646). More usually now groups follow a route from the base, east across CHAU PHA, thence across SUOI XOAI and follow SUOI SUI to area YS 4071 where a left branch leads to DUC MY and a right branch leads to HOA LONG. Return is usually same general route.

9. Additional Information. The subject joined C41 from NGAI GIAO Guerilla Unit one month ago. Some ten from local village units have joined C41 in the past month, including at least one from BINH BA. The subject will be interrogated further on his knowledge of NGAI GIAO and DUC MY.

10. S2 Comments. The subject has been very cooperative; his statements agree generally with earlier PW of this unit. CHAU DUC might move as a result of his capture, but previous captures have evidently not forced them to move. He is willing to co-operate in locating the base areas. He has already led a patrol to the tunnel in AP TAY where his group had remained concealed for two days and two claymores were found. He has also given evidence and identified the house and suppliers previously visited in AP TAY. He has no particular loyalty for CHAU DUC, and appears unconcerned as to the consequences to his unit of his information. It is very probable therefore that the detail provided is true as far as he knows it.



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APPENDIX 2  
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 35-70  
DATED 4 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
DETAINEE: LE VAN NHE

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: Le Van Nhe
- b. Alias: Nil
- c. D/POB: 1936, Loc Hoa, Dai Loc, Quang Nam.
- d. Address: Suoi Nghe hamlet, Duc Thanh
- e. Rank/Appt: Cell member
- f. Unit: Hamlet 4 (Lang Lon) Ngai Giao,
- g. Occupation: Labourer

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: 6 RAR
- b. Date: 141400H Jan 70.
- c. Location: YS439887
- d. Weapons and Documents: Nil
- e. Circumstances: Captured by Aust Forces in fields at the above location.

Past Activities

3. About the middle of 1968 - 14 Jan 70: TAM SO, a VC cadre, enlisted him into Farmers Association where he stayed until he was captured.

Exploited Information

4. a. Hamlet 4 (LANG LON) Farmers Association.  
Strength: 5 persons  
Cell Leader: HAI HAI, 40, HOA LONG.  
Cell Members: TU DON, 20, BEN TRE.  
TU, over 20, HOA LONG.  
TRUC, over 20, XUYEN MOC.  
NHE, (subject).
- b. Weapons: Nil.  
Location and Activities: All personnel work as labourers or as rubber tappers. When there is a mission to be done HAI calls on members and issues orders when they are assembled together.
- c. The subject also knew a few low level Cell cadres who operate in the plantation areas. Appointments unknown:  
BA NHIEU, 40, BINH DUONG, no weapon.  
TAM SO, 35, TAY NINH, no weapon.  
BA TU, 50, carbine.  
BA HEO, over 30, TAY NINH, no weapon.  
BA TUONG, over 30, HOA LONG ) These two just arrived. They trap wild  
TU TIEN, 40, HOA LONG ) pigs.
- d. About August 69 I was given orders by TAM SO to work as a civilian labourer for one month with the task of transporting rice and beans from BAO BINH. The total number of civilian labourers was 60 persons. Each person carried from 30 kilos upwards depending upon the person. The goods were carried back to the Eastern side of Route 2. He did not know to whom to food was issued.

Elements of the Rear Services

5. Unknown, however about Nov 69, two persons CHAU and KHANH from Province Rear Services often bought rice and foodstuffs in the plantation areas. But there wasn't much rice. Every time they bought food they returned to their hideout, a tin hut about 1 kilometre from the Chau Lac Plantation to the South-west. There is a bunker in the hut. The area had recently been swept by Aust Forces. He did not know if the hut had been destroyed or not.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 36/70
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Feb 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) Late Report. (042030). In the vic of YS528754, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR sighted lights at approx 300m NNW of this loc. At 2105H, 12 Pl again reported lights SW of this loc. A sweep of the area of the first sighting revealed tracks of five persons moving NE to SW. Arty from FSPB PAT (YS613818) and mors engaged the area of YS 529742.

(b) Late Report. (042050H). In the vic of YS536751, HQ D Coy 5 RAR sighted lights ESE of this loc moving East to West at 2155H, D Coy again reported lights in the same loc as the first sighting moving East to West. A sweep of the area this morning revealed a small bush fire in the area.

(c) (051100E). At YS546776, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR were fired on by two en 200m to their flank. Bushrangers were called in and they sighted a further eight VC. Bushrangers engaged the area resulting in the discovery of one large bunker at YS544777. Results: En casualties unknown, one bunker damaged.

(d) (051620H). At YS556668, C Coy 5 RAR located two caches approx 100m from a recently demolished bunker system. Items recovered: 14 reams of paper, 22 typewriter ribbons, qty of books and docs, a small bundle of rice paper, 80 lbs polished rice, 10lbs of sugar, 7lbs of tobacco, 60 torch batteries, 1 1/2 lbs of tea, 1lb of coffee, seven 14oz containers of condensed milk, fishing lines, small qty of unknown med crystals and tablets, two ponchos, two shelters, one knife, qty of SA ammo.

(e) (052005H). At YS548777, elms of D Coy 5 RAR loc two huts and five living areas in poor condition. Recovered were: Cooking utensils, 20lbs of husked rice, 500lbs of bananas, several items of Aust eqpt, 20lbs of tobacco and one M26 gren set up as a booby trap. Comment: Probably QUANG GIAO guerillers base.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late Report. (041930H). At YS455897, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted three en who came from the North with unknown results.

(b) Late Report. (041930H). At YS431856, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted two en who were moving along a track. Results: One en WIA (POSS).

(c) (051030H). At YS433857, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR loc a coy size camp which had not been used by a large force within last six months; some areas had been within last 48 hours. Recovered were: A qty of clothing, one stick gren, one phail of penicillin and one opium pipe.

(d) (051345E). At YS436855, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ loc a rest area and a cache. Items recovered: Qty of clothing, one old blanket, one sleeping bag made from a parachute, one pr of spectacles, small qty of assorted webbing, three torch batteries, one razor, one pr of scissors, one machete, 7 SA ammo rds.

(e) (051610H). At YS431850, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted an unknown number of en. Results: One en KIA(BC).

(f) (051740H) At YS435891, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en with unknown results.



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(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (051125H). At YS237789, elms of 17 Const Sqn loc a cache. Recovered were: 30-40 1' bags of rice, one large waterproof bag of med sups and books, one carrier containing three RPG 7 rkts and boosters, 100 French dets, four pkts of VN cigarettes, a qty of tobacco, two tins of "C" rations, qty of clothing, one pr of thongs, one small pkt of rice, one med kit, a pkt of razor blades, two haversacks and a qty of docus.

(4) AO SAMFORD

(a) (051910H). At YS405715, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR heard movement of an est 6-10 men moving West to East.

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>
051213H	YS478521	UNK	UNK	NIL	Bushranger engaged area.	Unknown as this AC also received ground fire.
051830H	YS550581	UNK	AW	NIL	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
- (3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 14 reams of paper, 22 typewriter ribbons, qty of books docus, small bundle of rice paper, fishing lines, small qty of unkm med crystals and tablets, two ponchos, 2 shelters, one knife, qty SA ammo, AUST eqpt, clothing, one M26 gren, one stick gren, one phail of penicillin, one opium pipe, cooking utensils, 63 torch batteries, one razor, one pr of scissors, one blanket, one sleeping bag, one pr spectacles, one machete, three RPG rkts and boosters, 100 French dets one med kit, two hammocks.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS556668	Rice	80 lbs	Destroyed
	Sugar	10 lbs	"
	Tobacco	7 lb	"
	Tea	1½ lb	"
	Coffee	1 lb	"
	Condensed Milk	6 lb	"

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<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS548777	Rice	20 lb	Destroyed
	Bananas	500 lb	"
	Tobacco	20 lb	"
YS237789	Rice	1400 lbs	"
	Tobacco	unk	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
051345H	Aslt Pnrs Pl 6 RAR/NZ	YS436855	See para 3 a(2)(d) of this INTSUM
051125H	LCT	YS237779	See para 3 a (3)(a) of this INTSUM
051620H	C Coy 5 RAR	YS556668	See para 3 a (1)(d) of this INTSUM

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 5 VC
- (2) PW - 0
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 0
- (4) VCI - 0
- (5) Individual Weapons - 3
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 0
- (7) Rice Captured 1 ton
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

5. a. Omitted

- b. (1) Omitted.  
(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
050948H	YS538560	Approx 10-15 lb CHICOM TNT	Nil friendly casualties Slight damage to tank.

6.-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (050110H) At YS425575, Sector reported that a VC squad entered AN THANH from the East, dropped leaflets and talked to the people. The VC went to the hamlet Chief's house, stole all his clothing and destroyed all pro government papers. Their mission was to assassinate him. As the VC left the hamlet at 0130H they fired several long bursts of SA fire. The VC wdr to the East and left a VC flag. 615 RF Coy swept the area this morning and picked up the flag and leaflets.

(2) (050915H) At YS752901, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.

(3) (050915H) At YS729904, A/S on en base camp. Results: One tunnel entrance exposed.

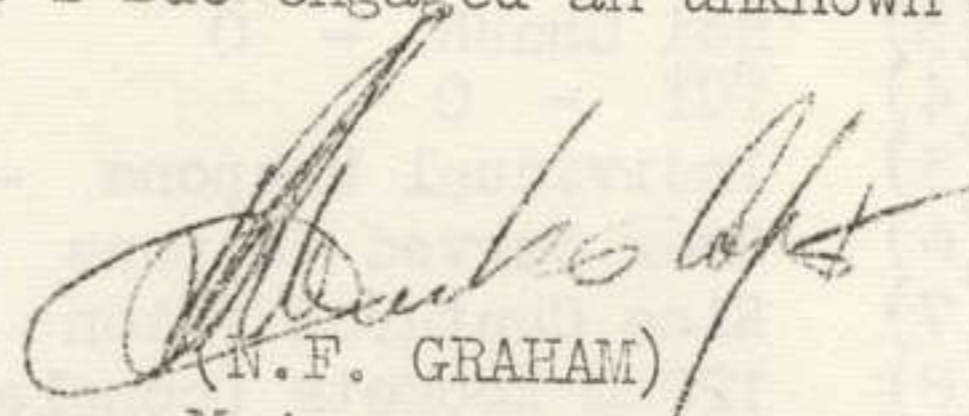
(4) (051045H) At YS405763, elms of 2/16 Inf (US) engaged eight NVA resulting in one NVA KIA, one K54 pistol, five lbs of rice and docus CIA. The en wdr East.

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- (5) (051305H) At YS474528, A/S on en base camp. Results: Four bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged and two bunkers exposed.
- (6) (051330H) At YS474526, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two cave entrances damaged.
- (7) (051530H) At YS375748, elms of 2/16 Inf (US) engaged three NVA resulting in one NVA KIA. The en wdr South.
- (8) (051726H) At YS473527, A/S on suspected en troop concentration. Nil BDA.
- (9) (051855H) At YS237788, elms of 2 Bde were engaged by an est two NVA. Results: En casualties unknown. 1 US WIA (Evac).
- (10) (052050H) At YS428601, 586 RF Coy AP was engaged by an unknown number of VC who initiated contact with a hand grenade. Contact was broken at 052055H and the en wdr in an unknown direction. Results: One VC KIA, one wpn (NFI) CIA.
- (11) (052230H) At YS3871, elms of 2 Bde engaged an unknown number of en with unknown results.

  
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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

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RTAVF  
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
To 1 ATF INTSUM No 36/70

Dated 5 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
050930H	YS458553	Well used track system.
	YS 456556	Well used track system.
	YS455557	One small bunker. Fresh tracks in area.
	YS456557	One small bunker. Fresh tracks in area.
	YS458557	One small thatch shelter. Fresh tracks in area.
	YS462544	Many small wooden const under two rocky out crops.
	YS466548	Three bunkers. Signs of fresh track activity.
	YS474528	Old bunkers in good condition. Fresh track activity suggests that they are still being used, See also Para 114(5) of this INTSUM.
	YS472524	Fresh track activity from watering point to wooded area.
	YS478521	One VC sighted in a cave. At 1213 an A/S was conducted on the tgt. There was no BDA due to AC receiving ground fire.
	YS474525	Small rocky out crop. Fresh tracks. Many small wooden const.
	YS474526	Small rocky out crop. Fresh tracks. Many small wooden const.
	YS486511	One VC sighted moving into a large cave. More movement was sighted 50 metres up the re-entrant. Fresh track activity along re-entrant and over the ridge line to the South. An A/S was conducted at 1657H resulting in one enemy KBA (poss).
051330H	YS558844	A well used E-W track. The track was followed for approx 500 metres where it came to a dead end.
051555H	YS576591	A mil structure. Bushrangers engaged and destroyed tgt with mini-guns.
	YS563579	One VC, three weapon pits four bunkers and two poss tunnel entrances. Bushrangers engaged tgt resulting in one VC KBA(poss) and heavy damage to installation.
051830	YS550581	2-3 bunkers, 200 metres NNW of this loc.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
050220H	YS340748	2 on trail

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
050030H	YS310730	1 on road
051817H	YS310745	1 in open

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5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
05 Feb 70	YS634605	Maximum
	YS637610	"
	YS613604	" (smoke from scrub fire)
	YS618608	" (smoke from scrub fire)
	YS607608	Strong
	YS634607	"
	YS635609	"
	YS635607	"
	YS643601	"
	YS593611	Minimum
	YS597607	"
	YS607609	"



1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 37/70
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO SAMPUR

(a) Person captured by 6Pl B Coy 8 RAR after contact with four enemy at YS382708 on 040730H Feb 70 (INTSUM 35/70, Para 3.a.(1) (a) refers) has been classified as a FOI CHANH.

(b) (062015H). At YS333634 elms of 3 RAR sighted 15 lights in the vicinity of a previously reported base camp.

(2) AO OS LYH

(a) (060735H). At YS582896, 2Pl A Coy 5 RAR while protecting res-up LZ were engaged by three enemy wearing greens and carrying AK47 and packs, moving from W to E. There were no cas to either side.

(b) (061710H). At YS547700, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR were engaged by three en moving from North to South. Results: two en KIA(BC), one AK47, one RPG2, two RPG2 rds, four HE grenades and 15lbs of black seed CIA. The leading en before he died placed a grenade under his body which exploded wounding four AUST who remained on duty.

S2 Comment. Docus identify C5/D440. It is likely that C5 provided a guide elm for a gp moving to QLSU DUC Dist. This possibly connects with the transportation gp reported by HOI CHANH (See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 Para 6).

(3) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (061015H). At YS439865, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR were engaged by two VC. Pl returned fire and en withdrew with unknown results.

(b) (061730H). At YS435892, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a base camp with many trenches. Recovered was one body which had been killed in the last 24hrs. (INTSUM 36/70 Para 3.a.(2)(f) refers).

Other Areas.

(a) (060130H). At YS4868, elms of 6 RAR sighted a stationary light.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

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

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

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



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c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

(b) Crew Served - 0

(c) Breakdown - 1 x AK47, 1 x RPG2 launcher.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 4 x HE grenades, 15lbs black seed, 2 x RPG2 rds.

(b) Omitted.

3.4.5. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

(1) KIA - 9VC

(2) PW - Nil

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 5

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured 1 Ton.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents recovered from a cache located by 17 Const Sqn at YS237787 on 051125H identify D67 Eng Bn. The documents indicate that the med sups appear to have been cached in the last four days. (INTSUM 36/70 Para 3.a. 3(a) refers).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

11.. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

1. Reference INTSUM 36/70.

(a) ANNEX E(Aerial Reconnaissance) Para 1 (Visual Recce) 16th entry add 1 VC KBA.

(b) Para 4a (2) amend to read 2.

(c) Para 4 of (1) amend to read 6 VC.

(d) Para 11 of (10) amend results to read 1 x VC KIA(BC), 2 VC KIA (poss, heavy blood trails).

(e) Para 3.a. (2)(e) amend time of incident to read 051810H and add to results a qty of docus CIA.

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(f) Parra 11 of (9) amend results to read 1 x NVA KIA, 1 x AK47, 1 x SKS, 2 x RPG rockets and several maps CIA. 1 x US WIA (evac).

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) Para 1 (Visual Recce) 8th entry, third line, amend to read See also Para 11 f(5) of this INTSUM.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) Para 3 (Red Haze Activity) amend Grid Reference to read YS340749.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (051131H). At YT280610, A Coy 5th Special Forces/1st Bn 3MSF loc two caches, 100m apart. Recovered were: 3440 x 82mm mor rds, 160 x 75mm RCL rds, 140 x RPG2 rds, seven RPG2 carriers, five cans of an unk type of explosive, five sets of webbing, two 122mm multi pod rocket launchers (six tubes launcher, launchers on trailers), two 122mm rocket launcher with mounts, 22 x 122mm rockets with oversized warhead, 16 x 122mm rockets with normal warheads, three .50 cal MG (CHICOM), 94 x CKC rifles and one M16 rifle.

(2) Late Report (051800H). At YS486511 and YS473523, A/S were conducted with unknown results.

(3) (061225H), three Hoi Chanhs rallied to DUC THANH sub sector, these persons appear to be part of a production cell supplying VC with food in the vic of NGAI GIAO. They state that it has been a long time since VC were in the area, that they have been unable to grow enough food even for themselves and eventually decided to rally. S2 Comment: Most of the local production cells in the jungle east of Route 2 have ceased to function or rallied. VC docs have expressed serious concern at the defection rate of these low level members. Intg reports will follow.

(4) (062152H). At YS433647 the NE bunker of HOA LONG was engaged by an estimated squad of VC, Illumination was fired by 1 ATF, HOA LONG compound and 609 RF Coy. The en withdrew east with unk result.

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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ADDENDUM TO INTERROGATION REPORT  
HOI CHANH: NGUYEN THI TIEP

Reference: Annex A to 1 ATF Intsum 35/70 dated 4 Feb 70.

Exploited Information

1. a. CHAU DUC District Party Committee

Secretary: NAM THANH (he has gone to BA LONG Province at end of December 69 and presently has no replacement).

b. CHAU DUC District Unit

Commander: NAM KIEM (since Nov 69)

2IC: NAM THANH, K54

PO: TU HIEU, K54

APC: Unknown

Medical Specialist: CHIN THANG (died in early Jan 70)

Medic: CONG from HOA LONG

c. Medical Section

Commander: CHINH THANG (no replacement)

2IC: CONG

Nurse: THI THUY

d. Rear Services Section

Commander: HAI CHUNG

2IC: CHIN TRUONG from HOA LONG

Member: BAY THONG

" TU CUA

e. Ordnance Section

Commander: TU CUONG (died in early January 70, together with CHIN THANG and about 7 more members).

f. Postal Section

Commander: BAO

2IC: BA MOI

Members: about 7 more

Every two days they dispatch mail. Postmen consist of three persons. In case of emergency, mail is forwarded immediately.

g. Engineer Unit

Commander: GIAU

2IC: BINH

Members: 13



h. Location

Before November 1969, the District Party Committee, District Unit and C41 camped in an area near HAT DICH approx YS 3475. In the beginning of November 69, the Australians operated in their base camp area, they moved to TRANG NAI camp at approx YS 345715.

2. Future Policy of CHAU DUC District

On about 27 Jan 70, the subject was told by BAY TRI, PO of C41, who assembled all troop strength of C41, to tell them about the communist victory in South Vietnam. During this meeting, BAY TRI said that after THE C41 Coy will engage in a battle (the subject realizes they will attack HOA LONG, because HOA LONG is the target for CHAU DUC District in the coming phase). The subject stated that the engineer unit of CHAU DUC District was divided into two teams on about 15 Jan 70. One team operated on Route 2 in BINH BA village, another team operated on Route 15 in PHUOC HOA village (no further details).

3. Supplies

Before December 69, District Party Committee, District Unit and C41 bought rice at PHUOC THAI village. From December 69 until now, PHUOC THAI entry/exit point has been blockaded, they had to get rice in HOA LONG village. On the average, every three or four days, CHAU DUC District Unit and C41 went to HOA LONG to collect rice once. On each trip there were 30 - 40 persons. The subject has been to HOA LONG three times to transport rice. He is sure that CHAU DUC District these days does not get rice in BINH BA because there is no rice there.

4. HOA LONG Rice Transportation Route

From the base camp TRANG NAI, approx YS 345715, they crossed CHAU PHA stream, then SONG CA at approx YS 380696, then DONG NGHE stream, then SONG CAU at approx YS408661, then the paddy fields and after that through the rubber plantation. Finally they crossed Route 2, cut the barbed wire fence at approx YS406645 to enter AP BAC. They spread out to collect rice from the neighbouring houses of THI DUONG's. Each time they went to HOA LONG to collect rice, they entered AP BAC at about 10 - 10 pm, and left the hamlet at about 2 am using the entry route.

5. C41 Coy

Commander: DANG from HOA LONG

2IC: SONG

PO: BAY TRI from HOA LONG

APO: BAY GIAI

" KIEM

Adjutant: BAY LINH

Medic: BA LOI CVN

Troop strength: 50 - 55 members.

Weapons: 1 x 60mm mor

1 x BAR

1 x RPD

2 x B40

1 x B41

and AKs, K51s, Carbine M2s

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The Coy comprises 3 platoons.

1 Pl/C41

Commander: SAU VINH from HOA LONG

2IC: TRUNG from BINH BA

Squad Leader: QUAN

Strength: 14

Weapons: 1 x BAR, 1 x B40, AKs, K51s, Carbine M2s.

2 Pl/C41

Commander: DUNG from HOA LONG

2IC: TU DINH from HOA LONG

Squad Leader: CHINH QUAY

Strength: approx 13

Weapons: 1 x RPD, 1 x B40.

3Pl/C41

Commander: SAU THANH

2IC: LONG

Squad Leader: TEP

Strength: approx 12

Weapons: 1 x B41, AKs, K51s, Carbine M2.

6. Troop Strength Reinforcements

From November 69, C41 was reinforced by soldiers taken from agencies of the District Party Committee, District Unit of CHAU DUC. The subject only knows that C41 was reinforced by two guerillas (the subject: NGAI GIAO guerilla and TRANG: BINH BA guerilla) and two youths from HOA LONG village.

7. Other Units in the Area

A fortnight ago, during a transportation trip of vegetables at DUC MY hamlet, BINH BA village, the subject met one company of D440 Bn camped in SONG XOI area, approx YS-3875 (no further details)



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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No.  
dated 6 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

DTG

Location

Sighting

060930H  
061130H

YS4752  
YS468511 (approx)  
YS471535  
YS462545

Considerable track activity north.  
Fresh tracks.  
Bunkers in good condition.  
Bunkers in good condition.  
One yellow and red "T" marker.

061355H  
061400H  
061600H

YS499754  
YS826746

A basket and what appeared to be a pile of bamboo slats beside a track, the track had been used recently by up to about 5 persons.

YS836744

Track mentioned above terminated at this point and there were several iron constructions partially collapsed but could be used in transit by VC.

061515H-  
061710H

YS777686

Fresh gardens with young plants. The gardens appeared to have been watered sometime during the day. Much fresh track activity.

YS776686

Under a clump of trees a large basket three to four ft high containing something nearby a long table and at the edge of the trees a bunker. A hole probably another bunker. Much fresh track activity.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 38-70.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (071030H) In the vicinity of YS572900, HQ A Coy and 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located an old bunker system last used within 48 hours by a coy size force.

(b) (071615H) At YS568917, elms of 5 RAR located a bunker system previously destroyed by friendlies. Two bunkers and a fire place had been rebuilt. The system was last used two to four weeks ago.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late report. In addition to 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ installation report at YS435892 on 061740H, D Coy located a bunker system, in the same vicinity, consisting of six open fighting pits, one comd pit, one cooking area, five fire spaces and one sentry pit 70m to the east of main system. Recovered were: one US army pack, one smoke grenade, one litter, animal traps, one set of webbing and eating utensils. INTSUM 37/70 para 3.a.(3) (b) refers.

(b) (070830H) At YS427838, a pl from 6 RAR/NZ located a cache. Recovered were 40 lbs of Chicom explosive, one plastic sheet. All was destroyed in location.

(c) (070930H) At YS434893, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of one open fighting pit, one fire place, three tunnels and one sentry pit last used two to three days ago by an unk size en force.

(d) (070935H) At YS467808, B Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a qty of VC webbing and a qty of fairly freshly bloodstained bandages.

(e) (071100H) At YS443814, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp consisting of two small bunkers with OHC and two larger bunkers with OHC last used by 10 to 15 persons seven days ago. Recovered were: 20 lbs of chicom explosive, two AK47 mags, two electric detonators, five rolls of aslt cable, one chicom grenade, one Aust shovel, 12 ft of plastic hose and two lamps.

(f) (071230H) In the vicinity of YS472896, B Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained 52 persons carrying excessive amounts of pepper corn. Later 48 of these People were released while the remainder were brought to 1 ATF for further interrogation.

(g) (071400H) At YS438817, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp area last used by five to six en immediately prior to discovery. Recovered were: one US entrenching tool, one plastic bowl, six sand bags and a qty of C ration tins.

(h) (071400H) At YS450821, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp area last used one week ago. Recovered were: 30x50 cal rounds.

(i) (071500H) At YS443817, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located one large hut and one bunker with three feet OHC. Recovered were: assorted civilian and military clothing, and a qty of eating and cooking utensils.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (071015H) At YS238789, elms of 17 Const Sqn and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a staging camp consisting of two bunkers with six feet of OHC, which had last been used within the last months. Recovered were: one cooking pot and one periscope. The system was destroyed.

(b) (071050H) At YS239789, elms of 17 Const Sqn located a small camp area and one shellscrape on the side of a hill. The camp area was approx one month old. Recovered were three new cooking pots. Camp area was destroyed.



(c) (071130H) At YS239790, elms of 17 Const Sqn located and destroyed a camp area seven shellsrapes dug into the side of a hill. The camp area was apporx three months old. Recovered were: an old tyre (for making sandals), one pair of army greens, six feet of det cord and one snare type booby trap with explosives removed.

(d) (071205H) At YS240790, elms of 17 Const Sqn located a cache. Destroyed were: one claymore mine complete, a qty of fishing lines, one set of scales and several plates and cups.

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 - One NVA.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still undergoing interrogation - 4.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - One

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown - K54 pistol

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: Two AK47 mags, two electric detonators, five rolls of aslt cable, 30x50 cal rounds, one periscope, a set of scales.

(b) Destroyed: 60 lbs Chicom explosive, 1 plastic sheet, a qty of VC webbing, one US army pack, one smoke grenade, one litter, animal traps, eating and cooking utensils, one chicom grenade, one Aust and one US shovel, 12 feet of plastic hose, two lamps, a qty of C ration tins, assorted civilian and military clothing, one claymore mine, a qty of fishing lines.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
070830H	6 RAR/NZ	YS427838	40 Lbs Chicom explosive, 1 plastic sheet. All destroyed

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 9 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 6

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured - 1.00 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted

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b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

AT MINES

AP MINES

BOOBY TRAPS

Four

One

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Docus taken from a VC KIA by Aslt Pnr P1/6 RAR at YS431850 on 051610H Feb 70 identify PHAM VAN DONG Sect Comd of the Staff Section of 74 Arty Regt.

b. Docus taken from VC KIA by 3/W/6 RAR at YS428874 on 261410 Jan 70 disclose no positive identification of the body. A number of the docus are of CHAU DUC District origin and refer to MA VAN BONG aka DONG a Sect 2IC of C41 who was killed on 13 Jul 69 (NFI), and to TRAN VAN HANH, born 1952 previously a member of C41 who was WIA and convalesced in Hamlet 4 NGAI GIAO. HANH, whose parents VO VAN CHU 45 yrs and LE THI DONG, 40 yrs are rubber tappers at BINH BA Plantation, applied on 15 Nov 69 to rejoin the VC as a member of the NGAI GIAO Guerilla Unit. Included also was an exercise book belonging to LE DUNG, held by OB as a member of the BINH BA Village Unit. It is possible therefore that the party of 5 VC contacted by 3/W/6 RAR were from BINH BA or CHAU DUC on a food resupply mission to VIET CUONG/CHAU LAC.

c. Two Hoi Chanhs, LE UT DONG and HUYNH VAN NHUAN, both from C24/D67 rallied to 771 RF Coy at PHU MY on 070800H Feb 70. Initial interrogation is attached as Annex A. Detailed interrogation will follow.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 37-70

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(a) 3rd line amended to read " has been classified as a PW".

(b) Para 4.f.(2) Amend total to read "1".

(c) Para 4.f.(3) Delete all reference.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (7 Feb 70) At YS471535, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an enemy base camp. BDA: three bunkers and one structure destroyed, three bunkers damaged and five bunkers exposed.

(2) (071030H) At YS729904, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an enemy base camp. BDA: one poss small secondary explosion, no further BDA due to foliage.

(3) (071147H) At YS822763, USAF conducted an airstrike against an enemy base camp. BDA: two small bunkers and one frame structure exposed.

(4) (070845H) At YS334914, elms of 199 LIB engaged three enemy. Results: one en KIA (BC), one AK47 and a qty of docus CIA.

(5) (071140H) At YS438901, elms of 199 LIB located a recently vacated camp, possibly only a few minutes before friendlies entered camp. Also located were hot tea, warm rice and blood trail leading SW.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 38/70  
dated 7 Feb 70.

Preliminary Interrogation Report.

1. Personal Details

- a. NAME: LE UT DONG
- b. DOB: 1948 at THA BINH -SVN
- c. Returned to elms 771 RF Coy YS237772
- d. Date/time of return 070800
- e. UNIT: C24/D67
- f. RANK: Squad leader
- g. Served with VC for four years

2.

- a. NAME: HUYNH VAN NHUAN
- b. DOB: 1935 at MY THO - SVN
- c. Returned to elms 771 RF Coy YS237772
- d. Date/time of return 070800H
- e. UNIT: C24/D67
- f. RANK: Squad 2ic
- g. Served with VC for four years.

3. Circumstances of Return.

The subjects and three NVA were sent from the base camp C24/D67 to collect a squad that had been separated from the main body by allied operations. The squad was to rejoin the unit for TET. On arrival at the old base camp it was found to have been hit and deserted. The three NVA left in an attempt to locate the missing squad. The subjects waited for two nights then gave themselves up to elms of 771 RF Coy at PHU MY.

4. Exploited Information.

- a. The strength of C24/D67 is approx 40-50 VC.
- b. The old base camp is located approx 3½ hours EAST from PHU MY and the present base camp is located approx 3 hours from there.
- c. They did not know of any plans of C24/D67 for the TET period.

5. Documents and Equipment.

LE UT DONG handed in one AK47 in excellent condition and four magazines and a quantity of documents including a Commendation Certificate from D67.

6. Reason for Chieu Hoiing.

Subjects have not seen their families for approx four years.

7. Condition.

The subjects appeared to be in good condition and well fed.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 38/70  
DATED 7 FEB 70

1. Agent report stated a poss company of D445 LF Bn was located at YS665765.  
Eval: C-3.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 38/70  
DATED 7 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
071400H	YS444532	Tracks which led to a clump of bushes containing a bunker and hollow structure covered with dead grass and shrubs



1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 39/70.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 5 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late Report (071725H) At YS428852 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted 1 NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 Chicom Pistol (NFI) CIA.

Comments. This entry was omitted from Ground Activity in INTSUM 38/70 due to a typing error. The 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 Chicom pistol (NFI) CIA were included in INTSUM 38/70 cumulative totals. See para 6.

(b) (081600H) At YS376857 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 to 6 enemy moving west to east. Results: 3 enemy KIA and 1 AK47, 5 mags, 3 packs and a qty of docs CIA.

(2) AO SAMFORD.

(a) (080805H) A patrol of 8 RAR sighted 1 VC at YS385683.

(3) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (081405H) At YS572900 1 Pl and HQ A Coy 5 RAR contacted a squad to platoon size group of enemy. Results: 1 Aust WIA (DUSTOFF), 2 enemy KIA (BC), 2 KIA poss (drag marks), 4 WIA (bloodtrails), 2 AK47, 1x7.62 pistol and 3 packs with misc items and some docs CIA.

(b) (081725H) At YS556896 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy (poss an enemy squad). Results: 1 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1x.45 pistol CIA.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (080930H) At YS668613 a patrol of 3 SAS Sqn contacted 10 plus enemy. Results: 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy KIA (poss). The patrol was extracted at 081230H. Hawk Flight (10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR) was inserted into the vicinity YS670607 and at approx 1245H in the area of the LZ contacted 6-7 VC with unknown results. VC fired 1 RPG round into 10 Pl's position during withdrawal. There were no friendly casualties.

(b) (081955H) A patrol of 5 RAR sighted 3 enemy at YS431733 moving NW.

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 - 8 VC
- (3) Omitted

b.c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

- (1)-(4) Omitted
- (5) RPG (NFI) - 1
- (6) Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured and Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 6
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - 4xAK47, 1x7.62 pistol, 1x.45 pistol.



(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. Clothing, misc items and eqpt.(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS572900	Unknown	Unknown	Destroyed
YS556896	"	"	"

(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 17 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3)(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Weapons - 12

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice Captured - 1.00 tons.

(8)(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movement.

a. Docs taken from an NVA officer KIA by Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR at YS428852 on 071725H Feb 70 identify TRAN NHUAN Regt Asst Political Officer of 74 NVA Arty Regt. NHUAN was promoted from Bn Comd rank to Regt 2ic on 6 Jun 69, the same date as Nguyen Duc HOAT aka BA UT, formerly Deputy Chief of Staff MR7, who was KIA by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt/D and E Pl on 21 Nov 69 in the same general area. A commendation certificate for NHUAN dated 12 Aug 69 was signed by Nguyen Loc, formerly Deputy Chief of Political Staff MR7 who was also killed in the same contact as BA UT. NHUAN had been earlier wounded on 24 Jan 70 by 10/D/6 RAR in the TAN VIETNAM plantation.

The docs were of significant order of battle value. S2 Comments: See SPOTREP INT 2513 of 8 Feb 70 issued separately.

b. Docs recovered from a cache by C/5 RAR at YS556668 on 5 Feb 70 probably belonged to Nguyen Van BE aka NAM BE of Postal Station B6.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11 Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM No 38/70.

(a) Para 3.a.(2)(a), 5th line, delete "one litter", insert "one letter (incomplete)."

(b) Para 3.a.(2)(f) 2nd line, delete "Later 48 of these people were released while the remainder were brought to 1 ATF for further interrogation", and insert "All persons were released after initial interrogation".

(c) Para 3.a.(3)(a), 3rd line. After "within the last" insert "two".

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (081009H) At YS471535 an A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.



- (2) (081242H) A report was received from BARIA that there was a large number of VC south of DINH CO outpost, vic YS4456. S2 Comment. No evaluation of this report is possible and no VC seen on investigation.
- (3) (081230H) Elements of 2 US Bde sighted 20 enemy carrying 9 rockets on bipods at YS258792. No known results.
- (4) (082015H) DUC THANH Sub-Sector reports that 4 VC tried to enter NGAI GIAO at YS464791.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

- List A
- IIFFORCE 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
- 2 US Bde

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
 to 1 ATF INTSUM No 39/70  
 dated 8 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce.
- | <u>DTG</u>          | <u>Location</u> | <u>Sightings.</u>  |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| 080930H-<br>081130H | YS456566        | Lightly used track leading up to a living area amongst rocks. The entrance has large branches covering it.   |
| "                   | YS458557        | Recent activity on the established N-S track. Footprints were all the same boot pattern - similar to gym boot soles. Offshoots into the flat areas west of the main track occurred at approx every 200 metres. All movement appeared to be south - number in excess of 20. |
| 081500H-<br>081700H | YS511831        | Recent light use of E-W track.   |
| "                   | YS505820        | N-S track with recent use passes through two bomb craters.   |
- 2.-5. Omitted.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 40-70.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Feb 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity
    - (1) AO BAYSWATER
      - (a) Late Report (082330H) At YS453729, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted four to six en. 6 Pl initiated contact and en returned fire with RPG's and SA. En broke contact and wdr NE. Results: En casualties unknown. 5 AUST WIA (evac).
      - (b) (092027H) In vic of YS455886, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted three to five en who approached from the south. En wdr west with unknown results.
    - (2) AO SAMFORD
      - (a) (090240H) At YS442643, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR engaged the area after a trip flare had been set off. A sweep this morning revealed nil results.
    - (3) OTHER AREAS
      - (a) (091350H) At YS573588, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a mine marker consisting of three blaze marks on a tree.
      - (b) (091400H) At YS296571, elms of 17 Const Sqn combined with RF and PF contacted one en who wdr with unknown results.
      - (c) (091430H) At YS289572, elms of 17 Const Sqn combined with RF and PF contacted four en. Results: One en WIA (BT).
      - (d) (092015H) B Coy 8 RAR sighted seven lights at YS457666.
      - (e) (092015H) Elms of 8 RAR sighted one light at YS360682.
  - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
  - a.e. Omitted.
  - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
    - (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 18 VC.
    - (2) PW - 1
    - (3) Hoi Chanh - 0
    - (4) VCI - 0
    - (5) Individual Weapons - 12
    - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 0
    - (7) Rice Captured - 1.00 Tons.
    - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
    - (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- 5.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
  - a. Omitted.
  - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

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- (1) Reference INTSUM No. 37-70.
  - (a) Para 4.f.(1). Amend to read "10 VC". Amend INTSUMS 38-70 and 39-70 accordingly.
- (2) Reference INTSUM No. 39-70.
  - (a) Para 11.f.(4). Delete all reference and insert the following:  
"(082030H) BARIA Sector reported that 6 VC tried to enter AP NGAI GIAO (YS464791) and detonated a friendly gren booby trap. The en wdr with unknown results".

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report (08 Feb 70) At YS450501, 52 PF Pl ambushed an unknown number of en. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 M2 carbine CIA. There were no friendly casualties.
- (2) Late Report (082330H) At YS516531, a 10 man ptl from 613 RF Coy left their assigned AP and went into Lang PHUOC HAI and were ambushed by 4-5 VC at the above grid. Results: En casualties unk, one M79 CIA, 1 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA.
- (3) (090900H) At YS245792, B Coy 1/16 Inf (US) loc one NVA body which has been credited to D Coy 2/18 Inf (US) contact on 221858H Jan 70.
- (4) (090905H) At YS377776, US VR sighted four to six en (NVA) moving NE. The area was engaged with unknown results.
- (5) (090910H) At YS462545, A/S on en base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers damaged, two bunkers and one tunnel entrance exposed.
- (6) (090955H) At YS346789, D Coy 2/18 Inf (US) loc one NVA body which has been credited to an A/S on 031435H Feb 70.
- (7) (091035H) At YS413741, A Coy 2/16 Inf (US) engaged four NVA moving north. Results: Two NVA KIA, one AK47, one RPG rd and two packs CIA.
- (8) (091100H) At YS438901, elms of B Coy 199 LIB loc one grave containing one body dressed in a grey shirt, brown trousers and wrapped in a poncho. Body has been credited to D Coy (199 LIB) who had been working in the area previously.
- (9) (091410H) At YS284569, elms of 637 RF Coy contacted three VC who returned fire with SA and one RPG rd. En wdr in an unknown direction with unknown results.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution.

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

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 40-70  
dated 09 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
091230H	YS525740	Bunker
09 Feb 70	YS774666	Old bunker under bushes, no sign of fresh use. An ammunition box was under a tree 20m to the NE.
	YS463537	A track made by 8-12 persons around a bomb crater that was only one hour old.
090800H	YS455544	7 bunkers in good condition. Fresh track activity in area.
	YS458551	2 bunkers. Tracks indicate more camps in area. Fresh track activity in area.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
081840H	YS980818	9 in jungle.
	YS983812	3 in jungle.
	YS986844	2 in jungle.
090143H	YS305773	1 in open.
090148H	YS266784	A number of targets in this grid.
090224H	YS320838	2 in open.

4.5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 41-70.
- 2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 7 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late Report. (091700H). At YS462851, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a coy size bunker system consisting of 21 bunkers. The system had been used by one to two persons in the last 48 hrs. Recovered were: 100 rds of 7.62mm link short, a small qty of food and two lengths of one inch pipe. S2 Comment: This is a known transit area, unlikely any large force remaining.
- (b) (100830H) Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 40/70 Para 3 (1) (b), six en were contacted. Result two en WIA (BT), two SKS and small qty food CIA.
- (c) (101630H) At YS392827, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located seven bunkers which had been used two weeks ago.
- (d) (102100H) At YS452867, a patrol from 6 RAR/NZ engaged movement after a flare had been set off. Results unknown.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (101040H) At YS553673, 8 Pl C Coy contacted one enemy, believed to have withdrawn NORTH.
- (b) (101120H) At YS567654, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a hut containing a cache of 200lbs of rice and 50 lbs of peas. The area is heavily mined and booby trapped. Eight CHICOM grenades and one M16 mine were located. The cache was destroyed due to difficulty of removal.
- (c) (101245H) At YS553670, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing 700 lbs of rice. The cache was booby trapped and is to be destroyed. S2 Comment: This is an old established base area for D445 LF Bn.
- (d) (101330H) At YS567654, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted two en who approached from the EAST and withdrew EAST and NE. Results: No casualties to either side.
- (e) (101420H) At YS526783, Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR contacted five VC dressed in black and greens, wpns incl 2 X AK47s. The enemy approached from the EAST and withdrew NORTH. Results: No casualties to either side, two packs, 30 lbs of rice and a qty of documents CIA. S2 Comment: Documents indicate a party of D445. It is not known if a coy of that unit is in the area with the intention of co-op with D440, or if this was a guide or escort squad returning from BA LONG HQ in the NORTH.
- (f) (101650H) At YS547780, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted six en, four dressed in blue and two in khaki. Results: Two VC KIA (BC), two VC WIA (BT), two X AK47 CIA. See Para 4 e (2), captured materiel incl 40 lbs rice some munitions and docus. Ident of en not yet made.
- (g) (102117H) At YS555670, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged movement. Results unknown.

(3) AO HAMMERSLY.

- (a) (101830H) At YS459559, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted eight or nine en with no results.
- (b) (101830H) At YS459559, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an M16 mine. Results: track adjuster partly blown off.



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(c) (101835H) At YS433534, en fired a short burst into HQ (-)  
C Coy 8 RAR's location and withdrew.

(d) (101845H) At YS438553, C Coy 8 RAR received sniper fire from  
SOUTH of their location.

(e) (102125H) At YS437534 C Coy 8 RAR received two : 60mm(?)  
mortar rds. Results: No casualties or damage.

(4) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (100930H) At YS535553, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elms of  
18 ARVN Div detonated two M16 mines three hundred metres apart.  
The first incident resulted in 5 Aust WIA and 2 VN WIA and from  
the second there were no casualties.

(b) (101030H) At YS545560, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an  
M16 mine, there were no casualties or damage.

(c) (101042H) At YS522546, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated  
an M16 mine, there were no friendly casualties or damage.

(d) (101412H) At YS518559, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated  
an M16 mine. There were no casualties or damage.

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>
101315H	YS503575	Unknown	3 X RPG rds.	No hits	Unknown	Nil
101820H	YS448493	Unknown	Unknown	Nil	Unknown	Unknown

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEC E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

(1)-(3) Omitted

(4) 60mm Mortar - 2.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 2 X SKS, 2 X AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured: 100 X 7.62mm short link rds, 5 X RPG2 heads, 7 X  
RPG2 tails, 5 X RPG2 boosters, 1 X 82mm rd, 7 X RPG2 primers,  
3 X adaptable mortar fuzes, 6 X full AK47 mags, 3 X Mortar primers,  
8 X charge bags.

(b) Destroyed: Eight CHICOM frag grenades, one hut 12ft X 12ft.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS567654	Rice	200 lbs	Destroyed
YS567654	Peas	50 lbs	Destroyed
YS553670	Rice	700 lbs	Destroyed
YS526783	Rice	30 lbs	Unknown
YS547780	Rice	40 lbs	Unknown

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 20 VC
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 16
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.49 Tons.

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>
100645H	YS509546	TL 44	A road block about three ft high consisting of galvanised sheeting and other junk with a VC flag attached.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.AP MINES

- One at YS566655 located by 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR.
- One M16 at YS535553 detonated by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elms of 18 ARVN Div.
- One M16 at YS545560 detonated by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- One M16 at YS522546 detonated by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- One M16 at YS518559 detonated by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

BOOBY TRAPS

At YS566655 located by 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR and at YS553670 located by 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR, associated with food caches.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
100930H	YS535555	M 16	5 Aust WIA, 2 VN WIA.
101835H	YS459559	M 16	Track adjuster partly blown off. an APC.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

- a. Docus from 3 VC KIA by 3/W/6 RAR at YS376857 on 081600H Feb 70 identify:
  - (1) Dao Ngoc THU Sect 2 I/C Staff Office SR4.
  - (2) Nguyen Van DU, Rear Services SR4 and,
  - (3) Le Van PHUOC Sect Comd SR4.

b. Docus CIA by Aslt Pnr Pl/5 RAR at YS526783 on 101420H Feb 70 identify elms of D445.

## 7. Omitted.



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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5-70 dated 2 Feb 70.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a-e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) Late Report. (092000H) At YS527990, RF elms engaged an unknown number of enemy resulting in six en KIA and one en WIA (PW).
- (2) Late Report. (092205H) At YS443556 Sector elms at LONG DIEN reported lights. The area was engaged with arty with unknown results.
- (3) Late Report. (092325H) At YS431547, 615 RF Coy (outpost) received two rds of 60mm mortar, one round landing in the vic of the bunker and the other impacting on the perimeter to the NORTH. At about the same time two M 16 mines were detonated by suspect VC movement. The outpost engaged the area. Possible withdrawal routes and base plate position were engaged by arty with unknown results.
- (4) (100925H) At YS470537 an A/S was conducted against a base camp which resulted in one bunker destroyed and six bunkers exposed.
- (5) (101042H) A Hoi Chanh rallied to LONG DIEN Sub Sector, Name: Le Thi Hoa, Appt: labourer, Address: An Thanh hamlet, An Ngai, Unit: Long Dat District, Reason for rallying: Ordered by his family. Interrogation being conducted by HQ Sector.
- (6) (101335H) HQ Sector reported an unknown number of VC in DAT DO. No incidents have been recorded and the sightings reported have not been confirmed.
- (7) (101820H) LONG HAI trg coy were advised that 20 VC were at YS445510 moving to YS448493. Gunships were called in and sighted six VC at YS448493. Gunships engaged VC who withdrew NORTH EAST, gunships received ground fire. Results: No friendly casualties, unknown en casualties.

Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.  
ANNEX B - Captured Documents.  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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1. Attached as appendices I - III are interrogation reports for the following:

- (I). NGUYEN THI CHIEN
- (II). NGUYEN VAN QUANG
- (III).
  - (a) TRAN VAN QUYET
  - (b) DAO VAN MON
  - (c) DAO VAN KHANH
  - (d) DAO VAN BUNG
  - (e) DAO THI CHUA
  - (f) DAO THI THAN
  - (g) VU DINH GIANG

APPENDIX I to ANNEX A  
(Interrogation Reports) to  
1 ATF INTSUM No 41-70 dated  
10 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: NGUYEN THI CHIEN

Biographical Data

- 1. a. Name : NGUYEN THI CHIEN
- b. Alias : Nil
- c. D/POB : 1951, BINH RA, DUC THANH
- d. Address : DAU DAY Village, LONG KHANH
- e. Rank/Appt : Servant/cook
- f. Unit : DAU DAY Village Guerilla Unit
- g. Occupation : Rubber tapper

Circumstances of Return

- 2. a. Receiving unit : DUC THANH Sub Sector
- b. Date : 6 Feb 70
- c. Location : XA BANG Village
- d. Wpns & Docus : Nil
- e. Circumstances : From the DAU DAY village base, the subject took the opportunity of getting leave to visit her family during the TET period. When she got to the VIET CUONG Rubber Plantation she met her brother-in law named QUANG who took her to the CHIEU HOI center.
- f. Reasons :
  - (1) Hunger and hardship
  - (2) Homesick
  - (3) Was not allowed to follow her religion freely

Past Activities

- 3. a. Apr 65-Dec 69 : The subject and her elder sister (rallied with her), HOA, HUE, LAI, MINH, THUC while working at the rubber plantation were kidnapped by a group of VC, one of whom was PA TRI of BINH BA. She was assigned to the DAU DAY Guerilla Unit to cook and work for the guerillas.
- b. Dec 69 : She requested leave to visit her family at the

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VIET CUONG Plantation where she met her brother-in-law and her sister. They went to the CHIEU HOI center in XA BANG village where she rallied.

Exploited Information

4. a. DAU DAY Village Guerilla Unit (LONG KHANH)

Comd : DAY, 25 yrs, SUOI TRE, XUAN LOC District, carbine.  
 2ic : Nil  
 Medic : VIET, 20 yrs.  
 Servant/cook : Subject.  
 Commo/liaison : HOA, 15 yrs, K44.  
 Guerillas : HOANG, 19 yrs, garand.  
               HIEP, 20 yrs, SKS.

b. Strength : 6 persons.

c. Wpns : SKS, Garand, K44, Carbine.

d. Location : Approx Dec 69 they were located at YL 315054. After that she moved to the Production area of her brother-in-law at YS 425856.

e. Supplies. They are short of rice. For every three days of eating bananas and vegetables they only have one day of rice.



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APPENDIX II

ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)

TC 1 ATF INTSUM NO 41 70

cc DATED 10 Feb 70 c

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RETURNEE NGUYEN VAN QUANG

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: Nguyen Van Quang
- b. D/POB: 1936 Nhuon Phu, Mo Cay, Ben Tre.
- c. Address: As above.
- d. Rank/Appt: Production Cell Member.
- e. Unit: Cam My Village.
- g. Occupation: Labourer.

Circumstances of Return

2. a. Date: 6 Feb 70.
- b. Place: Xa Bang Post Ngai Giao Village.
- c. Wpns and Docus: Nil
- d. Circumstances: The subject had permission to visit his family, he came to Chau Lac plantation to see his wife and brother in law, the Australians swept through this area, the subject stayed in 3 hamlet (Chau Lac) and waited until the Australians withdrew before returning.

Exploited Information.

3. a. Production Cell Of CAM MY Village Unit

Leader:	BA TU	50 yrs	no wpn
Member:	BA	36 yrs	Carbine
"	QUANG	(the subject)	
- b. Weapons: 1 x Carbine.  
Location: At approx YS425856.  
Task: Producing corn and manioc.  
Supply: The production cell supplies CAM MY Vil Unit.  
Food: BA TU, the cell leader issues 1 tin of rice (milk tin) per person per day. Sometimes they were hungry if the Australians remained in the area.  
Morale: At the present time their morale is very low, because of hunger and the Australian's sweep operations, most of them want to return.

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APPENDIX III TO  
ANNEX A TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM 41-70  
DATED 10 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS  
RETURNEES: a. TRAN VAN QUYET  
b. DAO VAN MON  
c. DAO VAN KHANH  
d. DAO VAN BUNG  
e. DAO THI CHUA  
f. DAO THI THAN  
g. VU DINH GIANG

Receiving Unit: DUC THANH Sub Sector.

Date of Return: 29 Jan 70.

Reason: Fear of death, hardship, lack of food, allied psyops broadcasts.

VC Unit: BAU CHINH Hamlet Farmers Association.

Exploited Information

1. a. Element of NGAI GIAO Party Chapter
  - Secretary - BA NHA TON, 45yrs, SVN, Carbine
  - Asst Secretary - BA NHIEU, 50yrs, SVN, M16
  - Security - NAM NGOC, 30yrs, CVN, Carbine
  - F & E - Unknown
- b. Unknown Appts
  - BA DI, 35yrs, SVN, Colt
  - KHANH, 25yrs, SVN, Carbine
  - TU NHAT BON, 40yrs, SVN, No wpn
- c. Element of NGAI GIAO Village Unit
  - Leader - BA NHA TON
  - Location - West of Route 2 (exact loc unknown)
- d. BAU CHINH Hamlet Squad
  - Squad Leader - HAI BACH, 40yrs, CVN, CKC
  - 2IC - TRAN VAN QUYET (returnee),
  - Guerillas - LO (returned), US rifle
  - CHINH( " ) ; " "
  - BUNG( " ) ; no wpn
  - DUONG( " ) ; US rifle
  - MON( " ) ; " "
  - BUNG B( " ) ; " "
  - HO( " ) ; " "
  - THINH, approx 30yrs, POB-BAU CHINH, US rifle.

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e. Farmers Association Elm at BAU CHINH Hamlet  
 (The subjects asked to be spared of guerilla activities at the beginning of 1968 because of the lack of food. The VC collected the weapons and started a Farmers Association Group which was still present only recently) There are two cells, both of which are commanded by HAI BACH HUY.

(1) Cell 1:

Leader: NAM QUYET (returned)

Member: MON  
 BUNG B  
 DAO THI CHUA  
 DAO THI THANH  
 DAO VAN KHANH

(2) Cell 2:

Leader: DAO VAN CHINH

Member: LO  
 BUNG A  
 DUONG  
 HO  
 TINH

f. Location

Usually, they hide out in the jungle at approx YS 486805. If operations are in that area, they move into BA KY's orange orchard at YS 495805. The NGAI GIAO Party Chapter and village guerilla unit is located west of Route 2 (loc unk), but they usually cross Route 2 at YS 463803 to go into BAU CHINH Hamlet.

g. Task

To provide potatoes and green beans for the VC; pay 1 piastre tax per month. Besides this, they also have transport duties or receive instructions to sabotage Route 2 from YS 454793 to YS 452825. Since the beginning of 1969 up till now they have not had any transport or sabotage tasks. Their food supplies were running short and they did not have enough to support their families as well as the VC. Therefore, they asked the VC to relieve them of their duties. Before September 69, a number of NGAI GIAO cadres often came to BAU CHINH Hamlet to ask for info and also to raise food production efforts.

h. Supply

All the subjects stated that from September 69 till now the BAU CHINH Farmers Association Cells were lacking food (rice) and had to eat bananas and wild potatoes, but now the bananas are finished and the potatoes are very scarce.

j. Peoples Situation

All the subjects stated that there are no illegal residents at BAO CHINH at present.



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k. Other Units in the Area

All the subjects disclosed that the rear services team belonging to BA LONG Province which worked in the BAU CHINH area, has gone to QUANG MINH (December 69) because they could not acquire any more rice.

This team was comprised of:

Leader: TU CHO, approx 45yrs, Carbine.

Member: SAU HUONG, 30yrs, Carbine.

HAI TRU, 36yrs, Carbine.

(All of team from SVN)

l. Miscellaneous

Subjects stated that about two months ago, at about 1500H, they saw a VC company (approx 70 VC) wearing camouflaged uniforms and with 1x60mm mor, 2x81mm mor, B40s, B41s, MMGs, AKs and SKS rifles. They did not know the command structure of this outfit, but they heard that the company belonged to D445. The unit moved from SUOI TAM BO stream to BAU CHINH Hamlet in order to attack DUONG CUNG Hamlet; results unknown.

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SOURCE: TRAN NHUAN  
APPT: Asst PO 74 Arty Regt

1. Reproduced below are items of interest extracted from the docus carried by TRAN NHUAN KIA by Aslt Pnr P1/6 RAR at YS428852 on 071725H Feb 70.

a. From a MISSIONS BOOK.

- (1) Stop and destroy the GVN pacification programme.
- (2) Destroy communications, bridges, bases, airfields and vehs of US forces.
- (3) Escalate the number of attacks against ARVN and Allied forces.
- (4) Attack continuously in small groups (as they are more effective than large - scale attacks).
- (5) Ensure everyone understands the situation about our stepping up activities.
- (6) TASKS. (Jan 70) As laid out in original document:  
A4 (possibly 1/74 Arty)/. To transport 30 X 122mm Rkt rds./ 150 persons, 10 aircraft: 15 - 20 (122mm rkts).  
A5 (possibly 2/74 Arty). To transport 10 X 122mm rkts./ 50 persons, 10 aircraft.  
A6 (possibly 3/74 Arty). To transport 15 X 122mm rkts./ 50 persons, 10 aircraft: LZ of 199 LIB. LZ Transport Sqn. D90 force.

The above mentioned targets must be destroyed by each battalion; the number of allied and ARVN tps and aircraft are as designated above.

2. The situation concerning rice collection is very difficult and the soldiers have not enough to eat. Efforts to alleviate the situation by visiting PHUOC THAI (THAI THIEN) and PHUOC NGUYEN have been made without success. The B5 element along the SUOI QUYT is very hungry. On the 21 Dec 69 went to VIET CUONG to obtain food but there wasn't any available, so the food problem remains unsolved.

3. A memo from LE DAO of A5/Z50 (probably 2nd Battalion 74 Arty-DAO is 2nd Bn APO) sent to HAM (Regt Comd 74 Arty) and NHUAN states that daily activities were meeting with many difficulties. At present LE DAO is with B5 at the SUOI QUYT base.

4. Three memos from DINH VAN SUNG (Staff Comd, 2/74 Arty) dated 7, 8 and 10 Dec to 74 Arty Regt:

a. Part of A5 (274 Arty) went with D2/Q4 (2/274 VC Regt) on 30 Nov 69 to their base but were attacked by GVN and Allied forces, so they had to withdraw back to 274 Regt base where A5 (2/74 Arty) and C22 (probably Tn Coy/ 274 Regt) are stationed also.

b. ....on 282200H Nov 69 I organised an attack (probably at BINH SON) resulting in one veh, one gun, one gun emplacement and 6 THAI soldiers were destroyed.

c. ....on night 10 and 11 Dec 69 at 0130H organised 2 attacks by firing 2 X 107 rkts at BINH SON and SO KEP.

5. A letter (undated) from DANG MAI Asst PO 3/74 Arty to NHUAN reveals that MAI's unit is on this side of Route 25 at the 'T' junction of CAT KHO and Route 25- a good secret location not yet infiltrated by Rangers. On 10 Dec 69, Rangers came within 10 minutes walk of our location. If the unit is hit, it will have nowhere to go - except possibly to A57 (33 NVA Regt). A number of the men are sick and in great pain. The unit is short of medical supplies.

S2 Comment: The extracts are self explanatory and as far as food and medical supplies are concerned only confirm that 74 Arty Regt is in the same predicament as the bulk of the other forces in MR7.



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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 41-70  
DATED 10 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
100925H	LONG HAI	Track flanking EASTERN side of the LONG HAI has had considerable use in the last twelve hours.
101030H- 101200H	YS471535	Three bunkers previously sighted, still in good condition after A/S this morning, clothing has been placed on log in this area.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
100930H-	YS658608	Maximum
101030H	YS655605	Maximum
	YS658612	Maximum
	YS690630	Confirms maximum readings with 500m radius of this loc.
	YS670607	Maximum - loc used by HAWK FLIGHT.
	YS654609	Strong
	YS677604	Strong

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 42-70.
- 2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (111508H). At YS575665, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown no of en in a bunker system. Results: three Aust WIA, NFI.

(b) (111915H). At YS586668, 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted at least three people considered to be same people in contact with 8/C/5 RAR at 111508H. Results: one Aust WIA, NFI.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late report. (101000H). At YS449890, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained two persons who were taken to DUC THANH for intg. They were found to be ARVN deserters and were taken to Sector.

(b) (110935H). At YS374827, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC moving north. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one pack and a qty of docus CIA.

(c) (111130H). At YS441853, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a tunnel system consisting of a 160 ft tunnel 5 ft by 2½ ft, three rooms 12 ft by 5 ft by 6 ft, three entrances and a rice chaff matted floor. The system was unsafe to work or live in. Recovered were a qty of old cooking utensils.

(d) (111400H). At YS380809, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp consisting of three bunkers, one partially completed, and two fire places all partly demolished. The system, able to hold eight persons, was last used by one to two persons in the last seven days.

(e) (111400H). At YS389813, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp consisting of one bunker, able to hold four persons, last used one to two months ago. Recovered were: a qty of cooking utensils, one US pack, a qty of water bottles a mug, a letter and a qty of Chieu Hoi pamphlets.

(3) AO HAMMERSLY.

(a) Late report. (102015H). At YS428534, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt received one 60mm rd, AW and SA fire from the east. Fire was returned with unknown results.

(4) AO SAMFORD.

(a) (111938H). At YS385683, a ptl from Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR contacted approx three en wearing packs and webbing. Results: Two en KIA(BC), one AK47, one SKS, four AK47 mags and three SKS mags CIA.

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>
110245H	YS6968	UNK	UNK	No hits	No response	Nil

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

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- (2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.  
 (3) Omitted.
- b. Omitted.
- c. Detainees.  
 (1)-(6) Omitted.  
 (7) Military deserters - 2.
- d. Omitted.
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.  
 (1) Captured Weapons.  
 (a) Individual - 2.  
 (b) Omitted.  
 (c) Breakdown - 1 x AK47, 1 x SKS.  
 (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.  
 (a) Captured: two packs, two qtls of cooking utensils, a qty of water bottles, a mug, four AK47 mags and three SKS mags.  
 (b) Omitted.  
 (3)-(5) Omitted.
- f. Cumulative Totals For Month.  
 (1) KIA - 1 NVA 22 VC.  
 (2) PW - 1.  
 (3)(4) Omitted.  
 (5) Individual Weapons - 18.  
 (6) Omitted.  
 (7) Rice Captured 1.49 Tons.  
 (8)(9) Omitted.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.  
 a. Omitted.  
 b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.  
 (1) Omitted.  
 (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.
- | <u>DTG</u> | <u>CO-ORD</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>RESULTS</u> |
|------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 111700H    | YS457557      | AP          | One Aust WIA   |
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.  
 a. Docu from a pack captured following a contact by Aslt Pnr P1/5 RAR at YS526783 on 101425H Feb 70 identify elms of C1 and C4/D445 LF Bn.  
 b. Docu from a VC KIA by 2/A/5 RAR at YS572900 on 081405H Feb 70 probably identify NGUYEN VAN CHIEN of the BA LONG Province Security Section.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 dated 10 Feb 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.



11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 37/70. Para 4.b.(2). Amend to read 1 VC.

(2) Ref INTSUM 37/70 Para 4.f.(1). Amend to read 9 VC. Amend INTSUMS 38-41/70 accordingly.

(3) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(1)(d). Delete "a patrol from" and insert "10 Pl D Coy".

(4) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(2)(a). After "8 Pl C Coy" insert "5 RAR".

(5) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(2)(d). Delete "NE" and insert "SE".

(6) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(4)(a). Delete "three hundred metres" and insert "thirty metres."

(7) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 11.f.(5), third line. Delete "his" and insert "her."

(8) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(2)(g). Delete "YS555670" and insert "YS554673."

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report. (101646H). At YS399778, one en detonated a claymore ambush set up by D Coy 2/16 Inf (US). Results: one en PW(WIA), one AK47 CIA. See Annex A.

(2) (110915H). At YS472535, USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: **three** bunkers destroyed, one bunker exposed.

(3) (111625H). At YS462545, USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: Four bunkers destroyed.

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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 42-70  
dated 11 Feb 70

1. Initial interrogation report of PW captured by D Coy 2/16 Inf (US) at YS399778 on 101646H Feb 70 revealed the following:

Name: DANG VAN NHUNG.  
Unit: C5/D2 (C5/D440).

He stated that he was on a food resupply mission and that there are engineers with his unit.

S2 Comment: The reference to engineers is not clear. Some may have been trained as sappers. Food sups have been obtained in small quantities from DUC MY/BINH BA.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 42-70  
dated 11 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
110305H	YS301728	Three persons on north side of mountain.
111200H	Area	Heavy tracks in western side of area. Recency of track activity could not be determined due to the dry conditions.
to	YS4776-	
111600H	YS5276-	
	YS4771-	
	YS5271	
	YS5374	A major track led into and out of NUI NUA.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
UNK	YS602922	Emission in woods.

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
111130H	From YS554738	Continual maximum reading
to	to YS555713	(also TO LUNG stream).
111240H	YS562751	Maximum.
	YS584735	Maximum.
	YS557700	Strong.
	YS573704	Strong.
	YS583712	Strong.
	YS578713	Strong.
	YS578739	Strong.
	YS594766	Strong.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 43/70.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) Further to contact report in INTSUM No 42/70 Para 3.a.(1).

(a). The fol details are now aval:

(111508H). At YS578664, 8Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an est pl of en in a bunker system. During the three hour contact LFT, arty and mors were used in sp. Elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt were used in the final aslt when the en split up in to two groups and wdr N and SE. Results: one en KIA(Poss), one RPD, one pack, a qty of docs, clothing and webbing CIA. Three Aust WIA. Some of the en were subsequently ambushed by 7Pl C Coy 5 RAR. See next para. See also Para 6.a. of this INTSUM.

(b) Further to contact report in INTSUM No 42/70 Para 3.a.(1).(b). The following details are now aval:

(111920H). At YS586668, 7Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted seven en (poss more) who approached from the north. Results: Six en KIA(BC), one en WIA(BT), three AK47, 5 packs and a qty of med eqpt CIA. One AUST WIA. See para 6.b. of this INTSUM.

(c) (111508H). At YS578664 to YS579665, 8Pl C Coy 5 RAR loc 12 camouflaged bunkers with 18" OHC. They were occupied at time of loc. See Para 3.a.(1).(a). of this INTSUM for contact report. The bunkers were destroyed.

(d) (120945H). At YS570654, elms of C Coy 5 RAR loc 12 bunkers, 6 new and 6 old, 6 huts and one cookhouse. The bunkers had 18-30 inches OHC and been used in the past 24 hrs. A qty of fragmentation grenades and a qty of docus were recovered. The bunkers were destroyed.

(e) (121227H). At YS571655, elms of C Coy 5 RAR loc seven new bunkers with ~~all~~ around defence. The bunkers had two ft OHC and had been used in the past 24 hours. The bunkers were destroyed.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (120805H). At YS374813, 1Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc 10 bunkers under const which had been used within the last seven days.

(b) (121025H). At YS370813, 1Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a bunker system of six bunkers with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  - 44 OHC, two tunnels eight ft deep with steps recessed for five ft(poss for storage) and one central kitchen. The tunnels appear to be older than the bunkers which are est to be 4-6 weeks old. Recovered were: Old bandages, broken phials and misc med articles.

(c) (121615H). At YS368815, elms of V Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc seven bunkers with OHC and three spider holes which had been hit previously by arty causing little damage. The bunkers are to be destroyed.

(3) AO COSSACK

(a) (121320H). At YS490813, elms of A Coy 6 RAR/NZ will sp armd elms loc 18 empty cache holes.

(b) (121345H). At YS491813, elms of A Coy 6 RAR/NZ with sp armd elms loc three bunkers with two ft OHC capable of holding eight persons.



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(c). (121500H). At YS496817, elms of A Coy 6 RAR/NZ with sp armd elms loc a camp of two bunkers capable of holding six persons. The camp had been destroyed by fire.

(d) (121730H). At YS478881, 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted two en moving west. Results: One VC KIA(BC), one AK47, four mags, one pack, personal items and a small qty of rice CIA.

(4) AO HAMMERSLY

(a) (121350H). At YS442565, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc two fire pits poss used last night.

(5) Other Areas

(a) (121200H). At YS446689, a ptl from 5 RAR detained six persons who had been reported seen by 1 Fd Sqn at 0850H. Intg at 1 ATF indicated all appeared to be innocent and have been released to DUC THANH Sub Sector.

(b) (121305H) At YS438731, a ptl from 5 RAR loc an old harbour area used by 6-7 people some time ago. Two tin cans with crossed sticks on it was found in the area. Two bags of black seed weighing approx 280lbs was loc nearby hidden in a clump of bamboo.

Comment: Bushman scouts states that this sign poss indicates:

(1) If on a track, the track is closed.

(11) Poss a mine in the area.

(111) Poss cache in the area.

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 6 VC

(3) Omitted

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians

3.4.5.6. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 5

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - 4 AK47, 1 RPD

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Six packs, clothing, webbing, qty of med eqpt, qty of fragmentation gren, four mags, old bandages, broken phials and med articles.

(b) Omitted.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS47881	Rice	5lbs	destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
121320H	A Coy 6 RAR/NZ	YS490813	Empty

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 29 VC
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 23
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured 1.49 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

(a) Docus CIA following a contact at YS578664 by 8Pl C Coy 5 RAR at 111508H identify C6/D440.

S2 Comment: See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 Pares 6,7,8. II is confirmed now that elms of D440 joined with D445 to prepare for ops which were planned before TET. It is probable that the ammo transportation reported was being conducted by 84 Rear Sves Gp/ MRY and that same distr has by now occurred. While en ops have been considerably disrupted it must be accepted now an attempt will still be made to carry out some offensive activity. See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 Para 13.

(b) Docus CIA following contact at YS586668 by 7Pl C Coy 5 RAR at 111920H identify C2/84 RSG.

7.9.10. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 dated 10 Feb 70.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. - e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (120300H). At YS489589, an est pl of VC entered HOA HOI hamlet and fired SA at the RDC compound. RDC personnel returned fire with M79 and SA with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.
- (2) (120930H). At YS474528, A/S on en base camp. Results: Three bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged and one bunker exposed.
- (3) (12 Feb 70). At YS420786, a bunker system of 9-10 bunkers, poss occupied, to be hit by an A/S. Bunkers loc by 2/16 Inf (US).



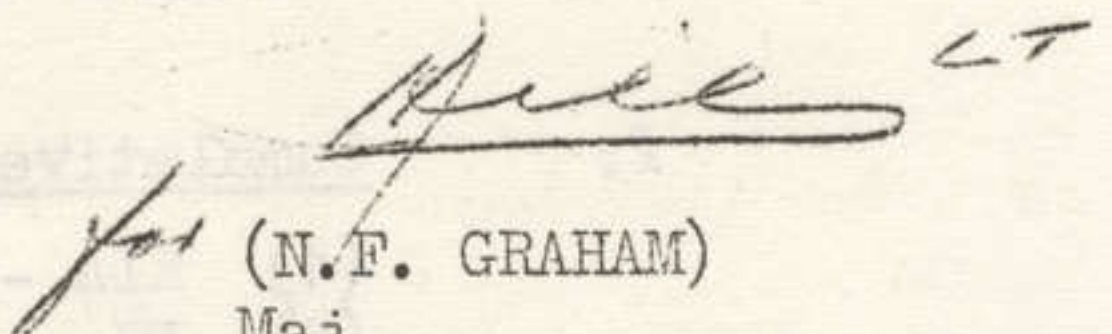
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(4) (12 Feb 70). At YS429786, a base camp of 40-50 bunkers, poss occupied, is to be hit by an A/S. Camp loc by 2/16 Inf (US).

(5) (12 Feb 70). Elms of 1/16 Inf(US) loc the base camp of CHAU DUC District HQ at YS332728. The camp had been evac and fresh tracks led towards the NNE.

(6) (122130H). At YS514545, elms of 124 RF coy in an AP engaged one VC who fired SA into the compound. Results: En casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.

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Attachments

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 43/70  
dated 12 Feb 70.

ANNEX A to 1 ATF INTSUM.

General.

1. Two VC of D67 Engr Bn rallied to GVN authorities at Phu My on 7 Feb 70; see ANNEX A to 1 ATF INTSUM 38/70. The subjects, HUYNH VAN NHUAN and LE UT DONG, have now been interrogated by 10 M1 Det/ 1 Div Int Unit/1 ATF and revealed entirely different information about the location and operations of D67, which tends to be supported by previous intelligence gained by 1 ATF ops against that unit but which cannot yet be confirmed. They stated that they lied at the initial interrogation because of fear that they would be required to return to the area with tps if they indicated the true loc and would consequently be in danger.

2. Detailed interrogation reports are still being prep but the salient pts are summarized below.

3. Organisation.

D 67 was established at the end of 1967 in TAY NINH Province and consisted of coys C22, C23, C24, C25. Coy C24 consists of NVA. At the beginning of 1968 HQ D67 with two coys C22 and C24 was sent to PHUOC TUY to conduct ops in the PHU MY area. Coys C23, C25 remained in TAY NINH. C24 has two pls only, B2 and B5.

4. Location.

Since the end of 1968 HQ D67 and C24 have been loc in the area bounded by YS290745 - YS310745 - YS290755 - YS310755. HQ D67, HQ C24 and B5/C24 were co-loc at approx YS290750. B2/C24 was loc in the jungle near PHUOC THAI (THAITHIEN) near Route 15 within sound of the traffic.

5. Base Protection.

The Base area around YS290750 is heavily booby trapped on tracks leading into the area. The loc has never been discovered by allied forces nor hit by air or arty although Aust forces have ops in surrounding areas.

6. Tasks.

Sabotage of Route 15 by destroying drains, culverts and setting rd-blocks; usually B5 op near PHU MY and B2 near THAI THIEN.

7. Supplies.

B2 gets rice from THAI THIEN for C24 and there are adequate sups at present in the unit. Caches not known, supply being regular with any surplus kept in the base.

8. Morale.

Only the NVA pers are willing to fight SVN. SVN pers are discouraged and unwilling to engage in ops or combat. SVN pers do not like the NVA cadres.

9. Transportation of Supplies.

B2/C24 not known. B5/C24 at about 1700hrs on a day nominated for supply, 10 pers from coy HQ and B5 move from base to the SUOI NHUM at YS275743, along jungle edge to YS560740. There they wait until 1930-2000hrs. The adjutant then enters to arrange supplies. Normally about 40 litres of rice as well as dried fish and other foods are taken.

S2 Comment: Some details remain to be verified but in general the info is supported by our current records. It is not known at this time whether the subjects will be prep to co-op in any op against the unit, but with some reassurance of safety they have been induced so far to be very co-operative. They are held at the Sector CHIEU HOI Centre.



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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 43/70  
dated 12 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
120750H	YS458555	Two bunkers, fresh track activity in and around this area.
	YS455547	Bunkers in good condition. Fresh track activity.
	YS457559	Three bunkers and one table. Fresh track activity.
121250H	YS566822	One hut with a corrugated iron roof. The immediate area contained three bunkers and also an extensive track system.
	YS555809	Heavily used N-S track crosses the SUOI TAM BO at this point. It was followed north through YS554816, YS560820 and YS565830, USAF advises that this track went south to Route 327.
	YS538800	A well used track ran north from this point. In the other direction, it ran west and south across the river.
121330H	YS574702	One hut under bamboo. No fresh sign.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 44/70.
- 2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO COSSACK. (131040H) At YS441873, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ detained a VN with GSW in foot. The detainee has been identified as NO VAN VO, who was wounded during the contact with 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ref INTSUM 43/70 Para 3 a (3)(d)). See Annex A to this INTSUM for Interrogation Report.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (131226H) At YS452896 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ destroyed a booby trap (NFI).

(b) (131435H) At YS383804 elms of B Coy 6 RAR/NZ located two bodies killed approx seven days ago, both had died from GSW.

(c) (131714H) At YS443814 a ptl from 6 RAR/NZ destroyed an instl previously reported by V Coy 6 RAR/NZ on 7th Feb 70 (INTSUM 38/70 Para 3 a (2)(e) refers). One large hut and one large bunker were well destroyed by demolition.

(3) AO ROSSLYN. (131435H) At YS576650 elms of C Coy 5 RAR located five bunkers, one barbed wire compound and two huts. The cage measured 12 ft x 8 ft and 5 ft high wall and roof made of closely strung barbed wire. The camp was three years old and was last used six months ago. The system was destroyed. S2 Comment. Use of the cage not known possibly used for civilians captured for labour or for VC prison.

(4) AO HAMMERSLY. Late Report. (121805H) At YS456566, YS458553, YS459519 A Sqn 1 Armd Regt reported fresh track activity and at a stream crossing at YS462552 fresh ox-cart tracks and HO CHI MINH sandal prints.

(5) Other Areas.

(a) (130350H) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted a vehicle moving North along Route 2 by-pass road, appeared to stop approx opposite NUI DAT hill and switched off lights.

(b) (130950H) At YS706802 a RAAF helicopter made an emergency landing during a LRRP extraction. Ac triggered a mine which damaged the rear fusilage and tail rotor. There were no casualties.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

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

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 2 VC.

(3) Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still undergoing interrogation - 1.

(6) Omitted.

d.+e. Omitted.

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- f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Feb 70.
- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 31 VC.
  - (2) PW - 1.
  - (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.
  - (4) VCI - Nil.
  - (5) Individual weapons - 23.
  - (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil.
  - (7) Rice captured - 1.49 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 Traps: One at YS452896, destroyed by 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ.
    - (2) Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
- a. Docus recovered from a pack following a contact by 11/D/6 RAR with 3-5 en at YS455886 on 092027H Feb 70 probably identified the owner of the pack as NGUYEN VAN CHO, Sect Comd 3/274 VC Regt. A K76A Hospital release slip dated 5 Jan 70 states that CHO was hospitalised for malaria from 2 Nov 69 - 6 Jan 70.
  - b. Docus taken from one of 2 VC KIA by 12/D/5 RAR at YS547780 on 101650H Feb 70 following a contact with 6 en, probably identify the 2 KIA as:
    - (1) HUYNH TRONG NGHIA, aka NGUYEN NGHIA, Sect Comd of B1/C4/D445, and
    - (2) HUYNH VAN TONG, Pl 2IC of B1/C4/D445.

Personal letters amongst the docus addressed to members of C1, C2, C3 and Bn HQ of D445 suggest, that one of the two was carrying mail from Province HQ.
  - c. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 1/W/6 RAR at YS374827 on 110935H Feb 70 identify TRAN VAN MOI, aka TU MOI of the Finance Section probably of SR4.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 dated 10 Feb 70.
- 9.-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
  - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.
    - (1) Reference INTSUM No 43/70.
      - (a) Para 3 a (2)(b). In second line amend "3 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 44" to read "3 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 4 ft".
      - (b) Para 3 a (3)(a). In first line amend "will" to read "with".
      - (c) Para 3 a (3)(d). Amend GR to read "YS432874".
      - (d) Para 4 c (2). Add "-6".
      - (e) Para 6 a. In the first line of S2 comments amend "II" to read "It".
      - (f) Para 6 a. Line 4 of S2 comments amend "MRY" to read MR 7".
      - (g) Para 6 a. Line 5 of S2 comments amend "accepted" to read "expected".
      - (h) Para 11 f (6). Add "pl" on the end of the first line.



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c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

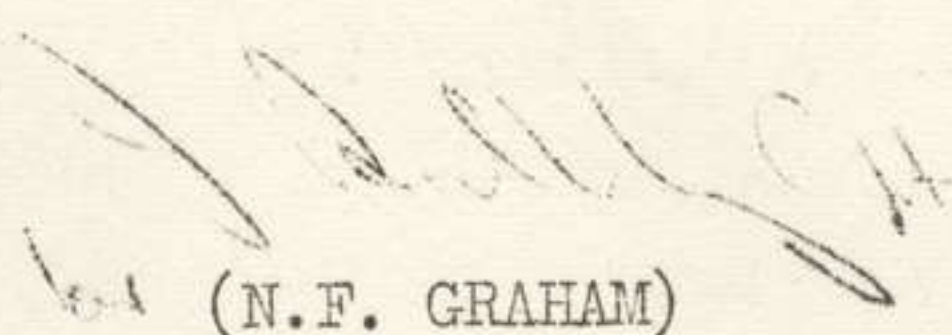
(1) Late Report. (122250H) At YS418673, C Bty 2/35(US) Arty sighted lights, area was engaged with arty with unknown results.

(2) (130935H) At YS454546, an A/S was conducted against a base camp which resulted in one bunker destroyed, one structure destroyed, one bunker exposed, one table exposed.

(3) (131230H) At YS462545, an A/S was conducted on a base camp, there was no BDA.

(4) (131520H) At YS255738, a Hoi Chanh rallied to PHU MY post. Name: DUONG THE DAN, age 22, Appt cook, Unit PHU MY Village guerillas.

(5) (132000H) At YS454738, 655 RF Coy contacted an estimated pl. Results: No friendly casualties, VC casualties unknown.

  
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ANNEX A + Interrogation Reports.  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A TO (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 44/70  
dated 13 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
DETAINEE - VO VAN VO

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: VO VAN VO
- b. Alais: Nil
- c. D/POB: 1939, TAN MY, VINH LONG
- d. Address: XUAN SON Hamlet
- e. Rank/Appt: Cell member
- f. Unit: CHAU DUC Rear Services

Circumstances of Capture

- a. Capturing Unit: Aslt Pnr Pl, 6 RAR
- b. Date: 131000H Feb 70
- c. Location: YS441873
- d. Wpns and Docus: Nil
- e. Circumstances: The Rear Svcs Cell of the subject, consisting of 4 persons, MUOI CANH, 35, TUAN, 35 and MUGI QUANG, 36, and the subject were based at YS418868. They were extremely hungry and decided to go to the CHAU LAC Plantation to beg rice. They started off at approx 1700 hrs on the 12 Feb 70, but when they came near the CHAU LAC Plantation they were ambushed by Aust forces at approx YS432874. The result was MUOI CANH was killed (carried AK47) and three magazines. MUOI QUANG escaped, TUAN and the subject were wounded. The subject took off but at about 0800 hrs he was captured at approx YS442874.

Past Activities

3. a. 1960-Nov 69: Brought his wife and children and went with his uncle to XUAN SON Hamlet working in the fields. He did not want to do his National Service so lived illegally in XUAN SON.
- b. They were starving living illegally in XUAN SON. Not able to buy rice and with the Australians operating in around XUAN SON the subject decided to go to the CHAU LAC Plantation and met MUOI CANH, MUOI QUANG and TUAN and he joined them.

Exploited Information

4. a. About Dec 69, because of Aust operations, being afraid of being captured and he was also starving, so the subject decided to move to the CHAU LAC Plantation where he met the above mentioned personnel. He joined them and they explained, they were cell members of the CHAU DUC District Rear Services.

Cell Members

- Cell Leader: TUAN, 32, No wpn  
2 IC: MUOI QUANG, 34, No wpn  
Cell Members: MUOI CANH, 35, AK47  
MO VAN VO, (subject).

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Task: According to the subject the cell had the task of collecting and buying rice and foodstuffs for the CHAU DUC Concentrated Unit. (He heard this through the others telling him). The subject had never been on a mission to collect food, so could not tell where they collected the food supplies from.

Location: Usually at YS433874.

Bunkers: On the edge of the jungle at the above location there is one bunker 4 metres wide and about 18 metres deep, fairly roomy. The cell members usually slept outside the bunker. If there was any arty/airstrikes they moved into the bunker.

b. Elements of CHAU DUC District Agencies

Unknown - knew only a few cadres, as follows:

TU OM, 50, appt unknown  
TU HAI, 50, appt unknown  
THI NAM KA, 26, medic, CHAU DUC District

c. Miscellaneous.

Caches: Unknown  
Other Units: Unknown.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 44/70  
dated 13 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
1030/1235H	YS567823	1 galvanised iron hut and several bunkers sighted. (Possibly same as reported 12 Feb 70). Engaged with artillery from FSPB PAT - BDA: 1 hut destroyed and area well covered.
1100/1600H	ZT025159	Large camp under construction. Two new large huts with four more under construction. Fresh piles of bamboo poles and bunker type logs layed out. Bunkers also under construction.
	ZT020168	Large bunker system located. All bunkers in good condition. Well worn track through area.
	YT9112	Large garden area previously reported. Area is occupied. Rice layed out on mats drying. Areas around gardens are being cleared to expand garden area.

2.-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
130540H	YS910910	1 on road

5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 45-70.
- 2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ROESLYN.

(a) (140945H) At YS568650, HQ Coy and B Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted one, possibly three. Result: 1 Aust WIA, one en KIA(BC), 1 M1, 2 packs, qty docs, food, clothing, webbing and a qty of AK47 rds CIA.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (141200H) At YS442873, D Coy & 1st Pl 6 RAR/NZ were led to a coffee plantation by a Hoi Coih where they detained three persons who had been hiding in a tunnel. A further two persons were also detained in the same area.

(b) (141840H) At YS394860, 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ sighted one VC moving from West to East at a distance of 300 metres. A pl was sent to follow up with no result.

(c) (142015H) At YS450885, a Pl from D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC, Results: 1 VC KIA(BC), one pistol and a qty of docs CIA.

(d) (142120H) At YS470878, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ and elms of B Sqn 3 Cav observed torch light and movement of 4-5 en moving SE, which was engaged with no known results.

(3) AO HAMERSLEY

(a) (142015H) At YS423545, C Coy 8 RAR and 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged two sampans, one of which was believed sunk.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (141030H) At YS477870 elms of 18 ARVN Div and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a small cache at the base of a tree. Recovered were: 8lbs of salt in a plastic bag and a qty of plastic bags.

(b) (141230H) At YS478870 elms 18 ARVN Div located a bunker system of one Command Post pit and four fighting pits. All well const, not recently used, system destroyed.

(c) (141600H) At YS474879, elms of 18 ARVN Div and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a large resting area with one large centre fire place and several smaller fire places. Recovered were: misc clothing and a qty of SMS rds. Last used one week ago.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX B.

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) to (4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 5

(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

/e. Enemy Weapons



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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 X M1, 1 X Pistol.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. See Para 3a (1) (a), Para 3a (2) (a), Para 3a (2) (c) Para 3a (4) (c).

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS477870	Salt	8lbs	Unk

(4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA, 31 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 25

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured - 1.49 Tons

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6-70 dated 10 Feb 70.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Para 3. a. (1) Delete "AO COSSACK" insert "AO BAYSWATER".

(2) Para 3. a. (2) (a) Delete "(131226H)" insert "(121420H)".

(3) Para 3.a. (3) Delete "(131435H)" insert "(131150H)".

(4) Para 1. b. (2) Delete all detail.

(5) Para 4 b. (1) Delete "Omitted" insert "US inflicted - 2VC".

(6) Para 4. f. (1) Amend cumulative total to read "1NVA, 29 VC".

c., d. and e. Omitted.

/f. Other Items

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (122200H) At YS504569 480 RF Coy contacted four VC with unk results.
- (2) Late Report. On the night 13 Feb 70 friendly elements (NFI) ambushed a group of en in grid sq YT8532. Results: Two en PW and three en KIA. One PW is a 1st Sgt from HQ 33 Regt. He gives loc of 33 Regt as Y YT8402.
- (3) (140928H): At YS452456 an A/S was conducted on a base camp. Results: Three bunkers destroyed, three bunkers exposed, one structure exposed.
- (4) (141144H) At YS708802 an A/S was conducted on a base camp. Result: Two animal pens damaged.
- (5) (141645H) At YS506560 RF unit (NFI) detonated an M3 mine while returning from a patrol. Results: Two RF WIA. The area was checked with a mine detector and another mine was found. The mine was rendered inactive and withdrawn.
- (6) (141456H) At YS434906 2/3/199 LIB engaged 8-10 en. Result: Two en KIA (BC).

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM 45-70  
dated 14 Feb 70

Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
14 Feb 70	YS454546 YS4652	Grave in the centre of camp. People based in this area. Track on the eastern side of the LONG HAIS has been used by 20 plus in the last two days.
141030H - 141230H	YS713794	Poss camp area in low scrub. Track system shows signs of recent use.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 46-70
- 2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Further to report INTSUM 45-70 para 3.a.(2)(a). The persons detained by D Coy and Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR at YS442873 on 141200H have been classified as follows: 2 x Hoi Chanh's, 1 x VC suspect. Two adults and two children have been classified as innocent civilians and released to DUC THANH sub-sector. See para 11.b.(1)(h) of this INTSUM.

(b) (152235H) At YS432852 a patrol of 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted approx 2 enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC) at this time. A further sweep will be conducted on 16 Feb 70.

(2) AO HAMMERSLY

(a) (151900H) At Ys458564 9/C/8RAR in ambush contacted a large en force approaching from the south. Initial est of en was 40-50. A firefight ensued in which 3 Aust were WIA. En cas 7 KIA(BC), area still being searched.

(b) (152025H) At YS437535 HQ C/8RAR received SA fire from an unidentified en force. Nil friendly cas, en unknown.

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 - 8 VC.

(3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) PW - Nil

(2) Innocent Civilians - 4 (incl 2 children)

(3) Civil Defendants - Nil

(4) Hoi Chanh - 2

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - Nil

(6) Omitted

(7) VC Suspect - 1

d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 NVA 38 VC.

(2) PW - 1

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 25

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured - 1.49 Tons.

(8).(9) Omitted.

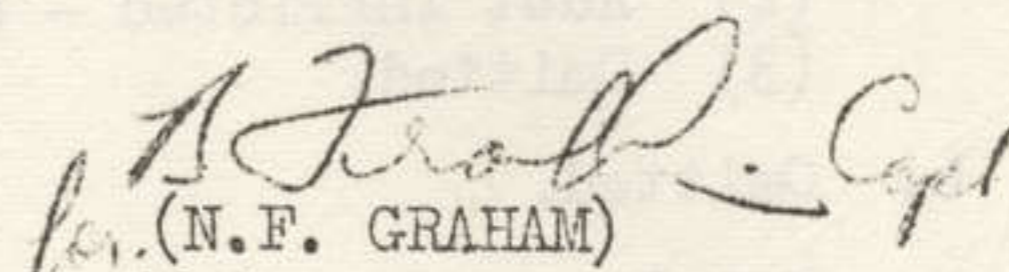
5.7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6-70 dated 10 Feb 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
- (1) Reference INTSUM No 45-70.
- (a) Para 3.a.(2)(c) Delete all mention of "VC" and insert "NVA".
- (b) Para 3.a.(2)(d) Amend GR to read "YS474984".
- (c) Para 3.a.(3)(a) Amend DTG to read "141934H".
- (d) Para 4.a.(2) Amend to read "1 IVA, 1 VC".
- (e) Para 4.f.(1) Amend to read "2 NVA, 30 VC".
- (f) Para 11.f.(1) Amend DTG to read "132200H".
- (g) Para 11.f.(3) Amend GR to read "YS452546", on line three delete "exposed" and insert "destroyed".
- (h) Para 3.a.(2)(a) Delete "Coih" and insert "Chanh". After "Chanh" insert "(rallied to XA BANG Post morning of 14 Feb 70)". On third line delete "two" and insert "four".
- (j) Para 4.c.(5) Amend to read 7.
- d.e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) Late Report (142000H) At YS457587 a 701 RF Coy AP engaged a VC squad who approached from the north. Results: 2 RF WIA, enemy cas unknown.
- (2) Late Report (142105H) At YS438601 a PRU AP contacted a VC platoon moving west. Results: 1 PRU WIA and 5 VC KIA (Poss).
- (3) Late Report (142130H) At YS465596, 56 RF Pl contacted a VC squad with unknown results.
- (4) (150920H) At YS567823 an A/S was conducted on a base camp. Results: One bunker damaged and one bunker exposed.

  
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RTAVF	Advisory Team 48
18 ARVN Div	Sector S2

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 46-70  
dated 15 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce
- | <u>DTG</u>          | <u>Location</u> | <u>Sighting</u>  |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| 151030H/<br>151215H | YS588857        | 3 bunkers by a small stream. Bunkers have been used recently.  |
| "                   | YS595886        | Several large huts and bunkers along ridgeline running NW-SE. Some appear old, others in good condition. |

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 48/70.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO HAMMERSLEY.

- (a) Late report. (161845H) At YS466545, elms of 9/C/8 RAR sighted two enemy moving South to North. Enemy withdrew South.
- (b) Late report. (162245H) At YS455545, 6/B/8 RAR contacted three en moving NE to SW with unknown results.
- (c) (171310H) At YS449555/ 4/B/8 RAR, located bunkers vacated shortly before. Recovered were med supplies, documents, small amounts clothing, equipment food and ammo.
- (d) (171530H) At YS467556, elms D/8 RAR located an en base camp 600 sq metres in area. The camp consisted of two bunkers, three sleeping places and cooking areas under cover.
- (e) (171930H to 172038H) At YS423553, elms of 8 RAR sighted six heavily loaded sampans which landed at this location and were reported to have unloaded their cargoes near a stream not marked on map. Arty engaged with unknown results.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late report. (161820H) At YS440892, a ptl from 12/D/6 RAR sighted a group of people, some suspected to be VC. The group were engaged, no results known. An amount of food recovered.
- (b) (171300H) At YS421888, Atk Pl/6 RAR/NZ located four bunkers with 2½ ft OHC.
- (c) (171915H) At YS445876, 10/D/6 RAR contacted one VC with unknown results. Recovered in a hiding place were two AK47 mags with ammo.

b. Air Activity.

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

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.
  - (a) Captured. A qty of med supplies, a qty of clothing, two sets of basic webbing, two M26 grenades, two packs, two AK47 mags with ammo.
- (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS449555	Dried fish	4 lb	Unknown
	Rice	9 lb	Unknown
	Dried shrimp	½ lb	Unknown
	Brown sugar	2 lb	Unknown
	Tea	2 pkts	Unknown
	Coffee	1 pkt	Unknown
YS440892	Fresh and canned foodstuffs	Unk qty	Unknown
	Ducks	2	Unknown



f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 44 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 32
- (6) Omitted
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.49 Tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents captured by Atk P1/6 RAR/NZ on 141800H at YS421887 identif Sect 2 I/C Province Engr Unit. INTSUM 45/70 Para 3.a.(2)(a) and INTSUM 46/70 Para 3.a.(1)(a) refer.

b. Documents captured by 5/B/6 RAR/NZ on 161645H at YS401876 identify Sect Cond C24 (274 Regt Youth Aslt Coy). INTSUM 47/70 Para 3.a.(1)(c) refers.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 47/70.

(a) Para 3.a.(2)(d). Delete "6/B/5 RAR" and insert "6/B/8 RAR and elms of B/3 Cav Regt". On line three add the following: "1 AK47, webbing, misc items and two letters CIA".

(b) Para 4.e.(1)(a). Amend total to read 7.

(c) Para 4.f.(5). Amend total to read 32.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (170858H) At YS567823, RAAF airstrike on en base camp. BDA: one hut and one bunker damaged, three bunkers exposed.

(2) (171145H) At YS451553, USAF airstrike on en base camp. BDA unknown.

Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 48/70  
DATED 17 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

NGUYEN THI CAM

Circumstances of Capture.

1. The subject was wounded and captured by B/6 RAR on 16 Feb 70 at YS394867. She was a member of BA LONG YOUTH ASLT GP engaged normally in transporting ammo and cas. In Feb 70 the unit occupied an old base near the SUOI QUIT (approx YS332929). With a group of 11 she had gone to the area of RO BE plantation YS409872 to collect bananas, after a contact the group dispersed and she was later ambushed and captured.

Exploitable Information.

2. The subject provided a detailed org of her unit. It consists of a HQ and three pls each of two sects of 12-13 pers. Total strength is about 80 with about 34 weapons. Detail of pers in the unit is available.

S2 Comment: The detail given cannot yet be evaluated and the condition of the PW precluded immediate follow up. It is probable that this unit would be closely associated with 274 Regt supply in the known base areas on the SUOI QUIT and SUOI CA. It is notable that this unit too is reported living on bananas in the absence of other supplies.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 48/70  
DATED 17 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DIG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
171330H to 171530H	YS543872	Large bunker system in good condition with OHC. Heavy and recently used tracks lead into camp. Area around bunkers is well worn. Camp could be occupied.
	YS520866	Old camp consisting of bunkers. No recent activity.
171500H to 171710H	YS831757 YS828759 YS859778	One bunker at base of tree. Recent garden and new cleared areas. Recent East - West track through burnt out areas.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 53/70.
2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER

- (a) (221020H) At YS450848 elms of Sp Coy 6 RAR located a 6-8 weeks old small transit camp which consisted of 4 spider holes with OHC and sleeping spaces on top.
- (b) (221200H) At YS428848 elms of Sp Coy 6 RAR located a pl size base camp consisting of 9 well constructed bunkers with OHC. Area had previously been hit by A/S but no damage done. Recovered was a qty of assorted ammo.
- (c) (221515H) At YS479869 1/A/6 RAR located a 12 months old base camp consisting of 3 fighting pits.

(2) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI.

- (a) Late Report. (211240H) At YS457557 D/8 RAR located a pl plus size base camp consisting of 18 bunkers with 3'-6' OHC and 2 weapons pits. The OHC was made of earth and cement. The system is approx 12 months old and had been used recently. Items recovered: assorted docus, 1xM16 mine, small qty rice and qty assorted clothing.
- (b) (220850H) At YS454538 4/B/8 RAR contacted 1 enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 AK47, 3 mags, webbing, personal items, and 15 lbs rice and salt CIA. (See Para 6 ident)
- (c) (221125H) At YS480521 9/C/8 RAR located what appears to be a comd post bunker. It has 8' OHC and has an 8' hole under the bunker. Items recovered: qty docus and 1 RPG rd.
- (d) (221710H) At YS472528 7/C/8 RAR located a small camp, possibly struck by B52. Debris was scattered and one body was found.
- (e) Extensive bunker systems have been found located in fringe areas of the LONG HAI during the day. The largest to date was a system of 28 bunkers at YS475419 which are still being searched. So far a large number of rifles, several 60mm mortars and RPGs, assorted ammunition and miscellaneous stores have been found. One bunker system appears to have been used for local manufacture of SA ammunition. A complete summary will be produced shortly. There has been a total of 19 KIA (BC) (of which 17 have been reported in previous INTSUMS) in this operation since 15 Feb 70. The above wpns will be added to the monthly totals when final figures have been received.
- (g) (222045H) At YS458525 elms of 8 RAR sighted and engaged a light with 3 rds 106 RCL resulting in one secondary explosion.
- (f) (221935H) At YS426525 Atk Pl 8 RAR sighted a small dug-out vessel heading west.

(3) Other Areas.

- (a) Late Report (212145H) At YS515625 movement was detected by searchlight from Horseshoe Hill. Area was engaged with .50 cal MG with unk results.
- (b) Late Report (212205H-212220H) Sampans were sighted at the following locations:
  - (i) one at YS408523 moved to YS418523. Village close by not engaged.
  - (ii) one at YS420530. Engaged with mortars with unk results.
  - (iii) one at YS423546. Military Post nearby not engaged.
- (c) (220700H) At YS576573 1/A/8 RAR sighted 10 enemy carrying packs. Four persons were later detained in the general area. These were wearing swim shorts only and no connection with the above group could be ascertained. These have been classified as civil defendants (draft dodgers) and passed to DAT DO District.



(d) (222010H) At YS579572 3/A/8 RAR located a number of hides which appear to have been constructed for personnel. Items recovered: 1 wallet containing docus, personal items and clothing.

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 reported during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

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

c. Detainees.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Innocent Civilians - 1
- (3) Civil Defendants - 3
- (4)-(6) Omitted

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured and Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1
- (b) Omitted
- (c) 1xAK47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. 1x82mm mortar rd, 1x8" claymore, 90x7.62mm rds, 2 old bicycle frames, 1 RPG2 rd, 1xM16 mine, qty docus; assorted clothing, 3 mags, misc webbing, personal items and bedding, 1xRPG rd, and 6 latase collection dishes.
- (b) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS457557	rice	5 lbs	unknown
YS454538	rice and salt	15 lbs	"

- (4) Omitted
- (5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 52 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 36
- (6) Omitted
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.95 tons
- (8)(9) Omitted

5. Omitted

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. See Annex B to this INTSUM.

7. Omitted.



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Annex B (Captured Documents)

to 1 ATF INTSUM 53/70 dated 22 Feb 70

1. Documents taken from a body by 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR 162045H at YS455545 were of no exploitable value.
2. Documents recovered from a body at YS455547 on 16 Feb 70 by 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR possibly identify BA LOI a squad leader in B1/C2/D445 VC (LF) Bn.
3. A document captured by 5/B/8 RAR at YS449539 on 17 Feb 70 has revealed a great amount of current information on VCI organization in LONG DAT District. It includes:
  - a. Code numbers identified with all elements of LONG DAT Dist including code numbers for all villages, and a letter/number code for messages.
  - b. Names of a secret security self defence cell of TAM PHUOC Village.
  - c. Rice quotas supplied by Farmers Assn TAM PHUOC with names of suppliers, (2190 buckets supplied, no date).
  - d. List of 'village security' activities of TAM PHUOC up to 20 Jan 70.
  - e. VC study of PHOENIX operations with instructions for counter-measures.
  - f. Biographies of a number of VCI TAM PHUOC.
  - g. Miscellaneous names identified with LONG DAT Dist elements (AN NGAI, TAM PHUOC, LONG DAT Dist).

S2 Comment: This is a valuable document which should enable rapid exploitation by GVN authorities. Passed to Sector.

4. Documents recovered from a sampan at YS594579 at 192020H Feb by 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR is a declaration of confession signed by 25 inhabitants of HAI LAT hamlet of PHUOC HAI village stating that they are members of the Civil Defence (GVN) of PHUOC HAI. These people were arrested by the VC and indoctrinated for 1½ days. The document was undated.
5. Documents captured by 6/B/8 RAR at YS454545 on 201630 Feb include correspondence between HQ D445 and C4/D445. There is also an order written from D445 to all companies instructing commanders to attend a conference on plans to counter an expected imminent sweep operation through the base. This is dated 27 Dec and an operation was conducted on approaches to the LONG HAIs by 124 RF Coy on that date. It is believed therefore, that all companies D445 were in bases in the LONG HAIs at that time.
6. Documents recovered from vic YS468564 on 21 Feb 70, unk unit (poss RF), were of political nature and contain no immediately exploitable information but will possibly be of value to supplement ORBAT.
7. Documents recovered from bunkers at YS477521 on 21 Feb 70 by 6 and 7 Pl/C/8 RAR identify: LAM VAN SON, AKA THANH B4/C1/D445, Sect Comd; TRAN MINH KHANH, C1/D445, Pl Comd; VO VAN CONG, C1/D445m Sect Comd. Also nominal rolls of all platoons of C1/D445 VC (LF) Bn and personal letters addressed to PHONG C1/D445 were recovered (Coy Comd C1/D445 KIA by 9 Pl/C/8 RAR 15 Feb 70). Documents have no tactically exploitable information but are of value to supplement ORBAT.
8. Documents on a body (VC KIA B/8 RAR 220900 Feb at YS455539) identify HOANG VAN HIET Pl 2ic C6/D440. There were also papers with lists of food to be procured with latest date noted 3 Feb 70, food apparently to be procured for A1, A2, A3, (sections of unidentified platoon presumably of C6/D440).

S2 Comment: This party obviously have no idea that the current operation was in progress, approaching the contact area in the open in day light. 1 ATF INTSUMs before TET reported an intention by D440 to combine with elements D445 for operations in the south. These did not eventuate, but there was identification of C6 in the old D445 base area west of XUYEN MOC in a contact with 5 RAR on 12 Feb. In this area also 5 RAR captured 900 lbs of rice. It is likely therefore that the man killed was on a liaison mission to HQ D445 (documents from 8 RAR identified a HQ bunker complex in the general area of the contact) to arrange supply for his company from reserves in the LONG HAI or in the XUYEN MOC district. The rigid supply system would only permit a unit to draw on another cache with an authorization from the HQ of the unit owning the cache. It is considered unlikely that C6/D440 is in the LONG HAI but may be in an area around the lower SONG RAI from where it could still operate with elements of D445 against some targets in the LONG HAI District.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a-c. Omitted
- d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (i) (220930H) At YS665702 XUYEN MOC NPPFF contacted 6 VC who withdrew east. Withdrawal route engaged with arty and mors. Results: 1 NPPFF KIA, enemy casualties unknown.
- (ii) (221540H) A VC, NGUYEN-HUU-CHI aka SAU-CHI who belonged to the BA LONG Provincial Troop Proselyting section, rallied to NGAI GIAO. D/POB: 1940, HOAI NHAN, BINH DINH Province.
- (iii) A VC rallied to DUC THANH Sub Sector at 201300H. He is DINH VAN CHANH (DOB 1920, HOA LONG) a member of the Farmers Assn of BAU CHANH Hamlet NGAI GIAO. Intg report to be produced.
- S2 Comment. This is further evidence of the general drift away from the VC of the production/supply cells which operate in the NGAI GIAO District as a result of constant pressure in that area.

(N.F. GRAHAM)

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Attachments:

Annex B - Captured Documents.  
Annex C - Agent Reports.  
Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

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MACV-J2	3 TAC Fighter Wing
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Annex C (Agent Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 53/70  
dated 23 Feb 70.

Agent Report (Evaluation C2)

A HQ Sector informant has reported that on 151530 Feb two pls of C25, led by NGUYEN VAN THE, with one 60mm mortar, one M60, RPGs and individual weapons, and in company with PHUOC HAI and HOI MY guerillas, were located at YS590510.

S2 Comment. C25 does operate in company with these local guerillas normally in the southern part of the LONG HAI. A HOI CHANH of HQ LONG DAT Dist gave the location of her HQ in this location also (YS467498). There appears to be some special affiliation of local guerillas with the companies C25 and C1/D445, since the latter appear normally to work closely with LONG DIEN, PHUOC HOA LONG, AN NHUT and AN NGAI guerillas (plus possibly others), all normally living in the LONG HAIs. While the name NGUYEN VAN THE is not held by 1 ATF records (MUOI SINH is cond C25) and it is not likely that the company has an M60, the substance if the report is probably true.



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Annex E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 53/70  
dated 22 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
22 Feb 70	YS6361	Heavy track activity east and south-east from grid square.
221000H	YS442693	Illegal movement of a number of Vietnamese ox-carts north of stream.
221300- 221505H	YS463513	Hut under rock overhang in cave. 20 metres down slope another set of tin and wood structures in good condition.
"	YS463511	Bunkers (previously reported).
"	YS465515	Living areas in rock clefts and caves. Cooking utensils sighted on a flat rock. Approx 5 smaller caves in the immediate area.
<b>NOTE:</b> An airstrike was conducted on the above three grid references but as the targets were all on a steep slope, accurate bombing was difficult and no apparent damage was done.		
221615H	YS826732	Numerous tin sheets have been placed and re-arranged in a bunker system that has previously been struck by air. Area was engaged by gunships and several sheets were either destroyed or heavily damaged.

2. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
220145- 220200H	YS430550	1 on road

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 47/70.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Further to report in INTSUM 46/70 para 3.a.(1)(b). To the results add 1x.45 cal pistol, 1 pack and a qty of docus CIA.

(b) (160200H) At YS419858 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted an unknown number of en with unknown results.

(c) (161645H) At YS401876 a ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2 en moving north. Results: 2 en KIA (BC), 1xM16 CIA.

(d) (161708H) At YS394867 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en. Results: 1 en WIA (detained). The detainee has been evac to 1 ATF NUI DAT for interrogation and identification. See para 6d.

(2) AO HAMMERSLEY.

(a) Further to contact report in INTSUM No 46/70 para 3.a.(2)(a). The fol details are now avail:

(151855H) At YS458564 9 PL C Coy 8 RAR in ambush contacted an estimated en coy, moving north resulting in 7 en KIA (BC). A sweep on the morn- of 16 Feb 70 resulted in 2 small contacts resulting in 2 en KIA (BC). A further body was also loc. Results: 10en KIA (BC), 22 drag marks (22 en KIA/WIA (poss)), 1xAK47, 1xM16, 1xM2, 1xpistol (NFI), qty of docus and many assorted grenades CIA. 3 Aust WIA. Idents see para 6(c).

(b) (161740H) At YS451538 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt received 2 incoming mor rds. They were believed to be 60mm.

(c) (161852H) At YS448537 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR loc a hole in the ground containing a qty of SA ammo, water bottles, food, docus, and plastic capes. There were fresh tracks in the area and 5 Pl will investigate tomorrow.

(d) (162045H) At YS455545 3 en entered 6/B/5 RAR ambush area from NE. The en were engaged and at this time there is one en KIA (BC), one en WIA (poss).

(e) (16 Feb 70) In vic of YS457548 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR moving into an AP loc 4 unoccupied bunkers. They will be investigated tomorrow.

(3) AO COSSACK.

(a) Further to INTSUM No 44/70 para 3.a.(1). The detainee has been classified as a PW.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
160821H	YS496506	2 persons carrying bundles moving north along beach.
160830H	YS433852	Smoke.
161400H	YS740904	A bunker with the roof partially covered.
161500H	YS566809	Two bunkers.
	YS563820	E-W track. Appears to have been recently used by a small number of people.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 5 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. Detainees.

- (1) PW - 1
- (2)-(4) Omitted
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 1
- (6) Omitted

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 6
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - 1x.45 cal pistol, 1 pistol (NFI), 2xM16, 1xAK47, 1xM2.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. 1xpack, qty of ammo, water bottles, plastic capes, assorted grenades.
- (b) Omitted

(3)-(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 44 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 31
- (6) Omitted
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.49 tons
- (8)(9) Omitted

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP Mines: 1 at YS458555.

(2) Resulting In Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
161335H	YS458555	M16	Nil cas.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movement.

a. Docus found in an old bunker system at YS370813 by 1/V/6 RAR on 121200H Feb 70 disclosed no firm idents. A scrap of paper amongst the docus had three names on it, :

- (1) Nguyen VAN HANH D65/T7
- (2) BAY HA K10/H10
- (3) Nguyen VAN BACH K8/D6

S2 Comment. Nguyen VAN HANH is held by OB as the Political Officer C2/D65 Engr Bn. A nominal rolls of C2/D65 CIA by C/2-18 (op con to 1/16 Inf US) on 27 Jan 70 at YS257657 lists members held by OB as C2/D67 eg: all coy officers for C2/D65 are those held for C2/D67.

If D67 and D525 have not merged as suggested in 1 ATF INTSUM 33/70 para 6.a. dated 2 Feb 70, it is possible that D65 is a new cover designation for D67.



b. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 10/D/6 RAR at YS 432874 on 121730H Feb 70 identify PHAM VAN CANH, Squad 2ic of BA LONG Intelligence Section.  
S2 Comment. PW VO VAN VO, who was CIA by Aslt Pnr P1/6 RAR at YS441873 on 131000H Feb 60 was involved in this contact. VO, who was WIA during the contact, claim- to be a member of the Chau Duc Rear Services (1 ATF INTSUM 44/70 Annex A refers) but when it was put to him that he was infact a member of BA LONG Intelligence, he denied that he had claimed to be with Chau Duc Rear Services and refused to talk further. His present disposition is the PW compound at Long Binh for further interrogation.

c. Docus taken from 10 bodies following a ambush by 9/C/8 RAR at YS458564 on 151855H Feb 70 identified some of the VC KIA as:

- (1) HO THANH PHONG Coy Comd C1 D445.
- (2) LE MINH HOANG Possibly Security Member Long Dien
- (3) LE VAN THIEU Long Dien Primary School
- (4) TRAN VAN NHAN Squad Leader Prov Rear Services
- (5) DUONG QUANG NGHIA Party Committee Member, Long Dat, Propaganda and Trh section.

Docus are still being readout.

d. The VC captured by 6 RAR at YS394867 has been identified tentatively as a member of BA LONG Youth Aslt Gp.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to i ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 dated 10 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Ref INTSUM 46/70 para 3.a.(2)(b). Amend DTG to read "151910H" and GR to read "YS437534".

c-e. Omitted

f. Other Itens of Reporting Interedt.

(1) Late Report. (151800H) NGUYEN VAN THUAN rallied to 190 RF Coy at XA BANG. Since 1967 he has been a member of the Executive section of the NGAI GIAO Labour group. His unit is loc in the CAM MY area. P/DOB: 1950, TRANG-BANG.

(2) (160945H) At YS588857 A/S on en base camp. Results: 3 bkrs damaged/exp.

(3) (161230H) At YS473529 and YS473534, A,'S on en base camps. Nil BDA due to smoke.

(4) (161250H) At YS475512 A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA due to smoke.

(5) (162000H) At YS459794 190 RF Coy contacted 17-20 en who with drew West with unknown results.

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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Report

Annex B - Captured Documents.

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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 47/70  
DATED 16 FEB 70

1. Attached as Appendices I to III are the interrogation reports of:
  - a. NGO VAN DONG - Returnee
  - b. NGUYEN THI SO - "
  - c. TRAN SUM - VC Suspect
2. Attached as appendices IV and V are interrogation reports of ralliers:
  - a. DOAN VAN SUNG
  - b. PHAM VAN CU
3. SUNG, CU and a HUYHN VAN PHUCNG were detained following a cordon and search by Aslt Pnr/6 RAR on 14 Feb 70 at YS 448873 on information given by a rallier HANH to DUC THANH Sub-sector. A further four people were subsequently detained viz:
  - a. HUYNH VAN TAO
  - b. NGUYEN THI CAM and 2 children.
4. SUNG and CU are presently at the BARIA CHIEU HOI Centre, PHUONG has been detained at DUC THANH Sub sector for further interrogation as a suspected draft dodger and the others were released.

APPENDIX I TO  
ANNEX A TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM 47/70  
DATED 16 FEB 70

RETURNEE  
NGO VAN DONG

DOR: 2 Feb 70

POR: DUC THANH Sub sector

Reason:

- a. Hardhips etc
- b. CHIEU HOI leaflets
- c. Family pressure

Unit: Farmers Association, NGAI GIAO

Position: Cell member

Exploited Information

1. a. NGAI GIAO Village Party Chapter
  - Secretary - BA NHA THIEC, 30yrs, BEN TRE, Colt 45.
  - Asst Sec. - BA NHIEU, 35yrs, SVN, no wpn.
  - Security - NGOC, 25yrs, CVN, Thompson.
  - F and E - HAI CO, 50 yrs, SVN.
  - Commo Liaison - MUOI SU, 30yrs, SVN, SKS.

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and 2 Montagnard are unknown.

Propaganda, culture & indoctrination - BA GIO, 35yrs,  
RACH GIA.

Medic - THI ANH, 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC.

Farmers Assoc - TAM SQ, 35yrs, SVN, Colt 45.

b. NGAI GIAO Village (guerilla) Unit

Comd - BA NHA THIEC.

Guerillas - 3, unknown.

Location - approx YS 375835

c. Farmers Association Cell of Hamlet 3 NGAI GIAO

Leader - TAM CUONG, 40 BINH DUONG

MEMBER - NGO VAN DONG ( The subject )

" - HAI, 40, LONG PHUOC

" - HAI's wife (unk) Because this cell only

had two members TAM SQ appointed this woman who was from  
Hamlet 4. (Sep 69).

d. Farmers Association Cell of hamlet 4 NGAI GIAO

The subject knows two names:

- MUOI THE, 30 SVN

- BA HEO, 35, SVN

(i) Location : Approx YS 435855

Acem : Three huts made of steel sheets 2mx2m

Bunkers : Three foxholes.

Food Supplies: They live by themselves on bananas  
and yack fruit. Besides this Tam Cuong and the  
subject used to trap wild pigs, deer, wild chickens  
which they brought to CHAU LAC Plantation to sell  
or exchange for rice, but since Dec 69 because of  
the allied forces in the area they have not tra-  
pped any wild animals.

(ii) Task : Every month every member has to pay  
Tam So (Farmers Association chief) 102 Piasters.

(iii) Other Units : The subject disclosed that in Dec 69  
he met 1 element of 84 RSG of 10 persons, but he  
he only knows two of them :

- CHIN NO, 50, SVN, K54.

- TIEN, 25, SVN; no wpn.

These people used to enter VIET CUONG Plantation  
to purchase rice, tinned fish from the workers.



Besides this ~~there is another~~ rear services element (about 10 persons). The subject does not know the name of this unit and only one person among them:

- TU XICH, 35, SVN? K54, (Deputy BA LONG Rear Services)

These people also enter VIET CUONG and CHAU LAC to purchase foodstuffs.

APPENDIX II

(INTERROGATION REPORTS)

TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 47-70

Dated 16 Feb 70

RETURNEE

NGUYEN THI SOO

DOR: 6 Feb 70

POR: XA BANG POST?, DUC THANH.

Reason: In Dec 69 Aust swept area. Subject fled to her husband QUANG (INTSUM 41-70) and they rallied together.

Unit: CAM MY VILLAGE UNIT.

Exploited Information

1. a. CAM MY VILLAGE PARTY CHAPTER

The subject only knows LINH who is the leader of the party chapter (carrying Colt 45)

b. CAM MY VILLAGE GUERRILLA UNIT

(i) Village Unit

Commander: HAI DAT, 25 yrs, CAM MY, Carbine.

2 i/c : THI, 31 yrs, CAM MY, Garrant.

Medic : THI CHINH, returned in LONG KHANH Oct 69 (no replacement yet)

Cook : The subject.

(ii) GUERRILLA UNIT

Commander : DAT

2 i/c : THI

Soldier : LO, 20 yrs, AK.

" : MAI, 20 yrs, Garrant.

" : BE, 16 yrs, Cam My, K44.

" : CU EM, 15 yrs, Cam My, No wpn.

" : SAU GIA, 40 yrs, Cam My, Carbine.

Unk Appt : BA QUIT, 50 yrs, Cam My, no wpn.

Soldier : LINH HAI, returned in LONG KHANH Nov 69

" : CHINH, lived illegally and has escaped to TAN VIET NAM to work as a civilian

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Strength : 9 (At the present time)  
Weapons : Colt 45, Garrant, AK, Carbine.  
Location : Before Dec 69 they were together with the  
Party Chapter at approx YS 441903, this location was swept  
by Aust troops so the subject ran to her husbands location  
at YS 425856.

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DETAINEE: TRAN SUM

Detained by: National Police.  
Date: 10 Feb 70.  
Place: DUC MY Hamlet.  
Circumstances: Detained as a suspect at his home in DUC MY Hamlet.

Exploited Information

1 The subject was a member of the CHAU DUC Finance and Economy Section in 1965 and was then transferred to the Production Section in 1966. He rallied in Sep 1967 and returned to live in DUC MY. He was subsequently approached to act as a VC agent living legally in the Hamlet. For these activities he was in July 69 arrested and gaoled for a month. His wife TRAN CHI CAU, leader of the soldiers mothers association was killed at BINH BA by 5RAR at YS425737 on 31 Dec 69 (1 ATF INSTUM 2/70 Para 6a refers).

2 At about 2000 hrs. on the ni 5/6 Feb 70 the subject saw 40 VC enter DUC MY from the direction of YS 444733 and appeared on the track in front of the subjects house at YS 446734. The VC were armed with AKs and came to ask for rice and cakes for TET.

3. Again at about 2100 hrs on ni 8/9 Feb a group of 60 VC came to the hamlet for the same reason as on the previous occasion. They left in the direction of AP SUOI NGHE (VC AP MOI) at about 090200H Feb 70. Later on at about 092030H at least 4 VC of the same group returned from the west and walked along the path from YS 442735 to YS 448734, still asking for rice and TET cakes. On all three occasions the VC were lead by TU HIEU, APO CHAU DUC District Unit.

4. The VC normally enter the hamlet from YS 440732, YS 442735 and along the SUOI SON (YS 441727 - YS442735).

5. The subject stated that his two younger children TRAN THI GAI and TRAN VAN PHU were organised in Dec 69 by TU HIEU into the Childrens Liberation Association. Their task is to collect info on allied ops into the area. All the young children of the hamlet are included in the association and meetings are in an abandoned house next to the subject's house on the northern side.

RETURNEE: DOAN VAN SUNG

UNIT: TRANSPORTATION GP 30 (BA LONG PROVINCE)

General

1. SUNG left Tn Gp 30 at 1500 hrs on 4 Feb 70 whilst the unit was resting (interrogation on the Gp's task at that time is continuing). He became lost in the bush and rallied to Aust forces on 14 Feb 70. He had been assigned to Gp 30 in Apr 69 after being abducted at DUC HOA by 60 VC.

Exploited Information

2. a. Personalities Gp 30  
Comd: MUOI DAN, 40 years, SVN.  
Members: CHO LON, 23.  
          NHO, 20.  
          KHONG, 20.  
Others unknown.



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Miscellaneous

3. The Gp carried weapons and ammo from and to the LA NGA river basin (NFI) to destinations unknown to the subject. They travelled between 2000 - 0600 hrs daily and rested during daylight hours.
4. About Oct 69 at approx 0300 hrs, the Gp was ambushed in the vicinity of YS 490907 and lost 15 KIA and 4 WIA.
5. Further interrogation report is to follow.

APPENDIX V TO ANNEX A  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 47-70  
DATED 16 FEB 70

RETURNEE: PHAM VAN CU aka GONG

UNIT: CHAU DUC District Unit.

General

1. CU was captured by NGAI GIAO guerillas in Sep 68. In Feb 69 he was transferred to the Civilian Labour Section of the BA LONG Province Unit. On 12 Jan 70 he escaped from his unit and returned to CHAU LAC.
2. His unit was involved in transportation tasks to a base camp approx 10 km west of XA CAM MY from across Route 1 at an area in the vicinity of YT 660065.

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Annex B (Captured Documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 47/70  
dated 16 Feb 70.

1. Reproduced below is a CDEC translation of a letter dated 23 Dec 69 from DANG MAI Political Officer, 3 Bn/74 NVA Artillery Regt. The docus were taken from TRAN NHUAN Regt Asst PO of 74 Arty Regt, KIA by Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR at YS428852 on 7 Feb 70.

"Dear Commander of Z50,

"We will be unable to carry out our combat missions during Jan 70 because there is no ammunition. The transportation (of ammunition) across the river (no further information) is postponed, because there are no boats. Also, the corridor is blocked due to the deployment of the enemy (FWMAF/RVNAF) troops along the river. The personnel of Sub-Region 4 have refused to transport (possibly ammunition for the 3rd Battalion, 74th Artillery Regiment) across the river if they are not paid rice, tea, or cigarettes. Comrade Ap and D2 report that they are to pay the personnel of Sub-Region 3 3,000\$ (SVN) (118\$ SVN = 1.00\$ US) for each transportation trip across the river. There are no rice or beans in the Bao Ham area and my men have to eat unripe bananas. The rear service agencies of Z and T can do nothing to relieve the famine of the friendly (VC) troops (stationed in the local area). I have to borrow money (possibly from the local population) to purchase food for my men. Currently, the 92 members of C7 and C9 (possibly Companies) and D3 Headquarters are out of rice. We cannot get the bananas which grow wild in the local village, because the inhabitants demand to be paid for their bananas. The wooded areas in the vicinity of the base camp of the communication and liaison element (no further information) and our base camp has been destroyed by the enemy. If we are attacked, we will move to the Cay Kho three-way road junction. The concentration of my D (battalion) in the same area will be impossible. Except for the two attacks by fire conducted by C7 on the Long Binh area in Nov 69, no other attacks were carried out by my D, because we were out of ammunition. Various cadre and combatants have been demoralized due to the difficulties encountered in food supply. The combat spirit of certain personnel is poor because they have little to eat. Dinh, Assistant Political Officer (no further information), will be subject to disciplinary action for failure to accomplish his missions. The health status of my men is critical. The number of sick personnel continues to increase. Some suffer from general weakness. Some are unfit for combat duty. The problem of the shortage of medicines is unsolvable.

An element of my D fell into an enemy ambush while on a rice procurement mission in the Bao Ham area (on an unspecified date). Five men were KIA and four AK's and one K-50 were lost. Concurrently, one group, consisting of the personnel of D2 and D3, was attacked by enemy tanks on 22 Dec 69. Eight members of D3 and three members of D2 were MIA.

Please, let me know where my D is to move if it is attacked by enemy troops, because it can no longer be stationed in the vicinity of Route 25. I would like to inform you that we will be confronted with many difficulties in troop encampment if the enemy continues to destroy the wooded areas (in our area of operation)."

S2 Comment. This letter emphasises the considerable problems facing MR7 units.

Earlier docus from 274 VC Regt CIA by 1 ATF in Nov 69 confirm that the food problem had not been solved in Nov/Dec 69. Reports from Hoi Chanhs, PW's and docus captured in Jan/Feb 70 give no indication that the problem has been alleviated nor that the people have become more co-operative. At the date of writing, it is doubtful that the author was aware of the vast loss of med supplies from the MAY TAOS. 3/74 Arty was at that time located closeby 270 VC Regt and the latter was not aware of the loss of the K76A Hospital before early Jan 70. (1 ATF INTSUMS 7 and 9/70 refer.)

The shortage of ammunition for 74 Arty is not likely to improve dramatically following discovery of the cache at RIANG RIANG (YT280610) by A Coy 5th SF 1st Bn 3MSF.

This letter also represents the second moderate level document captured since Nov 69 in PHUOC TUY Province disclosing gradual demoralisation of cadre as well as combatants due to the failing food supply. It therefore stresses, beyond a reasonable doubt the value of continued sealing off of VC entry-exit points. NHUAN was killed in the VIET CUONG plantation - formally a major entry-exit point for numerous MR7 units and station of C5/84RSG.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 54/70
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) (23103H) At YS386896, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one local force enemy with no result.
- (b) (231215H) At YS491852, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a cache on a platform 12ft x 8ft and 3ft above ground level. Recovered were: A small qty of rice and approx 40 lbs of bananas.

(2) AO POSSLYN.

- (a) (231411H) In the vicinity of YS543777, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ sighted one enemy.
- (b) (231345H) At YS543778, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a transit camp area for 8 to 10 persons that had been occupied up to 1 hour prior to entry. Recovered were: A qty of med supplies, clothing, and a small qty of freshly cooked food.
- (c) (231415H) At YS544778, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a cache. Recovered were: One damaged SKS rifle, a small qty of assorted ammunition and plastic sandbags.

(3) AO BENDIGO/LOVE HAT.

- (a) A consolidated report received from C Coy 8 RAR at 222305H stated that they had located bunkers capable of accommodating a Bn of troops in and around grid square YS4752. (See ANNEX F to this INTSUM) Note: Weapons not yet incl in totals for the month as reporting not yet complete.
- (b) (230820H) At YS476524, elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated a M16 mine, no casualties or damage.
- (c) (231100H) At YS463538, 480 RF Coy located a bunker system consisting of twelve 2 to 3 man bunkers with OHC. Recovered were: A qty of documents (1 dated 28 Jan 70), a qty of metal and plastic jerry cans and a small qty of med supplies.
- (d) (231145H) At YS474522, 8 & 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a 4 gallon drum of rice, 1 soldering iron, 1 BAR and 5 assorted bolt action rifles.
- (e) (231230H) At YS455545, B Coy 8 RAR located 2 camp areas consisting of 10 bunkers and the second system had an additional 6 fighting pits. The system was 12 to 18 months old and had been recently occupied. Recovered were 3 Chicom blast grenades set up as booby traps.
- (f) (231230H) At YS473527, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a cache. Recovered was: A qty of assorted ammunition.

(4) OUTSPAREAS.

- (a) (231115H) At YS579572, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located and destroyed 3 hides.
- (b) (231600H) At YS552562, A Coy 8 RAR located a camp area consisting of 17 bunkers, with cooking areas. The system was approx 12 months old and showed signs of use by 2 to 3 persons about 1 week ago.
- (c) (231658H) At YS487688, a ptl from 6 RAR located a fresh track used by 6 to 8 persons moving east to west.

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b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 7

(b) Crew Served - Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 x SKS(damaged), 1 BAR, 5 assorted bolt action rifles.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed: A qty of med supplies, 10ft det cord, 2 US mugs, 3 water bottles, a qty of clothing, one 2 gal pot, two 1 gal pots, two entrenching tools, a qty of dried meat, 45 rds of assorted ammo, a small qty of plastic sand bags, a qty of metal and plastic jerrycans, a small qty of medical supplies, 600x7.62 pistol rds, 650 x 5.56rds, 200xM60. link belt rds, 2x82mm mortar fuses, 2xM16 mags, 1x radio aerial(telescopic) See ANNEX F to this INTSUM for consolidated report of material captured by C Coy 8 RAR.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS491852	Rice	Unknown	Unknown
	Bananas	40 lbs	"
YS474522	Rice	40 lbs	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
231415H	3Pl V Coy	YS544778	see Para 3.a. (2)(c), this INTSUM.
	6 RAR/NZ		
231230H	8Pl C Coy	YS473527	see Para 3.a.(3)(f), this INTSUM.
	8 RAR		

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 52 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 43
- (6) Crew served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.97 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES	BOOBY TRAPS
One M16 at YS476524	3 at YS455545

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(2) Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.a. Amplification of Spot Reports. Omitted.b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 53/70.

(a) Para 3.a.(3)(c) 4th line amend to read "ascertained three have been classified etc".

(b) Annex C (Agent Reports) 6th line amend to read "their HQ in this loc also etc".

(c) Annex B (Captured documents) Para 8 last line of S2 comment, amend LONG HAI District to read LONG DAT District.

(d) Para 3.a.(2)(a) amend number of bunkers in camp to read 24.

(e) Para 3.a.(3)(c) delete all reference entry should read, "(220700H) At YS576573, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR sighted 10 enemy carrying packs. Bushrangers were called in sp and enemy withdrew SW. Bushrangers then sighted 4 persons clad in swim shorts. They were detained by heli copters. Of these one was released as an innocent civilian and three were handed over to DAT DO Sub Sector as Civil Defendants (draft dodgers)."

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (230645H) LONG DIEN sub sector reported that Nguyen Van Ngoc a squad Ldr from D445 rallied to LONG DIEN sub sector.

(2) (231045H) DUC THANH sub sector reported that HO VAN LOUNG, 2IC of BA LONG Provincial Recon Coy rallied to XA BONG this morning.

(3) (231150H) At YS549802, airstrike on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(4) (231233H) At YS555807, airstrike on an enemy base camp. BDA to be done by ground troops.

(5) (231410H) At YS662857, airstrike on enemy base camp. Result: Two bunkers destroyed and 20 metres of trench destroyed.

(6) (231555H) At YS662857, airstrike on enemy base camp. Result: Three bunkers destroyed and three bunkers exposed and damaged.

Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

ANNEX F - Material Captured by C Coy 8 RAR in LONG HAI Mts.

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12 Cbt Avn Gp

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Sector S2

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) to 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 51-70 dated 23 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RALLIER : HO VAN TRUNG

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. a. Name : HO VAN TRUNG  
b. D/POB : 1937 LONG HAI  
c. Rank/Appt : Comd Recce Coy  
d. Unit : Ba Long Recce Unit

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RETURN

2. a. Unit : KEM LONG Post  
b. Date : 23 Feb 70  
c. Place : KIM LONG  
d. Wpns/Docus : Promotion cert to Sqd Comd  
Promotion cert to Sqd 2i/c  
e. Circumstances : He left his group while they were looking for food and medicine.

EXPLOITED INFORMATION

3. a. Ba Long Province Unit  
LBN - 61/202 VT  
Comd - TU LAC, 40, K54.  
2i/c - BA NAM, 40, SVN, K54.  
PO - BA CAK, 50SVN, K54.  
APO - TU HY, 38, K54. (Went to MR-7, no replacement.  
Strength - 70  
Location - On 12 Feb were in the area bounded by  
YS5698-5695-5898-5895. This area being known  
as the 'NUOC' base.
- b. Ba Long Orderly Room  
Location - A small part has moved into the area YT5303-  
5304-5404-5403.

RECCE COY

4. a. General  
During TET 1968, this recce coy was a platoon pf 30 persons protecting HQ of province unit. In Oct 69 an order came from TU LAC (province unit leader) withdrawing an amount of soldiers from D445, D440 and NVN infiltration groups to set up an independent coy for PA LONG province unit as recce coy, this coy operates from province unit base camp to route 2, approx in VIET CUONG, TAN VIET NAM, CHAU LAC plantation area in order to protect both sides of Route 2 that groups (?) can go to and fro easily.

ORGANIZATION

- b. Organization:  
Coy Comd: Nil  
2 IC: HO VAN TRUNG (subject) acting coy comd.  
Public Health: THI THUY, 20 yrs, SVN.  
Strength: 90  
Location: HQ in the vicinity of YS510880.  
Wpns: 3 X RPD, 40 X AK, 10 X B40 and 2 X B41.  
Radio: 3 X AN/PRC 25  
Frequency: 37/20 (General)  
Call Sign of PL 1: A1  
Call Sign of PL 2: A2  
Call Sign of PL 3: B4  
It changed every three days.



108 (using code that changes daily)

Compasses: 1

Map: 1 map of 1/50,000 scale (given by province)

Element of 3 Pls:

Pl 1/C Recce ( the subject goes with 1 Pl)

Pl leader: DAU, 29 yrs, SVN, carried AK.

2IC: NHUNG, 19 yrs, SVN, carried AK.

Strength: 30

Wpns: 2 X B40, 1 X B41 and remainder are AKs.

c. Operating Area: from YS5188 to TAN VIET NAM area in the vicinity of YS480873.

d. Missions: Command and supply-security for transportation groups (?) and main forces (?) moving West to East of the road in the area R2, QM, TAN VN, VIET CUONG.

The location was attacked by Australian troops in Dec 69 but no damage, because the subject saw the airplanes activities and ordered Pls and Sects of Recce Coy to move to CONG TRANG in the vicinity of YS470863 and QUANG-MINH plantation 7 days later, they returned to the old base, on 12 Feb 1970 the base was attacked the second time.

Results: 1 X KIA (MUCI CANH) the subject was wounded.

According to the subject, at present those Pls are still in the area.

OTHER MF UNIT

5. D440. About 12 Feb 70, 2 coys of D440 arrived to protect the HQ of Province Unit.

Bn Comd: HAI HA, 31, K54 (has become Chief of Staff of Province Unit)  
HONG TAM, 32, replaced him.

Area of Operation: From BINH BA to P&O DINH.



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Annex E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 54/70  
dated 23 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Late Report		
22310H	YS582574	Sampan, which was engaged and sunk.
	YS602579	Fresh footprints of two people.
230300H	YS487497	One sampan 100 yards off shore. The sampan was engaged and sunk.
230810H	YS562573	Tracks of six people crossing creek.
	YS574598 to YS572598	Concentration of tracks.
231015H	YS607884	Camp consisting of 5 bunkers. No fresh signs in area of camp.
231430H	YS738624	Tracks from this grid reference to coast shows signs of recent activity.
	YS644610	Track from this grid reference to coast shown signs of heavy activity.
	Eastings 63-65	All tracks in this area show signs of heavy activity.
	Northings 58-61	

2,3, & 4 Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
231015H	YS581810	Maximum
	YS582828	Strong
	YS582808	Minimum
	YS581814	Minimum
231615H	YS622660	Maximum
	YS617660	Strong
	YS623693	Strong
	YS535695	Strong
	YS17663	Minimum
	YS23663	Minimum
231615H	YS23688	Minimum
	YS63692	Minimum
	YS64687	Minimum
	YS63690	Minimum

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ANNEX E TO JATEP

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List of Eqpt Captured by C Coy 8 RAR vicinity 18474521 22 Feb 70,

Weapons and Ammo.

3x82mm mor rds	4xlong handle reaping hooks
12xRPG rockets	3xbrassiers (womens)
10xRPG7 rkts	1xwomans cardigan
6xRPG boosters	9xchopsticks
3x60mm mor rds	10xsandals
2xM26 grenades	8xpr torch batteries
70x7.62mm short rds	1xsaw blade
40x7.62mm tracer	1xtypewriter
15x.50 cal rds	13xcups, canteen field
8x17.7mm rds	12lb sugar
3xCom blast grens	30lb salt
640x7.62mm unk	10lb tobacco
534x5.56mm rds	15lb beans
597x.30 cal (ball)	3lb wire solder
3290x7.92mm rds (ball)	6xbandages 4"
2400xpistol ammo	6xsurgical Tweezers
8xM79 HE rds	74xphials drugs
1xChicom anti Tk HE gren	3xplasma intravenous drips
3xelectric detonators	5xtubes sulphur tablets
4xblast caps	10xtubes aspirin tablets
1xelectric coil	1xbottle chaphytal
26xBAR mags (loaded)	4xrolls elastic plaster
188x7.62mm link rds in tin containers	2200xchloroquine tablets
424x.30 cal link	600xanti-biotic tablets
10xRPG7 boosters	300xoptaliadone tablets
2x60mm mortars (1xUS, 1xFrench)	1x10cc syringe hyperdermic
2x60mm mortar sights ( Chinese)	1x5cc " "
5xSKS rifles	200xtifomysice tablets
13x shotguns	Assorted bandages
1xSmg M3	1xChicom fd dressing
1xThompson SMG	1xbottle actavene snake bite
1xBAR	1xsmall medical kit
10xUS model rifles	8xtablets (type unknown)
3xGerman Mauser rifles	3xtubes pennicilin ointment
1xFrench La Belle	28xforceps
7xRussian bolt action rifles	1xbottle 10 suture needles.
2xRPG launchers	
1xM1 carbine	
1xAK47 3xM16	

Equipment, documents and food.

large qty docus  
500lb rice  
qty cooking eqpt  
25 transistor radios  
large qty dried fish (has been destroyed)  
17 pks cigarettes (2xUS, 15xlocal brand)  
2 Aust entrenching tools  
qty plastic  
10 US pistol belts  
30 Pouchs utility US pattern  
14x44 gal drums diesel  
24x44 gal drums (empty)(schapnel damage)  
3xheli slung shackles  
14xwater bottles, various types  
1xhoe

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 55/70
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Feb.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BENDIGO.

- (a) (240715H). In vic YS460557, elms of D/8 RAR located fresh tracks of two to three persons moving from east to west.
- (b) (240830H). At YS457557, elms of D/8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of 33 bunkers and 4 weapon pits last used approx five days ago. Also located in the area were foot tracks and ox cart tracks.
- (c) (241200H). At YS460556, elms of D/8 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: one M26 grenade, three chicom grenades, eight blast grenades, four chicom defence grenades, six rounds of M79 canister, three rounds of M79 HE, seven B40 rounds, two B41 rounds, three B40 propellant charges, three B41 propellant charges, seven full AK47 mags, one RPD mag, 94 link RPD rounds, 660 AK47 rounds, seven AK47 mag carriers, a qty of docus, 50lb of rice, a qty of clothing, assorted tools, a qty of cooking utensils, a qty of medical supplies and other miscellaneous items.
- (d) (241325H). At YS460555, elms of D/8 RAR located 40 old weapon pits.
- (e) (241630H). At YS449538, elms of D/8 RAR located ten bunkers and one wpn pit last used up to 12 months ago.

(2) LONG HAI area.

- (a) (240920H). At HOE CHANH disclosed graves at YS484520. VR of the area located a well defined track from this location running east then south to YS483510. Following up, elms of C/8 RAR located 20 fresh bunkers at YS485820. Further investigation revealed four fresh graves containing six bodies. During demolition of the bunker system one more body was discovered.
- (b) (24 Feb 70). At YS461538, 6/B/8 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: 80 chicom blast grenades, one 44 gal drum full of rice, 1000 x 7.62mm, 5.56mm and .30 cal rounds, five large chicom anti tank grenades, six small grenades (NFI), one pack containing rice, one pistol belt, one pair of sandals and an empty 44 gal drum.
- (c) (241330H). At YS462544, a ptl from 6/B/8 RAR located fresh footprints going WSW.
- (d) (241654H). At YS489520, 9/C/8 RAR contacted one en, approaching from the SE, with unk results.
- (e) (241720H). At YS475546, elms of 8 RAR and B/3 Cav Regt located fresh foot tracks of approx 20 persons leading NNE.
- (f) (242000H) to 242155H). Elms of 8 RAR sighted the following:

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
242001H	YS413525	13 lights and vessels moving upstream.
242100H	YS399535	Four vessels heading downstream.
242105H	YS425524	One boat.
"	YS420534	" "
242120H	YS399538	" "
242145H	YS412525	A stationary light.
242145H	YS418525	One boat moving upstream
242155H	YS415524	One light moving upstream.



(3) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (240915H). At YS516862, 2/A/6 RAR located eight bunkers, 6'x4' with 2' OHC, last used approx nine months ago.

(b) (241050H). At YS521863, 2/A/6 RAR located 13 bunkers, 6'x4' with 2' OHC.

(c) (241505H). At YS395899, 4/B/6 RAR contacted three to five VC, moving south to north, with no results.

(d) (241540H). At YS529864, 2/A/6 RAR located three bunkers, 20'x15', one cookhouse, 20'x20' with two to three feet OHC, and three panji pits last constructed two months ago. Recovered were a qty of docus, a qty of cooking utensils and a qty of used penicillan caps.

(4) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (240900H). At YS460639, a ptl from 1 ARU located a poss Base Plate posn. During a sweep of the area the ptl located a slightly rusted mortar round which was later destroyed.

(b) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

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

(1) US Inflicted Nil

(2) Aust Inflicted - 7 VC

(3) RVNAF Inflicted - Nil

c. d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. See para 3.a.(1).(c) and para 3.a.(2)(b).

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS460556	Rice	50 lb	Unk
YS461538	"	1x44 gal drum	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches See para 3.a.(1)(c) and para 3.a.(2)(b).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 NVA 59 VC

(2) PW - 4

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 43

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured 2.00 Tons.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil



5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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AP MINES

BOOBY TRAPS

One M14 at  
YS434540

6.7.8.9.10. Omitted.

11. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report. (232030H). Five VC entered XUYEN MOC, went to a house and questioned a person about the locals and if they were in the ARVN.

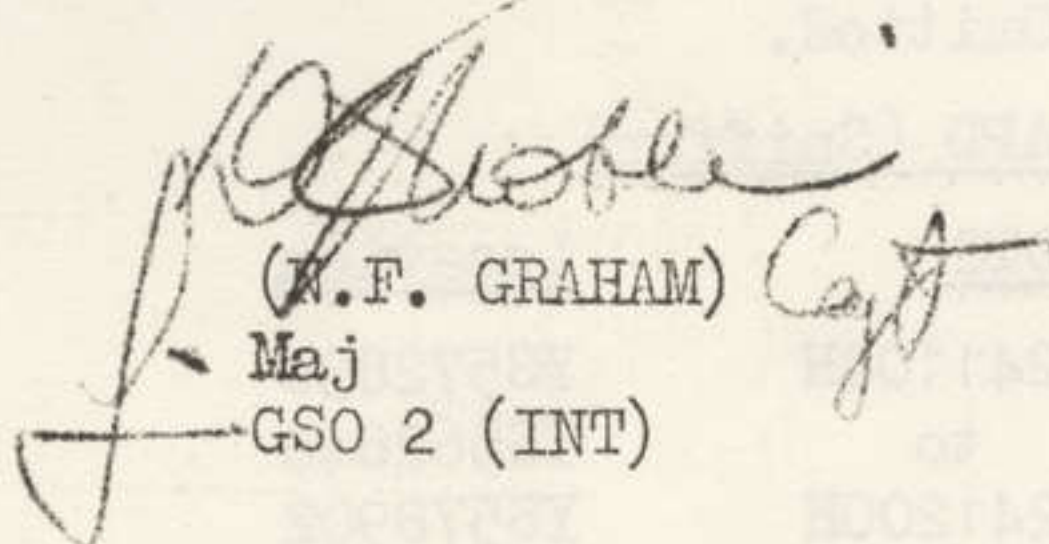
(2) (240150H). At YS460597, 23 PF Pl contacted an estimated en squad who were trying to enter village and who wdr north on contact. Results: one en WIA(BT).

(3) (241405H). At YS714922, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: one hut and four bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exposed and damaged.

(4) (241920H). At YS620648, XUYEN MOC Sub Sector forces sighted a poss en squad who broke north across the road. Arty engaged with unk results.

(5) (241950H). In vic YS616647, XUYEN MOC Sub Sector forces sighted 25 to 30 VC. Arty engaged with unk results.

(6) Eight detainees who were detained by 5 RAR at DUC TRUNG on 29 Dec 69 have been released.

  
(W.F. GRAHAM) Capt  
Maj  
GSO 2 (INT)

Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation 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



ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 55/70  
dated 24 Feb 70.

1. Information evaluated C/3 collected at HOA LONG village on 19 Feb 70 stated that on 181130H Feb 70 one VC pl of the C41 concentrated coy of CHAU DUC district armed with RPG and individual weapons departed YS363689 and moved to YS365668. They assembled the wood cutters and asked them about the 1 ATF operation in the area and called upon the people to provide foods.

S2 Comment: CHAU DUC Dist and C41 evac bases on the SOUI CHAU PHA NE of NUI THI VAI as a result of recent 2 US Bde ops. A ptl of 8 RAR has sighted its mov in area YS3665 on the night 21/22 Feb. It is quite possible that at least C41 has returned to one of its bases in or near NUI DINH on the west of the CHAU PHA and can be expected to make an attempt to re-establish its contact with HOA LONG.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 55/70  
dated 24 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
241030H to 241220H	YS628926	Camp with a river crossing appeared to be in use. A strong east-west track traverses the area.
241430H to 241630H	YS694707 to YS698720	Fresh track which divides at YS698721.
	YS553688	Concentration of tracks which appear to be fresh, and two old bunkers.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
241100H to 241200H	YS572838 YS562848 YS578902 YS579908 YS556834 YS582914 YS537833	Maximum " " " Strong " Maximum

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 56-70.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late Report. (242120H) At YS382897, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one or two en moving East with unknown results.

(b) (251133H) At YS423863, Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a track used by 8 - 10 VC moving North within the last 24 hours.

(c) (251845H) At YS439869, elms of Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en. Results: One en KIA (BC), qty of webbing and personal items CIA.

(d) (251725H) At YS506796, elms of V Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained two VN without ID cards. They were evacuated to 1 ATF for interrogation and subsequently classified as innocent civilians. They will be released tomorrow (26 Feb 70).

(2) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI.

(a) Ptls of 8 RAR reported eight sightings of sampans and lights on and around RAC CHUA LAP, West of the LONG HAI during the night 24/25 Feb 70.

Comment: This is an unusual amount of traffic outside curfew and may be associated with ops in the LONG HAI, possible evacuation of small groups going into the RUNG SAT.

(b) (250715H) At YS467534, RF elms op with 8 RAR believed they had three VC in a cave. Attempts were made to induce them to surrender but on search no trace was found.

(c) Further to INTSUM No 55-70 Para 3 a (1) (e). A further four bunkers and a booby trap consisting of a 105mm rd were found.

(d) (251133H) At YS458544, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system of six bunkers with 4 - 5 ft OHC. The bunkers were destroyed.

(e) (251235H) At YS471515, elms of 8 RAR located eight bunkers.

(f) (251425H) At YS447536, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 500 X AK47 rds, 10 RPG2 rds, 22 X 60mm mor rds, 18 mor fuzes, 22 boosters in bags (?), three Ank grenades, 82mm mor tube and bipod.

(g) (251655H) At YS488511, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted three en who wdr West. Results: 1 en WIA (Poss). A sweep of the area located the following: 2 X 250 lbombs with HE removed, one US megaphone, two cluster bombs, two panji pits and seven fighting pits which have been destroyed.

(h) (251339H) At YS447536, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located four graves containing three bodies approx one week old. Bodies have been credited to B Coy 8 RAR contact on 18 Feb 70.

(i) (251915H) At YS489516, 3 Pl A Coy contacted one VC who approached their NDP. En wdr South with unknown results.

(j) An 8 RAR CP has reported persons on motor cycles at YS434522 who have appeared to retrieve something from the brush and met briefly with other persons on motor cycles. On night 25/26 similar persons were seen at this location who left and shortly afterwards returned and met a truck at same location.

Comment: No explanation can be made of this activity but it is recommended that a ptl be placed at the location.

(3) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) Late Report. (241945H) At YS607819, Sp Coy 8 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy with 81mm mors with nil results.

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(4) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (251950H) At YS583667, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a previously reported bunker system. An estimated 20 - 30 VC used this posn in the last 4 - 7 days as an overnight staging post. A qty os blood stained bandages was found.

S2 Comment: These bunkers were first located when 5 RAR made contact with C6/D440 and C2/84RSG which we believed to be waiting to RV with D445 (See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/70 Paras 7 and 8). The bunkers were checked again on 20 Feb 70 for signs of reoccupation but had not been used. It is most probable now that at least an elm of D445 returned to this, one of their old base areas, after leaving the LONG HAI about 21 Feb 70 and it must be expected that RV with elms of D440 in this general area of the SONG RAI has taken place as originally planned.

(b) (251950H) In vic of YS586665, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a recently used bunker surrounded by barbed wire.

(c) (251450H) At YS500695, D & E Pl detained 15 VN sighted by bushrangers at 1100H. They were interrogated at 1 ATF and released as innocent civilians.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.

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.

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 17.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Crew Served - 1.

(c) Breakdown - 82mm mor tube.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. 500 AK47 rds, 10 RPG2 rds, 22 X 60mm mor rds, 18 mor fuzes, 22 boosters in bags (?), three Atk grenades, 82mm mor bipod, 2 X 250 lb bombs with HE removed, one US megaphone, two cluster bombs, qty of webbing, one hammock, fishing line and a VC shelter.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
251425H	10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR	YS447536	See para 3 a (2) (f).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 NVA - 63VC.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2.

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 43.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured - 2.00 Tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.



5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.AT MINES

1 at YS498521.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
250945H	YS454543	Unknown	1 Aust WIA, 1 APC damaged.
251025H	YS492509	Chicom grenade	1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA.
251140H	YS491519	20 lbs Chicom TNT	1 Aust WIA, 1 tank damaged.

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Agent Report received from BARIA at 251905H. VN Eval C-2. A bn of VC are located at YS305715.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (242020H) DAT DO Dub Sector reported sighting an unknown unit moving from YS613668 to YS616647.

(2) (250300H) At YS481608, 910 RF Coy AP engaged an estimated squad. 614 RF Coy and PRU elms were used as a blocking force in an attempt to keep the VC in a semi-cordoned area. Results: En casualties unknown, 3 RF WIA.

(3) (251410H) At YS692846, A/S on en base camp. Results: Three bunkers exposed and two huts damaged.

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*Jr* (N.F. GRAHAM)  
 Maj  
 GSO 2 (INT)

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 56-70 dated 25 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. Attached as Appendicies I and II are interrogation reports for the following:

- a. HUYNH VAN LIEN
- b. HO VAN TRUNG

APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A  
(INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 56-70  
dated 25 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: HUYNH VAN LIEN

Biographical Data

- 1. a. Name : HUYNH VAN LIEN
- b. Aka : NGOC
- c. D/POB : 1942, PHUOC HAI, PHUOC TUY
- d. Rank/Appt : Sect Comd
- e. Unit : C1/D445

Circumstances of Return

- 2. a. Receiving Unit : LONG DIEM Sub Sector
- b. Date : 230800H Feb 70
- c. Loc : LONG DIEM
- d. Wpns/Docus : 1 x AK, 90 rds
- e. Circumstances : At 192100H Feb 70, D445 HQ moved from the MINH DAM Secret Zone approx YS 473522 to an area north of Rte 23. The subject took advantage of this to escape and rallied at LONG DIEM.
- f. Reasons : (i). Frightened of being killed  
(ii). Life was hard and lacked any comforts  
(iii). Homesick  
(iv). Dissatisfied because he was unable to get promotion

Past Activities

- 3. 1954-57 : Worked as a fisherman at PHUOC HAI
- 1958-60 : Drove a bus at PHUOC HAI
- Apr 1961 : Joined the VC at PHUOC HAI and after 5 days he was taken to the Province unit (BA LONG) where he became a soldier in the protection unit.
- Oct 1961 : He was transferred to the BA LONG Province Ordnance Sect with the task of scavenging steel and metal.
- Feb 70 : Subject requested a transfer to C1/D445
- 19 Feb 70 : Bn HQ D445 began moving to area 1 and the subject escaped and rallied to GVN forces.

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Exploitable Information4. BA LONG Province Committee

Secretary - Unknown  
 Member - TU HY, 35 yrs, K54.  
 Others - Unknown  
 Loc - Unknown

BA LONG Province Unit

LBN 61/1100/C1 (Poss Staff Sect BA LONG)  
 Comd - TU LAC, 55 yrs, K54:  
 2ic - TU THI, 40 yrs, K54:  
 PO - BA CAN, 40 yrs, K54.  
 2ic - TAM VIET, 35 yrs, K54.  
 2ic - BINH, 30 yrs.  
 APO - NAM NINH, K54.  
 Loc - In the jungle near XUAN LOC, exact loc  
 unknown.

Staff Sect

LBN is unknown  
 Leader - HAI HA, 30 yrs, SAIGON, K54.  
 2ic - HAI DAU, 40 yrs, LONG KHANH, K54.  
 2ic - HAI TRANG, 40 yrs, CVN, K54.  
 Adjt - HAI DANG, 30 yrs, PHUOC LOI, K54.  
 Medic - SAU LIEN (f), 20 yrs, DAT DO.  
 Personnel - CHIN DOI, 30 yrs, SVN, AK.  
 - THANG, 25 yrs, DAT DO, AK.  
 - THANH, 25 yrs, DAT DO, AK.  
 Cook - TAM KIEM (f), 20 yrs, PHUOC LOI.

Signal Sub-Sect

Leader - CHIN NGO  
 2ic - TU HO  
 Personnel - HAI  
 (12 remaining names unknown)

Mil Int Sub-Sect

Leader - TU TAM, 40 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K54.  
 2ic - Unknown  
 Personnel - SAU, 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC? Colt.  
 - HAI, 20 yrs, PHUOC HAI.  
 - THI, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN.  
 - THUONG, 25 yrs, SVN, Carbine.  
 - BAY MOC, 30 yrs, K54.  
 - BA GIAO, 35 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K54.  
 - THI DAN, 20 yrs, LONG DIEN.

Engineer Sub-Sect

Leader - TU THUAT  
 2ic - TU NHAN  
 Strength: 25

Recce Sub-Sect

Leader - THANH  
 2ic - RAN

Mil Personnel Sub-Sect

Leader - BA SON  
 2ic - BA VIET

Mortar Sub-Sect

Leader - TU NHU  
 2ic - BA TAM (concurrently Coy Comd of K8)



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Militia Sub-Section.

Leader: HOANG  
2IC: CHIN VOI  
2IC: HAI HOANG

Political Section.

Chief: SAU VIET, 35 yrs, LONG MY, K 54.  
2IC: TAM NHAN, 30 yrs, SVN, K 54.  
Cadre: HAI LAM, 30 yrs, SVN, K 54.  
Personnel: THANH NHAN, 25 yrs, HOA LONG, AK  
          THANH CO, 30 yrs, SVN, AK.  
          THI HIEN, 25 yrs, DAT DO.  
Clerk: THI TAM KIEN, 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
(Other details unknown).

Rear Services Section.

LBN: 61/1000/C3.  
Leader: BA THUAN, 32 yrs, DAT DO, K 54.  
2IC: BA HONG XANH, aka ECH, 40 yrs, LONG OHUOC? K 54.  
      NAM PHEO, aka TAM PHUONG, 50 yrs, K 54.  
      TU PHUONG, 50 yrs, BINH BA, K 54.  
      TRAM PHONG, 30 yrs, XUYEN MOC, K 54.  
Political Officer: TO HONG, 50 yrs, LONG DIEN, K 54.  
Chief Admin: NGUYEN DINH CUONG, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN, K 54.  
Clerk: PHU, 30 yrs, West VN.  
Accountant: LY, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN, Carried a carbine.  
          TUONG, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN, AK.  
          TOT, 30 yrs, West VN.  
Personnel: BA TAM, 50 yrs, LONG MY.  
          BAY LONG, 50 yrs, DAT DO.  
          BA ANH(female) 55 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
          SINH(female), 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
          LANG(female), 30 yrs, DAT DO.  
          HOANG(female), 19 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
          BA CAO, 25 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K 54.  
          BAY BINH, 30 yrs, CAN GIO, K 54.  
          THANH THIEN, 25 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K 54.  
          SAU THU, 26 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K 54.  
Medic: HAI(female), 20 yrs, LONG MY.

Mil Hospital Sub-Section.

Leader: Nil.  
Chief Political Officer: TU THO.  
2IC: HIEU.  
Doctor: TAM NAM.  
Medical Specialist: MUOI THO.  
Medic: TU LIEN (female).  
      HANH (female).

Clothing Equipment Sub-Section.

Leader: TAM TUNG, 32 yrs.  
2IC: TU CHUC.  
Personnel: THI TAM.  
          THI HUONG.  
          THI BA.  
          THI UT.  
Equipment: Four sewing machines.

Ordnance Sub-Section/Province Unit: 61.100/C11.

Leader: BA NGAC, 40 yrs, SVN, K 54.  
2IC: BAY NGHIA, 50 yrs, PHUOC HAI, K 54.  
Chief Political Officer: HAI BONG, 30 yrs, West VN, K 54.  
2IC: LOC, 26 yrs, BINH CHAU, Carbine.

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The Ordnance Sub-Section/Province Unit consists of three sections

Engineer Sub-Section.

Leader: NAM LINH, 35 yrs, BINH BA, Carbine.  
2IC: NGUYEN HUU THANH, 30 yrs, PHUOC HAI, Carbine.  
THANH, 30 yrs, PHUOC HAI.  
Personnel: THACH, 30 yrs, CVN.  
THIEN, 25 yrs, CVN, SKS.  
TU VY, 30 yrs, CVN, SKS.  
BA GIO, 30 yrs, CAN GIA, SKS.  
THI HONG HOA, 19 yrs, PHUOC HAI.  
THI PHUONG, 18 yrs, PHUOC HAI.

Chemical Sub-Section.

Leader: SAU CHANH, 30 yrs, CAO SU XUAN LOC, AK.  
2IC: NAM SANG, 35 yrs, LONG DIEN, SKS.  
SAU VU, 35 yrs, LONG DIEN, Carbine.  
BA VIEN, 40 yrs, BINH BA, Carbine  
Personnel: TAN, 25 yrs, LONG PHUOC, AK.  
TIN, 25 yrs, West VN, SKS  
THI LUOM, 19 yrs, DAT DO.

Collection Sub-Section, (the subjects section).

Leader: HUNG, 30 yrs, LONG TAN, AK.  
2IC: DINH, 25 yrs, LONG KHANH, Carbine.  
Personnel: TAI, 19 yrs, LONG DIEN.  
QUAN, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN.  
THI HOANG, 25 yrs, LONG HAI.  
Medic: THI HONG, 19 yrs, BINH CHAU, Carbine.  
NGOC (the subject).

Strength: 40.

Location: BAU NON in the vicinity of YS685830. This location was attacked by Australian Troops on 8 Feb 70 so the unit moved to another place which is unknown to the subject.

Mission: Produce mines, grenades, hand grenades and repair weapons.

Units supply for D440 and D445.

5. D445 LF Bn (10 Feb 70).

Bn Comd: SAU THU, 30 yrs, LONG MY, K 54.  
2IC: TU OANH, 28 yrs, PHUOC HAI, K 54.  
2IC: NAM VU, 27 yrs, PHUOC HAI, K 54.  
Chief Political Officer: MINH KHANH aka HAI KHANH,  
2IC: SAU PHUONG.  
2IC: TU QUY.  
Chief of Staff: TU BE.  
Military Medical Specialist: BA MINH.  
HAI.  
Medic: NGHIA.  
DUNG.  
TRI.  
DUNG.  
Ordnance: Unknown.  
Adjt: MUOI GIAI.  
TU TUNG.  
MIEN.  
Cook: HAI MAI.

Recce Pl.



Leader: PHU  
2IC: Unknown.  
Sect Leader: LOI.  
(remainder unknown).

Strength: 25.

Weapons: 3 x B40's (three rds each), the remainder are AK's

Signal Pl.

Pl Leader: NAM.  
2IC: Unknown.

Wireless Sect.

Sect Leader: NHAN  
2IC: CHINH.  
Personnel: Unknown.

Telephone Sect:

Personalities unknown, strength 25.

Equipment: Each coy has one PRC 25 and Sect HQ have PRC 10 sets.

Strength: At present D445 has a strength of 210.

Weapons: RCL at present it has not been used by the bn since Jul 69.  
Two 82mm mortars (ammunition unknown).  
Four 60mm mortars (each coy has one).  
One .30 cal MMG.  
Eleven RPD's.  
Approx 30 x B40's.  
Six B41's (it has four rds each).  
The remainder are AK's.

From 10 Feb 70 to now, D445 was reinforced by two 12.8mm HMG's, from K8/D440.

Location.

Period 20 Feb 70 the whole of D445 Bn were located at the MINH DAM Secret Zone as follows:

Bn HQ, C1 Coy, C3 Coy located at YS473522 (in "1" formation). C2 Coy and C4 Coy were located at HON DA in the vicinity of YS458554, in an unknown night of Feb 70 these two coys moved to Bn HQ at YS473522.

At 192100H Feb 70 the whole Bn withdrew the direction of Area 1, the subject was told LUONG, Coy Comd of C3, after looking for Bn base that, the Bn will go to a location that has not been lived in by the Bn and will be taken from SUOI RAO (here there is thick jungle, the subject guessed that the Bn may be located at YS5472). (SUOI RAO not yet ident)

Future Tasks of D445 Bn.

Preparations for Attacks.

On 3 Feb 70, the subject met TAM (previously Bn 2IC concurrently Deputy Chief of Staff of D445) at present Coy Comd of K8 Mortar Coy, and six others pl cadre and soldiers. They had Range Sights and Range Finders for the 82mm Mortars. They said they had the task of moving into LONG DAT District area to carry out a special mission (the subject guessed that this group had the job of investigating the ((future)) battlefield terrain in the LONG DAT area). (NFI).



On the 10 Feb 70 when the subject volunteered to serve with D445, he met TAM and the six others and also SAU HO, Coy 2IC of K8 who replaced TAM, at the Bn HQ. That same day he went with an ammunition transportation group from the BA LONG Province unit which consisted of six persons who carried 20x 82mm mortar rds and 200 x 12.8 mm rds, all of which were bought to the Bn HQ at YS473522. The ammunition was bought from his location at YS685830.

On 15 Feb 70, D445 organised a Political training and Reindoctrination phase, for the whole of the cadre and soldiers of D445, which lasted for a period of 21 days. Another phase was to be organised for the transportation of rice, which included the subject. But because of the Aust operations into the base they were not able to carry this out. Because of this the subject has no information on future tasks of the bn.

On 10 Feb 70, HAI HA, Chief of Staff of the Province Unit and also the forward Commander of the Province Unit at the LONG DAT Front which consists of CHIN NGO, Chief of Information Section, TU NHU Chief of Arty Section, BA TRAN PHONG, 2IC of Rear Services Section, together went to the Bn HQ D445 and stayed there until D445 withdrew from the MINH DAM Special Zone (19 Feb 70).

The subject also stated that during the last few months the Bn was located in the MINH DAM Region with aim of supporting the low level agencies in order to strengthen and raise the education (political) of the people in the LONG DAT Region.

D445 Elements: (Consists of 4 coys - C1,C2,C3 and C4).

C1/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd: TAM TONG, 33yrs.  
2IC: CHAU, 27 yrs.  
Political Officer: THANH, 27 yrs.  
Asst Political Officer: SAU SON, 28 yrs.  
Adj: NGHIA.  
Medic: TOT.  
Liaison: QUANG (killed with NAM PHONG).

Strength: (after 19 Feb 70) 35.

Weapons: One .30 cal MMG.  
One 60mm Mortar.  
Six B40's (each with three rds).  
Four B41's (each with four rds).  
Six RPD's.  
Remainder are AK's.

C1 is divided into three platoons: 1Pl, 2Pl and 3Pl.

1 Pl/C1/D445 LF Bn.

Pl Comd: TIEN, 28 yrs.  
2IC: SON, 27 yrs.  
Sect Comd: Unknown.

Strength: Approx 7 persons.

2 Pl/C1/D445 LF Bn.

Pl Comd; NAM NHUT, 30 yrs.  
2IC: Unknown  
Sect Comd: CONG, 29 yrs.  
BA VAN, 25 yrs.

Strength: Approx 9 persons.

Weapons: One B40.



One RPD  
Remainder are AK's.

3 Pl/C1/D445 LF Bn.

Pl Comd: SAU CUONG, 28 yrs.  
2IC: Unknown.

Strength: Approx 5 persons.

C2/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd: LONG, 27 yrs.  
2IC: NAM TO, 30 yrs.  
Political Officer: BA LIEN, 30 yrs.  
Asst PO: Unknown.  
Medic: LONG, 25 yrs.

Strength: Approx 35 persons.

Weapons: One 60mm Mortar.  
Six B 40's.  
Five RPD's.  
Remainder are AK.

C2 is divided into three platoons: 1Pl, 2Pl and 3Pl.

1 Pl/C2/D445 LF Bn.

Comd: BA THAI, 30 yrs  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

2 Pl/C2/D445 LF Bn.

Comd: MEN, 29 yrs.  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

3 Pl/C2/D445 LF Bn.

Comd: MINH, 25 yrs.  
2IC: RO, 26 yrs.  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

C3/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd and 2IC are unknown to the subject.  
Political Officer: THANH.  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

Strength: Approx 30 Persons.

Weapons: Three B 40's  
Three RPD's  
Remainder are AK's.

C3 is divided into three platoons: 1PL, 2PL and 3PL

The subject known none of the personalities from these platoons

C4/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd: BA LIEM, 30 yrs.  
2IC: SAU LAC, 30 yrs.  
Political Officer: BA MINH, 32 yrs.  
Asst PO: NAM THUI, 30 yrs.  
Medic: QUAN, 20 yrs.  
Adjt: NAM, 32 yrs.

Strength: 45 persons.



Weapons: Two 82mm Mortars.  
One 60mm Mortar.  
Two GORYUNOV HMG's.  
Three B40's.  
Three RPD's  
Remainder are AK's

C4 consists of three platoons all of which are unknown to the subject.

Supplies:

Rice is the responsibility of BA TRAN PHONG, Province Rear Services Section Comd, who buys the rice and foodstuffs from villages in LONG DIEN, PHUOC THANH, PHUOC HOA LONG, AP CAU (CAU Hamlet - HOI CUU Hamlet, HOI MY), PHUOC LOI, AN NGAI, AN NHUT Villages for supplying the bn. Apart from that the bn Coy Adjts also enter the villages above in order to buy rice etc, for their unit while they are in the MINH DAM Special Zone. Each Coy has to keep five days of rice on hand. The subject does not know how much foodstuff is in reserve or when they get their rice from their base in Area 1.

Reinforcements:

The subject states that D445 has just received five new recruits (before 10 Feb 70) and a platoon cadre from D440 on 10 Feb 70.

Other Units.

K8 Mortar Coy.

The subject states that about May 69, K8 Coy was taken away from D440 and joined the BA LONG Province Unit Arty Section:

Coy Comd: BA TAM  
2IC: CHIN TAN.  
2IC: AM.  
2IC: SAU HO.  
Political Officer: NAM HAI.  
Asst PO: **Unknown.**

Strength: Approx 45 persons.

Weapons: Two 82mm Mortars.  
Two 12.8mm HMG's.  
One MMG.  
Three RPD's.  
Four B40's.

Location: Usually located in jungle near BAO BINH. On 10 Feb 70, K8 sent two 12.8mm HMG's to D445.

6. K6 Coy/D440 LF Bn.

On 12 Feb 70, on the road to D445 the subject met K6/D440 located at CAU TRED, approx YS585671. At the time there were six soldiers with the subject going to get rice in PHUOC THO Village.

7. C25 Coy.

Approx 192100H Feb 70, C25 Coy left MINH DAM Special Zone and moved towards PHUOC HAI (possibly into LANG DAI, ((LONG GREEN)) jungle area).



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APPENDIX 2 TO  
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 56-70  
DATED 25 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RALLIER: HO VAN TRUNG

Reference: A 1 ATF INTSUM 54-70 ANNEX A Initial Intg Report.

General

1. The following additional information has been elicited from the rallier in response to further questions arising from the initial interrogation. The subject has been co-operative and, although seriously ill as a result of old, untreated wounds, appears to have a very good memory for detail. His information appears to be reliable and his tasks in the reconnaissance unit would require a good knowledge of the areas noted.

Place Names

2. a. WATER BASE According to the description of ground given, a primary base area of BA LONG Province Unit (HQ BA LONG) referred to as 'the WATER BASE' is in the area YS 5695. It is so called because the general area is inundated in the wet season. The area around the base, in thick jungle, has been bombed by B 52 but the base itself has not been attacked in any way to his knowledge. This appears to be the base where we believe from other sources a conference of BA LONG leaders is to be held shortly (26 Feb 70).
- b. CHAU LUC This plantation has two parts. One area of about 1 km is around YS435875; the other is bounded by YS 427863, YS 427852, YS 453850 and YS 542865.
- c. XUAN SON This is the area around YS 5476 (it might include the jungle fringe to the south). He believes this area would not be used as a base because escape routes are limited; however it has been mentioned from other sources and could be a forward HQ of BA LONG.
- d. CA MUM This is the jungle area around YS 5778. Before LONG KHANH and BARIA provinces merged this was the main base of BARIA PROVINCE HQ. It could still be used by transit groups.
- e. BASE K/ BASE A He knows of no area called A. From ground description Base K appears to be in the area YS 4075 (we have believed it to be north of here around YS 3982 and YS 3983).
- f. REGION 1 He does not know of this name (D445 base area west XUYEN MOC).

3. Tactics and Training After D445 tried out sapper tactics in DAT DO District in Oct 69, the results convinced HQ BA LONG that more extensive training and special re-equipment be commenced. Both LF units were to be adapted to sapper tactics and equipped with light weapons (a much larger number of RPGs). BA LONG Sapper Unit began to train the units and D445 now has the capability to conduct such operations. The subject believes D440 is less trained for this role but has been given troops from the Sapper Unit as reinforcements, while D440 was to provide 20 replacements in turn to the Sapper/Recce Platoon. Each company has 1 x RPD.

4. Province HQ Protection D440 provided a number of troops from C5 and C9 to form a protection unit for Province HQ; they operate in the XUAN LOC area (other sources have indicated that 30-40 men were sent to HQ as 'unfit for combat duties' to form the protection unit).

5. Transportation Groups in Phuoc Tuy. On about 26 Jan a transport company of about 50 from the Direction of LINH SON crossed Route 2 at about YS 458883, crossed TAN VIETNAM Plantation, crossed SOU THE (not identified yet) and went towards LONG PAT DIST. He heard they went to LEN Base around YS 5670. They carried 82mm mortar and B40/B41 rounds; each carried 4 82mm or 6 x RPG rounds. The group returned towards Binh Son on the same route.

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They made a second trip on the same route, crossing Route 2 on 9 Feb 70, and he did not see them return. On 1 Feb he met a transport group of 40 from FA LONG HQ carrying rice from a cache at the SUOI LO 0 (?) near 'LEN' base back to the Water Base. Other than these he has not seen any transportation groups. (This does not help to substantiate the story of rallier LY THANH (Jan 70) who states he accompanied a large group bringing munitions to PHUOC TUY from LANGA River).

6. Current Deployments. HQ D440 went with C6 and C8 to the LONG DAT DIST to join with D445 for combined operations (date not known but he believes information is current). The Commander D440 is HONG TAI NAM aka HOANG (he replaced HAI HA who was posted C of S BA LONG); TAM NAM is at present in the LONG DAT area with a forward HQ of BA LONG. (The area referred to would probably be west of XUYEN MOC in the region of the SONG RAI. Other collateral suggested the presence forward of an element of BA LONG HQ, and C6/D440 was identified in the area YS 5766 in contact with 5 RAR on 11 Feb 70. D 445 was to go to join D440 on 21 Feb according to the 20 Feb rallier from C1/D445 NGUYEN VAN NGOC).

7. Intentions. During the period of the 'Spring Offensive' BA LONG intended initiate attacks in LONG DAT DIST; the main target area would be DAT DO. (This is the area best known by D445 and would be the target of most psychological advantage).

8. Communications. BA LONG HQ has 3 x AN/PRC 25 sets; frequency 37/20 ; call signs A1 (1 P1) A2 (2 P1) B4 (3 P1) changing every 3 days. Codes are changed daily. At HQ is a 15 Watt radio. At fwd HQ is one PRC 25.

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Transportation Groups in Phuoc Tuy. On about 26 Jan a transport company of about 50 from the Direction of LINH SON crossed Route 2 at about YS 45883, crossed TAN VIETNAM Plantation, crossed 'OUT THE' (not identified yet) and went towards LONG DAT DIST. He heard they went to LIA Base around YS 5670. They carried 82mm mortar and B4/B41 rounds; each carried 4 82mm or 6 x RPG rounds. The group returned towards Binh Son on the same route.



1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 57-70
2. Period covered from 260001H to 2624000H Feb 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI

- (a) (261240H) At YS479536, a ptl from 8 RAR located a bunker system and are still searching. Two grenades have been found at this stage.
- (b) (261145H) At YS483521, elms of 17 Const San and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a cache. Recovered were: 4xRPG2 rounds, 2 parts of RPG round warhead, 5xRPG2 boosters, 1xRPG7 booster, 2 VC 10" claymores, 6 VC bangalore torpedoes, qty of elec cable, 3 mor boosters, 3 boxes of batteries (each ontn 12 batteries), 3 belts .30 cal ammo, 12 clips M16 rounds and 1 US pack.
- (c) (261433H) At YS454545, 10/D/8 RAR located a bunker system and a cache containing 3xAK47, 1xM1, 1 bangalore torpedo, 2xD10 claymores, 16 anti-tk grenades, 51x1.5v batteries, 1 x gal oil, 200 ft claymore cable, small qty course salt and 2x44 gl drums of rice.
- (d) The final figures for weapons captured by 8 RAR at YS474521 during the period 200600H - 222305H is 46.

- (2) AO BAYSWATER. (261130H) At YS430855, YS429855 and YS430856 a patrol of 1 Fd Regt operating with 6 RAR located 3 small tunnels which were poss used as "hides" for 1-2 persons. Tunnels have not been used for some time.

(3) Other Areas

- (a) (260720H) At YS427625 3 persons were sighted moving along a creek line towards NUI DAT. They were apprehended and then later released as innocent civilians.
- (b) (261030H) At YS406707 a patrol from 7 RAR detained one person who was later released as an innocent civilian.

b. Air Activity

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

Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Innocent Civilians - 4.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual - 50
- (b) Crew Served - Nil
- (c) Breakdown - 46 (see 1 ATF INTSUM 54/70 Annex F), 3xAK47s and 1xM1

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured: 2 grenades (NFI), see para 3. a.(1) (b) and (c).

(3) Captured and Destroyed Food stuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS454545	Salt	4 lbs	Unk
YS454545	Rice	600 lbs (approx)	Unk

(4) Omitted

(5) Caches

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
261145H	17 Const Sqr and B/3 Cav	YS483521	See para 3.a.(1)(b)
261433H	10/D/3 RAR	YS454545	See para 3.a.(1)(c)



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f. Cumulative Totals For Month

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 63 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 93
- (6) Crew served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 2.3 tons

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 7

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 54/70.

(a) ANNEX F, 26th item in wpns and ammo, delete all detail (mortars were captured by 480 RF Coy operating with 8 RAR).

(b) ANNEX F, 28th item in wpns and ammo, delete "5X SKS" and insert "1xSKS".

(c) ANNEX F, 36th item in wpns and ammo, delete "7xRussian bolt action rifles" and insert "9 x mossin nagants".

(d) ANNEX F, 4th line in Eqpt, Docus and Food, delete "25 transistor radios" and insert "2 transistor radios".

(2) Reference INTSUM 56/70, ANNEX A, page 5, Locations. Insert following at end of para: "SUOI RAO is synomynuous with SUOI GIAU".

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (260925H) At YS347645 elms of B/1/16 (2 US Bde) engaged 2 NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA (PW). Qty docus CIA, including commendation for 2 persons believed to be assistant squad commanders of Military HQ Ord Sect CHAU DUC District Force. They were TRAN VAN GUYET and TRAN VAN HAI. Most recent docu dated 12 Feb 69 (1969). Also mentioned was NGUYEN VAN HAI. Wounded PW now in 1 Aust Fd Hosp VUNG TAU. Interrogation to be carried out by 10 MID Det on 27 Feb, to be reported separately.

(2) (261315H) At YS692846 a BDA was carried out on a previously struck base camp. Results: 2 huts damaged, 3 bunkers exposed. One bomb did not explode.

(3) (261435H) At YS824758 an A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 3 huts damaged or destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed, 1 large bamboo trap-door raised off ground (poss a cover for bunker or cache) and clothing and papers scattered.

(4) LONG DIEN Sub Sector to date have arrested 6 suspected VCI in AN NHUT and 4 in TAMPHUOC as a result of information gained from documents captured by 8 RAR.

(5) A RF/MAT ptl from DUC THANH Sub Sector found at YS442788 a series of 3 models of buildings, bunkers and mil compounds. The models were constructed in considerable detail and with great care from twigs, metal, cardboard and thread, and appeared to be not more than a few days old.

S2 COMMENT: The 1 ATF Int Rep at Sub Sector is of the opinion, after a study of the models, that they probably represent:

- a. The DUC THANH Compound.
- b. The mil post of 655 RF at BINH BA.
- c. The house of the manager or assistant manager of GALLIA plantation in BINH BA.

It is likely that these models were prepared by a VC recce squad on completion of reconnaissance of proposed objs in order to conduct briefing. If this is so such models would normally be constr only at an advanced stage of offensive preps. It has been reported earlier (1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/70 para 9,12) that local units planned to commence offensive ops directed by HQ BA LONG. Objs on Route 2 would be the responsibility of sub units of D440 loc west of Route 2.

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(6) (262130H) At YS433574 a group of approx 3-4 enemy twice contacted elements of 576 RF Coy and then contacted elements of 701 RF Coy at YS445576 during their withdrawal east. Results: 1 RF WIA (DUSTOFF), enemy casualties unknown.

SP Informant Report (eval C\J) SO Top YO from NGAI GIAO: BA NHUIN, VC Party Chapter Asst Secretary of NGAI GIAO village, and HAI DAT, Asst Chairman of the Forward Supply Council of CHAU DUC District, were seen staying at YS452798. The two VC have remained in a banana garden for several days.

David H F  
(N.F. GRAHAM) *capt*  
Maj  
GS02 (Int)

Attachments:

- Annex C - Agent Reports
- Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

- List A - ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
- II FFORCE V TO I AFB INTRUM NO 57-70
- MACV - J2 DATED 26 FEB 70
- MACV - CICV
- RTAVF
- 18 ARVN Div
- 3 TAC Fighter Wing
- 12 Cbt Avn Gp
- BIEN HOA TAC
- Advisory Team 48
- Sector S2

Location	Readout
YS1130H	YS107612
YS1230H	YS149638
YS1330H	YS186607



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ANNEX C (Agent Report)  
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DATED 26 FEB 70

1. SP Informant Report (eval C/3) 20 Feb 70 from NGAI GIAO: BA NHIEU, VC Party Chapter Asst Secretary of NGAI GIAO village, and HAI BAT, Asst Chairman of the Forward Supply Council of CHAU DUC District, were seen staying at YS452798. The two VC have remained in a banana garden for several days.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
MAHARD (H. H.)  
SOSD (Inf)

Attachments

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1-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
261130H	YS707615	Maximum (2 huts sighted 200m NW)
261230H	YS749638	Maximum
	YS686607	Minimum

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 58-70.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
  - a. Ground Activity.
    - (1) AO BAYSWATER.
      - (a) (271020H). At YS522835, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker with 3 ft of OHC. Also located in the area was a SW track which showed no sign of activity. A track heading east lead to a creek and footbridge where there were signs of activity about seven days ago.
      - (b) (271425H). At YS428848, a ptl from 6 RAR/NZ located a track used by a squad size force heading north approx seven days ago.
      - (c) (271425H). At YS493807 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a track which had been used by a large number of people within the last 24 hours going from east to west.
      - (d) (271425H). At YS495812, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a track used by a small party going from east to west within the last 24 hours.
    - (2) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI.
      - (a) Late Report (261000H). At YS470536, 480 RF Coy and 189 RF Coy located six caves and six bunkers (bunkers had been destroyed destroyed by airstrike one week prior to locating). Recovered were: A qty of old destroyed equipment, assorted webbing, cooking gear, water cans and bottles, five gallons of kerosine and one M26 grenade rigged up as booby trap.
      - (b) Late Report (261130H). At YS466535, 189 RF Coy located a cave. Recovered were two old Chicom blast grenades.
      - (c) Late Report (262057H). Elements of 8 RAR sighted boats at YS421520 and YS399529.
      - (d) (270845H). At YS484512, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR sighted six enemy and engaged area with mortars with unknown results.
      - (e) (270855H). At YS489522, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located and destroyed an anti tank mine consisting of 20 lbs of Chicom explosives.
      - (f) (271400H). At YS486508, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located a claymore mine that had had all explosives removed.
      - (g) (272020H). At YS398530, elements of 8 RAR sighted five boats.
  - b. Air Activity.
    - (1) Omitted.
    - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance.
      - (a) Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
271015H	YS604880	Heavy and fresh track activity on both sides of creek line.
      - (b)(c) Omitted.
      - (d) SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
270115H	YS700780	1 on road.
      - (e) Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
  - a-d. Omitted.
  - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
    - (1) Omitted.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. 1 x Claymore (with explosives removed).

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 MVA 66.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 93.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured 2-3 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>
270735	YS510546	RTE TL44	Culvert blown.
270830	YS507552	RTE TL44	2 road blocks.

(2) Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES: One at YS489522.

(2) Omitted.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 57-70.

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(c) add to items recovered 18 Chicom blast grenades, and three bodies.

(b) Para 4.f.(1). Amend VC KIA to read 66.

(2) Reference INTSUM 55-70.

(a) Annex E, Visual Recce amend grid reference YS553688 to read YS549696.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (262330H). At YS505555, a RD cadre AP contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(2) Late Report (262350H). At YS425597, 54 PF P1 A0 contacted two unknown size groups of enemy who approached from the north and wdr with unknown results.

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- (3) Late Report (262400H). At YS464794, 190 RF Coy contacted an estimated platoon of VC who entered NGAI GIAO and distributed propaganda leaflets and stole a qty of rice. HE and illumination were fired in support of contact from FSPB PEGGY, FSPB RHODE ISLAND and DUC THANH. Results: Enemy cas unk, nil fri cas, one RPG2, one VC flag, one propaganda banner and a qty of leaflets were recovered.
- (4) (270735H). DAT DO subsector reported that a culvert had been blown at YS510546.
- (5) (270830H). At YS507552, 124 RF Coy located two road blocks, of misc material with some propaganda leaflets.
- (6) (270950H). DAT DO sub sector reported that HUYNH VAN THOI AKA DONG a member of 3 Pl C1/D445 had rallied to RD cadre at PHUOC THO (YS5361). Intg Report to follow.
- (7) (271410H). At YS824755, an A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: four huts damaged or destroyed, four bunkers exposed and damaged and one hut frame exposed.
- (8) (271530H). At YS612937, elents of 199 LIB contacted one VC moving east. Results: One VC KIA(BC) and one AK47 CIA.
- (9) (272045H). At YS317575, C/1/16 Inf (US) engaged one sampan. Results: Six enemy KIA(BC) and one sampan CIA.
- (10) (27 Feb 70). TRUONG VAN TY aka TY a member of LONG DIEN village guerilla squad rallied to 615 RF Coy at XA LONG HAI. (YS4449). He is assisting 8 RAR ops.

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Attachements:

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.

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
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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 58-70  
dated 27 Feb 70

1. Documents captured by D Coy 8 RAR 231400H at YS457557 contained a letter written by GIAO Adjt D445 dated 6 Jan 70 address to C2 HQ. The letter discussed food collection and the difficulties D445 were having in obtaining sufficient food for the whole battalion. The letter also mentioned a contact between the Bn Rear Services element and an armoured vehicle the previous afternoon, in which one member was killed and four more wounded. There was no contact reported by either tanks or Cav but on 041445H A Sqn 1 Armd Regt had a contact at YS526583. INTSUM 4/70 para 3.a.(4)(a). This could well be the contact to which he refers.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 58-70  
dated 27 Feb 70

1. Attached as appendices are interrogation reports for the following:
  - a. Vo Van Dep.
  - b. Nguyen Van Chien.

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APPENDIX 1 to ANNEX A  
(INTERROGATION REPORTS) to  
1 ATF INTSUM 58-70  
dated 27 Feb 70

1. General.
  - a. The following is a summary of a Sector interrogation report on Returnee, VO VAN DEP, a squad leader of C1/84 RSG who rallied to PHU MY on 231000H Feb 70.
2. Exploited Information.
  - a. C1 is an independent unit of 84 RSG which can be assigned to any unit on operations and is at present under command of D67 Engineer Bn. Its main area of operation is in the HAT DICH.
  - b. C1 has a strength of approx 70 (mostly NVA) and is armed with AK47's, B40's and B41's.

Note: 1 ATF has not interrogated this person.

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APPENDIX 2 to  
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM No 58-70 dated  
27 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW : NGUYEN VAN CHIEN

Biographical Data

1. a. Name : NGUYEN VAN CHIEN
- b. Aka : Nil
- c. D/POB : 1948, LONG LIEN Hamlet, LONG DIEN
- d. Address : As above
- e. Rank/App't : Soldier
- f. Unit : A3/B1/C41

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing unit : B/1/16 Inf (US)
- b. IOC : 260945H Feb 70
- c. POC : YS 347645
- d. Wpns and Docus : AK47
- e. Circumstances : At approx 0700H on 21 Feb 70, the subject together with HAI (Sect 2ic of A3/B1/C41) and QUYET, soldier, received orders from BAY TRI (C41 Coy Comd) to go to the NGAI GIAO Village unit base. They took the fol rte:

From their base at YS 3475 approx they walked for 7 hours on the 21 Feb 70 across the SUOI CHAU PHA, approx YS 345762, through a bamboo grove and continued onto the SONG XOAI, approx YS 374773, where they contacted an Aust force. They took evasive action until the next day (22 Feb 70). They continued on through the jungle, approx YS 385775, along and across the SUOI TIT LOI, YS 393785, continuing on but taking evasive actions until at approx 231700H Feb 70 they reached the NGAI GIAO Party Chapter base at approx YS 413804. Their aim was for HAI to meet the NGAI GIAO Party Chapter Secretary, BA NHA THIET. The subject heard that HAI was to give the rte and loc of C41 and District Committee and Unit to the Party Chapter Secretary. On 24 Feb 70, they started off back to their base along the old rte, but because of Aust ops in the SONG XOAI and SUOI CHAU PHA area, HAI decided to move straight down to approx YS 347645, at approx 260945H where they contacted US tps. The subject was wounded and captured. He does not know what happened to the other two.

Past Activities

3. a. Nov 69. Joined the PSDF in LONG LIEN hamlet, LONG DIEN village, LONG DIEN District.
- b. About 1000H early in Dec 69, the VC captured him and two others, DUC and NGU, and took them back as reinforcements for C41. He has been with them ever since his capture.

Exploited Information

4. C41 - CHAU DUC Concentrated unit
  - Coy Comd - BAY TRI, 30 yrs, LONG DIEN, K54. (replaced CHIN BE who was killed at DUONG CUNG hamlet by 603 RF Coy).
  - Coy 2ic - SONG, 25 yrs, CVN, Colt. (replaced HAI CAO in 1969. HAI CAO went to the BA LONG Province committee).
  - Coy 2ic and Pol Offr - DANG, 25 yrs, HOA LONG, K54.
  - Coy 2ic - Unknown
  - Adj't - BAY LINH, 42 yrs, HOA LONG, no wpn.
  - Medic - LOI, 29 yrs, CVN, no wpn.
  - Medic - HA, 24 yrs, HOA LONG, no wpn.
  - Commo-liaison - 3 persons unknown to subject
  - Strength : 120 persons
  - Wpns : 1 x 60mm mor, 2 x .30 cal MLC, 9 MLC, RPG2's and remainder AK's.

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Location : YS 3475 (from 12 Feb 70 till now). They were previously loc at YS 305727 approx. but because of Aust ops they moved to their new loc.

B1/C41

Pl Comd - DUNG, 22 yrs HOA LONG  
2ic - DINH, 20 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.  
Medic - BA LOI, 25 yrs, CVN, no wpn.  
Medic - HA, 25 yrs, HOA LONG.  
Strength : 30 persons divided into 3 sections.

a. A1/B1/C41

Sect Comd - CUONG, 20 yrs, HOA LONG, LMG.  
Sect 2ic - HO, 18 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.  
Strength : 10 persons

b. A2/B1/C41

Sect Comd - BA MOI, 29 yrs, HOA LONG, LMG.  
2ic - NHAN, 21 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.  
Strength : 10 persons

c. A3/B1/C41

Sect Comd - TONG, 22 yrs, LONG PHUOC, LMG.  
2ic - TAM, 22 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.  
2ic - HAI, 22 yrs, LONG DIEN, AK. (just appt on 18 Feb 70).  
Soldiers - QUYET  
- DANH  
- CHI  
- DUC  
- Remainder unknown Strength - 10 persons

B2/C41

Unknown

B3/C41

Pl Comd - VU, 27 yrs, no wpn.

B4/C41 (Mor Pl)

Strength : Approx 30 persons

Area of Operation. PHUOC HOA, HOA LONG, NGAI GIAO and Rtes 2 and 15. (Rte 2 from NGAI GIAO to HOA LONG and Rte 15 near PHU MY).

Capability. To ambush and make surprise attacks along Rte 2 and the villages mentioned above, also along Rte 15 near PHU MY.

CHAU DUC District Committee

Unknown

CHAU DUC District unit

Comd - NAM KIEM. (He often comes to to C41 HQ on liaison visits and conferences).

Location : The subject stated that both the District Committee and District unit were in the TU GIA area, approx YS 3276, YS 3376, YS 3277, YS 3377.

5. Directives and Plans of the District Committee and Unit. The subject heard that fairly soon the committee, unit and C41 will attack the fol areas: Rte 2 (from NGAI GIAO to HOA LONG, PHUOC HOA), Rte 15 (from Rte 15 to BARIA).

6. Indoctrination and Training. At present the personnel of C41 are receiving indoctrination and trg in 7 subjects. These include the fol:

- a. Movement through jungle
- b. Rifle practise
- c. Surprise attacks/ambushes
- d. Gunnery practise

7. Supplies. The District Committee and unit provide money for sups to C41. The Adjt of C41 is responsible for obtaining food sups which are obtained every 2-4 weeks. (Each time 200-300 litres of rice is obtained also an unknown qty of foodstuffs). According to the subject, rice is mainly obtained from HOA LONG.

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8. Route of Infiltration into Villages. Subject had never been on a resupply mission so therefore had no knowledge on this.
9. Food Rationing. Their system of rationing was system 30 which was 3 bowls of rice per day. When they were short of rice they were put onto system 20. Usually they had enough rice.
10. Morale. The morale of personnel is not very high.
11. Battles. From the time the subject joined the unit till now, he only knew that C41 attacked HOA LONG in approx Dec 69. He was too ill to take part. Casualties were unknown.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 59.70.
- 2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (281055H) At YS545768, B/6 RAR/NZ sighted five VC, one of which was carrying a radio, in a southerly direction.

(b) (281130H) At YS551755, 4/B/6RAR/NZ contacted four to five en Results: two VC KIA(BC), two VC WIA (BT), a large qty of food, med supplies and four packs were recovered. The en wdr SW.

(c) (281600H) At YS544708, 1/A/6 RAR/NZ located a track, west of stream, less than 24 hrs old.

(d) (281720H) In a bunker system from YS540703 to YS547695, 2P1 and 3P1/A/6 RAR/NZ contacted 20 to 30 en. The contact was broken at 1935H. Final results are unk as yet.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

(282100H) At YS612826 and YS610820, elms of 8 RAR sighted two lights and engaged with mortars with unk results.

(3) AO BENDIGO.

(a) (280723H) At YS453536, 4/B/8 RAR contacted three VC. Results: three VC KIA(BC), three AK47, one M16, one M79, two canisters and nine HE M79 rds and a qty of docus. See Para 6. a.

(b)(281045H) At YS453536, 4/B/8 RAR contacted four VC. Results: four VC KIA(BC), one 7.92MM SMG, one 7.92MM USSR pistol, a qty of docus, two home made gas masks and 20lb of rice were captured.

(4) Other Areas.

Late Report. (27 Feb 70) At YS530739, LRRP located signs of a small party moving SW approx 12 hrs previously.

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. c. d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 7

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - Three AK47, one M16, one M79, one 7.92 SMG, one USSR 7.92MM pistol.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. A qty of med supplies, four packs, webbing, a qty of docus, two home made gas masks.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS551755	Unk	Large qty	unk
YS453536	Rice	201b	unk

(4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 NVA 74 VC.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 100.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured 2.31 Tons.

(8) and (9) Omitted.

5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>	<u>AT MINES</u>
One at YS435532	One at YS486505	Nil

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
281130H	YS486505	M16	Eight Aust KIA, 13 Aust WIA.
281140H	YS486505	M16 (Poss)	One Aust KIA, three Aust WIA. One UH-1H damaged.
281448H	YS435532	M14	One Mk5 truck damaged.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus from three VC KIA by 4/B3 RAR on 281200H probably identify:

TRAN MINH HUNG - Pl Comd C25 LONG DAT Dist Coy.

NGUYEN VAN DAI - Medic of C25.

TRAN VAN CHIEN - Sect Comd/Sapper Recce C25.

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

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b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM No 50/70.

(a) Para 4.b. (2) Delete all reference.

(b) Para 4.f. (1). Amend to read 46 and amend all subsequent INTSUMS according.

c. d. and e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (270015H) At YS381617 (BARIA) and est VC pl fired three B40 rounds at an ARVN recruiting centre. ARVN troops returned with SA fire with no results.

(2) Late Report (272325H) At YS485568, 124RF Coy and US elms sighted an est VC squad. Area was engaged by Arty with unk results.

(3) Late Report (272400H) XUYEN MOC Subsector reported that one squad of VC placed one M16 mine inside the checkpoint on Route 23 and spread propaganda leaflets within a 50m radius of the checkpoint. XUYEN MOC believe the route of infiltration was from the west to YS648675 and along bund to the checkpoint.

(4) 281615H) At YS293571(LONG SON Is), VC engaged an RF/PF posn with B40 and SA fire was returned and en wdr making contact with AP. Results: en unk, three PF KIA.

(5) (281640H) At YS647664, a cowherder reported four VC armed with AK47 moving east.

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Attachments:

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 46  
Sector S2

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 49/70.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO HAMMERSLY.

(a) (180540H). At YS409550 elms of 8 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged three sampans with mortars with unknown results.

(b) (181040H). At YS454541 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 66 gals of rice. 44 gals were destroyed and 22 gals are to be brought back to 1 ATF.

(c) (181115H). At YS475521, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an M16 mine and destroyed more M16 mines with no casualties.

(d) (181115H). At YS475523, C Coy 8 RAR and elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted an estimated 40 en who fired RPG2's which resulted in one APC destroyed, two Aust KIA, seven Aust WIA, en casualties unknown, one PW captured.

(e) (181315H). At YS455546, 6 Pl, B Coy, 8 RAR and elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted one VC who engaged APC with RPG2. Results: two APC damaged three Aust WIA.

(f) (181350H). At YS467541, 11 Pl D Coy, 8 RAR were engaged by an unknown number of en who fired RPG2 rds at the coy. Results: two Aust WIA (dustoff) five Aust WIA (ROD), en casualties unknown.

(g) (181650H). At YS474531, 10 Pl, D Coy, 8 RAR located a platoon size bunker system which appeared unoccupied.

(h) Full details of contacts in AO HAMMERSLY will appear in INTSUM 50/70, difficulty with communications has hindered reporting.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (180900H). At YS444845 a ptl of 6 RAR located a bunker and tunnel system (pass used for storage). Camp consisted of three bunkers, two with overhead cover and one small fighting pit. Last used approx six months ago.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) PW - 1.

(2)-(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1)(2) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS454541	Rice	660 lbs	440 lbs destroyed, 220 lbs evac to 1 ATF.
(4)(5)	Omitted.		



- f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 44 VC.
  - (2) PW - 4.
  - (3) Hoi Chanh - 2.
  - (4) Omitted.
  - (5) Individual Weapons - 32.
  - (6) Crew Served Weapons - nil.
  - (7) Rice Captured 2.82 tons.
  - (8)(9) Omitted.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
- a. Omitted.
  - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
    - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.  
AP Mines. One at YS475521 detonated by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.  
 One at YS475521 destroyed by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
    - (2) Omitted.
- 6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
  - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM No 48/70.
    - (a) Para 3.a.(1)(c) delete "4/B/8 RAR" and insert "5/B/8 RAR."
    - (b) Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM No 48/70 amend subjects name to read "NGUYEN THI MY."
  - c. Omitted.
  - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
  - e. Omitted.
  - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
    - (1) Late report (171625H). At YS573942, elms of 18 ARVN Div located a bunker system. Recovered were: 10 lbs of docus, 25 lbs of potatoes, five lbs of tobacco and a qty of misc equip.
    - (2) Late report 17 Feb. At YS574943, elms of 18 ARVN Div located a cache containing five SKS rifles, one carbine, two MG's, 40 x .30 Cal rds and misc equip. Wpns in bad condition.
    - (3) Late report (172120H). At YS427900, elms of 18 ARVN Div engaged three en who withdrew north. Results: one en KIA.
    - (4) (180955H). At YS467536, an A/S was conducted against a base camp. Results: two bunkers destroyed.
    - (5) (181025H). At YS458538, an A/S was conducted against a base camp. Results unknown.
    - (6) (181610H). At YS473517, an A/S was conducted. Results unknown.
    - (7) (181755H to 182232H). At YS472522, five A/S were conducted. BDA to be conducted by ground troops.

Attachments:

ANNEX C - Agent Reports,  
 ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

As Attached.

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 49/70  
DATED 18 FEB 70

(182045H) From Sector. Report received from 525 MI/18 Div that the Long Dat concentrated Coy (C25), str 80, was grouped in the vicinity of YS450550 at 181730H. Intention unknown. Evaluation: F3.

S2 Comment. It has been estb that C25 are in the Long Hai and are not loc with C1/D445 at this time in contact with 8 RAR. It is possible that C25 could attempt some diversionary action from the northern part of Long Hai.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 49/70  
DATED 18 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
181030H- 181215H	YS542718	Camouflaged shelter on river bank. A light track led to the entrance.
	YS531741	Four tracks from the north all joined in this area forming one main track which continued south.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
180415H	YS525635	One in open.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 50/70
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (190800H) At YS442875 10/D/6 RAR/NZ detained 4 persons without ID cards. Three were later released and the fourth (female) was taken to DUC THANH for further questioning.

(b) (191430H). At YS472885, 3/A/6 RAR/NZ located a cache containing a qty of med items. See Para 4.e.(2)(a).

(c) (191600H). At YS479875, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located an old bunker system consisting of 12 bunkers and a cache containing misc workshop eqpt and parts. See para 4.e.(2)(a).

(2) AO HAMMERSLY. Further to report in INTSUM 49/70 Para 3.a.(1)(g). The system consisted of six hides, each capable of holding four men, dug under rocks with interconnecting tunnels.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (191325H). At YS550614 VR a/c sighted one suspect VC. Person was later detained and brought in for questioning. He is believed to be an ARVN deserter but connected with VC. Interrogation is continuing.

(b) (191547H). At YS594579, 1/A/8 RAR sighted tracks leading from sea and located a bandolier containign full M16 mags.

(c) (191955H). At YS594579, 1/A/8 RAR sighted and engaged a boat containing 2 VC. Results: Unknown.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC (KBA)

(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. Detainees.

(1) PW - Omitted

(2) Innocent Civilians - 3

(3) Civil Defendants - Omitted.

(4) Hoi Chanh - Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 2

(6) VCI Suspects - Omitted.

d.e. Omitted.



(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 5 wheels, 30 lb nuts and bolts, 32 lb solder-lead, 2 soldering irons, 22 pts intravenous fluid, 23 attachments for plasma bottles, 200 x 1cc ampules of STRYCHNINE and 700 x 5cc ampules of @. PHOSPHATE.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
191430H	3/A/6 RAR	YS472885	Med items
191600H	Aslt Pnr	YS479875	Wksp eqpt and parts.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 47 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 32
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured 1.82 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted.
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Dec 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 49/70

- (a) Para 4(f)(7). Amend to read 1.82 Tons.
- (b) Para 3.a.(1)(d). Amend results to read "1 VC KIA (BC) and 1PW".
- (c) Para 4.f.(1) Amend to read "2 NVA, 45 VC KIA".

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(i) (190920H) At YS474522 two airstrikes were conducted on bunkers used by enemy during contact with 8 RAR on 18 Feb 70. Results: 1 body sighted beside old bomb crater believed to have been killed on 18 Feb 70.

(ii) (191055H) At YS543872, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. There was no BDA.

(iii) (191745H) Dat Do Sub-Sector reported that a party of possibly 40-50 VC were observed near PHUOC HOA LONG at YS475585 at 190100H. A further report (Agent Report VN Evaluation C3) noted that a large gp possibly C1/C2 of VC carrying 10 wounded men in PHUOC HOA LONG on night 18/19 Feb. They received medical assistance and moved off into direction of the LONG GREEN.

S2 Comment: Sighting of large groups of VC in this area are reported frequently and groups are reported to enter and leave the villages at will. If these sightings are correct, either of two VC groups, known to have wounded could have been present - C1/D445 leaving its base at YS473522, or local guerillas who also took part in the supply party which was ambushed on the night 14/15 Feb.



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Several sightings of VC in the LONG GREEN area on 19 FEB could tend to support this movement out of the area by one group.

(iv) (192120H) DAT DO Sub-Sector report (source unk) that in vic centre of mass YS571566, 3 foxholes with OHC used in last 24 hours. Also large qty fishing eqpt in 5 x VN fishing boats which may have been used for transportation. Boats have landed in last 24 hours. Tracks indicate persons wearing HO CHI MINH sandals unloaded heavy eqpt and also dragged some heavy eqpt ashore. Recovered were 300 ft nylon rope, 2 x naval munitions containers, 1 x 81mm bomb container. Recommend that bomb craters in area be checked as there is evidence that caches are being created or used below water line in the bomb craters.

(v) (192145H) DAT DO National Police Report (no evaluation).

(a) 150 men passed through YS495575 from LONG HAI'S to LONG GREEN (date/time not given) carrying 10 wounded litter cases. 80 men passed through PHUOC LOI and HOI MY and crossed Route 44 SW to NE to LONG GREEN. Neither group entered any villages.

(b) Thirty men in greens, carrying ARVN packs entered DAT DO from NW at YS485600. VC collected rice tobacco and dried fish in PHUOC HOA LONG and withdrew SW.

(c) Two VC were KIA by helicopter at YS457575. One was DANG, member of Recce Section LONG DAT District. 1 ATF have killed 34 VC in the LONG HAI'S since contact started (reports from relatives).

S2 Comment: This report cannot be evaluated or tested until further reconnaissance has been conducted in the LONG GREEN. There is some evidence of VC movement unk in extent, to the east and possibly from the LONG HAI. The report is included for general interest only pending further collateral.

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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) t- 1 ATF  
INTSUM No 50-70 dated  
19 Feb 70

INITIAL INTERROGATION REPORT

PW: PHAM VAN LO

Biographical Data

1. a. Name : PHAM VAN LO  
b. AKA : TRUONG  
c. D/FOB : 1954, LONG TAN, DAT DO  
d. Rank : Soldier  
e. Unit : B2/C1/D445  
f. Father : PHAM VAN SEN  
g. Mother : CAO THI CAN  
h. Religion : Buddhist

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: C/8RAR  
b. Date: 18 Feb 70  
c. Loc: YS 475523  
d. Wpns/Docus: 1xAK47, 4 mags, 1 para gren  
e. Circumstances: When Aust troops approached the base camp of C1/D445, the subject with HUNG and VAN were ordered to go out and shoot at the troops; however they were sighted. HUNG and VAN ran off and LO lay in the bush until captured by Australians.

Exploitable Information

3. D445 Bn: Since the subject joined C1/D445 (Jul 69) this company has operated on its own. Therefore he knows nothing of D445 HQ or the other companies. He knows KHANH (OB: PO D445) who is a D445 cadre who has visited C1 6 times, the last time being 15 days ago. KHANH usually stays with C1 for three days.

a. HQ C1/D445

Coy Comd: PHONG (KIA 14 Feb 70)  
Coy PO: CHAU (now new Coy Comd)  
2IC: SAU SON  
APO: BA PHE  
Adjt: NGHIA  
Medic: THANH  
" : TOT  
Liason: LOC  
" : QUANG (KIA)  
" : THE  
" : DUNG

Coy strength: 54 (incl sick and wounded)

Wpns: 1x30 cal HMG, 7xB40 (3 Rds per wpm),  
3xB41 (6 Rds per wpm), 2xDH10 mines per pl, remainder  
AKs.

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Location: Since July 69 C1/D445 has been located in the base of the hills around re-entrant YS 4752. The company usually stays in one position for about a month and then moves to a new location 300 to 500 metres away. Loc on 18 Feb 70 approx YS474522.

b. 1 Pl C1

Pl comd: CONG, AK

2IC: THANG, AK

Sec Comd: THANH, AK

" : CANH (KIA 5 days ago when he stepped on a mine)

Strength: 8

Wpns: 1xRPD, 2xB40, 5xAK

c. 2 Pl C1

Pl Comd: NHIET, AK

2IC: VAN, RP

Sect Comd: LIET, AK

2IC : HUNG, B40

2IC : KIET, B41

2IC : TIEN, AK

Strength: 11

Wpns: 2xB40, 1xB41, 1xRPD, 7xAK.

d. 3 Pl C1

Pl Comd: QUE, AK

2IC; SON, AK

" : CUONG (KIA 14 Feb 70)

Sec Comd: PHUOC, RPD

" " : DONG, B41

" 2IC : NON, B40

" " : DUONG, B40

" " : THUAN, B40

Strength: 9

Wpns: 3xB40, 1xB41, 1xRPD, 4xAK

e. 4 Pl C1

Pl Comd: THANH, AK

2IC: CONG, 30 cal M6

" : KHANH, AK

" : RAN, B41

Sect Comd: HAI, B40

2IC: QUYET, carries the MG tripod

" ; LUN, AK

" : TIEN, AK

Strength: 15

Wpns: 1x30MG, 1xB40, 1xB41, 11xAK

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4. Task of C1/D445

Since Jul 69 the main task of C1 has been to assist the cadre and guerillas of LONG DIEN, AN NGAI, AN NHUT, PHUOC THANH, PHUOC HOA LONG, AP CAU and PHUOC HAI to organize meetings of the people. During the meetings they protect the village cadres in their political tasks. About 25 soldiers from C1 are used on these missions. The subject knew of no other tasks for C1.

5. Supply

C1 usually obtains its rice from LONG DIEN, AP CAU, PHUOC THANH and PHUOC HAI. Supply missions are made approx once every 10 days; 10-20 persons going on each trip. The company is able to get sufficient rice and foodstuffs.

a. Supply Routes

Usually they follow the cleared trails into the villages where they buy their supplies. The subject was not very familiar with the terrain and could not give exact routes.

6. Other Units in the MINH DAM Area

The subject knows C25 (LONG DAT Coy) is in the MINH DAM area but has never seen it and is not able to give any detail.

7. Minefield Areas in the MINH DAM

At SO BONG approx YS480530 there is a minefield of M16E3 mines which were laid by district guerillas. Quantity unknown. In the area of C1 base camp there is an anti tank minefield which starts approx 150 metres south of the cleared trail and runs east across the base of the hill approx YS476523 - YS486521. These mines were laid in Dec 69, quantity unknown.

**Note:** additional detail on the company base position provided to 8 RAR, and follow up interrogation is still being conducted.



SUPPLEMENT TO INTERROGATION  
REPORT PW PHAM VAN LO

C1/D445 Role in Sp of VCI

1. The principal task of C1 is to support VCI in the local villages/towns when political meetings are held. When a meeting is planned, a village cadre goes to C1 base to plan the activity with the coy comd. He arrives at C1 base at about 1100-1200hrs and guides the tps back to the proposed meeting area after about 1700 hrs. Usually some 25 tps are provided.
2. Since Jul 69 the subject has taken part in 3 such missions (to LONG DIEN, AN NGAI and PHUOC THANH) but he knows of 7 which have taken place. Tps of C1 established guard points around the meeting area well inside the villages. He does not know the names or positions of persons addressing these meetings.
3. He believes that local VC gather the people for such meetings by going fr house to house compelling people to attend. Usually the people are assembled between 2100-2200 hrs, and last for one to two hours.
4. On arrival in a village the soldiers hand over to a cadre the empty sacks which they bring and on departure the sacks are returned full of supplies. On each trip some 380 litres of rice is collected plus other fresh foodstuffs and supplies.
5. As far as he knows no attempt has been made on any occasion by local authorities to prevent or disrupt these meetings.
6. Supply. On rice transportation missions, such as that which was ambushed by 8 RAR on 14 Feb, representatives of other guerilla groups join the party from C1. These often include C25. On the night 14/15 Feb there were 22 members of C1 in the group which was ambushed, of whom of were killed. They often go to LONG DIEN, but go also to PHUOC HAI. They have not been ambushed or disrupted in any way on these missions, in the prisoner's experience. He heard others relate that three times at PHUOC HAI they came across ARVN ambushes but the ARVN withdrew and no casualties were ever incurred. In Dec 69 in a contact with RF the VC killed 2 and captured 1 x M16 and 1 x M79.
7. Routes. Groupes always follow a different route on their exit from villa in case of artillery fire. If they do have a contact, and they have not in his experience, they try to get in another way. If contacted inside they are told they must get the rice out of all costs.
8. Future Operations. The prisoner knows of no operations planned before or after TET or for the 'Spring Campaign'. He has not been given political orientation, has not heard the political officer speak of achievements of other units or of D445. He does not know the location HO D445 but the political officer visits his company occasionally to talk to the company commander.
9. Other Units. He believes C28 is located in the MINH DAM area (southern part of NUI CHAU VIEN) but does not know the precise area. He does not know of tunnels or caves in the LONG HAI.
10. NVA. There are no NVA in C1 he has not heard of any in D445.

S2.Comment: The subject has co-operated fully and has probably answered questions fully to the best of his knowledge. Given the security precautions taken by VC offrs, it is normal that the soldier might not know locations of HQ or of other units, unless he acted as a courier. His information on the role of C1 illustrates again the great importance the VCI attach 'persuaders'; evidently this company has been highly successful in its role in DAT DO District and has been able to operate with impunity in support of village cadres.



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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 50/70  
DATED 19 FEB 70

1.	<u>Visual Recce</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
	<u>DTG</u>		
	(191130H)	YS 461509	Clothing, eqpt and 2 VC sitting under tree. RAAF engaged area resulting in 1 VC KBA and 1 VC KBA (poss). Numerous fresh tracks in area and several old and new bunkers.
	(191246H)	YS 538603	2 VC sighted. Area engaged with unk results.
	(191325H)	YS 550614	Sighted suspect VC. See para 3.a. (3) (a) of this INTSUM.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 51-70
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Feb 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (201140H) At YS479875, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of 5 bunkers with 3 ft OHC which had not been used for 2 to 3 months. Recovered were: 20 rds of Chicom type 54 pistol ammunition, 5 metal plates, 1xNVA helmet, a qty of cooking utensils and a qty of clothing.

(b) (201400H) At YS472884, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a small cache. Recovered was: 1x50 cal ammunition tin of rice.

(c) (201650H) At YS454886, elements of 6 RAR detained a female and 3 children. The woman was taken to Duc Thanh for interrogation.

(2) AO BENDIGO

(a) (200310H) At YS437579, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.

(b) (201945H) At YS424543, a ptl from Anti Tank Pl 8 RAR sighted 2 boats approx 16 ft long moving north at approx 5 knots with no lights. Illumination was fired and the boats disappeared.

(3) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (201225H) At YS612813, a standing ptl from 8 RAR at FSPB PAT was engaged by 2 enemy wearing black shorts and green shirts and carrying 1xAK47. The enemy approached from the south and withdrew south when fire was returned. Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR conducted a sweep of the area with no results.

(4) Other Areas

(a) (201300H) At YS581608, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located tracks of 6-10 persons.

(b) (201930) 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 2 bunkers partially destroyed at YS589584 and 3 destroyed bunkers at YS584597.

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 - 1

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed: 20 rds of Chicom typ 54 pistol ammunition, 5 metal plates, 1xNVA helmet, a qty of cooking utensils, a qty of clothing.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS472884	Rice	1x50 cal ammo tin full	Unk

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
201400H	6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ	YS472884	See Para 3.a.(1)(b) for contents



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f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 47 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 33
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.82 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

- a. Omitted
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Resulting Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
201450H	YS425570	Blast type consisting of $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 Aust WIA (ROD) no $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of explosives	damage to vehicle

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Docus taken from a body by 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR after contact at 142018H Feb 70 vic YS450886 possibly identify TU TAM Chief of the BA LONG Military Intelligence Sect. One of the documents taken from the body contained a series of hand written notes which summarised as follows.

- (1) Enemy (Allied Forces). Their intention is to hit us during this month (Jan 70) in order to stop our (VC) movement for the "TET" attacks by:
  - (a) Blockading our economic activities.
  - (b) Attacking us in strength in order to obtain returnees (Hoi Chanh).
  - (c) Using Rangers (SAS or small ptls).
  - (d) Arty H and I missions.
  - (e) The use of armoured vehicles.
- (2) Our Situation (VC).
  - (a) We were unprepared and our bases were found.
  - (b) Ralliers and prisoners have compromised our bases and our organization has not been tightened up to combat these two weaknesses.
  - (c) Furthermore, we are hampered by our wounded.
- (3) Lessons Learnt (Dec 69-Jan 70) (by the VC during Allied sweep operations).
  - (a) Our bases must be better prepared.
  - (b) Our food supply must be better organized.
  - (c) Our bases and movement must be always camouflaged ( as well as the literal meaning, this comment may mean that more attention needs to be paid to security of information regarding bases and movement and possibly better deception methods used).
  - (d) We need to have a tighter control over the subunits and better co-ordination with neighbouring units in order to make our attacks more effective.

S2 Comment: Further notes suggest that TAM was taking particular note of Allied activities possibly for a report on the enemy (Allied) situation to be passed to BA LONG HQ. His death will constitute further confusion regarding their situation in the important food supply of Route 2 and their unsuccessful attempts to disrupt the GVN Pacification programme in this area.

b. Documents captured by B/8 RAR on 181130H at YS454545 identify the HQ of D445. Latest date mentioned was 29 Jan 70.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70

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9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 50-70

(a) Para 4.e.(2)(a) add the following items to those recovered: 22x4.5 volt batteries (dated 20 Dec 69), 24x1.5 volt batteries and one Winchester rifle (NFI) in poor condition.

(b) Para 4.f.(5) amend to read 33

(c) Para 3.b.(2) Aerial Reconnaissance: (See Annex E) Add to INTSUM as it was omitted due to typing error.

(d) Para 8 second line amend to read 17 Feb 70.

(e) Para 4.e.(2)(a) Amend first item to read 5 emery wheels.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (200900H) At YS461509, RAAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(2) (201300H) A member of the Farmers Association in Bau Chinh rallied to Duc Thanh Police Station (YS4678). Person is DINH VAN CHANH AKA SAU CHANH and was born in DAT DO in 1920.

(3) (201720H) A US AOP at YS424778 sighted 20 VC in the open. Blocking fire was fired from FSB RHODE ISLAND and Hunter Killer Team was sent to the area with unknown results.

(4) (202050H) At YS478608, Dat Do sub-sector reported that an ambush position at the above grid reference sighted a platoon of VC entering village from the west. Mortars engaged the area with unknown results.

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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Reports  
Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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Advisory Team 48  
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ANNEX A (Interrogation  
Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 51-70 dated 20 Feb 70

PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT

RALLIER : LE THI HOA aka ANH  
EXTRACT FROM SECTOR REPORT

Subject

1. The subject, female, rallied to LONG DIEN (date unknown). She was a cook with HQ LONG DAT District.

Base Camp

2. HQ base is loc at YS 468509 where it has been since 1968. Defences include some 200 AP mines. There is an alternative base at YS 476520, used when the first location is endangered. The HQ has also used a base camp near the SONG RAI (location not exactly given as yet).

Mission

3. Their task is to purchase and collect rice and clothing in LONG DAT District. They also conduct propaganda activities. Couriers are sent every second day to villages in LONG DAT District for village committees.

Supply

4. Food is obtained principally from BI MIA hamlet and PHUOC HAI village. She has not accompanied any supply missions but believes a small party enter the village while the remainder wait on the fringe of the hills.

Other Locations

5. C25, LONG DAT District Coy base camp is in the vicinity of YS 474537, also at this base area are AN NGAI Guerillas and one coy of D445.

S2 Comments:

6. Det 1 Div Int Unit is to conduct an interrogation which will be reported separately. The location given for HQ LONG DAT District is in the area where we have reported it in the past and is probably correct. The location given for C25 with one coy of D445 is unlikely and the subject apparently received the information second hand; the area should be checked however while 1 ATF troops are in that area. If true it must be expected that it would be protected by AP mines even if evacuated. The reference to a base near the SONG RAI is correct; the HQ has been identified in the past in the DAT SET base area of D445, west of XUYEN MOC, and if threatened in the LONG HAI could be expected to move to that area.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 51-70  
DATED 20 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
201230H	YS463571	Cave entrance with hut inside entrance. Also in the vicinity of this grid reference were smaller constructions in caves
20 Feb 70	YS5456	Many footprints and drag marks on tracks which run from out of the land cleared area in this square east to YS578577
	YS578577	Track mentioned above runs to waters edge at this grid and it appeared as if a boat had landed at this point

The HQ area also used a base camp near the SONG RAI location not exactly given as yet.

Disturbance task is to purchase and collect rice and clothing. They also conduct propaganda activities. Disturbance are sent every second day to villages in LONG DAT District for village committees.

Supply village food is obtained principally from the MIA market and PHUOC HAI village. There was no accompanying supply mission party. A small party enter the village while the remainder wait on the fringe of the hills.

Other locations of 227, LONG DAT District base camp is in the vicinity of YS-474237, also at this base area are AN NGAI Guerrillas and one coy of D425.

Comments: Det 4 Div Int Unit is to conduct an investigation which will be reported separately. The location given for HQ SONG DAT District is in the area where we have reported 1st in this report and is probably correct. The location given for 227 with one coy of D425 is unlikely and the subject separately received information second hand; the area should be checked however while ATF troops are in that area. It is true it must be expected that it would be protected by AP mines. Even if evaded, the tolerance to a base near the SONG RAI District; the HQ has been identified in the past in this area. DAT base area of D425, west of KUYEN HOG, and is threatened in the LONG HAI could be expected to move to that area.



1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 52-70.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER

- (a) (210930H) At YS448886, elms of D Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a hide 2½ ft sq x 6 ft deep with 18 inches OHC and a tunnel 5 ft long. The hide and tunnel were destroyed.
- (b) (211120H) At YS482878, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a bunker system of three well constructed bunkers with three to four ft OHC. Recovered was a qty of rubber tapping bowls.
- (c) (211130H) At YS431874, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc personal eqpt and 8 lbs of rice. Result of 10/D/6RAR/NZ contact on 121730H at YS432874.
- (d) (211230H) At YS480876, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc five bunkers with three to four feet OHC. Some misc items were recovered.
- (e) (211330H) At YS475877, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a camp area in a clump of bamboo. The camp area consisted of tables, chairs and cooking areas. Recovered were: One Aust entrenching tool and a qty of used med supplies.
- (f) (211655H) At YS494863, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ loc tracks of 6-10 persons moving SE approx two days old.

(2) AO BENDIGO

- (a) (210902H) At YS454539, B Coy 8 RAR reported numerous tracks heading west to east. Tracks were made within last 24 hours.
- (b) (211000H) Elms of 8 RAR report the fol BDA for an arty strike at YS449539 on an en bunker system: 10 bunkers exposed/damaged, one structure damaged.
- (c) (210950H) At YS476523, C Coy 8 RAR loc a bkr system, a tunnel, two bcdies approx 4 days old and one RPG.
- (d) (211105H) Elms of B Coy 8 RAR reported a large explosion in the vicinity of YS454542.
- (e) (211225H) At YS454545. elms of 8 RAR report fol BDA for A/S: 4 bunkers exposed and several holes (poss spider holes) exposed.
- (f) (211237H) At YS468543, 480 RF Coy op with 8 RAR loc a cache. Recovered were: Three charges of explosives in container, 100 ft electrical wire, 18 Chicom grens, one RPG7, two 60mm mors complete, two boxes of mor rds, two cleaning kits, three det charges, six RPG2 rds, one AK47 with bent barrel, two boxes of mor fuses, two containers of docus.
- (g) (211650H) At YS461548, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR loc a coy sized tunnel complex. A cache containing 250 lbs of rice, qty of food and misc items was also loc in the area.
- (h) (211325H) At YS454538, elms of B Coy 8 RAR loc an M26 gren attached to a mine in a bunker system which had been vacated in the last 24 hours.
- (i) (211812H) At YS458559, D Coy 8 RAR loc a cache containing docus. The docus have been evac to 1 ATF for exploitation.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) Reference contact of 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR at YS594579 on 191955H Feb 70 (INTSUM 50-70 Para 3.a.(3)(c) refers). At 210815H, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR loc and destroyed the sampan involved in this contact. A search of the area revealed one bloodtrail and recovered were one pr of trousers and one Chicom SMG.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

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



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(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

(3) Omitted.

c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - RPG, Chicom SMG.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Qty of rubber tapping bowls, personal items, one Aust entrenching tool, qty of used med sups, pr of trousers.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS431874	Rice	8 lbs	Unknown.
YS461548	Rice	250 lbs	Unknown.
	Mixed	15 lbs	Unknown.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
211650H	5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR	YS461548	See Para 3.a.(2)(g).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 NVA, 49 VC.

(2) PW - 4

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2

(4) VCI - 0

(5) Individual Weapons - 35

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 0

(7) Rice Captured - 1.95 Tons.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES

AP MINES

BOOBY TRAPS

1 at YS446529 by elms B Sqn 3 Cav Regt 1 at YS454538.

1 at YS457557 by elms B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

DTG

CO-ORD

TYPE

RESULTS

210815H YS444528 20 lbs of Chicom explosive Two Aust WIA, one tank US.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.

9. Omitted.

10. VCI/Guerrilla ORBAT

a. Omitted.

b. Guerrilla ORBAT.

(1) Operations.

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(a) (161100H) vic YS4072 two guerrillas demanded \$3000 VN from two civilian woodcutters. When the wood cutters refused because of lack of funds, their chain saws and ID cards were confiscated. The guerrillas said that the items would be returned when the money was produced.

(b) A report from XUYEN MOC National Police states that the local guerrillas in that district are attending a training course (NFI) and this is the reason for the lack of en activity and sighting.

S2 Comment: Reports of friction between VC and NVA reinforcements of C70, the wounding of the guerrilla leader and obvious poor leadership could well be reasons for such a course. The apparent movement of C3/D445 from the LONG HAI's to the East some time ago plus the recent contacts by SAS and HAWK FLIGHT south and SE of XUYEN MOC may substantiate the police report as the area of contact is known to be part of the guerrilla units normal base area and a training area for elements of D445.

(2).(6) Omitted.

11. a.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (20 Feb 70) At approx YS298495, 560 MP Coy (US) loc a 107mm rkt warhead set up as a water mine. The warhead has been recovered by an Aust Naval diving team.

(2) (210315H) At YS477607, 614 RF Coy AP engaged an unknown number of en who returned fire and wdr. Results: One en PW(WIA). Initial intg ident NGUYEN VAN LUOM of C1/D445. Subj not fit for further intg at this time.

(3) (210708H) At YS454546, A/S on bunkers - Nil BDA.

(4) (210723H) At YS450554, A/S on bunkers - Nil BDA.

(5) (211600H) At NGAI GIAO, NGUYEN VAN BAH AKA NGUYEN VAN MANH rallied to GVN forces, his unit is not yet known.

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Attachments

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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PRECEDENCE - ACTION IMMEDIATE	PRECEDENCE - INFO -	DATE - TIME GROUP 080325H	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM HQ 1 AIF		PREFIX GR	
TO: LIST A, IFFV (AFVN G2 PRODUCTION), MACV J2, 18 ARVN DIV G2, SECTOR S2, 199 LIB S2, 2 US BDL S2		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER INT 2513	

SPOTREP. AT YS 428852 ON 071725H A PTL OF 6 BAR KILLED AN NVA OFFR. AT TIME OF CONTACT HE WAS MOVING TOWARDS THE WEST. HE HAS BEEN IDENT AS POLITICAL OFFR 74 ARMY REGT (NVA). DOCS REVEAL HE WAS ONE OF A GP OF FOUR CONTACTED BY 6 BAR AT YS 472502 ON 24 JAN 70 WHEN ONE WAS WOUNDED. THE SAME GP WAS CONTACTED AGAIN ON 30 JAN 70 BY 6 BAR AT YS 434865 AND ONE WAS KIA AND IDENT AS MEMBER 74 ARMY. A FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE GP ON 5 FEB 70 AT YS 431850 BY 6 BAR RESULTED IN ONE NVA KIA IDENT AS SECT COMD MIL STAFF SECT 74 ARMY. S2 COMMENT. IT WAS ASSESSED EARLIER THAT THE GP WHEN FIRST IDENT WAS PROBABLY FOOD SUP PARTY SIMILAR TO MANY OTHERS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTACTED IN THE VIET CUONG AREA BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE POLITICAL OFFR WOULD NOW INDICATE SOME MORE SIGNIFICANT PURPOSE. A GP OF REGTE COY 274 REGT WAS IDENT EARLIER IN THIS AREA AND AN ELM OF 33 REGT WAS ALSO IDENT. A PW STATED THAT IN DEC 69 HE IDENT COMDS 33 REGT AND 274 REGT TRAVELLING TOGETHER IN AREA YS 5593 HEADING TOWARDS VIET CUONG. THERE IS ALSO A REPORT THAT AN ELM OF HQ LR 7 MAY BE IN THE CHAU DUC DISTRICT. IT IS PROBABLE THEREFORE THAT A HIGH LEVEL COORD CONFERENCE HAS BEEN OR IS BEING HELD IN THE CHAU DUC DISTRICT, POSSIBLY IN THE III SECTOR, WITH REPS OF LR 7, 33 REGT, 274 REGT, 74 ARMY REGT, D440 AND POSSIBLY SR 4. THIS COULD BE THE RESULT OF CONCERN OVER MOBALS AND SUP PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN EVIDENT; IT COULD ALSO BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORD FUTURE OPS.

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## MESSAGE FORM

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IMMEDIATE

221915Z Feb 70

FROM: 1 ATF

SECRET

TO: CG II FFV LBN

OPS 217

ATTN: G3 AFV BC-A (.) BDA REPORT (.) A RC LIGHT STRIKE (.) PHUOC TUY 36819

ALPHA (.) 202000Z TO 202040Z (.)

BRAVO (.) 202300Z TO CONTINUING (.)

CHARLIE (.) ONE (.) 40-50 EN IN AREA KNOWN FROM PW CMM MORE SUSPECTED IN OVERALL  
TARGET AREA (.)TWO (.) C1 COY OF D445 IDENTIFIED CMM UNKNOWN NOS OF OTHER LOCAL  
UNITS SUSPECTED (.)DELTA (.) NIL EVIDENCE OF EN EVASIVE TACTICS CMM PROTECTIVE TECHNIQUES WERE AS  
NORMAL FOR BUNKER/TUNNEL COMPLEXES (.) NIL EVIDENCE TO INDICATE PRIOR  
KNOWLEDGE OF ATTACK CMM HOWEVER IT APPEARS EN VACATED THE AREA AFTER  
INITIAL CONTACT WITH GROUND TPS (.)ECHO (.) NOT KNOWN (.) NINETEEN BODIES FOUND CMM SOME TUNNELS AND BUNKERS  
CONTAIN BODIES BUT NUMBERS NOT KNOWN UNTIL TUNNELS CAN BE SEARCHED (.)  
BLOOD TRAILS INDICATE UNLOCATED CASUALTIES (.)FOXTROT (.) NIL FAC/TAC FOLLOW UP CMM GROUND FOLLOW UP HAS PRODUCED NO CONTACTS  
YET (.)

HOTEL (.) NIL (.)

INDIA (.) ONE PERSON REPORTED BY AERIAL RECCE PRIOR TO GROUND EXPLOITATION TO  
BE WANDERING ROUND IN THE TGT AREA AS IF IN A DAZE (.)JULIET (.) ONE (.) COMPLEX AT YS477521 (.) MOST DAMAGE CONC IN AREA OF CREEK LINE  
IMMED NORTH OF THE CENTRE OF THE COMPLEX (.) THIS AREA WAS EFFECTIVELY  
NEUTRALISED FOR 150 M IN AN EAST-WEST DIRECTION AND FOR APPROX 200 M  
NORTH OF THE CREEK LINE (.) ALL EN SIGN AND POSITIONS IN CREEK LINE  
OBLITERATED (.) FURTHER EXPLOITATION TO TAKE PLACE IN THIS AREA (.)  
TWO (.) COMPLEX AT YS 476523 (.) 10 BUNKERS COMPLETELY DESTROYED (.)  
THREE (.) COMPLEX AT YS475524 (.) 6 BUNKERS COMPLETELY DESTROYED (.)  
FOUR (.) YS467536 (.) A LARGE TUNNEL ENTRANCE WAS COMPLETELY SEALED  
OFF (.)

FIVE (.) YS466536 (.) 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED (.)

SIX (.) YS473522 (.) A LARGE SYSTEM OF TUNNELS AND/OR TRENCHES  
EXPOSED (.)

SEVEN (.) YS468534 (.) A LARGE CACHE AREA DAMAGED AND OPENED UP (.)

KILO (.) 3 METAL CANNISTERS OF EXPLOSIVES CMM ASSORTED SMALL ARMS WPNS CMM  
ASSORTED GRENADES CMM TWO B41 ROCKET LAUNCHERS CMM ROCKETS CMM  
PROPELLANTS CMM TWO 60MM MORS COMPLETE PLUS AMMUNITION CMM TYPEWRITERLIMA (.) A QUANTITY OF TYPED AND HAND WRITTRN DOCUS (.) INTEL VALUE BEING  
ASSESSED (.)MIKE (.) THE TGT AREA WAS MAINLY COVERED IN LIGHT VEGETATION AND LOW SCRUB (.)  
HOWEVER IN THE LOWER ALTITUDE AREAS THE SCRUB WAS VERY THICK WITH SMALL  
TREES TO FIFTEEN FEET HIGH (.) THE MTN ITSELF IS VERY ROCKY ON TOP OF  
THE RIDGE LINES WITH SOME MINOR AREAS OF FERTILE EARTH MAINLY IN  
RE-ENTRANTS (.) ALL WATER COURSES HAVE DEEP STEEP SIDES (.)NOVEMBER (.) CRATERS LOCATED IN EACH OF THE AREAS LISTED IN PARA JULIET ABOVE (.)  
CRATERS IN SOFT EARTH AREAS 50-60 FEET IN DIAMETER AND UP TO 40 FEET  
IN DEPTH (.)

ONE OF TWO



OSCAR (.) NIL SECONDARIES OBSERVED (.)

PAPA (.) PERCENTAGE OF TGT AREA COVERED BY OBSERVATION 100 PERCENT BY AIR  
OBSERVATION CMM AT THIS STAGE APPROX 40 PERCENT COVERED BY GROUND  
OBSERVATION (.)

QUEBEC (.) STRIKE OBJECTIVE WAS TO NEUTRALISE EN BUNKER SYSTEMS ALONG EASTERN  
SIDE OF LONG HAI MOUNTAIN AREA WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE AREA  
CENTRE OF MASS YS477521 (.) STRIKE WAS ON TGT AND FULL COVERAGE  
ACHIEVED CMM ALTHOUGH THERE SEMMED TO BE A GREATER CONCENTRATION OF  
CRATERS IN THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL AREAS IN THE BOX THAN IN THE  
SOUTH (.) SEARCHERS ON THE GROUND CONTINUE TO REPORT FINDING DAMAGED  
BUNKERS AND CAPTURED WEAPONS (.) THE FINAL RESULT MAY NOT BE KNOWN  
FOR MANY DAYS

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2 Feb 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70  
PERIOD 27 JAN - 2 FEB 70

III CTZ

1. Enemy activity was less than the previous week and consisted mainly of attacks by fire. There was an increase of such attacks on the night 29 - 30 Jan but otherwise the enemy has been relatively inactive. War Zone C recorded the highest number of incidents.

Enemy Locations

- 2. Locations show little change:
  - a. 9 VC Div: War Zone C.
  - b. 7 NVA Div: no recent identification but apparently still in BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG.
  - c. 5 VC Div: initiated some light actions and remain in northern and central PHUOC LONG.
  - d. MR 7:
    - (1) 33 Regt: DINH QUAN - SW VO DAT.
    - (2) 274 Regt: no change.

Assessment

3. Throughout the corps there is expected to be an increase in activity in the northern provinces before TET, probably attacks by fire with some ambushes and sapper attacks. The cease fire period is likely to be used for infiltration of small groups for propaganda activity and small scale attacks.

1 ATF TAOR

4. General

- a. There has been no major contact with the enemy and, contrary to last weeks assessment, no offensive operations have yet been initiated by the enemy for the pre-TET period. It is probable that LF units have been disrupted and delayed in their preparations.
- b. There has possibly been an incursion of an unidentified force into PHUOC TUY with a strength of some 200 combat troops and 180 civilian carriers.

East Route 2

5. In 1 ATF Intsum 29/70 was reported the interrogation of a HOI CHANH (LY THANH) who revealed that a large force had entered PHUOC TUY from the north-east with the intention of conducting operations against Route 2, BARIA, VUNG TAU and Australian bases. He identified three groups as A57, A58 and A59.

6. A detailed report will be issued as a Special Intelligence Report, but it seems probable that the groups referred to are transportation groups bringing ammunition and weapons resupply to LF units. It has been evident for some time that there have been serious losses and shortages of these items in the province.



7. D440 Tracks were found to indicate about 30 persons moved SE along the SUOI LO O NHO on about 30 Jan. This appears to support the earlier assessment that some element (probably two companies) of D440 had crossed to the east. No contact has yet been made since the night 28/29 Jan when a patrol reported the movement west to east of a large body of men, and no further ground evidence has been found. Contacts by 2 US Bde indicate at least one company and the HQ probably remain in the west. There is some evidence that an attempt will be made by an element of D440 to attack RF posts or Government offices in BINH BA/DUC MY area within the next three nights.

8. D445 There has been no confirmation as yet of the probable presence of elements of D445 in the old DAT SEP base area (YS 5567, 5667, 5568, 5668). Documents were found in bunkers which identified the medical sections of D445 and LONG DAT District. It is possible that operations have caused them to move further east to the area around NUI LE (YS 6166). Although this would take them some distance from the target area of DAT DO it would tend to make their expected conjunction with elements of D440 more secure.

West Route 2

9. The effects of supply disruption, imposed by 6 RAR/199 LIB operations, continued to be felt by VC generally. Numerous identifications have been made of supply or reconnaissance groups from far afield, attempting to find supplies. The cumulative effects of supply denial in BINH SON, BAU BINH and COURTENAY areas are having most serious consequences for VC throughout BA LONG Province.

NUI DINH Complex

10. 8 RAR/2 US Bde operations in the hill complex have forced the evacuation of a number of VC bases and have yielded small caches of food, weapons and propaganda production facilities. This will have disorganised further the VC preparations for TET operations.

Assessment

11. VC intentions for the TET period were clearly defined by documents and PW. However, the effects of operations have seriously damaged the capabilities of LF units and undoubtedly upset plans. If attempts are made to initiate attacks in the near future they will probably be marked by lack of coordination and lack of enthusiasm.

12. It remains probable that some new supply of weapons and ammunition has been introduced into the province which would give a higher theoretical capability to units. TET activities will therefore probably be marked by sapper attacks and attacks by fire on RF/PF posts and Government offices and attacks by fire including possible use of CS with HE against allied gun positions. Mines will be used to delay troop deployments and cause casualties. Target areas are likely to be BINH BA/NGAI GIAO and Route 2, and DAT DO/HOA LONG/LONG DIEN areas.

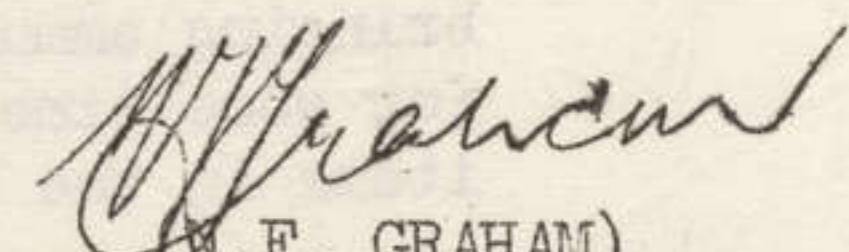
Eliminations

13. During Jan 70 there were:

- 88 VC/NVA KIA
- 19 PW
- 3 HOI CHANHS
- 61 Detainees

Distribution

List A, II FFV, MACV-J2, MACV-CICV, 18 ARVN Div, RTAVF, 3 TAC Fighter Wing, 12 Cbt Avn Gp, Advisory Team 48, Sector S2, BIEN HOA TAC, G2 1st US Inf Div, 199 LIB .

  
 (M.F. GRAHAM)  
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HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

10 Feb 70

1 ATF SUPPLEMENT 6/70  
PERIOD 3 - 9 Feb 70

III CTZ

1. Enemy Activity. Enemy initiated actions remained at a very low level throughout the corps, with a few attacks by fire reported in War Zone C.

Enemy Locations

- 2. There has been no noticeable change in the deployment of main forces:
  - a. 9 VC Div: War Zone C.
  - b. 7 NVA Div: not identified for 2 weeks, probably remains in northern BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG.
  - c. 5 VC Div: offered some light activity with attacks by fire in northern PHUOC LONG with elements around SON BE.
  - d. 33 and 274 Regts: no change.

Assessment

3. III CTZ has assessed a probable increase in enemy activity immediately after TET. Most attacks are likely to be in War Zone C and NW PHUOC LONG around BU DOP where coordinated actions by 7 NVA and 5 VC Divs are probable.

1 ATF TAOR

4. General. There was no significant enemy initiated action during the week, nor has there been for several months. VC infiltration on a small scale of towns and villages may have occurred, with some propaganda activity reported, but their main concern, apparently, was with food supply. There were a number of contacts, the largest with an estimated enemy platoon, for a total of 20 VC eliminated.

AO ROSSLYN

5. 5 RAR found signs of considerable enemy movement north-south between Route 327 and the northern boundary but there has been no confirmation of the incursion of the ammunition transportation group reported earlier. Its presence must remain a possibility, however.

6. There have been further indications throughout the area of serious food shortages. Green bananas and jungle produce appear to be the principle source of food supplemented occasionally by discarded items of C rations. One enemy killed was carrying several pounds of rice mixed with dirt. It is clear that more efficient disposal of captured rice is necessary, where it is not practicable to recover it, and that destruction of unwanted ration items should be complete.

7. Contact on 8 Feb 70 with an estimated enemy platoon in the area of the SUOI LE probably indicate the presence of elements of BA LONG HQ, but there has been no identification as yet of the three VC KIA.

AO BAYSWATER

8. Assorted small groups of VC were contacted, generally in the rubber areas. The probable presence of a group of MR 7 HQ and identifications



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made during the week of reps of SR4 (Current Affairs Sect) and 74 Arty Regt (Political Offr) could indicate that a conference has been held in the CHAU DUC area with HQ D440. If this was so it is likely that the subjects of most concern would be morale and logistic support - since it is evident now that, although plans for operations before and during TET were laid, units have not been able, or have not been willing, to undertake them.

LONG DAT/LONG LE DISTRICTS

9. Although some infiltration of towns and villages has undoubtedly occurred, there were no significant incidents. The VC seem to have been more concerned with gaining food supplies than with initiating incidents which could compromise their supply attempts.

XUYEN MOC

10. A contact by an SAS patrol on 8 Feb 70 with an estimated 15-20 enemy south of XUYEN MOC, followed by a further contact by Hawk Flight with 6-7 of the same group, probably indicates the presence in the area of a company of D445. If this is so it would be further evidence that the VC are intent on keeping out of trouble for the moment.

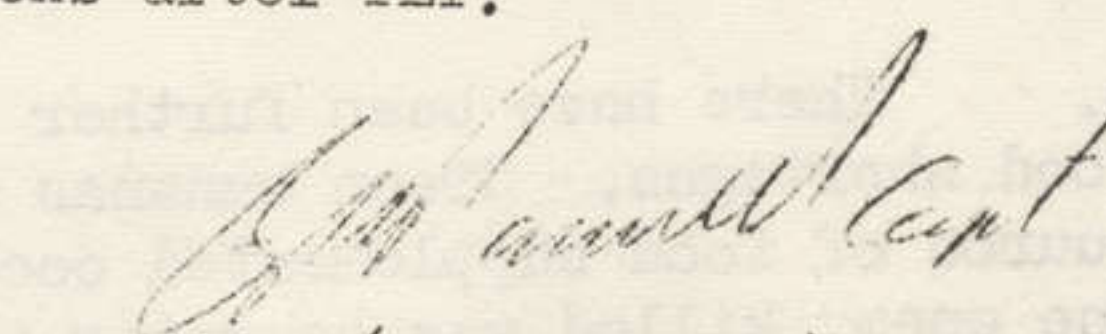
Enemy Locations

11. LF units appear to be dispersed and intent on avoiding contact, making location, other than by methodical ground recce, difficult. HQ D440 and one company appear to be located in CHAU DUC District, probably in the central area of SONG XOAI, and two companies appear to be east of Route 2. These companies were deployed for operations before TET but difficulty of coordination appears to have disrupted plans and the battalion will probably attempt to re-group again in a new area.

12. D445 probably has two small companies south and east of XUYEN MOC, with some troops remaining in the LONG HAI with C25 (LONG DAT District Coy).

Assessment

13. For future activities, much will depend of the political officers' working to bolster morale, and on rear service officers solving supply and medical problems. These problems are likely to worsen and it would be desirable from the enemy point of view that an attempt be made in the near future to achieve a surprise attack on a vulnerable target. There remains the possibility that new ammunition supplies are available, including mines and mortars, which would permit VC small group actions after TET.

  
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Distribution:

List A	12 Cbt Avn Gp
II FFV	BIEN HOA TAC
MACV-J2	Advisory Team 48
MACV-CICV	Sector S2
18 ARVN Div	1st US Inf Div G2
RTAVF	199 LIB S2.
3 TAC Fighter Wing	

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17 Feb 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70  
PERIOD 10 - 16 FEB 70

III CTZ

1. General Enemy activity throughout the Corps area was light and scattered except for a moderate increase of attacks by fire on the night 14/15 Feb. The main concern of the enemy has been with supply but there were indications of political and planning conferences which could imply some reorientation of effort. The largest enemy munitions caches ever captured in III CTZ were located in the RANG RANG area during the past two weeks by MSF, adding considerably to the already serious VC supply problems throughout the Corps.

Enemy Locations

- 2. No major changes have occurred:
  - a. 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C,
  - b. 7 NVA Div not identified for three weeks, remains in northern BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG,
  - c. 5 VC Div offered some light activity only and remains in northern PHUOC LONG,
  - d. MR7. 1 and 3 Bns 33 Regt were identified SE and east of VO DAT in BINH TUY. 274 Regt no change in the vicinity of BINH SON with 2 Bn still on resupply in War Zone D.

Assessment

3. Generally the sub region forces are suffering from low morale and food and medical shortages which will permit them to attempt only low level activity during the coming weeks.

1 ATF TAOR

4. There have been two major contact with company size enemy units, one with 84 RSG and C6/D440, and one with C1/D445. Eliminations for the month now total 42 KIA, 2 PW and 2 HOI CHANHS.

AO BAYSWATER

5. 6 RAR continued successfully to deny the important supply and transit rubber areas in the north along Route 2 to the enemy. Numerous bunkers and tunnels have been found, small group contacts have occurred and a number of detainees, including 2 HOI CHANHS and 1 PW, have been held during the week.

AO ROSSLYN

6. 5 RAR have had a series of widespread contacts, with elements of HQ BA LONG in the north, groups of D445 near BINH GIA, and of D440 and 84 RSG in the DAT SET area west of XUYEN MOC.

7. The identification of members of C1 and C4 of D445 in these contacts, and of C5/D440 the previous week in the same /location



location, tended to indicate coordination of activities of these two LF units for operations. A contact with C6/D440 in the old D445 base area, together with a transportation element of 84 RSG, was further evidence of coordination for a possible operation in the south. At the same time a delivery of munitions appears to have been effected by 84 RSG in the XUYEN MOC area, similar to that reported last week in CHAU DUC District.

8. It is probable that HQ BA LONG will continue to direct some offensive activity by these units, but although new munitions might now be available to them, the disruption and casualties caused by 1 ATF operations and the serious food supply problem, should make it unlikely that they will be prepared to conduct any serious operations in the near future.

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9. The major contact in this area was an ambush by 8 RAR on an estimated enemy company moving north out of the LONG HAI hills. Ten VC were killed during and after the ambush and there were signs that a large number of other casualties were inflicted. Documents identified members of C7/D445 (including the comd), Province Rear Services and LONG DIEN guerillas among those killed and the equipment carried indicated that the group was on a resupply mission, probably to LONG DIEN. It is likely that members of LONG DAT District would have been included in the group also although none were identified.

#### Enemy Locations

10. Enemy units are now so dispersed and sub-units so relatively small that only general areas of possible location can be indicated. HQ D440 and C5 remain in CHAU DUC District, possibly in the area of the SUOI LUP/NUI NHAN. C8 and C9 which had moved to the east to coordinate operations with D445, are probably now trying to return to the battalion base area in the west. C6 last identified in DAT SET near the SONG RAI where it was apparently intended to rendezvous with C2/D445, withdrew to the north after contact and might now be hiding in the jungle area between the SONG RAI and SUOI GIAO.

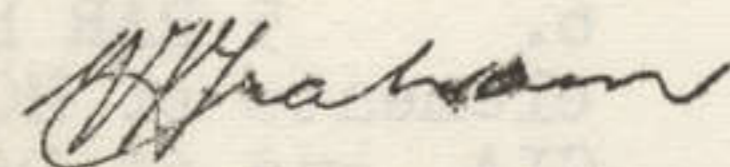
11. HQ D445 remains in the LONG HAI with the remnants of C1, but elsewhere only small parties have been identified. It is probable that one or two companies were in touch with D440 in the XUYEN MOC District, south and west of XUYEN MOC.

#### Assessment

12. Harassing attacks by fire and mining of roads remain a possibility but it is unlikely any more serious operations will be attempted in the near future, despite the efforts of HQ BA LONG to encourage its units to initiate actions. The capability of both LF units and district companies remains very low due to heavy casualties, low morale and serious supply problems.

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70

Period 17-23 Feb 70

III CTZ

1. En Activity. En ops remained lt and scattered as both divisional and sub-region forces engaged in sup activities. Although numerous sources had indicated that the en 'Spring Offensive' would commence in mid Feb, no significant activity has yet been noted.

En Locs

2. a. 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C and no elms were contacted during the week.
- b. 7 NVA Div now appears to be conc mainly in northern BINH LONG Province, once again not ident in contact.
- c. 5 VC Div. Docus and a PW ident Div HQ and elms of 275 Regt in the BU DOP/BO DUC area; 174 Regt remains in eastern PHUOC LONG.
- d. 33 Regt, remains in VO DAT/TAN LINH area of MR 6, BINH TUY.
- e. 274 Regt, no change with 1 and 3 Bns south and SW of BINH SON and 2 Bn on resup in War Zone D.

Assessment

3. There are indications that en activity will increase around the end of Feb, however co-ord of activities is likely to present some difficulty. Allied sweep ops and the seizure of large caches of food and munitions have probably disrupted preps. Any resumption of en ops would probably be in the form of attacks by fire and harrassment of the pacification programme. No large scale attacks are expected.

1 ATF TAOR

4. Only one maj contact occurred in the TAOR during the week. This was on 18 Feb when C Coy 8 RAR loc a heavily def posn of C1/D445 in the LONG HAI. Total eliminations for the month are now 54 KIA, 4 PW and 2 HOI CHANHS.

AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI

5. Since the ambush by a ptl of 8 RAR on 15 Feb (1 ATF INTSUM 46-70) 19 VC have been killed and one PW captured. A large no of bunkers have been found and searched, principally along the eastern fringe of the LONG HAI and in the valley between the two hills. The main area searched has been in the large re-entrant area YS 4752 where already over 80 bunkers, enough to accommodate a bn, have been found and are still being searched. Large caches of rice, wpns, med sups and misc stores have been recovered by RF and 8 RAR. A large amount of docus also has been found, providing important VCI info (already being exploited by Sector with a no of arrests), mine locs and OREAT.

6. One HOI CHANH (Sect Comd C1/D445) rallied to LONG DIEN on 23 Feb 70 and two PW have been captured (one by DAT DO Sub Sector and one by 8 RAR), all are from C1/D445. A no of points in their statements are at variance and intg is continuing, however, important points which can be substantiated do tend to sp the previous assessment that D445 and elms of D440 were to join forces in the area of the SONG RAI (probably the old D445 base area west of XUYEN MOC), where we have reported C6/D440 to be for several weeks, in order to conduct ops. From other sources it has

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been clear that HQ BA LONG proposed combined ops with the LF units and CHAU DUC District before TET; but the assessment that the two units had joined (based on idents which may now have been couriers only, 1 ATF INTSUM 43-70) appears to have been premature and D445 did not join as planned, and the expected ops did not eventuate.

7. The HOI CHANH stated that all sub-units of D445 were present in the LONG HAI on 19 Feb 70 when the maj contact with C1 bunkers occurred, and that it had planned to move out to the SONG RAI, regardless of the 8 RAR op, by 21 Feb 70. Reported mov of large gps of VC around DAT DO and HOI MY around that time tends to sp this statement. If this statement is true, then the original plan of ops is probably still in force.

8. The HOI CHANH further stated that he was told the tgt area was to be BARIA and VAN KIEP Bks. Some weeks ago a HOI CHANH from a tpt gp bringing ammo and wpns to BA LONG units from the DONG NAI, stated that he was told that the tps with his gp (probably a 'Youth Aslt' unit on escort duty) was to reinforce BA LONG units to attack BARIA. This has not appeared to be a likely tgt area since all en deployment has been to the east, but it must be now considered as one possibility.

9. Other reliable sources have indicated that BA LONG units are to begin activities for the 'Spring Offensive' on the ni 26/27 Feb 70 and a high point is to be continued for about one week. Sources in other provinces also report that new activities are probably planned for the end of Feb 70.

10. The capability of local forces to carry out any large scaled combined op, requiring a high degree of co-ord, remains low. Serious sup, med and morale problems are known to exist. However, there is a capability to conduct widespread spr raids, small scale attacks on vulnerable posts, mining activities and attacks on ac and vehs. Armament of D445 probably now include 2 x 12.8mm HMG (recently received) and more munitions were probably infiltrated to the unit by the rear svcs tn gps mentioned above. A large cache of wpns found in the LONG HAI by 8 RAR was made up mainly of old type wpns so presumably some rearmament has occurred.

11. No recent ident of C25 has been made but it is probably still in the LONG HAI. It must be expected that LONG DAT District Units also would be intended to take part in any planned ops in that district. C41 evacuated its base camp on the CHAU PHA after discovery by ptls of 2 US Bde and probably moved NE back to one of its old bases on the SONG XOAI. This coy also could be expected to sp D440 in any ops against Route 2 or HOA LONG.

12. Tgts for any ops which might take place are likely to be RF/PF posts and GVN installations generally in LONG DAT District, and posts on Route 2, possibly BINH BA and NGAI GIAO, with the aim of trying to re-estb VC authority in the populated areas. Opportunity attacks on vehs and ac are likely at any time.

*N. F. Graham*  
(N. F. GRAHAM)

Maj  
GSO 2 (Int)

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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 FEB 70 TO 28 FEB 70

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED



HQ 1 WFF  
NUI DAT

20 Feb 70

FIRE INSPECTIONS

Distribution: See Below

1 ATF Q INSTRUCTION 23/69  
FIRE INSPECTIONS

- 1. Enclosed for your information is a new Annex A to this Q Instruction.

*G. Lockart Capt*

(P.W. BLYTH)  
Maj  
DAQMG

Enclosure: 1. Annex A to Q Instruction 23/69.

Distribution:

List B  
Fire Service Inspector, 198 Wks Sect.



FIRE INSPECTIONS

Unit	Date of Inspections
1 Fd Sqn GP incl 21 Engr Sp Tp	23 Feb 70
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	26 Feb 70
106 Fd Bty	27 Feb 70
106 Fd Wksp	27 Feb 70
A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	28 Feb 70
1 Aust CA Unit	2 Mar 70
7 RAR(-)	3 Mar 70
A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp	4 Mar 70
HQ 1 ATF LAD	4 Mar 70
D Coy 7 RAR	5 Mar 70
Det AFV Pro Unit	5 Mar 70
8 Fd Amb	6 Mar 70
104 Sig Sqn incl Det 140 Sigs, Det 547 (US) Sig Bn	6 Mar 70
1 SAS Sqn	9 Mar 70
1 Fd Regt LAD	9 Mar 70
Det 131 Div Loc Bty	10 Mar 70
Det 1 Div Int Unit	10 Mar 70
TFMA Units	11 Mar 70
17 Const Sqn GP	12 Mar 70
1 Fd Regt RHQ, HQ Bty Q Complex	13 Mar 70
101 Fd Bty	14 Mar 70
161 Fd Bty RNZA	14 Mar 70
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	16 Mar 70
HQ Coy 1 ATF (incl RAAF, USAF & 1 Fd Hyg Coy)	17 Mar 70
6 RAR/NZ	18 Mar 70
1 ARU	19 Mar 70
Nui Dat Hill Installation	20 Mar 70
8 RAR	21 Mar 70
Horseshoe Coy	On Coy change over



HQ 1 ATF

NUI DAT

21 Feb 70

Distribution: See Below

1 ATF Q INSTRUCTION 12/69  
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

- 1. Enclosed for your information is a new Annex A to this Q Instruction.

*G. Stockwell Capt*

(P.W. BLYTH)  
Maj  
DAQMG

Enclosure: 1. Annex A to Q Instruction 12/69.

Distribution:

List B  
Electrical Inspector, 198 Wks Sect.



ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF Q INSTRUCTION  
No 12/69  
DATED 21 FEB 70

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

Distribution: See Below

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE OF INSPECTION</u>
HQ Coy 1 ATF (INCL RAAF, USAF)	3 Mar 70
HQ 1 ATF LAD	3 Mar 70
A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp	3 Mar 70
104 Sig Sqn (incl Det 110 Sig Sqn, Det 547 Sig (US) Bn)	4 Mar 70
Det 1 Div Int Unit	4 Mar 70
8 Fd Ambulance	5 Mar 70
1 Aust CA Unit	5 Mar 70
Det AFV Pro Unit	5 Mar 70
8 RAR (incl 1 ARU)	10 Mar 70
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	11 Mar 70
6 RAR	12 Mar 70
D Coy 7 RAR	18 Mar 70
1 SAS Sqn	18 Mar 70
NUI DAT HILL Installation	18 Mar 70
A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	19 Mar 70
1 Fd Sqn	24 Mar 70
17 Const Sqn	25 Mar 70
TFMA Units	26 Mar 70
106 Fd Bty	31 Mar 70
106 Fd Wksps	1 Apr 70
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	2 Apr 70
1 Fd Regt LAD	7 Apr 70
Det 131 Loc Bty (Div)	7 Apr 70
1 Fd Regt HQ Bty (incl RHQ Q Store)	8 Apr 70
101 Fd Bty	8 Apr 70
161 Bty RNZA	8 Apr 70
7 RAR	9 Apr 70
HORSESHOE Coy	On Coy Changeover



MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE

23<sup>0930</sup> Z FEB 70

R981-1-4

FROM : 1 ATF

UNCLAS

TO : 5 RAR 8 RAR DET 1 DIV INT UNIT 1 FD REGT

Q0360

HQ COY 1 ATF 1 OFF 106 FD WKSP

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM 1 TALU 2 AOD LIST A (LESS 5 RAR 8 RAR

DET 1 DIV INT UNIT 1 FD REGT HQ COY 1 ATF 1 OFF 106 FD WKSP

SERIALS 4, 24-30)

TRANSFER OF 1 TALU STORES ACCOUNT FROM 1 FD REGT TO HQ COY 1 ATF (.) REF.

OUR Q INSTR 22/69 OF 18 DEC 69 (.)

ONE (.) HANDOVER OF STORES IS TO BE COMPLETED BY 25 FEB 70 (.)

TWO (.) PENDING AHQ DECISION ON EST.B OF POOL OF STORES FOR TRG CMM ADDRESSEES

ARE TO CANCEL EXISTING LOAN VOUCHERS FOR STORES FOR 1 TALU (LESS VEHs) AND

TRANSFER LOAN ITEMS TO HQ COY 1 ATF ON AFG 1033 WITH EFFECT FROM 25 FEB 70 (.)

UNIT ENTITLEMENTS ARE TO BE RESTRICTED TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF THE FOL STORES

CLIN

ALFA (.) 5 RAR (.)

FIRST (.) 5820-00857-0759 RADIO SET AN/PRC 25 QTY TWO CMM REG NOS 12942 AND

10691 (.)

SECOND (.) 1010-00-691-1382 LAUNCHER GRENADE 40MM M79 QTY ONE CMM REG NO

30764 (.)

THIRD (.) 1005-00-994-9136 RIFLE EQPT 5.56MM M16 QTY ONE CMM REG NO 1121461 (.)

BRAVO (.) 8 RAR (.)

I ST (.) 5820-00-857-0934 RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER RADIO RT505/PRC25 QTY TWO CMM

REG NOS 340 AND 158 (.)

SECOND (.) 5965-00-069-8881 HANDSET H138/4 QTY TWO (.)

THIRD (.) 5820-00-253-1697 ANTENNA AT-272 STUD MOUNTED QTY TWO (.)

CHARLIE (.) 1 FD REGT (.)

FIRST (.) 60159 TRAILER CARGO 1/2 TON REG NOS 101438-101082-100987 QTY THREE (.)

SECOND (.) 5820-00-057-0759 RADIO SET AN/PRC 25 REG NO 2269 QTY ONE (.)

THIRD (.) 1005-00-994-9136 RIFLE EQPT 5.56MM M16 W/E REG NO 1103490 QTY ONE (.)

FOURTH (.) 1005-00-605-7710 MACHINE GUN 7.62MM M60 W/E REG NO 69597 QTY ONE (.)

FIFTH (.) 8470-00-823-7371 <sup>R</sup>ARMOUR BODY FRAGMENTATION QTY FIFTY (.)

SIXTH (.) 8340-66-019-3632 PAULIN EXTENDABLE L/W 20 X 16 QTY ONE (.)

SEVENTH (.) 8340-66-018-2165 TENT 11X11 EXTENDABLE COMPLETE QTY FOUR (.)

EIGHTH (.) 8115 BOX METAL SHIPPING CONEX QTY ONE (.)

NINTH (.) 7110-66-010-8538 FILING CABINET STEEL TWO DOOR QTY ONE (.)

TENTH (.) HELMETS S/S COMPLETE QTY THIRTY (.)

ELEVENTH (.) SHOVEL GS QTY ONE (.)

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TWELTH (.) J1 BUCKET SHOWER CANVAS QTY TWO (.)  
 THIRTEENTH (.) 5110 ARC SINGLE BIT 4½ LB QTY ONE (.)  
 FOURTEENTH (.) 5120 PICK DIGGING 5 LB QTY ONE (.)  
 FIFTEENTH (.) 5340 PADLOCK BRASS QTY TWO (.)  
 SIXTEENTH (.) 6260 LAMPS PRESSURE KEROSENE QTY THREE (.)  
 SEVENTEENTH (.) 6675 PROTRACTOR SIMI-CIRC 6" QTY ONE (.)  
 EIGHTEENTH (.) 7240 CANS WATER PLASTIC 5 GAL QTY TWENTY NINE (.)  
 NINETEENTH (.) 7310 STOVES GASOLINE BURNER M1950 QTY FOUR (.)  
 TWENTYTH (.) 8345 PANEL MARKING SET QTY ONE (.)  
 TWENTY FIRST (.) 6230 FLASH LIGHT M991/4 QTY SIX (.)  
 TWENTY SECOND (.) 7240 BUCKET PLASTIC 2 GAL QTY FOUR (.)  
 TWENTY THIRD (.) 7330 COOKSET FIELD 3 PCE QTY TWO (.)  
 TWENTY FOURTH (.) 7105 COTS FOLDING L/W QTY EIGHT (.)  
 TWENTY FIFTH (.) 4240-00-542-4451 MASK CBR PROTECTING M17 QTY FIFTY (.)  
 DELTA (.) 1 OFF (.)  
 FIRST (.) 6605-66-011-2769 COMPASS MAGNETIC MILS MK3 REG NOS 16263,102092 QTY TWO (.)  
 SECOND (.) 1005-00-605-7710 MACHINE GUN 7.62MM M60 E/E REG NOS 690795,69772,  
 69698 QTY THREE (.)  
 ECHO (.) 106 FD WKSP (.)  
 FIRST (.) 1005-66-013-9802 RIFLE EQPT 7.62MM AUTOL2A1 REG NOS AD631336, AD631261  
 QTY TWO  
 SECOND (.) 1005-66-014-5881 CHEST MAGAZINE 7.62MM AUTO RIFLE FILLED W/12  
 MAGAZINES QTY TWO (.)  
 FOXTROT (.) DET 1 DIV INT UNIT (.)  
 FIRST (.) 6605-66-011-2769 COMPASS MAGNETIC UNMOUNTED LIQUID MK3 AUST/2 REG NOS  
 2891,109605,1650 QTY THREE (.)  
 THREE (.) FOL LONG TERM LOAN STORES FROM 2 AOD CMM HELD BY 1 FD REGT ARE TO BE  
 TRANSFERRED BY AFG 1033 TO HQ COY 1 ATF CMM WITH ONE COPY OF TRANSFER DOCUS TO  
 ADOS CIN  
 ALFA (.) 7105-00-269-8463 CHAIR FOLDING QTY FIFTEEN (.)  
 BRAVO (.) 7105-00-267-0246 BED FOLDING QTY ELEVEN (.)  
 CHARLIE (.) J1-JAA 3801 TABLES FS QTY FIVE (.)  
 DELTA (.) 7105-00-269-9217 WARDROBE STEEL QTY TWO (.)  
 ECHO (.) 7110-97-121-1272 LOCKER SINGLE TWOTIER QTY NINE (.)  
 FOXTROT (.) 7210-00-530-3730 MATTRESS COTTON QTY FIFTEEN (.)  
 GOLF (.) 6006 TRUCK UTILITY ¾ TON GS FFR 24V ARMY NO 108547 QTY ONE (.)  
 HOTEL (.) 6006A TRUCK UTILITY ¾ TON GS FFR 12V ARMY NOS 114049,137329 QTY TWO (.)  
 INDIA (.) 6028 TRUCK UTILITY ¾ TON GS CARGO ARMY NO 113031 QTY ONE (.)  
 JULIET (.) 5820-00-857-0759 RADIO SET AN/PRC 25 REG NOS 6324,26257,6246,6295,  
 2252,26252,2242,2237 N/N QTY NINE



FOUR (.) TRANSFER OF VEHS TO HQ COY 1 ATF FOR SERVICE WITH 1 TALU AND  
CONSEQUENT RESTRICTIONS ON UNIT ENTITLEMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SE-ARATE  
ADVICE CMM TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY

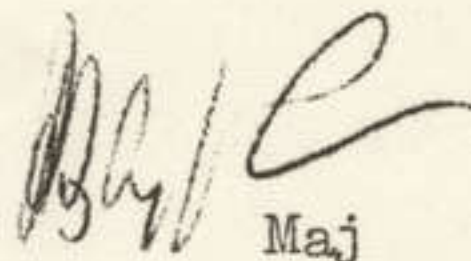
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ANNEX N TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 FEB 70 TO 28 FEB 70

OTHER PAPERS



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER S.P. WEIR, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

4 FEB 70

Serial: 4

Numbers: 10 - 12

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- 10. DISCARDING OF RUBBISH FROM VEHICLES
- 11. UNIT WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURNS
- 12. AMENDMENTS - 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

A MATTERS

10. DISCARDING OF RUBBISH FROM VEHICLES

- 1. The incidences of rubbish, in the form of cans and papers, being thrown out of vehicles whilst stationary and moving, have increased considerably.
- 2. All drivers and vehicle commanders are to be warned that rubbish is not to be thrown out of vehicles at any time, all rubbish is to be placed in garbage bins in 1 ATF Base or 1 ALSG at the completion of journeys.
- 3. To be reproduced in Unit Routine Orders.

11. UNIT WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURNS

- 1. The Unit Weekly Strength Returns are compiled showing Establishment, Posted Strength, Strength ARA/ARA (NS) and Location of Troops. Units must ensure that this return is passed to HQ 1 ATF by 1100 hrs each Thursday, and an officer must certify the accuracy of the return.

AMENDMENTS - 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

- 1. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 issued on 22 Dec 69 are amended as follows:
  - a. Amend Routine Order numbers 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 to read 97, 98, 99, 100, 101.

*David H F*  
 (S.P. WEIR)  
 Brig  
 Comd  
*capn*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

BRIGADIER S.P. WEIR, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

21 Feb 70

Serial : 5

Numbers 13 - 14

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- 14. CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE.

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A MATTERS

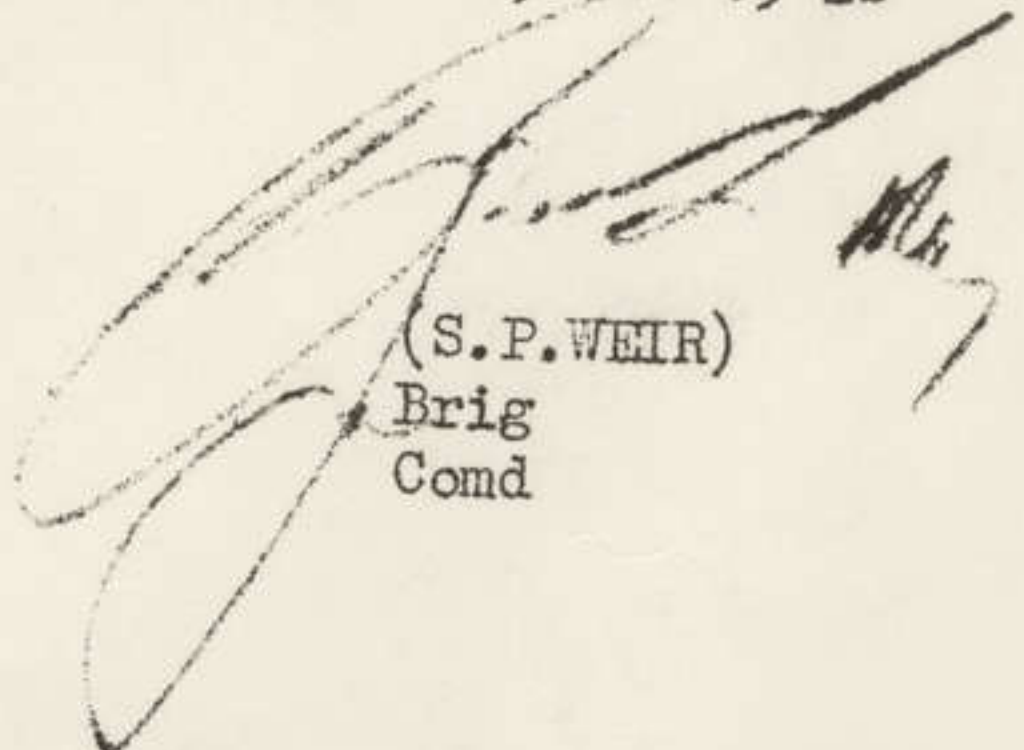
13. VEHICLE TESTING BY RAEME

- 1. The section of Route 2 between Elevate Road and Hughes Road may be used by RAEME as a vehicle testing road.
- 2. All vehicles are to carry RAEME "Vehicle Undergoing Road Test" signs both front and rear, drivers of these vehicles are to ensure that the testing of vehicles will not endanger other road users.

Q MATTERS

14. CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE

- 1. The contents of MBI 168-8 are to be brought to the attention of all members arriving in South Vietnam as soon as possible after arrival in units. Attention is again to be drawn to this instruction by all members serving in Vietnam in unit Routine Orders not less than once each quarter and immediately prior to their departure from Vietnam on leave or reposting.
- 2. 1 ATF Routine Order Part I number 77 of 19 Oct 69 is cancelled.



(S.P. WEIR)  
Brig  
Comd

NOTICES

1. SURPLUS REFRIGERATORS

- 1. 2 AFCU has 2 ASTOR 12 cubic foot refrigerators, 240v, 50 cycle auto defrost models for sale. Price \$299.65 each subject to 10% discount to units.
- 2. Enquiries to HQ 1 Pl 2 AFCU, 1 ALSG EMU 278 (Sgt BRIGGS)



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R875/1/2A

HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

5 Feb 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY  
GEN R.E. HAINES JNR, CINC USARPAC  
1330 - 1700 8 FEB 70

1. Gen Haines is to visit 1 ATF as a courtesy call and to view activities of the Task Force in Phuoc Tuy Province.
2. Comd 1 ATF will accompany Gen Haines on visit.
3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply tpt as required.
4. Outline Itinerary is attached as Annex A.

*[Signature]*  
 (S.P. WEIR)  
 Brig  
 Comd

Distribution:

- List C  
 5 RAR (2)  
 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) (3)  
 HC ESHOE Coy (2)  
 HQ Coy 1 ATF



ANNEK A TO  
1 ATF R875/1/2A  
DATED 4 FEB 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
8 Feb 70		
1330	Arrive Kanga	Met by Comd
1335 - 1405	Briefing	Comd, CO CA, GS02 (Ops) (Int) CO Fd Regt
1405 - 1420	Fly to FSPB PEGGY	Met by CO Lt Col D.M. Butler
1420 - 1500	Visit 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) at FSPB PEGGY	Afternoon Tea
1500 - 1515	Fly to FSPB PAT	Met by CO Lt Col C.N. Khan
1515 - 1600	Visit 5 RAR at FSPB PAT	
1600 - 1615	Fly to HORSESHOE via XUYEN MOC, Land Clearing, Minefield	Met by Maj P. Belt
1615 - 1645	Visit HORSESHOE	HORSESHOE Coy to provide tpt
1645 - 1700	Return to NUI DAT	
1700	Depart	



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

R875/1/2A

Feb 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY  
BRIG L.A. KERMODE OBE, NZ QMG  
111600H - 121600H FEB 70

1. Brig L.A. Kermode is to visit 1 ATF, arriving by U21 ac 1600 11 Feb 70 and departing 121600H.
2. Brig Kermode will visit NZ troops in 1 ATF and will be accompanied by Col R.W.K. Ainge, Comd NZ Army Force Far East, and Lt Col Fenton, Comd NZ Force V.
3. Maj N. Wallace is appointed escorting officer.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply transport.
5. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

(S.P. WEIR)  
Brig  
Comd

Distribution:

- List C
- 1 AR/NZ (ANZAC) (6)
  - 161 Bty RNZA (2)
  - 3 SAS Sqn (2)



OUTLINE ITINERARY

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
<u>11 FEB 70</u>		
1600H	Arrive Luscombe	Met by D Comd, Vehicle required.
1615H	Meet Comd	Comd GS02 (Ops)(Int), CO 1 Aust CA
1615-1645H	Briefing	PMC Offr Mess
1830H	Dinner 1 ATF Offr Mess	All NZ Offrs, Vehicle required.
1930H	6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Offr Mess (Meet NZ Offrs)	D Comd Flat
	Remain Overnight HQ 1 ATF	
<u>12 FEB 70</u>		
0900-1000H	Depart for HORSESHOE	Ac required, Escort Officer
1000-1200H	Visit 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) at FSPB PEGGY	Escort Officer
1200H	Fly to Kiwi Pad	
1200-1330H	Lunch 161 Bty Mess	Maj Andrews
1330-1430H	Visit 161 Bty RNZA	Escort Officer
1430-1530H	4 Tp 3 SAS Sqn	Maj Teague and Escort Officer
1600H	Depart Luscombe to 1 ALSG	



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

R875/1/2A

3 Feb 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY  
THE RT REV ARNOLD M. LEWIS  
EPISCOPALIAN BISHOP TO US FORCES  
1345 - 1600 17 FEB 70

1. Bishop Lewis is to visit 1 ATF arriving 1345 departure 1600 17 Feb 70.
2. Bishop Lewis will be accompanied by Chaplain Dillon.  
HQ 1 ATF is to supply transport.
4. Chaplain Greenshields is to coordinate visit at 1 ATF.
5. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(S.P. WEIR)  
Brig  
Comd

Distribution:

List A (less serials 4, 24-30)



ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF R875/1/2A  
DATED FEB 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Timings	Event	Remarks
1345H	Arrive Kanga	Met By D Comd, Vehicles required
1400H	Meet Comd, short brief	Comd
1420H	Depart for All Services Chapel	Vehicle
1430-1530H	Service Commences (Confirmation Service)	Chaplains
1535-1550H	Afternoon Tea at Chapel	1 Fd Regt to provide
1600H	Depart Kanga	Vehicle required

(S.P. WARR)  
Brig  
Comd

Distribution:

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R875/1/24

HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

Feb 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY  
PROF H W ARNOLD, PROF OF ECONOMICS ANU  
17 FEB 70

1. Purpose of visit is to discuss and view Civil Affairs activities.
2. CO 1 Aust CA Unit is appointed escorting officer.
3. 1 Aust CA Unit to provide transport.
4. Outline itinerary attached as Annex A.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(S P WEIR)  
Brig  
Comd

Distribution

1 Aust CA Unit (6)  
D Comd  
CO 1 Aust CA Unit  
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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF  
R875/1/24 DATED  
FEB 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
<u>17 Feb 70</u>		
0930	Arrive Wallaby Two	Met by Lt Col GRATION
0945-1015	Meet Comd/D Comd, Morning Tea	
1015-1100	Briefing by CO 1 Aust CA Unit	
1100-1215	Tour Province	Lt Col GRATION Escort Officer
1215-1315	Lunch	
1315-1500	Continue tour	
1530	Depart Wallaby Three	



VISIT TO 1 ATF OF MR J.O. MORETON  
BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM,  
AND SIR ROBERT THOMPSON

R875-1-2

Feb 70

General

1. Both gentlemen will visit 1 ATF, together, on 21 Feb 70.

Itinerary

<u>2.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	0930 hrs	Arrive LUSCOMBE	1. Met by A/Comd 2. Tpt to be supplied by TF HQ at 0920 hrs to pick up A/Comd and party
	0935-1000 hrs	Briefing on Province and TF activities in Briefing Room	1. Reprs OPS, INT will be required for brief.
	1010-1140 hrs	Tour of Province by TROQUOIS of 9 Sqn RAAF with A/Comd and party	1. Veh outside TF HQ at 1000 hrs to take party to KANGA WEST. 2. 1xac required for task. 3. Route: N along Route 2 to PEGGY-E to PAT-to XUYEN MOC-VIPpad at Province HQ.
	1140-1230 hrs	Tour of BARIA - DAT DO complex with Province Chief and Lt Col GRATION.	1. Helicopter to return to NUI DAT after dropping party at Province HQ.
	1230-1245 hrs	Fly from BARIA to VUNG TAU (ST KILDA pad).	1. Helicopter to pick up party from Province HQ at 1230 hrs and fly to ST KILDA pad VUNG TAU. To be released as soon as VIPs depart ac at ST KILDA.

Transport.

3. VIP vehicle to be provided by HQ Coy at times and places indicated in REMARKS column.

Signals.

4. Comds signaller to report to VIP vehicle outside TF HQ at 0950 hrs with an AN/PRC 25 radio set. Set to be on TF Comd Freq. Signaller will accompany Comd until release at approx 1300 hrs.

(P. FALKLAND)  
Col  
A/Comd

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R875/1/2A  
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HQ 1 ATF  
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OUTLINE ITINERARY

23 Feb 70

Distribution below

REMARKS	EVENT	DATE/TIME
<u>VISIT TO 1 ATF</u>		
<u>STUDENTS OF VN NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE SAIGON</u>		
<u>280945H - 281300H FEB 70</u>		

1. The party will consist of twenty four students, six instructors, one escort officer.
2. Purpose of visit is orientation to Australian Activities in Phuoc Tuy Province.
3. D Comd is appointed chief escorting officer. The following will be required as in serial 4 of itinerary - CO 1 Aust CA - CO 1 Fd Regt - DCRE - GS03 (Ops).
4. HQ Coy is to supply three VIP vehicles. 1 Fd Regt is to supply one vehicle. TFMA is to have one vehicle on stand-by if required. Briefing by Comds LO 27 Feb.
5. A nominal roll is to be distributed separately.
6. 1 ATF Det AFV Prov Unit is to supply two escort vehicles. Briefing by Comds LO 27 Feb 70.
7. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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 (S.P. WEIR)  
 Brig  
 Comd

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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF R875/1/2A  
DATED 25 FEB 70

13 Feb 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
0945	Arrive Wallaby Special and Wallaby 2	Met by Comd 5xVehicles required
0955	Morning Tea	Offr Mess - PMC
1010-1045	Briefing (1 ATF Briefing Room)	Comd, GS02 (Ops), GS02 (Int)
1045-1200	Tour Province by road (Details issued separately)	5xVehicles required 2xProvost Veh escorts 5xEscorting Officers
1200-1300	Lunch 1 ATF Offr Mess	PMC
1300	Depart for 1 ALSG	Special Wallaby

(S.P. WARR)  
Brig  
Comd

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Dist B  
PMC Office Mess



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R875/1/2A

HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

15 Feb 70

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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY  
MR D.S. THOMPSON MC, NZ MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND  
LT GEN SIR LEONARD THORNTON KCB CBE, NZ CDS  
1130 - 1615 1 MAR 70

1. Mr Thompson and Lt Gen Sir Leonard Thornton are to visit 1 ATF arriving by helicopter Kangaroo Pad 1130 1 March departing 1615.
2. Purpose of visit is orientation and to speak with NZ members of 1 ATF.
3. Comd will accompany visitors.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply vehicles required.
5. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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 (P. FALKLAND)  
 Col  
 A/Comd

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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF R875/1/2A  
DATED 7 FEB 70

Outline Itinerary

DATE/TIME	EVENTS	REMARKS
1 Mar 70		
1130	Arrive Kanga	Met by Comd
1130-1200	Briefing	CO 1 Fd Regt - CO 1 Aust CA - GS02 (Int)
1200-1230	Visit 4 Tp 1 SAS Sqn	Met by Maj I.C. Teague
1230-1345	Lunch 6 RAR Officers Mess	Met by CO Lt Col D.M. Butler
1345-1440	Visit W Coy 6 RAR at HORSESHOE	Met by OC Maj Torrence
1450-1530	Visit 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PAT	Met by Lt Col O'Neill and Maj Andrews
1545-1615	Visit 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) at FSPB PEGGY	Met by CO Lt Col D.M. Butler
1615	Depart for 1 ALSG	



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MESSAGE FORM

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030600Z FEB 70

R875/1/2A

FROM: 1 ATF

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TO: LIST A (LESS SERIALS 24-30)

G 0126

INFO: LIST C

FORECAST OF VISITORS FOR FEB 70 .

- ONE . ATTACHE CORPS CMM ARRIVE 1000H DEPART 1530H - 3 FEB 70 .
- TWO . LT COL TRIG CMM ADEME (O) CMM 4 - 9 FEB 70 .
- THREE . BRIG GOULD DAE AHQ CMM 7 - 8 FEB 70 .
- FOUR . MR O'LEARY A/DIRECTOR ASIA CMM 1000H - 1530H - 6 FEB .
- FIVE . COL LEARY MIL SEC DEPT CMM 7 - 19 FEB 70 .
- SIX . GEN HAINES CINC USARPAC CMM 1330H - 1730H 8 FEB .
- SEVEN . BRIG KERMODE NZ QMG CMM 121615H - 131130H FEB .
- EIGHT . COL W A BRYDIE C EQUIP AHQ CMM 11 - 15 FEB .
- NINE . RT REV ARNOLD M LEWIS EPISCOPALIAN BISHOP TO US FORCES CMM 1330H 1600H  
17 FEB 70 .
- TEN . MR THOMPSON NZ DEFENCE MINISTER/GEN THORNTON NZ CDS CMM 28 FEB 70 .

DETAILED ITINERARIES ARE TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY

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TO: HQ AFV LIST 'A (LESS Ser 4, 24-30)		GR	
INFO: ALSG LIST C		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 0131	

VISITS ○ IN VIEW OF LIKELYHOOD OF ATTACKS ON IATF BASE BEFORE CMM DURING CMM AND AFTER TET AND THE INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THE BASE IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO ACCEPT VISITORS ○ THIS INCLUDES STAFF OFFICERS FROM AFV ON AN OVERNIGHT BASIS ○ THIS IS TO APPLY FROM NIGHT 4/5 FEB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ○ VISITORS ALREADY AT NV DAT ARE TO BE RETURNED TO SAIGON BY 1800H 4 FEB ○

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ROUTINE ROUTINE

040600Z FEB 70

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FROM: 1 ATF

UNCLAS

TO: LIST A (LESS SERIALS 4, 24-30)

G 0133

INFO: LIST C

AMENDMENT TO FORCAST OF VISITORS FOR FEB 70 .

REF OUR G 0126 OF 030600Z THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ARE TO BE MADE . PARA TWO  
CMM DELETE DATE 4 - 9 AND INSERT 10 - 24 FEB 70 . PARA FOUR CMM DELETE ASIA AND  
INSERT ASIO . PARA EIGHT CMM DELETE C EQUIPMENT INSERT D EQUIPMENT

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ROUTINE ROUTINE

040600Z FEB 70

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MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE

060330Z FEB 70

R875/1/2A

FROM: 1 ATF

UNCLAS

TO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

G 0141

CMF OFFRS GPS . BELIEVE TET IS NOT A GOOD TIME FOR ROUTINE VISITS BY CMF OFFR GPS .  
APPRECIATE FOR NEXT YEAR YOUR ADVISING AHQ TO DELETE VISIT WHICH OCCURS DURING TET .

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EBONY 10

*M. J. Bannister*  
MAJ



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MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE

ROUTINE

100425Z

R875/1/6

FROM: 1 ATF

UNCLAS

TO: 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) 8 RAR  
104 SIG SQN 110 SIG SQN  
TFMA 1 ALSG HQ COY 1 ATF  
11 MC GP

G 0161

INFO: CENARMYREC MELBOURNE AUSTIFORCE VIETNAM  
D COMD DAAG LO

CMF VISIT . CMF OFFRS GROUP 4/70 ARRIVING 18 FEB CMM DEPARTING 4 MAR 70 .

ONE . ALLOCATION CLN

ALFA . 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) CMM CAPT R E BROWNLEY RA INF CMM OCTU N COMD .

BRAVO . 8 RAR CMM MAJ J L KERR RA INF CMM 27 RSAR C COMD CMM  
MAJ M L ROBERTS RA INF CMM 11 RWAR W COMD .

CHARLIE . TFMA CMM LT K J HERDMAN RAASC CMM 6 COY RAASC S COMD .

DELTA . 104 SIG SQN CMM LT A MCNAUGHTON RA SIGS CMM 140 SIG SQN N COMD  
(18 - 25 FEB) .

ECHO . 110 SIG SQN CMM LT A MCNAUGHTON RA SIGS CMM 140 SIG SQN N COMD  
(25 FEB - 4 MAR) .

TWO . HQ COY 1 ATF TO PROVIDE 3/4 TON VEHs TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE FIELD AT APPROX  
181600H 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 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 2 MAR 70 AND RETURNING SAIGON WALLABY ONE 4 MAR 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 4 MAR 70 .



MESSAGE FORM

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RETS 11/2A

PRECEDENCE - ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE - INFO ROUTINE	DATE - TIME GROUP 110300Z FEB 70	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM IATF		PREFIX GR	
TO: LIST A (LESS SER 4, 24-25)		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS	
INFO: LIST C		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 0171	

VISITS  WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT RESTRICTIONS  
 REGARDING OVERNIGHT VISITS ARE CANCELLED

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								RANK Lt.	











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MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE

27093Z FEB 70

R875-1-2

FROM : 1 ATF

UNCLAS

TO : LIST C 21 ENGR SP TP 106 FD WESP HQ TFMA  
HQ COY 1 ATF DCRE g /o

Q0392

VISIT OF LTC RENNEBAUM CMM G4 II FFV TO 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE (.)  
REF OUR R875-1-2 OF 18 FEB 70 (.) VISIT IS NOW POSTPONED UNTIL  
FRI 13 MAR 70 (.) VISIT PROGRAMME FOLLOWS

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

R875/1/2A

7 Feb 70

Distribution below:

MONTHLY PACIFICATION CONFERENCE

10 FEB 70

1. The monthly Pacification Conference between AFV, Aust and NZ Embassies will be held at Nui Dat Tues 10 Feb 70.

2. Party Consists

From Saigon

- Col Stretton
- Col Norrie
- Dr Thomson
- Maj Flanagan
- Mr Donovan
- Mr Judit
- Mr McEwen

Phuoc Tuy

- Col Falkland
- Lt Col Gration
- Maj Farmer
- Maj Throssell

3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply transport as required.

4. Lt Col Gration is appointed coordinating officer for the conference.

5. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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 (S.P. WEIR)  
 Brig  
 Comd

Distribution:

- List C
- Maj Farmer
- Maj Throssell
- HQ Coy 1 ATF
- Det AFV Pro Unit 1 ATF
- PMC Offr Mess



REPUBLIC OF MALAYA

ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF R875/1/2A  
DATED FEB 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Timings	Event	Remarks
0930H	Arrive Wallaby Two	Met by D Comd - 2 Vehicles
0945-1000H	Morning Tea in Offr Mess	PMC Offr Mess
1000-1215H	Conference in Briefing Room	HQ Coy to arrange 2 tables & chairs
1215-1315H	Lunch in Offr Mess	PMC Offr Mess
1330-1500H	Tour Province by helicopter	D Comd
1515H	Depart Wallaby Three	2 Vehicles

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Maj Throssell  
HQ Coy 1 ATF  
Det 1st Pro Unit 1 ATF  
PMO Offr Mess