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

2 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Mar 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 NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elms 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. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 29 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO CURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY and AO ROSSLYN. Elements continue 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 support of 8 RAR in LONG HAIS.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO CURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474 with elms remaining at FSPB PEGGY. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with armoured support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. Two tps remain op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO currajong.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO CURRAJONG. 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 elms 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 CURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with cav and tank support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) ISA. 1 Tp ISA. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY. 4 Tp YS539699.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp ISA. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Fd Bty WILTON. 106 Fd Bty, 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE. 161 Fd Bty FSPB PAT. A Bty 7/8 (US) NUI DAT.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON. A Coy YS549696. B Coy (-) YS566685. V Coy YS550697. D Coy YS552703. W Coy (-) HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ (-) ISA and PAT. A Coy YS494509. B Coy YS457544. C Coy YS478526. D Coy YS419530.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late Report. At YS453536 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located 2 bodies and a qty of documents during a sweep of the area of contact at 281045H. Total enemy KIA this contact now 6.

(2) Late Report. At 281715H and 281900H at YS548698 2 Pl and 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR engaged enemy in a bunker system. 3 Pl made initial contact with 3 VC sentry group. Enemy returned fire with SA and RPG and Pl sweep recovered 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47CIA. 3 Pl received further heavy SA fire. 2 Pl moving to reinforce 3 Pl then contacted 6-7 VC who returned fire with SA and RPG 100 metres to West. A light fire team was tasked and both Pls wdr South to evacuate cas (8 WIA in initial contact). A further contact developed with enemy firing SA, RPG and HMG and 2 further WIA were inflicted on 3 Pl. 2 Pl again made contact with enemy before joining 3 Pl. Both pls then received dustoff. Area was vacated and engaged by Arty.

(3) At 011000H at YS485521 elements of 17 Const Sqn located a grave when carrying out land clearing operations. Grave estimated to have been established for five days, contained one naked body believed KIA by 8 RAR on 24 Feb 70.

(4) At 011020H at YS550761 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 - 3 enemy with small arms. Enemy escaped but subsequent sweep located: K54 pouch and mag, several packs, 10 lbs rice, 30 lbs dry bananas, qty of civilian and military clothing, 1 water bottle, canteen mug, 2 lbs seed, 5 lbs of unknown type of powder, 23 cooking pots.

(5) At 011115H at YS550761 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 (main force.) Results: 1 VC WIA (captured), 1 X M2 carbine and 3 mags, 1 transistor radio (set on SW1), qty of docus, diary, qty webbing, citation (not referring to enemy). Enemy stated he was squad 2IC from 076A.

(6) At 011130H at YS549696 A Coy 6 RAR carried out detailed examination of bunker system engaged by 2 and 3 Pl at 281715H and 281900H. The system, which was last occupied at 282400H, consisted of a 2 company complex with, 16 complete and 4 bunkers under construction. All bunkers were of uniform slope on West side of creek. Located in the area were; 1 M1 carbine and 2 mags, 1 AK47 mag and 150 rds, 6 X 12.7 rds, 60 X 30 cal rds, 2 chicom grenades, 1 lb PE, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb chicom explosive, qty of docus ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb), small qty of medical supplies, 50 lbs rice, 30 lbs salt, 5 lbs tobacco, assorted food-stuff, qty clothing and cooking equipment. 2 bunkers had heavy blood stains. Enemy withdrew West, South and East into further bunker system.

(7) At 011145H at YS481514 a fire observed by C Coy 8 RAR caused 2 secondary explosions.

(8) At 011220H at YS5465 elements of 4 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted 15 VC. An immediate sweep of area produced negative results.

(9) At 011245H at YS484517 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav engaged the area from which sounds of movement were heard. Tracks leading into the area were observed by possum air craft. Negative results.

(10) At 011400H at YS550697 V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system built to accomodate 2 VC Coys. The area provided mutual defence from attack from North, East and South and consisted of 27 bunkers and 2 under construction. The area was last occupied within the previous 20 hours and contained, 2 X B42 projectiles, mixed eating equipment, qty of docus and 1 chicom grenade.

(11) At 011520H at YS571668 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR engaged 3 heavily camouflaged enemy who approached from West. Enemy withdrew West and were believed by 3 Pl to be either a sentry group or advance party for a larger enemy party.

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(12) At 011820H at YS482512 3 enemy were observed by elements of 8 RAR at ISA and engaged with arty and mortar fire. Enemy approached from West and withdrew West with unknown results.

(13) At 012115H at YS614828 engaged area of a light observed moving West. Area engaged with 105mm arty and 81mm mortar resulting in 4 secondary explosions. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Materiel. Qty of docus, 1 M2 carbine and 3 mags, 1 transistor radio, 1 diary, qty webbing, K54 pouch and mags, number of packs, 10 lbs rice, 30 lbs dry bananas, qty of civilian and military clothing, qty food, 23 cooking pots, 1 X M1 carbine and 2 mags, 1 X AK47 mag and 150 rds, 6 X 12,7 rds, 60 X M1 .30 cal rds, 2 X chicom grenades, 1 lb PE, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb chicom explosive, qty of medical supplies, 50 lbs rice, 30 lbs salt, 5 lbs tobacco.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. 189, 480 and 614 RF Coys continued operations in combination with 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 30,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated. Returning to NUI DAT 02 Mar 70.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 3 slots being worked. No mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

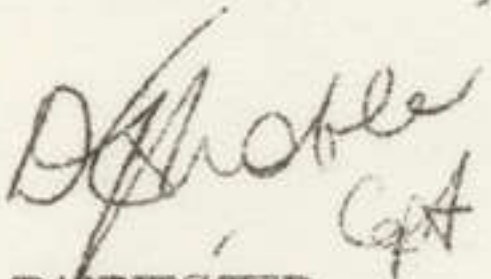
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 9 knots.

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- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) returned to NUI DAT. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) returned to NUI DAT. One tp remains in NUI DAT, troop remains AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 7 H and I missions and 31 aquired Intelligence targets were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ROSSLYN. Elements continue 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) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. FSPB PEGGY closed down.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with armoured support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy returns to NUI DAT from AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1430H	YS561649	3 bnkr destroyed, 6 bnkr damaged, 2 x Mil structures destroyed by Possum.
1515H	YS553673	1 bnkr destroyed.
1404H	YS634602	No BDA available.
1440H	YS634602	No BDA available.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp joins 8 RAR in AO ROSSLYN extended. One tp remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ROSSLYN extended. One troop remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. One coy deploys to FSPB DISCOVERY at YS6068. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at NDP ISA to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ(-) ISA, 1 Tp YS436541, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS547676.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty WILTON, 106 Fd Bty, 3 guns H'Shoe, 3 guns NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS550693, B Coy YS553673, V Coy YS550697, D Coy YS566687, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ ISA, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy YS473526, D Coy YS437536.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 021250H at YS453538, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR discovered a grave containing one body 2 or 3 days old. Cause of death was probably SA fire.
- (2) At 021230H at YS549694, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 9 bunkers (8 completed, 1 uncovered). A fire in the area had been put out with water and the ashes were still damp. Tracks head WEST-EAST into the stream but V Coy did not find tracks on the other side of the same stream. Qty documents, med supplies, bloodstained bandages, 1 x poncho, 2 x anti tk grenades, 200 x AK47 rds CIA. The bunkers had all been completed in the last week. To be destroyed 03 Mar 70.
- (3) At 021615H at YS555675, D Coy and 5 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located tracks of 50 people moving south. Track had been used within previous two days and efforts made to camouflage it with branches
- (4) Bunker systems located by A Coy 6 RAR at YS549696 and those found by V Coy 6 RAR at YS550697 have been destroyed.
- (5) At 021630H at YS424732, a base patrol from 7 RAR located one body estimated KIA three weeks ago by artillery. Body had no head or feet.
- (6) At 022240H at YS418635 lights were observed and engaged with 105mm artillery from NUI DAT. Results: Unknown.
- (7) At 022130H at YS483667 lights were observed by a base patrol from 6 RAR. Area was engaged with 105mm artillery. Results unknown.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 KIA (BC).
 - (b) Materiel. Qty docus, qty medical supplies, 1 poncho, 2 x anti tk grenade, 200 x AK47 rds CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

- a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. 189, 480, 614 RF Coys continued operation in connection with 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. No clearing operations.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. 1½ slots filled, 60 x 40 yds cleared, 1 mine detonated.

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3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. Nil.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. *NIL* contact and 74 H and I missions and - aquired Intelligence targets were fired during the reporting period.
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- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returned to NUI DAT. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains in AO BENDIGO. Two coys deployed to AO ASCOT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp clear 8 RAR in A O ASCOT. One tp remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
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- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) deploys to AO ASCOT. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at NDP ISA to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1Tp YS437534, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4Tp YS47676.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA, 1061 Fd Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Fd Bty 1 Sect HORSESHOE, 1 Sect NUI DAT. 101 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect FSPB PAT, 1 Sect FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty 175MM Pl NUI DAT, Dusters 5/2 AW Bn Camp WILLIAM PRICE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ. HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS552690, B Coy(-) YS553673, V Coy(-) YS557687, D Coy(-) YS574706, W Coy(-) HORSESHOE.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ. Complete NUI DAT.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS590679, B Coy YS617669, C Coy FSPB ISA, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 031045H at YS579704, 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of 8 bunkers with 18" OHC. The bunkers could each accommodate one man. The bunkers had last been occupied about 5 days ago, and were only one month old. A quantity of medical supplies (incl Penicillin, chloroquine, dipostate, opralidon) 2 x RPG boosters, small qty docus, 36x'D' type batteries CIA. The unit commented that the area looked like a break up point for medical supplies.
- (2) At 031135H at YS562665 3Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2(+) en. The en were well camouflaged. Results: 1xVC KIA(BC), 1 pack and qty docus recovered.
- (3) At 030730H at YS426665 A Bty 7/8th US Arty reported they were receiving sniper fire. Two base ptls from 8 RAR and a sect of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav conducted a sweep over the area of YS4166 and YS4266 and apprehended two men in the area, who were released following questioning by interpreters sent out from NUI DAT for the purpose.
- (4) At approx 031550H at YS484519 gunfire from 106 Bty caused a large secondary explosion and column of smoke.
- (5) At 031140H at YS562665 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an old camp last used 4-5 days ago. A small qty of medical supplies were found.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
- (a) Personnel. Nil
- (b) Material. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
- (a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC)
- (b) Material. 1 pack, qty docus, qty medical supplies including penicillin, chloroquine, dipostate, opralidon, 2 RPG boosters, small qty docus, 36 'D' type batteries.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One
- (4) Results. Two en (female) detained.

2. a. Omitted.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA, 106th Fd Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Fd Bty 1 Sect HORSESHOE, 1 Sect NUI DAT. 101 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect FSPB PAT, 1 Sect FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty 175MM Pl NUI DAT, Dusters 5/2 AW Bn Camp WILLIAM PRICE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ. HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS552690, B Coy(-) YS553673, V Coy(-) YS557687, D Coy(-) YS574706, W Coy(-) HORSESHOE.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ. Complete NUI DAT.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS590679, B Coy YS617669, C Coy FSPB ISA, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 031045H at YS579704, 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of 8 bunkers with 18" OHC. The bunkers could each accommodate one man. The bunkers had last been occupied about 5 days ago, and were only one month old. A quantity of medical supplies (incl Penicillin, chloroquine, dipostate, opralidon) 2 x RPG boosters, small qty docus, 36x'D' type batteries CIA. The unit commented that the area looked like a break up point for medical supplies.
- (2) At 031135H at YS562665 3Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2(+) en. The en were well camouflaged. Results: 1xVC KIA(BC), 1 pack and qty docus recovered.
- (3) At 030730H at YS426665 A Bty 7/8th US Arty reported they were receiving sniper fire. Two base ptls from 8 RAR and a sect of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav conducted a sweep over the area of YS4166 and YS4266 and apprehended two men in the area, who were released following questioning by interpreters sent out from NUI DAT for the purpose.
- (4) At approx 031550H at YS484519 gunfire from 106 Bty caused a large secondary explosion and column of smoke.
- (5) At 031140H at YS562665 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an old camp last used 4-5 days ago. A small qty of medical supplies were found.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Material. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC)
 - (b) Material. 1 pack, qty docus, qty medical supplies including penicillin, chloroquine, dipostate, opralidon, 2 RPG boosters, small qty docus, 36 'D' type batteries.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One
- (4) Results. Two en (female) detained.

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- 2.a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. 124,578 & 701 RF coys continue operations in AO BENDIGO and extensions.
- c. Engineering Operations. (1) Land Clearing Team: Nil activity, returned to NUI DAT. (2) Mine Clearing Team: 30 x 25M cleared. 1 mine detonated. (3) Road construction by 1 Fd Sqn and 17 Const Sqn continues on Routes 2, 23 and 44.
3. Meteorological Detail.
- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. SW at 4 knots.

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

Mar 5 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Mar 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. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 32 H and I missions and nil acquired intelligence targets were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ASCOT. Elements continue 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) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) deployed to AO ASCOT. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	EDA
1200/1223H	YS595886	100/80 all bombs in 50 mtrs - 70% in 10 mtrs. 3 dud Mk117 - 1 bunker destroyed.
1407/1420H	YS543872	100/40 all bombs 50 mtrs. 2 bnkrs dest, 2 bnkrs exposed, 50 mtrs comms trench exposed.
1445/1510H	YS543872	100/20 all within 50 mtrs - 50% 25 mtrs. 30 mtrs comms trench exposed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains AO BENDIGO.
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp YS467705, 3 Tp DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS467704, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty WILTON, 106 Fd Bty 3 guns H'SHOE 3 guns NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR. HQ WILTON, A Coy YS540678, B Coy YS577663, V Coy YS548657, D Coy YS557685, W Coy H'SHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. NUI DAT, D Coy YS466705.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ DISCOVERY, A Coy YS590679, B Coy YS613668, C Coy ISA, D Coy YS586695.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 041250H at YS586695 12/D/8 RAR located a bunker system of 400 sq metres consisting of 5 bunkers with 4'-6' OHC and about 18 months old. The system had not been occupied for some time as the bunkers were starting to cave in.
- (2) At 041240H at YS542688 A/6 RAR/NZ located heavy tracks 2-3 days old heading south. A small qty of med supps were found just off the track.
- (3) At 041230H at YS553675 C/6 RAR/NZ also located heavy tracks 2-3 days old heading south. Fresh cam material, fruit skins and lolly papers were found on the track. 150m east a bunker system capable of accommodating 2 coys was located. The system was last occupied about 4 months ago. Papers found in the area seem to belong to C1/D445.
- (4) At 041450H at YS466705 D/7 RAR located an ammunition cache which had apparently been partially destroyed previously. Demolition charges uncovered further cached HE round which will be destroyed 05 Mar. Installation report to follow.
- (5) At 041515H at YS536691 1/A/6 RAR located a 50m triangular shaped transit camp. Area last believed to have been occupied 2 weeks ago.
- (6) At 041615H at YS581665 5/B/6 RAR located 5 bunkers each 8'x6'x2' with 2' OHC, 3 cook houses and 5 hoochie spaces. Area last used 1 month ago and is well concealed from the air.

e. Results

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations. Nil.
- b. RF Operations. Nil.

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c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Route reconstruction by 1 Fd Sqn and 17 Const Sqn continues on Routes 2, 23 and 44.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.


b. Prevailing Winds. East at 5 knots.

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NUI DAT

6 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Mar 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. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on
- (3) HORSESHOE HILL Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact 5 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Also 18 acquired Intel targets.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ASCOT. Elements continue 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) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy returns to NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp YS466750, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS466755, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, Sect 161 Bty FSPB PAT, 161 Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY, C Bty 2/35 HORSESHOE.
- (4) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS596753, B Coy YS613668, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS586694.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS528868, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS548657, D Coy YS573657, W Coy HORSESHOE.

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(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, C Coy YS464752.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 051100H at YS553652, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an old squad sized bunker system which had been camped in about 3-4 days ago. Canvas gym shoes, 3 carrying handles, 1 pr Ho Chi Minh sandals recovered.

(2) At 051140H at YS554647 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 3 VC carrying weapons with negative results. The VC saw the Pl as it was moving across open paddy. The Pl initiated the contact with negative results.

(3) At 051730H at YS542660 the Anti Tk Pl of Sp Coy 6 RAR discovered a transit camp measuring 50x50m consisting of 5 bunkers and 2 fighting pits, all of which had been constructed in the last month, and occupied within the last two weeks by a pl(+). A plasma bottle and other used med supplies were recovered.

(4) At 051700H at YS584751 Anti Tk Pl Sp Coy 8 RAR discovered a cache containing 2 rifle grenades, 1x60mm mor rd, 15x37 HE rds, 4x37 cannister rds, 34x82mm HE rds (long), 27x82mm rds (short), only one of the mortar bombs had a fuze.

(5) At 051425H at YS493752 a patrol from 6 RAR accompanied by a sect of APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted a group of 27 VN who attempted to run away when challenged. The patrol engaged with SA fire resulting in 1 KIA. None of the group had ID cards, and it is believed that they were acting as a screen for VC ops. The 26 people were taken to DUC THANH Military Post and following interrogation were released.

(6) At 051615H at YS468755 C Coy 7 RAR apprehended 12 detainees with no ID cards. They were later taken to DUC THANH Military Post and joined the group mentioned above.

(7) At 051845H at YS421656 a clearing patrol from 161 NZ Bty was fired on from the South. A total of 20 shots were fired, Firing stopped at 1905H. The area was engaged with mor fire, results unknown.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA.

(b) Materiel. 1 pr gym shoes, 3 carrying handles, 1 pr Ho Chi Minh sandals, 2 rifle grens, 1x60mm mor rd, 15x37 HE rds, 4x37 cannister, 34x82mm mor rds (long), 27x82mm mor rds (short).

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 4

Platoon - 1

Squad - 4

(2) SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

2. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SE.

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

7 Mar 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. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. *N/A* contact and 45 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elements continue 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) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1200/1215H	YS846777	100/50 2 huts damaged, 1 fire started, 1 dud Mk 82.
1410/1420H	YS595836	100/75 1 bnk dest, 2 bnk exp, 1 poss cache exp.
1520/1535H	YS572598	100/100 1 bnk dest, 1 bnk exp, all ord 40 metres.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 Tp YS464750, 3 Tp YS632632, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS464750, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 161 Bty one sect FSPB PAT one sect FSPB DISCOVERY, C/2/35 HORSESHOE.
- (4) 7 RAR.(-) NUI DAT, B Coy YS464750.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS519677, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS548657, D Coy YS573657, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS632632, B Coy YS667613, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS690660.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 061215H at YS517681 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR detected two tracks coming from East and NE which joined at that point and headed generally West. One track made by estimated 30 people within 24 hours and neither considered to have been made earlier than 24 hours ago. Coy size eating place located in the area.
- (2) At 061550H at YS632632 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 5 x 44 gal drums of rice. Rice will be recovered and given to DC of Xuyen Moc.
- (3) At 061045 at YS805682 Hawk Flight deployed to secure a stranded Japanese ship. Hawk Flight have conducted recce NE and SW for 1500M. No signs of life discovered and Hawk Flight will remain in vicinity until the ship has been salvaged.
- (4) At 061200H at YS667615 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located an old rusty M16 mine which had both safety pins intact as if the mine had been left or dropped. Action was taken to destroy the mine in situ. As this was happening, the platoon investigated some old bunkers nearby and deployed into all round defence. During this deployment, a second mine was detonated, the mine was pressure operated and weighed an estimated 3-4 lbs of explosive. Results: 2 KIA(Aust) 6 WIA(Aust).
- (5) At 061700 at YS629640 a patrol from 3 Pl, A Coy 8 RAR located footprints and bicycle wheel tracks no more than 24 hours old. The tracks headed South West.
- (6) At 061810 at YS568657 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a pack containing documents and rice.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 KIA(Aust), 6 WIA(Aust).
 - (b) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Omitted.
 - (b) Materiel. 5 x 44 gal drums of rice.
- (3) Results for Period 1 - 28 Feb 70.
 - (a) Friendly Losses.
 - (i) KIA - 12.
 - (ii) WIA - 100.
 - (b) Contacts - 69.
 - (c) Enemy Losses.
 - (i) KIA - 82.
 - (ii) PW - 4.

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(d) SA captured and destroyed - 105.

(c) Crew served weapons captured and destroyed - 1.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team 100,000 sq yards, no mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team two slots filled and one slot 80% completed.
55 x 25m **stripped**. Two mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

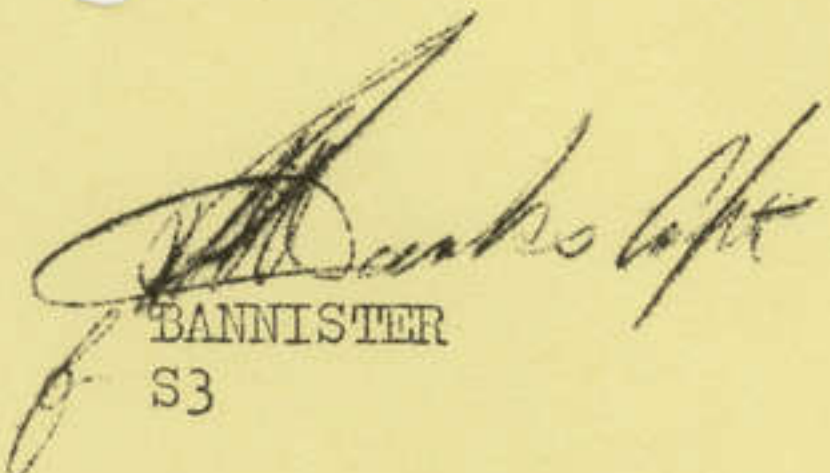
b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots SE.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. One contact and 44 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEM and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEM. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT. Coy in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT. Coy remains in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NDP ISA. 2 Tp YS622650. 3 Tp YS624642. 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS618646. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB WILTON. 161 NZ Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY. Sect 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT. C Bty 2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (4) 7 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT. A Coy YS603645.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON. A Coy YS518673. B Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS546634. D Coy YS613630. W Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS624642. B Coy YS633635. C Coy NDP ISA. D Coy YS611633.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448532.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE HILL.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 070315H at YS465750 B Coy 7 RAR engaged with APC fire and claymore suspected enemy movement 50 metres from night defensive position. First light sweep produced negative results.
- (2) At 070715H at YS585533 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ engaged at 10 metres range 6 VC who approached from the West. VC fled West after firing one RPG round into the contact area. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 3 mags, 6 packs and a qty of docus CIA. Packs contained 200 lbs of rice, 20 lbs salt, 2 lbs coarse tobacco, 4 sets of freshly laundered clothing, 7 lbs of brown sugar, 2 small packets of tea. Enemy deployed with 2 scouts dressed in camouflaged suits 20 metres in advance of main body. Lead scout carried promotion certificate identifying him as squad leader C/8 D440.
- (3) At 071020H at YS708666 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located tracks used by 6 people moving North to South approx 4 days ago.
- (4) At 071345H at YS425565 a D8 bulldozer of 17 Const Sqn working on Route 44 detonated a mine (suspected to be M14). No casualties or damage was caused. Two mins later another similar device was detonated without any damage.
- (5) At 071042H at YS632632 A Coy 8 RAR located a 44 gal drum of unpolished rice, bringing the total drums located on 6 and 7 Mar to 6 drums.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 X VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 1 X AK47 and 3 mags, 6 packs, qty docus, 200 lbs plus 1 X 44 gal drum rice, 20 lbs salt, 2 lbs tobacco, 4 sets clothing, 7 lbs sugar, qty tea.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Compnay - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: one.
- (4) Results: 1 X VC KIA (BC), 1 X WIA (Aust) slight wounds only.

2. Combined Operations.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 80 X 60 yds cleared. 2 mines detonated, 3 slots 10% completed.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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9 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Mar 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. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in support 6 RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contact and 7 H. and I missions and 24 acquired Intelligence targets.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT. Coy in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
072030/2035H	YS587619	Neg BDA/ Malfunction in ordinance.
072050/2102H	YS587619	100/unk - All NAP in 40M.
081202/1212H	YS825731	100/80 - 2 Mil. Strucs des.
081356/1412H	YS792848	90/30 3 Bkrs Exp. 1 Bkr dam.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT. Coy remains in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at OA BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 Tp YS634626, 3 Tp YS605615, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS628616, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, 161 NZ Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT, C Bty 2/35 US Arty H'Shoe.
- (4) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS512651, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS564624, D Coy YS612614, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. RHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS622639, B Coy YS620615, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS605615.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 081035H at YS522789 a ptl from HQ 6 RAR/NZ engaged 1 local force en who was moving from north to south. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 SKS CIA. Hoi Chanh with ptl identified dead VC as Bt, a member of a unit with two other members. Hoi Chanh believes that VC was investigating if 6 RAR had left the area.
- (2) At 081130H at YS616618 D Coy, 6 RAR/NZ under command of 8 RAR were engaged by 5-10 Local Force in a bunker system. Enemy initiated contact firing SA and RPG2. Results: 3 KIA (Aust), 5 WIA (Aust), 1 WIA (Aust accidental). Enemy casualties unknown. Enemy withdrew S and SE. Qty docs, 1 x Anti Tk grenade and 1 x B40 rd CIA. A sweep revealed 9 bunkers in an area 50x75 metres, sited to cover ground with good cover from air and natural ground cover. All bunkers were new, and will be destroyed.
- (3) At 081528H at YS522794 elements of Sp Coy 6 RAR located a bunker insulation consisting of 4 bunkers, 1 hut and sleeping area for 12 pers. The system lines the creek and is concealed from air observation and is in poor condition. Believed to have last been occupied 2-3 months ago.
- (4) At 081600H at YS524757 to YS522791 3 bunkers and 3 huts built to accomodate 20 people. Bunkers were 18' long x 4 x 5' with 1-2' OHC and the area is believed to have last been occupied 5 days ago. Also located in area was a 1-2 month old grave.
- (5) At 081745H at YS793668 Bushrangers ac engaged a 20' boat and set it on fire and holed it. 5 x freshly tendered graves with fresh tracks around them were sighted 200m NW. 1500M SW of the boat a large number of freshly tendered graves with fresh tracks around them were located.
- (6) At 081408H in vic YS605620 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located 2 x 81mm mor rds, 1 x 60mm mor rd and 1 recent cooking fire. 800M south 2 bunkers (12'x20') 3 (8'x10') and 3 x1 man wpn pits were located. The bunkers were "T" shaped with the leg facing west. Although they had not yet been completed. The area had approx been used in the last 24 hrs.
- (7) Late Report. At approx 071710H, Dushranger aircraft engaged the area of an LRRP ptl contact. Results 2 x VC KIA (poss).
- (8) At 080845H at YS517672 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 enemy at 75m range. The en was approaching when he saw the ptl and started to wdr. Negative results.

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(9) At approx 081400H at YS614615 D Coy 6 RAR/NZ working under command 8 RAR located 20 x 2 man bunkers with 2' of OHP and well cam from the ground and air. The bunkers covered an area 200 x 50M, were recently constructed and had been occupied within the last 24 hrs. The area was sited near a swamp/stream with a well at each end of the system. The installation will be destroyed.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel. 3xKIA (Aust), 5 x WIA (Aust), 1 x WIA (Aust - accidental).
(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 x VC KIA(BC), 2x VC KIA(poss).
(b) Material. 1x SKS, qty docs, 1x anti tk gren, 1 xB40 rd, 1 x 20' boat, 2 x 81mm rds, 1 x 60mm rd, 4 huts, 44 bunkers.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

- a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations 1. Land Clearing Team: 100,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated. 2. Mine Clearing Team: 4 slots under construction. No mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. 12 knots from SE.

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NUI DAT

10 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Mar 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. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in support 6 RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSSSHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 2 contact and 46 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy plus guns deployed into FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSSSHOE HILL. One tp op con 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (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 elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) deploys into AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ located at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS628616. 2 Tp FSPB ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT, C Bty 2/35th US Arty HORSESHOE, Elm A Bty 7/8th US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, Sp Coy FSPB ANNE.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS512651, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS564624, D Coy YS615635, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS622639, B Coy YS636629, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS634620.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 090915H at YS448535 elements of 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team detonated 1xM16 mine with D8 bulldozer. No casualties or damage sustained
- (2) At 082200H at YS464728 a base ptl from 7 RAR detected estimated 7 en approach NE and remained until 090600 before withdrawing to the East. Ptl located 200m away did not engage because of range and radio comms failure which occurred at 081715H.
- (3) At 091015H at YS435525 elements of 17 Const Sqn road construction team working on Route 44 detonated an M14 mine with a TD15 bulldozer. No casualties or damage was sustained. Mine had been placed on the verge of the road.
- (4) At 091130H at YS575610 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ engaged two enemy who approached from West. A bush fire was started in the contact area delaying the detailed sweep. Results: 1 AK47, 1 pack, 40 lbs rice and two cartons of cigarettes CIA.
- (5) At 091750H at YS634620 2 Pl D Coy 8 RAR detected an M16 mine which will be destroyed.
- (6) At 091750 at the following locs, boats were sighted by C Coy 8 RAR: YS398530 (4 boats), YS404527 (3 boats) and YS417522 (6 boats).

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 1xAK47, 1 pack, 40 lbs rice, 2 cartons cigarettes.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops targeted at area Eastings 66-69, Northings 60-66 and Eastings 69-74, Northings 62-65. The theme was Chieu Hoi.
- (2) Voice Missions. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops targeted at area Eastings 65-69, Northings 60-66 and Eastings 55-59, Northings 66-70. The total broadcast time was two hours. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

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- b. Omitted.
 - c. Engineering Operations
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared, no mines detonated.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. 4 Slots 100% completed, 60 mines detonated.
3. Meteorological Detail
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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NUI DAT

11 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Mar 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 NUI DAT. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. NUI contact and 45H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) deploys into AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BEQ at FSPB DISCOVERY Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) M Bty remains FSPB PAT. One Coy (+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

b.5 Plans Summary for Period 110001H to 112400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bas.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ located at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. FSPB PAT closes. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.
- (8) and (9) Omitted.
- (10) Air Support.

At 091225-1231 at YS692629 1 bnk destroyed.

At 091410-1425 YS723872 100 metres trenching destroyed, 3 bnk damaged.

At 101414-1455 at YS588857 100/unk% neg BDA

At 101414-1455 at YS595858 all bcmb within 100 metres.

At 101140-1155 at YS692629 100/30% 2 bnks exposed. All bombs within 40 metres.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT, 1 Tp - YS484496, 2 Tp - FSPB DISCOVERY, 3 Tp - FSPB DISCOVERY, 4Tp - NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp FSPB ANNE, 3 Tp - NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. SHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty NUI DAT, 106 Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 161 (NZ) Bty FSPB PAT, C Bty 2/35th US Arty HORSESHOE, A Bty 7/8th US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS576689, B Coy YS553674, C Coy YS552675 D Coy YS572782.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (-) NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS650639, B Coy YS650610, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS708664.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 101030H at YS620755 and YS635775 Possum 22 located a large number of holes. A ptl from 1 SAS were inserted into area to investigate and reported that most holes were 2 X 2 X 3'-4' deep and had been recently dug. No sign of immediate en activity but a number of leaflets dated May 69 were located. Ptl was extracted 1620 and unit be replaced by B Coy 6 RAR tomorrow.

(2) At 101535H at YS453537 C Coy 8 RAR saw 4 VC dressed in black and carrying weapons (type not identified). They stopped beside the fire trail and possibly laid mines. They were engaged with mor fire and wdr south with neg results.

(3) At 101649H at YS648607 4 pl B Coy 8 RAR saw 3-4 en approaching from the North West. A sentry from 4 Pl fired one shot and the remainder of the en wdr North West but were not engaged because of the distance. Results 1 X VC KIA (BC) 1 X AK47 CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel 1 X VC KIA(BC)

(b) Material. 1 X AK47

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000sq yds cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Northern Minefield - 1 slot completed, 60 X 50m strip. Southern Minefield - 1 pass around minefield 12 mines detonated. Amend yesterdays total detonated to read 84.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 09 knots from SE.

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

12 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Mar 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. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCO T.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. N/L contact and 3/ H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCO T and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH FA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys on ops to vic YS6378.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO. FSPB PAT closes down.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1445/1455H	YS595858	100/50 4 huts dest, 2 bnkrs exp, more air recommended.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains vic YS6378.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 and 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp DISCOVERY, 2 Tp ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty NUI DAT, 106 Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 NZ Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ ANNE, A Coy YS506709, B Coy YS555678, C Coy YS542688, D Coy YS559786.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, B Coy YS634779, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS659643, B Coy YS649605, C Coy ISA, D Coy YS708664.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS449532.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 102345H at YS479718 a base patrol from 7 RAR engaged estimated 2-3 enemy at 25-50M range who approached their night AP from East. Engagement initiated by patrol firing 2 claymores and SA. Enemy returned fire with SA and withdrew East. Results: 1 Aust WIA remained on duty, en cas unk.
- (2) At 110940H at YS446545 9/C/8 RAR engaged at 100M range 3 VC. Both 9 Pl and VC were moving at the time and VC fled south. Area engaged by mortar and immediately after 18 VC were observed withdrawing SE and were again engaged by mortar firing into YS452536, until they were lost to view in area of YS456542. Sweep conducted by elements of 17 Const Sqn produced negative results so far.
- (3) At 111125H at YS555675 B/7 RAR located an old bunker system of 6 pits (2 with OHC) containing relatively new mine markers. There were tracks made about 24 hrs previously by 10-12 persons.
- (4) At 111255H at YS555678 B/7 RAR located a track which they estimated had been made by 5-6 pers this morning. Direction of movement not yet clear due to confused sign in area.
- (5) At 111255H at YS525692 A/7 RAR located a locally made pressure type mine within 3 ft of track. Mine to be detonated.
- (6) At general area of YS634775 B/6 RAR continued to investigate the large number of holes detected yesterday by VR Possum. So far 100 foxholes 4'x18"x3' deep located. Some are camouflaged. Track indicates movement as recently as 48 hrs ago including movement of a group of 7 moving NW-SE.
- (7) At approx 111800H at the following grids, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt found the medical supplies shown;
 - (1) YS479484 - 2 fresh penicillin bottles.
 - (2) YS483490 - 4xhyperdermic needles and qty med supplies.
 - (3) YS490498 - capsule bottles, all washed up on high water mark.Footprints were found moving East to West from YS463480 to YS470480 along a well defined track.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA remained on duty.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (1) Personnel. Nil.
 - (2) Material. Nil.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops: Conducted by RAAF and Psyops targeted at area Eastings 67-70, Northings 73-81. The theme was Chieu Hoi.
- (2) Voice Missions:
 - (a) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at area Eastings 48-52, Northings 82-86. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hrs.
 - (b) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at LONG SON Island. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.
- (3) Audio/Visual: Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at CHU HAI hamlet.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. . . . sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. Southern minefield 69 mines detonated. Northern minefield 200x100 yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 08 knots from SE.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

13 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Mar 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. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. One contact and 54 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0920/0935H	YS805695	100/100. LZ prep.
1115/1125H	YS596857	100/100. 1 bkr dest and 1 bkr damaged.
1407/1433H	YS710809	100/40. 5 bkr exp and damaged.
1445	YS693614	BDA by ground troops.
1500/1525H	YS693614	100/Unk. BDA by ground troops.
1700	YS710809	100/60. 2 bkr dest, 1 mil struc destroyed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS690598, 3 Tp YS786659, 4 Tp ISA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp DISCOVERY, 2 Tp ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, A/2/35 US Arty LUSCOMBE YS4368.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS505709, B Coy(+) YS561679, C Coy YS552672, D Coy YS548792.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS625649, D Coy YS706658.
- (7) Land Clearing Team YS449532.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE
- (9) D & E Pl. YS277569.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 120930H at YS272563 a RW Ac of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt was fired on from a bunker system by SA. An artillery FO on board the ac directed fire onto the bunker system and a ground sweep by elms of D & E Pl discovered 1 bunker destroyed.
- (2) At 121130H approx at YS447534 the Land Clearing Team from 17 Const Sqn RAE located a bunker system consisting of 20 x 2 man bunkers scattered over an area of 100 x 100 meters and 4 - 5 weeks old. Found in the system were 6 x blast grenades, 1 x RPG rd, qty of docs, qty of cooking utensils, qty of clothing, 3 x M16 mags.
- (3) At 121305H at YS515706 3 Pl A Coy 7 RAR engaged movement of 1 x en with negative results. Enemy wdr north.
- (4) At 121330H approx at YS561679 B Coy 7 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 4 bunkers, 2 huts and 3 sentry posts. The system was approx 3 months old and covered an area 100 x 50m.
- (5) At 121440H at YS562679 B Coy 7 RAR located a bunker installation in an area 150 x 150m. System consisted of 10 bunkers for 2 men each and 3 early warning pits. Bunkers have 3-5' OHC and apparently control ground to SW. System estimated to be over 1 year old and last fully occupied 4 months ago. Camp fire in area believed to have been used within last 2 weeks.
- (6) At 121500H at YS447527 Elements of 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team located 6 bunkers with cement reinforced OHC. Located in area was: qty of cooking utensils, woman's clothing, 4 letters, 1 cigarette lighter, 1 x belt M60 ammo in .30 cal ammo tin and copy of Army Newspaper dated 29 Jan 70.
- (7) At 121915H at YS790665 Elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 5 enemy in sampan 150-200m off shore. Sampan withdrew SE with unknown results.
- (8) At 121850H at YS519688 sighted 2 enemy at 500m range. Pl commenced sweep and 1 en wdr NE and 1 SW. At 2107 lights were sighted and engaged with Arty. At 2142 lights reappeared and were again engaged and extinguished. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

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

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- (2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. Nil.
(b) Materiel. 1 x M60 ammo belt complete, 1 x .30 cal. ammo box, qty docs, clothing, cooking utensils, 6 x blast grenades, 1 x RPG2 rd, 3 x M16 mags, 4 letters.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 8
(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops targeted at area, Eastings 50-54, Northings 66-70. Theme was Chieu Hoi.
(2) Voice Missions.
(a) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psy Ops targeted at area Eastings 55-59, Northings 66-70. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one hour.
(b) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops targeted at areas centre of mass YS6059, YS7072 and YS6678. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was two hours.

b. RF Operations. One RF Coy continues operation in connect with 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 1 Tp 3 Cav Regt in vicinity of YS7966.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yards cleared. Nil mines detonated.
(2) Mine Clearing Team.
(a) Northern Minefield. 2 slots under construction, 2 bands pushed back across field.
(b) Southern Minefield. 106 mines detonated.

d. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 8 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

14 Mar 70

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

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 NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG, Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contact and 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453, Road construction continues Route 44.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1135/1142H	YS663857	2 bunkers destroyed.
122222H	YS688628	5 bunkers dest, 6 huts dest.
1150/1159H	YS663857	80/60 BDA unk - dud bomb - Possum AC did not do BDA.
1208/1216H	YS663857	100/90 BDA unk - BDA will be done later.
1535	YS271563	2 wpn pits dest, 2 wpn pits damaged, 1 bkr damaged.

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

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.

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- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS705611, 3 Tp YS790665, 4 Tp YS448538.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS683588, 2 Tp ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt & 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ. HQ, A, B, V & D Coys NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS525692, B Coy YS562682, C Coy YS544713, D Coy YS548792.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS689601, D Coy YS716644.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. vic YS449534.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS277559.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 131320H at YS527695 1/A/7 RAR found an area 50m x 10m containing a 4' deep well and 9 shallow wpn pits which had been built on bunds near the river. Footprints about 1 week old moving SE to NW were found together with fresh faeces and 1 British cigarette pkt with Laotian Customs markings on it.
- (2) At 131355H at YS707650 12/D/8 RAR located an old camp site used about 1 week ago. There were two wooden huts which had had a fire through them.
- (3) At 131507H at YS451338 a D8 from the Land Clearing Team hit a 30-40 lb mine which caused some damage to the machine. The mine was on a tank track.
- (4) At 131340H at YS780655 OC 1 Armd Sqn in a LOH saw 5 graves with fresh tracks heading North to South. 3 Tp 1 Armd Sqn were sent to investigate and located 2 skeletons in the area.
- (5) 131536H at YS552679 4/B/7 RAR engaged 1 enemy dressed in black. Enemy withdrew West. Results: 1 Aust slightly wounded.
- (6) At 131815H at YS563682 4 & HQ/b/7 RAR engaged 3 enemy. Direction of approach unknown and enemy withdrew West when engaged by perimeter elements. Withdrawal route engaged by arty. Results: negative friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.
- (7) At 132032H at YS541713 9/C/7 RAR engaged movement adjacent to its night AP. Results: unknown, sweep to be conducted at first light.
- (8) At 132039H at YS527762 elms of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged area from which movement and voices were heard. Results unknown. Sweep to be conducted at first light.
- (9) At 131918H at YS379635 a base patrol from 8 RAR while positioning claymores sighted 2 enemy dressed in black approaching down track from North. Enemy were engaged with organic weapons at 150-200M range and immediately withdrew West with unknown results. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.
- (b) Material. 1xD8 bulldozer damaged, by mine.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drops. A quick reaction leaflet drop was conducted by RAAF and Psyops targeted at area Eastings 65-70, Northings 61-63. The theme was Chieu Hoi. 112,000 leaflets were dropped.

(2) Voice Missions.

(a) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at area centre of mass YS4983. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.

(b) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at areas centre of mass YS6473, YS5483 and YS5472. Total broadcast time was 2 hours. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations. Two RF Coys continue ops in concert with elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in vicinity YS7967.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team.

- (a) Northern minefield: 1 mine detonated, 2 slots excavated.
- (b) Southern minefield: 101 mines detonated, 2 strips cleared by APC.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 75,000 sq yds cleared, 1 mine detonated.

Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

15 Mar 70

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

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

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1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOA N THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO Bendigo. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn (-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.
 - (a) At 1210/1224H at YS711809 - 2 bnks dest, more air rec.
 - (b) At 1410/1440H at YS596857 - 1 bnk exposed, 2 duds, more air rec.
 - (c) 2204H at YS665611 - fresh tracks.
 - (d) At 1710/1720H at YS711809 - 100/90% 3 bnk dest.

b. Plans Summary for Period 15001H to 152400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain in AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sect remain in AO BENDIGO. One tp (-) conducts route recce Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.

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- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS709613, 3 Tp YS614620 4 Tp YS449535.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS680579, 2 Tp FSPB ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ, A Coy, B Coy, V Coy, D Coy, NUI DAT. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS522714, B Coy YS564680, C Coy YS541721, D Coy, YS550807.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS687618 D Coy YS716644.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 132200H at YS541713 9 Pl C Coy 7 RAR engaged 1 en. Movement of 1 en crawling towards night AP observed by sentry who when investigating was WIA. En withdrew with unk results.
- (2) At 132210H at YS442692 3 en were engaged by 6 RAR mortars firing from NUI DAT under 7 RAR control. En with torch observed by 7 RAR. Mortar rds appeared to be on target and torch extinguished. Sweep conducted morning 14 Mar revealed fresh footprints in the area.
- (3) At 140450H at YS563683, one en moved into ambush of B Coy 7 RAR and was engaged with SAA: lights were then observed at a distance and were engaged with arty. Lights were extinguished.
- (4) At approx 141330H at YS567678 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR found footprints for 2 men made within the previous 24 hrs. Direction of movement was EAST to WEST.
- (5) At 141620H at YS567687 elms of B Coy 7 RAR located 2 bnks and a sentry post. Bnk had 2' OHP and 1 faced East the other West. The system is estimated to have last been used 3-4 months ago but an adjacent track used by 2-3 pers going East has been used within previous week. Located in area were: 2 beds (in bunkers), qty cooking gear, clothing and footwear. A number of empty caches also located.
- (6) At 141600H at YS664599 B Coy 8 RAR located 9 bnks including one command post bnk. Bnk sited in linear fashion with no depth but well protected from air ground and naval activity. Area last used 5-7 days previously.

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(7) At 142015H at YS276570 engaged with claymore & SA area in which trip flare had been detonated. Illumination provided by RF 4.2 in Mortars on Long Son Island. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel - Nil

(b) Material - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. - Nil

(b) Material. Qty clothing and footwear, 2 beds, qty cooking utensils.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - Nil

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 1

(4) Results. Unk.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations. Three RF Coys: continue operation in Southern area of Long Hai mountains in close co-operation with Task Force elms at ISA.

c. Engineering Operations:

(1) Land Clearing Team. 125,000 sq yards cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team.

(a) Northern Minefield. 100 X 60M cleared. 3 bunds pushed across field. 1 slot 20% excavated.

(b) Southern Minefield. 9 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall - Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 09 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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16 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Mar 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 NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 48 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1. Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ and 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY. 3 Tp YS668606. 4 Tp YS448534.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS680579. 2 Tp YS883737.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA, 101 Fd Bty and A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY. C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE.

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- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ and A, B, V, D Coys NUI DAT. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE. A Coy YS524723. B Coy YS563687. C Coy YS529737. D Coy YS537796.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS667642. B Coy YS649605. C Coy YS687618. D Coy YS716644.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS883737.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At approx 150200H at YS425655 mortars from 6 RAR at NUI DAT engaged a light seen by 161 (NZ) Bty sentry. Results unk.
- (2) At approx 150740H at YS683617 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located 6 bunkers all of which were well constructed and camouflaged. They had been used within last 5 days. All bunkers were new and system was sited next to a small water point. To be destroyed 16 Mar.
- (3) At 150800H at YS617620 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located 12x4' deep weapon pits in an area of 1500 sq yds. They were 6-12 months old, had 1' OHC, and could accomodate about 1 pl.
- (4) At 151010H at YS666604, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR detonated what was believed to be a M16 mine which failed to jump. Results 4 WIA (Aust). A second M16 was located in the same vicinity by mine detector at 151400H.
- (5) At 151309H at YS516710 A Coy 7 RAR located a rest area last used 3-7 days ago. Area contained small qty of cooked rice, pieces of paper and small bottle of green scent.
- (6) At 151533H at YS447533 elements of 17 Const Sqn with the Land Clearing Team detonated 2 mines believed to be M16.
- (7) At 151650H at YS453544 elements of 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team uncovered a body with bulldozer. Cause of death and sex unknown but believed to have been killed several weeks ago.
- (8) At 151650H at YS566765, YS567766 and YS564764 Anti Tk Pl 7 RAR located three rice storage huts 10'x8' in dimension. Huts believed to have been erected 9-12 months ago.
- (9) At 151500H and 151620H in vicinity of YS495617 elements of 1 Fd Sqn Minefield Clearing Team detonated 2xM16 mines with bulldozers resulting in both drivers being WIA.
- (10) At 151800H at YS547781 a patrol from Sp Coy 7 RAR located a grave 4-5 months old with an old thong and bush hat on it.

(11) Air Strikes

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1120/1140	YS753804	2 Bunkers destroyed
1412/1451	YS711807	Bombs opened up canopy and exposed more bunkers.
CSS 150336	YS74027751	Neg BDA

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 6 (Aust) WIA.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 1 KIA (BC). Body located from contact 2+ weeks ago.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPS deployed

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions

(a) Late report (14 Mar 70). Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psy Ops targeted at area centre of mass YS5181, YS5186 and YS5679. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hrs.

(b) Late report (14 Mar 70). Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psy Ops targeted at area, Eastings 53-65, Northings 59-61. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hrs.

b. RF Operations. Three RF Coys continued ops in Long Hai hills in close cooperation with elements of 8 RAR at ISA.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared, 2 mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team

(a) Northern Minefield. 3 Bunds pushed across field, 1 slot completed, no mines detonated.

(b) Southern Minefield. 9 Mines detonated, 60 metres of wire in centre of field demolished, 60 metres of minefield cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall . Nil


b. Prevailing Winds. 07 Knots from SE

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Two contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4353. Road construction continues Route 44. Land Clearing team continues in vic YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Strickes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1110/1128H	YS731852	Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exposed and 20 metres of trench exposed.
1415/1445H	YS706835	Four mil structures destroyed, four mil structures exposed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4353. Land Clearing Team continues in vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

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(9) At 161530H at YS693619 9/C/8 RAR located a sleeping area consisting of a number of hootchy spaces in a 200 sq yd area. The only protection in the area was from natural rocks. The area was close to a good water point and was used about 24 hours previously.

(10) At 161421 at YS537737 7/C/7 RAR contacted 6 VC moving south east. Results unk at this stage.

(11) At 161600H at YS453544 the LCT located 10 bunkers consisting of gun pits and sleeping bays with OHC. Area last occupied approx 6 weeks ago and appears to have suffered some attempt to demolish it previously. Destroyed by bulldozer. Located in area were: 1 pr **surgical** scissors, 1xsox, qty torch batteries, and pieces of a letter dated Feb 70.

(12) At 161950H at YS429662 elms of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty engaged with 5 rds M79 area in which 2 trip flares had been triggered. Results unknown.

(13) At 162025H at YS579779 12/D/7 RAR engaged 2 enemy who approached night AP. Results unknown and sweep to be conducted at first light.

(14) At 162103H at YS533725 9/C/7 RAR engaged 1 enemy who approached night AP. Results unknown. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 2 (Aust) WIA.
- (b) Material. 1xM113A1 damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 1xM16 mine, 1xThompson SMG, 1xSKS, 1xM1 (all weapons unservicable), 1xclaymore, fishing gear, qty docus, qty cooking utensils, 11x7.92mm rds, 1x60mm mor rds & M18A1 booby trap, 1 pr surgical scissors, 1 pr sox, qty torch batteries.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 10 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: 1.
- (4) Results. 2 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Two voice missions were conducted, targeted at areas eastings 49-54, northings 81-84 and eastings 46-48, northings 49-53. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

b. RF Operations. 3 RF Coys continue operations in close cooperation with ATF elements in the Long Hai hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

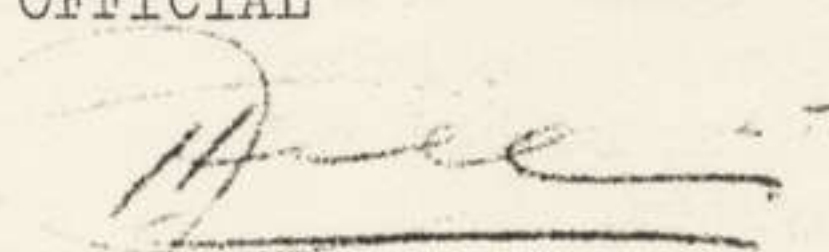
- (1) Land Clearing Team. 120,000 sq yds cleared 1 mine detonated, 1 mine found.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. No work done today, machines being serviced.

3. Meteorological Detail.

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

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(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 32 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

(10) Air Support.

(a) At 1032/1100H at YS710823 - 3 bnks destroyed.

(b) At 1420/1450H at YS731852

b. Plans Summary for Period 18001H to 182400H Mar 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys into NUI DINH vic YS3565.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO yo protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp all NUI DAT, 2 Tp DISCOVERY, 4 Tp YS452545.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ & 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS778682, 3 Tp YS618818.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA, NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT sect HORSESHOE, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty and C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ, A, B, V, D Coys NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS488730, B Coy YS564712, C Coy YS531740, D Coy YS580782.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS617816, B Coy YS687716, C Coy YS685620, D Coy YS691690.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS778682.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 170858H at YS717682 10/D/8 RAR located tracks of approx 20 men moving north about 7-14 days ago. Also found were tracks for 2-3 men made 2-3 days ago.
- (2) At approx 171100H at YS569707 B/7 RAR located 6 bunkers and 2 weapon pits previously recorded on map. The area measured 100m N-S and 30m E-W with the bunkers sited in a radial pattern. The system had 2' OHC and is about 6 months old, although there was evidence that 2 of the pits had been used overnight 7 days ago. The system is to be destroyed by explosives today.
- (3) At approx 1230H at YS538788 the anti tk pl of 7 RAR located a well defined track used by 2 people moving north within the last 24 hours.
- (4) At 151500H at YS682629 7 and 8 Pl/C/8 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 30x3 man bunkers in an area of 40,000 sq yds. The system was very new with normal cam and 1½' OHP of logs and dirt and was last used 5-7 days ago. There was a good well 600m SW but no sentry points or early warning systems were found. The area has been partly demolished by friendlies and the remainder will be destroyed tomorrow. Captured were 3xAK47 mags, 35 rds ammo, numerous items of clothing (blue, black and khaki), 2 pieces plastic 6'x2'. 1xrice crusher and cradle and 500lb rice destroyed.
- (5) At 171150H at YS460595 Bushranger 72 en route between Long Hai and Nui Dat received 2 rds SA fire. Nil damage.
- (6) At 170430H at YS681577 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged with SA a sampan which approached within 200-300 metres of beach. Results unk.
- (7) At 171357H at YS776687 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located an old bunker and cache. Cache contained number of ID cards, qty of exercise books containing med records and religious matter, qty reading matter, qty clothing, qty penicillan powder, qty powder (believed to be gun powder), 2 syringes, 10 SA rds, 2 bottles of medicine. A very old grave also located in area.
- (8) At 171940H and 172025H at YS544740 7/C/7 RAR engaged with SA and arty unknown enemy force which approached night AP. Following second engagement groans were heard in vicinity of movement. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 3xAK47 mags, 35 AK47 rds, qty clothing (blue, black and khaki), 2 sheets plastic 6'x2', 1 rice crusher and cradle, 500lb rice, qty ID cards, qty reading material, number of exercise books, containing medical records and religious material, qty penicillen powder and possibly gun powder, 2 syringes, 10 rds SAA, 2 bottles of medicine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions.

- (a) Conducted by USAF and Psyops targeted at area easting 55-58, northings 79-91. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2 hrs.
- (b) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at areas centre of mass YS5184, YS5384, YS5271, YS5471, YS6060 and YS6360. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

b. RF Operations. Four RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with elms of 8 RAR in vicinity of AO BENDIGO in Long Hai Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 75,000 sq yds cleared, no mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team.
 - (a) Northern Minefield. 1 slot filled, 3 mines detonated.
 - (b) Southern Minefield. No work.

3. Meteorological Detail.


a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NE at 12 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

E18
19 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Mar 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. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 86 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy operates in NUI DINH vid YS3565.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in NUI DINH vic YS3565.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ Nui Dat, 1Tp Nui Dat, 2Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 3Tp Nui Dat, 4Tp YS452545.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ Nui Dat, 1Tp Nui Dat, 2Tp YS771680, 3Tp YS613804.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty 3T Nui Dat, 3T Horseshoe, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty Nui Dat, C/2/35 US Arty Nui Dat.

- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ Nui Dat, A,B,D Coy Nui Dat, V Coy YS354655, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS516711, B Coy YS569721, C Coy YS533744, D Coy YS580782.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS613804, B Coy YS687716, C Coy YS685620, D Coy YS699690.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS534449.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS681750 (TA2).

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- VS... (1) At 180845H at YS580590 ~~3/W/6 RAR/NZ~~ located a one month old cache containing 1X RPG plus 3 rds, 1X RPG marked "DA 388", 1X RPG damaged by arty, 1 lb rice, clothing for one man, 1X transistor radio. Two of the RPG's were marked 7/13/66 AB5 and the other was marked 7/11/66 AB4.
- (2) At 181035H at YS700719 5/B/8 RAR contacted 2 en who walked along a track as the pl was waiting to deploy. Results 1X VC KIA(BC), 1X SKS and docus CIA. The documents indicated the dead VC was a postman for Xuyen Moc guerillas.
- (3) At 181217 at YS700719 5/B/8 RAR contacted 2 enemy who moved into 2 huts with cooking fires in a bunker system, One of the men was carrying fresh fish and it is thought they may have come to meet the postman mentioned above. Results 1X VC KIA(BC), 1X VC WIA and CIA (Dusted off) 1X M1 Carbine captured.
- (4) At 181000H at YS342658 Bushranger ac sighted 1 possibly 2 VC moving west along a creekline. They engaged with mini guns and rockets. Results 1X VC KIA (Poss).
- (5) At 181347H in vic YS763690 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located a cache containing; 1 rifle- AK type No N95785, qty .30 rds, 1X ballastite rd, 3X M26 grenade, with wire attached, 3X family photographs; good conduct certificates, 1 syringe, qty of clothing, 1 electrical switch, qty cooking utensils, qty car tyres (possibly for sandals) also sandal repair kit, 1X 12" round file, 1X US blanket, qty black material (clean & neatly folded) qty of bottles.
- (6) At approx 181545H at YS578731 6/B/7 RAR located a squad sized crossing used within the last 24 hrs.
- (7) At 180924H at YS547776 a VC rallied to elements of 7 RAR at FSPB ANNE. led patrol to an SKS and 20 rds of ammo which he had cached prior to rallying. Initial interrogation indicates he is from K76A.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
- (a) Personnel. Nil
- (b) Materiel. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses
- (a) Personnel. 2 KIA(BC), 1 KBA(poss), 1CIA (wounded), 1X Hoi Chanh.
- (b) Materiel. 1X RPG and 3 rounds, qty of documents, 1X M1 carbine, 1X AK type rifle, qty .30 cal rds, 1X ballastite rd, 3X M26 grenades (with wire attached), 3X family photographs, good conduct certificates, 1X syringe, qty of clothing and material, 1 electric switch, qty car tyres and sandal repair kit, qty cooking utensils, 1X 12" round file, 1X US blanket, qty bottles.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 181255H at YS358658 1/V/6 RAR/NZ contacted 3 VC who moved SE then west following contact. Results 1X VC WIA(BT). The BT indicated the man had been wounded above the waist and a bandage had been applied soon after the contact.

(4) Results. 1 VC WIA BT.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) VOICE MISSIONS.

(a) Three quick reaction voice missions targeted at areas. Eastings 71-76, Northings 90-94 exploitation of Hoi Chanh, Eastings 67-71, Northings 71-73 follow up successful contact 8 RAR, Eastings 75-78 Northings 67-70 exploitation of 3 Cav op.

(2) AUDIO/VISUAL.

(a) Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at PHUOC THANH hamlet.

b. RF Operations: Four coys continue to work in close cooperation with elements of 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations (1) Land Clearing Team: 60,000 square yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team: (a) Northern Minefield: Cleared completely, 100% fenced. (b) Southern Minefields: 1 slot 30% finished, 3 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

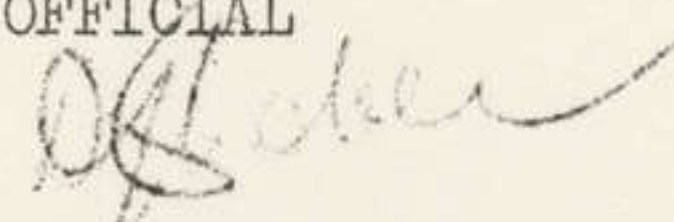
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 15 knots.

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

20 Mar 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) concludes route recce and RIF along Route 23 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contact / 2 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy operates in NUI DINH vic YS3565.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy concludes op in NUI DINH vic YS3565 returns NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS614834. 4 Tp YS452545.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS603727.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 101 Fd Bty(-), C Bty 2/35 US Arty and B Bty 7/8 US Arty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE. Sect 101 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE. A Coy YS549696. B Coy YS571730. C Coy YS536746. D Coy YS580782.

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- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT. V Coy YS354655. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS614834. B Coy YS686713. C Coy YS619728. D Coy YS674692.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 190830H at YS709705 10/D/8 RAR located a transit camp 50x50m comprised of 3-man bunkers, slit trenches and a hut. The camp was old and almost completely eroded.
- (2) At 190825H at YS353646 2/V/6 RAR/NZ was engaged by a command detonated claymore resulting in 2 NZ WIA. An initial sweep of the area revealed nothing.
- (3) At 191120H at YS701699 11/D/8 RAR found a previously destroyed camp 12-14 months old.
- (4) At 191410H at YS357645 3/V/6 RAR/NZ contacted an enemy camp of an estimated 30-50 VC. The en initially withdrew west but contacted HQ V Coy. The en fired MG, RPG and mors at Coy HQ and 3 Pl while the main body withdrew. Results: 1 KIA (NZ), 3 WIA (NZ).
- (5) At 191940H at YS632641 2/V/6 RAR/NZ sighted 3 lights moving. The area was engaged with Arty and the lights were immediately extinguished.
- (6) At approx 192000H at YS520628 elms W/6 RAR/NZ sighted an unk number of en moving north to south to the west of their position. The area was engaged with 81mm mors from HORSESHOE with unk results. A sweep will be conducted in the morning.
- (7) At 191405-1441H an airstrike was conducted on YS712871 resulting in 1 well, 40m trench, 2 huts and 1 bunker all destroyed also 1 hut damaged, 1 bunker exposed and qty kitchenware scattered

e. Results

- (1) Friendly
 - (a) Personnel. 1 KIA (NZ), 5 WIA (NZ)
- (2) Enemy Losses. Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: 1
- (4) Results. 2 VC KIA (Poss)

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area E 64-67, N 81-91 follow up of 3 Cav op.
- (2) Voice Missions. Targeted at areas E 61-68 N 72-75, E 57-61 N 85-88, E 52-60 N 90-92, E 62-69 N 77-80, E 67-70 N 84-91, E 71-76 N 90-94, E 80-86 N 82-84 exploitation of Hoi Chanh.
- (3) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at Baria Orphanage and Long Kien hamlet.

b. RF Operations. Four coys continue to operate in close co-operation with elms 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 square yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. Nil operations.

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

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

21 Mar 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.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp deploys to HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN Eng.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Four contact 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy concludes ops in NUI DINH vic YS3565 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Strickes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1405/1440	YS712871	Three military structures destroyed and two bunkers destroyed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elm remains HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and Bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

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(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS627639, 4 Tp YS448533.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS547699, 3 Tp YS644610.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT sect HORSESHOE HILL, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS559710, B Coy YS571730, C Coy YS542751, D Coy YS580782,

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS686713, C Coy YS619721, D Coy YS640690.

(7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Sweep in area of mortar engagement by Horseshoe elements at 192000H at YS520628 produced negative results.

(2) At 200725H and 0737H at YS457898 Possum 14 received ground fire from rubber at that point. Area engaged by a/c using 2.75WP rockets. Enemy results unknown. A/c penetrated in 3 places.

(3) At 200820H at YS446715 a patrol from 7 RAR Rear located a VC stick grenade beside road. Destroyed in situ by engineers.

(4) At 201221H at YS644712 7/C/8 RAR located 13 graves, 6 of which appear to be about 14 days old and 3 others are very small. The possibility that these are civilian graves established by Xuyen Moc has not yet been precluded.

(5) At 201010H at YS482731 Albatross03 sighted several fires burning and a number of VN apparently woodcutting. Hawkflight (3/A/6 RAR/NZ) was deployed in APC and detained 55 pers incl some children. The young boys were released to drive the ox carts home and the balance of the party (45) were taken to Duc Thanh and handed over to the National Police there. All were subsequently released as innocent civilians.

(6) At 201630H at YS695725 5/B/8 RAR loc a transit camp large enough for 6-8 people and showing signs of recent occupation. Follow up is continuing.

(7) During the 20th in vicinity YS3564 V/6 RAR/NZ following up after their contacts on 19 Mar, located a series of 1 man bunkers and pits with hides under rocks and hootchie spaces for a coy(+). 5-6 large bunkers were also located indicating a possible HQ area. Both areas were occupied yesterday and included medical elms. There was evidence that the following weapons had been used: 3xM79, 1x.30 cal MG, M16, AK47 and M1 rifles. An effort had been made to destroy documents, but scraps and 1 doc recovered indicated elms of the Chau Duc guerillas. Wdr route was SSE and SW, both of which were engaged by en mors. Three separate blood trails were found plus one piece of skull was found. Results: 1 VC (poss) KIA, 3 VC WIA (BT).

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (poss), 3 VC WIA (BT).

(b) Material. Small qty docus.

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- (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. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp deploys to HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN Eng.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. *Four* contact 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy concludes ops in NUI DINH vic YS3565 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Strickes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1405/1440	YS712871	Three military structures destroyed and two bunkers destroyed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elm remains HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and Bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Two voice missions were conducted targeted at areas Eastings 71-76, Northings 62-65, Eastings 67-71, Northings 70-73, Eastings 49-56, Northings 81-84. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total time flown was 2½ hours.

b. RF Operations. 487, 124, 578 RF Coys continue to operate in close liaison with elms 8 RAR in Long Hais.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team. Southern minefield 3 slots filled, 2 mines detonated. Northern minefield no work done.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 125,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SE.

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NUI DAT

22 MAR 70.

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

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, Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN trg.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contacts 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. Two coys return to NUI DAT.

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

- 5 (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remains HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops. Two coys remain in NUI DAT.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS624635, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS452548.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS524603, 3 Tp YS667692
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty Sect HORSESHOE, Sect NUI DAT. 106 Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 NZ Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, C Bty 2/35th NUI DAT, Sect B Bty 7/8th NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. BHQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS554710, B Coy YS578737, C Coy YS542751, D Coy YS580782.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT, W Coy HOSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS686713, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS640690.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS445534.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 210800H at YS637632 elms of 10Pl D Coy 8 RAR loc an area in which CBUs had been collected and had the fuse and explosives removed.
- (2) At 210840H at YS465712 a base patrol from 7 RAR loc an old US grenade. The grenade is to be destroyed 22 Mar.
- (3) At 211030H at YS549737 7Pl C Coy 7 RAR loc a rest area for 3 pers, last used night 18/19 Mar. No pits or bnks were in area.
- (4) At 211519H at YS572632 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR and elms of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 350 rds of 7.62 small arms ammo. Rds very old and may have been left by RF elms. Also in area are some old fighting pits.
- (5) At 211607H at YS556808 Asslt Pn Pl 7 RAR loc 2 bnk, each for 2 men in area 50 X 50M. Bnk had OHP 1' - 18" thick and one 4-5 months old. Loc in area used medical supplies and bottle medicine.
- (6) At 212210H at YS606679 elms of HQ 8 RAR using a starlight scope picked up movement of 4 pers who were engaged with arty splintex. A sweep will be conducted in the morning.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. qty med supps.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Two missions conducted and targeted at area Eastings 70-76, Northings 90-94, Eastings 25-28 Northings 56-61, Theme Chieu Hoi, Easting 50-56 Northings 71-75, QR exploitation Hoi Chanh. Total broadcast time was 2 hrs.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area Eastings 47-50 Northings 81-86, Eastings 50-55 Northings 79-82. The theme was Chieu Hoi. 300,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 80,000 sq yds completed.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 70% completed. No mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

23 Mar 70

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. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN trg. One sect deploy to LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contacts and 55 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. Elms remain NUI DAT.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
212000H	YS552630	Neg BDA
212030H	YS552630	Neg BDA
221010H	YS712871	7 Bkr dest, 3 bkrs exp, 1 sec exp, 2 sustained fires 1 well dest.
221403H	YS867781	3 wicker baskets exp, 1 tunnel entrance exp.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN. Sects remain LONG SON Island.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploy to LONG SON Island.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops. Two coys remain in NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS627639, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS447534.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1, 2, 3 Tp's NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty, 1 sect DISCOVERY, 1 sect HORSESHOE, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ NUI DAT, A, B, V, D Coy's NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS554710, B Coy YS578737, C Coy YS570771, D Coy YS574306.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS706718, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS640690.
- (7) D & E Pl & TA84. YS283571.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS445534.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) A sweep conducted by 8 RAR as follow up to sighting at YS606679 revealed negative results.
- (2) At 221300H at YS546801 Aslt Pnr Pl found a staging area 30 x 30m containing 5 tables and one lean-to without camouflage, last used 4-5 weeks ago. Also found were a dam and fish traps, empty tins of Dutch food and corn cobs. The area will be destroyed.

e. Results

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

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
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) Voice Mission. Conducted and targeted at areas Eastings 26-29, Northings 55-60, Eastings 56-59, Northings 75-79, Eastings 46-53, Northings 80-84 Exploitation Hoi Chanh. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one hour 20 minutes.

- b. RF Operations. 487 RF Coy operates in close liaison with elms 8 RAR in the LONG HAIS.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. Nil operations.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 80% completed. Nil rounds detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 12 knots from SE.

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

24 Mar 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 NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 4 contacts and 13 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between Nui Dat and DINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. Two coys remain NUI DAT.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO BENDIGO. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp moves to HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN trg.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys to AO AUKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6182. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS 671722, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS445534.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty NUI DAT, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Bty(-) DISCOVERY, Sect 161 NZ Bty HORSESHOE, Tp B Bty 718th US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS548725, B Coy YS585743, C Coy YS550771, D Coy YS578807.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy YS264563.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS706718, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS563624.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS445534.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 231100 at YS692720 elements of 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted an occupied enemy camp. Ptl was observed and engaged by sentry, who was immediately engaged by leading scout. During ensuing fire fight enemy used 1xRPG. Results. 2 Aust WIA, 1xVC WIA (poss). Enemy widr North, North East.
- (2) At 231220H at YS690722 elements of 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located an M16 mine with safety pin still in place. Amine detector was dispatched by air and at 231302H another mine was detected in same vicinity.
- (3) At 231245H at YS684735 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR having been inserted by air contacted 4-6 enemy dressed in black. 6 Pl was moving south and enemy north along stream. On contact enemy fled in numerous directions but generally East. Casualties unknown. 1 SMG with holding butt, 2 packs full of food and 1 AR magazine CIA.
- (4) At 231320H at YS472718 a base patrol from 7 RAR located a VC sleeping area consisting of 2 bunkers surrounded by 12 weapon pits sited in all round defense. Bunker had 18" OHP were 4'6" deep and had 8' tunnel leading to 4' x 3' room. 1 bunker collapsed but the other still serviceable. Weapon pits 4' x 18" and ranging from 9" to 2' deep. The Serviceable bunker was destroyed.
- (5) At 231745H at YS447535 an APC from B Sqn 3 Cav in sp of the Land Clearing Team hit an estimated 40 lb HE pressure mine. Results 4x WIA (Aust), heavy damage to APC including 4 right side road wheels blown off, hull buckled, right side holed and APC blown on its side.
- (6) At 232002H at YS583743 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR saw 3 torches moving 30 metre from their posn and engaged with SA fire and claymores. A sweep will be conducted at first light

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e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 6 x WIA (Aust)

(b) Materiel. 1 x APC heavily damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 x VC WIA (poss)

(b) Materiel. 1 x SMG, 2 packs of food, 1 AR magazine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 2

Squad - 8

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted in areas Eastings 54-58, Northings 72-75, Eastings 55-58, Northings 83-86, Eastings 48-53, Northings 81-83, Eastings 64-67, Northings 62-64, Eastings 71-76, Northing 61-64, Eastings 68-70, Northings 68-72, Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2 hrs 30 mins.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area Eastings 59-69, Northings 86-88. 186,000 leaflets were dropped. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

(3) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at HOI MY Hamlet.

b. RF Operations. 124 and 578 RF Coys in the LONG HAI and 637 RF Coy on LONG SON Island work in close liaison with elms of 8 RAR and 6 RAR respectively.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Southern mine fd 1 slot 80% complete. Northern mine fd - no work done.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 17 Knots from SE.

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25 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Mar 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. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact. and 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
231815/1822	YS647862	Neg BDA due to light BDA to be done by Possum.
1117/1135	YS867781	1 sustained fire. 2 dud napalms.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains on LONG SON Island. One coy remains HORESESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

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(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB PAT, 4 Tp YS457545.

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

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty(-) NUI DAT sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, D Coy YS264563, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS541725, B Coy YS581755, C Coy YS570771, D Coy YS575811.

(6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 232000H at YS505618 a combined patrol from 18 ARVN and W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) engaged 6 VC who approached night AP. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack containing 20 kilos rice and qty docus, M16 CIA. At 231930H three boys (age 10-15) were detained as suspect VCI, they were carrying field eating eqpt. Returned to Nui Dat for interrogation 24 Mar.

(2) Contact of 4/B/7 RAR at 232002H at YS583743 resulted in tracks for three enemy heading East being detected.

(3) At 241000H at YS252564 elms of 10/D/6 RAR located a well camouflaged bunker built within last 5-6 days and occupied within last 2-3 days. Bunker is surrounded by trench 3' deep x 1' wide full of water. Located in area were: 2 cooking dixies, 1 plastic hat, 1xNVA water bottle, 1 cup and qty of para-cord. Bunker destroyed.

(4) At 241130H at YS578756 6/B/7 RAR located a rest area for 3 persons, used during last few days. Tracks heading East left the area.

(5) At 241100H at YS541779 a patrol from Sp Coy 8 RAR guided by Hoi Chanh located a cache containing: 25 kilo unpolished rice, 1xSKS rifle in poor condition, 1 hoe, 1 sickle, 1xUS water bottle, 2xammo tins, 1xUS SLR mag, VC poncho, 2 kilo white beans and 2 kilo green beans.

(6) At approx 241600H at YS543776 the patrol mentioned above located a 30mx30m bunker system consisting of 3 bunkers with a sleeping area for 3-4 persons, and a dry well. They were working on information supplied by the Hoi Chanh at the time. The bunkers had 2'6" OHC, were each 6'x6' and each had two entrances. 1 lb tobacco, 6 rds AK47 ammo, 15 rds M1 ammo, 1 lb chilli, 5 lb peas, 2 lb peppers, assorted webbing, fish hooks and a carrying bag CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (b) Material. 45 kilos rice, qty docus, 1xM16, 2 cooking dixies, 1 plastic hat, 1xNVA water bottle, 1 cup, qty nylon cord, 1xSKS, 1 hoe, 1 sickle, 1xUS water bottle, 2 ammo tins, 1xunsvc SLR mag, US poncho, 2 kilo white beans, 2 kilo green beans, 1 lb tobacco, 6xAK47 rds, 15xM1 rds, 1lb chilli, 5lb peas, 2lb peppers, assorted webbing, fish hooks and carrying bag.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted in areas E49-53, N71-75; E47-54, N79-83; E66-70, N74-77; E68-72, N67-71; E65-70, N64-67; E70-76, N62-64; E63-67, N72-74; E26-29, N55-58; E27-30, N60-62; E46-48, N49-53; E24-26, N57-64. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 5 hours.

(2) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB targeted at AN NGAI and HOA LOI hamlets.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 60,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 100% completed.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 20 knots from SE.

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

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26 Mar 70.

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Mar 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. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in Nui Dat. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL XUAN LOC.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil acquired and 70 Intel target missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys into AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in Nui Dat. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

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

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains on LONG SON Island. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB PAT, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp NUI DAT, 4Tp YS448534.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty YS612816, 106 Fd Bty YS553770, 161 Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE, C/2/8(US) Arty NUI DAT, B/7/8(US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS555742, B Coy YS575754, C Coy YS547773, D Coy YS566816.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS677769, B Coy YS667869, V Coy YS587823, D Coy YS283563, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS453563.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 251300H at YS579754 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR located a house 12'X12' and 18" above ground. The house is located next to a natural water spring and old caved in bunker system which has previously been recorded. House last used 3 weeks ago but 2-3 pers have used an outside brick fire place 1 week ago. House contained 2 rice bunds and a rice miller. It will be destroyed by 4Pl.
- (2) At 251330H at YS272584 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an installation consisting of 3 bunkers with OHP and 2 spider holes. To be destroyed by 12 Pl. Area was last used as transit area approx 1 week ago.
- (3) At 251520H at YS253561 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an enemy camp consisting of 2 sleeping bunkers 6'X6' with 2' OHP built 3 months ago and last used 1 week ago. Also in area were 20 sleeping spaces 3ft off ground to allow for high tide which cover area. Located in area were 1 outboard motor, 12lbs cement, 12 gal earthen ware water container, qty cooking utensils. Equipment & installation destroyed.
- (4) At 251025H at YS627825 Anti Tk Pl 6 RAR located tracks made by 4-6 en moving west during last few days.
- (5) At 241630H at YS585775 a UH-1H from 9 Squadron RAAF sighted one enemy moving south.
- (6) At approx 241500H at YS553739 A Coy 7 RAR found a staging area 100X150 metres with 30X2 man weapon pits, last used 6 months ago. At YS557741 a 1 year old grave with a wooden headstone well cared for. The unit considers it could be the grave of an important person. At YS556739 a marker was located consisting of a new palm frond about 4' high tied with plastic taping. The marker was about 300m north of a posn used by friendly forces.
- (7) At 241615 at YS256574 six Hoi Chanhs surrendered to 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ. Initial interrogation indicates they are from the Long Son Island Production Centre.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. 1 outboard motor, 12lbs cement, qty cooking utensils, 12 gal earthen ware container and a rice roller.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 12
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

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(4) Results. 1X VC KIA (Poss).

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Mission. Conducted and targeted in areas eastings 48-52, northings 82-85, eastings 66-74, northings 75-78, Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour 20 mins.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Targeted in areas easting 70-72, northing 73-80, easting 62-64, northing 70-76. 230,000 leaflets were dropped.

(3) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams and targeted at AP TAY and Long Dien Hamlets.

b. RF Operations. 124, 378, 487 RF Coys in the Long Hai's and 637 RF Coy on Long Son Island continue to operate in close liaison with elms of 8 RAR and 6 RAR/NZ respectively.

c. Engineering Operations. (1) Land Clearing Team. 60,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated. (2) Mine Clearing Team. 4 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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

27 Mar 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 NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 21 acquired and 12 Intel targets and nil missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys into AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1110/1120	YS867781	1 bkr exp - camp destroyed.
1140/1205	YS867781	" "
1140/1205	YS867781	" "
0935/1005	YS714919	1 hut exp and damaged, 1 bkr damaged, 3 bkrs destroyed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy returns from LONG SON Island. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS494515, 4 Tp YS448534.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS496890, 3 Tp PAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8/ US Arty H'shoe C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS675777, B Coy YS675867, V Coy YS578837, D Coy YS283564, W Coy(-) YS497890 and HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS556751, B Coy YS570771, C Coy YS518847 D Coy YS565827.

(6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.

(7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS448534.

(9) D & E Pl. YS288570.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 261055H at YS458553 a tank from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt with the Land Clearing Team ran over and burst a cannister of CS gas. No casualties.

(2) At 261115H at YS592611 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 24 prs of plastic sandals, 28 x ponchos, 38 squares of material, 47 hammocks, 100' nylon rope, 2 cooking pots and a qty of medical supplies. Medical supplies recovered but remainder destroyed.

(3) At 261200H at YS636776, elements of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a body. Estimated time of death at least 1 month and due to deterioration no cause of death ascertained.

(4) At 261200H at YS681683, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system last used 2-3 weeks ago by up to a pl. System had previously been destroyed by air.

(5) At 261500H at YS691833 and YS691834, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a coy sized bunker system. 14 bunkers in reasonable order including 4 with thatched roofs. Bunkers had 2-3' OHP and were last used 2-3 months ago.

(6) At 261747H at YS556754, 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR sighted 1 VC dressed in black moving east. Enemy engaged by small arms but did not return fire and fled East with unk results.

(7) At 261920H at YS488515, 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged 3 VC with .30 cal Browning MG fire. Results unk and area engaged by US Light Fire Team.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. 24 prs plastic sandals, 28 ponchos, 38 squares of material, 47 hammocks, 100' nylon rope, 2 cooking pots, qty of medical supplies.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 1
Squad - 0
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted in areas E 69-75 N 64-70, (QR exploitation rallier), E 54-59 N 90-92, E 50-55 N 86-88, E 47-49 N 50-53. E 72-81 N 67-74. Theme Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time 4 hours 30 mins.
- (2) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB Team and targeted at DUC TRUNG and DUC MY Hamlet.

- b. RF Operations. 3 x RF Coys continue to operate in close conjunction with Task Force Elements in the LONG HAI hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 70,000 square yards cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 50 x 30 metres cleared. 3 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 12 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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NUI DAT

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28 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Mar 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. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 4 contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy returns from LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

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1105/1120H	YS721917	1 hut destroyed.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sects return from LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to AO TULIP extended vic YS4888.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS486498, 4 Tp NDP SWEENEY.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp YS498892, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS673789, B Coy YS675867, V Coy YS578845, D Coy NUI DAT, W Coy(-) HORSESHOE.
(5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS547775, B Coy YS552773, C Coy YS518847, D Coy YS566834.
(6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
(7) D & E Pl. YS288571.
(8) Land Clearing Team. SWEENEY.
(9) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late report At 260930H at YS272565 12/D/6 RAR/NZ located 10x2 man pits and 5x1 man pits in an area 50Mx100M. The system was rectangular and was last used 2-3 months ago. At 261100H at YS271566 the same pl located 9x2 man pits in a 35Mx50M area. All these pits ran off a "U" shaped pit with a communications trench 3'6" deep and 2' wide. The area was last used 2-3 months ago. Both areas were destroyed by explosives.
(2) At 270450H at YS520895 elms of W/6 RAR/NZ contacted 3-4 VC moving West to East. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), pack containing 12 kilos sugar, qty noodles and tobacco, mag for Chicom pistol CIA. Docus on body identify him as pl 2 ic Baria-Long Khanh Provincial Unit.
(3) At 271000H at YS676784 1/A/6 RAR/NZ contacted a group of 13 VC incl 3 children. Results 3 VC KIA (BC), assorted water bottles, 2 mugs, ammo liners, 1 machete and assorted digging eqpt CIA.
(4) At 271010H at YS664882 elms of 2/B/6 RAR/NZ located 3 bunkers 12'x12' with 2' OHC, 1 bunker 3' x5' with 2' OHC and 4 huts all about 6 months old. 1xsaw, 1xM1 Garrand rifle, 4xclaymore tripods, 4xclaymores, used bandages, 1 tube tablets, 100 rds ammo of unk type CIA.
(5) At 271145H at YS454554 a D8 bulldozer from the Land Clearing Team detonated a rocket, possibly an RPG2, set up as a booby trap. The logging bar on the winch at the rear of the bulldozer was demolished otherwise no damage. At 271240H at the same location an M16 mine was detonated causing scratches on the blade. No casualties from either incident.
(6) At 271625H at YS598606 elms of 1/W/6 RAR/NZ sighted 3 VC dressed in black moving south. 2 enemy carrying weapons and the other carrying a pack. Patrol did not engage due to range (200M) and armed Possum a/c sent to area was unable to locate enemy.
(7) At 271600H at YS523844 9/C/7 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 1 bunker and 3 weapon pits in area 30x40M. Installation was constructed and occupied 1 week ago and is located 1200M from water.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. Nil.
(b) Material. 1xD8 bulldozer damaged by RPG booby trap.
(2) Enemy Losses.

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- (a) Personnel. 4 KIA (BC) 4 KBA (Poss).
- (b) Material. 12 kilos sugar, qty noodles, tobacco, medical sups, Chicom pistol mag, qty assorted mugs, water bottles, 1 machete, digging eqpt, 1 saw, 1 M1 Garand Rifle, 4 claymores and tripods, 100 rds SAA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 1

Squad - Nil.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: 2.

At 271646H elm 1 SAS Sqn contacted 2 VC dressed in green. 1 AK47 seen.

Enemy engaged by M79 and SA and LFT. No return fire en wdr. 2 KBA (poss).

At 271615H elm of 1 SAS Sqn contacted 2 VC dressed in black. Engaged with SA, M79 and LFT. No return fire. 2 KBA (poss).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Three voice missions were conducted, targeted at areas: E68-74, N66-71; E55-59, N64-66; E73-82, N67-75; E24-29, N55-61; E29-35, N58-60; E47-49, N67-75. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 4½ hrs.

(2) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at LONG DIEN.

b. RF Operations. 3 RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with Task Force elements in Long Hai Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 80,000 sq yds cleared, 3 mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 50Mx30M cleared, 5 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 5 knots.

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

29 Mar 70

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

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. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. contact and Intel and Acquired target missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to AO TULIP.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. One coy deploys to area vic YS7170.

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 292400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sects return from LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS 6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to AO TULIP extended vic YS4888.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops. Coy remains in vic YS7170.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp PAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS494518. 4 Tp LCT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS465883. 3 Tp PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT. 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT. B/7/8 US Arty HORSESHOE. C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS705777. B Coy YS679863. V Coy YS588857. D Coy YS467895. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE. A Coy YS515868. B Coy YS580881, C Coy YS518847. D Coy YS566834.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) D and E Pl. YS288571.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. Sweeny.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 281030H at YS457851 chicom mine of unk type located by elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Blown in situ.
- (2) At 281510H at YS456553 D8 from Land Clearing Team detonated M16 mine. Nil damage or cas.
- (3) At 281400H and 281530H at YS455754 elms of 1 Fd Sqn located two mines which were uncovered, without detonating, by a grader. Mines were 10lb and 30 lb of Chicom TNT respectively and had bamboo tilt switch initiators. Estimate that mines had been in ground for six months and initiators had so deteriorated as to become inoperative.
- (4) At 281100H at YS546830 12 Pl D Coy 7 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of: 95 small pits, 12 large pits, 2 tunnels 50' long and 7 large bunkers, headquarters, kitchen etc. System has a definite track plan and has sentry positions flanking the bunkers. Also located in area was an aid post. Construction has been carried out during last four to twelve months.
- (5) At 281400H at YS589599 elms of 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system in bad state of repair last used 12 months ago. 3 RPG rds located. System was built to accomodate a VC Coy.
- (6) At 281925H at YS457894 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged unk number of enemy Initial results 1 VC KIA(BC). 1 weapon (type unk CIA).
- (7) At 282130H at YS479894 elms of W Coy and ARVN joint ptl engaged area of movement detected by VN sentry. Results unknown.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

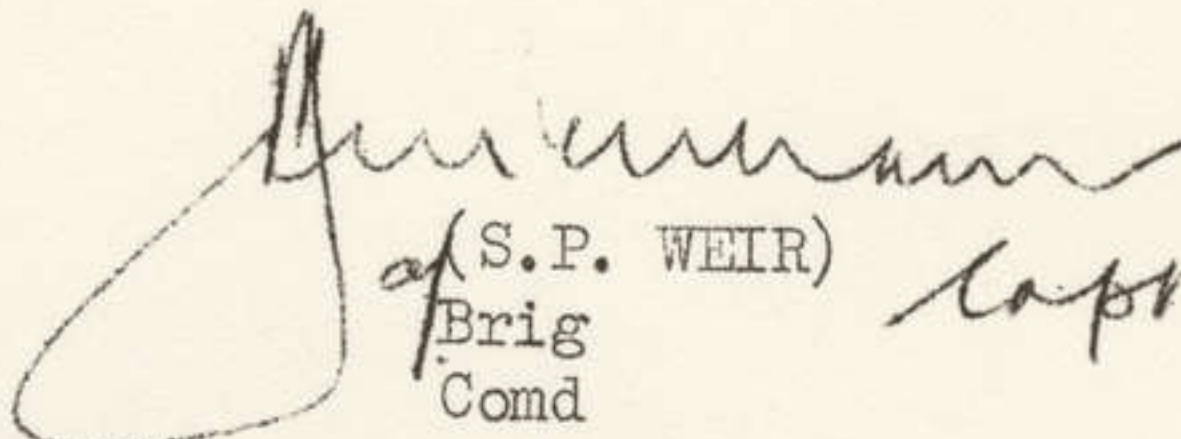
2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations: Nil

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- b. RF Operations. Three RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with elements of 8 RAR and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in LONG HAI Hills.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. 99,000 sq yds cleared. 1 mine detonated.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. No progress.
- 3. Meteorological Detail.
 - aa. Rainfall. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. NE at 6 kts.


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

30 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H

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. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF in vic YS4952. Tp ops with road construction team on Route 2.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 19 Intel and Acquired target. missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 FA Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance 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 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in AO TULIP.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. One coy which deployed to area vic YS7170 returns to NUI DAT.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
291000/1040	YS639759	Military structure destroyed. 2 bnk damaged
291000/1040	YS639759	and exposed. 4 bnk destroyed. 2 X A/S. (M Pic 11 & 21)
291125/1150	YS823764	3 bnks destroyed, one tunnel exposed and 1 dud nape.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952. One tp remains with engr road construction team on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp returns from XUAN LOC. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS 6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy AO TULIP extended vic YS4888.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB PAT, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp YS479492, 4Tp NDP SWEENY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp LONG BINH, 3Tp FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS50568662, B Coy 580881, C Coy YS531829, D Coy YS546830.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). FSPB PAT, A Coy YS719761, B Coy YS686888, V Coy YS588851, D Coy YS467882, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NDP SWEENY.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 290915H at YS494512 a tank from 3Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an M16 mine. Results: 1X WIA (Aust).
- (2) At 290905H at YS424730 elms of B Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy wearing a green uniform, bush hat and foliage that was presumed to be camouflage. He was carrying a weapon, type unk. Results: Negative.
- (3) At 290830H at YS467882 D Coy 6 RAR/NZ found a sandbag containing 475 X 7,92mm AP rounds.
- (4) At 291015H at YS522850 7/C/7 RAR found a staging camp 30 X 50M consisting of 5 bunkers with 18" OHC with sleeping accommodation for 5-10 people. The area was 2-3 months old and was 400-1200M from water (300M during wet season).
- (5) At 291215H at YS423731 4/B/8 RAR located a cache containing 9 bags (full and partially full) totaling 100 lb beans and nuts and 770lbs rice. The bags were marked "Long Grain US Number 5. Milled Rice product USA. Nett weight 100lbs. Comet Rice Mills Houston Texas USA". The cache area will be ambushed tonight.
- (6) The weapon recovered from the contact by 11/D/6 RAR/NZ has been identified as a Chicom type 43 7.62 SMG.
- (7) During the day, 3Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located the following:
 - a. YS622822 2X2 man pits 1 week old.
 - b. YS620814 4X wpn pits 1 week old.
 - c. YS604810 2 bunkers old but in good condition.
 - d. YS618828 and north along road to 86 northing 30-40 holes similar to ones found previously in the south of AO AUCKLAND. Holes were 4'X1'X3' deep and followed no apparent pattern or design. There was no protect-and poor cam and were estimated to be 14 days old. Only holes near the edge of the road were searched.

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(8) At 29 1500H at YS273712 A Base Ptl from 7 RAR located an installation consisting of 6 slit trenches 4'X18"X2' deep, and 2 sentry posts. System was constructed in thick vegetation and would have been difficult to locate except that a recent fire in there has destroyed the cover. System was last used 6 months ago and is 200M from water. Located in general area at YS469-709, YS469715, & YS476717 were 3X 105MM blinds **will** be destroyed by 7 RAR.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 (Aust) WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil

(b) Materiel. 475 7,92 AP rds, 770lbs rice, 100lbs bean and nuts.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Late submission 28 Mar 70, conducted and targeted at areas E 75-82 N67-75, E 76-82 N 70-74, E 31-37 N 54-59, E 47-49 N 50-53. 29 Mar 70. E 76-82 N 68-74, E 71-76 N67-71. Theme was CHIEU HOI. Total broadcast time was 4 hrs 30 mins.

b. RF Operations: Three RF Coys continue to operate in close co-operation with ATF element in LONG HAI Hills.

c. Engineering Operations: (1) Land Clearing Team. 30,000 Sq Yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team: 1 slot 30% completed.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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31 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
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II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 2 contact and 13 Intel and Acquired target missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and NGAI BIAO. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in AO TULIP.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
292148H	YS807693	Large fire burning (NAP in ORD).
1115/1130	YS640747	2 bunkers exposed and damaged.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952. One tp remains with engr road construction team on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy AO TULIP extended.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp YS455762, 3 Tp YS491499, 4 Tp YS444532.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-), 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ PAT, A Coy YS719763, B Coy YS686888, V Coy(-) YS630861, D Coy YS467882, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS498874, B Coy YS580881, C Coy YS521840, D Coy YS565845.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NDP SWEENEY.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS286550.

d. Contact and Incidents.

- (1) At 301010H at YS457558 a bulldozer from 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team hit what was believed to be a 55 lb chicom pressure mine. Results: Track blown off dozer, "C" frame badly damaged.
- (2) At YS529865, 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located an installation consisting of 2 large bunkers and number of weapon pits to accomodate VC Coy to Bn size force. Bunkers had 18" OHP, fish traps and banana trees were located in area which was last occupied 3 months ago.
- (3) At 301600H at YS730754, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker installation in area 100 x 40m consisting of: 4 bunkers 10 x 3 ft and 12 bunkers 12 x 10 ft. The area was estimated to have been half occupied 2-3 days ago.
- (4) At 301807H at YS473883, Anti Tk Pl, D Coy 6 RAR and elements of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 10-15 enemy moving East. Contact initiated by Anti Tk Pl when what appeared to be a small recce group in advance of main body was engaged. 1 enemy KIA. Enemy wdr NE and were engaged by elements of D Coy and 3 Tp which were deployed to cut off route. 4 enemy KIA. All elements conducted follow up action. Results so far: 5 enemy KIA(BC), 1 x AK50, 8 packs, qty Cambodian and NVA money, qty docus CIA. Detailed sweep to be carried out at first light.
- (5) At 301840H at YS471835, elements of Anti Tk Pl 7 RAR engaged three enemy moving NE. 2 enemy dressed in black and 1 in green. Results unknown, sweep to be conducted at first light.
- (6) At 302009H at YS500627, elements of W Coy 6 RAR engaged with GPMG and 81mm mortar the area in which a light was observed. Results unknown, sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x D8 bulldozer heavy damage.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 5 VC KIA(BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x AK50, qty docus, 8 packs, qty Cambodian and NVA money.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Mission. Conducted and targeted in area Eastings 68-75 Northings 66-71, Eastings 76-81 Northings 67-70 QR exploitation rallier. Total broadcast time was 45 mins.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area Eastings 71-80 Northings 67-71. The theme was Chieu Hoi. 350,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. RF Operations. Four RF Coys continue operation in close cooperation with ATF elements in LONG HAI Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 10,000 sq yards cleared. 1 mine detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 60% complete. No mines.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 8 knots.

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

1 Apr 70.

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Mar 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. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp ops with road construction team on Route 2.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. ^{ONE} contact and 46 Intel and Acquired target missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and NGAI BIAO. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in AO TULIP.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

TIME	GRID	BDA/REPORT.
0940/1020H	YS640747	10 bunkers exposed and damaged, 10mtrs trench exposed.
1110/1135H	YS640747	3 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed and damaged.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp remains with engr road construction team on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(-) in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect remains AO TULIP.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys N of AO AUCKLAND vic YS6095 with BHQ at FSPB TIGER YS6491. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477. Elms op with 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) N of AO AUCKLAND.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp TASMAN, 2 Tp YS456762, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp SWEENEY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp TASMAN.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty H'SHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS719763, B Coy YS654923, V Coy YS640914, D Coy YS473885, W Coy H'SHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS548925, B Coy YS596917, C Coy YS521886, D Coy YS581922.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. SWEENEY.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 310250H at YS499618 W/6 RAR/NZ detected 3-4 VC moving. The area was engaged with mortars, but a sweep at first light revealed neg results.
- (2) At 310615H at YS511882 3/A/7 RAR contacted 2 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1xM1 carbine and 2 packs CIA.
- (3) At 311010H at YS387693 6/B/8 RAR located a Chicom stick grenade.
- (4) At 311515H at YS565596 2/W/6 RAR/NZ sighted 10-15 VC at 300M range moving south. Area engaged by arty but follow up sweep located only tracks. At 1700H LFT which has been dispatched to area YS554573 sighted 3 VC, 1 of whom was armed and carrying a pack. Result: 3 VC KBA (poss). 100M west 1 further armed VC engaged. Result: 1 VC KBA (BC). Sweep to be conducted by 2/W Coy 01 Apr.
- (5) At 311530H at YS478838 Aslt Pnr Pl 7 RAR located in area 75x75M 2 bunkers surrounded by brush fences. Area contained numerous fire places, 2 of which have been used 4-6 hrs earlier. Bunkers are 9x6x4 with 2' OHP and is estimated to be 1 yr old. Located in area were: bananas, 12 sandbags, fresh water and fruit, mosquito repellent, qty of webbing and C rations. 5 tracks lead out from area.
- (6) At 311830H at YS421727 9/C/8 RAR engaged 1 en moving south. Enemy dressed in green shirt and black trousers and carrying pack. Enemy engaged by SA with no return fire. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack, qty webbing, qty docus, qty salt and rice and new claymore CIA.
- (7) At 312145H at YS492625 elms of W/6 RAR/NZ engaged 1 light moving NE to SW with machine gun. Light extinguished and search to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KBA (BC), 3 VC KBA (poss).
 - (b) Material. 1xclaymore, qty webbing, docus, salt, rice, C ration, and fruit. 1xM1 carbine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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(4) Results. See para 1.d.(6).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. Four RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with Task Force elements in Long Hai Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 35,000 square yds cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 06 knots.

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ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 MAR 70 TO 31 MAR 70

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND SUMMARIES ISSUED

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 60-70.
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO CURRAJONG.

(a) Elms of 6 RAR attacked the new base area of D445 Bn in an area centre of mass YS549696. The base (some 50 bunkers) had been under construction for about 7 days since 8 RAR ops forced the wdr of the unit from the MINH DAM base (LONG HAI). It was established in three coy areas with Bn HQ on the West bank of the SUOI GIAU. 1 VC was KIA (BC) in the initial action and the en defence with organic weapons incl 2 X 12.8 HMG (recently acquired from C/8 D440) causing 12 Aust WIA. At night the en wdr from the position leaving many heavy blood trails. Assorted ammo, 1 X carbine and misc food and medical supplies were recovered. Idents to date incl HQ D445, C1, C4 and possibly an elm of C9 D440.

S2 Comment: C2/D445 is believed to have been also in this base, C3/D445 is believed to have remained in LONG DAT District possibly in the LONG GREEN/LIGHT GREEN. The ident of C9/D440 cannot yet be explained; this coy was involved in the attack by fire at NGAI GIAO on 262400H Feb 70 and is believed to be located West of Route 2.

(b) (011020H) At YS550761, a ptl from 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one, poss three VC. Results: one K54 pouch and mag, several packs, 10 lbs rice, 30 lbs dry bananas, qty of clothing, water bottle, mug, discarded batteries, two lbs seed, five lbs unknown powder, 23 large cooking pots. There were no known en casualties, friendly casualties nil.

(c) (011115H) At YS550761, a ptl from 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC. Results: 1 X VC WIA, one M2 carbine, three mags, transistor radio and a qty of docus. CIA,

(d) (011150H) At YS5465 elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted 15 VC. Bushrangers searched the area with no results. Docus from packs tentatively ident an elm of LONG DAT District HQ. Comment: It is probable that key pers of this HQ have evacuated their base in LONG HAI under threat of 8 RAR ops. The loss of their authority in LONG DAT District will have a serious effect on VCI.

(e) (011520H) At YS571668, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted three heavily camouflaged VC moving from the West who withdrew West after contact. They were believed to have been sentry group or an advance group of a larger party. Results: no known casualties to either side.

(2) AO BUNDIGO.

(a) Reference contact by 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR at 281045H at YS453536, a further two bodies and a qty of docus were found. This brings the total for the contact to six KIA. INTSUM 59-70 Para 3 a (3) (b) refers.

(b) (010938H) At YS485521, 17 Const Sqn (LCT) found a body in a recent grave, killed by SA fire. Credited to 8 RAR.

(c) (011115H) At YS481514, a fire started following an A/S on 27 Feb 70, caused two secondary explosions.

(d) (011245H) At YS484517, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard movement and engaged. Results unknown, at the same time VR reported tracks.

(e) (011640H) At YS462543, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located an old ac with the word COLLINS written on it.

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 - 3 VC

c. Detainees.

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 X M2 carbine, 1 X M1 carbine.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.(a) Captured. See Para 3 a (1) (b). See Para 3 a (2) (e).(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff. See Para 3 a (1) (b). See Para 3 a (1) (d).(4) Captured Documents. 1/2 lb at YS549696 by A Coy 6 RAR.f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 3 VC.

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 2

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured - .03 Tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus recovered from a pack by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt at YS540664 on 1 Mar tentatively identifies elms of The LONG DAT District HQ. The usual AO of LONG DAT District HQ is in the LONG HAI mountains.

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 59-70.

(a) Reference Para 3 a (3) (a) add to items recovered, 1 X RPG2, 8 X M16 mags (full) and 3 X AK47 mags (full).

(b) Reference Para 3 a (3) (b) add to items recovered 4 X AK47's, 3 X PRG boosters and a qty of AK47 rds.

(c) Reference Para 4 a (2) amend to read 10.

(d) Reference Para 4 e (1) (a) amend to read 12.

(e) Reference Para 4 e (1) (c) add 4 X AK47's and 1 RPG2.

(f) Reference Para 4 f (5) amend to read 105.

(g) Reference Para 4 (f) (1) amend to read 2 NVA 75 VC.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (010800H) At YS867775 an A/S was conducted against a base camp. Results: two huts destroyed, two huts exposed, three bunkers exposed.
- (2) (011400H) At YS561649 an A/S was conducted against a base camp. Results: three bunkers destroyed, six bunkers damaged, two huts destroyed.
- (3) (011440H) At YS553673 an A/S was conducted against a base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed.
- (4) 1 Mar 70, at YS5565 and A/S was conducted against a base camp. Results: five bunkers destroyed, six bunkers damaged and exposed.

Attachments

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

Distribution

- List A
- II FFORCE V
- MACV-J2
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- RTAVF
- 18 ARVN Div
- 3 TAC Fighter Wing
- 12 Cbt Avn Gp
- BIEN HOA TAC
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1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
010300H-	YS830758	Two huts and a small camp. The camp was approx 100m from a garden area.
011030H	YS825755	Frame work of one hut which appeared under construction.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
010300H-	YS436534	4 in woods
0500H	YS438549	3 in woods
	YS443534	1 in woods
	YS453548	1 in woods
	YS452571	1 in woods
	YS511571	1 in woods
	YS535601	1 in woods
	YS546602	1 in woods
	YS552601	1 in woods
	YS583587	3 in woods
	YS662589	1 in woods
	YS667592	1 in woods
	YS480675	3 in plantation
	YS465625	1 in swamp
	YS491619	1 in clear
	YS505625	1 in woods
	YS629651	1 in swamp
	YS555655	1 in grass
	YS570689	2 near stream
	YS575660	5 near stream
	YS612675	1 near road
	YS625660	1 near road
	YS621670	1 in woods

4-5. Omitted.

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APPENDIX I TO
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORT)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 60-70
DATED 1 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE: HUYNH VAN THOI B3/C1/D445

Circumstances of Return

1. a. Receiving Unit - RD Cadre, PHUOC THO, PHUOC TUY Prov.
- b. Date - 27 Feb 70.
- c. Location - PHUOC THO village.
- d. Weapons - 1 x AK47 w/magazine.
- e. Circumstances - 25 Feb 70 escaped from base area (approx YS 542713), went to PHUOC THO guerilla unit (approx YS 530655) intending to visit his family at PHUOC THO. From the guerilla base he decided to rally and after accompanying PHUOC THO guerillas to the village for rice on the 25 Feb 70, escaped to his home where he remained for two days until rallying.

Exploited Information

2. Move from LONG HAI Prior to 19 Feb 70 HQ D445 with C1 were loc area YS 473522; the other coys (C2, C3 and C4) also were in the gen area but locs not known. On 19 Feb 70 at about 2100H because of 1 ATF ops, HQ D445 and C1 moved out of their base to LONG MY, fol paddy fields and crossed Route 23 at YS 467597, Route 52 at YS 488628 to PHUOC THO village guerilla base (YS 530655), crossed SUOI LO O NHO at YS 535678, arriving at the new base area at 0800H 20 Feb 70. He did not know whether the other three coys followed.

Supply

3. Rice has been normally arranged by the BA LONG Rear Svcs Sect, purchasing rice from PHUOC HOA LONG and PHUOC THO. Since 20 Feb 70 the unit went once to get rice at PHUOC HOA LONG (100 litres) and PHUOC THO (40 litres). (Comment: This constitutes only 1-2 days sup for approx 150 men). On the last supply trip 22 Feb, 15 pers of C1 left the base moving through the jungle to PHUOC THO base (YS 530655), crossed Rte 52 (YS 488630), entered PHUOC THO Village, crossed Rte 23 to PHUOC HOA LONG, arriving at 2200 hrs. At the edge of the paddy field rice was ready for collection, and was divided up for tpt back to base. On 24 Feb 10 pers of C1 fol the same rte as far as PHUOC THO for rice and returned on the same rte.

Other Units

4. PHUOC THO guerillas loc about YS 530655; str 5 pers with 2 carbines (poss M1).

D445 Base

5. Loc about YS 542713, 200-300 metres west of SUOI GIAU. This is a new area under const and fd defs are limited; no knowledge of mines. (Comment: Other sources indicated that a new base area would be sought since the old base area on SONG RAI west of XUYEN MOC had been loc by 1 ATF ops and rice caches lost).

S2 Comments

6. Little res of sups (food and ammo) appears to have been removed from the MINH DAM base by the unit on evac. It will now be in a very difficult posn for sups when Rte 23 and DAT DO are denied to the sup parties. Other collateral indicated that there was an intention to move from MINH DAM to a new base area, regardless of the 8 RAR op against MINH DAM base, so some ammo caches could have been placed in adv in the present area. There is no indication yet that C6/D440, which appeared earlier to be co-op with D445, remains with that unit, but it does not appear to have returned to D440 area in the west. C3/D445 also is not accounted for and might have remained in the MINH DAM area. It is assessed from other collateral that three coys plus D445 HQ are loc in the base area above. The small group of PHUOC THO guerillas have not been ident for a long time. Additional ORBAT detail is aval.

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APPENDIX II TO
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 60-70
DATED 1 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE: NGUYEN HUU CHI

Biographical Data

- a. Name - NGUYEN HUU CHI
- b. Aka - HUU NHI
- c. D/POB - 1940, TAM QUAN, BINH DINH
- d. Rank/Appt - Printing Sect Leader
- e. Unit - Troop Proselyting Sect BA LONG. (since May 69)

Circumstances of Return

- 2. a. Receiving Unit - DUC THANH Sub Sector
- b. Date - 22 Feb 70
- c. Loc - DUC THANH
- d. Circumstances - Whilst on a mission the subject took the opportunity to escape and rally.
- e. Reasons -
 - (1) Dissatisfied with the VC
 - (2) Hardships
 - (3) His brother was killed by VC
 - (4) Heard about the GVN Chieu Hoi programme

Exploitable Info

- 3. a. BA LONG Committee and Associated Sections
 - Secretary - CHIN LE, 45, K54 (went to T7 in Nov 69)
 - Secretary - TU HY (replaced LE) K54
 - Asst Sec - TU LAC (Prov Unit Comd and responsible for Mil Affairs) K54.
 - Member - MUOI VAN, 45, K54 (responsible for Security)
 - Member - BA DAI, 50, K54 (responsible for Prov Troop Pros Sect. KIA Oct 69 at LONG KHANH)
 - Member - BA THAI (KIA Aug 69)
 - Member - SAU KHANH, 50, K54
 - CA Member - UT LAM, 45, K54
 - Strength - Approx 40 incl protection platoon, the majority are regroupees.
 - Loc - In the SUOI LUC - SUOI NHAC area YS 5694 - 5695 - 5794 - 5795. (this a primary base area widely dispersed known by VC as NUOC BASE ie WATER BASE)
- b. Security Section: LBN 167/3245A
 - Comd - MUOI VAN, 45, K54
 - 2ic - SAU PHAT, 45, K54
 - The subject could not remember the others.
 - Str - approx 100
 - Base loc - Three hours NE of the province Committee.
 - Tasks - Capture and hold political prisoners.
- c. Organisation Sect - Unk
- d. Party School
 - Cadre - BA TU (KIA Oct 69)
- e. Migrant Sect
 - Cadre - BON BINH, 45, K54
 - Str - 4
 - Base loc - normally loc with the Liberation Front Sect of the Prov.
- f. Protection Pl
 - Comd - TU NHAT (rank of Coy Comd) 30, K54
 - Others - unk
 - Str - about 25
 - Base loc - with the Prov Committee.
 - Task - to protect the Prov Committee and food collection.
- g. Trg and Propaganda Sect: Str 6
- h. Psywar entertainment Sub Section: Str 10
 - This sub-section controls two small elements:
 - (1) Civil labour gp: Str 12
 - (2) Peoples Culture gp: Str 8

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- (3) Printing sub-sect: Str 5
- (4) Radio sub-sect: Str 4
Task - to operate the radio from BA LONG to LBA (COSVN radio)
- (5) Composing sub-sect: Str 1
- i. Liberation Front
 - (1) Labour Union Sect
 - (2) Womens Executive Sect: Str- about 15
 - (3) Youth Executive Sect: Str- about 10
 - (4) Farmers Assoc Executive Sect: Str- 12
- j. Forward Supply Council: Str- about 40
Loc - XUZN LOC
 - (1) Rear Services
Cadre - about 60 divided into entry/exit points.
The Rear Services Sect has a clothing factory of 15 persons (mostly female) and 8 sewing machines, their task is to make uniforms for D440 and D445.
- k. Troop Proselyting Sect: Str 3
 - (1) Orderly Room: Str 5
 - (2) Targeting Sect: Str 3
Task - establishing contacts, building up elements and establishing internal agents.
 - (3) Broadcast Sect: Str 5
Task - to broadcast (poss by loud hailer) appeals to GVN posts.
 - (4) Printing Sect: Str 4
 - (5) Admin Sect: Str 2
 - (6) Protection Sub-sect: Str 6
 - (7) Loc: The BA LONG Troop Proselyting Sect was at YS635914 from Jun - 8 Dec 69. On 8 Dec 69 the subject with THANH and CUI went to XUAN LOC whilst they were away the base was swept by Aust forces. He does not know the current location. The subject thought that the unit would probably move to the area near the Province Unit in the area YS5498 - 5499 - 5598 - 5599 (the reason for them being close to BAO BINH is that they can easily obtain food and would also have the support of the Prov Unit and Prov Committee). Str 28.
 - (8) Supply: The responsibility of Finance and Economy carried out by the Trade sub section who collect and distribute the food every month. Eating system 23 - daily rice and 8 piastre per man per day. Morale: low. Method of proselyting: spread propaganda to the soldiers' families appealing to them (the soldiers) to return. Appeal to the Aust and American troops, Establishing internal agents: to establish contact with a number of officers and NCOs in the ARVN.
 - (9) Results of Mil Proselyting: The subject heard that they had no success with establishing internal agents but a few soldiers from 18 ARVN Div had been persuaded to desert and return to their families.
Difficulties
 - (a) The base is not secure and continually threatened by ARVN and allied operations.
 - (b) There is a shortage of food and they are threatened with hunger daily.
 - (c) The morale of the cadre and members is confused as they dislike the war.
 - (d) The VC are unable to contact their families because of the GVN pacification programme which is tightly controlled.
 - (e) At present the Province Mil proselyting Section is unable to contact the people of PHUOC TUY and LONG KHANH because ARVN and allied operations are blocking their routes into the villages and districts (especially so for the last 4 months).
- l. Finance and Economy Problems: In 1967-68 the BA LONG Province Committee was able to levy taxes an ox-carts, rubber, and Route 20 (LONG KHANH) which supplied ample funds. Since 1969 the VC have been unable to expand collection from these means so there is a shortage of money for supplies and for the sections and units; further to this the military have to rely on COSVN for support (gold and money).
 - (a) Food: The entry/exit points of the Province Committee and Province Unit received the food already purchased by the rear service

and trade sections. Entry/exit Route 23(LONG DAT area) location unknown ((probably DAT DO)).

Entry/exit point Route 2	-	VIET CUONG	
" " " VIET CUONG	-	BAO BINH	YS 515995
" " " " "	-	TAN VIETNAM	YS
" " " " "	-	TAN PHONG	YS 515985
" " " " "	-	BAO DINH	YT 472050
" " " " "	-	Route 1	YT 595065
" " " " "	-	RUNG LA	YT 673034
" " " " "	-	DINH QUAN	
" " " " "	-	BAO CHINH	YT 562107
" " " " "	-	AP BINH LOC	YT 432155
" " " Route 20	-	approx DUC TRUNG	

80% of these E/E points have been blocked and only the following remain:

Area of Route 23
BAO BINH

m. Plan of BA LONG Province Committee

(1) To attempt to carry out COSVN resolution No 9; to push strongly in the winter/spring highpoint. However this plan for 1969 winter failed, because of shortage of manpower, insufficient food and ammunition (due to ARVN and Allied ops)

(2) 1st Quarter 1970:

- To try to step up the war, attacking in many places as they did in spring 1969.

- To take the areas close to the villages and the towns as a step to taking the towns which will put pressure on the Paris Peace Talks.

(3) Directive of the Province Committee and the Province Unit

(a) For D445:

- To remain in the LONG DAT area particularly in Route 23 area for the 1st quarter of 1970. ((This collateal has indicated D445s primary area of ops in this period was to be LONG DAT District))

- To resolve to weaken and wipe out Aust forces on ops in D445 AO.

Apart from this the subject knew that the Province Unit was unable to go to LA NGA - DONG NAI to get weapons and rockets because the civil labour groups were short of food for a journey and 199 LIB are continually operating in the area.

n. Probable activities of the Province Unit for the 1st quarter of 1970

When they receive ammunition (rockets) and weapons they will strike various locations in BA LONG.

- (1) PHUOC TUY -NUI DAT (No 1 target)
-BARIA (exact locs unknown)
- (2) LONG KHANH -SUOI RAM(43 Regt 18 Div)
-THANH HOANG DIEU

o. Other MF units

(1) BA LONG Province Unit: The subject does not know any cadre but when on a liason trip to the unit they were located in the area of SUOI LUC and SUOI NAC - YS 5496 - 5497 - 5596 5597.

(2) D440: Bn Comd - HAI HA (was sent to the staff section of the Province Unit) replacement unknown. AO - east of Route 2 - the subject heard that K9 was at present located with the Province Unit.

(3) D445: Comd - HAI KHANH ((Subject is well informed since CO D445 SAU THU has been posted MIA for several weeks and we believe was killed by a patrol from 5RAR on 6 Feb. He was replaced by the PO, HAI KHANH)). AO According to the Province Committee and Province Unit directive their AO is LONG DAT.

(4) 84 RSG: At present split into many elements at the following places:

BAO BINH (TU THAO - comd)
VIET CUONG (TAM CHIEN - comd)
DINH QUAN
PHUOC HAI
Route 23
BAU HAM approx YS 675845

p. MAY TAO Area

Attacked by Aust forces from Nov 69 until now. K76A, K76C civil health and the Liberation Front were all hit. Subject does not know what

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units are there at present.

(1) K76A & K76C

The subject thinks these 2 units moved to K6 (HAM TAN - HIEP HOA area) vic YS 9185 - 9186 - 9485 - 9486 because there is rice and fish in the area.

q. B6 Pl of Province Milpo

Strength: 22.

Task: Main liason unit between the Province Committee and Province Unit and the districts.

Location: In area of the Province Unit but was attacked by Aust forces.

Casualties: 3 recce personnel.

r. Transport Groups

The Province Unit has a transport group of 80 personnel who work together with the Assault Youth .

S2 COMMENT: This is a useful and knowledgeable HOI CHANH and much of this information is held reliably by other collateral. He will be exploited and reported on further. Details of ORBAT disclosed is available but outline only published with this report.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 60/70
Dated 1 Mar 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by BRAR at YS453536 on 28 Feb include the following VC signals for LONG DAT District.

a. "In order to ensure our coming activities (to commence 26/27 Feb) the LONG DAT District Unit has changed the old list of signals and passwords and brought out a new series so that confusion can be avoided. The new signals and passwords will take effect from 10 Feb 70 until 10 Mar 70."

b. Signals, passwords and signs to be used from 10 Feb 70 to 20 Feb 70 are:

Password	-	Question "ANH THUA"	Answer "ANH THANG"
Calling	-	Question "ANH BON 4"	Answer "ANH 3" (is 7)
Throat Signals	-	Question Click tongue 4 times	Answer

c. Signals: When the enemy are nearby, take hat off, wear the blue neck scarf and roll the left hand shirt sleeve up to the elbow.

d. Messages: if enemy is nearby and we ((VC)) are in the open signal by using a branch in the left hand and wave it 4 times. At night in hamlet areas, signal by using a red torch eg flash 4 times - reply 3 times (7 times all told).

e. Passwords: (from 20 Feb 70 to 30 ((?)) Feb 70)

Question: "ANH XONG"	Answer: "ANH LEN"
Question: "ANH BA"	Answer: "ANH 2"

f. Signals: 3 "slaps" ((hand claps)) answer: 2 "slaps"
If enemy are nearby, put hat on, wear blue scarf around neck and roll left hand shirt sleeve to elbow.

g. Messages: in open ground use a piece of green foliage and wave it 3 times - answer 2 times.

At night in hamlet areas signal by means of a red torch light - 3 flashes - answer - 2 flashes.

h. Passwords: (from 30 Feb 70 to 10 Mar 70)

Question: "ANH TIEM"	Answer: "ANH DIET"
Call: "ANH HAI"	Answer: "ANH MOT" (adds to 3)
Signal: 2 hand claps	Answer: 1 hand clap (adds to 3)

i. Signals: if enemy is nearby take hat off, wear blue scarf and both shirt sleeves to be rolled to elbow.

j. Message: take pieces of green foliage in each hand, hold above the head and wave them in a circular motion - twice - to answer (acknowledge) wave back in a circular motion - once.

At night in hamlet areas use a red torch to flash signals: flash 2 times - acknowledge with 3 flashes (5 flashes altogether).

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 61-70.
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO KURRAJONG
 - (a) Further to 6 RAR report INTSUM 60-70 para 3.a.(1)(a). All bunkers that were loc in the base area have now been destroyed.
 - (b) (021230H) At YS549694, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a coy size bunker complex that had been vacated within the last 48 hours. The complex consisted of nine bkrs. which are to destroyed on 3 Mar 70. Items recovered: Qty of docus, med supplies (incl bloodstained bandages), 1 poncho, 2 Anti Tank grenades and 200 x AK47 rds.
 - (c) (021615H) At YS555675, HQ B Coy and 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ located tracks of approx 50 persons moving south within last two days. Attempts had been made to camouflage the tracks with branches.
 - (2) AO ROSSLYN
 - (a) Late Report (0212115H) At YS614828, elements of 8 RAR sighted a light moving west and engaged it with arty and SA fire. Four secondary explosions were sighted but a sweep this morning produced no results.
 - (3) AO BENDIGO
 - (a) Late Report (011820H) At YS482512, elms of 8 RAR sighted 3 en moving west. The area was engaged by 81 mm mors with unk results.
 - (b) (021250H) At YS453538, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a grave containing one body 2-3 days old who had been killed by SA fire. Results: 1 en KIA (credited to 8 RAR and to be included in 1 ATF INTSUM Feb totals. Para 11.b.(2)(a) of this INTSUM refers).
 - (4) OTHER AREAS
 - (a) (021630H) At YS424732, a patrol of 7 RAR located a body approx 3 weeks old killed by arty. There was no ID card or docus on the body. (credited to 1 ATF Arty and to be included in 1 ATF INTSUM Feb totals.. Para 11.b.(2)(a) of this INTSUM refers).
 - 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.d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: Qty docus, med supplies, qty AK47 ammo, 2 anti tank grenades and misc items.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3)-(5) Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1).(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 3
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured 0.03 Tons.
- (8).(9) Omitted.

5.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

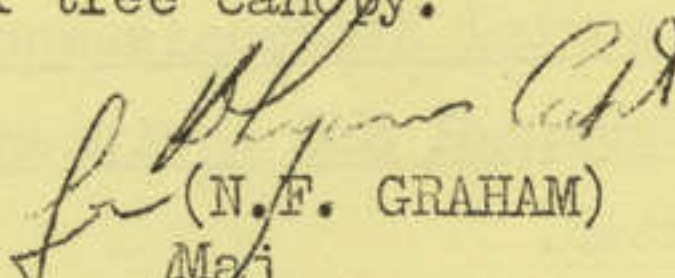
b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Reference INTSUM No 60-70.
 - (a) Para 3.a.(1)(a) add to items recovered 1 x AK47.
 - (b) Para 4.e.(1)(a) amend to read 3.
 - (c) Para 4.e.(1)(c) add 1 AK47.
 - (d) Para 4.f.(5) amend to read 3.
 - (e) Para 3.a.(1)(c) amend to read 1 x VC WIA (captured).
 - (f) Para 4.b.(2) delete all detail.
 - (g) Para 4.f.(1) delete all detail.
 - (h) Para 4.c.(5) After "interrogation", insert "4".
- (2) Reference INTSUM 59-70.
 - (a) Para 4.f.(1) amend to read 2 NVA and 80 VC.

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report (011834H) At YS601937, elms of 199 LIB loc a cache containing: 2 x 60mm mortar tubes and base plates, 1 x 75 RCL, 4 x .30 cal MG's (US), 1 x BAR(US), 16 x assorted Russian and Chinese automatic wpns, 5 x Thompson SMG's, 4 x US M9 (unknown) and 20 x assorted old French and other weapons.
- (2) (020917H) At YS483918, elms of 199 LIB contacted 5 VC who returned fire with RPG and SA fire and wdr NW. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA, en cas unknown.
- (3) (021325H) At YS634602, two airstrikes were conducted on an enemy base camp. There was no BDA due to thick tree canopy.


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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

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

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ANNEX A (Interrogation
Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM
No. 61-70 dated 2 Mar 70.

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE: DAO THI LOI,
NGAI GIAO VILLAGE PARTY CHAPTER

Circumstances of Return.

1.
 - a. Unit: Unknown
 - b. Date: 31 Jan 70.
 - c. Location: SUOI NGHE Hamlet.
 - d. Weapons and Documents: Nil
 - e. Circumstances: Took advantage of going out to Slope 30 to cut bananas to escape the VC and rally to the GVN.
 - f. Reasons for Return:
 - (1) Hunger and hardship.
 - (2) Homesick.
 - (3) Afraid of the danger of being killed.

Exploited Information.

2.
 - a. NGAI GIAO Village Party Chapter.
(Code number or LBN unknown.)
Strength: Eight, but at present there are only three at the base.
BA NHA THIEC - Party Chapter Secretary.
BA NHIEU - Deputy Secretary.
NAM NGOC - (Appt unknown) Security.
THI UT MUOI MOT - (Appt unknown) Mil Pros.
TU NHAT BON - (Appt unknown) Forward Supply Council.
THI ANH - (Appt unknown) Medic.
THI TAM HUONG - (Appt unknown) Unknown.
MOT - (Appt unknown) Secretary.

Over a month ago the subject met the last five persons at the base a couple of times, but she does not know where they are now.

Weapons: One Colt and one carbine.

- b. Village Guerilla Unit.
Strength: Seven.
TIEP - Commander, Carbine.
KHANH - 2IC, Carbine.
TONG - Medic, No weapon.
BINH - Guerilla, AK.
HAI - Guerilla, AK.
CU - Guerilla, AK.
THANG - Guerilla, AK.

Weapons: Two Carbines and four AK's.

- c. Liaison Cell.
Three members, general tasks for Party Chapter and Guerillas.
CHIN VAN - Cell Leader, AK.
THI THU - Member, Carbine.
THI LOI - The subject, member, no weapon.

Base Area.

3. The Party Chapter and the Guerillas do not have a fixed base, but are usually mobile in the area west of HUYEN DO Rubber Plantation.

Tasks

4. The Party Chapter according to their own duties. The guerillas usually protect the Party Chapter, have harassing missions and transport food. The liaison-cell carries mail from the villages to the District and back. Only THI THU and the subject went on postal trips, under CHIN VAN's orders. The assignment was normally given to THI THU and the subject accompanied THU. A postal trip was made every 2 days and any instructions received were reported by THI THU.

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Routes and Places.

5. The subject does not know the routes as she never paid any attention. Besides, she is a MONTAGNARD and simply follows orders. She has heard the place, where instructions and correspondance is picked up, called: Old CU CA Base, YS390810

Other Information.

6. About one month ago the subject saw a party, reportedly Engineers of CHAU DUC District, approx one squad, (commander unknown) move close to the Party Chapter base. They were there for two to three days, then left for somewhere unknown.

7. Besides this she known of no other elements. She did not know of studies, indoctrination or future intentions. However about three weeks ago she overheard the Party Chapter secretary say: "After Tet the Australians will withdraw their army from this country and we (VC) will come out and live in (the) town(s)".

8. BA NHIEU (Deputy Secretary) took care of the supplies, and she only once went on a transport mission (to SUOI NGHE Hamlet in 1969). At present they have no rice at the base and have to mix bananas with their food. Every day they are only issued one tin (condensed milk tin) of rice to be divided over two meals (Ration Scale 10)so this makes it very hard on cadre and soldiers.

Comments by Interrogator.

This returnee is a Montagnard. She was captured by the VC and forced to work for them. Her knowledge is poor but she is sincere.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 61-70
dated 2 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
021015H -021220H	YS593784	4 rectangular pits and 1 poss tunnel entrance - no recent track activity.
"	YS587769	Tracks of 10+ heading east along Rte 327 - approx 1 week old.
"	YS582798	Recent lightly used track leads to river bank. Two small hides on the bank suggest a small living area.
021500H -021700H	YS610614	Landing point in creek joins tracks which lead to Rte 23.
	YS614611	Mud footbridge with timber supports across creek.
	YS680581	Tracks on beach of 5-10 persons. Tracks less than 3 days old.

There has been substantial activity along Rte 328 - NW from the beach.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
2 Mar 70	YS365626	3 in woods.			
"	YS405610	1 in woods.	2 Mar 70	YS604631	3 in rice fd.
"	YS409625	1 in rice fd.	"	YS436550	1 in woods.
"	YS507626	1 near trail.	"	YS440537	" "
"	YS535628	1 in rice fd.	"	YS446533	" "
"	YS537620	1 in rice fd.	"	YS452512	" "
"	YS562633	1 in woods.	"	YS587588	" "
"	YS569628	2 in woods.	"	YS646586	" "
"	YS555625	1 in rice fd.	"	YS654591	" "

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
020305H- 020318H	YS590600	1 in open
020555H	YS553585	6 sampans on river (engaged by arty with unk results).

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
021030H- 021130H	YS594786	Maximum	021030H- 021130H	YS570822	Strong
"	YS572790	"	"	YS554805	"
"	YS546805	"	"	YS566796	"
"	YS544805	"	"	YS543822	Minimum
"	YS549805	"	"	YS519815	"
"	YS584823	"	"	YS536796 (Fresh tracks sighted)	"
"	YS555801	"	"		"
"	YS566822	Strong	"	YS563792	"

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 62/70.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO KURRAJONG
 - (a) (031045H). At YS579704, 10/D/6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of eight one man bunkers with 18" OHC. Recovered were: a qty of med supplies, a small qty of docus, two RPG boosters and 36 'D' type batteries. The system was last used four to five days ago.
 - (b) (031135H). At YS562665, 3/W/6 RAR/NZ contacted two plus en. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one pack and a qty of docus were recovered.
 - (c) (031140H). At YS551674, a ptl of 6 RAR/NZ located a water hole used by one person earlier that morning.
 - (d) (031140H). At YS558690, elms of V/6 RAR/NZ located a large track running south used by a large group recently. Bloodstains were found on the track.
 - (e) (031140H). At YS575695, 10/D/6 RAR/NZ located a track leading north, used by 10 to 15 persons one to four days ago.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) US Inflicted - Nil
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC
 - (3) RVNAF Inflicted - Nil
 - b.c.d. Omitted.
 - e. (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured. A small qty of med supplies, two RPG boosters, 36 x 'D' type batteries, one pack.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - 3.4.5. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA - 1 VC
 - (2) PW - Nil
 - (3) Omitted.
 - (4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 3
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - Omitted.
 - (7) Rice Captured 0.03 Tons.
 - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted.
 - (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted.
5. a.b. Omitted.
- 6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/70 dated 3 Mar 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. a.b.c.e. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (021905H). At YS295571 (LONG SON Id), 12 PF Pl sighted and engaged six VC in the open. Enemy wdr north with unk results: 637 RF Coy engaged suspect loc with mors, also with unk results.
- (2) (031110H). At YS485684, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: Five bunkers destroyed, three bunkers exposed, 25m comms trench collapsed and one tunnel entrance exposed.
- (3) (031350H). At YS555589, USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: four bunkers destroyed and five bunkers exposed and damaged.
- (4) (031545H). At YS484519, elms of 701 RF Coy sighted four VC. Arty engaged area resulting in a large secondary explosion. As a result of the explosion, one VC was seen running into one of three caves. Ground troops engaged cave with SA and M79 but did not pursue because of booby traps. Follow up will be done tomorrow. Recovered were two M16 mines and two unk type booby traps.

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Attachements

ANNEX C - Agent Reports.

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 C (Agent Reports)
 to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 62/70
 dated 3 Mar 70.

1. Agent reports (C-2) received at DUC THANH indicate that infiltration of DUC MY occurred ni 27/8 and 28/1 Mar by an unknown gp of VC who spread propaganda leaflet. A further report indicated VC in the area of YS440730 with the possible intention of entering DUC TRUNG and SOUI NGHE.
 S2 Comment: Sup parties of D440 in this area have been denied access for some time; They will be anxious to re-estb regular sup as it is apparent that food sups are very limited.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 63/70.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO KURRAJONG

(a) (041250H) At YS542688 elms of A/6 RAR/NZ located a heavy north to south track two to three days old. A small qty of med supplies were recovered near the track.

(b) (041250H) At YS553675 elms of C/6 RAR/NZ located a heavy track leading south last used two to three days ago. 150m to the east C Coy located an old bunker system last used 4 months ago. The system could hold two coys. Docus found identify C1/D445 LF Bn.

(c) (041515H) At YS536691 1/A/6 RAR/NZ located a transit camp area, 50mx50m, and 1 sentry pit last used 2 weeks ago.

(d) (041615H) At YS581665 5/B/6 RAR/NZ located 5 bunkers 8'x6'x2' OHC with cooking and sleeping areas, last used 1 month ago.

S2 Comment: The tracks appear to indicate mov of D445 in gps towards the SE where there are old unit base areas. The bunkers of the old DAT SET base area of D445 on the SONG RAI west of XUYEN MOC have not been used again.

(2) AO ASCOT.

(a) (041210H) At YS586695 12/D/8 RAR located an old bunker system consisting of 5 bunkers with 4' - 6' OHC.

(b) (041450H) At YS611662 elms of B/8 RAR located a 44 gal drum containing CS crystals. One bushman scout was badly affected by the crystals.

S2 Comment: It has not yet been ascertained whether this was a drum dropped by USAF at this loc or whether it had been moved for use by VC.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (041450H) At YS468718 elms of A/1 Armd Regt located an ammo dump which had been partially destroyed previously. Located and destroyed were: 14x2.75" rockets, 5 WP gren, 1xM36 gren, 2x105mm rds, Chicom claymores, 3x175mm HE rds, 1x8" HE rd, 2x81mm mor rds and 1x57mm RR rd. Elms of D/7 RAR will destroy remainder of dump tomorrow.

(b) (042055H) Elms of D/7 RAR loc at YS466705 sighted 1 to 3 torches up to 800m south of their loc moving from east to west towards Route 2.

(c) (042120H) At YS427663 a number of lights were seen by 1 ATF elms withdrawing towards HOA LONG. Area was engaged with M79 resulting in the lights withdrawing to an area SE of HOA LONG.

b.0 Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: A small qty of med supplies, a 44 gal drum of CS crystals.

(b) Destroyed: 14x2.75" rkts, 5xWP gren, 1xM36 gren, 2x105mm rds, a qty of Chicom claymores, 3x175mm HE rds, 1x8" HE rd, 2x81mm mor rds, and 1x57mm RR rd.

(3)(4) Omitted.

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(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENTS</u>
041450H	A/1 Armd Regt	YS468718	See para 3.a.(3)(a).

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 VC
- (2)-(4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 3
- (6) Omitted
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.03 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus captured by C/6 RAR/NZ on 041250H at YS554675 identify C1/D445 LF Bn. (Bunkers four months since last use.)

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/70 dated 3 Mar 70.


9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (041155H) At YS595886 USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: one bunker destroyed.
- (2) (041400H) At YS543872 USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers and 50m of comms trench exposed.
- (3) (041450H) At YS543872 USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base area. BDA: 30m of comms trench and 1 table exposed.
- (4) (041935H) At YS477526 701 RF Coy received approx 8 60mm rds from a base plate posn suspected to be at YS485530. There were no friendly cas.


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Attachments:

ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 63/70
dated 4 Mar 70.

1. There have been four reports since 27 Feb 70 of VC entry into DUC MY hamlet. Approach on each occasion has been from NW and entry made at YS448731.

S2 Comment: D440, CHAU DUC and BINH LA guerillas have been denied access to their normal supply points at DUC MY/BINH BA for sometime. It appears that regular supply trips are again being undertaken since pressure has eased off this area. In the past, entry has been principally from the SW following the SOUI SON and along the rubber edge to DUC MY.

2. A study by DIOCC of a large no of informant reports shows that regular supply activity has recommenced at HOA LONG. Entry is usually made through AP BAC (approx YS414637) and exit at AP TAY (YS415631) or vice versa, every third night at about 2100 hrs. A gp was last reported on 1 Mar 70.

S2 Comment: This is normal CHAU DUC supply area. It has been denied by ops for some time but pressure has eased and supply parties of 20 to 30 are moving again. Approach has usually been down the CHAU PHA valley north of the river, across the paddy fields to the HOA LONG perimeter.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 63/70
dated 4 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
040800H to 041005H	YS587764	A heavy recently used track crosses river at this point and follows river on the eastern bank to Route 327. Movement along track has been in a northerly direction.
040640H	YS679581	Two fires off-shore.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity. Heat emissions were detected by Red Haze at the following locations:

<u>DTG</u>					
040300H	YS585663	YS574636	YS512602	YS595580	YS658616
to	YS590650	YS582638	YS551609	YS620664	YS641608
040400H	YS576645	YS563626	YS587597	YS642667	YS680603
	YS508638	YS512619	YS568588	YS623655	YS693608
	YS519633	YS541619	YS583589	YS632651	YS660590
	YS568632	YS508608	YS573580	YS602631	YS668585
					YS673581

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Read-out</u>
040615H	YS642612	One return on road.
040620H	YS540654	One return in open
040630H	YS586639	One return on road
041915H	YS440695	One return on road

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 64-70.
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO KURRAJONG

(a) (051134H) At YS553652, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc an old squad size bunker system, last used 3-4 days ago. A qty of misc items were recovered.

(b) (051710H) At YS542660, Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a pl plus size transit camp (poss Regular Force) that had been used within last two weeks. Camp consisted of 5 well constr bunkers with 6"-12" OHC and 2 fighting pits all constr within last month. A qty used med sups were found.

(c) (051140H) At YS554647, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 3 LF en. with unk results.

(d) (051520H) At YS495752, a ptl of Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ fired on a group of people who refused to stop when challenged. One person was killed and 26 others were detained (one wounded) all except two without ID cards. The detainees were released after intg. S2 Comment: This ptl was tasked to find a specific VC tgt (possibly a HQ elm of BA LONG) estb on very reliable Int to be in this vicinity. It must be expected that VC will exploit even further the advantages of living in civ access areas making ident difficult and initiation of contacts by our own ptls a matter of difficult decision. Large gps of civs are beginning to work in the brush areas between Route 23 and BINH GIA off Route 2.

(2) AO ASCOT. (051706H) At YS584751, Atk Pl 8 RAR loc a cache containing 34x82mm mor HE rounds (long), 27x82mm mor HE rds (short), 15x37mm HE rds, 4x37mm cannister rds, 1x60mm mor rd and 2 rifle grens. All except 1x82mm mor rd were without fuses.

(3) AO BENDIGO. (052025H) At YS452524, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR sighted lts. Area was engaged by mors resulting in one secondary explosion.

(4) Other Areas

(a) Late Report (042158H) At YS455670, elms of 6 RAR sighted a lt, area engaged by arty with unk results.

(b) Late Report (042220H) At YS466705, D Coy 7 RAR sighted a lt moving east to west, area engaged by arty with unk results.

(c) Late Report (042232H) At YS376662 an arty OP sighted a lt, area engaged by arty with unk results.

(d) (050335H) At YS417685, an arty OP sighted a lt, area engaged by mors with unk results.

(e) (050815H) At YS702637 a ptl of 1 SAS Sqn sighted 8 en, carrying auto wpns incl 2xRPDs moving west. At 051215 a further heavily laden 4 en carrying large bags of what appeared to be rice and wpns were sighted. The en were armed with SKS and M1s.

(f) (051930H) A ptl of 1 SAS Sqn reports that there is a strip of unexploded CBU's in an area bounded by Eastings 66 and 67 and Northings 62 and 64.

(g) (051514H) In the vic YS468755, C Coy 7 RAR detained 12 persons who were later released after intg. See S2 comment para 3.a.(1)(d).

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. b. Omitted.

c. Detainees

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 38.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 61x82mm mor HE rds, 15x37 HE rds, 4x37mm cannister rds, 1x60mm mor rd, 2x rifle grens, used med sups and misc items.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
051706H	8 RAR	YS584751	See para 3.a.(2)

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 1 VC

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 3

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice captured - 0.03 tons

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

DTG	CO-ORD	TYPE	RESULTS
051850H	YS448535	M16	1 D8 veh slightly damaged

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9-10 dated 3 Mar 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a-c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report (042209H) At YS505556, RDC and RF compound eng by an estimated VC squad who fired RPG and SA. Fire was returned and the VC wdr SW. Arty from Horseshoe was fired on suspected wdr routes. Results: no friendly cas, en cas unknown.

(2) (051950H) At YS415507, LD M Force sighted 5 persons. An attempt was made to intercept the group and 2 persons were detained. The other 3 persons escaped and wdr into the village.

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Attachments:

- Annex C - Agent Reports
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ANNEX C (Agent Reports) TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 64-70
DATED 5 MAR 70

1. (051805H) Agent Report from DUC THANH Sub-sector (eval VNC/3). At 051000H an unk number of en, most wearing black clothing, were hiding at YS411739.

S2 Comment: This is a normal approach area for sub units of D 440 moving towards AP SOUI NGHE/BINH BA. Other collateral indicates a probable intention of D 440 to make an attack on AP SUOI NGHE in the near future.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 64-70
DATED 5 MAR 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
5 Mar 70	YS587619	An E-W linear camp along south side of creek. Bunkers in good condition but not in current use.
050900H- 050945H	YS583586	Domestic fowl (Red Haze recorded in this area 28 Feb, 1, 2 and 4 Mar 70)
	YS585610	Small NW-SE trail
	YS596577	Recent footprints of one person on beach
	YS599581	Old footprints on beach

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
041845H	YS273730	1 on road
042015H	YS980875	1 on road

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
050900H-	YS604593	Maximum (poss smoke)
050945H	YS607598	Maximum (poss smoke)
	YS608582	Maximum (poss smoke)
	YS613593	Maximum (poss smoke)
	YS583586	Strong See para 1 this Annex
	YS604584	Minimum
	YS604594	Minimum

NOTE: These readings must be read in conjunction with other collateral. All mech surv devices have inherent limitations their results alone do not constitute int. The readings of SLAR, RED HAZE and SNIFFER are provided as info only to enable IOs to develop their own pattern analysis from which interpretation can be made.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 65-70.
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASCOT.
 - (a) (061155H) At YS667615, B Coy 8 RAR located an old M16 mine. At 061210H B Coy detonated an M16 mine which resulted in two Aust KIA and six Aust WIA. (Para 5b(1) and (2) refers).
 - (b) (061550H) At YS632632, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located approx 2000 lbs of rice.
 - (2) AO KURRAJONG.
 - (a) (06134CH) In the vicinity of YS517681, HQ A Coy and 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located two tracks, both of which appeared to have been used within last 48 hours. The tracks headed West and NW. Also located was a coy size rest area.
 - (b) (061530H) At YS568657, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located one pack containing miscellaneous documents and rice.
 - (3) Other Areas.
 - (a) Late Report. (051845H) At YS421656, a ptl from 161 Bty RAA received approx 20 rds of SA fire. Arty engaged the area NE of HTEADY WEIGHT (YS4265) with unknown results.
 - (b) (060015H) At YS448675, elements of 6 RAR/NZ sighted lights.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a.-d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1)(2) Omitted.
 - (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS632632	Rice	2000 lbs	Unk
 - (4)(5) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA 1 VC.
 - (2)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 3.
 - (6) Omitted.
 - (7) Rice Capture 1.03 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 YS667615.
 - (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
061210	YS667615	Unk	2 Aust KIA, 6 Aust WIA
- 6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9-70 dare 3 Mar 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 64-70.

(a) ANNEX E Para 5, 7th item, amend grid reference to read YS604593.

(b) Para 2; after 052400H add "Mar 70."

(c) Para 8, amend to read "1 ATF SUPINTREP 9-70 etc."

c.-e. Omitted.

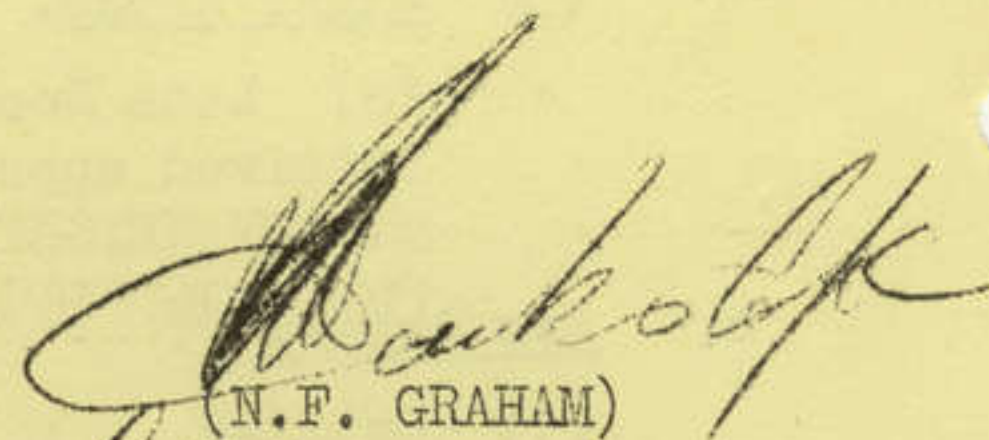
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (061200H) At YS846777, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: Two huts damaged.

(2) (061410H) At YS595886, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers exposed and two 44 gal drums exposed (poss cache).

(3) (061520H) At YS572598, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed and one bunker exposed.

(4) (061015H) At YS458828, 626 RF Coy were engaged by four VC. Results: Two VC KIA(BC), nil friendly casualties.


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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

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dated 6 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE TRAN THI GIOI AKA HOA

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name TRAN THIGIOI.
- b. Alias HOA.
- c. Rank/Appt Youth Group member.
- d. Unit Assault Youth Group Forward Supply Council BA LONG Province.

Circumstances of Return.

2. a. Receiving Unit LONG DIEN Sub Sector.
- b. Date 4 Mar 70.
- c. Location AN NGAI Village.
- d. Wpns and Docus Nil.
- e. Circumstances At approx 021600H Mar 70 the subjects Transportation Group, consisting of 25 persons left the base in the SUOI RAU (AKA SWOI GIAU) jungle area on a supply mission. But when the group approached LONG PHUOC Village, approx YS4965, and were about to cross Route 52, (near the road into LONG PHUOC), the subject escaped and reported into AN NGAI Village.

Exploited Information.

3. a. Assault Youth Group Forward Supply Council BA LONG Province.
 - (1) Strength 32 (majority are males).
 - (2) Weapons Carbines, Garrands (only the males are armed).
 - (3) Location East of the SUOI RAU (exact loc unk). According to the subjects' sketch of the area, the base of C1 and Bn HQ of the Province Forces (possibly C1/D445) is to the North of the Assault Youth Group about 500 metres away. On the 1 Mar 70, choppers and jets strapped the base of C1 and Bn HQ and her units base at approx YS5569.
- b. Other Units in the Area.
 - (1) More than a month ago a Transportation Group of BA LONG Province, strength, about 30 persons carrying ammo (mortar, B40/B41 and AK) came from the north to the base in the SUOI RAU region and left the ammo there.
 - (2) About five days later, another Transportation Group consisting of over 20 persons came from the direction of DAT DO and took the ammo towards DAT DO (Destination unk). On 1 Mar 70 the subject saw a Transportation Group from BA LONG camped in that area.
 - (3) On 25 Feb 70, the subject heard that C1 and HQ Bn of the BA LONG Province Forces were stopped by choppers and jets on the morning of 1 Mar 70 (casualties unk).

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- 1.2. Omitted.
3. Red Haze Activity. Read out for 6 Mar 70.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
YS638606	1 in woods	YS618683	1 on trail	YS669707	1 near stream	YS555589	5 in swamp.
YS668612	1 in woods	YS602693	1 in woods	YS579306	1 in open	YS573582	5 scattered
YS699613	1 in open	YS610746	1 in open	YS582812	1 in woods		in woods
YS636652	1 in woods	YS615738	1 near trail	YS583857	1 in woods	YS560625	1 in woods
YS641671	2 on trail	YS655708	1 in open	YS585855	1 in woods	YS591644	1 near trail
						YS590660	1 near trail

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DIG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
052305H	YS745685	1 in open
	YS545565	1 in open
5. Omitted.

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2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BENDIGO.

(a) (071345H) At YS425565, a bulldozer from 17 Const Sqn RAE detonated two suspected M14 mines, which resulted in no damage or casualties.

(2) OTHER AREAS.

(a) Late Report. (062200H) At YS4868 (NUI DAT 2), 6 RAR sighted lights, the area was engaged with mors with unknown results.

(b) (070305H) At YS464750, B Coy 7 RAR engaged an unknown no of en who passed approx 50 - 60 metres East of their loc. A sweep this morning revealed footprints.

(c) (070715H) At YS585588, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted six VC, which resulted in two VC KIA(BC), one AK47, three mags, and six packs containing 200 lbs rice, 20 lbs salt, two lbs coarse tobacco, four sets of freshly laundered clothing, seven lbs brown sugar, two small packets of tea CIA. There were no friendly casualties.

(d) (070909H) At YS452670, a ptl from 7 RAR detained two women and four children who had previously been sighted by air. These were later released as innocent civilians.

(e) (071020H) At YS708666, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a track used by six people moving from North to South four days ago.

(f) (072055H) At YS4265 (approx). 161 Bty RNZA sighted lights.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 6.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) RPG 2 - 1.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 X AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. Six packs, three mags, four sets of clothing.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS585588	Rice	200 lbs	Unknown
	Salt	10 lbs	Unknown
	Sugar	7 lbs	Unknown
	Tea	two small pkts	Unknwon

- f. Cumulative Totals for Month.
- (1) KIA - 4 VC.
 - (2)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 4.
 - (6) Omitted.
 - (7) Rice Captured - 1.33 Tons.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
AP MINES
Two M14s at YS616646 detonated by bulldozer from 17 Const Sqn RAE.
One M16 at YS616646 recovered by RF.
- 6-7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9-70 dated 3 Mar 70.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
Ref INTSUM No 65-70.
 - (1) Para 3.a.(1)(b) amend to read "2400 lbs of rice".
 - (2) Para 4.f.(7) amend to read "1.23 Tons".
 - c-e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (071155H) At YS681782 an A/S was conducted, which resulted in one secondary explosion.
 - (2) (071400H) At YS573582 an A/S was conducted which resulted in one bunker destroyed and two bunkers exposed.
 - (3) (071440H) At YS555589 an A/S was conducted which resulted in one bunker destroyed and one bunker exposed/damaged.
 - (4) (071840H) At YS616646, RF located an M16 mine dug into the roadway. The mine was neutralised.

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1-2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
070505H-	YS387789	Four in open
070545H	YS386703	One in open
	YS385690	One near stream
	YS391692	One in open

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
062040H	YS470770	One on river

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
071030H-	YS557837	Maximum
071130H	YS554856	"
	YS503855	"
	YS518360	"
	YS520840	Strong
	YS508340	"
	YS501845	"
	YS520855	"
	YS523860	"
	YS526860	"
	YS560856	Minimum

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 67/70.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASCOT.
 - (a) (081130H). At YS616618, D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (op con to 8 RAR) were engaged by 5-10 en in bunkers. D Coy returned fire and en broke contact and wdr south/SE. A sweep revealed 9 bunkers which are to be destroyed. Results: En casualties unknown, one Atk gren, one RPG 2 rd and qty of docus CIA. 3 Aust KAI, 5 Aust WIA, 1 Aust WIA (accidental).
 - (b) (081408H). In the vicinity of YS605620, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (op con 8 RAR) loc the fol: two 81MM mor rds, one 60MM mor rd and a recent cooking fire.
 - (c) (081750H). At YS605612, elms of 8 RAR loc five bunkers and three 1 man wpn pits. They had been used within the last 24 hours.
 - (d) (08204H). At YS614615, D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (op con to 8 RAR) loc approx 20 two man bunkers with two feet OHP and used within the last 24 hours. Bunkers are to be destroyed.
 - (2) AO KURRAJONG.
 - (a) (080840H). At YS517672, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en who wdr south with unknown results.
 - (b) (081035H). At YS522789, a ptl from Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en moving south. Results: One en KIA(BC), one SKS CIA. A HOI CHANH identified KIA as BE. (unit unknown).
 - (c) (081528). At YS522794, elms of 6 RAR/NZ loc a bunker system of four bunkers one hut and a sleeping area for 12 persons. Bunkers had six inches QHC and last used 2-3 months ago. Bunkers are to be destroyed.
 - (d) (081600H). At YS524787 to YS522791, a ptl from Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a bunker system of three bunkers and three huts for 20 persons. Bunkers had 1 ft OHC and are to be destroyed.
 - (3) OTHER AREAS.
 - (a) Late Report. (071712H). At YS776843, a ptl from 1 SAS Sqn on insertion contacted three en. Bushrangers supported the contact. The ptl was extracted. Results: One VC KIA and two VC KBA. (poss). (Comment: KIA was included in cumulative totals for 7 Mar 70.
 - (b) Late Report: (072258H). In vicinity of YS356643, 161 Bty RNZA observed a cluster of five lights. Area was engaged by arty and all lights except one were extinguished.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b.d. Omitted.

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - SKS

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.(a) Captured: One RPG-2 rd, one Atk gren, two 81MM mor rds, one 60MM mor rd.

(b) Omitted.

3-5 Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA 5 VC

(2) PW Nil

(3) Hoi Chanh Nil

(4) VCI Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 5

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured 1.33 Tons.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus recovered from a bunker system by 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ at YS579704 on 031045H Mar 70 disclose no firm ident. Included in the docus was a list of medicines issued to C6 - a possible reference to C6/D440.

b. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ at YS563668 on 031200H Mar 70 iden TC-VAN+HUAN of an unidentified unit.

c. Docus from a pack found by 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contained a letter dated 28 Apr 69 from HQ LONG DAT District showing LBNS. No ident was possible.

d. Docus taken from 2 VC KIA by 11 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ at YS585588 on 070715H Mar 70 identify VU HUNG a Squad Leader with C8/D440. The other body was not identified.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/70 dated 3 Mar 70.

9-10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 66/70.

(a) Para 5 b. 1st item. Amend GR to read YS425565.

c-d-e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (072030H). At YS587619, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.

(2) Late Report. (072050H). At YS587619, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.

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- (3) Late Report. (072130H). At YS447587, 61 PF Pp engaged 3-4 VC who approached from the SW. En did not return fire and wdr north. Results: En casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.
- (4) (081202H). At YS825731, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two mil structures destroyed.
- (5) (081356H). At YS792348, A/S on en base camp. Results: One bunker damaged and three bunkers exposed.
- (6) (081300H). At YS464505, 578 RF Coy and 124 RF coy loc one working bunker and three man bunkers. Three to four en were seen moving NW from these bunkers. Recovered were: Med sups, qty of clothing, food and personal docus.

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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 E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 67/70
dated 8 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
081632H	YS793668	A boat, 20ft long, on the beach. Foot prints lead inland from the boat. Bushrangers destroyed the boat. 200M NW there are 5 fresh graves. 1500M SW there are a large number of graves.

2-3 Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
071957H	Z5 030340	2 in ocean
072005H	YS580610	1 in open
072045H	YS470570	2 in open
072235H	YS580620	1 in open
080325H	YS620630	1 in open
	YS590750	1 in open
	YS465630	1 in open

5. Omitted.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 67-70 dated 8 Mar 70.

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE: DUONG THI DAN

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. a. Name: DUONG THI DAN.
- b. AKA: DUONG THI HONG.
- c. D/POB: 1948, XUYEN MOC District.
- d. Address: MY XUAN Hamlet, PHU MY Village.
- e. Rank/Appt: Cook.
- f. Unit: PHU MY Village Unit.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RETURN

2. a. Date: 13 Feb 70.
- b. Place: PHU MY Military Post.
- c. Weapons and documents: Nil.
- d. Circumstances: Taking advantage when her fellows (unknown) had a noon siesta, the subject escaped and returned.
- e. Reasons: Dissatisfied and away from home.

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3. PHU MY Village Party Chapter (LBN unknown)

Secretary: TAM CHON, 35 yrs, SVN, K 54.

Asst Secretary: Nil.

Finance and Economy: BA GIA, 45 yrs, CVN, Carbine.

Commo Liaison: Guerillas.

Village Unit Commander: NHO, 25 yrs, Saigon, AK.

2IC: CAM, 22 yrs, PHU MY (killed by Allies in Dec 69. No replacement yet)

Cook: DUONG THI DAN (the subject)

Guerilla: HA, 17 yrs, CVN, AK.

Guerilla: SON, 17 yrs, BINH DUONG Province, AK.

Strength: Six.

Weapons: Three AK's, one K54, one Carbine.

Location: Approx YS234736.

Food Supplies: TAM CHON, the secretary used to come to PHUOC THAI to purchase rice once a month (from 100 litres to 200 litres) and guerillas the guerillas transported it back to their location.

Tasks: The village guerilla unit only fires harrassing fire into PHU MY Post. Personally, the subject only cooks for the unit.

Future Intentions: The subject does not know because she has not been involved in any political reorientation.

Other Units: The subject only knows CHUNG and SAM belonging to D67 Engineer Bn, who sometimes contact the village unit commander. But she does not know their ranks or their intentions.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 68-70
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Mar 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO KURRAJONG. (091130H) At YS575610 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 en moving west to east and wdr NW and south on contact. Results: en cas unk, nil friendly cas. Recovered were: 1xAK47, 1 pack, 40 lbs rice and two cartons of cigarettes.
 - (2) Other Areas. Late report (082230H) At YS464728 ptl from 7 RAR sighted 7 en who approached from NE and remained until 090600H and wdr east. En not engaged due to range.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a-d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed
 - (1) Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual - 1
 - (b) Omitted
 - (c) Breakdown - 1xAK47
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Captured: 1 pack, 40 lbs rice and two cartons of cigarettes.
 - (3) Captured and destroyed Foodstuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS575610	Rice	40 lbs	Unk
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month
 - (1) KIA - 5 VC
 - (2)-(4) Omitted
 - (5) Individual weapons - 6
 - (6) Omitted
 - (7) Rice captured - .63 tons
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps. AP Mines - 1 at YS435525 by 17 Const Sqn. 1 at YS448535 by LCT. 1 at YS634620 by 8 RAR.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements
 - a. A VC KIA by a pl from Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ at 081035H at YS522789 has been ident from OB holdings as LY VAN BE comd QUANG GIAO village guerilla unit, mil member of QUANG GIAO village Party Chapter and possibly a member of the fourth cell of QUANG GIAO Farmers Association.
 - b. Docus taken from 2 VC KIA by 4/B/8 RAR at YS453536 on 281045H Feb 70, which bodies were found at 011300H Mar 70 at YS453537 probably identify BUI VAN TUNG a sect comd of C25 and PHUONG probably also of C25. These two contacted as party of 6 VC, all of whom were KIA.
 - c. Docus from a pack found by C/6 RAR at YS548659 on 071700H possibly belonged to a member of the Security Section of HQ BA LONG Province.

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7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9-70 dated 3 Mar 70.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 65-70:
 - (a) Para 3.a.(1)(b) amend to read 1000 lbs of rice.
 - (b) Para 4.c.(3) amend quantity to read 1000 lbs.
 - (c) Para 4.f.(7) amend to read .53 tons.
 - (2) Ref INTSUM 66-70:
 - (a) Para 4.f.(7) amend total rice tonnage to read .63 tons. Amend INTSUM 67-70 accordingly.
 - c-e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
 - (1) (090350) At YS529568, 59 PF were engaged by an unk number of VC who fired 1xB40 and SAs. Results: En cas unk, nil friendly cas.
 - (2) (091120H) At YS463508 a bunker was loc by RF. It was constructed under large rocks. Recovered were 2xM16 mines, a small amount of 7.92mm ammo and a Soviet and NVA flags. Comment: Probably belonged to HQ LONG DAT.
 - (3) (091200) At YS692629 an A/S was conducted on an en base camp. BDA: 1 bunker destroyed.
 - (4) (091400H) At YS723872, an A/S was conducted on an en base camp. BDA: 100m trench line destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged.
 - (5) (091800H) A Hoi Chanh, LAI BON alias BON BINH rallied to BINH GIA police station.
 - (6) (092100H) At YS503556, 55 PF Pl contacted 15 VC who entered village. En withdrew east after contact. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC).
 - (7) (092200H) At NGAI GIAO 4 VC entered the village threw 1 hand grenade and fired a few bursts of AK47 at the village school. En withdrew in unknown direction.

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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Reports
Annex B - Captured Documents
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 A (INTERROGATION
REPORT TO 1 ATF
INTSUM 68/70
DATED 9 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

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

- a. TRAN THI GIOI;
- b. TRUONG VAN TY.

APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 68/70
DATED 9 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE: TRAN THI GIOI

Biographical Data

1. a. Name : TRAN THI GIOI
- b. Alias : HOA
- c. D/POB : 1950/AN HOA Hamlet, AN NGAI
- d. Address : AN HOA, AN NGAI
- e. Rank/Appt : Guerilla Member
- f. Unit : AN NGAI Village Guerillas
- g. Occupation: Labourer

Circumstances of Return

2. a. Receiving Unit: AN NGAI Post
- b. Date : 040700H Mar 70
- c. Location : AN NGAI, PHUOC TUY
- d. Circumstances : Escaped from VC rise transport group and "returned" to AN NGAI Post.

Exploited Information

3. a.7 Element of LONG DAT District Committee & District Unit - subject knows no particulars.
- b. Element of LONG DAT District Forward Supply Council:
Commander: unk.
Cadre : MUOI PHIEN, POB: PHUOC LOI, no wpn.
Posn unk : SON, 17 yrs, LONG DIEN, Carbine.
Strength : 7 persons
Location : Situated near the SONG RAI river (GR unk).
- c. List of Workers (Tpt Gp)
In approx Apr 69, subject was on a transport mission carrying ammunition for the LONG DAT District Unit. Workers comprised youths (illegal residents), civilians and guerillas from villages in LONG DAT District. They carried (transported) AK, B40 and B41 ammo from SONG LA NGA River.
Transport Team Leader: MUOI PHIEN
Workers Protection: SON, 17 yrs old, wpn - carbine.
Workers: TRAN VAN HANH - Workers section, section leader - Long Dat district ("returned" 13 Aug 1969).
" THI LIEU, 18 yrs, PH HOA LONG guerilla.
" RACH, 30 yrs, LONG TAN - illegal resident.

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Workers: LAM, 20 yrs, LONG TAN - illegal resident.
" DUONG, 18 yrs, LONG TAN - illegal resident.
" THAN, 30 yrs, LONG TAN - illegal resident.
" BAY, 60 yrs, LONG TAN - illegal resident.
" THY SAU TIEU, 29 yrs, LONG MY.
" SINH, 24 yrs, PHUOC LOI.
" THI HUNG, 28 yrs, PHUOC LOI.
" THI ANH, 24 yrs, PHUOC LOI.
" THI TRUNG, 19 yrs, (LONG DIEN - POB) PHUOC LOI.
" QUANG, 39 yrs, medic - PHUOC LOI.
" THI HUONG, PHUOC HOA LONG - killed at LANG DAI in Aug 69 by arty.
" THI PHUONG - killed in Aug 69 at PH HOA LONG.
" LE, 23 yrs - LONG TAN.
" HIEP BUNG, 28 yrs, HOI MY.
" TAU, 30 yrs, (LONG DIEN - POB) killed in Aug 69 at LANG DAI.

Subject does not remember other names. Strength - approx 30. Location - about 30 metres from Forward Supply Council Base.

(1) Ammunition carried by transport group: Carbine, AK, Garand, B40 and B41.

Subject also disclosed that the above mentioned workers returned to their villages in Oct 69.

d. Element of AN NGAI PC and Guerilla Unit:

Secretary: HUNG, 25 yrs, SVN, no wpn.

2IC (asst): There is no asst Secretary in AN NGAI.

FTE: BINH, 25 yrs, SVN, no wpn.

Cadre: THI MAI, 30 yrs, SVN, no wpn.

Cadre: TAI TUYET, 29 yrs, SVN, no wpn.

Medic: THI HANH, 20 yrs, SVN, no wpn.

Guerilla: HUNG (youth), 20 yrs, SVN, wpn carbine.

Guerilla: TRAN THI GIOI, subject.

Strength - presently about 6 persons. Location - foot of DA DUNG Mt approx YS449558. Minefields - unknown. Buildings and Tunnels - there are none they live in natural caves. Supply - they are self supporting, sometimes they go into hamlets in AN NGAI village to buy rice and dry fish. They usually go once every 10-15 days. Each trip they carry back about 50 litres of rice. Times of entry of the hamlets are from 1600H to 0800H the next morning. Supply Route - From Nov 69 till now subject has not been on a resupply mission on 3 March 70 (last resupply mission) subject went halfway and then rallied to GVN.

On 3 March 70 at 1600H, THI TUYET, THI GIOI (subject) and 2 other males (names unknown) from TAM PHUOC teamed up at the AN NGAI base camp (YS449558) (the men were both armed). They left the base camp at the foot of the Mt and followed the foot hills in the direction of TAM PHUOC village (they went through the jungle, not by tracks). When they neared TAM PHUOC, at approx YS453583, the 2 men (probably guerillas) entered the hamlet to get rice and they stayed there for about 1 hour. After that they all set off following the road to AN NGAI. When they reached YS447587, subject escaped and hid in the fields until 0600H and then rallied to AN NGAI village.

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE : TRUONG VAN TY

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. a. Name: TRUONG VAN TY
b. Aka: TY
c. D/POB: 1946, LONG DIEM
d. Address: LONG DIEM
e. Rank/Appt: Soldier
f. Unit: LONG DIEM Village Guerilla squad

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RETURN COMMENTS

2. a. Receiving Unit: 615 RF Coy, LONG HAI (AN LOC hamlet)
b. Date/time: 270800H Feb 70
c. Location: AN LOC hamlet, LONG DIEM District
d. Wpns and Docus: One K51, two mags and 70 rds
e. Circumstances: On the night of 26 Feb 70, the LONG DIEM guerilla squad plus a pl from the LONG DAT District Unit (C25), went to LONG DIEM to pick up rice. They were ambushed on rte so the subject took this chance to escape and rally to the GVN.
f. Reasons: (1) hardships
(2) fear of arty and A/S
(3) homesick

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3. Subject states that about 10 VC were involved in the contact at LONG BINH hamlet, LONG DIEM on the night of 26 Feb 70. The ldr of the mssn was a Political Offr from LONG DAT District named TAM BINH. Subject also stated that a member of the LONG DIEM guerilla squad named SON was killed in the contact and possibly more were killed or wounded.

The LONG DIEM guerillas have been operating with the local Party Chapter and 1 Pl of C25 LONG DAT District unit.

a. Location of Unit

YS 454554 - At this loc there are a number of caves with five or six persons in each cave. The LONG DIEM Party Chapter is loc in between the guerilla squad and the pl from C25 which is deployed around the area of the base camp.

b. Strength: 10 guerillas and cadres belonging to the LONG DIEM PARTY CHAPTER and guerilla squad, 8 persons belonging to 1 Pl/C25.

c. Wpns: 1 x RPG2 plus 4 rds
1 x LMG (2 mags and 200 rds)
6 x AK47 (4 mags each)
2 x Colt 45
1 x K51
1 x M2 carbine
1 x K54 pistol
4 x M20 grems

d. Mines and Sentry Posts

(1). Mines - Located on both sides of stream leading to base camp (from YS 458559 to YS 456560). There are 3 types of mines used including M16E3. These mines were laid by LONG DAT District on 15 Feb 70. (Number of mines unknown). Mines are also loc along the bulldozed track from YS 457562 to YS 458558.

(2). Sentry Posts - There are two sentry points in the area, each point has one guard. They are loc on top of the hill and at the bottom of the hill.

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e. Intentions

They are ready for a battle and subject stated that if Aust forces sweep into their base area they will stay and fight. Each person has enough ammo and wpns to sustain a small fight from the cave entrances. The direction of fighting will be towards the bottom of the hill. Each day the persons in the camp deploy over an area 100 metres long.

A cadre told the subject that the night/morning of 26/27 Feb was the start of a new Communist Phase in SVN.

f. Other Unit Locations

There is a branch of the LONG DAT District Committee, District Unit, Security Section, Mil Proselyting Section and the HQ section in several Villages in LONG DAT District.

The unit is loc at the foot of DA CHE mountain YS 480508. All of these different sections listed above are in the same base area but they area still set up in sections (eg: Mil Proselyting section is in one cave and Security section in another cave).

(1). Strength: Approx 30 persons

- 5 belonging to the District Committee
- 8 belonging to the District Unit (2 Pl/C25)
- 5 belonging to the Security Section
- 5 belonging to the Mil Proselyting Section
- 5 belonging to the HQ for Villages

(2). Wpns: Approx 8 x K54

- 6 x AK47
- 1 x RPG2
- 1 x MMG

(3). Unit Intentions: Subject stated that if Aust forces enter the base area at YS 480508, the District unit and other armed sections will be ready to fight. Those without wpns will go down into the cave where they will be safe, because the caves are very deep and it would be impossible for the Australians to get them out or go in after them.(4). Sentry Posts: According to the subject there is a cell consisting of 3 persons which does sentry duty every morning, and another cell of 3 persons take over every afternoon.

During a "safe" situation the guards are only stationed at the mouths of the caves. During an "alert" situation the cell of 3 guards ptl around the base camp area at a distance of 30-40 metres out

(5). Mines: Subject was only at this base loc for 2 days (because of Aust ops) so he only knows that they do have mines around the area, especially on both sides of the track. Subject stated that he had to be guided into the area and out again.RALLY ROUTE OF RETURNEE

4. At 261530H Feb 70, the subject together with the LONG DIEN Party Chapter and guerillas (10 persons plus 1 Pl/C25 and others from YS 480508 (20 persons)) left the LONG DAT District elms base and followed the hill tops leading towards LONG DIEN. They reached YS 453555 and then followed SUOI TRE up to the bulldozed track. They then followed the bulldozed track up to the other bulldozed track leading to LONG BINH hamlet. When they reached YS 444577 they contacted ARVN forces. Subject was scared and ran off towards the market hamlet where he hid out until morning. At 270800H Feb 70 he rallied to 615 RF Coy.

1. Docus captured by 4/B/8 RAR at 280730H Feb 70 at YS453536 following a contact with 3 VC all of whom were KIA.
 - a. A plan of activities for the period Feb - Mar - Apr 70, signed on 4 Feb 70 by the Long Dat District Committee. This docu deals with VC targets, aims, leadership requirements, deployment of forces and unit responsibilities.
 - b. An instruction from Long Dat Dist HQ by TA VAN TRONG, dealing with preparations to be undertaken by units prior to TET.
 - c. An instruction from Long Dat Dist HQ detailing certain tactics to counter Allied sweep operations.
 - d. An information note from PHAM VAN HA aka HAI HA (formerly CO D440) of Staff Office BA-LONG HQ dated 14 Dec 69, giving advice to all agencies on how to counter SAS/Ranger type operations in safe guarding base camps and caches.
 - e. An instruction from Long Dat Dist HQ dated 15 Jan 70 informing C25 Cave Coy that the Long Dat Dist HQ base was in a critical situation; and -
 - f. Two comprehensive nominal rolls of soldiers and cadre, including promotion and numerous commendation certificates, providing valuable ORBAT information.
2. High-lights from these docus are reproduced below:
 - a. During Feb - Mar 70 the VC should create a situation by the use of local and guerilla forces, that would enable them to combine with Main Force units to carry out attacks. This condition could be created by:
 - (1) Sapper raids, shellings, ambushes (e.g. firing at Allies to lure them into camouflaged minefields).
 - (2) Destroying Allied positions in towns, police posts, military barracks, roads and ambush pts in strategic hamlets.
 - (3) Destroying bridges on Route 23, 44 and 52, DINH CO hill and bunkers in DAT DO and by forcing the ARVN to disperse their forces.
3. Hamlet guerillas have been given the task of killing one ARVN soldier or a village/hamlet official every 3 months. Village guerillas are to interdict roads 3 times a month to cause 2-3 hour traffic jams.
4. Destroy:
 - a. Route 44 - from LONG HAI - the CONG HUYNH watch tower, and from CONG HUYNH to the THU LIJU 'T' junction, and from TAM PHUOC - LONG MY.
 - b. Route 23 - from BAU ONG DAN 'T' junction to LONG TOAN hamlet, and from CAU MOC to the PHUOC THANH slope.
 - c. Part of the road from PHUOC HAI village to AP CAU hamlet, and from AP CAU to CAU CUT (BO DAP bridge).
 - d. Route 52 - from CAU CUT to MA VOI, and from MA VOI to the CAO DAI temple.
 - e. Parts of the road to LONG TAN and XUYEN MOC.
5. Though the decisive battle to be waged was a long way off, extensive preparations should be undertaken by encouraging the people to undermine the pacification programme, consolidating their (VC) forces and show an overall general improvement.
6. PHUOC LOI, HOI MY and PHUOC HAI are to remove E-3 mines laid in old fences and stock a total of 20 mines per village. Bunkers are to be built in LONG MY, HOI MY, TAM PHUOC and AN NGAI. These projects were to be completed by 15 Feb 70.
7. Praise was due to the guerillas of PHUOC THANH and PHUOC HOA for destroying the fence of the strategic hamlet, bunkers on the western side of Route 52 and the southern side of Route 23 on nights 15 and 18 Jan 70.
8. Although the ARVN and Allies, created a favourable situation for us (VC) between 20 Dec 69 and 20 Jan 70 by their pre-occupation with the MAY TAOs and Route 1 we were still too weak to capitalise on the opportunity.

9. All units should refrain from using old familiar tracks and should cut new ones through the jungle, camouflaged from aerial observation as the Allies were using air observation to follow up tracks to base camps, caches etc. Pick-up points should also be changed regularly, particularly the one at ONG PHO dam, as the ARVN were aware of it.

10. SAS and Ranger ops have usually resulted in the loss of caches. They usually have them air struck on finding or ambush the caches and tracks leading to them with claymores and Jumping Jacks. They also drop mines into our camps by choppers. These methods cause us many casualties and you are exhorted by BA LONG Prov HQ to exercise more care.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 68-70
DATED 9 MAR 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
9 Mar 70	YS573895 to YS558903	1 well used foot track running NW to SE

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
082057H	YS395905	1 on stream

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
091015H-	YS653736	Maximum
091115H	YS646747	"
	YS625750	"
	YS623750	"
	YS621750	"
	YS652733	Strong
	YS647747	"
	YS618750	"
	YS649747	Minimum
	YS609742	"

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 69/70.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASCOT.
 - (a) (101315H) At YS 620755 and YS635775 elms of 8 RAR loc some hundreds of large empty holes varying in size up to 6' X 4' and 3-4' deep. Comment. Fresh tracks in the vicinity and the freshness of diggings could indicate caches have been retrieved. The area is being investigated.
 - (b) (101649H) At YS648607, 4pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 3-4 en moving SE, who on contact, wdr NW. Results: 1 en KIA(BC) 1 AK47 and 3 mags CIA. ~~see para 6.~~ see para 6. Comment: En not wearing packs or eqpt indicate scout gp or mov between nearby camps.
 - (2) AO BENDIGO.
 - (a) (101535H) At YS453537 elms of 8 RAR sighted 4 en who were engaged with morn with unk results.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b. c. d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 1
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - AK47.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Captured: 3 mags.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3) - (5) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA - 6 VC
 - (2) PW - Nil
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
 - (4) VCI - Nil
 - v (5) Individual Weapons - 7
 - (6) Crew Servered Weapons - Nil
 - (7) Rice Captured .63 tons.
 - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
 - (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
5. Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification Location and Movements.
 - a. The VC KIA at YS648607 was DO HUU NGHIA a member of C4/D445.

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7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/70 dated 10 Mar 70
9. and 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 68/70
 - (a) Para 11 f. (2) Amend items recovered to read" 200 ft of claymore wire, one RPG2 rd, Qty of SA ammo, two M16, one AK47, five M2 carbines, one Russian flag, qty of clothing, docus and a qty of mil eqpt. Also loc was one grave".
 - c. d. and e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (101140H) At YS 692629, A/S on en base camp. Results 2 bnks exposed
 - (2) (101405H) At YS652673, an RF soldier at the south gate(NP check point) XUYEN MOC detonated an M16 mine. Results: 1 VN WIA (evac)
 - (3) (101415H) At YS588857, A/S on bnks. Nil BDA.
 - (4) (101415H) At YS595858, A/S en base camp. Nil BDA.
 - (5) A Hoi Chanh TAOI BON rallied to DUC THANH sub sector 9 Mar was a member of BA LONG PROSELYTING SECT who have been working in BINH GIA area. Intg report will be issued when avail.
 - (6) A Hoi Chanh who rallied to HOA LONG 10 Mar was a member of a small production cell loc vic of YS236602, supplying LONG SON guerillas in the area with fresh seafoods. He states a sup pick up of that loc is expected on 13 Mar at high water. Details of intg avail at Sector HQ.
 - (7) Late Report. (9 Mar 70) At YS436512, RF loc 300 kilos of polished rice, qty of cloth and 3 kilos of fish in cans.

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Attachments

Annex A - Interrogation Reports.
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ANNEX A (INTG REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 69-70
DATED 10 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. Attached as Appendices I and II are intg reports for the fol:
 - a. TRAN VAN GAT.
 - b. VO VAN DEP.

APPENDIX I TO
ANNEX A TO TO 1 ATF
INTSUM NO 69-70
DATED 10 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
PV - TRAN VAN GAT

Biographical Data.

1. Name: TRAN VAN GAT.
Aka: Nil.
D/POB: 1944 TAN SON Village,
Address: As above.
Rank/Appt: Sect 2IC.
Unit: Admin (Resup Unit) K76 A.

Circumstances of Capture.

2. Capturing Unit: 6/B/6 RAR/NZ.
Date: 011115H Mar 70.
Location: YS550761.
Wpns and Docu: 1 x M2 carbine, 3 x mags, qty pers docus.

Exploited information.

3. Organisation K76 A.
 - a. Strength of staff approx 30.
 - b. Admin (Resup) Unit, strength 17, Wpns 1 x carbine, 3 x ~~CKC~~
Task - transport rice and foodstuffs from BAU BINH YT475030 and HILL CAY CAM (YS574632).
 - c. Protection Unit: Strength approx 18, Wpns 3 x AK, 2 x B40, remainder CKC. Task - protection of hosp and transportation duties when required.
4. Location of K76 A. Subject is unable to give any recent data as he was separated from his unit when the Australian forces attacked it on 15 Dec. Subject attempted to find his unit and was doing so when captured.
5. Other Units. Subject states that in Nov 69 K76 C Hosp was in the area of the MAY TAO's, other details not available.

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: VO VAN DEP

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. Name: VO VAN DEP
Aka: Nil
D/POB: 1945, TAN THANH, GO GONG
Address: As above
Rank/Appt: Squad Ldr
Unit: Protection Squad for Rear Svcs T7

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RETURN

2. a. Date: 23 Feb 70
b. Place: PHUOC BIEN, RF post PHU MY.
c. Wpns and Docus: Nil
d. Circumstances: Whilst going to bathe ran away and rallied to GVN
e. Reasons for Return: Dissatisfied with cadre in unit
Homesick
Found CHIEU HOI leaflets

EXPLOITED INFORMATION

3. Organisations

- a. Rear Svcs Companies of MR-7. The Rear Svcs Dept of MR-7 is a regimental size force divided into 12 coys numbering from C1 through to C12.
 - b. C1 operates in the area of the Entry/Exit point at THAI THIEN YS 2279 and provides Rear Svc support to 274 Regt and D67 Engr Bn.
 - c. C2 and C12 operate in the area of the Entry/Exit point at BINH SON YS 2293.
 - d. C3 possibly operates in the BINH TUY Province.
 - e. C5 operates in the area of the VIET CUONG Entry/Exit point YS 4488.
- It is unknown when the other companies operate or who they support.

4. C1 Company

- a. Strength: 60
- b. Wpns: 6 x B40 each 4 grens
Remainder AK's
7 Atk mines (CHICOM)
A number of M16E3 mines
- c. The company is divided into 3 platoons.

5. Responsibilities of C1 Coy. C1 is responsible for providing rice and food for 274 Regt and D67 Engr Bn. From Jul 69 until the present C1 has experienced difficulty in entering the PHUOC THAI villages (THAI THIEN) to buy rice and food due to allied ops but they expect to re-enter the villages when the allies withdraw.

6. Location of C1 Coy

- a. 1 Pl C1 is camped in the vicinity of YS 3075 alongside the SUOI BEN TAU.
- b. 2 Pl and 3 Pl C1 is camped in the SUOI BANG CU area (GR unknown).
- c. A description of the 1 Pl camp is available including a general idea of the minefield locations.

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7. Resupply Route of 1 Pl C1. The platoon normally departs from the base camp at YS3075 at 1600H, crosses the jungle to CAU VAT on the tank trail to THAI THIEN Village at about 2000H. They return by the same route.
8. Other Information.
 - a. About the beginning of Feb 70 the subject was told that one coy of D67 went to KHO XANH (location unknown), to transport ammunition.
 - b. The HQ and one coy of D67 Engineer Bn are thought to be camped in the SUOI BEN TAU area YS2975.
 - c. The subject on one occasion guided members of D67 Bn to Route 15 where they observed military vehicles using the road and at night used an infra-red scope to observe the activities of ARVN troops in the military posts.

S2 Comment

The information on the location of D67 Engineer Bn agrees with that of another engineer returnee, HUYNH DAN NHUAN, Sect 2IC of A6/B5/C24/D67, who returned on 7 Feb 70.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 69/70
dated 10 Mar 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTA</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
10100H	YS682880	Breather hole
	YS636875	Breather hole
	YS736886	One old bunker

2. 3. and 4, Omitted

5. APD (Sniper)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
101000H	YS710868	Maximum
	YS697876	Maximum
	YS727870	Maximum
	YS726886	Maximum
	YS682880	Maximum
	YS714860	Strong
	YS654860	Strong
	YS704876	Strong
	YS724886	Strong
	YS667890	Strong
YS704857	Minimum	

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 70/70.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO KURRAJONG.
 - (a) Late report (102345H) At YS479718 a ptl from 7 RAR contacted 2 to 3 en moving east. Results: en cas unknown, 1 Aust WIA.
 - (b) (111220H) At YS555678 B/7 RAR located a camp area consisting of 6 old wpn pits. Also located in the area was a track which showed signs of recent use.
 - (c) (111255H) At YS525692 A/7 RAR located a locally made pressure release mine, 3 ft from the edge of a track. Mine was destroyed by engineers elements operating with A Coy.
 - (2) AO BENDIGO.
 - (a) (110940H) At YS446545 9/C/8 RAR contacted 4 enemy. 9 Pl initiated contact and the enemy withdrew SE. Mortars were used in support which resulted in 1 secondary explosion (poss M16 mine) and a further 14 enemy appeared and withdrew to the fire trail at YS452536 and headed south. Mortars engaged the area and the enemy then headed NE and disappeared into the jungle. Results: enemy cas unknown, nil friendly casualties. Comment: Local guerillas and possibly an elm of LONG DAT Dist still remain in this area.
 - (b) (111850H) Elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc an east - west track from YS463480 to YS470480.
 - (c) (111930H) At YS446543 elms of 8 RAR loc a water point.
 - (3) AO ASCOT.
 - (a) (11 Mar 70) Further to INTSUM 69/70 para 3.a.(1)(a) B/6 RAR/NZ conducted a sweep of one reported area at YS634775 and located 100 freshly dug holes 4 ft x 18" x 3 ft deep (approx 6 holes were 7 ft deep). Tracks in the area indicate recent en movement, direction of movement unknown, however one track indicated a gp of 7 VC moved NW to SE within last 48 hrs. Comment: It is very likely that this is a cache area. It cannot yet be ascertained whether stores have been removed from the area or had been placed; the latter is more likely. A further similar area remains to be investigated at YS620755.
 - (4) Other Areas.
 - (a) Late report (102343H) A ptl from 6 RAR at YS462672 heard a series of single shots followed by a burst of automatic weapon fire at approx YS480678. The area was engaged by arty with unknown results.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a-e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month.
 - (1) KIA - 6 VC
 - (2) - (4+ Omitted
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 7
 - (6) Omitted
 - (7) Rice Captured - 0.63 tons
 - (8)(9) Omitted
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

1 at YS525692

(2) Omitted

6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/70 dated 10 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 69/70 para 3.a.(1)(a) delete "elms of 8 RAR" and insert "elms of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt."

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (101340H) At YS464515 124 and 578 RF Coys located a small cave complex. Recovered were: 1 claymore firing device, 32xAK47 rds, 1x AK47 cleaning kit, 1xM33 white phosphorus command detonated mine, and 1 anti tank mine without fuse.

(2) Late Report (101340H) At YS464511 124 and 578 RF Coys located a bunker system consisting of 8 bunkers which appeared to have been used as a hospital. Recovered were: 300 kilos of rice and 5 kilos of fish. Comment: This is in the base area of HQ LONG DAT District.

(3) Late Report (10 Mar 70) At YS463507 124 and 578 RF Coys located a qty of docus (of no exploitable value) and 2 servicable explosive charges.

(4) (111420H) At YS595858 two airstrikes were conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 4 huts destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 2 huts exposed and 5 bunkers exposed.

(5) (111532H) NGUYEN VAN LOI a member of NGAI GIAO Guerilla Unit rallied to Duc Thanh (YS4678). 1xAK47 returned. Intg still to be carried out.

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Attachments:

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF INTSUM No
70-70 dated 11 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
HOI CHANH : LE VAN HAI

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: LE VAN HAI
- b. D/POB: 1931, ONG LUU, LONG SON.
- c. Unit: LONG SON Production Cell.
- d. Date joined VC: Mar 67

Circumstances of Return

2. Receiving Unit: 12 PF P1
Date: 10 Mar 70
Location: LONG SON
Reasons for Return: Afraid of being killed
Tired of being hunted by GVN forces

Exploited Information

3. a. Subject was a member of LONG SON crab production cell of 3 members.
 - b. Other members were: (1) THAI VAN NAM aka LEO, DOB - 1935.
(2) NGUYEN VAN DUC aka LUN, DOB - 1945.
 - c. Loc of cell is in a black 3 metre long sampan at YS 235603, HANG NHU GIUA.
 - d. They have no wpns or early warning systems.
 - e. Every 4th day guerillas pick up crabs from the cell. One unarmed VC moves by sampan up to the cell area whilst the others stay back. The last visit was on 9th Mar and the next is due 13 Mar.
 - f. If the cell move it will probably be to the vicinity of YS 235558.
 - g. The subject moved to the present loc approx one year ago from the area of the jungle to the east of hill 84 LONG SON where some of the base camps are.
 - h. Personalities
 - (1). CHIEN, DOB 1930, carries a pistol, guerilla chief, family live near LONG SON market.
 - (2). HAI DUONG, runner, DOB 1940.
4. Subject is now at CHIEU HOI CENTRE.

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUS)

TO 1 ATF INTSUM No

70-70 dated 11 Mar 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS REPORT

1. Docus captured by 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ at 080910H at YS 517671 included the fol:
 - a. An envelope addressed to MINH CONG, a member of C1/D445, undated and signed by HONG DUNG of the Province Aslt Youth Gp.
 - b. A medical supply list mentioning units C6 and C8 of D440, unsigned and undated.
 - c. A personal letter signed by MINH QUANG of C2/D445.
 - d. A note belonging to SAU THAO of the PW camp unit, signed by THAO and dated 28 Feb 70.

2. Docus captured by C Coy 6 RAR/NZ at 071700H at YS 548659 included the fol:
 - a. A task register for F25B (unknown unit) containing tasks for Training and Propaganda, Information, Womens, Protection and Correspondence Sections for Dec 69 to Jan 70.
 - b. An envelope addressed to LBN 165/3245A (Security Section BA LONG HQ) from THUONG of A180 (LONG DAT District HQ).

3. Docus captured by 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ at 081005H at YS 517668 included the fol:
 - a. A food and med sup list containing the names of LE THANG B1/C1/D445 and THAM Province Mil Med Sect dated 3rd or 13th Nov 69.
 - b. A personal letter addressed to CHINH (unit unknown) dated 13 Nov 69.

4. A CDEC readout shows that docus captured by B Coy 8 RAR on 28 Feb 70 at YS 453536 included a letter from the Central Committee of the Vietnamese Peoples Revolutionary Party Committee calling on all cadre and members of units to fight hard and make sacrifices as the RVNAF is in imminent danger of collapse as the Americans withdraw from SVN.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 70/70
dated 11 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
111430H	YS625907	Old camp consisting of 3 to 4 bunkers.
	YS600910	A well used east/west track. Track runs approx along to YS650910 91 northing.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity. DTG 110400H Mar 70:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
YS609891	4 near stream	YS714808	1 near road
YS640893	1 " "	YS741831	1 near stream
YS639881	1 in woods	YS753826	2 on road
YS663862	1 " "	YS778827	5 near woods
YS677819	7 " "	YS784824	2 " "
YS618794	1 " "	YS782801	1 near trail
YS618711	5 " "	YS719766	1 in open
YS641729	3 " "	YS727756	1 near stream
YS670720	5 near road	YS724728	2 " "
YS677785	5 in woods	YS730742	1 " "
YS603616	1 near stream	YS754790	3 in woods
YS607630	5 in woods	YS759753	5 near stream
YS612631	1 " "	YS782772	2 in woods
YS619606	2 in ricefield	YS785709	1 " "
YS618646	1 near road	YS791798	2 " "
YS622658	1 near trail	YS803780	2 near trail
YS629611	5 in ricefield	YS804764	8 in woods near a trail junction
YS632619	1 near stream	YS706617	4 in woods
YS643666	1 in open	YS719626	1 " "
YS663662	4 in woods	YS723615	1 on coast
YS662606	1 " "	YS731634	7 in woods
YS699623	1 " "	YS774650	1 " "
		YS760697	1 in open

4-5. Omitted

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 71-70.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASCOT

(a) Late Report (11 Mar 70) At YS634775, B/6 RAR/NZ found a body, believed to have been killed by arty 2-3 weeks ago.

(2) AO KURRAJONG

(a) (121305H) At YS515706, 3/A/7RAR contacted one en moving north. Results: En cas unknown, nil friendly casualties.

(b) (121340H) At YS561679, B/7RAR located a camp area consisting of two huts, four bunkers and three sentry posts. Bunkers had three to five feet of OHP. System was last used approx three months ago.

(c) (121440H) At YS562679, B/7RAR located a bunker system 150m x 150m consisting of ten, two man bunkers, three early warning pits. System last used four months ago although camp fire had been used in last two weeks. Bunkers destroyed

(d) (121850H) At YS519639, 1/A/7RAR sighted two en who headed SW and NE.

(e) (122107H) At YS517699, 1/A/7RAR sighted lights approaching their location.

(3) AO BENDIGO

(a) (121155H) At YS447534, LCT from 17 Const Sqn located a bunker system consisting of 20 x 2 man bunkers with sleeping bays. Recovered were: Six blast grenades, one RPG2 rocket, a small qty of docus, a qty of cooking equip, a qty of clothing and four M16 mags.

(b) (121500H) At YS447537, LCT from 17 Const Sqn located a bunker with cement OHC. Recovered were: Cooking equip, clothing, docus and a belt of M60 ammo.

(4) OTHER AREAS

(a) (120930H) At YS272563, D & E Pl reported that a hel carrying out a VR received an unknown amount of AK fire. A ptl failed to loc en and arty engaged the area. Comment: This is in the vicinity of bunkers reported by 637 PF Coy at 111400H at YS271563 and YS273567 where blood trails, presumably old, were found, and cooking eqpt recovered.

(b) (121915H) At YS800690, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted five VN in a sampan which withdrew SE; no known casualties.

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>
120930H	YS272563	Unk	AK(SA)	Nil	Arty	One bkr dest.

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 - 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

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c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Qty of cooking equip, qty clothing, four M16 mags, belt of M60 SA ammo.

(b) Destroyed: Six blast grens, one RPG2 rocket.

(3).(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 7 VC

(2).(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 7

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured 0.63 Tons.

(8).(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

AP MINES: 1 x AP at YS442889 detonated by a truck from 199 LIB.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10-70 dated 10 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (111400H) At YS267564, 637 RF Coy located three heavy blood trails which led to a bunker system at YS271563 and YS273567. Recovered were: Cooking utensils and water containers.

(2) Late Report (111530H) At YS476516, sector elms were engaged by three to five VC. Arty engaged the area with unknown results.

(3) Late Report (112108H) At YS440596, 49 PF Pl contacted three to four VC who approached their AP. Results: En cas unknown, nil friendly cas.

(4) (121120H) At YS442889, a truck from 199 LIB detonated an AP mine. Results: Nil damage or cas.

(5) (121125H) At YS596857, an A/S was conducted, which resulted in one bunker destroyed, one hut destroyed.

(6) (121300H) At YS484912, elms of 199 LIB located one RPG2 rd, two full M16 mags, one pair of US hair clippers, and a bag of assorted SA ammo. The area appeared to be an OP.

(7) (121410H) A Hoi Chanh rallied to DUC THANH Sub Sector. Name: NGUYEN THI HONG. Unit: CHAU DUC District Orderly Rm. Location: YS415848 (to 11 Mar 70). Intg report to follow.

(8) (121433H) At YS710809, an A/S was conducted. Results: Five bunkers exposed and damaged.

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(9) Airstrikes were made at YS693614, YS710809, YS805695 on known en
bunkers.

[Handwritten Signature]
(N.F. GRAHAM)

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 71-70
dated 12 Mar 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
12 Mar 70	YS272562	A number of bunkers in good condition.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haae Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
12 Mar 70	YS600853	4 near stream			
"	YS658861	1 in open	12 Mar 70	YS750805	2 near trail
"	YS640894	1 near stream	"	YS759801	1 near trail
"	YS696892	2 in open	"	YS770801	1 near trail
"	YS622757	1 near stream	"	YS773804	4 in woods
"	YS672712	3 on road	"	YS712739	1 in open
"	YS595655	1 near stream	"	YS720738	1 in open
"	YS599613	5 in woods	"	YS736777	1 near trail
"	YS602611	1 near stream	"	YS739795	1 near trail
"	YS609629	3 in woods	"	YS749799	3 in woods
"	YS615659	1 in woods	"	YS750771	1 in woods
"	YS632596	1 in woods	"	YS751777	5 in woods
"	YS666666	3 in woods	"	YS759799	2 near trail
"	YS663609	1 in woods	"	YS787764	3 in woods
"	YS686602	1 in woods	"	YS785791	1 in woods
"	YS690630	3 in woods	"	YS789789	3 in woods
"	YS699618	2 in woods	"	YS790788	1 in woods
"	YS672672	6 near stream	"	YS786764	3 in woods
"	YS770839	4 in woods	"	YS774713	1 in woods
"	YS749831	1 in open	"	YS787710	1 near stream
"	YS750826	1 near stream	"	YS710638	1 in woods
"	YS750823	1 near trail	"	YS714633	2 in woods
"	YS774824	1 in woods	"	YS719635	1 in woods
"	YS783818	1 near trail	"	YS760690	1 in woods
"	YS749807	1 in woods	"	YS764694	1 in open

4.5. Omitted.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION
REPORTS) to 1 ATF
INTSUM No 71-70 dated
12 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. Attached as Appendices I and II are interrogation reports for the fol:
- a. NGUYEN VAN LOI
 - b. LAI BON

APPENDIX I to
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION
REPORTS) to 1 ATF INTSUM
No 71-70 dated 12 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE : NGUYEN VAN LOI

Biographical Data

1.
 - a. Name: NGUYEN VAN LOI
 - b. Aka: Nil
 - c. D/POB: 1943, AN HOA, KIEN HOA, BEN TRE.
 - d. Address: Slope 30, NGAI GIAO, DUC THANH
 - e. Rank/Appt: Ex guerilla.
 - f. Unit: NGAI GIAO Guerilla Unit

Circumstances of Return

2.
 - a. Receiving unit: DUC THANH Police Post
 - b. Date: 11 Mar 70
 - c. Location: DUC THANH
 - d. Wpns and Docus: Ak

Exploited Information

3. Allied ops in Jul 69 in the CHAU LAC area forced the subject to join with LANG (BA LONG Liaison Section) and CO and KINH (Province Mil Branch) and went to their base camp at YS 445845. Allied ops in Mar 70 forced them to flee to XUAN SON (YS 554773) where the subject stayed until he rallied to the GVN.
4. Subject does not know the present locations of any other VC units.
5. During the period between Dec 69 and Jan 70 subject often saw VC units going to CHAU LAC, VIET CUONG and BA CUI plantations to buy/collect rice and food. The VC contact for buying food at CHAU LAC plantation is the foreman (name unknown) a NVN aged about 45 yrs.
6. Subject once hid at YS 475822 with three other persons who were from the Province Mil Section. At this loc there is an L shaped tunnel 2m x 2m reinforced by wood and camouflaged. There are no mines in the area.
7. The subject has been living as an illegal resident for the last 7 months and so has little formal information on the VC.

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APPENDIX II TO
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF INTSUM
No 71-70 dated 12 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE : LAI BON

Biographical Data

1. a. Name : LAI BON
- b. Aka : BON BINH
- c. D/POB : 1920, DIEN HONG, DIEN CHAU, NGHE AN, NVN
- d. Address : HAI village, BINH GIA, DUC THANH
- e. Rank/Appt : Refugee Proselyting Cadre
- f. Unit : BA LONG Province Liberation Section

Circumstances of Return

2. Receiving Unit : DUC THANH Sub Sector
- Date : 9 Mar 70
- Location : BINH GIA village, DUC THANH
- Wpns and Docus : One K54 plus one magazine
- Reasons : a. Did not like the work in the Proselyting Sect
- b. Returned to GVN to practise his religion
(Subject is a Catholic)

Exploited Information

4. BA LONG Province HQ
 - a. Jan to Jul 69. Located in RA NHI jungle area YS 570880.
 - b. Jul to Oct 69. Located in MAY TAO Secret Zone (Bounded by YS 7192, YS 7190, YS 7392 and YS 7390).
 - c. Oct 69 to Mar 70. Subject has heard that the Political Front Section had moved to an area in the BINH CHAU jungle (Area YS 7968).
5. CHAU DUC District
 - a. Subject has no information on the CHAU DUC District HQ.
 - b. BINH GIA Village Unit. This unit has not been in existence since the VC allowed the Party Chapter Secretary SON and the Village Unit Comd TRACH to go back to their families in LONG TAN on 2 Dec 69.
6. a. QUANG GIAO Village Party Chapter
 - (1). Strength: 7
 - (2). Wpns: One carbineb. QUANG GIAO Village Unit
 - (1). Strength: 3
 - (2). Wpns: Two Garrands
One SKS
 - (3). Location: Mobile in XUAN SON jungle area. (Note Comd of QUANG GIAO Guerillas "BE" KIA at 081035H Mar 70 at YS 522789 by Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ).
7. Agents. Subject stated that the VC had not been able to organise any agents in BINH GIA due to the people resisting all efforts.
8. The subject has only received orders concerning the BINH GIA unit since Oct 69 therefore knew nothing of provincial future plans.

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APPENDIX III to
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION
REPORTS) to 1 ATF INTSUM
No 71-70 dated 12 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RALLIER: GUYEN THI HOWE (FEMALE)

Unit

1. Cook, CHAU DUC Dist Committee Orderly Room.

Return

2. To DUONG CUNG, NGAI GIAO (DUC THANH Sub Sector). Escaped 10 Mar from base area YS415848 and reported GVN south of NGAI GIAO 120700H.

Exploited Information

3.
 - a. CHAU DUC DIST CTEE and DIST UNIT incl orderly room, finance and economy, proselyting sect, trg and protection cell total about 60 persons. From Dec 69 until 27 Feb 70 these were loc at GIENG Base area YS335732. Other agencies were basec within 5-10 mins walk from the Dist CTEE, the DIST UNIT being loc at YS344738. The subj believes they are still loc here.
 - b. The protection cell has 10 members with wpns incl 1 x AK47, 5 x SKS, 1 x Garand, 3 x K44. No mines known.
 - c. Ptls during the day are 300m out between 0900-1000 normally as clearing ptls, but more ptls are made if en are suspected. Ni sentries are posted.
 - d. At the DIST CTEE Base there are 10 x T shaped bunkers. HQ is in the centre, the outer perimeter bunkers being 5-10 mins walk from the centre.
 - e. In case of attack, the protection elm fights a delaying action while the remainder wdr some 400-500 metres.
 - f. There is a base called TRE Base at YS415848 belonging to the DIST CTEE where ther are 13 pers incl 8 females (where the subject worked). Pers have 3 x SKS and 2 x Garands. All go out on duties daily between 0800-1000 hrs; subject does not know where they go.

S2 Comment: The elms mentioned constitute the HQ CHAU DUC DIST and CHAU DUC DIST CTEE. The DIST UNIT mentioned is comprised of admin elms of the HQ. The DIST coy C41 (about 60 strong) has not yet been ack by the subj; and does not appear to be known. Recent sightings of en in the NUI-DINH and CHAU PHA valley indicate C41 has returned to the southern area after leaving as a result of 2 Bde/1 Div ops some weeks ago. The areas indicated by the subject are in gen areas known to be used by CHAU DUC and info is probably reliable. However, grid refs have been arrived at by ground description only.

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUS)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 71-70
dated 12 Mar 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENT REPORTS

1. Docus captured by D Coy 6 RAR/NZ at YS 616618 on 8 Mar 70 include the fol:

a. A report from C1 or C2 of D445 for the period to 5 Jan 70, giving the VC situation and tasks.

(1). Situation. The VC are experiencing difficulties obtaining food and have no medicines to treat sickness.

(2). Tasks. Units are to pay attention to the fol points:

(a). Resisting the tendency to CHIEU HOI.

(b). Praise the spirit of self sufficiency.

(c). To try and stay in the areas where en(allied) forces are conducting ops.

(d). To ensure that all units have an alternate base area prepared.

b. A letter from THANH (possibly of C1) to the HQ of C1 D445 stating that the en (allied forces) had used helicopters to take tps from TRANG BUNG (literally "a clearing", possibly a VC name for a specific clearing) about 10 minutes from the C2 base camp. THANH proposed that the HQ of C1 should move to the base camp of C2 and K8 (probably C2 D445 and C8 D440).

2. Docus captured by 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR at 101700H Mar 70 at YS 648607 include the fol:

a. Personal docus and certificates belonging to DO HUU NGHIA (KIA in this contact).

b. A wpns statement and nominal roll for 1 Pl (unknown coy).

c. A letter from TU OANH (possibly Bn 2IC D445) to HOA and THAN (possibly D445), undated. Letter gives details of action to be carried out if ARVN or allied tps move into the DA DO rte area. (DA DO is a local name for Rte 328 south of Rte 23). Letter mentions a shortage of rice in the area and gives a warning not to disseminate this knowledge. They are told that the en (allied forces) are in the BA TO area (YS 626650 and YS 626630) with the Armd vehicles and to be ready to fight.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 72/70.
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 6 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO KURRAJONG.

- (a) (131320H) At YS527695 1/A/7 RAR located a camp area consisting of 1 well and 9 shallow wpn pits. Recovered were: 1 British Cig pkt with Laotian Customs markings. Located in the area were 1 week old footprints moving SE to NW.
- (b) (131536H) At YS552679 4/B/7 RAR contacted 1 enemy dressed in black who wdr West. 1 Aust slightly WIA.
- (c) (131815H) At YS563682 4/B/7 RAR engaged 3 enemy who withdrew West. No known cas. Nil friendly cas.
- (d) (131910H) At YS488730 A/7 RAR heard small arms fire at a range of approx 3000M on a bearing of 5100 mils.
- (e) (132045H) At YS527762 3/2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged with MG fire unk no of voices and suspected movement.
- (f) (132032H) At YS541713 9/C/7 RAR engaged unk number of en moving in front of their position with unk results. Nil friendly cas.
- (g) (132230H) At YS541713 9/C/7 RAR contacted en crawling towards their position. 1 Aust WIA.

(2) AO BENDIGO.

- (a) (131524H) At YS451538 elms of 17 Const Sqn LCT detonated a mine consisting of 30-40 lbs of explosive. Results: nil friendly cas, 1xD8 bulldozer damaged.

(3) AO ASCOT.

- (a) (131355H) At YS707650 12/D/8 RAR located a camp site which had been used 1 week ago.
- (b) Late Report (122230H to 122400H) Elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted lights on wreck at YS794668.

(4) Other Areas.

- (a) (131918H) At YS379635 C/8 RAR contacted 2 enemy, possibly more, dressed in black carrying weapons. They were moving S down a track and withdrew West when engaged.

b. Air Activity.

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

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 7 VC
- (2)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 7
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured.- 0.63 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

- (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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AT MINES

AP MINES

1 AT mine at YS451538 by LCT. 1 AP mine at YS427637.

(2) Omitted.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/70 dated 10 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

(1) Ref INTSUM 71/70, Appendix III to Annex A, ammend to read NGUYEN THI HONG.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(a) Late report (122215H) An A/S was conducted at YS688625 which resulted in 3 bunkers destroyed, 5-6 huts damaged and several bunkers exposed.

(b) (131142H, 131159H and 131214H) Three A/S were conducted at YS663857. Nil BDA.

(c) (131915H) A returnee named DO THI NAM from C/25, rallied to the RDC team at HOI MY. (Report to follow).

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Attachment: Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 72/70
dated 13 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
131330H	YS412834	One bunker partly hidden by canopy with recent trail activity.
to 131630H	YS423860	Approx 50 tunnel entrances, fox holes and bunkers. Appear to be old.
	YS428855	Between grids 2 well used foot trails running along stream.
	to YS400825	
131900H		Tracks for 30-40 pers from YS723663 going NE to YS770740 where they dispersed and were lost. Tracks probably up to 24 hrs old. <u>Comment:</u> Probably one coy of D445 moving out. It may be suspected that other coys will follow or have already wdr.

2.3. Omitted

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
122400H	YS370550	1 on road

5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 73/70
- 2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Mar 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

1. AO KURRAJONG.

(a) (141620H) at YS567678, elms of 7 RAR located a camp area consisting of 2 bnks and 1 sentry post. The system was last used 3-4 months ago although a track in area showed signs of use by 2-3 people heading West to East one week ago. Recovered were: 2 bush hats, a qty of clothing and old cooking gear.

(b) (140450H) at YS 563683, B Coy 7 RAR contacted one en with unk results. After initial contact torches were seen and the area was engaged by arty with unk results.

2. AO ASCOT.

(a) (141640H) at YS664599 elms of 8 RAR located an area 110m X 20m which consisted of 9 bnks (one being CP). Area could afford good protection from air, ground and naval fire. Last used 5-7 days ago.

3. Other Areas.

(a) (141000H) at YS432684 a clearing ptl from 7 RAR located fresh tracks.

(b) Late Report, (132210H) at YS442692 elms of 7 RAR reported sighting 3 people and lights. Mortars engaged the area which resulted in lights being extinguished.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

1. 2. and 3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
140155H	YS360520	1 on road.

5. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. b. c. and d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. Quantity of clothing, old cooking utensiles.

(b) Omitted

(3) (4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 7 VC
- (2) PW - NIL
- (3) Hoi Chanh - NIL
- (4) VCI - NIL
- (5) Individual Weapons - 7
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - NIL

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- (7) Rice Captured 0.63 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - NIL
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - NIL

5. 6. and 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/70 dated 10 Mar 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. b. c. d. and e. Omitted.

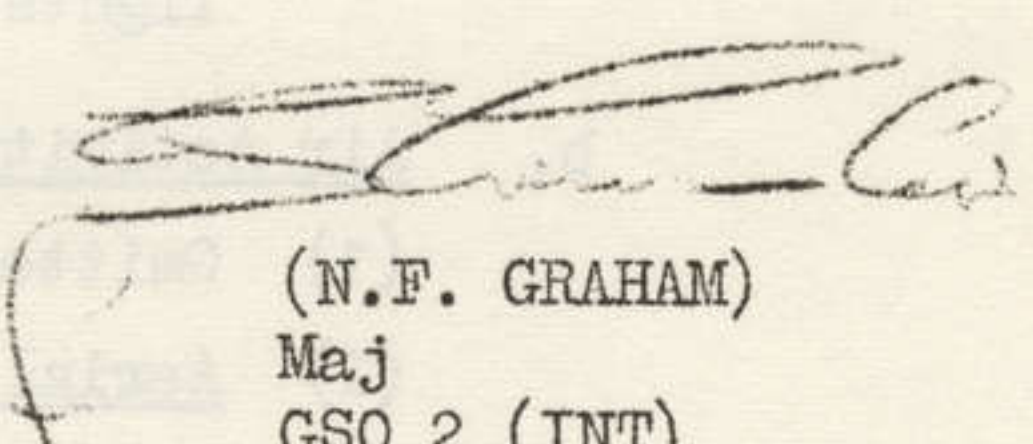
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (141210H) at YS711809 an air strike was conducted on an en base camp. Results: 2 bnks damaged.

(2) (141410H) at YS596857 an air strike was conducted on an en base camp. Results: one bnk exposed.

(3) (141555H) at YS271563 an air strike was conducted on an en base camp. Results: 2 wpn posns destroyed, 3 uncovered, one bnk damaged.

(4) (141710H) at YS711809 an air strike was conducted on an enbase camp. Results: 3 bnks destroyed.


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Sector S2

1. 1 st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 74-70
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ASCOT

- (a) (150800H) At YS617620, 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc 12 bunkers capable of accommodating a pl of en. Bunkers had one ft OHC and were approx 6-12 months old.
- (b) (150810H) At YS676602, 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc a 750 lb bomb which was destroyed.
- (c) (150820H) At YS683617, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR loc 4 bunkers. All were well camouflaged and recently const.
- (d) (150740H) At YS683619, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR loc six bunkers with 1-2 ft OHC. Bunkers were well camouflaged and occupied in the last five days. All to be destroyed on 16 Mar 70.
- (e) (152053H) In vic of YS610695, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 8 RAR sighted and engaged lights with unknown results.

(2) AO KURRAJONG

- (a) (151309H) At YS516710, A Coy 7 RAR loc a rest area last used 3-7 days ago. Recovered were: Misc items and a small qty of cooked rice.
- (b) (151650H) At YS566765, YS567766 and YS564764, Atk Pl 7 RAR loc three empty rice storage huts.
- (c) (151832H) At YS547781, elms of 7 RAR loc an old grave containing a body approx 4-5 months old.

(3) AO BENDIGO. (151650H) At YS453544, elms of LCT loc a body approx two weeks old.

(4) Other Areas

- (a) (141955H) At YS272563, D & E Pl engaged one VC who detonated a trip flare with unknown results. Nil friendly casualties.
- (b) (141045H) At YS435683, a ptl from 7 RAR detained six females, two of whom had no ID Cards. They were later released as innocent civilians.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance: Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
150400H	YS376634	One omission in open
	YS374637	One omission on trail
	YS372667	One omission near mountain
	YS374668	One omission near mountain
	YS377669	One omission near mountain

Sector elms moved into this area at about 151000H

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 - 1 VC

c. Detainees

(1) Omitted

(2) Innocent Civilians - 6

d. Omitted.

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Captured: Pieces of paper, bottle of olive green scent.
- (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
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YS516710	Rice	Small	Unknown
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f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA - 8 VC
- (2)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual weapons - 7
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice captured - 0.63 tons

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces: AP Mines - 2 at YS447533 by LCT. 1 at YS666604.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
151010H	YS666604	Poss M16	Four Aust WIA
151500H	Vic of YS495617	M16	One Aust WIA
151620H	Vic of YS495617	M16	One Aust WIA

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10-70 dated 10 Mar 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 73-70 para 3.a.(2)(a) delete '110m x 20m' and insert 300m x 20m', delete '9 bunkers' and insert 13 pits.

c-e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (150140H) At YS382620, the A & L compound at Baria received six to eight 82mm mor rds and SA fire. Results: En casualties unknown. Three civilians and one RF WIA (two civilians and RF soldier evac).

(2) (150600H) At YS420643, Sector reports that propaganda slogans carrying an anti FVMAF and freedom theme was painted on the walls in the dispensary in AP DONG hamlet HOA LONG village. The slogans were painted over by PF/NP.

(3) (151120H) At YS753804, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed.


(4) (151410H) At YS466519, 189 RF Coy loc a large natural cave approx 300 metres long which had been used by an est en pl approx two weeks ago. Destroyed were: Misc clothing, one pr of U/S boots, cooking utensils and five sheets of tin.

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(5) (151412H) At YS711807, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.


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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Reports

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INTERROGATION REPORT RETURNEE: DO THI NAM

General

1. The subject, a member of 4 Pl C25 Concentrated Coy Long Dat District rallied on 131900H Mar 70 whilst on a rice collection mission to PHUOC HOA LONG.

Exploited Information

2. From Mar - Dec 69, C25 was located at the CHUA DA VANG base (approx YS458568). Due to the presence of Allied troops, 4 Pl C25 was ordered to Region I near the SONG RAI. On 12 Mar 70, the pl was ordered to return to the DA VANG base. DO THI NAM does not know the whereabouts of the remainder of C25.

3. She has heard that there is a rice cache in a cave at HON VUNG mountain (approx YS476515) in which she believes that there are also rifles.

4. At the DA VANG base there are about 50-60 bunkers 4 metres by 2 metres. During times when the Allies are sweeping, M16 mines are laid outside the base but are removed when the Allies leave.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 75/70.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Mar 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASCOT.
 - (a) Late Report (152220H) At YS770678 Shadow ac sighted and engaged lights with unknown results.
 - (b) (160830H) At YS712612, YS755611 and YS722612 sampans were sighted. S2 Comment: It is probable that local fishermen are op within the 500 metre limit but some sup activity might also be involved.
 - (c) (160850H) At YS687626 7/C/8 RAR located an old Aust posn that had rubbish pits dug up by en approx 2 weeks ago.
 - (d) (160835H) In the vicinity of square YS7261 VR reported 2 sets of footprints on beach heading inland. Comment: probably local fishermen.
 - (e) (160930H) At YS705610 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located footprints of 6 persons on beach heading inland.
 - (f) (161530H) At YS686629 7/C/8 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 24 x3 man pits and an unknown number of tin and bark huts. Recovered were: 1xThompson SMG, 1xSKS, 1xM1 carbine (all in unservicable condition), 1xclaymore mine, qty of fishing gear, a qty of docus, qty of SA ammo and cooking utensils. System was last used 4 days ago.
 - (g) (161530H) At YS693619 9/C/8 RAR located an overnight sleeping area for 10 people. Area had been used 24 hours prior to entry. Also located was a nearby water point.
 - (2) AO KURRAJONG.
 - (a) (161421H) At YS537737 7/C/7 RAR contacted 6 en who wdr SE with unk results.
 - (b) (162025H) At YS579779 12/D/7 RAR contacted 2 en with Unk results.
 - (c) (162103H) At YS533725 9/C/7 RAR contacted 1 en moving south along creek line with unk results.
 - (3) AO BENDIGO.
 - (a) (161610H) At YS453544 17 Const Sqn LCT located a bunker system consisting of 10 bunkers with OHC. A small qty of mixed items were recovered. Last used 6 weeks ago. Bunkers now being filled in.
 - (4) Other Areas.
 - (a) (161905H) At YS437692 elms of 7 RAR sighted an unarmed man dressed in black with a dog, running E to W across Route 2.
 - 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 - 2 VC
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b-d Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 3
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - 1xThompson SMG, 1xSKS, 1xM1 carbine.

- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured. 1xclaymore mine, qty fishing gear, qty docus, qty SA ammo, qty cooking utensils.
 - (b) Omitted.
- (3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 10 VC
- (2)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 10
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.63 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS.</u>
160840H	YS452539	AT	2 Aust WIA, 1 APC damaged.
160850H	YS452539	M16	
161250H	YS462540 (at cave entrance)	Unk	--
161312H	YS677637	Chicom claymore	--
161345H	YS448727	60mm mortar booby trap	--
	YS447725	Claymore	--

(2). Omitted.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/70 dated 10 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

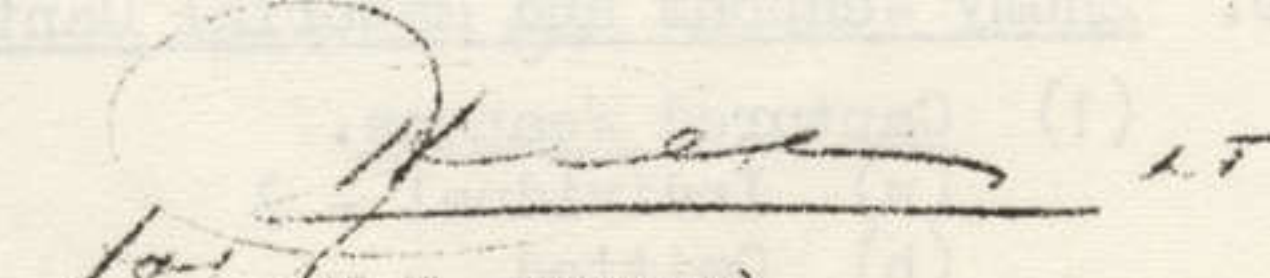
b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 72/70, para 3.a.(4) delete "C/8 RAR" and insert " a base area ptl from 8 RAR".

c-e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (161115H) At YS283555 Bushrangers 71 and 72 engaged occupied bunker system. Six to seven VC departed to the south. Misc eqpt recovered. Comment: Probably LONG SON guerilla unit.
- (2) (161300H) A/S at YS283555. BDA four bunkers destroyed.
- (3) (161128H) A/S at YS731852 BDA two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exp, and 20 metres trench exposed.
- (4) (161445H) A/S at YS706835 BDA 4 military structures destroyed and 3 damaged.
- (5) (161610H) A/S at YS706835 BDA unknown.
- (6) (161842H) At YS486584 a tunnel and bunker system was uncovered in the back yard of a house. Found were a qty of docus, clothes and med supplies. One woman has been detained for interrogation.


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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 75/70
dated 16 Mar 70.

1. Omitted.
2. Omitted.
3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
160340H to 160450H	YS672665	3 near road.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
152200H	YS470805	1 in open

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 76/70.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements,

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ASCOT.

(a) (170430H) At YS681577 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted and engaged a sampan 200-300m from beach. Results unknown.

(b) (170858H) At YS717682 10/D/8 RAR loc tracks of approx 20 persons moving north 7-14 days ago. Also loc were tracks of 2-3 people mov north 2-3 days ago.

(c) (171247H) At YS682629 7 & 8/C/8 RAR loc a bunker system consisting of 30x3 man bunkers with 1½' OHP. The camp had been used 5-7 days ago and appeared to have been recently built. Recovered were: 1 rice crusher with cradle (destroyed), 500lb rice, 3 AK47 mags, 35 rds AK47 ammo, and a qty of clothing. Comment: Probably occupied recently by elms of D445.

(2) AO KURRAJONG.

(a) (171100H) At YS569707 elms of 7 RAR loc a bunker system consisting of 6 bunkers and 2 wpn pits with 2' OHC. Wpn pits had been used as an overnight rest area 7 days ago. Comment: Tracks indicating mov north by a party of approx 20 were loc in this vicinity by 6 RAR on 2 Mar possibly a fwd HQ of BA LONG.

(b) (171530H) At YS462716 elms of 7 RAR loc a no of suspected mines, being investigated.

(c) (171940H) At YS544740 7/C/7 RAR contacted an unknown no of enemy with unknown results.

(d) (172025H) At YS544740 7/C/7 RAR contacted an unknown no of enemy with unknown results. Cas believed inflicted, search to be made at first light.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (171151H) At YS460595 (ANNHUT) Bushranger 72 while returning from the LONG HAI's received what appeared to be 2 rds SA fire from within AN NHUT.

(b) (171537H) At YS776687 elms of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a bunker and cache, recovered were: no of ID cards, qty exercise books containing med notes and religious matters, qty reading material, qty clothing, penicillin powder, small qty powder, 1 packet of gun powder, 2 syringes, 10 rds SA ammo, 2 bottles medicine. Also loc an old grave.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CG-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESponce</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
171151H	YS4659	Unk	SA	Nil	Nil	Nil.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 3xAK47 mags, 35 AK47 rds, qty clothing, qty med sups, qty docus, qty gun powder.

(b) Destroyed. Rice crusher and cradle.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS682629	Rice	500lbs	Unk.

(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 10 VC
- (2)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 10
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.03 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/70 dated 17 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (162200H) At YS5057 10 VC took part in propaganda meeting with an anti-election and anti-PSDF theme. Two of the VC ident were PHUOC and UT. Comment. A NGUYEN THI UT is held as leader of PHUOC LOI guerilla unit.

(2) (171000H) At YS473507 189 RF Coy and 910 RF Coy contacted an est VC Coy who initiated contact with AW and RPG 2's. Bushrangers were in sp of contact and en wdr NE at 171030H. Results: en cas unk, 1 VN slightly WIA. Comment: Probably a Pl of C25 in the vicinity of HQ LONG DAT Dist.

(3) (171030H) At YS270572 637 RF Coy loc a camp which had been occupied within the last 24 hrs by an est 2 VC squads. The camp had been recently const and some bunkers were still under const, completed bunkers had 3-4' OHC. Recovered were: qty food, cooking utensils, SA ammo and some med sups. Comment: LONG SON guerillas were probably last loc at YS283555 (para 11.f. (1) INTSUM 75/70) and have now been removed from a new base area.

(4) (171100H) At YS711807 an A/S was conducted on an en base camp. Results: 3 bunkers destroyed.

(5) (171300H) At YS444551 RF loc a Coy size base camp consisting of 30 bunkers all with OHC. Recovered were: 200lb rice, cooking utensils and med sups. Hoi Chanh working with the gp said the system was a VC R & R centre.

(6) (171450H) At YS731852 an A/S was conducted on en base camp with unk results.

(7) (171630H) At YS467508 RF detonated an M16 mine. Results: 1 RF WIA, 1 RF KIA (DOW).

(8) A report from II FFV band on a no of sources indicates that COSVN has given instrs that a high pt. be conducted on 19 Mar to commemorate 'Anti-America Day'. Comment: This is unlikely to be implemented in BA LONG but it must be expected that this instr has been passed to Province HQ and an increase in propaganda activity should be expected.

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to 1 ATF INTSUM No 76/70
dated 17 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
161430H	YS558589	6x old graves in old bunker area.
161620H	YS552588	Damaged hut.
	YS5460	Hy activity on tracks in north.. Being checked by ptl <u>6</u> RAR.
170815H-	YS748801-	Narrow foot track which leads into area hit by A/S some
171020H	YS748793-	time ago. No sign of activity sighted in area of A/S but
	YS740796	track ends there and shows hy use.
	YS740796	One bunker in area of previous A/S.
	YS743796	Old camp, not used recently.
17 Mar 70	YS710823	Camp showing recent signs of mov and was loc in thick cover on the bank of a stream.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
171950H	YS480690	1 on stream.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 77/70.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASCOT

(a) Late Report. (172220H). At YS625819 3/A/8 RAR recovered one plastic bag containing 12 medical phials.

(b) (181035H). At YS700719, 5/B/8 RAR contacted two en dressed in black and carrying one SKS. Results: One VC KIA(BC), one SKS and a qty of docus were captured.

Comment: The VC KIA is believed to be a postman for Xuyen Moc guerillas. Further to contact report. In the area of contact 5/B/8 RAR located seven bunkers and 12 huts in an area 100Mx 70M. The camp was in a run down condition and only the huts had been occupied recently.

(c) (181217H). At YS700719, 5/B/8 RAR contacted two en in a bunker system. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one VC WIA(PW) and one M1 carbine captured. (See Annex A Appendix II for interrogation report).

(d) (18 Mar 70). At YS613804, a ptl of 8 RAR after earlier hearing sporadic SA fire, contacted an unk no of en. Results: Two en KIA(BC). The ptl wdr, established a night AP and later heard a lot of noise nearby. No further contact has been made as yet.

(2) AO KURRAJONG.

(a) (180924H). At FSPB ANNE, a Hoi Chanh rallied to elms of 7 RAR. One SKS rifle was recovered. See Appendix 1 to Annex A.

(b) (181550H). At YS578731, 6/B/7 RAR located a squad sized crossing last used 24 hours ago.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) Late Report. (161010H). At YS270572, D & E Pl carried out a BDA following an engagement of a suspected occupied en bunker system by RAAF. Results: two bunkers damaged., one VC WIA(BT).

(b) (180845H). At YS580590, 3/W/6 RAR/NZ located a cache. Recovered were: one damaged RPG7 and three RPG7 rds, one transistor radio, one lb of rice and a qty of clothing.

(c) (181255H). At YS358658, 1/V/6 RAR/NZ contacted three VC moving SW to NE and wdr SE then west on contact. Results: one VC WIA(BT).

(d) (181347H). At YS762690, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a cache. Recovered were: one AK47, a qty of .30 cal rds, one ballastite rd, three M26 grenades, one syringe, a qty of docus and a qty of household commodities.

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 - 4 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 KBA(poss).

(3) Omitted.

c. Detainees.

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

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 4
- (b) Crew Served - 1
- (c) Breakdown - two SKS, one AK47, one M1 carbine one RPG7.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

- (a) Captured. 12 med phials, one transistor, one syringe, a qty of clothing, a lge qty of household commodities, three RPG7 rds.
- (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS580590	Rice	one lb	Unk

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex 'B'

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
180845H	3/W/6 RAR/NZ	YS580590	See para 3.a.(3)(b)
181347H	3/B Cav Regt	YS762690	See para 3.a.(3)(d)

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 14 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 14
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.03 tons.
- (8) Omitted.
- (9) Omitted.

5.6.7.9.10. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/70 dated 17 Mar 70.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

- (1) Ref INTSUM 76/70. (a) Para 4.f.(7). Amend to read "0.88 tons".
- (2) Ref INTSUM 60/70 Para 3.a.(1)(c). Person referred to in this entry has been classified as a PW. Para 4.f.(2) to read "PW -1" and amend subsequent INTSUMS.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION
REPORT) TO 1 ATF INTSUM No
77-70 dated 18 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. Attached as Appendicies I - III are interrogation reports for the fol:

- a. DOAN TIEN DAT
- b. TRAN VAN MAC
- c. (1). NA VAN LAU
(2). DOAN VAN LINH

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APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A
(INTERROGATION REPORT) TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 77-70 dated
18 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RALLIER: DOAN TIEN DAT

Biographical Data

1. Name: DOAN TIEN DAT
D/POB: 16 Feb 47, DAU TIEN District, BINH DUONG.
Rank/Appt: Initially he stated squad 2ic dental specialist but when faced with personal docs he stated he was Adjt K76A. This is to be verified.
Education: 2nd yr High School

Circumstances of Return

2. Three days ago he left his unit and headed towards an area where hells could be seen. He arrived at FSPB ANNE in DUC THANH District on 18 Mar 70 and rallied to 7 RAR.
Wpn: 1 SKS with 20 rds
Reason: Found CHIEU HOI leaflets
Was frightened of being killed
Was badly treated by the VC

Exploited Information

3. About one month ago his unit was at MAY TAO mountain. While on a tn task Aust tps attacked the base and his unit scattered. He stayed in the vicinity of BAU BINH with 11 other persons. He had served with K76A since Feb 68. Further intg tends to reveal some lies in his statements and has since stated that the whole of K76A is loc in the vicinity of YS 562939. Also in this vicinity is a destroyed tank in the open (NFI). One hour further north is BA LONG HQ (this checks with previous info on the HQ in NUOC Base; also in the vicinity is possibly K76C on the SUOI LUC area YS 5594 on which he is to be intg further).

Comment

4. It is difficult yet to establish reliability but intg will be cont. It is possible that VR could help him loc the posn.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

PW: TRAN VAN MAC

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) Sector Phuoc Tuy.

Biographical Data

1. Name : TRAN VAN MAC
Alias : MAC
D/POB : 1935 LONG KHANH
Rank/Appt : Section 2IC
Unit : Xuyen Moc District Unit.
Religion : Buddhist

Circumstances of Capture

2. Capturing Unit : 5F1 B Coy 8 RAR
Date : 181800H Mar 70.
Location : YS700719
Wpns & Docus : 1X Carbine

Exploitable Information

3. XUYEN MOC DISTRICT UNIT

- a. Comd: THUNG, AK54
- b. 2IC MINH K54
HOA AK
VE SKS
MAC Carbine (subject was THUNG'S bodyguard).
KICH SKA (KIA in contact)
- c. Str 6
- d. Loc: There is an en base camp at YS700719 (loc subject was captured) this consists of 2 bunkers. The district unit's main base is 1 hours walk west from the contact point. The remainder of the District Unit were at this loc on the morning 18 Mar 70. The District Unit has been in this loc for approx one month.
- e. Past Activities: For more than a month they have been collecting food, mostly manioc from the jungle.
- f. Future Activities. none known.
- g. Other Units.

(1) The Xuyen Moc District Committee is located with the District Unit. The Committee has a str of 3.

- a. BA BO
- b. HAI LE
- c. HAI QUAN

3 VC cadres from unk units are at present staying with the committee, they incl:

- a. BAY MOT Task & Unit unk.
- b. YEN (8) " " " "

c. XUYEN MOC PL

Comd - HUE
2 IC - HONG
Str - 10

Loc - subject last saw them in the Phuoc Buu area on 8 Mar 70.

Comments: 4. Only a short time was available for interrogation before the subject went into surgery. 16e was cooperative. Check of OB holdings tends to substantiate details of org: Further interrogation will be conducted when his condition permits.

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (172400H). At YS646677, elms of 31 PF P1 contacted an est squad of VC with negative results.
- (2) (180340H). At YS3561 (Quarry site). an unk no of VC attacked FMK (Contractors building Route 15) compound with B40 fire, satchel charges and grenades. Results: nine vehicles damaged, tpt/admin office destroyed, $\frac{1}{2}$ bangalore torpedo and one Russian anti-tank mine recovered.
- (3) (181345H). At YS738803, USAF conducted an airstrike on an en base camp. BDA: One hut and one bunker damaged, one hut and one bunker exposed.
- (4) (181400H). At YS823764, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en posn. BDA: One hut destroyed.

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Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.
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INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEES: NA VAN LAU
DOAN VAN LINH

Biographical Data

1. a. Name : NA VAN LAU
Aka : Nil
D/POB : 1935, LONG SON, PHUOC TUY.
Address : BEN DA hamlet, LONG SON.
Rank/Appt : Production Cell Member.
Unit : Production Cell, LONG SON Unit.
- b. Name : DOAN VAN LINH
Aka : Nil
D/POB : 1933, LONG SON, PHUOC TUY.
Address : LONG SON.
Rank/Appt : Production Cell Member
Unit : Production Cell, LONG SON Unit.

Circumstances of Return

2. Receiving Unit : PHUOC HOA Village, LONG LE District
Date : 16 Mar 70
Wpns and docus : Nil
Reasons for return: Hungry
Afraid of dying

Exploited Information

3. LONG SON Village Party Chapter and Village Unit.
 - a. Location. In Oct 68 they were located at YS 270563. Present location is unknown.
 - b. Weapons. In Oct 68 they had the fol:
2 x B40
Remainder AK's, SKS's and Garrands.
 - c. Strength. In Oct 68 the combined strength of the Party Chapter and Village Unit was about 18.
4. Hamlet Guerillas. In Oct 68 subjects were told by the Party Chapter Secretary VO VAN CHIEN that the hamlet guerillas were to be disbanded and incorporated in the village unit.
5. Production Cell LONG SON Village Unit.
 - a. Strength. 4 including the two subjects.
 - b. Location. RACH ONG BAI (approx YS 255590).
 - c. Task. To catch fish and crabs in the area YS 223598/YS 224587.
 - d. There are no bunkers or pits in the production cell camp and no mines are laid in the area.
6. The subjects have not had any contact with the LONG SON Guerillas since Oct 68 as the Production Cell leader HAI DUONG is the only member of the cell that has contact with the guerillas and therefore their knowledge is limited.

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUMENTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 77-70
DATED 18 MAR 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENT REPORT

1. Docs captured by 1 SAS Sqn on 16 Mar 70 include the fol:
 - a. A personal letter to TU PHAT of BAU LAM village from TRIEU of LBN 161-3245A (organisation sect BA LONG Province).
 - b. Piece of paper containing LBN HT 161-3245A (org sect BA LONG).

Comment: The documents were loc in the area of THUA TICH (VC name BAU LAM) and had no exploitable value.
2. Documents captured by 7 RAR at 181000 Mar 70 at YS542764 include the following,
 - a. A quantity of GVN Hoi Chanh pamphlets.
 - b. A book containing food lists - unit unknown.
 - c. Two food lists for K 76A.
3. Document captured by 8 RAR at 161345 Mar 70 at YS686629 include the following,
 - a. A quantity of torn papers (typed) signed by TU CHI, UT CAO, THANH TICH, TAM DAI, DU TUAN and TU YEN (female).
 - b. A letter from the supply council of an unknown village.
 - c. A letter sent to SAN (Unit unk - undated).
4. Documents captured by the Land Clearing Team at 161530H Mar 70 at YS453544 include the following,
 - a. A scrap of paper from TU BE to SU and MING at the Surgical Section. (OB do not hold any of these people).
 - b. A letter to parents (badly mutilated).
 - c. Torn scraps of letters. One appears to be, to SU and the other contains a list of drug quantities but no drug names.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM NO 78-70
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Mar 70
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASCOT

(a) (190830H) At YS709705, a ptl from 10/D/8 RAR located an old transit camp consisting of 3 bunkers, 1 hut, 2 slit trenches and 2 tables capable seating 8 men. The system was 6-12 months old and showed no signs of recent use.

(b) (191120H) At YS701699, 11/D/8 RAR located an old transit camp consisting of 2 bunkers with 4-5 ft OHC. The bunkers were in poor condition due to previous artillery strikes.

(2) Other Areas

(a) (190825H) At YS352647, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a well formed track and were following it up when engaged by 5 VC at YS353646. VC initiated contact with command detonated claymores and withdrew SE and then NE. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, 2 NZ WIA.

(b) (191330H) In the vicinity of YS355649, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a well used track.

(c) (191410H) At YS357654, HQ V Coy and 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ were engaged by an estimated 30 to 50 VC in a bunker system who fired mortars, RPGs and MGs and withdrew North. Results En casualties unknown, 1 NZ KIA and 5 NZ WIA. Comment: Armt and reaction indicate coy of D67, possibly C22, last ident this area when D & E Pl killed 3 in Jan 70. Probably same force which conducted sapper attack against RMK quarry Route 15 on 18 Mar. Normally op in area of Nui Thi Vai and Chau Pha valley.

(d) (191940H) At YS362641, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ sighted 3 lights. The area was engaged by arty and the lights were extinguished.

(e) (192125H) At YS532628, a ptl from the Horseshoe sighted an unknown number of VC, moving north to south. The area was engaged by mortars with unknown results.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 12 VC

(2) PW - 2

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual weapons - 14

(6) Crew served weapons - 1

(7) Rice captured - .88 tons

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11-70 dated 17 Mar 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

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b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS


(1) Reference INTSUM 77-70

- (a) Para 3.a.(1)(d) delete " a ptl from 8 RAR" and insert " a ptl from 1 SAS Regt".
- (b) Para 3.a.(1)(d) amend results to read 2 KIA (Poss).
- (c) Para 3.a.(3)(d) delete AK47 and insert 1xSKS to items recovered.
- (d) Para 4.a.(2) amend to read 2 VC.
- (e) Para 4.b.(2) delete all reference.
- (f) Para 4.e.(1)(c) delet one AK47 and add one SKS.
- (g) Para 4.f.(1) amend to read 12 VC.
- (h) 4.f.(7) amend to read "0.88 tons".

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

- (1) Late Report (171515H) At YS283556, Bushrangers under direction of ground troops engaged an occupied bunker system.
- (2) (190308H) At YS630590, Shadow aircraft sighted and engaged 1 VC in open with unknown results.
- (3) (191140H) At YS518937, recon elms of 2/3/199 LIB located 2 bunkers (1 destroyed and 1 in good condition) with 3 ft OHC. The area showed signs of recent activity.
- (4) (191200H) At YS480512, 487 RF Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy who fired B40s and SA and withdrew with unknown results. Comment: Probably elms of C25 trying to discourage RF soldiers in LONG DAT District base area.
- (5) (191405H) At YS712871, RAAF elms conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: 2 huts destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 well destroyed, 40 metres of trench destroyed, 1 hut damaged, 1 bunker exposed and kitchenware scattered throughout the area.
- (6) (192012H) RF post at Hoi My (YS5056) was engaged by an unknown number of VC who fired SA and B40s. Results: En cas unknown, 5 RF WIA.
- (7) (192040H) At YS457586, 61 PF Pl contacted 6 VC who approached their AP from SW and withdrew SE with unk results.
- (8) (192125H) RF, PF and RDC elements at AP HOI CUU (YS5154) engaged an estimated VC Coy at YS513543 with unknown results.


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Annex B - Captured Documents
Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUMENTS) TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 78-70 dated
19 Mar 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENT REPORT

1. Docus taken from the returnee DOAN TIEN DAT who returned to 7 RAR at YS 542769 on 18 Mar 70 include the following:
 - a. A diary belonging to TUEN DAT (Adjt of Dental Elm of K76A) recording the issues of food and subsistence allowance for the period Nov 69 to Feb 70.
 - b. An issue slip dated 30 Nov 69 from MAI XE Coy 2ic of K76A, signed for by QUYET (Adjt of K76A) and the storeman HOA (HOA KIA in the MAY TAO in Dec 69).
 - c. A piece of paper recording the subsistence money paid to tps of K76A whilst carrying rice from C2 (Entry/Exit point BAO BINH and TAN RU) during Nov and Dec 69.
2. Docus captured by elms of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 171537H Mar 70 at YS 776687 included in addition to the large qty of religious docus and ID cards mentioned in para 3.a.(3).(b). of 1 ATF INTSUM No 76-70 the fol:
 - a. A personal letter to HAI LUOI at BINH CHAU.
 - b. One prescription for drugs dated 20 Feb 68.
 - c. One soft cover med book.
 - d. Two exercise books handwritten concerning medicines and diseases.
3. Docus taken from TRAN VAN MAC captured by 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR at YS 700719 at 181230H Mar 70 included the fol:
 - a. One photograph of a male.
 - b. Promotion decisions for the subject signed by LE VAN THUNG (Comd of XUYEN MOC District Unit).
 - c. Six commendation certificates for the subject, the latest one dated 8 Feb 70 signed by THUNG.
4. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 8RAR at YS700719 at 181035 Mar 70 included the following:
 - a. A list of payments to LBN 6284/VT B2 (Postal Sect Xuyen Moc Dist Unit) for supplies.
 - b. A personal letter from Quang to BA, carried by HANH.
 - c. A personal letter from Quang to BAY, carried by HANH.
 - d. A personal letter from Xuan Saug to Hai.
 - e. A personal letter from Tu Re to Hai on the shortage of food..
 - f. An envelope from Tu Re to HAI QUAN.

S2 Comment: The VC killed in this contact was probably the Postal orderly Hanh. OB cannot positively identify any of the persons mention except Tu Re who OB holds as Finance and Economy Member of Xuyen Moc Dist and HAI Quan who is possibly a member of the Xuyen Moc Distric Committee and the Xuyen Moc Dist Finance and Economy Sect.

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1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
Late Report 180800H	Vicinity of YS7768	Fresh track signs and recently worked garden plots <u>Comment:</u> Numerous gardens have been located in this BINH CHAU production area
Late Report 181000H	YS342658	Bushranger 71 sighted 1 poss 2 VC, the area was engaged resulting in 1 VC KIA poss.
Late Report 181605H	YS866780	Tracks in dry creek bed leading towards SOUI TRAM. Well worn track leads from east bank of SOUI TRAM to the north.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
190005H	YS485502	6 in forest
	YS467516	7 in brushwood (poss Arty)
	YS444576	4 near woods (poss Arty)
	YS458577	3 in woods (poss Arty)
	YS647917	20 along road
	YS785825	20 along stream (previous Red Haze this loc)
	YS387816	6 on stream
	YS393825	6 on stream

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
182104H	YS795695	1 in open

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2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASCOT

(a) (201221H). At YS644712 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located 13 graves, 6 of which appear to have been recently dug (about 14 days old). 3 of the graves appear to be those of small children. Comment. Likely to be civilian graves, to be investigated by District Authorities.

(b) (201630H). At YS695725 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a transit camp for 6-8 people, with signs of recent occupation. Fresh tracks led to SUOI DA.

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>
200725H	YS459898	Unk	SA	2	A	NIL
200737H	YS459898	Unk	SA	3	B	Unk

*DAMAGE CODE: 1 - Neg hits, 2 - Light damage, 3 - Moderate damage, 4 - Downed, 5 - Crashed.

**RESPONSE CODE: A - No response, B - Returned fire with organic wpns, C - Called in Arty, D - Inserted ground forces, E - Engaged with aerial weapons systems (specify).

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. b. Omitted

c. Detainees.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Innocent Civilians - 55
- (3) Omitted.
- (4) Hoi Charh - 5
- (5) Omitted.
- (6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Omitted
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Captured Documents. See ANNEX B.
- (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA 12 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Charh - 6
- (4) VCI - nil
- (5) Individual weapons - 14
- (6) Crew served weapons - 1
- (8)-(9). Omitted.

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/70 dated 17 Mar 70.

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9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 78/70

(a) Para 3a(2)(c) amend Results to read 1 NZ KIA and 3 NZ WIA.

(b) Para 3a(2)(c) 3rd line delete "withdrew north" and insert "Withdrew in an unknown direction."

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (201405H) At YS712871 an airstrike was conducted on an en camp. Results: 3 mil structures destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed.

(2) (201205H) At YS465545 PRU contacted a gp of VC. Area engaged by arty with unknown results.

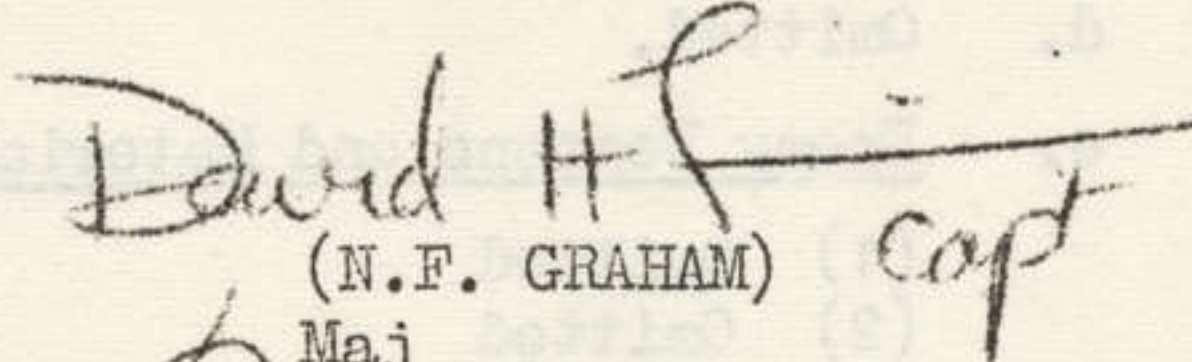
(3) (201350H) At YS490535 124 RF Coy whilst checking bunkers contacted 2 VC. Results unknown.

(4) (201330H) At YS280546 637 RF Coy ambushed 4 VC. Enemy withdrew South. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (poss), 1 Thompson SMG CIA. Nil friendly cas. Comment. Probably LONG SON guerilla unit.

(5) (201316H) At YS482731 Hawkflight detained 55 persons. Sent directly to Duc Thanh for intg. Since released as innocent civs.

(6) (201350H) At YS488534 elms of 614 RF Coy discovered bunkers and were engaged by 15-20 VC. En wdr in unknown direction. Friendly tks detonated a mine. Results: 4 bunkers destroyed. Captured: 40 litres rice, 3 maps, 1xcompass, 3xshovels, clo, med, supp and docus. En cas unk, 1 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA.

(7) Five Hoi Chanhs rallied to DUC THANH SubSector, 1 ATF intg being conducted and will be reported separately. Four have been ident tentatively as members of NGAI GIAO Farmers Assn and one as a member of D440.


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ANNEX B - Captured Documents.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
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Captured Documents Report.

1. Documents captured by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS762690 on 18 Mar 70 included the following:

- a. One commendation certificate for NGUYEN VAN NUI, Sect 2ic for C204, (Not held on current OB holdings) dated 30 Sep 1965.
- b. A land contract between TRAN VAN GIA and NGUYEN VAN THIEN dated 1959.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 79/70
dated 21 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
201010H	YS482731	Fires, extensive track network and peolpe with oxcarts.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
200220H	YS460548	2 along trail
	YS460557	4 along trail
	YS459560	6 along stream
200145H	YS355876	30 along trail
	YS389845	30 scattered in brush
	YS380832	30 along trail
	YS400675	15 along trail

4.5. Omitted.

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2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO KURRAJONG
 - (a) Late Report. (201030H) At YS549737, 7Pl C Coy 7 RAR loc three sleeping spaces used within 48 hrs.
 - (b) (211607H) At YS556808, elms of 7 RAR loc three 2 man bnks 4-5 months old with 1-1½ ft OHC. A qty of used misc med items was recovered.
 - (c) (211628H) At YS566706, 2Pl A Coy 7 RAR loc a hel wreck with markings "US13636". Comment: Age of wreck not reported.
 - (2) AO ASCOT
 - (a) (210800H) At YS 637632, a ptl from 10Pl D Coy 8 RAR loc an area where CBU's had been collected and had the fuses and explosives removed.
 - (3) Other Areas
 - (a) Further to INTSUM 78/70 Para 3.a.(2)(c). Bnk system was divided into two systems. One contained a series of one man bnks fighting pits, hootchie spaces and hides, the other contained five to six large bnks (Poss HQ area). The en appeared to have wdr SSE and SW. 3 Pl loc one VC KIA(BC) and three bloodtrails.
 - (b) (211519H) At YS572632 B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR loc old fighting pits and 350 X 7.62MM rds.
 - 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 - 1 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - c. and d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: 350 X 7.62mm rds.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3) - (5) Omitted.

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- (1) KIA - 13VC
- (2) PW -2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - 0
- (5) Individual Weapons - 14
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.88 tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortificationsa. LOC Interdiction and Incidents(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
210915H	YS508549	Rte 44	Road block of barbed wire, logs and earth.
211020H	YS510546	Rte 44	Road block of earth, rocks and tin.

(2) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Docus captured by V/6 RAR at YS357654 on 210830H indicate unit contacted was CHAU DUC DIST. This was indicated 1 ATF INTSUM 78/70 as possibly coy D67.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/70 dated 17 Mar 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Ref INTSUM No 79/70
 - (a) Para 4. c. (4) Delete all reference.
 - (b) Para 4. f. (3) Amend to read "1".
 - (c) Para 4.(f) Insert "(7) Rice Captured 0.88 tons".

c. - e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (202300H) Six armed VC infiltrated NHAN TAM hamlet XUYEN MOC (YS6968) and told the people not to vote in the coming elections. Three of the VC were ident as TONG VAN CHAC, HOA and CU, XUYEN MOC DISTRICT UNIT.

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- (2) (210530H) At YS503558, a sentry from 614 RF Coy engaged mov. En returned fire with one gren and wdr in an unk direction. Results: En cas unk, one RF slightly wounded.
- (3) (211100H) At YS423603, elms of 586 RF Coy detonated three M16 mines. Results: One RF KIA, five RF WIA.
- (4) (211105H) At YS728870, A/S on en camp. Result: One secondary explosion.
- (5) (211200H) At YS321723, B/3/4 Cav APC op with 612 RF Coy detonated 40 lbs of CHICOM explosive Results: Four US WIA, three RF WIA and moderate damage to APC.
- (6) (211355H) At YS477507, 124 RF Coy contacted en. Five VC KIA(BC) and 4KBA(Poss) at last report, RF are trying to recover bodies lying between VC and RF. NFI. Comment: Area LONG DAT DIST.
- (7) (211355H) At YS595858, A/S on en camp. Results: Three mil structures destroyed, one bnk exposed.
- (8) (212020H) At YS552630, A/S on en camp. Nil BDA.
- (9) (212040H) At YS552630, A/S on en camp. Nil BDA.

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Annex B (Captured Docus)
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1. Report of docus captured by 614 RF Coy (HOI MY) at YS480525 and YS485532
 - a. A quantity of docus dated 69 and Mar 70 belonging to LONG DAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL SECT and are comprised of med notes. One docus is an award for TRAN VAN AI guerilla chief of HOI MY village. Docus dated 12 Mar 70,
 - b. A note book dated early Sep 69 listing amount of 82 mm Mort rounds cached away. Also stated that there where 2x82 mm mort with a total of 120 rounds.

Annex E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 80/70
dated 21 Mar 70

1. Visual Recce

	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
	Late Report 200815H	YS7493, 7494, 7593, 7594.	Fresh and heavy tracks
2.	Omitted.		
3.	<u>Red Haze Activity</u>		
	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
	210305H	YS461505-YS463508	8 emissions on trail
4. and 5.	Omitted.		

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 81-70
2. Period covered from 22001H to 222400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO ASCOT

(a) Late Report(212210H) At YS606679 elms of 8 RAR sighted four persons through starlight scope. The area was eng by arty and a sweep this morning revealed no results.
 - (2) AO KURRAJONG

(a) (221840H) At YS546801 Aslt Pnr Pl 7 RAR loc a staging area 30 x 30m consisting of five tables and a lean to. The area was last used 4-5 weeks ago, located were old food containers and fish traps.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a.e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA - 13 VC
 - (2) PW - 2
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
 - (4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 14
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
 - (7) Rice Captured 0.88 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>
220850H	YS698785	R329	Large tree across road.
- 6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11-70 dated 17 Mar 70.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a.e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) Late Report (182000H) At YS445734, 20 VC entered DUC MY hamlet and spread propaganda and told people not to move houses to the east side of Route 2.
 - (2) Late Report(192200H) At YS445734, 1 VC coy entered DUC MY hamlet and spread propaganda and told the people not to move to the east side of Route 2. The VC obtained supplies and withdrew at 200300H. Comment: DUC MY is an important supply point for local force VC, any resettlement of the village would be of serious concern to them.
 - (3) Late Report(212305H) At YS491543, PRU sighted 30 VC moving north, the area was eng with arty and mcr with unknown results.
 - (4) (221124H) At YS475515, 38 RF Coy in contact.
 - (5) (221140H) At YS477506, 124 and 578 RF Coy's contacted an estimated VC squad. Results: 1 RF WIA, en cas unknown.
 - (6) (221010H) At YS712871, an A/S was conducted on a base camp. Results: Five bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exposed, two fires started, one secondary explosion.
 - (7) (221440H) At YS867781 an A/S was conducted on a base camp. Results: Cache area with three wicker baskets and a large tunnel entrance exposed.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 81-70
dated 22 Mar 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
220130H	YS740625	numerous fires.
222120H	YS360558	Moving lights.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
212400H	YS390535	four in swamps
	YS383539	one near stream
	YS376529	ten in linear pattern in open
	YS275495	thirty three barges.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
211927H	YS800830	one in open
211934H	YS740640	one in open
220045H	YS875930	two in open
220045H	ZS165920	one on road

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 82-70.
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO ASCOT.

(a) (231045H) At YS690722, a ptl from 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 6-8- VC in a camp. VC returned fire with RPG's and SA and wdr NNE. Results: One en WIA (poss), two Aust WIA.

(b) (231220H) At YS690722, a ptl from 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located 2 x M16 mines.

(c) (231245H) At YS684735 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 4-6 enemy moving from south to north, enemy returned fire and with drew east with unknown results. Recovered from contact area were: 1 SMG with folding butt (NFI), two packs full of food and one AR magazine.

(d) (231430H) At YS619619 D Coy 8 RAR detained 12 Vietnamese later released as innocent civilians.

(2) AO BENDIGO

(a) (231745H) At YS447535, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt operating with 17 Const Sqn LCT detonated a pressure release mine consisting of 30-40 lbs of explosives. Results: One APC heavily damaged and 4 Aust WIA.

(b) (231930H) At YS423547, elements of 8 RAR sighted a barge heading north.

(3) AO KURRAJ NG

(a) (232002H) At YS583743, 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR engaged three lights on their perimeter with unknown results.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (231320H) At YS472718, a ptl from 7 RAR located and destroyed a staging area consisting of 2 bunkers with 18" OHC and 12 weapon pits all of which had not been used for some time.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

SLAR Activity

DTG	LOCATION	READOUT	
222143H	YS529705	1 in woods	<u>Late Report</u>
230125H	YS760675	i on road	

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b. Omitted.

c. Detainees

(1) Omitted

(2) Innocent Civilians - 12

(3)(4)(5)(6) - Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - One SIG.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: One AR magazine.

(b) Omitted.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CC-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS684735	Unknown	2 packs full	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month

- (1) LTA - 13 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 15
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - .88 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

2 at YS690722

(2) Resulting Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
231745H	YS447535	30-40 lbs explosives pressure release	1 APC heavily damaged and 4 Aust WIA.

6, 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11-70 dated 17 Mar 70.

9, 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a,b,c,d,e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

Late Report.

(1) (222100H) At YS428650, 619 RF Coy engaged an estimated VC squad. Arty was used in support and the enemy withdrew east with unknown results.

(2) (230935H) At YS867781, RAAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(3) (231425H) At YS595858, RAAF conducted an air strike on an enemy base camp. Results: 2 huts destroyed, 4 bunkers destroyed and 4 bunkers damaged.

(4) (231815H) At YS647862, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(5) DUC THANH Sub-Sector reported that at 231200H five NGAI GIAO Guerillas well armed and carrying many anti-tank mines were sighted at YS475808. Comment: This report cannot be evaluated but it should be expected that mining activities may be attempted against vehicles and equipment on Route 2.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 83/70.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO KURRAJONG.

- (a) (240730H) At YS583743 4/B/7 RAR while doing a sweep of contact area (INTSUM 82/70 para 3.a.(3)(a) refers) located fresh tracks.
- (b) (241136H) At YS578756 6/B/7 RAR located a recently used resting place for 3 persons. Tracks in the area indicate movement to the East.
- (c) (241100H) At YS541779 a ptl from Sp Coy 7 RAR being led by a Hoi Chanh located a cache. Recovered were: 25 kilos of unpolished rice, 1xSKS (in poor condition), and 1xM16, 2 kilos white beans, 2 kilos green beans and misc eqpt.
- (d) (242050H) At YS543776 elms of 7 RAR located three bunkers and sleeping area, for 3-4 persons. Bunkers 6'x6' with 2'6" OHP were destroyed. Found were a qty of docus, 1lb tobacco, 6 rds AK47 ammo, 15 rds M1 ammo, 10lb assorted food supplies, assorted webbing and fish hooks.

(2) Other Areas.

- (a) Late Report (232000H) At YS505618 an integrated ptl from the HORSESHOE (ARVN/Aust) contacted 6 VC moving from east to west. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1xM16 CIA, 1 pack containing 20 kilos rice and qty of docus. Detained in the area were 3 young boys acting as guides to the VC.
- (b) Intg of the detainees revealed a possible camp for 27 VC in area YS5163. Investigation by Ready Reaction Force loc a resting area recently used by VC. Comment: It is possible that a coy of D445 has been conducting recce of Route 23. The detainees had been told to bring info on tfc using the Route and the VC have been apparently in this civ access area for some time. Further interrogation is to be conducted.
- (c) (241017H) At YS252564 10/D/6 RAR/NZ located and destroyed a recently built bunker/hut that had been occupied within the last 2-3 days. Recovered was misc eqpt.
- (d) (241310H) At YS330595 Ac of 161 Recce Flt sighted 2 VC dressed in shorts and carrying packs sitting on top of a reed covered structure. When ac approached the VC wdr south. A long burst of AK47 fire was directed at the ac. Gunships engaged the area destroying the hut. Two sampans fifty metres away also were engaged but with unk results.

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>
241320H	YS330595	Unk	Long burst of AK47	Light damage	Area engaged by Bushrang-ers.	1xhut partially destroyed.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occuring during the reporting period.

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

b. Omitted.

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c. Detainees.

- (1)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 3.
- (6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 2
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - 1xSKS (in poor condition), 1xM16 rifle.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. Qty docus (2), 1 pack containing foodstuffs, 1 lb tobacco, 10lb assorted food supplies, small amt M16 and AK47 ammo, misc eqpt.

(b) Destroyed. 1xbunker/hut at YS252564 ref para 3.a.(2)(b).

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS541779	Beans	4 kilos	Unknown
YS541779	Rice	25 kilos	"
YS505618	Rice	20 kilos	"
YS543776	Assorted	10 lbs	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
241100H	Sp Coy 7 RAR	YS541779	See para 3.a.(1)(c).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 14 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 17
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.93 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/70 dated 17 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

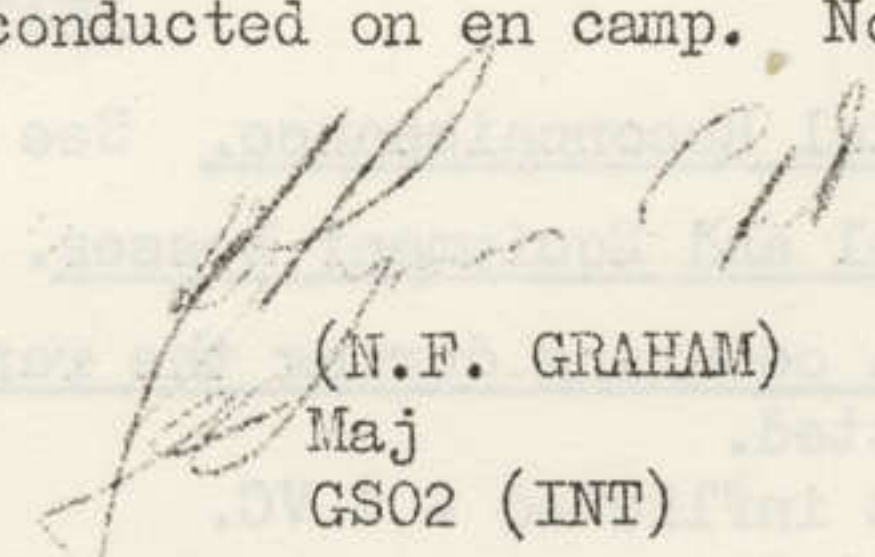
11. Miscellaneous.

a-e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (231420H) At YS414632 Sub-Sector HOA LONG reported that approx 30 VC **tried to infiltrate** AP TAY. The VC scout detonated a M16 mine which resulted in 1 en KIA, 1 en WIA and the remainder wdr in an unk dir.

(2) (241150H) At YS367781 an A/S was conducted on en camp. No BDA.


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 Maj
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Attachment.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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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 S3.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 83/70
dated 24 Mar 70.

1. Omitted
2. Omitted.
3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
232035H	YS584847	12 in jungle
	YS681859	20 in swamp
	YS591789	8 in jungle
	YS665710	2 near road (poss Armd elms)
	YS690730	12 on edge of jungle clearing (poss friendly NDF)

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
232020H	YS440685	1 on road.

5. Omitted.

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2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO KURRAJONG.

(a) (251235H). At YS435685 6 persons were seen outside FSPB ANNE. A ptl was despatched to detain them but they withdrew west.
Comment: Reported unarmed, possibly civs.

(b) (251300H). At YS579754 a ptl of 7 RAR located and destroyed a brush hut with a natural water spring. A track led east to the river. There were signs of use one week ago by 2-3 persons.

(2) AO AUCKLAND.

(a) (251025H). At YS627825 B Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted signs of 4-6 VC moving west. Sweep carried out. Results: Unknown.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (251522H). At YS253561 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located 2 bunkers with 2 feet of OHC, and 20 sleeping spaces and cooking spaces. Recovered was 1X 12 gal container, 1X 3HP motor, and small qty of cement.

(b) (251330H). At YS272584 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located 3 bunkers and 2 spider holes. Last used one week ago.

(c) (251650H). At YS256574 six Hoi Chanhs rallied to D Force and four rallied to RF on eastern end Long Son. The six have been identified as members of production cells supporting Long Son guerillas.

Comment: Interrogation reports for 6 to be issued separately. Interrogation of the remainder being done by RF. There appears now to be one only remaining of Long Son Production Unit, probably the unit leader.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b.c.d. .Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 2X Bowls, 1X Rice Miller.

(b) Omitted.

3.4.5. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 14 VC

(2) PW - 2

(3) Hoi Chanh - 7

(4) VCI Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 17

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured 0.93 Tons.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Omitted.

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete - Omitted.

5.6.7.9.10. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/70 dated 24 Mar 70.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (251150H). At YS867781 an airstrike was conducted on an en camp. Results: Unk.
- (2) (251625H). At YS719915 an airstrike was conducted on an en camp. Results : Unk.
- (3) (251130H). At YS478506 a ptl from Dat Do Sub Sector engaged a group of 6 VC. Results: Unk.
- (4) (251330H). At YS453799, 37 PF P1 engaged 5 VC, on contact VC withdrew north without returning fire. Results: En cas unk. Recovered was a quantity of clothing and cooking utensils.

G. Slackwrench Capt
(N.F. GRAHAM)
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Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 84/70.
dated 25 Mar 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
241630H	YS585775	One en.

ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 84/70
dated 25 Mar 70.

INTERROGATION REPORTS

- 1. Attached as Appendicies I and II are intg reports for the fol:
 - a. (1) LE THI TU
 - (2) NGUYEN THI SUU
 - (3) TRUNG
 - (4) NGUYEN VAN MINH
 - b. HUYNH VAN TET.

COMBINED INTERROGATION REPORTS

LE THI TU
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1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA.

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UNIT Unk.
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AKA NIL
D/POB 1959 BINH CHAU
Address BINH CHAU XUYEN MOC.

2. CAPTURING DETAILS.

Subjects have been classified as Communist Refugees.

Receiving Unit. Xuyen Moc Dist Unit.

Date. 25 Mar 70.

Circumstances. Returned to Xuyen Moc attempting to become a Hoi Chanh.

3. EXPLOITED INFORMATION.a. Binh Chau Womens Assoc.

The Binh Chau Womens Assoc was disbanded in early 1969 because most of the females moved into the populated areas of Long Toan, Xuyen Moc and Long Hai.

b. Visits of VC to Binh Chau.

A group of three or four VC (sometimes accompanied by a female) visit the village every seven to ten days. The group always consists of the same persons as follows:

HIEU 40yrs carries a pistol. (Appears to be the group leader).

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THANH 20-30 " Now carries a shotgun but used to carry an AK47.

The group always goes to the same house during the day, stays for one to two hours then departs to the South West. They do not appear to carry any supplies into or out of the village.

(Comment - Possibly members of D445).

c. Other Items of Interest.

The subjects all stated that all the grown male members of the village had been recruited by the VC.

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APPENDIX II TO ANNEX A TO
1 INTSUM 84/70
DATED 25 MAR 70

INTERROGATION REPORT
HUYNH - VAN TET

Name: Huynh Van Tet
Unit; D440 (lately with Xuan Son guerillas)
Rank/Appt; Liaison Member
Subject rallied 20 Mar 70 to Binh Gia village.

Exploited Information

1. D440.

a. OB.

Comd HONG TAM (replaced HAI HA who went to Province Staff branch)
2IC TU TIEN (was at LONG DAT and came to D440 3 months ago)
Political Officer: HAI THI
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Chief of Staff: MUOI SINH
Asst Chief of Staff: Unk

b. Locations.

Mar 69 D440 excluding K6 was in the XUAN LOC district. K6 was under-
going Sapper training in the Chan Loc area.

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Feb 70 D440 moved from BAO BINH to NUI SAO (YS510847) area. Subject left
D440 on 28 Feb 70 in the HUU DUC rubber plantation area at
approx YS532845. On 21 Feb 70 K6 moved west of Route 2 to combine
with BARIA Special Unit. (Source speculation only, other
collateral shows K6 went to LONG DAT District and joined D445.)

c. Strength.

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wounded. The sick and wounded were taken to the BA LONG Province
Hospital (Casualties from D440 and D445 do not go to K76A or K76C as they
are not responsible for providing medical services for BA LONG forces).
No reinforcements have arrived at D440 since Apr 69. (Collateral shows
some 50 were sent to BA LONG HQ to become a protective unit for HQ,
class'unfit for combat').

d. Weapons.

1 X 75mm RR
2 X 82mm Mors
1 X 30cal MG
2 X HMG's
4 X B41
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e. Supplies.

(1) CHAU LAC. Chau Lac is the main source of supplies for D440 because the Rear Svc section of BA LING can purchase foodstuffs there.

A recce elm of D440 is often based in CHAU LAC to keep abreast of the tactical situation in the area. Comment: Believe CHAU LAC is area bounded by YS426864, YS423852, YS452867, YS454850. A smaller secondary port of CHAU LAC is in is in central part of map square YS4387. It is a known supply area for VC.

(2) DUC MY HAMLET. (BINH BA) The battalion also infiltrates DUC MY to obtain rice.

(3) SUOI NGHE. SUI NGHE is also a supply pt for D440. Comment: There appears to be little recent supply from this hamlet, the people becoming more reluctant to co-operate.

(4) NGAI GIAO. The montagnards of NGAI GIAO do not supply foodstuffs to D440.

Further supplies come from the BAO BINH (BA LONG Rear Svc). During Feb the battalion was short of food and rice and were existing primarily on bananas. For several months the unit has had serious supply problems.

f. Transportation Group.

The transportation group for D445 and D440 is the BA LONG Youth Asslt Group. Strength about 35, mostly females between the ages of 18 and 23. It was located with D440 at NUI SAO base in Feb 69.

Task: To carry stores and supplies for D445 and D440 only and to evacuate wounded soldiers.

g. Communications.

D440 at NUI SAO had a 15W radio transmitter under the command of THAO of the Information Section for communication to the BA LONG Province HQ.

h. Special Training.

K6 (The Sapper and Recce Coy) received one months Sapper training in Mar 69. K6 carries nylon sheeting the colour of the natural growth in tgt areas and wire cutters. No other coys have received specialist training. Comment: VC have been sighted SOUI LOO NHO wearing some overall camouflage covering, described as possibly netting. This may be the sheeting referred to.

i. Future Plans.

The subject does not know the future plans of D440 but when K6 moved west of Route 2 on 21 Feb 70 to combine with the Baria City Unit, the battalion intended to operate with D445 to attack DAT DO but the move was aborted because of Allied Ops. Through a casual conversation the subject learn't that K8 was to move to the Long Hai's to attack Dat Do and for this reason the subject believes K8 was with D445 in the Long Hai's in Feb 70. Comment: K8 was identified twice in contacts in Long Dat District and was known to be operating with D445.

2. Base Areas

K Base - Possibly in the vicinity of YS3777 to YS3977.

A Base - Possibly in the vicinity of YS4077 to YS4277.

3. Relationship D440 to D445

Subject reported that D440 and D445 are not willing to co-operate with each other because of pers conflict between SVN & NVA troops. D445 had to ask permission from the Ba Long Prov HQ for D440 to join them in the proposed attack on Dat Do.

Comment: Ba Long as superior HQ would direct this co-ord is is not a matter for consultation between units, however there has been other evidence of poor co-operation between NVA and VC. D440 is predominantly NVA and D445 predominantly VC.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 85-70.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO KURRAJONG

- (a) Late Report(252040H) At YS553739, elms of 7 RAR loc a temp camp area consisting of 30 x 2 man wpn pits. Camp was last used 6 months ago.
- (b) Late Report(252040H) At YS557741, elms of 7 RAR loc a well cared for grave, apparently VC.
- (c) (261747H) At YS556754, 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR contacted one LF VC mov east with unk results. Sweep of the area revealed a hut.
- (d) (261500H) At YS541799, a Hoi Chanh led a ptl to a cache believed to contain docus. Docus had been removed, a small qty of med sups was recovered.

(2) OTHER AREAS

- (a) (261115H) At YS592611, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a cache. Recovered were: 24 prs of plastic sandals, 28 ponchos, 38 squares of material, 47 hammocks, 100 ft of nylon rope, 2 cooking pots and a qty of med sups. All items except med sups to be destroyed. Cache was buried, about 6 months old.

(3) AO BENDIGO

- (a) (261055H) At YS458553, a tk from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt ran over a cannister of CS crystals. Nil cas.
- (b) (261920H) At YS488515, 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged three VC with unk results. LFT engaged the area after the contact with unk results.

(4) AO AUCKLAND

- (a) (261200H) At YS681831, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc an old A/S bunker system. Capable of holding an est pl size force and last used 2-3 months ago.
- (b) (261500H) At YS691833-691834, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc 18 bunkers with 2 ft OHC and one well, last used 2-3 months ago.
- (c) (261200H) At YS636776, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a body approx one month old.

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>
261640H	YS483511	Unk	SA/AW	Nil	Bushrangers eng the area.	unk

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
261020H	YS512857	1/2 of a 44 gal drum of water. Area under trees has been recently disturbed.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
252210H	YS398538	25 in swamp.

e. Enemy Wea.

4.5. 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) Captured: Med sups.

(b) Destroyed: 24 prs of plastic sandals, 28 ponchos, 38 squares of material, 47 hammocks, 100 ft of nylon rope, 2 cooking pots.

(3).(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
261500H	1 ATF	YS541799	See para 3.a.(1).(d).
261115H	1/W/6RAR/NZ	YS592611	See para 3.a.(2).(a).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 14 VC.
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 7
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 17
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured 0.93 Tons.
- (8).(9) Omitted.

5.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12-70 dated 24 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM No. 84-70.

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(a) Delete all reference as entry should read as fol:
"(251235H) At YS435685, elms of 7 RAR sighted 6 persons outside wire at NUI DAT. A ptl was despatched to detain them but they wdr west.

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (260935H) At YS714919, A/S on en camp. Results: One bunker damaged, one hut exposed/damaged, three bunkers exposed.

(2) (261110-1205H) At YS867781, three A/S were conducted. Nil BDA.

(3) (261205H) At YS483511, 614 RF Coy contacted 5-6 VC mov east towards PHUOC HAL. VC initiated contact, RF returned fire and VC wdr in an unk direction. Results: En cas unk, 2 RF WIA.

(4) (261730H) At YS483512, RF detonated a mine resulting in one RF KIA and 5 RF WIA.

(5) (261900H) At YS441575, 701 RF Coy outpost received one rd of mor fire resulting in one RF KIA. A USAF ac engaged the suspected mor base plate posn at YS448570 with unk results.

(6) (262120H) At YS483511, 189 and 480 RF received a gren inside their perimeter. Results: En cas unk, nil friendly cas.

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(N.F. GRAHAM)
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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Report:

Distribution: As per attached.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 85/70
dated 26 Mar 70.

COMBINED INTERROGATION REPORT

SUBJECTS: NGUYEN VAN THUONG
NGUYEN VAN SANG
CHAU VAN THANG
CHAU VAN DUC
TRAN VAN BA
NGUYEN VAN TAM AKA LUNG

1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA.

- a. NAME NGUYEN VAN THUONG
AKA Nil
D/POB 1925 DAT SET LONG SON
- b. NAME NGUYEN VAN SANG
AKA Nil
D/POB 1954 BA-TRAO LONG SON
- c. NAME CHAU VAN THANG
AKA Nil
D/POB 1931 LONG SON
- d. NAME CHAU VAN DUC
AKA Nil
D/POB 1954 LONG SON
- e. NAME TRAN VAN BA
AKA Nil
D/POB 1935 LONG SON
- f. NAME NGUYEN VAN TAM
AKA Lung
D/POB 1931 LONG SON

All the ralliers were members of the Production Cell LONG SON.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF RETURN.

Receiving Unit D/6 RAR-NZ
Date 25 Mar 70
Location LONG SON

3. EXPLOITED INFORMATION.

a. Party Chapter LONG SON.

Secretary VO VAN CHIEN 30-40 yrs
2ic Unknown
Farmer Assoc Sec BA 59 yrs
Security Sec TONG 27 yrs
Mil Proselyting TAM 30 yrs
Womens Assoc THI HANH 32 yrs

b. Village Guerrilla Unit LONG SON.

Leader THANG (KIA Jan 70). TAM 33 (possibly replaced THANG).
Strength 13-15
Location The subjects gave the location as at YS285555 from December 69 to January 70 but could not supply any more recent information. At this location there are suppose to be two caves which the VC use and a number of weapon pits.

c. Production Cell LONG SON Village.

The only member of this cell who did not rally is the leader NAM BI 48 yrs. The usual area of operation for the Production Cell was in the vicinity of YS276587 in the XANG Canal.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 86/70.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO AUCKLAND.

(a) (271000H) At YS676784 1/A/6 RAR/NZ contacted 13 en (10 adults and 3 children) who were foraging for food. On contact en wdr NW. 3 VC KIA (BC), nil friendly cas. A qty of assorted equipment and digging tools were recovered from contact area. Comment. Probably VC production gp.

(b) (271220H) At YS664882 elms of 6 RAR located 3 bunkers 12'x12' with 2' OHC, 1 bunker 3'x5' with 2' OHC, and 4 huts last used 6 months ago. Recovered were 1 Garand rifle, 4xclaymores, 4xtripods and assorted items.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) Late Report (261100H) At YS271566 12/D/6 RAR/NZ located and destroyed 9x2 man pits and comms trench, last used 2-3 months ago.

(b) (270450H) At YS520895 W/6 RAR/NZ contacted 3-4 VC moving West to East. Res; 1 en KIA (BC). Recovered were, 1 pack containing food and tobacco, 1 Chicom pistol mag and a small qty of docus. En identified as a pl 2ic of BA LONG HQ.

(c) (270740H) At YS272565 12/D/6 RAR/NZ located and destroyed 10x2 man pits and 5x1 man pits last used 2-3 months ago.

(d) (271615H) At YS720727 SAS ptl sighted and engaged 2 VC dressed in black with unk results. Bushranger in sp sighted and engaged 2 VC north of the above contact area. Res: 2 KBA (Poss).

(e) (271631H) At YS722717 SAS ptl contacted 2 en dressed in green with bush hats. 1 AK47 seen. Unk results. Bushranger in sp sighted and engaged 2 VC running across north end of LZ. 2 VC KBA (Poss).

(f) (271810H) At YS523844 a ptl of 7 RAR loc a hbr posn 30Mx40M with 3 wpn pits and 1 bunker. Const and used 1 week ago.

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 - 4 VC.

(3) Omitted.

b-d Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1xGarand, 4xclaymores.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 4xtripods ref 3.a.(1)(b), 1xpack containing food/tobacco, 1xChicom pistol mag, small qty of docus ref 3.a.(2)(b).

(b) Omitted.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 18 VC

(2) PW - 2

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- (3) Hoi Chanh - 7
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 18
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.93 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. (271145H) At YS454554 elms of 17 Const Sqn LCT detonated a mine (poss a rocket warhead). Res: nil cas, bulldozer slightly damaged. Nearby an AP mine was detonated with nil cas.

(2) Omitted

6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/70 dated 24 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(a) Late Report (260800H) NGUYEN THI TUU a member of NGAI GIAO production cell rallied to DUC THANH Nat Police. Her husband had rallied previously to DUC THANH.


(b) Late Report (260930H) At YS267667 Engrs from 18 ARVN while clearing minefield detonated a mine. Res: 1 ARVN WIA.

(c) (27 Mar 70) XUYEN MOC Sub Sector reported that 1 woman and 3 children walked into XUYEN MOC. Comment. Members of BINH CHAU Production Unit, many of whom **have** already rallied.

(d) (271120H) A/S at YS721917 on camp and bunkers. One hut destroyed, no further BDA due to smoke.

(e) (271846H) A Hoi Chanh named TRAN VAN BI from LONG SON Propaganda Unit rallied to LONG SON authorities.

(f) (271640H) At YS589605 1/W/6 RAR/NZ sighted 2 VC dressed in black carrying wpns and moving south.


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Attachments,

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX C - Agent Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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List A	12 Cbt Avn Gp
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MACV-CICV	Sector S2
RTAVF	
18 ARVN Div	
3 TAC Fighter Wing	

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INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. Attached as Appendices I and II are intg reports for the fol:
 - a. NGUYEN THI RIEU
 - b. NGUYEN THI TAM

APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A
(INTERROGATION REPORTS) TO 1 ATF
INTSUM No 86-70 dated 27 Mar 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: NGUYEN THI RIEU

Biographical Data

1.
 - a. Name: NGUYEN THI RIEU
 - b. Aka: THU
 - c. D/POB: 1947, PHUOC THANH, DAT DO
 - d. Address: XUYEN MOC
 - e. Rank/Appt: Production Cell
 - f. XUYEN MOC DISTRICT UNIT

Circumstances of Return

2.
 - a. Receiving unit: DUC THANH National Police
 - b. Date: 26 Mar 70
 - c. Location: DUC THANH
 - d. Wpns and Docus: Nil
 - e. Circumstances: The subject's husband named BE had returned in Mar 70.
 - f. Reasons: Hardship
Lack of food
Heard her husbands voice calling her from ac.
Picked up propaganda leaflets

Exploited Information

3.
 - a. The subject knows nothing of the XUYEN MOC DISTRICT COMMITTEE, XUYEN MOC DISTRICT UNIT, XUYEN MOC PARTY CHAPTER or the XUYEN MOC VILLAGE UNIT.
 - b. XUYEN MOC DISTRICT PRODUCTION CELL
 - (1). The subject does not know if the cell is subordinate to the District Committee or the District Unit.
 - (2). Cell Leader - CHU HAI, 55 yrs, SVN, Garrant.
Members - THI DUNG, 18 yrs, SVN.
- THI YEN, 17 yrs, XUYEN MOC
- NGUYEN THI RIEU (the subject)
 - (3). Location: Approx YS 643814.
 - (4). Tasks: The Production Cell grew vegetables and rice but the rice was killed by defoliation. The cultivated area was only approx 1 hectare, so every fortnight or month the cell ldr took their produce to the District(NFI). The qty taken on each trip is approx one pack.

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- (5). Accommodation: They used nylon shelters and hammocks.
- (6). Bunkers: There is only one bunker measuring 1.50m x 1.50m and 1m deep. It has OHC and is camouflaged.
- (7). There are no mine fields.
- (8). There are no caches.
- (9). Supplies: Supplied by XUYEN MOC District at 10 litres of rice per month. They also dig for tubels to eat.

a. QUANG GIAO VILLAGE PARTY CHAPTER

- (1). The subject only knows the secretary THI BA MINH, 28 yrs, SVN.

d. QUANG GIAO VILLAGE UNIT

- (1). Leader - BE, 23 yrs, Montagnard. (Killed by Aust tps Mar 70).
Guerilla - MIEN, 17 yrs, Montagnard, carbine.
No other members are known to subject.
- (2). Location: Unknown. She has only seen these two moving around XUAN SON jungle because of allied ops.

e. XUAN SON HAMLET UNIT

- (1). Leader - TAM, 31 yrs, CVN, SKS.
No other members are known to subject.

f. Since Nov 69; moved to live illegally at XUAN SON in the area bounded by YS 5677-5777-5676-5776. In this area the fol 9 people have been living:

- BA PHUOC
- RIEU
- HONG
- TET
- BE (husband of subject)

These 5 people have already rallied to the GVN during Mar 70. There is still TAM, ldr of XUAN SON hamlet who moved to an unk loc 3 days ago, LONG (QUANG GIAO village Farmers Assoc cell ldr), TU CHICH (Illegal resident). These last two ran away when the Aust ops commenced on 1 Mar 70.

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APPENDIX II to ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM 86/70 dated 27 Mar 70.

OBM: 1165

INTERROGATION REPORT.

Returnee: NGUYEN THI TAM

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name: NGUYEN THI TAM
- b. AKA: NGUYEN
- c. Appt: Womens Cell Member.
- d. Unit: BINH CHAU hamlet.
- e. D/POB: 1942 BINH XUYEN hamlet XUYEN MOC.

Circumstances of Return.

2. a. Receiving Unit: XUYEN MOC Chieu Hoi Centre.
- b. Date: 27 Mar 70.
- c. Location: XUYEN MOC
- d. Weapons and Docus: Nil.

Exploited Information.

3. a. The subject stated that about Sep 69 her family together with NGUYEN THI SUU and the peoples defence cell moved to an area called CAU SAT (YS818707).
- b. Elements of BINH CHAU Party Chapter. Unk.
- c. Elements of BINH CHAU Unit. Unk.
- d. Elements of BINH CHAU People's Defence Cell.
 - (1) Cell Comd: TRUNG: 42: BINH CHAU K44.
Cell Members: DUNG Loi: 25 unk K44
SAO : 25 unk K44
HONG : 30 unk No wpm
NGUYEN VAN TAM (husband of subject)
and 3 others unk to subject.
 - (2) Strength: about 8 persons.
 - (3) Weapons: 3xK44 rifles.
 - (4) Location: The 8 persons live individually at an area approx YS818707 but usually move around an area of 200 metres because they are afraid of being attacked by the Allied Forces.
 - (5) Task: The people's defence cell only had the task of watching for the approach of allied forces to warn the others.
 - (6) Resupply: The peoples defence cell only produced food to survive (such as manioc and fish). The subject stated that they had a hard existence because they had to move frequently because of the allied ops and also Allied forces used chemicals to destroy the crops. The subject stated that her husband NGUYEN VAN TAM sometimes caught a lot of fish which he sold to the VC. (Unit and task unk) The amount was from 5 to 10 kilos. 3 VC used to come about every 15 days.
 - (7) Bunkers: unk.
 - (8) Caches: unk.
 - (9) Other Units: unk.

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ANNEX C (Agents Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 86/70
dated 27 Mar 70.

1. (252235H) Agent report from Duc Thanh Sub Sector stated that two en squads entered AP SOUI NGHE (YS4271) from the NW. En wdr to the south at 260100H and took with them 45 litres of rice. Ident were twopers of BA LONG (possibly recce unit) and two from 84 RSG. Eval VN C-2.

Comment: VC entry of DUC MY, BINH BA and AP SOUI NGHE has increased considerably in recent weeks. In SOUI NGHE entries have been reported each night for the past five nights. These are known sup pts for CHAU DUC and D440; cadres from 84 RSG or unit rear svcs do the purchasing. If sup can be denied to VC at these places it will increase thier difficulties very considerably.

2. (271658H) Agent report from DUC THANH, approx 1 VC coy dressed in assorted uniforms, carrying individual wpns and CSW entered AP SOUI NGHE from the northwest, collected qty of rice and provisions and wdr NW at 2200H. Eval VN C-3. Comment: Probably exaggeration of strength but regular sup is taking place.

3. (262000H) Agent report from DUC MY VC pl wearing assorted uniforms and carrying individual wpns entered DUC MY from the NW, wdr NW at 2300H. Comment: Probably sup msn but entries these areas also intended to impress local people with auth of VC.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 86/70
dated 27 Mar 70.

1.2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
270405H	YS370520	10 in clearing and mangrove
to 270420H	YS389533	12 " " " "
	YS392536	6 " " " "

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
271015H	YS728802	Maximum
to 271115H	YS743835	"
	YS750837	"
	YS762777	"
	YS751778*	Strong
	YS746786	"
	YS728808	"
	YS751829	"
	YS753825	Minimum

* 5 Red Haze on 12 Mar 70. One small bunker sighted during Sniffer mission.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 87-70.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO KURRAJONG.

(a) (282000H). At YS546830 elms of 7 RAR loc a bunker system consisting of 95 small pits, 12 large pits, two tunnels 50 ft long, seven assorted large bunkers, four to twelve months old.

(2) AO TULIP.

(a) (281925H) At YS456893 11/D/6 RAR/NZ contacted an unknown number of en which resulted in one VC KIA (BC) and one weapon CIA (NFI).

(b) (282130HO) At YS479895 a ptl from W/6 RAR/NZ engaged noises with unknown results.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (281400H); At YS589599, W/6 RAR/NZ loc 15 bunkers all caved in and a cache containing three RPG rds.

(b) (281820H) At YS722717, D/8 RAR located and destroyed a well, 200 Metres north an old bunker 8' x'8' was located.

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

b,c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

(1)(2)(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) RPG 2 - 3.

(6) Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - One weapon (NFI).

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: Three RPG2 rds.

(b) Omitted.

(3)(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month

(1) KIA - 19 VC.

(2) PW - 2.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 7.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 19.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured - 0.93 Tons.

(8)(9) Omitted.

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

AT MINES

- (a) One 30lb Chicom at YS457851 destroyed by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (b) One 10lb and one 30 lb at YS455754 destroyed by 2Tp 1 Fd Sqn.

AP MINES

- (a) One M16 at YS456533 detonated by 17 Const LCT.
- (2) Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

(a) The enemy KIA by W/6 RAR/NZ at YS520895 at 270450H Mar 70 - Ref INTSUM 86-70 has been identified as LE VAN QUYET a Pl 2IC in the BA LONG Province Postal Unit.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12-70 dated 24 Mar 70.

9, 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a,b,c,d,e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

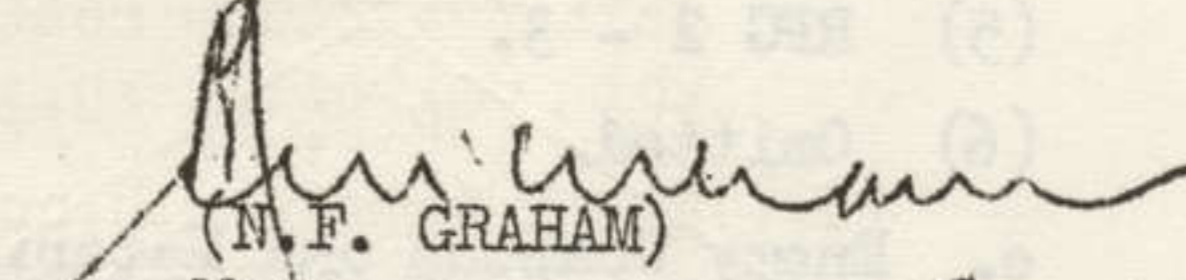
- (1) (280850HO At YS823764 an A /S was conducted on a base camp with unknown results.
- (2) (281132H) At YS823764 an A/S was conducted on a base camp. Results: Two bunkers exposed.

Attachments

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

Distribution:

List A
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MACV - CICV
18 ARVN DIV
3 TAC Fighter Wing
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Sector S2


(N.F. GRAHAM)
Maj
GS02 (Int) Capt

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INTERROGATION REPORT
TRAN VAN BI

Biographical Data.

1. Name: TRAN VAN BI.
Aka: Nil.
D/POB: 1926 HAI BAI LONG LE.
Rank/Appt: Mil Proselyting Cadre.
Unit: LONG SON Village Party - Chapter.

Circumstances of Return.

2. Receiving Unit: LONG SON Village Office.
Date: 27 Mar 70.
Location: LONG SON.

Exploited Information.

3. a. LONG SON Village Party Chapter.
Strength - 12.
Location - Before Jan 70 at YS283565.
Weapons - 1 x K44
1 x Thompson SMG.
- b. LONG SON Village Unit.
Comd - BON NHA TAN
Other information unknown.
- c. LONG SON Guerilla Unit.
Strength - 7 (divided into two cells).
Weapons - 1 x B40
3 x Garrant
2 x SKS
Location - In Jan 70 they lived with the Village Party Chapter at YS283565 but have since dispersed due to Allied operations.
- d. Mil Proselyting Section.
Task - To appeal to GVN soldier to lay down his arms and come to the VC.
Location - With the Finance and Economy Section at YS310586. There are no bunkers or mines at that location.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 87-70
DATED 28 MAR 70

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured on an enemy KIA by W Coy 6 RAR/NZ at YS520895 on 27 Mar 70 included the following:

- a. Piece of Allied Forces map - area XUYEN MOC.
- b. Promotion Certificate for LE VAN QUYET to Sect Ldr, Military Post Office, dated 20 Mar 68, signed by HA VAN THUAN Province HQ Chief.
- c. Promotion Certificate for LE VAN QUYET to Pl 2IC BARIA LONG KHANH Province Postal Unit, signed by asst Political Officer of Province, NGUYEN THANH CAN dated 3 Aug 69.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 87 - 80
DATED 28 MAR 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
27 Mar 70	YS589600	Three bunkers good condition with recent track activity
282035H	YS808693	One light

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
280425H-280630H Mar 70	YS509949	1 emission in opening
	YS514929	1 emission in woods
	YS533991	1 emission in opening
	YS547976	2 emissions in woods
	YS556975	1 emission in woods
	YS564981	1 emission in woods
	YS578966	5 emissions in woods
	YS587959	4 emissions in woods
	YS590964	1 emission in woods
	YS629969	4 emissions in woods
	YS646973	3 emissions in woods
	YS747949	2 emissions in woods
	YS648918	2 emissions in woods
	YS660951	4 emissions in woods
YS667992	1 emission in woods	
YS664926	2 emissions in woods	

4, 5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 88/70
2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO KURRAJONG

(a) (291015H) At YS522850, 7Pl C Coy 7 RAR located 5 bunkers with 18" OHC and sleeping spaces for 5 to 10 persons, 3-6 months old.

(b) (291500H) At YS473712, elms of 7 RAR located a camp area of 6 slit trenches and 2 sentry posts, last used 6 months ago.

(c) (291554H) At YS460716, elms of 7 RAR detained one VN, who was released after initial intg.

(2) AO TULIP

(a) (290800H) At YS467882, D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located one sandbag containing 475 X 7.92mm AP rds.

(3) AO AUCKLAND

(a) (29Mar 70) At YS622822, 3Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 2X2 man bunkers approx 1 week old.

(b) (29Mar 70) At YS620814, 3Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 4 weapon pits approx 1 week old.

(c) (29Mar 70) At YS604810, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 2 old bunkers in good condition.

(d) (29Mar 70) At YS618828, 3Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 30-40 holes 4ftX1ftX3ft deep along the road to the north. Holes appeared to be approx 14 days old.

(4) OTHER TIERAS

(a) (290905H) At YS424730, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 en moving east to west and wdr east.

(b) (290915H) At YS494512, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd detonated a M16. Results: 1 Aust WIA.

(c) (291220H) At YS423731, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a cache of 100lbs of beans and nuts and 770 lbs of rice.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 1

(3) Civil Defendants - Omitted.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Omitted

(6) Omitted

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 475 rds of 7.92mm AP rds.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS423731	Rice,	770 lbs	Unknown
	Nuts and Beans	100 lbs	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
291220H	4/B/8 RAR	YS423731	100 lbs of beans and nuts, and 770 lbs of rice.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 19 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 7
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 19
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured 1.32 Tons.
- (8) Omitted.
- (9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a.b(1) Omitted.

b. (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
290915	YS494512	M16	1 Aust WIA

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/70 dated 24 Mar 70.

9,10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 87/70.

(a) Para 3a.(2) (a) amend grid reference to read YS458892 and unit to read 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ.

c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (282315H) At YS420652, 609 RF Coy engaged three en with SA, VC returned fire with 2-3 grens and SA's then wdr NW. Arty engaged suspected wdr routes. Results of en cas unknown, nil friendly cas.

(2) (290050H) At YS436594, 49 PF Pl compound was engaged by an unknown no of VC who fired B40's and SA. Results. En cas unk, 3PF WIA, 1 PSDF WIA.

(3) (290800H) PHAM VAN KIEN asst ldr of the Production Section of CHAU DUC Forward Supply Council rallied to DUC THANH Sub-Sector (See ANNEX A to this INTSUM).

(4) (291000H) At YS639759, RAAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: One military structure destroyed, four bunkers destroyed and 2 bunkers exposed and damaged.

(5) (291125H) At YS823764, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: Three bunkers destroyed and one tunnel exposed.

(6) (291345H) At YS634945, elms of 199 LIB contacted an unknown number of emey. Results: One typewriter and six bicycles CIA.

Attachments.

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: PHAM VAN KIEN

Biographical Data

- 1. a. Name : PHAM VAN KIEN
- b. AKA : BA KIEN
- c. D/POB : 1924, AN BINH TAY, BA TRI, BEN TRE
- d. Address : BAU CHINH, NGAI GIAO, DUC THANH
- e. Rank/Appt: Comd Food sect and 2IC Production
- f. Unit : CHAU DUC Forward Sect Supply Council

Circumstances of Return

- 2. a. Receiving unit : DUC THANH Sub Sector
- b. Date : 29 Mar 70
- c. Location : DUC THANH
- d. Wpns and Docus : Nil
- e. Circumstances : On 27 Mar 70, the subject took the opportunity to escape to rally whilst the unit was having their mid day rest.
- f. Reasons : Too old to do his tasks but the VC forced him to continue.
Afraid of being killed
Heard and read GVN appeals to rally

Exploited Information

- 3. a. Elements and Agencies of CHAU DUC DISTRICT COMMITTEE
LBN: A182
Secretary: BA LUONG
Asst : THI THAO
Member : HAI BAC (Comd of Fwd Sup Cncl)
: HAI (Comd of Economy and Finance sect)
: NAM DAN (Comd of Trg sect)
: NAM KIEM (Mil sect)
: TU HIEU
- b. Other Elements
 - (1). Orderly Rm
Sect Comd : NAM PHUONG
Member : THI NU (Typist)
: THI HANG (Typist)
Cook : THI YEN
There are 3 other members but the subject does not know their names.
 - (2). Military Proselyting Sect
Sect Comd : CHINH TRI
2IC : Unk
Members : There are 10 members but the subject does not know their names.

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(3). Economy and Finance Sect

Comd: HAI

2IC: BAY GIANG

Members: There are 7 members but the subject does not know their names.

(4). Executive Sect Farmers Association

Sect Comd : BA DEN

2IC : BAY COC

Members : There are 5 members but the subject does not know their names.

(5). Propaganda and Trg Sect

Comd : NAM DAN

2IC : HAI

Members : There are 2 members. Names unk.

(6). Fwd Supply Cncl

Comd : HAI BAC

2IC : NAM HUNG

Cncl consists of:

(a). Food Sect

Comd : PHAM VAN KIEN (Subject)

2IC : As above

Member : BA MOI

: HAI HUE (female)

: TAI

(b). Civilian Labour Sect

Comd : NAM HUNG

2IC : TAI (killed by Aust forces in Jan 70)

Member : TU XUAN

(c). Med Sect

Comd : THI LOAN

2IC : HOANG

Member : THI THOM

Str : 12 persons

Wpns : 2 AK, Carbine x 1.

(d). Security Sect

Comd : THANG

2IC : HAI (killed in Dec 69 and has not yet been replaced).

Members : DE

: BINH

(e). Protection Sect

Comd : SAU TINH

2IC : DAT

Soldiers : THANG (killed)

: There are 2 others. Names unk.

4. Location: All the sections were based near TRANG NAI (approx YS 340716) from Oct 69 until Dec 69 when their base camp was attacked by Aust tps with the result that THANG was killed and another person (name unk) was wounded. Both were from the Protection Sect. From Dec 69 to Feb 70, the sections were based at XOAI river area (approx YS 372755). At 280800H Feb 70, the Aust tps attacked the base and the agencies of CHAU DUC District Committee fled in the direction of Rte 15. In the case of the Finance and Economy, Farmers Assoc and the fwd Supply Cncl Sect; all went to approx YS 327806. They remained in this loc from 29 Feb 70 until the subject rallied.

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5. a. Elements of the CHAU DUC District Unit:

LBN: unk
Comd: NAM KIEM
2IC: TO HIEU
Pol Offr: BAY TAM
Asst: Nil

b. Other Elements:

1. Military Intelligence Section.

Comd: HOA
2IC: Unk
Members: 2 persons, names unk.

2. Medical Section:

Comd: Med spec THANG
Medics: 2 persons, names unk.

3. Ordnance & Weapons Section:

Details unknown.

4. Postal Section:

Comd: BAO

5. Rear Services Section:

Comd: CHINH TRUNG
2IC: Unk
Members: 2 persons, names unknown

6. Elements of C41 Company:

(The subject dosen't know details)

Strength: Unk

Location: Located in the same area as the district committee agencies but from 200 to 500 metre away.

6. 7. Political Training:

a. At the end of Dec 69 the sections of CHAU DUC district committee received 3 days political training from BA LUUNG about the Winter, Spring Plan at the beginning of 1970 (from Jan 70 to Mar 70).

8. Military:

C 41 had the task to attack the strategic hamlet of DUENG CONG and HOA LONG with the aim of taking the control from the GUN and to destroy the GUN power over agriculture.

9. Political:

Educate the forces to welcome the Revolutionary Party to collect taxes. Force the youth to follow the VC.

b. In the case of the forward supply council section they studied 2 extra days (14 & 15 Mar 70) with the aim of explaining the beginning of 1970 plan for the council.

7. Food Supplies:

VC were not able to get food, at DOONG CUNG, HOA LONG, PHUOC THAI and SUOI NGHE because of allied troops activities in these areas; so the council agencies had to produce food for the future use by Provincial main force units such as D440, D445 and C41 CHAU DUC District.

Areas of Production:

BAU CHINH approx YS480820

XUAN SON approx YS570770

- 8. d. The rear service section only supplies food to the forces (regular). In the case of the sections belonging to the district committee (CHAU DUC) when they finish their food all the stronger and healthy members assemble and go to the hamlets of DUONG CUNG, SUOI NGHE and HOA LONG to buy food. Each time they infiltrate into the villages; went to the peoples to ask for or buy food. Each time they got from 50-60 litres of rice. The route they they took is unk because the subject had not gone at any time with the group. The collection trip took about 2 days.

9. Activities:

From the 1 Apr 70 the sections of the council will go to BAU CHINH and XUAN SON to get corn and manioc. The seeds of these will be in the village of DUONG CUNG (if the VC are unable to enter the village they ask the people working in the fields to buy the seeds.

Comment: The info given on locs is not satisfactory and follow up intg is required; he might be willing to go on the ground or do an air VR. It is likely that he is not yet prepared to give fuller info and he appears to know much more than has yet been told. Recommend further exploitation by 2 Bde. DUONG CUNG is VC name for DUC MY.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 89-70.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO KURRAJONG
 - (a) (301705H) At YS529865, elms of 7 RAR loc 2 bunkers with 18" OHP and pits for a company sized or possibly battalion sized unit. The loc was last used 3 months ago.
 - (b) (301840H) At YS477835, elms of 7 RAR contacted 3 LF VC. Results unknown.
 - (2) AO AUCKLAND
 - (a) (301640H) At YS730754, elms of 6 RAR/NZ loc 16 bunkers last used 2 to 3 days ago.
 - (b) (301830H) At YS485890, elms of 6 RAR/NZ contacted an unk number of VC. Results: 5 VC KIA(BC), 1 x AK50, 8 packs and eating utensils qty. docus CIA.
 - (3) OTHER AREAS
 - (a) (300820H) In YS4367, elms of 1 SAS Sqn sighted 4 people outside the wire.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 5 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b.d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 1
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - 1 x AK50.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: 8 packs.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3).(5) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA - 24 VC
 - (2) PW - 2
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 7
 - (4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 20
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
 - (7) Rice Captured 1.32 Tons.
 - (8).(9) Omitted.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Omitted.

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(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
301010	YS457558	55 lb Chicom explosive	1 Aust WIA (slightly), D8 dozer damaged.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 13-70 dated 30 Mar 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 88/70.

(a) Para 9 ANNEX A last line delete "DUONG CUNG is name for DUC MY" and insert "DUONG CUNG is the VC name for NGAI GIAO".

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (300830H) At YS483511, a grenade was thrown into the perimeter of 487 RF Coy. An estimated 3 VC were engaged with unk results. Nil friendly cas.

(2) District Authorities Report (C2) that at 291800H and 301800H one VC squad wearing black attire carrying individual weapons penetrated SOUI NGHE Hamlet through YS424714. An unk quantity of food was obtained. En issued propaganda and stated that a Provincial Unit will attack the SOUI NGHE compound in the near future. Comment: This has become a regular source of sup, entry appears to have been effected each night for the past 6 nights. Threats of attack by a Province Unit are normal to keep the people supplying but unlikely to occur unless frustrated in obtaining food.

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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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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 90/70.
2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H Mar 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO KURRAJONG.

(a) (310615H) At YS511882 3/A/7 RAR contacted an unknown no of VC moving west to east. Res: 2 VC KIA (BC). CIA: 1 M1 carbine, 2 packs, rice and a qty docus, (See para 6.)

(b) (311803H) At YS478838 Aslt Pnr/Sp/7 RAR located 2 bunkers with 2' OHP and recently used fireplaces. Used 4-6 hrs before by 10-12 men. Found in bunkers were sandbags, fresh fruit, C rations and assorted eqpt.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) (310250H) At YS498620 lights sighted and engaged by MG from HORSESHOE.

(b) (310305H) At YS499618 3-4 VC sighted and engaged by mors from HORSESHOE with unknown results.

(c) (311010H) At YS387693 6/B/8 RAR found and destroyed a Chicom stick grenade.

(d) (311115H) At YS565596 2/W/6 RAR/NZ sighted 10-15 VC moving north to south. Engaged by arty with unk results.

(e) (311800H) At YS554573 Bushranger sighted and engaged 3 VC, 2 dressed in black, 1 dressed in black trousers and green shirt. Res: 3 VC KBA (poss). 100yds west in tree-line sighted and engaged 1 further VC dressed in black trousers and green shirt carrying AK47. Res; 1 VC KBA (BC).

(f) (311830H) At YS421727 9/C/8 RAR contacted 1 en wearing green shirt, black trousers and carrying pack and armed with a knife. Res: 1 VC KIA. CIA were: 1xpack, 1xclaymore, small qty of food and docus.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting.</u>
311258H	YS834765	Trail running north to south shows use in last 2-3 days.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 4 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Innocent Civilians - 2
- (3)-(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual -1
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - 1xM1 carbine, 1xChicom stick grenade, 1xclaymore.

(2) Omitted.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS511882	Rice	2 packs	Unk

(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 28 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 7
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 21
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.32 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

Docus taken from 5 VC KIA by 6 RAR at YS473883 on 301807H Mar 70 and from 2 VC KIA by 2/A/7 RAR at YS511882 on 310615H Mar 70, identify members of both the K76A and K76C Hospitals and 84 RSG possibly from C5. The docus suggest these two contacts were with the same gp, probably getting sups from COURTENAY area. For further info see ANNEX B.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 13/70 dated 30 Mar 70

9.10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

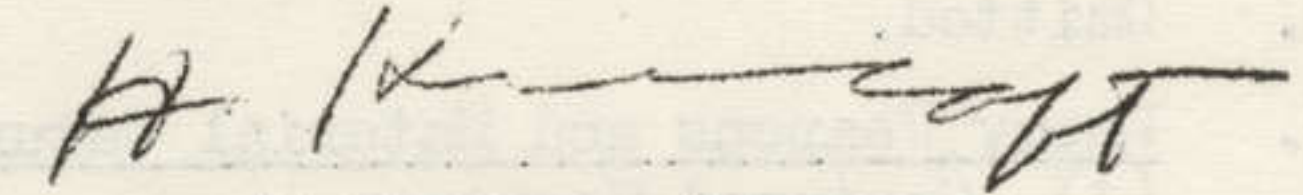
b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Ref INTSUM 89/70:
 - (a) Para 3.a.(2)(b) amend grid ref to read YS473883.
 - (b) Para 3.a.(2)(b) delete an unk no of VC and insert 10-15 en moving east.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (302100H) DUC THANH. 1 squad of VC penetrated DUC MY hamlet and obtained sups and held a propaganda meeting at 2300H. Eval C2 VN. En wdr east.
- (2) (310040H) At YS413663 a VC gp (approx 5) detonated a mech ambush while leaving AP TAY (HOA LONG). Res: 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC WIA (BT).
- (3) (311020H) At YS640747 an A/S on en base camp. BDA: 10 bunkers exposed and damaged. 10M trench exposed.
- (4) (311130H and 311135H) At YS640747 2 A/S on en base camp. BDA: 5 bunkers exposed and damaged and 3 bunkers destroyed.
- (5) (311708H) A PRU ptl reported approx 50 VC dressed in black and carrying large packs between YS423828 and YS432828. Eng with arty with unk res. Comment: If this estimate of str is correct this would probably be an elm of D445.
- (6) (311400H) At YS403627 171 RF detained 2 suspected VC with no ident papers. Undergoing intg by Sector.


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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Report.

ANNEX B - Captured Documents.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 90/70
dated 31 Mar 70.

INITIAL INTERROGATION REPORT
NGUYEN VAN LAC

Unit: B1/C1/D265X (not ident in OB), medic.

Rallied: BEN BA Post (LONG SON) 220900H Mar 70.

D/POB: 1931, AN DINH Village, HOANG MY District, KIEN HOA Province.

Summary of Info.

Unit Background.

1. Since 1967 his bn has op mainly in KIEN HOA Province IV Corps. On 2 Feb 68 it joined 516 Bn (unident) in an attack on the province capital of KIEN HOA, both bns with hy cas. After other ops during 1968, the unit moved to TAY NINH (most of TAY NINH city) where it remained taking part in occasional attacks by fire until Feb 70.

2. On 20 Feb 70 the unit was given orders containing an op in a far distant area (not known by subj). On 4 Mar the unit moved its base to a plantation area (not known) in TAY NINH, where B1/C1 received orders to go to a distant loc to get ammo. (The subj comments that this would be an unlikely role for his pl, and that he believed their task would be recce associated with future bn move).

On 19 Mar the pl (36 men) arrived at NUI DINH, PHUOC TUY, rested for one day and moved to LONG SON by sampan. (The subj is vague on locs saying he was lost and did not know area). The pl base was threatened by Aust ops and moved 3Km west. On 22 Mar the subj left base, contacted local people and was guided to BEN DA.

4. Unit Intentions. Daily indoctrination of the bn incl talks on the 4th Offensive and the intended long march to PHUOC TUY. Bn cadre told them that all VC units would get a large no of AA guns from the Chinese communists before the 4th Offensive which is to consist principally of attacks by fire as distinct from his units previous type of attack or ambush ops.

5. Morale. The morale of his pl is low, the pl comd himself has expressed before his tps an intention to desert on his return to KIEN HOA.

6. ORBAT. The unit str is 500. It has a HQ with Spr/Recce Pl and six coys, three of these sp wpns coys and three inf. Principle wpns are:

6x125mm RR	2x3.5 RCL (French or US)
4xDKZ 75mm	3x12.1 AAHMG
9xDKZ 57mm	

7. Composition. It is a VC unit but there are NVA political cadre at bn, coy and levels.

S2 Comment. This is the first indication of a possible new unit ident in PHUOC TUY. While it seems an unlikely development. The subj has provided a large amount of detail and during lengthy intg has made no contradictions in his answers. Much of the background provided concerning previous ops of his unit can be checked, but until a better evaluation of the source can be made, it is evaluated possibly true. More detail is held by 1 ATF and a full intg report will be published after checks and further intg have been conducted.

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

3 Mar 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/70.
PERIOD 24 Feb 70 - 2 Mar 70.

III Corps

1. Enemy activity generally increased from the night 26/27 Feb, the beginning of the Spring Offensive, and has remained since at a moderate level. Attacks have been by fire, with no significant ground actions attempted, and mainly in TAY NINH, MR 7 and MR 10.

ENEMY LOCATIONS.

2. Show no change:
9 VC Div, in War Zone C, was not identified in contact during the week.
7 NVA Div, around LOC NINH, each of its three regts were identified in contacts for the first time in more than a month.
5 VC Div, remains NW to NE PHUOC LONG.
33 Regt, BINH TUY in VO DAT/TANH LINH area.
274 Regt, no change near BINH SON.

ASSESSMENT.

3. Indications are that the enemy will attempt to maintain a semblance of offensive activity through to 7 Mar, with most action in the north (TAY NINH, BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG). Scattered attacks by fire and possible small sapper actions can be expected in the sub regions, with general harassment of RF/PF units and GVN installations.

AO BENDIGG/LONG HAI.

4. 8 RAR/RF operations here have resulted in the evacuation of the hills by all but a few local guerillas. Large amounts of rice, medical, ammunition supplies and weapons were captured; 40 VC were killed, two PW's were taken and two HOI CHANHS rallied. Some 200 bunkers were destroyed. Identified in the area have been D445, LONG DAT HQ and its companies, possibly C6/D440 and a number of local guerilla groups. This sanctuary has long allowed the VC to maintain a strong psychological advantage over DAT DO and LONG DIEN Districts; its disruption and the consequent pre-emption of the promised Spring Offensive in that area will impose further serious problems of morale and supply on the VC.

AO KURRAJONG.

5. To compound further the problems of D445, on 1 Mar 6 RAR attacked its new battalion area while it was still under construction on the SUOI GIAU. The unit dispersed during the night leaving one KIA and a number of heavy blood trails. The VC used for the first time two HMG's which had been provided recently to the unit by D440. Identified in this action were the HQ and two companies, but a third company and possibly elements of a forward HQ of BA LONG Province were present. There was also a tentative identification of C9/D440 but it is unlikely that a large party of this company was present. It was last identified on 26 Feb when it made an attack by fire at NGAI GIAO, and probably remains west of Route 2. Documents found after a group of 15-20 VC were sighted at YS5465, identify LONG DAT District and it is likely that some key personal of this HQ also have fled the LONG HAI. The remaining company of D445, C3, has not been identified for some time and a HOI CHANH believed it had remained behind in the LONG HAI, but it is more likely that it moved out to the NE.

The future movement of D445 cannot be assessed but its only adequate supply area is Route 23 where it will probably continue to send supply parties. Local guerillas in the SUOI TAM BO area are known to be living off jungle produce and the Route 2 supply points can barely support the small force of D440.

ASSESSMENT

6. The Spring Offensive planned by BA LONG HQ in which D440 was tasked to attack targets on Route 2 and D445 targets in DAT DO/LONG DIEN Districts, due to

commence on the night 26/27 Feb, failed to eventuate because of TF operations in the north and south. The attack by C9 on NGAI GIAO was easily driven off by return fire and its primary purpose was probably to get food supplies. While small attacks by fire and attacks on aircraft or vehicles cannot be discounted, and mining always remains a possibility, it is likely that the VC will be prepared to attempt offensive activity only as necessary to seize urgently needed food and medical supplies.

III Corps

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Distribution

- List A.
- II FFORCE V.
- MACV - J2.
- MACV - CIOV.
- RTAVF.
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- BIEN HOA TAC.
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- Sector S2.

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ASSESSMENT

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 10-70
Period 3-9 Mar 70

III CORPS

1. The enemy's planned period of increased activity between 27 Feb and 7 Mar did not eventuate, probably due mainly to allied disruptive actions. There were some scattered attacks by fire only.

ENEMY LOCATIONS

2. 9 VC DIV - War Zone C no change
7 NVA DIV - NW BINH LONG with 165 Regt ident in the FISHHOOK area west of AN LOC
5 VC DIV - No change, PHUOC LONG
33 REGT - Remains in BINH TUY
274 REGT - Remains east and south of BINH SON with 2 Bn in War Zone D

ASSESSMENT

3. It is expected that the level of activity will remain low for some time, due to loss of sups and timely allied ops. There is still no indication that the earlier planned move of MF Divs into SVN proper will take place and provincial units will probably be expected to carry the burden of ops. Heavy casualties suffered in Jan and Feb have not been replaced and units are heavily committed to re-supply activities so that offensive ops seem unlikely.

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4. Following the evacuation by D445 of its new base on the SUOI GIAU, 6 RAR found several fresh tracks with bloodstains indicating a general movement with casualties to the south. Other tracks indicated movement also to the east where a large temporary camp was found at YS 515670, from which tracks led SE.

5. 8 RAR searching in the NUI LE area, believed to be a Rear Svcs Gp supply point, found 2000 lbs of rice near Rte 328 on 6 Mar, and signs of en movement. On 7 Mar a ptl of 6 RAR intercepted a supply party in YS 5858 killing 2 VC ident as members of C8. Recovered were 200 lbs of rice being brought from the direction of Rte 44. This was the first ident of the heavy wpns coy of D440 since a HOI CHANH reported seeing a recce party in the LONG HAIS in Feb, and part of that coy was probably detached by BA LONG HQ to sp proposed ops in late Feb in LONG DAT District.

6. On 8 Mar there were indications of en in area YS 6161 to which 8 RAR with a coy of 6 RAR re-deployed. D Coy 6 RAR contacted bunkers, probably of HQ D445 and C1, and the en wdr towards the east. A recent letter captured in the contact area appears to indicate that C2 and C8 were already establishing a base in the area YS 6560, YS 6660.

7. There have been numerous indications of VC activity in this old LONG DAT District base area for the past month, not necessarily related to D445 movement, but some supply activity appears to have been taking place. It is likely that HQ D445 and all four coys are now preparing new posns and that C8/D440 remains with them. C6/D440, ident 2 weeks ago in sp of D445, possibly also is in the area. The LONG DAT Coy, of which 8 RAR struck one pl from the order of battle in the LONG HAIS, remains unlocated, but may have moved east also.

8. West of Rte 2 there are indications that the remaining elms of D440 plan shortly to conduct an attack on RF at AP SUOI NGHE and a reliable report places the HQ in the area of YS 4173. If an attack does eventuate it is unlikely to be anything more than harrassment by fire.

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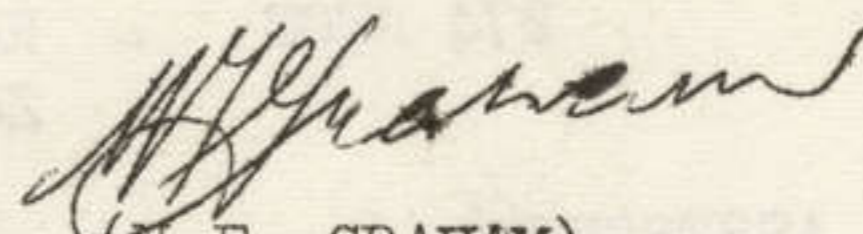
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9. On the TAM BO a ptl of 6RAR killed the leader of the small QUANG GIAO guerilla unit. A member of this group rallied to DUC THANH on 10 Mar 69 and there probably remain only 4 members.

10. Small numbers of enemy continue to appear in the LONG HAI but these are probably local village guerillas with a small element of C25 with 1 60mm mortar.

ASSESSMENT

11. Offensive operations by province and district forces are unlikely. The effects of recent ops against D445, on supply, care of wounded and morale, will undoubtedly be serious. Village guerillas can be expected to maintain a semblance of activity in LONG DAT District.


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As per ENTSUM

17 Mar 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/70
PERIOD COVERED 10-16 MAR 70III CTZ

1. Enemy Activity. Apart from a sharp increase in War Zone C with 8 attacks by fire on 12 Mar 70, enemy activity remained at a low level throughout the Corps. There appear to be preparations in hand for a further period of activity and reinforcements have been reported arriving in formations in the border areas. Several friendly initiated contacts in War Zone C and MR 10 resulted in heavy losses to 9 VC and 7 NVA Divs. In SR 4 DOAN 10 (Water Sapper Bn) lost 33 KIA and 2 PW at YS 1680 on 10 Mar 70 in contact with RF supported by gunships.

2. Enemy Locations

- a. 9 VC Div: all 3 Regiments identified in contacts, no change in general deployment in War Zone C.
- b. 7 NVA Div: north and NW BINH LONG. 209 Regt appeared to move from NE LOC NINH to SW probably as a result of allied operations.
- c. 5 VC Div: no change in north and NE PHUOC LONG.
- d. 33 NVA Regt: remains in BINH TUY.
- e. 274 VC Regt: remains south and SE BINH SON with 2 Bn in War Zone D. There are reports that 274 Regt plans to mount ambushes on Route 15 in the area north of TAM TIEN.

Assessment

3. There are indications that the enemy plan to attempt some offensive activities in the next week but these would probably be scattered attacks by fire and harassment of GVN forces. Ambushes might be attempted on Route 15 but enemy capability to mount coordinated ground attacks is very limited due to manpower losses, supply, medical supply problems and allied pre-emptive operations.

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4. AO KURRAJONG. Patrols of 7RAR had 10 contacts and sightings of enemy in small groups (mainly 1 or 2) but no identification were made. It is likely that some elements of LONG DAT District and local guerillas remain in the area and it may be expected that VC recce of the area is being conducted by BA LONG Recce Unit. A HOI CHANH from B4/C25 stated that her platoon was in the area until 12 Mar but was then ordered back to the LONG HAI base.

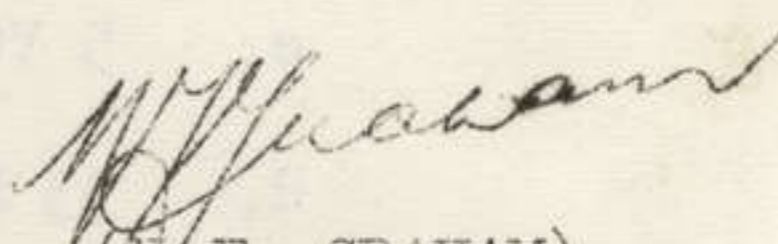
5. AO ASCOT. Patrols of 8RAR have found several areas showing recent occupation by enemy and a number of tracks in the area. One track to the NE showed possible movement of at least one company and VR followed what was believed to be the same track to the area YS 7577. It is probable that most of D445 have now left XUYEN MOC but some element may have remained in the vicinity to reorganize supply from Route 23. Alternative courses open to D445 are all likely to be most influenced by accessibility of supplies and the need to care for wounded and while some presence might be maintained in the south it is probable that most of the unit will return for a recuperative period to a BA LONG base area in LONG KHANH, possibly SE of BAO BINH.

DAT DO & LONG LE Districts

6. A VC member of a production cell gave information about a LONG SON guerilla base at YS 283555. In support of an RF operation, gunships at 161115 attacked occupied bunkers from which 6-7 VC were seen to withdraw south. No contact appears to have been made by RF blocking positions. Two more members of a production cell in the area have rallied, making three for the week. Desertions from the VC at province, district and local levels reflect the serious difficulties facing the organisation as a consequence of prolonged disruption of supply and continued harassment by allied operations.

7. Activity in these districts has been confined mainly to resupply efforts and dissemination of low level propaganda, but there was one attack by 81mm mortar fire in BARI on 15 Mar, 6-8 rounds falling near the administration compound. This was probably the work of C41 operating from HUI DENH.

8. In the LONG HAI a patrol of SRAR on 11 Mar sighted 18 VC, engaged by mortars. These were not identified but some local guerilla groups have remained in the area with probably 2 platoons of C25. The RF continue to find bunkers and caves in the southern part of the hills where an element of HQ LONG DAT District still remain (possibly YS 482516).


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24 Mar 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/70

PERIOD 17-23 March 1970

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1. Enemy Activity. General En activity in both div AOs and the SRs remained at a general low level during the period. Most contacts were friendly initiated and elms of 9 VC Div and COSVN security forces suffered heavy cas in NW War Zone C.
2. Enemy Locations.
 - a. 9 VC Div: War Zone C.. Since 10 Mar, PW and docus ident two bns 271 VC Regt in western War Zone C and it is probable that the regt has moved to a new AO along the border with CAMBODIA.
 - b. 7 NVA Div. NW BINH LONG, no change.
 - c. 5 VC Div. No change NE and NW PHUOC LONG.
 - d. 33 Regt. THANH LINH area, BINH TUY Province. On 20 Mar 9 Km NE VO DAT ARVN tps contacted 2/33 Regt and inflicted 28 KIA.
 - e. 274 Regt. No change.
 - f. SR4. On 18 Mar RF sp by US gunships contacted a force, possibly of D10, in northern RSSZ (21 KM west of the contact on 10 Mar when 33 of D10 were KIA) In this contact en cas were 27 KIA.
3. Assessment. No significant increase in en activity is expected in the coming week as allied ops and serious sup shortages continue to affect VC capabilities. En activity from border base areas will be affected also by the unsettled sit in CAMBODIA. Any offensive ops will be limited to attacks by fire, harassment of GVN forces and possibly isolated spr attacks.

1 ATF TAOR

4. Gen: There has been very little en initiated activity and only several isolated propaganda attempts despite a planned high point for Anti-America Day on 19 Mar and the hamlet elections which provided ample opportunity and motive for VC activity.
5. AO ASCOT. 8 RAR ptls loc tracks and bunker systems recoving 500 lbs of rice, in the area recently evac by D445 (YS6862 south of XUYEN MOC). The en appeared to wdr north and advoided contact. There is some evidence that small gps have remained in the south and one gp, possibly HQ, in the LIGHT GREEN as at 23 Mar, and Sector reports of about 30 en on the eastern edge of the LONG HAI s could indicate that one coy D445 attempted to return to its normal AO. It is probable however, in the absence of signs throughout LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC Districts, that most of the unit moved toward the northern bdry, as assessed earlier. for sanctuary and evac of cas.
6. Ptls of 8 RAR subsequently had two contacts with XUYEN MOC DIST UNIT on 18 Mar, killing two and taking one PW wounded. Follow up has resulted in two further contacts with 6-8 VC, probably elms of the same gp.
7. AO KURRAJONG. Ptls of 7 RAR cont to find scattered signs of en movement but no evidence of a large force in the area. Continued pressure has produced five ralliers to DUC THANH, four of whom were QUANG GIAO VC farmers and one ex-member of D445 who is providing useful information.

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He has stated that D440, or elms of it, were based in NUI SAO area (YS5184) as at 28 Feb and had 20 plus 122 mm rkts. Some of his info appears to conflict with collateral, but his reliability appears to be high. Follow up is continuing.

OTHER AREAS

8. NUI DINH. An op by V/6 RAR resulted in three contacts the last being a bkr contact with 30-50 VC on 19 Mar. The en wdr leaving one KIA and a number of blood trails. Docus recovered ident C41. This coy was probably responsible for mortaring BARIA on 15 Mar. A HOI CHANH, who rallied on 14 Feb 69 from C41 and produced little info of value at that time, has now been induced to reveal an arms cache, belonging to CHAU DUC, SW of NUI NHAN. As at Dec 69 it contained an 82 mm mor and an RPD; these are normally taken from the cache by C41 only for special tasks according to the rallier. This info will be exploited by 2 Bde.

9. LONG DAT DIST. RF have had a number of contacts with VC in the LONG HAI, near Route 44 (HOI MY). No idents were made but there appear to be two-three pls C25 and local guerillas in the hills, mostly in the southern area. Other contacts on the eastern front of the hills could indicate the presence of one coy D445 (see para 5).

Assessment.

10. No serious en initiated actions are expected and the en will continue to attempt to avoid contact. Mines may be used on Route 2 against vehs and road building eqpt.

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HQ 1 ATF
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30 Mar 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 13-70

Period 24-30 Mar 70

III CTZ

1. En Activity. The low level of enemy initiated activity in III CTZ during the period was interrupted by one heavy attack by fire and ground attack on a US FSB in NW WAR ZONE "C" on 29th March by elms of 271 and 272 VC Regts. Both in this attack and in a friendly initiated contact in the same area on 26th March the enemy suffered heavy casualties. The discovery of numerous large munitions and food caches plus heavy casualties inflicted on the divisional forces have undoubtedly hampered enemy planned offensive ops.

En Locs.

- 2. a. 9 VC Div - WAR ZONE "C" - with the main concentrations now in NW WAR ZONE "C" along the Cambodian border.
- b. 7 NVA Div - No change. NW BINH LONG Prov.
- c. 5 VC Div - No change. NE & NW PHUOC LONG Prov.
- d. 33 Regt - In west central BINH TUY Prov.
- e. 274 Regt - No change - HQ eastern BINH SON Rubber, 1 Bn SW of BINH SON Rubber, 2 Bn Resupply WAR ZONE "D", 3 Bn SW of BINH SON Rubber.

Assessment.

3. There are indications that the enemy has planned an increase in activity possibly to commence from the night 31st March - 1st April; it seems unlikely that the en has a capability to engage in any large scale operations and should it eventuate any highpoint is likely to be poorly co-ordinated and consist of light to moderate attacks by fire, limited sapper actions against allied installations and harassment of the GVN pacification programme. The situation in Cambodia also will tend to affect offensive acty by divisional elements in the border areas.

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General VC activity remained low for the week with four en initiated incidents against GVN forces. Contact with 1 ATF also remained low with 11 contacts resulting in 6 VC KIA BC.

AO TULIP.

5. There were two contacts in AO TULIP probably with resupply gps, resulting in 2 VC KIA.

AO AUCKLAND.

6. There was only one contact in AO AUCKLAND, probably with a food foraging gp. A number of bkr systems and some sign of recent en activity were found but there has been no evidence of any large force.

AO KURRAJONG.

7. 7 RAR ptls continued to find scattered signs of en mov, with one contact with a LF VC but no evidence of other than small local forces in the area.

8. Elsewhere, B/8RAR located a cache of 770 lbs of rice just west of DUC MY. This find was in an area consistently used by both D440 and CHAU DUC to penetrate DUC MY, BINH BA and SHOI NGHE. Continuous ambushing along the tracks in that area should seriously hurt local force VC.

LONG SON.

9. 6 Hoi Chanhs rallied to D Force on LONG SON on 25 Mar 70, all from the local production unit. It appears that only the cell leader now remains.

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Assessment.

10. Rice supply, particularly food continues as a problem for both guerilla and LF units. Although penetrations into DUC MY, SUOI NGHE and to a certain extent HOA LONG have increased considerably over the last fortnight, supply problems do not appear to have been alleviated and the removal of the rice cache by B/8RAR will impose further hardships.

Future VC Trends.

11. A new COSVN directive dealing with the future course of VC operations is of interest, as it could affect future activities in PHUOC TUY. It confirms previous directives to concentrate on attacking GVN pacification, GVN forces, terrorism aimed at the govt admin, greater efforts to extend influence over the rural areas and an increase in terrorism in the cities. This directive differs from previous ones in that it prescribes a reorganization of regional forces into smaller guerilla units.

12. This reversion to widespread guerilla activities has long been argued in HANCI and has been adopted as policy. The plan will face difficult problems of providing adequate leadership at low levels and providing the necessary strength to a weakened VCI, and will risk widespread defections. However it should be expected that the attempt will be made and Province Units would be broken down to strengthen local guerilla units and provide them with a sapper and sp arms capability.

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SECURITY INSTRUCTION

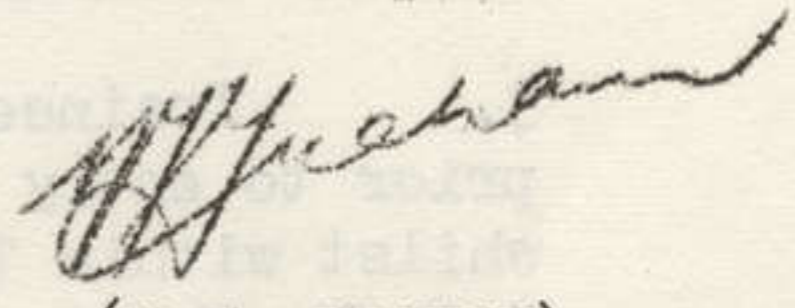
VIETNAMESE NATIONALS ADMITTED TO
1 ATF NUI FOR TRAINING AND SPORT

Distribution below

Ref: A. 1 ATF R571/1/11 dated 23 Mar 70.

General

1. This instruction is issued in accordance with Ref A and outlines Security precautions to be taken whilst Vietnamese nationals are within 1 ATF Nui Dat for both trade training and sporting purposes.
2. Annexes A and B Attached deal with trade training and sport respectively.
3. It is imperative, in order to save embarrassment on both sides at a future date, that 1 Aust CA Unit in particular and most units that have the resources, brief intending trainees and visiting sporting teams, quite clearly and firmly, on the restrictions applicable. This will be a continuing requirement.



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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R750/1/2
DATED 27 MAR 70

VIETNAMESE NATIONALS ADMITTED
TO 1 ATF NUI DAT FOR TRADE TRAINING

Clearances

1. Each Vietnamese national nominated for trade training at ATF Nui Dat is to be security cleared by Det 1 Div Int and issued a pass if satisfactorily vetted. Accordingly, 1 Aust CA Unit is to submit the name, age, address and occupation of each trainee as soon as is known to Det 1 Div Int. Det 1 Div Int is to submit a list of names to whom passes have been issued to 'A' Branch HQ 1 ATF.

Passes

2. Trainees are to carry their passes at all times within 1 ATF Nui Dat. Regardless of how well known, trainees are to be denied access to 1 ATF Nui Dat unless in possession of their passes. This is to be stated quite clearly in the orders of the guard at the Western gate to Nui Dat.

Movement Within 1 ATF Nui Dat

3. Trainees are to be met by the unit responsible for their training prior to entry to 1 ATF Nui Dat. They are to be accompanied at all times whilst within 1 ATF Nui Dat. Movement is to be direct from the Western Gate by shortest possible route to those areas specifically designated by the OC of the training unit, as training areas. The OC is to submit a list of designated training areas to 'G' Branch. Movement for training purposes to areas other than those designated, is to be cleared beforehand by G Int. All other areas are out of bounds.

Photography

4. Trainees are not to bring cameras into 1 ATF Nui Dat. Failure to comply will result in the retention of the camera until completion of training and confiscation of the film without redress or re-imburement. Cameras are to be retained by the Western gate guard, if necessary and returned on completion of training.

Weapons, Ammunition and Munitions

5. No trainee may handle any weapons, ammunition or munitions whilst in 1 ATF Nui Dat.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF R720/1/2
DATED 23 MAR 70

SPORTING BODIES

Clearances

1. Sporting bodies/teams will be cleared as a unit to enter 1 ATF NUI DAT. No pass will be issued. 1 Aust CA Unit is to notify 'G' Branch, 'A' Branch and Det 1 Div Int Unit of the name of the team, the host unit and sporting venue by at least the day prior to the gathering.

Movement Within 1 ATF NUI DAT

2. Visiting sporting teams are to be met by the host unit prior to entry 1 ATF NUI DAT and conducted by the shortest possible route to the sporting venue. All other areas, except those designated as refreshment areas by the host unit, are out of bounds.

Photography

3. Visitors may not bring cameras into 1 ATF NUI DAT. Should press coverage or memento photographs be required the host unit should make the necessary arrangements with PR or satisfy the requirements by unit resources.

Weapons, Ammunition and Munitions

4. Weapons, ammunition or munitions of any description may not be brought into 1 ATF NUI DAT by visiting Sporting teams. If brought to the Western Gate they are to be handed in to the sentry and recovered on departure.

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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 MAR 70 TO 31 MAR 70

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R723/1/47

9 Mar 70

Distribution: See below

1 ATF ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION

General

1. It is proposed to re-introduce the Deputy Commander's Administrative inspection of units in 1 ATF before the end of Mar 70.
2. The aim of these inspections are:-
 - a. To spot check unit AQ procedures.
 - b. To gain an understanding of unit A Q problems.
 - c. To make suggestions or provide material assistance for the solution of these problems.

Content of the Inspection

3. The unit to be inspected will be given 48 hours notice of the inspection and timings. Inspections will normally occur on a Saturday morning.
4. The Deputy Commander 1 ATF and his inspection team are to be met by the CO/OC or senior officer in camp at the unit headquarters. The team will then disperse to the various locations where they can best conduct their separate inspections.
5. During the inspection, matters that can be corrected by verbal comment or observation should be adjusted on the spot.

Reports

6. Team members are to submit hand written notes within 24 hours using the proforma at Annex A, to either DAAG or DAQMG 1 ATF as appropriate. After A and Q branches have consolidated the reports they are to be passed to Deputy Commander 1 ATF for first approval and issue to units within one week of the inspection date.

Scope

7. Attached at Annex B is a schedule of items to be checked and the division of duties for the inspection tea.

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- Annexes:
- A. Report on Administrative Inspection.
 - B. Check List and Duty Details.

Distribution:

List A less serials 4, 24-28, 30.

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R723-1-47
DATED MAR 70

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION BY DEPUTY COMMANDER 1 ATF

AT

ON

UNIT ESTABLISHMENT MEMBER

STORES ACCOUNT NUMBERS

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R723-1-47
DATED MAR 70

Serial (a)	Subject (b)	Inspector's Comment (c)	Unit Comment (d)

CHECK LIST AND DUTY DETAILS

Serial	1 ATF Team Reps	Unit Reps	Inspection Details	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	D Comd DAAG DCRE or Rep Hygiene Offr	CO/OC or 2IC	a. Unit manning situation. b. Tpt state. c. Inspection of unit lines covering (1) Tent lines. (2) SALS. (3) Tpt lines. (4) Q stores, offices, messes, laundries, drains, garbage. (5) Detention facilities. (6) Amenities. (7) Canteens.	1. Inspection teams are to write their reports using the serials shown in this Annex. Where an item is not applicable a NIL observation is to be entered.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
2.	GSO 3 (Int)	IO or Adjt	<p>a. <u>Security general.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Unit security instructions.(2) Register of classified documents.(3) Security clearances of officers, key WO's/NCO's.(4) Undertakings to preserve official secrets.(5) Security of combinations on on all applicable containers. <p>b. <u>Security of Arms/Ammunition.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Instructions.(2) Armoury.<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Location.(b) Type of accommodation.(c) Security system.(d) Key control. <p>c. <u>Officer Security.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Classification of documents.(2) Security containers.(3) Disposal of classified information.	

3.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
3	Sgt Clerk (A) from DAAG Office. Paymaster Det ATF Cash Office.	Adjt/Admin Offr. Pay Rep.	a. General check of A problems. b. Manning/establishment. c. Correspondence, especially returns d. AAB 83. e. Leave records. (spot check). f. Pay records and procedures. g. Roll books. h. Public monies, stamp accounts etc. i. Anti-malaria roll-books.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
4	QM AFV TF OO TF ST Offr	QM RQMS Tpt Offr.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tpt documentation. b. Ration accounting and ration stores. c. Q checking procedures. d. Ledger spot checks and postings. e. Adustment of discrepancies. f. Outstanding vouchers. g. Boards of survey. h. Inventories. i. Attractive stores. j. TWET, block scales, CES. k. Stores suitability and procurement problems. l. Register of US loan or hired items. m. Surplus stores acquired in theatre but not on ledger. n. FIA loans voucher. o. Monthly arms check. 	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
5	TF EME Offr 1 ATF Armourer.	Tpt Offr Unit Armourer.	a. Inspections of vehs in yard. b. Documentation check especially:- (1) Tech and non-tech inspections. (2) Drivers daily servicing. c. Spot check of unit weapons and CES.	

6.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
6	1 ATF Catering Offr and Catering WO.	Unit Caterer or Senior cook.	a. Kitchens and Messes. b. Menus. c. Staffing. d. Equipment. e. Catering Standards.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

23 Mar 70

See Distribution Below

Q INSTRUCTION 1/70
DEFENCE STORES GENERAL

Introduction

1. The purpose of this instruction is to lay down a system for the control and issue of defence stores within 1 ATF.
2. Defence stores (in which are included certain construction stores) are used:
 - a. For construction of FSPBs and NDPs field defences.
 - b. For construction and maintenance of field defences in 1 ATF base.
3. The revised method of obtaining defence stores and assessing the quantities required has been made necessary by the increasing scarcity of certain items. As this problem is likely to increase with the passage of time, units are to apply the utmost economy in the use of defence stores.

The System of Issue

4. Effective from the publication of this instruction, units deploying forward are to request for a FSPB kit in line with the scales produced in Annex A figures 1 to 4 attached. The scales provide for a normal infantry FSPB element plus a field battery, cavalry troop and engineers.
5. These scales have been calculated by DCRE staff in consultation with some units including the Engineer Stores unit. They provide for varying quantities of stores, based on the type of perimeter wiring to be used. No increase to these basic scales is to be made without the prior approval of Q Branch HQ 1 ATF.
6. Requests for FSPB or NDP stores are to be made by infantry battalions on behalf of all elements in the FSPB/NDP. Initial stocking requests are to be forwarded direct to 198 Wks Sect for processing through 21 Engr Sp Tp. Collection or delivery of these stores is to be arranged by the unit, using either its own or TFMA transport as necessary. 21 Engr Sp Tp is not to release stores to units without a paper authorisation from 198 Wks Sect.

Supplementary Issues

7. Annex B summarizes the scales available and details a supplementary scaling of defence stores for a company or equivalent. If the FSPB or NDP is increased in size, these supplementary items can be released on request with Q Branch approval.

Unit Defence Stores

8. Each infantry battalion is to be issued with a substantial quantity of 48" Amco culvert and PSP as a permanent unit holding for use in FSPB/NDPs (refer note 5. of Annex A). The allocation is quite generous and is not to be repeated.
9. When any of these items become unserviceable they can be replaced on a one for one basis at 21 Engr Sp Tp.

10. In the event that any of the unit held items are lost as a result of enemy action or other reasons, Q Branch 1 ATF must be approached to authorise a further release. A certificate from the 2IC of the infantry battalion is required to support applications under this paragraph.

Recovery

11. Defence stores are to be recovered as follows:
- Amco, PSP and CGI items are to be recovered on a 100% basis.
 - Pickets are to be recovered to the maximum.
 - Used wire and sandbags need no be recovered unless their condition is such that they can be re-used and re-packed without undue inconvenience.
 - Any stores left in FSPB's are to be rendered useless and buried.
12. Unused defence stores are to be backloaded to 1 ATF base and returned to source immediately it is apparent that they are not required in the FSPB.
13. In the interests of maximum recovery units are to exercise care in the handling of bulk defence stores. Pallets of equipment should not be pushed off vehicles.

Reserve Stores

14. 21 Engr Sp Tp is to maintain a reserve capability of two Scale A defence store kits for FSPBs and two Scale E kits for the supplementary defence stores requirements for a company sized unit (See Annex A).

Reductions

15. Units should reduce their bids below the authorised scale if the numbers in a FSPB drop substantially below 180.

Conclusion

16. The placement and supply of defence stores is a costly process which consumes much manpower and transportation. Unless all units in the field bear this fact in mind it is inevitable that the time will come when a priority operational requirement will not be met.


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Annexes:

- FSPB Scalings (approximately 200 personnel)
- Summary of Defence Stores for FSPB - approximately 200 personnel.
- Weights and Coverage of Defence Stores.

Distribution:

List B less serials 4, 24-30.

FSPB - SCALINGS (APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONNEL)

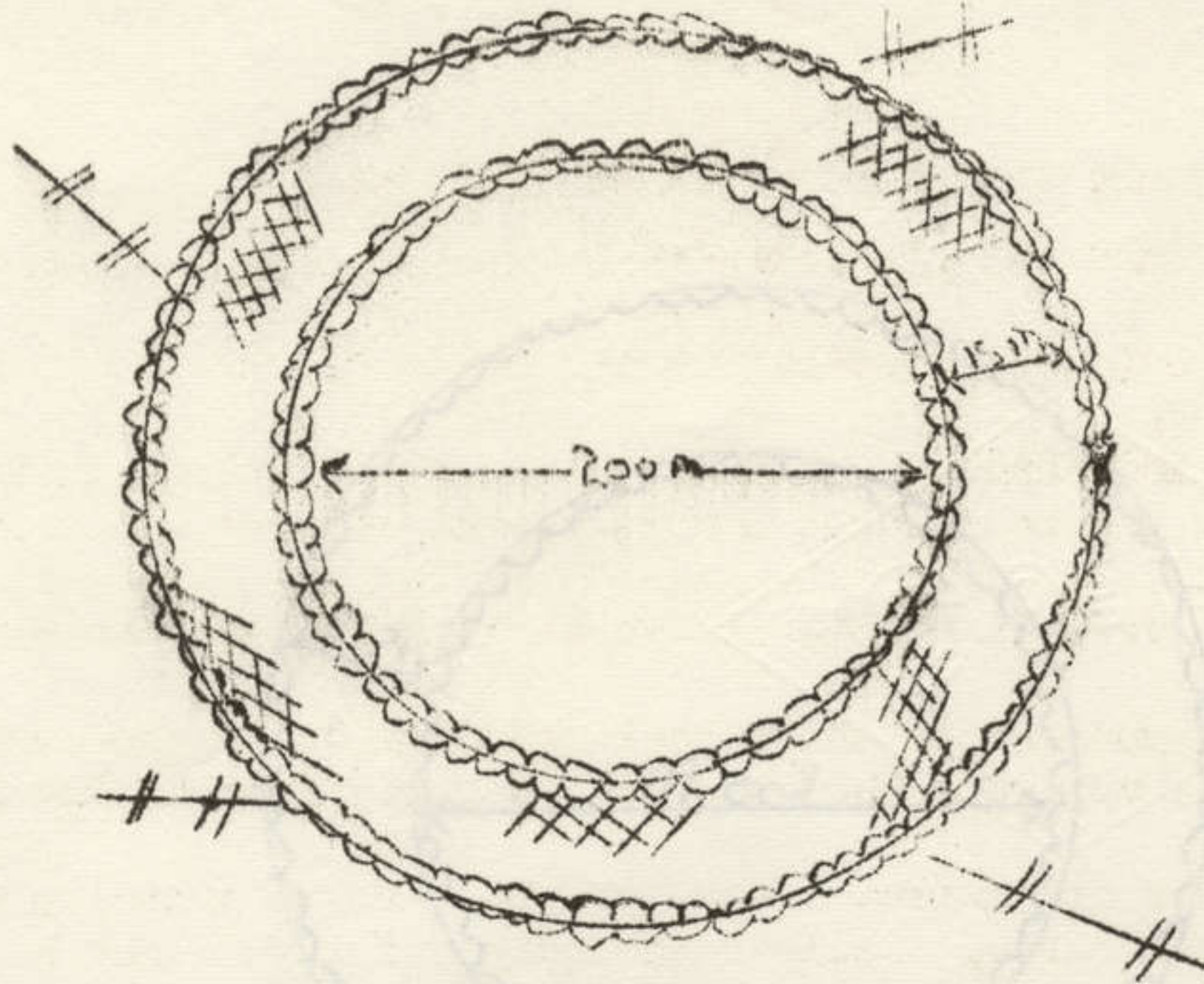


Figure 1 - FSPB Scale A

Defence Stores:

1.	Armo 48"	pieces	600
2.	PSP 10ft X 15"	pieces	300
3.	Dannert	coils	360
4.	Barbed wire, either:		
	a. Aust, OR	rolls	200
	b. US	rolls	65
5.	Pickets 6ft or 8ft	each	1665
6.	Pickets 32"	each	444
7.	Sandbags	each	30,000

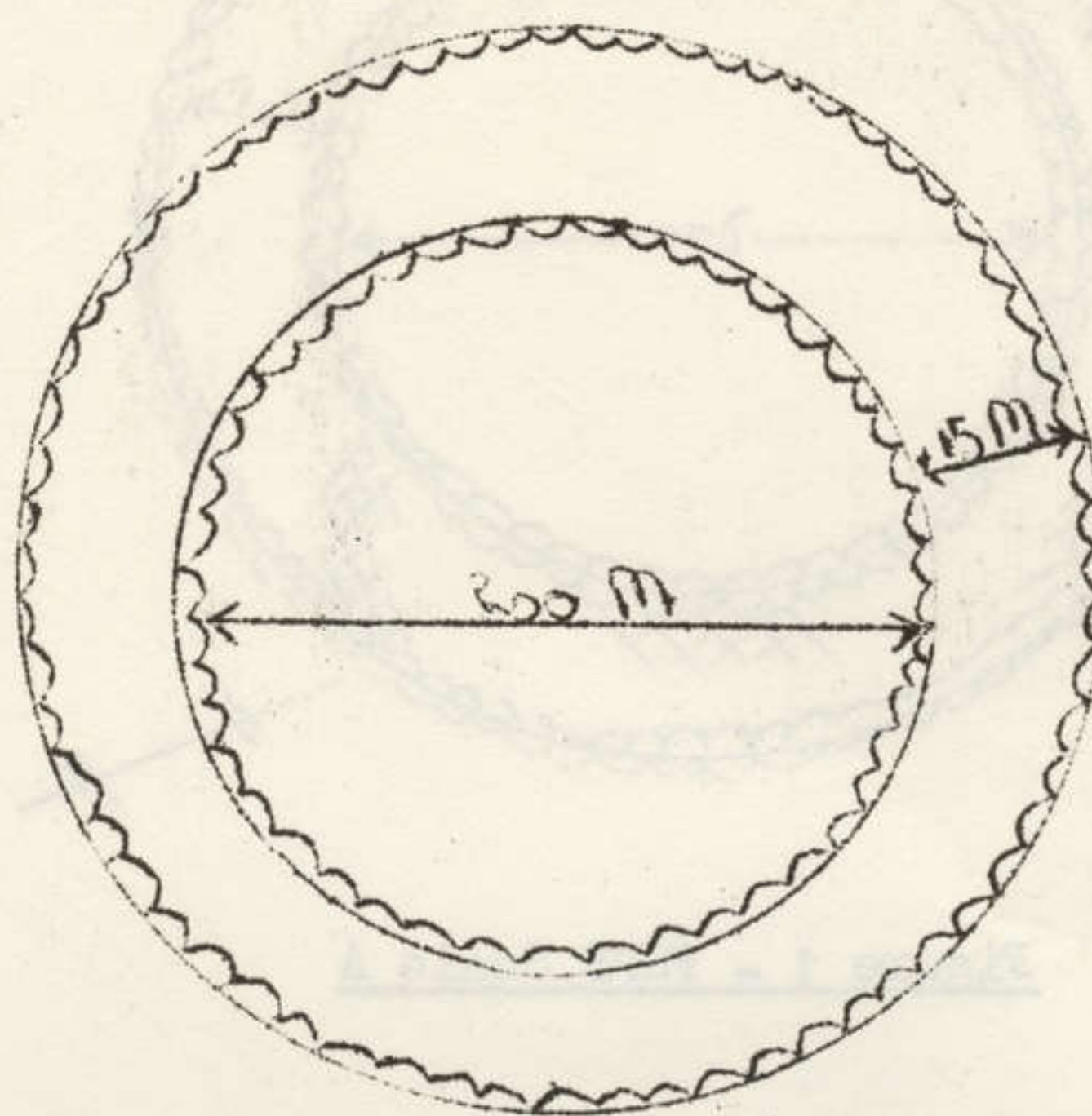


Figure 2 - FSPB Scale B

Defence Stores:

1.	Armco 48"	pieces	600
2.	PSP 10ft X 15"	pieces	300
3.	Danne t	coils	180
4.	Barbed wire, either:		
	a. Aust, OR	rolls	100
	b. US	rolls	30
5.	Pickets 6ft or 8ft	each	1221
6.	Sandbags	each	30,000

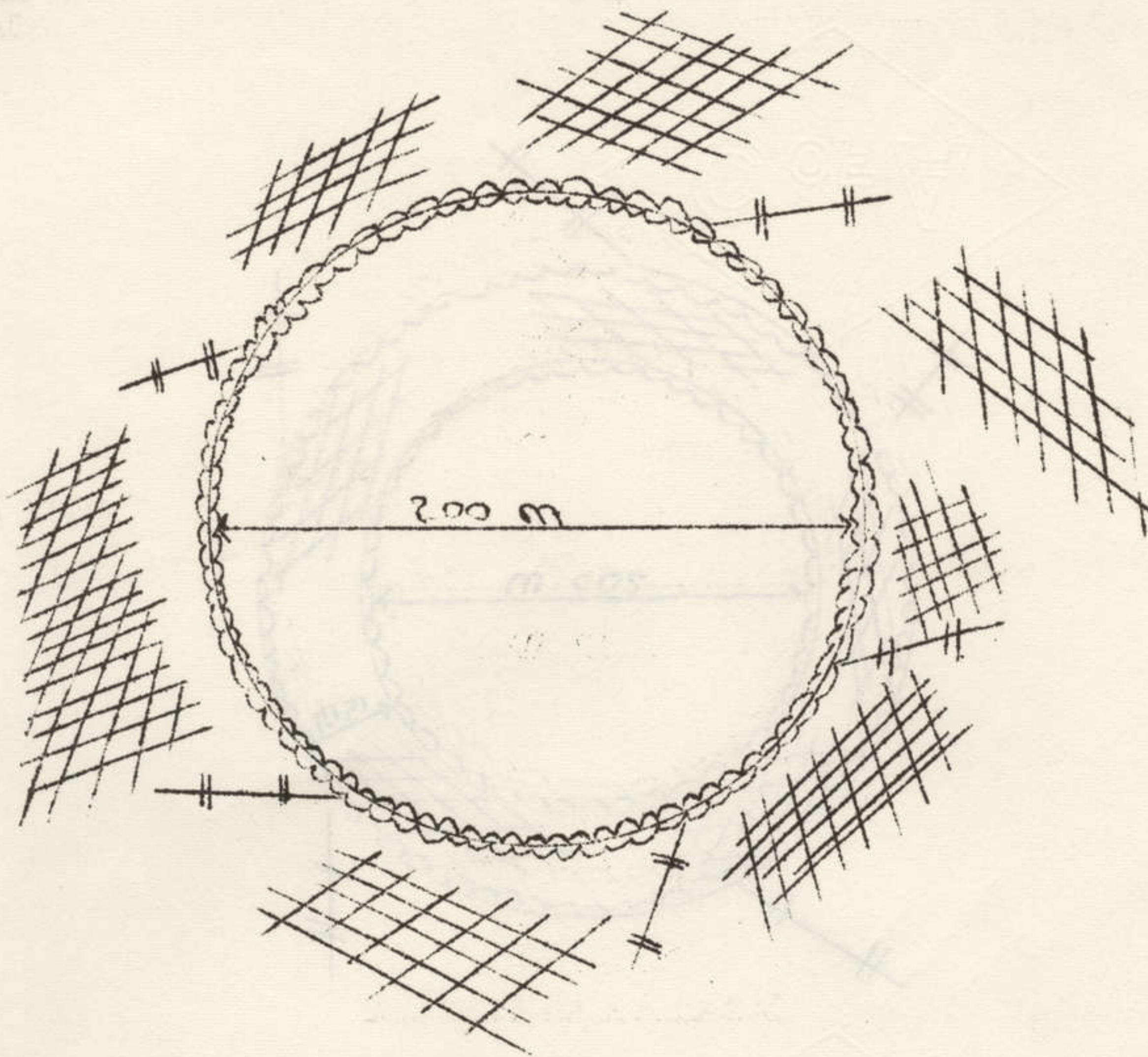


Figure 3 - FSPB Scale C

Defence Stores:

1.	Armo 48"	pieces	600
2.	PSP 10ft X 15"	pieces	300
3.	Dannert	coils	168
4.	Barbed wire, either:		
	a. Aust, OR	rolls	130
	b. US	rolls	40
5.	Pickets 6ft or 8ft	each	999
6.	Pickets 32"	each	444
7.	Sandbags	each	30,000

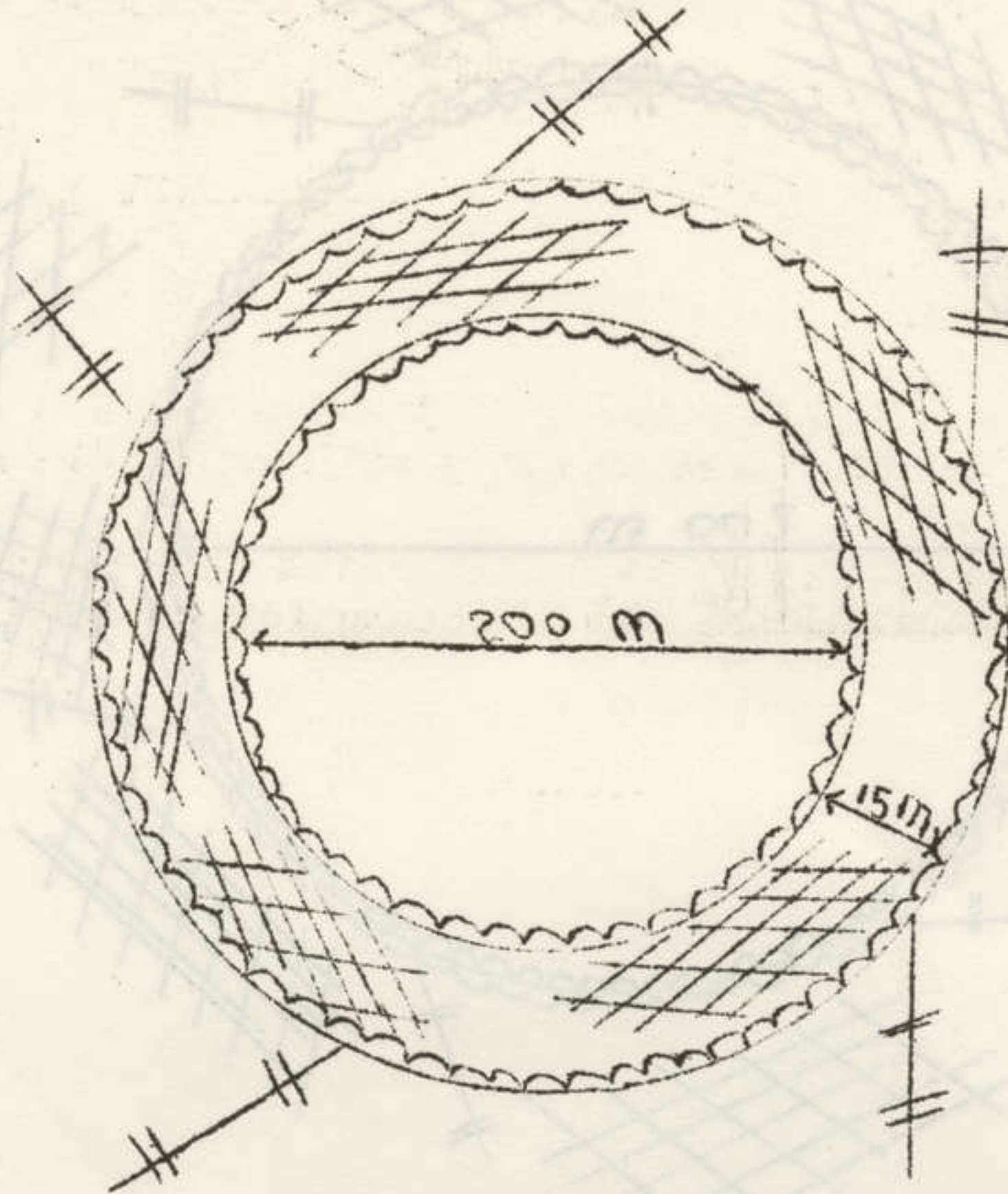


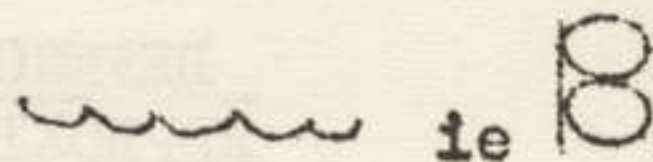
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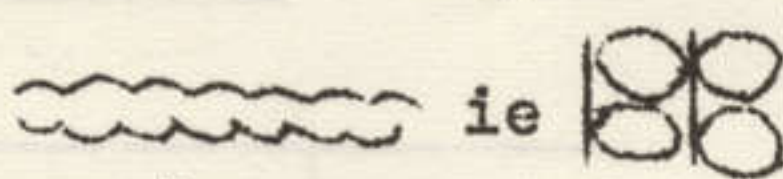
1.	Armco 48"	pieces	600
2.	PSP 10ft X 15"	pieces	300
3.	Dannert	coils	192
4.	Barbed wire, either:		
	a. Aust, OR	rolls	162
	b. US	rolls	50
5.	Pickets 6ft or 8ft	each	1,332
6.	Pickets 32"	each	444
7.	Sandbags	each	30,000

Notes:

1. No 1 Catwire



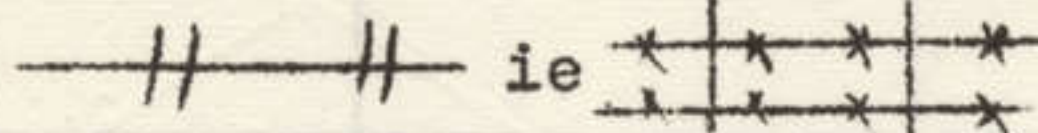
2. No 2 Catwire



3. Low wire



4. 50yd cattle fence



5. Fixed Allocations.

a. Armco 48" - 600 pieces (based on 3 sheets per man for 180 men; all arms, and 50 sheets for ammo bays in gun position for a Fd Bty).

b. PSP 10ft X 15" - 300 pieces (based on 240 sheets to line the wall of bnks for all gun positions and 60 sheets for gun platform).

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 DATE MAR 70

SUMMARY OF
DEFENCE STORES FOR FSPB -
APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONNEL

Serial	Items	Unit of Issue	Quantity of Items for Each FSPB Type			
			A	B	C	D
1.	Armoo 48"	pieces	600	600	600	600
2.	PSP 10ft X 15"	pieces	300	300	300	300
3.	Dannert	coils	360	180	168	192
4.	Barbed Wire Aust	rolls	200	100	130	162
	OR US	rolls	OR 65	OR 30	OR 40	OR 50
5.	Pickets 6ft or 8ft	each	1665	1221	999	1332
6.	Pickets 32"	each	444	-	444	444
7.	Sandbags	each	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

base: Supplementary Stores for FSPB when one Rifle Company is added to the

- a. Armoo 48" pieces 300
 - b. Sandbags each 12,000
- } for all type of base.

WEIGHTS AND COVERAGE
OF DEFENCE STORES

1.	Dannert Concertina (Aust)	50lb	16yds
2.	Dannert Concertina (US)	56lb	16yds
3.	Tape Concertina (US)	31lb	16yds
4.	Barbed Wire (Aust)	28lb	130yds
5.	Barbed Wire (Aust)	50lb	250yds
6.	Barbed Wire (US)	92lb	440yds
7.	Pickets 8ft 'U' (US)	14lb or 1550/bundle	
8.	Pickets 6ft 'U' (US)	10.5lb or 1165lb/bundle	
9.	Pickets 32in 'U' (US)	5lb or 555lb/bundle	
10.	PSP Planking (Aust)	62lb	10ft X 15in
11.	Armco 48" (Aust)	64lb	2ft long
	Armco 48" (US)	72lb	2ft long
12.	A filled sandbag measures 20" X 10" X 5" and:		
	a. It covers 0.7 sq ft of wall surface area.		
	b. It covers 1.4 sq ft of roof surface area.		
	c. It has a volume of 0.6 cu ft.		
13.	A box of 6,000 sandbags weighs 802 lb.		

ANNEX D TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 MAR 70 TO 31 MAR 70

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER S. P. WEIR, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

3 MAR 70

Serial 6

NOTICES

1. SPORTS CARNIVAL.
2. PORTRAIT CAMERA.
3. MAGAZINES - GIFT SHOP.
4. EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR ARMY

NOTICES

1. SPORTS CARNIVAL

1. A sports carnival involving Vietnamese teams from Phuoc Tuy and 1 ATF teams is planned for the Easter period 1970.
2. The sports to be contested will be soccer, volleyball, tennis and badminton.
3. To facilitate the selection of composite 1 ATF teams in soccer, tennis and badminton, units are requested to forward names of personnel interested in selection for above sports to Capt B.E. FRANKLIN at 1 Aust CA Unit. These lists are to be forwarded not later than 1600 hrs on Friday 14 Mar 70, and must clearly show the following:
 - a. What sport the member is interested in.
 - (b) When the member was last actively involved in this sport.
 - (c) A brief history of the member's experience.

2. Portrait Camera

Camera specially ordered but not collected is available from 2 AFCU detail is:

"ARCA" Swiss Reflex
 Portrait Camera with
 Schneider Kreuznacht Componon 1.5 Lens 6/210, serial 9003018.
 Complete with hand grip and carrying strap.
 Present price is US\$ 649.20 however discount of 20% is offered.
 Request enquiries to:

WO J G Frost Canteen Manager HQ AFV T. 3117
 or HQ 1 Pl 2 AFCU Emu 48.

3. Magazines - Gift Shop

1. The Gift Shop has available the following magazines:
 - (a) Newsweek.
 - (b) Time.
 - (c) Life.
2. A selection paperback novels are also now available.

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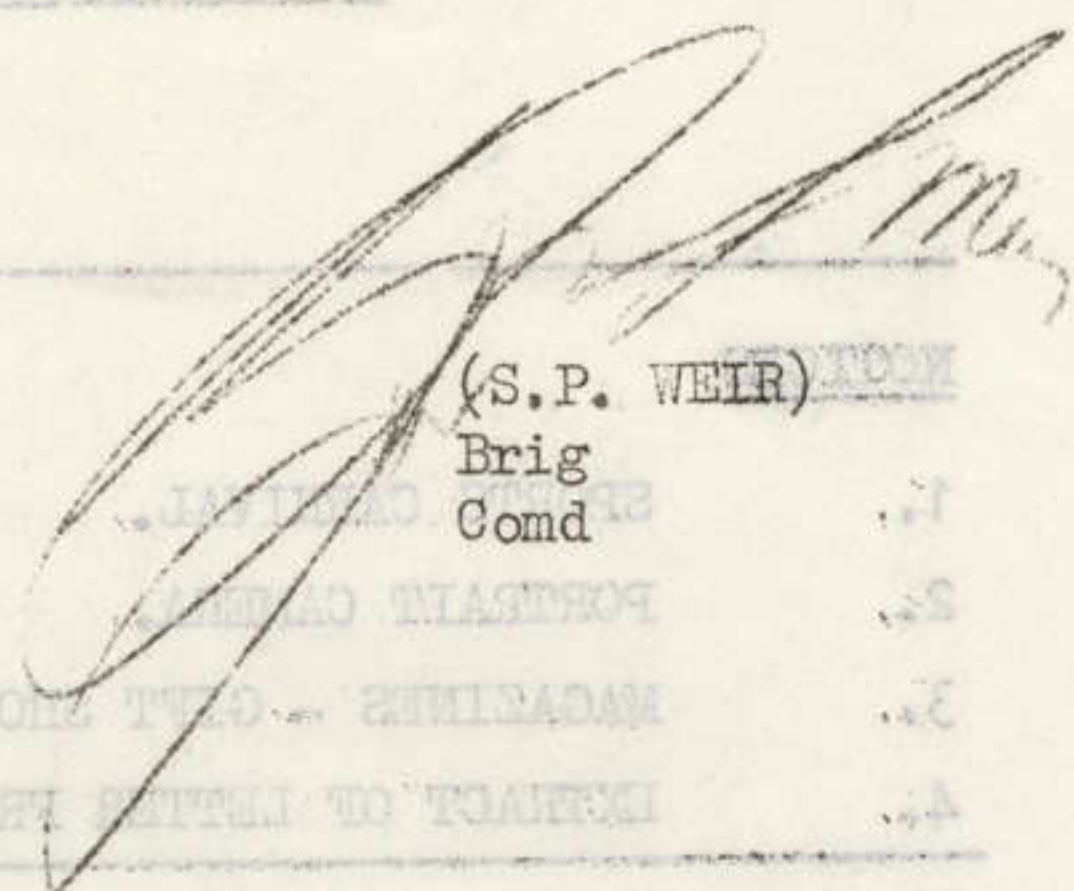
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- 4. The following is an extract from a letter received by Comd 1 ATF from the Minister for the Army following his recent visit.

"I was most impressed with the way the troops conducted themselves and the quite evident overall efficiency of the Units under your command".

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SPORTS CALENDAR

1. A sports calendar involving Vietnamese teams from Hanoi and 1 ATF teams is planned for the latter part of 1970.

2. The sports to be contested will be soccer, volleyball, tennis and badminton.

3. To facilitate the selection of competitive 1 ATF teams in soccer, tennis and badminton, lists are requested to forward names of personnel interested in selection for above sports to Capt R.E. MARSHALL at 1 Area CA Unit. These lists are to be forwarded not later than 100 hours on Friday 14 May 70, and clearly show the following:

(a) What sport the member is interested in.

(b) When the member was last actively involved in this sport.

(c) A brief history of the member's experience.

Parade Ground

Cameras specially ordered but not collected is available from 2 Area details:

"ALDO" Swiss Bellows
 Point-to-camera with
 Schneider Kreuznach 50mm f/1.8 lens (1/1000 sec. 1/1000 f/1.8)
 Complete with lens cap and carrying strap.
 Present price is US\$ 49.50 however discount of US\$ 10.00 is offered.
 Request enquiries to:
 HQ 1 G Troop Centre Manager HQ 1 G Troop
 or HQ 1 PT 2 ABU 1st AB

Magazines - City News

1. The City News available the following magazines

(a) Newsweek

(b) Time

(c) Life

2. A selection of magazines is also available

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

11 MAR 70

Serial 7

Numbers 15 - 20

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- 16. - Wearing of Medal Ribbons.
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- 18. - Non Operational Loss of Individual Weapons.
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A MATTERS

15. WEARING OF METAL SHOULDER TITLES

The only metal title authorised for wear in theatre is the metal shoulder insignia "Australia". The metal branch of service title is for wear in Australia only and is NOT to be worn in South Vietnam. Under no circumstances are both insignia to be worn together either in Australia or overseas.

16. WEARING OF MEDAL RIBBONS

References: MBIs 102-2,3,4 and 5.

1. Attention is drawn to the reference concerning the correct sequence for the wearing of medal ribbons. The following is the order in which they are to be worn:

- a. British Commonwealth honours and awards in order of seniority;
- b. British Commonwealth campaign stars and medals in order of receipt;
- c. Medals for long service and good conduct, for example MSM, LS and GCM, ED; and
- d. Foreign awards.

2. The United Nations Medal for Korea is not classified as a foreign award but all other UN medals are. The Vietnamese Campaign Medal is a foreign award.

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2. In order to prevent such losses and the resultant and avoidable waste of time and effort, the following corrective action and procedures are to be applied:

a. Corrective Action.

- (1) All ranks are to be reminded at frequent intervals that the security of a weapon is the personal responsibility of the individual to whom that weapon is issued.
- (2) When out of contact with the enemy a weapon is not to change hands without a receipt being given or the change being officially recorded. It is the responsibility of the individual handing over the weapon to check that either action is taken. The only occasion when a check might not be possible is in the case of a casualty evacuation, when the procedure as laid down in HQAFV Admin Instr No 28 is to be followed.

b. Procedures.

- (1) Immediately a loss is detected it is to be reported through the appropriate Unit/Sub unit etc headquarters to HQ 1 ATF.
- (2) On receipt of advice of the loss HQ 1 ATF is to initiate tracer action by advising HQ AFV and all units of 1 ATF of the loss.
- (3) Within 48 hours of the report of the loss, the unit is to appoint an investigating officer who is to investigate and report on the loss in accordance with MBI 129-6.
- (4) Immediately the investigating officer is appointed HQ 1 ATF and HQAFV are to be notified of the type of weapon, serial number, brief circumstances of the loss and the name of the investigating officer.
- (5) The investigating officer's report is to be forwarded to HQ 1 ATF within 7 days of the loss being initially reported. The investigation is to show the tracer action taken and its results.
- (6) Units are not to take adjusting or disciplinary action until advised by HQ 1 ATF.

3. 1 ATF Routine Order Number 96 of 16 Dec 69 is cancelled.

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3. An example of the above would be a soldier who had served in Korea and Vietnam and who had been awarded the LS and GCM. He would wear his ribbons in the following order:

Korea Medal
Unit Nations Medal - Korea
Vietnam Medal
Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Vietnamese Campaign Medal

17. APPROVAL OF HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE

Reference: FIPMF para 63.

1. An increasing number of HDA proforma are being returned to units from CARO as they have not been approved by the appropriate authority.

2. The correct approving authorities are:

a. Other Ranks in Officer Appointments: AHQ.

b. Other cases:

(1) For One Step in Rank

a. Offrs; Comd 1 ATF for 1 ATF units
COMAFV for all other units

b. Other ranks: Co for the purpose of discipline
NOT below the rank of major.

(2) For Two Steps in Rank: Comd 1 ATF for 1 ATF units.
COMAFV for all other units.

(3) For More Than Two Steps in Rank; AHQ.

3. Where either COMAFV or AHQ is the approving authority, units are to forward the applications through normal channels. The completed proforma will be returned to units through normal channels for submission to CARO together with a POR.

4. The maximum period for which HDA can be approved at any one time is six months; another application is to be submitted when the original approval lapses. The term "Continuous" is not to be used.

Q. MATTERS

18. NON OPERATIONAL LOSS OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

1. In all cases the loss of an individual weapon is to be regarded as a serious matter, and particularly so when there is evidence of neglect or carelessness on the part of a member.

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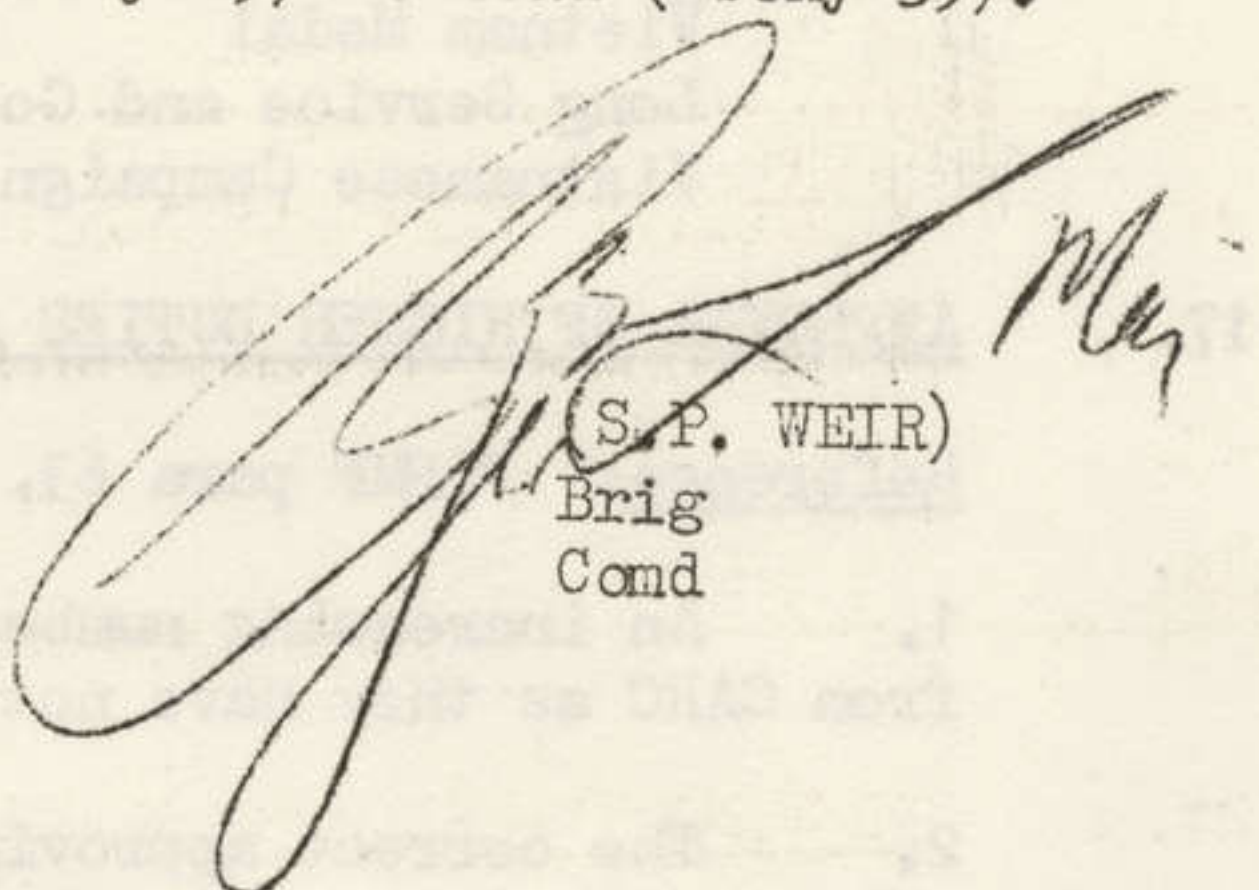
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19. AMENDMENTS - 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

1. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 issued on 22 Nov 69 is amended as follows:

- a. In paragraph 3.a. amend (Ebony 29) to read (Ebony 39).



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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23 MAR 70

Serial 8
Numbers 21-24

- 21. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FEVERS.
- 22. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.
- 23. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.
- 24. CANCELLATIONS.

A MATTERS

21. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FEVERS

1. The following precautions against fevers are to be taken by all members of 1 ATF:

a. Suppressive Drugs

- (1) Each member is to ~~take~~ one paludrine tablet each morning and one paludrine tablet each afternoon.
- (2) An officer or senior NCO is to personally ensure that all ranks under their charge swallow the suppressants as set out in sub-para (1) above and is to record the taking of the tablet in a roll book set aside for that purpose.
- (3) In the 14 days immediately proceeding return to Australia, a special course of anti-malarial drugs is required. Details are contained below. A record of this course is to be included in march-out documentation.

b. Clothing

- (1) Shorts may be worn within 1 ATF Base between 0630 and 1830 hours. Long trousers are to be worn between 1830 and 0630 hours. Under no circumstances are shorts to be worn outside 1 ATF Base.

c. Showering

- (1) Showering is not permitted between 1830 hours and 0630 hours.

d. Mosquito Nets

All ranks are to sleep under a mosquito net except when this is impracticable for operational reasons. Nets are to be kept in good repair and are to be tucked in under the mattress. Nets are to be regularly inspected.

e. Insect Repellant.

When on operations or sentry and picquet duties, repellant is to be applied to the exposed areas of skin each three hours between 1830 hours and 0630 hours.

f. Aerosol Sprays

Aerosol insect spray is available for issue on the basis of one can per man per fortnight.

2. This order is to be repeated quarterly in Unit ROs.
3. 1 ATF Routine Order number 52 of 19 Jun 69 is cancelled.

22. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

1. In the 14 days immediately preceding return to Australia from Vietnam all personnel must complete a course of anti-malarial drugs.

2. The drugs used are:

- a. Chloroquine - 300 mgm base. (large pink tablet) 00-113-9310.
- b. Primaquine - 7.5 mgm base. (small brown tablet) 99-210-7151.

3. During the course personnel must continue to use paludrine twice daily.

4. The course is:

a.	Day 1:	Time	Drug and Dose
		0700H	Chloroquine 2 tablets
			Primaquine 1 tablet
		1300H	Chloroquine 1 tablet
			Primaquine 1 tablet
		1800H	Primaquine 1 tablet
b.	Day 2 & 3:	0700H	Chloroquine 1 tablet
			Primaquine 1 tablet
		1300H	Primaquine 1 tablet
		1800H	Primaquine 1 tablet
c.	Day 4-14:	0700H	Primaquine 1 tablet
		1300H	Primaquine 1 tablet
		1800H	Primaquine 1 tablet

5. Every dosage on this course is to be independently checked and the member's record sheet initialled.

6. This order is to be repeated in unit routine orders every three months.

7. Attached as Annex A is a proforma to be used to check this course.

8. 1 ATF RO No 63 of 4 Jul 69 is cancelled.

23. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

1. After an accident vehicles are not to be moved until visited by the Provost Detachment unless:

- a. The vehicle is blocking the roadway.
- b. The vehicle is creating a traffic hazard.
- c. The time delay before the Provost arrive will be excessive.
- d. The tactical situation demands it.

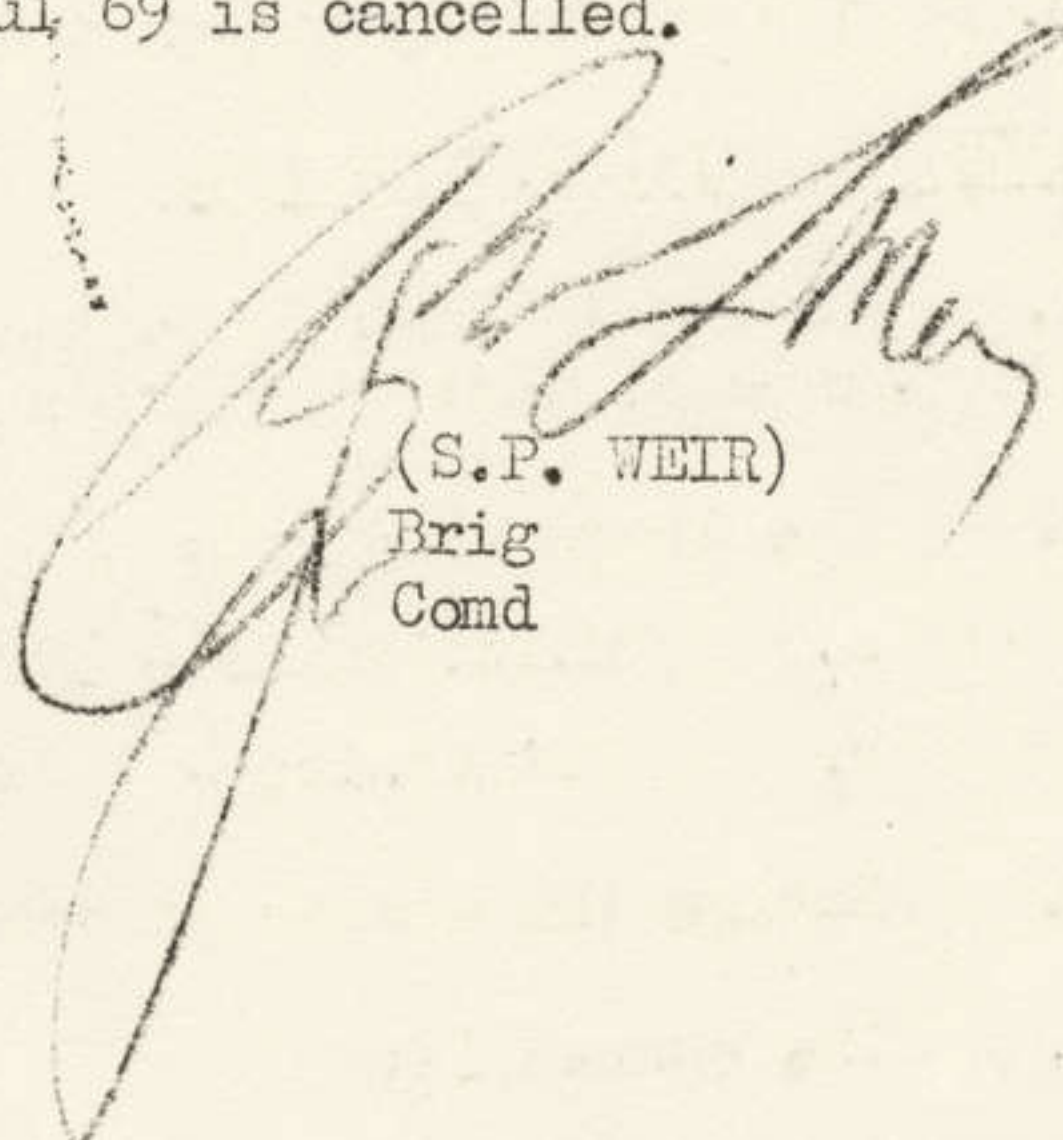
2. If it is necessary to move the vehicle a sketch of the accident is to be made of the scene.

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3. This order is to be reprinted in unit routine orders every three months.
4. 1 ATF RO No 65 Of 4 Jul 69 is cancelled.

24. CANCELLATIONS

1. ATF RO Serial 12 Nos 63-66 issued 4 Jul 69 is cancelled.
2. 1 ATF RO Serial 13 Nos 67-68 issued 22 Jul 69 is cancelled.



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ANNEX 'A' TO
1 ATF ROs PART 1
DATED 23 MAR 70

RTA ANTI MALARIAL COURSE

NUMBER RANK INITIALS AND NAME UNIT

DATE DUE RTA

DATE	DAY	TIME	DOSAGE	TAKEN	CHECKED BY
	1.	0700	Chloroquine 2xtabs Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Chloroquine 1xtab Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	2.	0700	Chloroquine 1xtab Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	3.	0700	Chloroquine 1xtab Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	4.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	5.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	6.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	7.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		

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DATE	DAY	TIME	DOSAGE	TAKEN	CHECKED BY
	8.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	9.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		
	10.	0700	Primaquine 1xtab		
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		1300	Primaquine 1xtab		
		1800	Primaquine 1xtab		

- Notes: 1. Paludrine is to be taken twice daily.
2. Chloroquine is the large pink tablet.
3. Primaquine is the small brown tablet.

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A visit to the Australian forces by the Senate Defense Committee.

The Committee praises the Australian Army very highly and compares the combat quality of the Vietnamese (and American) Army with the strength of an old man.

The Australian Army could be transferred to the THAT SON area and (or) the border-region of Vietnam to crush the Communists.

SAIGON- 14/1. The Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr TRAN VAN LAM has expressed his concern about talk that the Australian will withdraw from Vietnam in April.

But Maj Gen HAY, the Commander of the Australian Forces in Vietnam, (has) promised a Senator of the Senate Defense Committee that he (HAY) will report to the Australian Government on the proposal of this Senator, to transfer the Australian forces to the THAT SON area in the West of and on the border of Vietnam to crush the Communists.

During a visit to the Australian and New Zealand forces, stationed at Nui Dat in PHUOC TUY Province, yesterday, Senator LE THAN BUU, who is a member of the Senate Defense Committee, praised the Australian Army very highly as the "Number 1" (SIC) army on the Vietnamese battleground and he criticised the Vietnamese army for imitating the American way of fighting which is outmoded.

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The Senator said, the Australian Army does not have any American advisors as they (the Australians) are much more clever than the Americans.

According to Senator BUU the Task Force at Nui Dat has succeeded both in a military aspect as well as in the sense of propaganda among the civilian population.

Militarily, they have countered espionage and preserved their security by employing very few Vietnamese personnel (Army personnel). Their (Australian) 4 Battalions number nearly 6000 men, but they have the assistance of only 50 Vietnamese army personnel, among whom are 20 interpreters 3 barber and a number of liaison officers.

Because the Australians rely very little on connections with Vietnamese families their security is very good (efficient).

As the Australians camp widely apart and sleep in individual weapon pits, their casualty rate is low. When going on operations, they normally stay out for an extended period (not one-day ops) and in jungle areas they preserve the natural growth and do not destroy it by the spreading of chemicals to clear an area, as the Americans do.

In particular, the SAS is much better than the American Special Forces, they camouflage their faces in striped fashion like a tiger and they stay out in the mountains for long periods. (When they return their clothes are very dirty).

The Senator had seen a Maj General, and a Colonel living together with the soldier in the jungle sharing the hardships with them and they only place importance on realities not on show.

Maj Gen HAY disclosed that in the Australian Army there are only 2 persons in support for every 3 persons in the field, where in the American Army it takes 8 persons to support 1 man in the field.

Although Australia is not a rich nation, at present they spend 50 million piastres to assist in the war in Vietnam.

From a humane point of view, the Senator said that they are popular with population.

Among 90 PW captured by them since they started to take part in the VN war, 83 have been sent to PHU QUOC Prison camp, which proves that they (the Australians) do not capture people without reason.

Whenever they make camp in any place, for military reasons, instead of blocking off any roads, they construct other RING roads, which the civilians can use before they restrict traffic close to their area.

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Initially, they have countered enemy propaganda and preserved their security by employing very few Vietnamese personnel (Army personnel). Their (Australians) 4 battalions have nearly 6000 men, but they have the assistance of only 50 Vietnamese army personnel, among whom are 20 interpreters, 3 paratroopers and a number of liaison officers.

Because the Australians rely very little on connections with Vietnamese families their security is very good (efficient).

As the Australians camp widely apart and sleep in individual wedges, their casualty rate is low. When going on operations, they normally stay out for an extended period (not one day) and in jungle areas they preserve the natural growth and do not destroy it by the spreading of chemicals to clear an area as the Americans do.

In particular, the SAS is much better than the American Special Forces they camouflage their tents in striped fashion like a tiger and they stay out in the mountains for long periods. (When they return their clothes are very dirty).

The Senator had seen a Maj General, and a Colonel living together with the soldier in the jungle sharing the hardships with them and they only place importance on realistic goals.

Maj Gen HAY disclosed that in the Australian Army there are only 3 persons in support for every 1 person in the field, whereas in the American Army it takes 8 persons to support 1 man in the field.

Although Australia is not a rich nation, at present they spend 50 million dollars to assist in the war in Vietnam.

From a human point of view, the Senator said that they are popular with population.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES VIETNAM

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R211-1-9

17 Mar 70

Distribution: List A (Less serials 24 to 30)

EASTER SPORTS CARNIVAL

5,000 METRE FOOT RACE

Reference: A. 1 ATF RO Serial 6 - 3 Mar 70.

1. In addition to the sports events notified in Reference A, 1 ATF has been invited to enter athletes in a Phuoc Tuy/1 ATF foot race from LONG DIEN village to BARIA town square along Route 23, on Sunday 29 Mar 70. The distance is approximately 5,000 metres.
2. Three trophies are to be presented to the winner of the race.
3. Addressees are to submit competitors names to 1 Aust CA Unit by 1600 hrs on 25 Mar 70.
4. Athletic shorts and singlets will be issued by 1 Aust CA Unit.
5. Unit comds are asked to permit spectators to attend.
6. Precise details and timings are to be notified nearer the event.

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(S.P. WEIR)
Brig
Comd

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R875-1-2

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

/ Mar 70

Distribution Below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
LT COL RENNEBAUM G4 II FFV
130800H - 131300H FEB 70

1. The G4 elect II FFV and two other officers are to visit 1 ATF, arriving by UHI ac at KANGA PAD at 0800hrs 13 Mar 70.
2. The party will visit maintenance and logistic support installations in ATF and have discussions with Q Branch.
3. HQ 1 ATF is to provide transport as requested on the attached itinerary.
4. The group will lunch at HQ 1 ATF officers mess and depart from KANGA PAD at approximately 1300hrs 13 Mar 70.
5. DAQMG (S4) 1 ATF, Major P.W. Blyth is the co-ordinating officer for the visit.

(Handwritten Signature)
 (S.P. WEIR)
 Brig
 Comd

Distribution:

- List C
- Q Branch (6)
- TFMA (4)
- 106 Fd Wksp (2)
- 1 Engr Sp Tp (2)
- 1 ATF Officers Mess
- II FFV (for G4)
- HQ Coy 1 ATF

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875-1-2
DATED / MAR 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

13 MAR 70

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	130800-130810H	Party arrives KANGA PAD 130800H. Returns to Q Branch.	HQ Coy veh to pick up DAQMG at 1 ATF Offr Mess at 130745H.
2	130810-130915H	General discussion with DAQMG and Q Staff.	ST, ORD, EME and CAT Offrs to be available over this period.
3	130915-131000H	Visit 106 Fd Wksp.	OC to meet G4 II FFV at 106 Fd Wksp HQ. Veh at Q Branch at 130900H.
4	131000-131115H	Visit TFMA, PELICAN HTS, and AP as required.	OC TFMA to meet party at TFMA CP.
5	131115-131200H	View 21 Engr Sp Tp Stores area Pet Pl at KANGA PAD and general area on the way to 1 ATF Offr Mess.	G4 II FFV may wish to visit 21 Engr Sp Tp and Pet Pl.
6	131200-131250H	Luncheon 1 ATF Officers Mess.	Meet PMC and Deputy Comd if available.
7	131250-131300H	Depart for KANGA PAD.	Veh at Offrs Mess at 131250H.

ANNEX A TO VISITS TO 1 ATF

DATED 7 MAR 70

Date/Time	Event	Remarks
<u>13 Mar</u> 0730	Arrive Wallaby One	Met by D Comd and Capt EME (D Comd flat)
0730-0830	Breakfast 1 ATF	
0830-0900	Visit Comd	
0900-1200	Discussion with Capt EME, orientation tour of area.	
1330-1430	6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) LAD	Met by OC.
1445-1545	8 RAR LAD	Met by OC.
1600-1700	7 RAR LAD	Met by OC.
<u>14 Mar</u> 0830-1200	106 Fd Wksp	Met by OC.
1330-1700	A Sqn 1 Armd Regt LAD	Met by OC.
<u>15 Mar</u> 0830-1000	1 Fd Regt LAD	Met by OC.
1000-1200	131 Div Loc Bty Wksp	Met by OC.
1330-1500	Det 17 Const Sqn Wksp	Met by OC.
1500-1700	1 Fd Sqn Wksp	Met by OC.
<u>16 Mar</u> 0830-0930	HQ 1 ATF LAD	Met by OC.
0930-1100	B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	Met by OC.
1100-1200	1 SAS Sqn RAEME Det	Met by OC.
1330-1500	Det 5 Coy Wksp	Met by OC.
1500-1700	161 (Indep) Recce Flt	Met by OC.
<u>17 Mar</u>	Depart Wallaby One.	

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HQ 1 ATF
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11 March 70

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY

COMMISSIONER E.J. TREZISE, COMMISSIONER FOR EVERYMANS WELFARE

13 - 16 MAR 70

1. Commissioner TREZISE will visit 1 ATF Arriving Wallaby 4 13 Mar 70 departing Wallaby 2 16 Mar 70.
2. Purpose of visit is observe operational Conditions and visit philanthropic reps in 1 ATF.
3. Capt WOODLAND Salvation Army Rep 8 RAR, is appointed escorting and co-ordinating officer.
4. HQ Coy is to Supply transport as required.
5. Outline Itinerary is Attached as Amex A.

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(S.P. WEIR)
Brig
Comd

Distribution

List A (less serials 4, 24-30)
Info Capt WOODLAND 8 RAR (4)

11 MAR 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Date	Event	Remarks
13 Mar 70	Arrive Wallaby 4 Remain overnight 8 RAR	Met by Escort Officer.
14 Mar 70	Meet Comd/ D Comd	
0830	Briefing	GS03 (Ops)
0845	Visit Philanthropic establishments	Escort Officer
0915-1630	and reps in 1 ATF Remain overnight 8 RAR	
15 Mar 70	Visit units in the field	Escort Officer (AC availability)
0830-1630		
16 Mar 70	Reserved	Escort Officer
0830-0930	Depart Wallaby 2 for 1 ALSG	
0945		

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12 Mar 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
BRIG C.F. FLINT OBE, E IN C
14 - 18 MAR 70

1. Brig Flint is to visit 1 ATF to observe Engineer activities in 1 ATF.
2. Brig Flint will be accompanied by Lt Col Johnstone, CE AFV.
3. Transport to be supplied as shown in Annex A.
4. DCRE is responsible for coordination of visit.
5. Outline Itinery is attached as Annex A.
6. 1 ATF R875/1/2A of 9 Mar 70 is cancelled.

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Distribution

List C
1 Fd Sqn (4)
17 Const Sqn (4)
HQ Coy 1 ATF
DCRE (3)

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY BRIG C.F.FLINT, OBE.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
<u>16 Mar 70</u>		
0945	E in C arrives Luscombe, Wallaby 2	Met by DCRE and Engr Unit Comds; tpt for E in C by 198 Wks Sect
1000 - 1015	Meet Comd	
1015 - 1100	Briefing Ops, Int and Wks	GS02 (Ops)(Int) and DCRE.
1100 - 1630	Visit 1 Fd Sqn (incl lunch)	Met by OC; tpt 1 Fd Sqn
1630 - 1730	1 ATF Comd conference	tpt 1 Fd Sqn
1800	Dinner 17 Const Sqn	tpt 198 Wks Sect
<u>17 Mar 70</u>		
0810 - 1330	Visit 17 Const Sqn (incl lunch)	tpt 17 Const Sqn
1330 - 1500	Visit 198 Wks Sect	tpt 198 Wks Sect
1530	E in C departs Luscombe, Wallaby 3	tpt 198 Wks Sect

Note :

1. Accommodation night 16/17 Mar 70 Flat

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HQ 1 ATF
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Mar 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS
20 MAR 70

1. Maj CABLE-ALEXANDER and Maj N. DENYER of the British Embassy wish to visit 1 ATF arriving 0900 at Luscombe and departing 1400 hours 20 Mar 70.
2. The purpose of the visit is orientation with emphasis on CA.
3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply transport as required.
4. Outline Itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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Brig
Comd

Distribution:

- List C
1 Aust CA Unit
HQ Coy 1 ATF
PMC Offrs Mess

2. The purpose of the visit is orientation with emphasis on CA.
3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply transport as required.
4. Outline Itinerary is attached as Annex A.

Distribution:

- List C
1 Aust CA Unit
HQ Coy 1 ATF
PMC Offrs Mess

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/2
DATED 14 MAR 70

OUTLINE ITINERY

Timings	Events	Remarks
20 Mar 70		
0900	Arrive Luscombe FW ac	Met by vehicle
0910	Meet Comd/D Comd as available	
0925	Briefing on current ops and CA	GS03(Ops) CA Rep
1000-1200	Tour province with CA viewing Aust CA projects	CO 1 Aust CA
1200-1330	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs Mess	FMC
1330-1400	Depart Luscombe	

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

16 Mar 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
LT COL J.A. MACE, D INF NZ ARMY
25 - 29 MAR 70

1. Lt Col MACE is to visit 1 ATF arriving Wallaby 4 25 Mar 70 departing Wallaby 3 29 Mar 70.
2. Purpose of the visit is to visit NZ Infantry units and discuss training aspects.
3. Capt G. MONKS is appointed coordinating officer for visit.
4. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to supply transport as required.
5. Outline Itinery is attached as Annex A.

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 Brig
 Comd

Distribution:

- List C
 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) (6)
 Duty Officers CP (2)
 HQ Coy 1 ATF
 4 Tp 1 SAS Sqn (2)
 1 Fd Sqn

ANNEX A TO
 1 ATF R875/1/2A
 DATED MAR 70

OUTLINE ITINERY

Timings	Event	Remarks
<u>25 Mar 70</u>		
1640	Arrive Wallaby Four	Met by Capt MONKS
1645-	Remain overnight 1 ATF	CO Fd Regt Flat
<u>26 Mar 70</u>		
0815	Meet Comd/D Comd - discussions	
0845-0915	Briefing on current ops	GS03 (Ops)
0915-110	Discussion with G Bransh on Training aspects	GS02 (Ops)
1100-1200	Discussions with OC 1 Fd Sqn	Maj JOHNSON
1200-1330	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs Mess	
1330-1500	RNZIR Component 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC)	Capt BROCK
1500	Fly to FSPB	
261500-281600	Remain in field	CO 6 RAR
281600	Remain overnight HQ 1 ATF	Capt MONKS
<u>29 Mar 70</u>		
0830-1200	Visit 1 SAS Sqn	Maj I.C. TEAGUE
1200-1330	Lunch 1 SAS Sqn	
1330-1515	Reserved	
1530	Depart Wallaby Three	Capt MONKS

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

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20 Mar 70

Distribution below

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY CHAP GEN G.E.H. VERTIGAN ED LTL

26 - 29 MAR 70

1. Chap Gen Vertigan is to visit 1 ATF at the dates shown.
2. Capt I Paull, PD Chaplain, is to be escort and co-ordinating officer.
3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to provide transport as required.
4. Outline itinerary is attached as Annex A.
5. Chap Gen Vertigan is to be accommodated at 1 Fd Sqn.

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 (S.P. WEIR)
 Brig
 Comd

Distribution

- List A (less ser 4, 24 - 30).
- List C
- 1 ALSG.

ANNEX A TO

1 ATF R875/1/2A

DATED 20 MAR 70

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY CHAP GEN G.E.H. VERTIGAN ED, LTL

DATE/TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
<u>26 Mar 70</u>		
1710	Arrive Luscombe Wallaby 4	Met by D Comd, Chap MILLS.
1800	Dinner 1 ATF Offrs Mess	Veh Req. Move to accm. Met by PMC.
<u>27 Mar 70</u>		
0830	Meet Comd 1 ATF	Veh at accm at 0820 hrs.
0900	Conduct PD Good Friday Service	1 ATF Chapel.
1000	Visit 1 Fd Sqn	Met by OC.
1100	1 Aust CA Unit	Met by CO.
1215	Lunch 17 Const Sqn	
1330	Visit 17 Const Sqn	Met by OC.
1500	Pearson Community Centre	Met by Amenities Offr.
1530	Visit 106 Fd Wksps	Met by OC.
1630	Attend Comds Conference	GS02 (Ops)
1815	Dinner at 6 RAR Officers Mess	Chap Jarvis 1 ALSG to attend. Met by 2 IC.
2000	PD Chaplain Conference	
<u>28 Mar 70</u>		
0830	Visit 1 SAS Sqn (lookout)	Veh at accm 0820 hrs. Met by OC.
0930	Visit B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	Met by OC.
1000	Visit 8 RAR	Met by CO. Morning tea.
1130	Visit a Sqn 1 Armd Regt	Met by OC.
1215	Lunch A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	
1400	Visit FSP Bases	Met by CO's 6 & 7 RAR.
1700	Return to 1 ATF.	To accm.
1800	Dinner 4 Fd Regt Offrs Mess	Met by CO.
<u>29 Mar 70</u>		
1030	Service at TF Chapel	Veh to accm 1000 hrs.
1130	Visit TFMA	Met by OC.
1215	Lunch TFMA Offrs Mess	
1330	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt	Met by OC.
1430	Attend ND Sunday Afternoon Fellowship	1 ATF Chapel.
1530	Farewell Comd/D Coms 1 ATF	
1600	Depart by road for 1 ALSG.	

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

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15 Mar 70

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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
SENATOR V.C. GAIR (QLD), LEADER DLP
0900-1330 2 APR 70

1. Senator Gair is to visit 1 ATF Arriving by MACV AC at KANGA Pad 0900 2 Apr departing for St KILDA 1330 by RAAF AC.
2. Senator Gair will be accompanied by Mr TIMMINS of Aust Embassy and an escort officer from HQ AFV.
3. HQ Coy 1 ATF is to Supply Tpt.
4. Outline Itinerary is Attached as Annex A.

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(S.P. WEIR)
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Distribution

List C
HORSESHOE Coy (2)
7 RAR (2)
LO BARIA
LO LONG DIEN
LO HOA LONG
Det AFV Pro Unit
PMC Offrs Mess
HQ Coy 1 ATF

ANNEX A TO

1 ATF R375/1/2A

DATED MAR 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
2 Apr 0900	Arrive MACV AC Kanga	Met by D Comd.
0905-1000	Meet Comd - Briefing	Comd - CO 1 Aust CA Unit.
1000-1100	Drive through HOA LONG BARIA LONG DIEN	Info LOs.
1100	Fly out from LONG DIEN PAD	LO LONG DIEN.
1100-1110	Fly to HORSESHOE Via LONG HAIS Routes 23/44	OC HORSESHOE Coy.
1110-1130	Visit HORSESHOE	
1130-1140	Fly to FSPB ANNE	Met by CO Lt Col GREY.
1140-1210	Visit 7 RAR at FSPB ANNE	
1215-1330	Lunch 1 ATF Offr Mess	PMC
1330	Depart KANGA for St KILDA	GSO2 (Air) to task AC.

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

17 Mar 70

Distribution below:

VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MR MALCOM FRASER MP, MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
0915 - 1330 2 APR 70

1. Minister for Defence is to visit 1 ATF arriving by MACV AC at KANGA 0915 2 Apr departing for 1 ALSG 1330.
2. Minister wishes to view mine field clearing, ARVN training at HORSESHOE, Pacification projects and visit troops in field.
3. Party consists of: Minister for Defence, COMAFV, ADC to COMAFV, Mr. G.F. BLAKERS AND MR S. ROBSON. There will also be a number of press men accompanying Party.
4. HQ Coy is to supply 3 VIP vehicles to be at Parties desposal during visit. Drivers to be briefed by LO.
5. Det AFV Pro Unit is to supply two Gun Vehicles for escort of party during road move. Drivers to be briefed by LO.
6. GS02 (Air) is to supply two UH1H AC as indicated in Itinerary. One is to be a chase AC. Two MACV AC will remain in DS during visit.
7. Outline Itinerary is attached as Annex A.

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(S.P. WEIR)
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Comd

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List A (Less Serial 27)
List C

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/2A
DATED 17 MAR 70

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Date/Time	Events	Remarks
2 Apr		
0915	Party arrive by MACV AC at KANGA.	Met By Comd
0915-1000	Briefing by Comd (Incl cool drinks).	D Comd, CO 1 Aust CA, GS02 (Int), CO Fd Regt.
1000-1040	Drive to LONG DIEN via HOA LONG viewing CA Projects	Info: LO HOA LONG LO LONG DIEN
1040-1055	Fly to HORSESHOE via ISA, LCT, Route 44, Minefield.	Exit LONG DIEN PAD Met by OC HORSESHOE
1055-1115	Visit HORSESHOE.	
1115-1130	Fly to FSPB ANNE via XUYEN MOC, FSPB PAT.	
1130-1200	Visit 7 RAR in FSPB ANNE.	Met by CO Lt Col GREY.
1200-1330	Buffet Lunch HQ 1 ATF Mess	PMC - All COs and OCs of Units may attend.
1330	Party depart for 1 ALSG.	

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		G 0266	

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VISIT TO IATF BY D A AVN CMM YOUR SD 02268
 OF 091245Z FEB AND SD 02421 OF 110906Z FEB
 REFERS 0 LENGTH OF VISIT IS INCONVENIENT TO
 THIS HQ 0 SUGGEST VISIT BE CUT TO FOUR DAYS
 INCLUSIVE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CMM THIS SHOULD
 BE SUFFICIENT FOR D A AVN VISIT TO HQ IATF
 AND 161(INDEP) RECCE FLT

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FROM: 1 ATF

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TO: A SQN 1 ARMD REGT 4 FD REGT 7 RAR
8 RAR TFMA 1 ALSG HQ COY 1 ATF 11 MC GP

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INFO: CEN ARMY REC MELB AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

G 0259

6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) D COMD DAAG LO

CMF VISIT (.) OFFICERS GROUP 6/70 ARRIVING 18 MAR 70 DEPARTING 2 APR 70 (.)

ONE (.) ALLOCATION CLN

ALFA (.) A SQN 1 ARMD REGT CMM CAPT BA BRACKENBERG RAAC 1/15 RNSWL
E COMD (.)

BRAVO (.) 4 FD REGT CMM LT L COLLINS RAA 7 FD REGT E COMD (.)

CHARLIE (.) 7 RAR CMM MAJ W J MCDONALD RA INF 51 RQR N COMD CLN CAPT
K G R NEWTON RA INF PNGVR PNG COMD (.)

DELTA (.) 8 RAR CMM MAJ E T LYNES RA INF 2 RVR S COMD (.)

ECHO (.) TFMA CMM CAPT P L SHORT RAASC HQ COMM Z E COMD (.)

TWO (.) HQ COY 1 ATF ARE TO PROVIDE 3/4 TON VEHs TO MEET AC AT LUSCOMBE FIELD
AT APPROX 181600 MAR 70 CMM TO 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 AVAIL INTERVIEW WILL BE NOTIFIED TO
UNITS AND HELD PRIOR TO RTA (.)

FOUR (.) VISITORS ARE TO VISIT 1 ALSG CMM TRAVELLING TO VUNG TAU ON WALLABYTWO
31 MAR 70 AND RETURNING SAIGON WALLABY ONE 2 APR 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 2 APR 70

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FROM 1 ATF		PREFIX GR	
TO: 161 (INDEP) Recce Flt		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED	
INFO: D COMD DAAG LO		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 0269	

VISIT 0

ONE 0 VISIT TO 1ATF BY D A AVN COL SLOCOMBE

TWO 0 COL SLOCOMBE ARRIVES WALLABY FOUR 25 MAR 7φ REMAINS UNTIL WALLABY FOUR 29 MAR 7φ 0 27 MAR TO INCLUDE A TRIP TO 1 AVN BDE (US) AT LONG BINH COMM TIMINGS TO BE ADVISED 0

THREE 0 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF VISIT 0 SUGGEST ITINERARY INCLUDE A BRIEFING BY THIS HQ AND A MEETING WITH COMD /D COMD 0

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FROM I ATF		PREFIX GR	
TO: 17 CONST SQN 1 FD SQN		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED	
INFO: 21 ENG GP TP 198 WKS SECT DCRE		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G 0272	
INFO D COMD DAQMG LO			

VISIT 0

ONE 0 Lt Col D S Kew DES AHQ is to
 VISIT IATF ARRIVING BY ROAD AM 21 MAR
 DEPARTING WALLABY THREE 22 MAR 70
 TWO 0 PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS WITH
 ACTION ADDRESSEES SITUATION WITH REGARD
 TO ENGINEER STORES.
 THREE 0 Lt Col Kew WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT
 HQ IATF
 FOUR 0 DCRE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS
 OF THE VISIT

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ROUTINE

300040Z MAR 70

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FROM: 1 ATF

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TO: LIST A (LESS SERIALS 24-30)

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INFO: LIST C

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FORECAST OF VISITORS APR 70 (.)

ALFA (.) 2 APR CLN MINISTER FOR DEFENCE MR MALCOM FRASER 0915-1330 (.)

BRAVO (.) 2 APR CLN DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL II FF V MAJ GEN SOUTHERLAND
1400-1530 (.)

CHARLIE (.) 3 APR CLN SENATOR GAIR CMM 0900-1330 (.)

DELTA (.) 3 APR CLN CCOSC CMM GEN SIR JOHN WILTON 1345-4 APR 0800 (.)

ECHO (.) 5 APR CLN LT GEN EWELL CMM FAREWELL 1 ATF OFFICERS MESS 1420-0930 (.)

FOXTROT (.) 10 APR CLN LT GEN EWELL CMM LT GEN DAVIDSON 0830-0930 (.)

GOLF (.) 12 APR CLN REAR ADMIRAL STEVENSON FOCAF CMM 0820 - 1030 (.)

HOTEL (.) 16 APR CLN MAJ GEN RIENZI CMM 1ST SIG REGT (US) 1000 - 1300

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