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 HQ 1 ALSG
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 25 Nov 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 97/66.
2. From 240001H to 242400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (Delayed entry) 231230H, 2 Tp 1 APC Sqn found 11800 lbs of rice at YS572651. Rice evacuated.
- (2) 240830H, D/6 RAR found a large camp at YS578664. Camp consisted of seven huts; 1 booby trap was found and destroyed, small amount of medicine found.
- (3) 240935H, 6 RAR found a camp for 15-20 persons at YS574672. Camp had been evacuated early morning. Foot tracks led northeast.
- (4) 241300H, 1 APC Sqn found a squad size camp at YS598648. Camp had been vacated approx 10 minutes before patrol entered. Clothing, ammunition, documents and medical supplies found.
- (5) 241549H, C/6 RAR found an old camp at YS558680.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 240900H, air strike on platoon base camp at YS567738. No BDA.
- (2) 241715H, air strike on company size camp at YS573707. No BDA.
- (3) 241747H, air strike on known camp at YS586694. 6 trenches uncovered.

4. STATISTICAL DATA:


The following is a summary of statistical data for the RVN for week 12 to 19 Nov 66 (figures for week 5 to 12 Nov 66 are given in brackets).

a. Major Operations: 15 (15); with contact 12 (12).

b. Casualties:	KIA	Captured	Chieu Hoi	Total
(1) Enemy	905 (1525)	149 (193)	343 (339)	1397 (2057)
(2) Friendly	KIA	WIA	MIA	Total
US	57 (45)	177 (199)	6 (6)	240 (250)
ROK	19 (20)	73 (45)	0 (0)	92 (65)
AUST	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)
ARVN	248 (237)	545 (556)	77 (66)	870 (859)
Total	324 (303)	795 (800)	83 (72)	1202 (1175)

c. Ratios:

- (1) KIA: 2.79 : 1 (5.03 : 1) allied favor
- (2) Weapons Loss (3.02 : 1) allied favor


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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 98/66.
2. From 250001H to 252400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 250930 to 251030H, 3 VC command detonated a mine between elements of 1 APC Sqn. Follow up resulted in 2 VC KIA, 90 rounds 7.62 ammunition and 1 grenade captured at YS599652.

(2) 251015H, C/6 RAR contacted an unknown number of VC at YS565676. Result 1 CHICOM 7.62 semi-automatic rifle, 2 claymore mines and 39 tons of USAID rice captured.

(3) 251115H, D/6 RAR contacted 1 VC at YS577685. Result 1 VC KIA, 1 7.62 MOSIN-NAGANT rifle, several grenades and some documents captured. In the vicinity were 2 houses, an observation post in a tree and 10 bunkers. 6 VC were seen withdrawing east.

(4) 251400H, A/6 RAR found 15800 lbs of bagged polished rice at YS573682.

(5) 251330H, D/5 RAR found 2 caches of 100 lbs of rice at YS404667 and YS404666, also 36 rounds of assorted ammunition and 12 capsules of medicine. Caches approx 6 months old, both destroyed.

(6) 251340H, elements of 1 APC Sqn received a command detonated mine at YS622668 resulting in minor damage to 1 APC.

(7) 251500H, D/6 RAR found an old camp at YS593673 which had previously received an airstrike but had recently been occupied. A letter marked C2/D445 was found in the camp.

(8) 251535H, D/6 RAR found a squad size camp at YS595675, not recently occupied.

(9) 251600H, D/6 RAR found a small camp at YS594669. The camp was constructed approx 1 month ago for 20 persons and was evacuated on 24 Nov 66.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

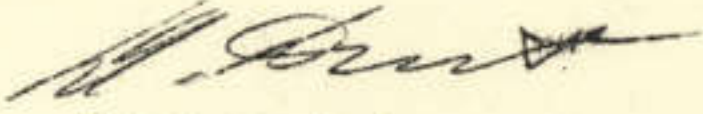
(1) 250815H, air strike on known VC camp at YS587664. No BDA.

(2) 251915H, sky spot on known occupied VC camp at YS484765. BDA to be conducted first light 26 Nov 66.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. KIA: 3 confirmed.

b. Equipment Captured: 1 CHICOM semi automatic 7.62 rifle, 1 7.62 MOSIN-NAGANT rifle, quantity of ammunition, several grenades, large quantity of rice, documents and medicine.


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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 99/66.
2. From 260001H to 272400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 260835H, D/6 RAR found a company sized camp at YS590676. Small quantity of sugar, petrol, kerosine and documents found in camp. Camp not used for some time.

(2) 260940H, D/6 RAR contacted 6-8 VC including one woman at YS579663. Result 3 VC WIA (blood trails), some documents and assorted ammunition recovered.

(3) 261045H, C/6 RAR destroyed a fishing boat and a quantity of 7.62mm, .30 inch and .50 inch ammunition at YS568679. Small amount of documents recovered.

(4) 261100H, C/6 RAR found 15 packs of playing cards, 1 box of new sewing machine parts, 1 packet of 12 torch batteries, 1 packet of fine screw drivers, 2 shirts, green trousers, 1 windsheater, 13 rounds 7.62mm tracer and ball, 10 rounds 8.56 mm ball, 11 rounds 7.625 mm in clips, 7 rounds 7.62 mm for burp gun, and 47 rounds .45 inch ball at YS567677. All except the sewing machine parts destroyed.

(5) 261130H, C/6 RAR found 12 bags of sugar, 5 small bags of salt, 3 CHICOM grenades with 4 second fuses, 4 4 gallon kerosine tins of oil and 4 of petrol, and 10 gallons of nuoc mam at YS566680.

(6) 261420H, D/6 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS585665. Result 1 VC WIA (blood trail) and 1 pistol holster recovered.

(7) 271241H, A/6 RAR contacted 4 VC at YS590697. Result 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (blood trail), 1 SKS, 1 US rifle, some ammunition, 4 grenades and some medical supplies captured.

(8) 271303H, A/6 RAR contacted 5 VC at YS590697. Result 1 VCC (WIA). Initial interrogation revealed he was a member of D445 Bn and in a party of 35 when captured. He also stated that his unit was not prepared to stand and fight.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

261435H, light fire team received 3 rounds of SA fire at YS602682.

261450H, light fire team received SA fire including from automatic weapons at YS591686 and YS591684. No hits.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. KIA: 1 confirmed.

b. Captured: 1

c. Equipment Captured: 1 SKS, 1 US rifle, quantity of assorted ammunition, grenades, medical supplies.



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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 100/66.
2. From 280001H to 282400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (late entry) 272100H - 272300H, 1 Fd Sqn heard movement on their perimeter wire at YS4466. Investigation at first light revealed that portion of the wire had been lifted and foot prints were observed.

(2) 281625H, 1 APC Sqn contacted 2 VC at YS584736. VC withdrew north; no casualties.

(3) 281800H, C/6 RAR found a recently occupied camp at YS572716.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

281000H, air strike on known VC mortar position at YS633793. Result one secondary fire.



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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 101/66.
2. From 290001H to 292400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:


(1) 291048H, 1 APC Sqn contacted 20-30 VC at YS 604732. VC withdrew north; result 1 VC WIA (possible).

(2) 291200H, B/5 RAR found a camp at YS559708. Sand models, practice obstacles, a medical kit, a small domestic radio and a small quantity of assorted ammunition were found in the camp.

(3) 292215H, Assault Pioneer Platoon/6 RAR contacted 3-4 VC at YS569716. VC withdrew north. Result 3 AUST WIA.

4. OTHER:

(U) Liberation Radio (clandestine) in Vietnamese, to South Vietnam at 261030Z Nov 66 carried an order of the command of the South Vietnamese Liberation Forces ordering all liberation forces, including main force units, regional units, and militia and guerrillas throughout South Vietnam, to stop military attacks for 48 hours beginning 240700H to 260700H and for 48 hours beginning at 310700H Dec 66 to 020700H Jan 67.



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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 102/66.

2. From 300001H to 302400H.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 301333H, 6 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS582702. Result 1 VC KIA, 1 CHICOM rifle with bayonet recovered.

(2) 301550H, A/6 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS579694. VC withdrew east. No result.

(3) 301830H, 1 APC Sqn sighted 1 VC at YS603695. No contact. VC withdrew west.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

301101H, FAC observed 200 plus VC in the open at YS445850. Immediate air strike resulted in one large secondary explosion.



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- 1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 103/66.
- 2. From 010001H to 012400H.
- 3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

There were no contacts during the reporting period.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

011000H, air reconnaissance observed that all cart tracks and trails north of the HAT DICH area (YS3476) showed signs of medium to heavy use in the past 24 hours.

4. STATISTICAL DATA:

The following is a summary of statistical data for the RVN for the week 19 to 26 Nov 66 (data for the week 12 to 19 Nov 66 are given in brackets).

a. Major Operations: 100 (101); with contact 48 (59).

b. Casualties:

(1) Enemy:	KIA	Captured	Chieu Hoi	Total
	1422 (905)	133 (149)	314 (343)	1869 (1397)
(2) Friendly:	KIA	WIA	MIA	Total
US	87 (57)	104 (177)	2 (6)	193 (240)
ROK	26 (19)	49 (73)	0 (0)	79 (92)
AUST	0 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
ARVN	159 (248)	428 (545)	41 (77)	628 (870)
Total	272 (324)	583 (795)	43 (83)	902 (1202)

c. Ratios:

- (1) KIA: 5.22 : 1 (2.79 : 1) allied favor.
- (2) Weapons Loss: (1.08 : 1) allied favor.

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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 104/66.

2. From 020001H to 022400H.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 020930H, B/6 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS622655 and YS623652. VC were moving from east to west. Result 2 VCS including 1 female, 1 VC KIA.

(2) 021140H, VC command detonated a mine against D/6 RAR at YS634653. Result 1 Aust KIA, 10 Aust WIA, 3 civilians wounded.

(3) 021200H, VC detonated a mine against C/6 RAR at YS627657. Result 1 Aust WIA.

(4) 021230H, B/6 RAR found an anti-tank mine at YS623651. They followed a cable south of this location to an unoccupied bunker.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. KIA: 1 confirmed.

b. VCS: 2



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5 Dec 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 105/66.
2. From 030001H to 042400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) 041340H, B/5 RAR found a CHICOM grenade at YS277679. Grenade destroyed.
 - b. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) 031430H, air strike on reported VC base area at YS402752. No BDA.
 - (2) 031725H, air strike on VC base camp at YS395827. No BDA.
 - (3) 041600H, a CESSNA aircraft received a burst of small arms fire from YS620823. Light fire team engaged the target with unknown results. At 1620H the same aircraft was fired on with a projectile from YS596814. The projectile appeared to have a yellow flame about 3-4 ft long and about 3-4 inches thick. Thought to have been fired from a rocket launcher or similar weapon.
4. ENEMY IDENTIFICATION:

Interrogation of a VCC revealed that D445 Bn was involved in the attack on PHUOC HAI (YS5153) on 27 Nov 66.


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6 Dec 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 106/66.

2. From 050001H to 052400H.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 050930H, A/5 RAR found a small hamlet consisting of 1 tin hut, 4 attap huts and 1 hut frame at YS326641. A wooden lookout and a well were also found. 120 lbs of rice, small quantity of female accessories and some books and documents were found in the hamlet.

(2) 051732H, C/6 RAR contacted 12 VC at YS435638. Result 5 VC KIA (BC), 12 weapons and a large quantity of SAA recovered.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 050855H, air strike on VC base camp at YS315748 resulted in 1 secondary fire with white smoke.


(2) aircraft engaged a target from which ground fire had been received on 4 Dec 66 at YS608813. Result 4 huts, 1 pillbox and 1 watertower damaged.

(3) 051425H, air strike on VC supply base at YS598806 resulted in 3 structures being destroyed.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. KIA: 5 confirmed.

b. Equipment Captured: 12 individual weapons, quantity of SAA.


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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 107/66.

2. From 060001H to 072400H.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 061010H, D/5 RAR found an OP at YS339635. It had been occupied by 4 men during the last 4 days.

(2) 061230H, C/5 RAR found a boat hide at YS234713. It had been occupied the previous day.

(3) 7 Dec, Task Force patrol contacted 8 VC at YS429778. Result 1 VC KIA, 3 VC WIA.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 061035H, air strike on base camp at YS532799. No BDA.

(2) 061150H, air strike on base camp at YS622828. Result 1 secondary explosion, 2 secondary fires with white smoke.

(3) 071440H, signs of heavy traffic were observed south along Route 328 to YS603769 to YS615759 to YS622760 to YS628770 and at YS626774 to YS607776 to YS638774 to YS645793.

4. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION:

(1) A BA RIA Sector source reported that 2 companies if the Q64 unit were located at YS580700 on 5 Dec 66.

(2) A BA RIA Sector source reported that an unidentified VC company was located at YS452557 on 7 Dec 66.

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12 Dec 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 108/66.
2. From 080001H to 112400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 092010H, two ARVN companies were attacked by up to one battalion of VC at YS363621. The VC engaged from the east with 57mm RR, 12.7 mm HMG and SA. Friendly losses 11KIA, 26 WIA, 184 MIA, 1 81mm mortar, 79 rifles and possibly 1 60mm mortar. VC losses 2 KIA (BC).

(2) 10 Dec, A/5 RAR found an old ambush position 30 meters from the road in the vicinity of YS275653. It consisted of 10 weapon pits in line and facing the road.

(3) 110930H, A/5 RAR found a company sized installation at YS288666. The installation consisted of weapon pits with overhead protection and was about 1 month old.



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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 109/66.
2. From 120001H to 122400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) 121205H, platoon of 5 RAR sighted 3 armed VC at YS288720. A Light Fire Team engaged the area with unknown results. The platoon searched the area with negative results.
 - (2) 121700H, B/5 RAR received an unknown number of SA rounds at YS264727. The area was engaged by artillery with negative results.
 - (3) 121826H, 5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS262747. Result 1 VC KIA, 1 weapon captured, 1 VC WIA escaped.
 - (4) 121910H, B/5 RAR observed movement of 1 figure to the north of their perimeter at YS257734. Area engaged with M79 fire with unknown results. Further movement was reported on the perimeter at 1920H.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
 - a. KIA 1 confirmed.
 - b. Equipment Captured: 1 unidentified individual weapon.



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15 Dec 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 110/66.

2. From 130001H to 142400H.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

There were no contacts during the reporting period.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 141035H, air strike on VC camp at YS668608. Result 1 small secondary fire.

(2) 141130H, air strike on VC camp at YS664611. No BDA.


(3) 141320H, air strike on VC camp at YS354792. No BDA.

(4) 141757H, helicopter received an unknown number of SA rounds from YS348648.

(5) 142120H, FAC received ground fire from YS4280. Artillery engaged target with unknown results.

4. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION:

A civilian sympathiser at BINH GIA (YS4877) reported one VC battalion in green uniforms and steel helmets at YS492802. The same civilian reported 120 VC with a small mortar at YS5275 (Aust C/3).


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19 Dec 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 111/66.
2. From 150001H to 182400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) 171630H, a vehicle received several rounds SA fire from vicinity YS421645. No casualties.
 - (2) 181340H, C/6 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS319626. VC were armed with 1 M1 rifle and 1 M1 or M2 carbine. VC withdrew west. No casualties.
 - b. AIR ACTIVITY:

181325H, air strike on VC camp at YS574783 resulted in 4 bunkers and 1 hut destroyed.


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22 Dec 66

1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 112/66.
2. From 190001H to 212400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 191520H, security forces received SA fire from YS454756 from an unknown number of VC. No casualties

(2) 201030H, a vehicle which was part of 1/83 Arty convoy received SA fire approx 700 meters south of HOA LONG (YS4264). No casualties.


(3) 211930H, C/5 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS396642. Results 1 VC KIA (possible), 1 VC WIA escaped.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 210840H, air strike on VC camp at YS339780. No BDA.

(2) 211110H, air strike on VC storage area at YS430825. No BDA.

(3) 211230H, air strike on VC camp at YS507724. No BDA.


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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 113/66.
2. From 220001H to 232400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) 212200H (late report) an RF company contacted an unknown number of VC at YS437785. Results 4 VC KIA, 2 PW, 1 RF KIA.
 - (2) 221045H, 5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS467726. VC moved south on contact. No casualties
 - (3) 222155H, a sentry observed movement outside the perimeter wire at YS4366. Sentry challenged and opened fire with negative results.
4. GENERAL:

Information from a very reliable source has been received that on the night 24/25 Dec 66 a tubby figure dressed in red and with a long white beard will attempt to invade private houses by means of sliding down chimneys; the intruder has been known to leave goodies behind. As this type of information is received regularly at 12 months interval it is graded A/1. As there is a Christmas truce, personnel are requested not to shoot or detain this particular intruder. (This information is unclassified.)



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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 114/66.
2. From 240001H to 262400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 240130H, a patrol contacted an unknown number of VC near HOA LONG (YS4264). Result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA.

(2) 241115H, C/6 RAR contacted 5 VC at YS435680. No casualties.

(3) 242215H, 5 - 6 people were spotted on the Task Force perimeter wire at approx YS443660.

(4) 260900H, 1/43 Inf (ARVN) and 55 Ranger Bn (ARVN) contacted a large VC force at YS479539 and found an arms cache in the same area. Result 27 VC KIA (BC), 30-40 VC KIA (possible), 108 rifles, 2 SMG, 1 82mm mortar and some mines captured.

(5) 261135H, B/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS382684. 1 VC was seen to drop his weapon but a search of the area found nothing.

(6) 261300H, an explosion with white smoke was sighted in area YS3372. There had been no artillery fire or air strikes in the area.

(7) 261630H, B/5 RAR contacted 6 VC at YS375686. Result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. KIA: 29 confirmed, 30-40 possible.


b. Equipment captured: 108 rifles, 2 SMG, 1 82mm mortar, quantity of mines.

5. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION:

a. 241710 - 241900H, a Task Force patrol observed the following enemy movement in a southerly direction at YS377685:-

- (1) 1710H, 13 armed VC;
- (2) 1740H, 17 armed VC;
- (3) 1818H, 5 armed VC;
- (4) 1900H, 5 armed VC.

b. D/6 RAR observed 6 VC moving east at YS398641 at 251645H.


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1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 115/66.
2. From 270001H to 282400H.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) 270745H, D/5 RAR contacted 1 VC at YS425678. No casualties.
 - (2) 270840H, A/6 RAR found an old company size position at YS479524. Tracks of 10 persons were found heading ESE, approx 20 hours old.
 - (3) 271100H, B/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS377684. Results 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA; 1 diary captured.
 - (4) 271119H, B/5 RAR contacted 4 VC at YS377678. Results 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (escaped), 1 Thompson carbine and documents captured.
 - (5) 271330H, a mine was command detonated against APC elements from west side of road at YS509547. Result 1 Aust WIA.
 - (6) 281050H, C/5 RAR contacted 1 VC at YS389701. Result 1 Aust WIA.
 - (7) 281106H, C/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS389701. No casualties.



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- 1. 1 ALSG INTSUM 116/66.
- 2. From 290001H to 302400H.
- 3. ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

There have been no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

290900H, air strike on VC camp at YS378722. Result 2 structures destroyed.

291500H, air strike on an unknown number of VC after FAC had received ground fire at YS427824. Result 3 VC KBA (BC), 4 VC KBA (possible), 30 bags of rice and 1 metal roofed house destroyed, 1 metal roofed house damaged, 1 secondary explosion and 4 secondary fires (2 produced white and the other 2 black smoke).

4. OTHER:

a. 301000H, a BARIA Sector agent reported that a VC force intended to attack BINH BA village (YS4574) RF forces on the night of 30 Dec 66 between 2000H and 2100H. C20 Coy (CHAU DUC District Coy) in conjunction with a VC battalion are to carry out the attack (Evaluation US B/3).

b. 301800H, an agent reported that at a recent meeting between leading members of COSVN and the secretariate of the NLF SVN it had been decided that as the last 12 months have not been very successful for the Liberation Army and Party (VC) the year 1966 shall terminate at midnight on 31 Dec and the period starting at 0001H on 1 Jan shall be known as the year 1967. The conference also expressed the opinion that this would be most confusing to the "capitalist aggressors" as the capitalist year traditionally begins on 1 July and ends on 30 June (Evaluation Aust A/1, JS F/6). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(W S WUST)
Captain
IO (S2)

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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lieutenant Colonel D.L. ROUSECommandingFirst Australian Logistic Support GroupVUNG TAU - SOUTH VIETNAM7 Nov 66

Serial No. VT 28
Nos. 245 - 252

RO No.	Title
245.	Education Courses - Nov/Dec 66.
246.	Bounds - Hotel SAIGON.
247.	Bounds - National Training Centre
248.	Wearing of Medal Ribbons.
249.	Issue of JG Trousers and Shirts.
250.	Driving of Private Vehicles.
251.	Cinemascope Lens for 16 mm Movie Projectors.
252.	Judo and Karate Instruction.

Notices

Message received from 21 Brigade Association.
Australian Council for Religious Rights.

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245. EDUCATION COURSES

a. The following courses will be held at the 1 ALSG Education Centre:

(1) Australian Army Certificate of Education, - 21 Nov - 3 Dec
Class 2 and 3.

(2) Australian Army Certificate of Education, - 7 Dec - 23 Dec
Class 2 and 3.

b. Nominations are to be forwarded to this Headquarters by 12 Nov for Course (1) and by 28 Nov for Course (2). Nominations should be in order of priority.

246. BOUNDS

Effective immediately and until further notice, the Hotel Saigon is Out of Bounds to all Australian military personnel. Unit COs/OCs will advise personnel visiting the VUNG TAU area overnight of this restriction.

247. BOUNDS

With immediate effect the entire training area of the National Training Centre is Out of Bounds to all personnel both day and night without the specific approval of the Commandant of the National Training Centre, Senior Advisor Mr. Joseph MURPHY, or Senior Advisor Nung Force, Mr T.J. GRAY. All Aviation Unit Commanders should ensure that all pilots are informed of the location of all ranges and the training area in order to preclude any low level flights in this area. The restriction is effective seven (7) days a week until further notice. Area affected is as follows: From YS 295458 EAST to YS 316458 thence Northeast along coast to YS 400538 WEST to YS 360538 and all the area EAST of National Highway 15 and the VUNG TAU Airfield with supporting elements.



(A.M. SALTER)
Maj
GSO 2, HQ 1 ALSG

ADMINISTRATION

248. WEARING OF MEDAL RIBBON

- a. Medal Ribbons are not to be worn with Field Dress Green.
- b. Medal Ribbons may be worn with Summer Dress Polyester.

249. ISSUE OF JG TROUSERS AND SHIRTS

The practice of issueing up to five sets of new greens to soldiers returning to AUSTRALIA is reducing the theatre stocks to an unacceptable level. New greens are to be issued only when the requirement exists and in no case will the issue exceed two sets.

250. DRIVING OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

- a. No member shall drive a privately owned vehicle on any roadway in VIETNAM unless so authorised by either:
 - (1) The order of an officer.
 - (2) A licence to drive such vehicle duly issued by the government or the appropriate Vietnamese civil authorities.
- b. Contravention of this order shall constitute an offence under Sec 11 of the Army Act.
- c. This order is to be incorporated immediately in all Unit Standing Orders under command of HQ 1 ALSG.

251. CINEMASCOPE LENS FOR 16 MM MOVIE PROJECTORS

- a. Any unit of 1 ALSG with an RCA 16 mm Movie Projector Model 400 cm 415 or 416, can obtain a cinemascope lens from US sources by application through SC "A" HQ 1 ALSG to "A" Branch LO HQ AFV.
- b. The projector can be of Australian or US origin.
- c. The only requirement is that the unit must hold a motion picture account. The following 1 ALSG units hold current accounts:

Aust R and C Centre
1 Coy RAASC.

Requisitions have been made for motion picture accounts on behalf of the following units:

2 Fd Amb	2 Comp Ord Dep
17 Const Sqn	101 Fd Wksp
145 Sig Sqn	161 (Indep) Recce Flt

- d. No indication can be given as to when these requisitions may be approved.

252. JUDO AND KARATE INSTRUCTION

- a. It is proposed to start a Judo and Karate Club in 1 ALSG. The instructor will be Capt W. WEIR, Black Belt instructor of the International Judo Council.
- b. All members interested are asked to attend a general meeting which will take place at the 1 ALSG Education Centre on Fri 11 Nov 66 at 1800 hrs.

K.E. Hawthorne

(K.E. HAWTHORNE)
Capt
A/DAA & QMG, HQ 1 ALSG

NOTICES

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM 21 BRIGADE ASSOCIATION

" The 21 Infantry Brigade Association (NSW) members convey to the members of the Australian Forces in VIETNAM their good wishes for a successful conclusion to their mission and a safe and speedy return.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

This body is concerned that there may be Non-Christians among the force who are in need of spiritual and physical comforts. The Council, in particular, have offered to supply religious works such as the Koran or Torahs, as well as fiction.

Any member of the Bhuddist, Muslin, Jewish or Confucian Faiths who is interested in this offer should contact:

The Australian Council for Religious Rights
163 Gladstone Road
HIGHGATE HILL
BRISBANE QLD

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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lieutenant Colonel L.C. CHAMBERSCommandingFirst Australian Logistic Support Group14 Nov 66

Serial No. VT 29
Nos. 253 - 256

RO No.	Title
253.	Command.
254.	Security of Weapons.
255.	Education Courses - Evening Classes.
256.	Dress - Cloth Woven Name Tapes.

Notices

Christmas Day Taped Messages.

G BRANCH

253. COMMAND


3330 Lt Col L.C. CHAMBERS assumed command of 1 ALSG with effect from and including 8 Nov 66.

254. SECURITY OF WEAPONS

- a. The practice of securing weapons at the 1 ALSG WEST Gate Guard Room is to cease immediately.
- b. Weapons belonging to 1 ALSG members are to be secured within unit lines. 1 ATF personnel are to secure weapons at the 1 ALSG Transit Centre.

255. EDUCATION COURSES - EVENING CLASSES

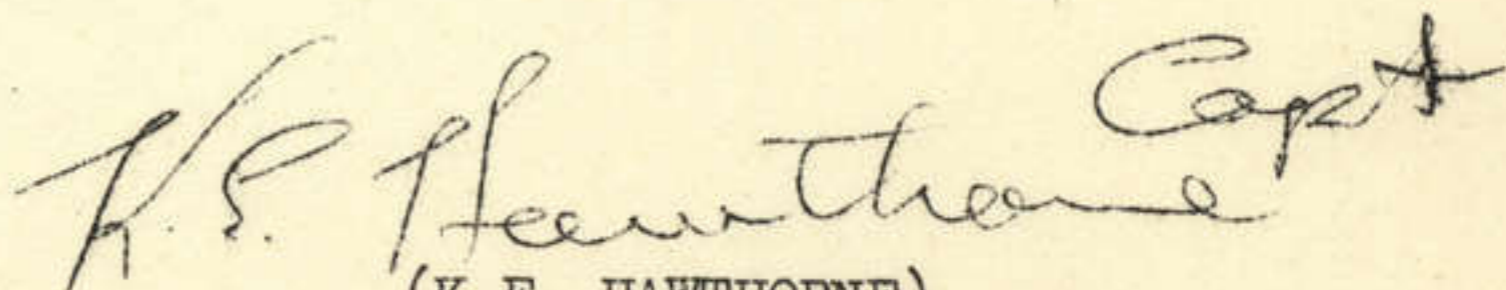
- a. The following evening classes are to be held at the 1 ALSG Edn Centre.
 - (1) Mondays - AACE 1 Arithmetic: A course of study in Arithmetic aimed at preparing candidates to sit for the AACE 1 Arithmetic examination in May 67. Classes begin on Mon 21 Nov 66 at 1930 hrs.
 - (2) Tuesdays - Conversational French: The aim of this course is to brush-up "Schoolboy" French, by means of a series of conversation classes. In this way, it will enable soldiers to communicate in VIETNAM by using a language of which they have some previous knowledge. Classes begin on Tue 22 Nov 66 at 2000 hrs.
 - (3) Thursdays - AACE 1 Geography: A course of study in Geography aimed at preparing candidates to sit for the AACE 1 Geography examination in Mar 67. Classes begin on Thu 24 Nov 66 at 1930 hrs.
 - (4) Fridays - Beginners French: A basic French course for beginners. Classes begin on Fri 25 Nov 66 at 1930 hrs.
- b. Any inquiries with regard to the above courses should be made to the 1 ALSG Edn Offr, telephone EMU 6.


(A.M. SALTER)
Maj
GSO 2, HQ 1 ALSG

ADMINISTRATION

256. DRESS - CLOTH WOVEN NAME TAPES

- a. Cloth Woven Name Tapes (as worn by members of US Forces) may be worn by members of 1 ALSG, subject to the following provisions:
 - (1) Tapes are to be purchased privately by members wishing to wear them.
 - (2) They are to be purchased from the Tailor Shop Annex to the US PX on VUNG TAU Airfield (this is to ensure uniformity in size and style).
 - (3) The colour pattern is to be BLACK lettering (surname only), on GREEN background.
 - (4) Woven Name Tapes are to be worn immediately above the RIGHT breast pocket on shirts DGSS only.
- b. This order constitutes an authority for name tapes to be worn by members only while posted to 1 ALSG. On reposting, name tapes are to be removed, unless they are an authorised order of dress in the member's new unit.


(K.E. HAWTHORNE)
Capt
A/DAA & QMG, HQ 1 ALSG

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CHRISTMAS DAY TAPED MESSAGES

1. The MELBOURNE Radio Station 3UZ has advised that they are willing to broadcast on Christmas Day, short taped messages from soldiers serving overseas with families or relations residing in VICTORIA.
2. Units with members desirous of taking advantage of this offer are to contact Sig P.M. RICHARDS, 145 Sig Sqn, advising him of the number involved, and nominating a suitable time so that the recordings may be made. Messages would be restricted to 40 - 45 words.

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by

Lieutenant Colonel L.C. CHAMBERS

Commanding

First Australian Logistic Support Group

25 Nov 66

Serial No. VT 30
Nos. 257 - 258

RO No.	Title
257.	Security of Information
258.	Official Working Hours - HQ 1 ALSG


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257. SECURITY OF INFORMATION (ARO 29/64)

- a. Discussion of Official Business. Members of the AMF are not to discuss official business in places where there is a possibility of being overheard by unauthorised persons.
- b. Access to Classified Information
- (1) Classified documents are to be handled only by persons specifically cleared to the level applicable and recorded in the Unit Security Register as such.
 - (2) The IO HQ 1 ALSG will obtain security clearances and will inform units in writing. This will be the authority for a person so cleared to have access whilst in his particular posting.
 - (3) Originators and holders of classified documents are to be responsible that access is limited to the minimum number of persons consistent with efficiency. Rank is not necessarily a criterion to security. Individuals are only to be given particulars of that part of the documents which directly affect their work.
 - (4) Vietnamese civilians employed in 1 ALSG are not to have access to any classified information without prior reference to the HQ, and then only to information classified RESTRICTED.
 - (5) No classified information is to be passed to any foreign nationals, except to US nationals if the need to know exists, without prior reference to this HQ.
- c. Telephone Conversations. No telephone conversation, even on a closed circuit line, is secure. No information classified RESTRICTED or higher is to be discussed over the telephone.

258. OFFICIAL WORKING HOURS - HQ 1 ALSG

- a. The official working hours for HQ 1 ALSG are 0800 hrs to 1700 hrs Mon to Sat inclusive. A Duty Officer and NCO man the Operations Room outside these hours.
- b. Lunch is to be taken by HQ Staff between 1200 hrs and 1300 hrs Mon to Sat. A Duty Officer or Duty NCO is to man the Operations Room during that period.


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SOUTH VIETNAM

29 Nov 66

Serial No. VT 31
Nos. 259 - 267

RO No.	Title
259.	Command.
260.	Officers Promotion and Staff College Entrance Examinations - 1967. Study of Military History.
261.	Use of Telephone Link EBONY/DEER Switchboard.
262.	RAP Attendance - 2 Fd Amb.
263.	RTA Documentation - Nominal Roll of Draft.
264.	Temporary Duty in AUSTRALIA - Continuation of VIETNAM Allowance.
265.	ASCO/PX Accounts.
266.	"Beachcomber" Hours.
267.	No-Parking Zone - VUNG TAU Market Area.

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259. COMMAND

41861 Capt B.D. JENKINS will administer command of 17 Const Sqn from 28 Oct until 5 Dec 66, in the absence of 47018 Maj P.J. DAY.

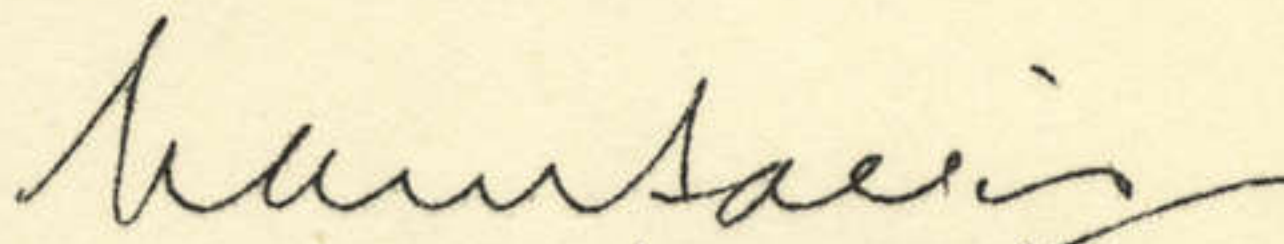
260. OFFICERS PROMOTION AND STAFF COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS - 1967
STUDY OF MILITARY HISTORY

The attention of all officers is drawn to ARO 96/66, which details the campaigns and reference material to be studied for the examinations to be held in 1967.

261. USE OF TELEPHONE LINK EBONY/DEER SWITCHBOARDS

a. The telephone link EBONY/DEER has become overburdened with conversations lasting far longer than necessary and in many instances concerning events which have little to do with military matters. To minimise this traffic the following restrictive measures will apply immediately:

- (1) No conversation will take place on this link on matters that are not part of accepted military duties.
- (2) No conversation on this link will exceed 5 minutes.
- (3) The link is to be monitored, and where necessary, tape recordings will be made of conversations.



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Maj
GSO 2, HQ 1 ALSG

ADMINISTRATION

262. RAP ATTENDANCES - 2 FD AMB

a. All personnel reporting to 2 Fd Amb RAP for Sick Parade are to observe the following times:

- a. Mon - Sat 0730 hrs
- b. Sund 0800 hrs
- c. Daily Treatment Parades

1000 hrs
1330 hrs
1630 hrs

(Daily treatment will not be carried out on the 0730 hrs Sick Parade)

b. Unit RAP Orderlies are to accompany personnel on Sick Parades and have with them the following documentation:

AAF A46 (completed)
Members F Med 4 and 5.

263. RTA DOCUMENTATION - NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

Attached as Annex "A" to these orders is the standard Nominal Roll of Draft form to be used for all RTA documentation. All future submissions are to include this form.

264. TEMPORARY DUTY IN AUSTRALIA - CONTINUATION OF VIETNAM ALLOWANCE

Treasury memo DD 65/2699 provides that where a member, either married or single, returns to AUSTRALIA from VIETNAM on temporary duty, he may continue to be paid VIETNAM Allowance for a period of 14 days following his departure from VIETNAM. The Allowance will cease after 14 days and be re-instated from the date of his return to VIETNAM following completion of his temporary duty.

265. ASCO/PX ACCOUNTS

- a. Accounts with the ASCO/PX are to be paid by the 9th and 25th day of each month.
- b. Units who fail to meet these deadlines will be unable to obtain further stocks until their accounts are paid.

266. "BEACHCOMBER" HOURS

The "Beachcomber restaurant/bar is now open daily from 1000 hrs till 2200 hrs.

267. NO-PARKING ZONE

- a. Effective immediately, the VUNG TAU market area is designated a no parking zone for Australian military vehicles. Leave trucks will not stop in this area to either deliver or pick up leave personnel.
- b. Leave trucks picking up troops may do so from any BOQ or BEQ, or on Trung Trac and Trung Nhi streets, between Le Loi and Tran Hung Dao streets.

K.E. Hawthorne

(K.E. HAWTHORNE)
Capt
A/DAA & QMG

NOTICEBOATING - WATER SKIING

A meeting of those interested in water skiing and boating is to be held at the Edn Centre on Wed 30 Nov 66 at 2000 hrs.

Two boats with 65 HP motors and skiing equipment are being purchased by the Amenities Fund for this activity, and are due to arrive shortly.

Flt No.
Departure Date

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

Unit:

ID Card No.	Service No. and Rank	Name in full	Date and Place of Birth	Names of Mother and Father	New Unit

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Commanding

First Australian Logistic Support Group

SOUTH VIETNAM

19 Dec 66

Serial No. 33
Nos. 271 - 282

RO No.	Title
271.	Command - 17 Const Sqn.
272.	Unlawful Possession or Disposal of Firearms and Explosives.
273.	Privately Owned Firearms - Entry into AUSTRALIA.
274.	Results of AACE 2 and 3 Education Course 21 Nov/3 Dec 66.
275.	Malarial Precautions.
276.	Marriages Between Australian Servicemen and Asians.
277.	Aust Force VIETNAM AHBS Representative.
278.	Movement of Stores - Protection.
279.	Official Mail - Postage to AUSTRALIA.
280.	Forged PX Ration Cards.
281.	Driving of Military Vehicles - Officers and OR.
282.	Driving of Military Vehicles After Consumption of Alcohol.

Commander 1 ALSG Christmas Message to all ranks of 1 ALSG.

NOTICES

- Vocational and Educational Training Scheme.
- Parcel Mail.
- Carols by Candlelight
- Midnight Mass
- Church Services - Christmas Day
- Boating Club
- Christmas Messages

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271. COMMAND - 17 CONST SQN

41861 Capt B.D. JENKINS will administer command of 17 Const Sqn from 15 Dec 66 until 20 Dec 66 in the absence of 17033 Maj W.W. LENNON.

272. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OR DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

- a. In this instruction "explosives" means explosive substance of any kind and includes any ammunition containing a propellant, explosive filling or live cap.
- b. Any member in possession of firearms or explosives, unless such are on issue to him as part of his authorised Army equipment, is amenable to the Laws of the State or Ordnances of the Territory in which he is serving.
- c. In accordance with DA 79, former enemy equipment, other than personal effects of captured enemy personnel, is Commonwealth property, and, unless the member has been duly authorised to retain it as a souvenir, its retention is an offence against the Act.
- d. Except when acting in the course of his duty, a member will not deliver or transmit to, or attempt to deliver or transmit to, any other person, or acquire in any way from, or attempt to acquire in any way from, any other person, firearms or explosives which are the property of the Commonwealth.
- e. Where unaccompanied baggage of members serving overseas is being forwarded to AUSTRALIA, it will be inspected by MFO, or the responsible officer concerned, prior to its acceptance for despatch. Any unauthorised firearms and explosives will be removed.
- f. When a member is charged with an offence in respect of any act, conduct, or omission described by this instruction, the offence will be dealt with summarily without the approval of superior authority.
- g. Paragraphs a, b, c, and d, of this instruction will be republished annually in Unit Routine Orders.

273. PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS - ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA

- a. Members who wish to import privately owned firearms and ammunition into AUSTRALIA are to comply with the following requirements:
- (1) Obtain from Commonwealth and State authorities, where relevant, the necessary permission, registration or certificate, Commonwealth and State requirements are tabled in Annex "A" to this order.
 - (2) Apply in writing, through his unit, to HQ AFV for permission to take a weapon to AUSTRALIA. Relevant Customs permission, State licence etc., are to be attached to the application. These will be returned to the member by HQ AFV.
- b. Because of the ban on firearms in NSW, members returning to their home state through SYDNEY are required to surrender any privately owned firearms in SYDNEY for immediate dispatch to their home state.

274. RESULTS OF AACE 2 AND 3 EDUCATION COURSE - 21 NOV/3 DEC 66

The following members of 1 ALSG qualified for the Army 2nd Class Certificate of Education at the above course:

3411677	Pte	C.R.	PARKER	2 Comp Ord Dep
216291	Pte	M.L.	ROOTS	"
216124	Pte	J.M.	BELL	"
53434	Cpl	H.	FRIDAY	"
215782	Cpl	H.	VALENTIN	101 Fd Wksp
43779	Cfn	P.H.	ADAMS	"
1410987	Cfn	J.	ELEK	"
29630	Cpl	R.	FULCHER	"
1730866	Cfn	W.G.	STEELE	"
16079	Lcpl	M.	ADAMSON	"
38407	Cfn	S.	KUNIGSKIS	17 Const Sqn

/1730861

1730861	Spr	W.H.	BARR	17 Const Sqn
216197	Spr	J.R.	TATTIS	"
7118	Spr	K.L.G.	WARNE	"
61459	Cpl	A.E.	JONES	"
36167	Spr	H.T.	WRIGHT	"



(W.S. WUST)
 Capt
 A/GS02, HQ 1 ALSG

ADMINISTRATION

275. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

- a. By 1830 hrs daily all members of 1 ALSG will be clothed in long sleeved shirts (sleeves unrolled and buttoned at the wrist) and long trousers tucked into boot tops. Shorts are not to be worn after 1830 hrs daily.
- b. Members proceeding on night leave are to wear long sleeved shirts. Sleeves are to be unrolled and buttoned at the wrist by 1830 hrs.
- c. Bathing or showering is not permitted between 1830 hrs and 0500 hrs the following morning, except in mosquito proofed shower blocks.
- d. Paludrine is to be issued to all OR personnel at a recognized parade. This issue is to be recorded in the Roll Book - a members name is to be marked off when issued personally with his tablet. Dosage of paludrine is 2 tablets per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Officers are responsible for taking their own paludrine and recording the fact in the Roll Book which is located in their Officer's Mess.
- e. Mosquito nets are to be used by all personnel when sleeping after 1830 hrs, and they are to be erected so that the body does not come in contact with the net..
- f. Anti mosquito lotion is to be applied to exposed surfaces of the body when required.
- g. 1 ALSG RO 212/66 of 24 Sep 66 is cancelled.

276. MARRIAGES BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN AND ASIANS

- a. Any member contemplating marriage to an Asian is to consult his Commanding Officer immediately.
- b. This order is to be republished in all Unit Routine Orders.

277. AUST FORCE VIETNAM AHBS REPRESENTATIVE

Capt M. HOLTON, SC "A", HQ AFV, is appointed the Force Representative for the Army Health Benefits Society vide MBI 27-1 (Amendment No.9).

278. MOVEMENT OF STORES - PROTECTION

- a. Due to the changeable weather conditions in theatre, stores that can be damaged by water should not be moved without tarpaulins.
- b. It is the responsibility of the consignor to ensure that vehicles are properly stored and that all stores are adequately protected from adverse weather conditions.

279. OFFICIAL MAIL - POSTAGE TO AUSTRALIA

- a. Instances have occurred where official mail for posting to AUSTRALIA has reached HQ AFV Registry on the Aerial SDS without postage stamps attached.

/b. All mail

- b. All mail is to be processed through unit stamp accounts and posted at AFPO 3 or AFPO 4 as applicable to units.
- c. Only mail for Safe Hand transmission to AUSTRALIA or out of country is to be forwarded to HQ AFV.

280. FORGED PX RATION CARDS

- a. It has been drawn to the attention of HQ AFV that forged PX ration cards are being sold in this theatre.
- b. All Force members are warned that the use of a forged PX ration card is a criminal offence for which the maximum penalty, if imposed by a District Court Martial, is two years imprisonment.

281. DRIVING OF MILITARY VEHICLES - OFFICERS AND OR

- a. No officer or OR is to drive a military vehicle unless on an authorised duty. All drivers are to be in possession of a properly authorised AAF G2.
- b. This order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

282. DRIVING OF MILITARY VEHICLES AFTER CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- a. No person is to drive a military vehicle if he has consumed alcohol in the previous 4 hours.
- b. This order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

B.C. Gray
 (B.C. GRAY)
 Maj
 DAA & QMG, HQ 1 ALSG

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER 1 ALSG TO ALL RANKS 1 ALSG

At Christmas time each year our thoughts are of home, our families and friends. Separation is not a happy experience but we have a job to do and it must be done well. You have achieved remarkable results since you have been in VIETNAM.

May I wish you a happy Christmas and a safe return sometime in the New Year.

L.C. Chambers
 (L.C. CHAMBERS)
 Lt Col
 Cond, 1 ALSG

NOTICESVOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

1. The aim of this Notice is to make members serving in VIETNAM aware of the opportunities provided by the Army under the Vocational and Educational Training Scheme.
2. The purpose of the Scheme is to provide facilities and financial assistance to members who wish, while on service, to undertake individual studies of a vocational or educational nature, in their own time, in order to improve their qualifications and to prepare for re entry into civil life.
3. A vast range of university, college, school and technical courses are available to choose from. On completion of such a course, or course unit, a member may obtain a refund of fees, usually 75%, of the total amount paid.
4. Full details of the Scheme can be obtained from the Education Officer HQ 1 ALSG.

PARCEL MAIL

1. The weekly RAAF courier from AUSTRALIA is now moving via DARWIN in lieu of PERTH.
2. This will result in a delay of 5 to 7 days for parcel mail to and from PERTH as future mail will travel surface route PERTH-SYDNEY-PERTH.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

1. On Wed 21 Dec at 2000 hrs, there will be a Carols by Candlelight at the stage in 2 Fd Amb. The singing will be led by a choir.
2. All unit COs/OCs are to inform their troops of this ceremony.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Midnight Mass will be said on the evening 24/25 Dec, in the 1 ALSG Chapel

CHURCH SERVICES - CHRISTMAS DAY

Church services for Christmas Day will be the same as for a normal Sun. They are:

0800 hrs	PD
0900 hrs	RC
1000 hrs	C of E

BOATING CLUB

1. The preliminary meeting of the 1 ALSG Boating Club is to be held at the Edn Centre on Wed 28 Dec at 2000 hrs.
2. All personnel interested in boating, water skiing and associated sports are invited to attend.
3. The Club will shortly have 2 Pride Aluminium hulls with 65 HP outboard motors, and associated skiing equipment.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

The following is a message from The Honourable Mr Frank NICKLIN, Premier of QUEENSLAND, to Maj Gen K. MACKAY, Commander Australian Force VIETNAM.

"Will you please extend to everyone serving under your command the Seasons Greetings and the very, very best wishes of the Government and people of QUEENSLAND.

Knowing that your thoughts are constantly of home we particularly want to be one with you in spirit at this time of the year, and to let you all know that we are thankful, proud and appreciative of the magnificent job you are doing basically for us, the continuation of our way of life, and for AUSTRALIA. God Bless You All. "

FIREARM	COMMONWEALTH	NSW	VIC	QLD	TAS	SA	WA	ACT	NT
Sileancers	ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED IN COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES								
22 Rifles or smaller	No Permission required	No licence or Registration Required	Certificate required	No licence or registration required	No licence required	Must be registered	Licence required	Licence required	Must be registered
Rifles of Military type larger than 22	Permission required from Minister for Customs and Excise	Possession is prohibited	Certificate required	No licence or registration required	No licence required	Must be registered	Licence required	Licence required	Registration and licence required
Pistols, any Calibre	Permission required from Minister for Customs and Excise	Licence required	Certificate required	Licence required	Licence required	Registration and licence required	Licence required	Licence required	Registration and licence required
Ammunition less than .22	No permission required	<p>NOTE: Applications for permission from Minister For Customs and Excise are to be addressed to the Collector, Department of Customs, in the Capital City of the State where it is intended to retain the weapon.</p> <p>Application for licences, registration, certificates in all States and Territories are to be addressed to the State Police Department.</p>							
Ammunition more than .22 for rifles of Military type	Permission required from Minister for Customs and Excise								

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by

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First Australian Logistic Support Group

SOUTH VIETNAM

7 Dec 66

Serial No. 32
Nos. 268 - 270

RO No.	Title
268.	Command.
269.	Variations in DFRB Pensions and Contributions.
270.	ASCO/PX Trading Hours.

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268. COMMAND

335042 Maj B.C. GRAY, DAA & QMG HQ 1 ALSG, is appointed CO Troops for HQ 1 ALSG and attached units, vice 63763 Maj A. M. SALTER during his absence on leave. This appointment is effective from and including 4 Dec 66.

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(W.S. WUST)
Capt
A/GSO2 HQ 1 ALSG

ADMINISTRATION

269. VARIATIONS IN DFRB PENSIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The attention of all ranks is drawn to ARO 86/66, which elaborates on increased contributions to DFRB following the general pay rise of 22 Jul 66.

270. ASCO/PX TRADING HOURS

a. To enable the ASCO/PX to provide a better and more efficient service, the following hours of trading will apply:

(1) <u>Gift Shop</u>	Mon - Fri	0900 - 1130 hrs (Medevacs only) 1400 - 1730 1830 - 2000
	Sat	0930 - 1130
	Sun	Closed

Trading hours for Wed and Thu each pay week are:

0930 - 1130
1400 - 1730
1830 - 2030

(2) <u>Bulk Store Issues</u>	Mon	0900 - 1130 1300 - 1630
	Tue	0900 - 1130 1300 - 1630
	Wed	0900 - 1130
	Thu	0900 - 1130 1300 - 1630
	Fri	0900 - 1130 1300 - 1630
	Sat	0900 - 1130
	Sun	Closed

b. Payment of accounts may be made between 0900 and 1130 hrs Mon to Sat inclusive.

c. 1 ALSG ROs number 232 and 240 are cancelled.

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for (B.C. GRAY)
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HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU

24 Nov 66

HQ 1 ALSG Administrative Instruction 17/66

1 ALSG DUTY ROSTERS

General

1. 1 ALSG Duty Rosters have been reviewed in order to regularize the ratio of duties performed with the number of personnel, of various ranks, on unit strengths.
2. From 1 Dec 66, units will be grouped as per Annex "A" to this Instruction, each group being responsible for a specific duty (or duties).

Co-ordination

3. A co-ordinating unit has been appointed for each group (Annex "A"), whose responsibility will be to maintain the roster(s) for the duty(ies) to be performed. The method to be used is at the discretion of the CO/OC of the co-ordinating unit.
4. This system will reduce:
 - a. The duties performed by all units.
 - b. The administrative effort to maintain rosters.

Duties

5. EAST/WEST Gate Guard Duties. The duties of the Guards for the 1 ALSG EAST and WEST Gates are shown at Annex "B" to this Instruction.
6. Beachcomber Patrol. The duties for the Beachcomber Patrol are shown at Annex "C" to this Instruction.
7. Beach Life Guards. The duties of the Beach Life Guards are shown at Annex "D" to this Instruction.
8. HQ 1 ALSG Duty Driver. The duties of the HQ 1 ALSG Duty Driver are shown at Annex "E" to this Instruction.
9. Hygiene Dutyman. The duties of the 1 ALSG Hygiene Dutyman are shown at Annex "F" to this Instruction.

K.E. Hawthorne
(K.E. HAWTHORNE)
Capt
A/DAA & QMG

- Annexes:
- A. Grouping of 1 ALSG Units for Group Duties.
 - B. Provision of Guards at EAST and WEST Gate, 1 ALSG.
 - C. Beachcomber Patrol Duties.
 - D. Beach Life Guard Duties.
 - E. Duties of HQ 1 ALSG Duty Driver.
 - F. Duties of HQ 1 ALSG Hygiene Dutyman.

Distribution:

17 Const Sqn (2)	101 Fd Wksp (2)	Chaplains
55 AESS	161 (Indep) Recce Flt	ASCO/PX
11 MC Gp	67 GL Sec	
Det 145 Sig Sqn	1 Div Cash Office	
HQ 1 Coy RAASC (6)	1 Div Post Unit	
2 Comp Ord Dep	Aust R and C Centre	
2 Fd Amb	Det Pro ALSG	
33 Dent Unit	Edn Centre	

GROUPING OF 1 ALSG UNITS FOR GROUP DUTIES

1. The following 1 ALSG units are grouped to provide personnel for the duty(ies) listed above their group. The first named unit in each group is to maintain the Duty Roster for their particular duty(ies), and is to co-ordinate the provision of personnel from the group:

a. EAST Gate Guard

17 Const Sqn (Co-ordinating unit)
17 Const Sqn Wksp
55 AESS
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
67 GL Sec

b. WEST Gate Guard

101 Fd Wksp (Co-ordinating unit)
101 Fd Wksp Stores Sec
2 Fd Amb
145 Sig Sqn
ASCO/PX

c. Beachcomber Patrol

2 Comp Ord Dep (Co-ordinating unit)
33 Dent Unit
Edn Centre
1 Div Cash Office
1 Div Post Unit

d. Beach Life Guard

HQ 1 ALSG Duty Driver
1 ALSG Hygiene Dutyman

1 Coy RAASC (Co-ordinating unit)
1 Tpt Pl
87 Tpt Pl
21 Sup Pl
1 Div S & T Wksp
176 AD Coy
11 MC Gp
HQ 1 ALSG

PROVISION OF GUARDS AT
EAST AND WEST GATE 1 ALSG

General

1. The following paragraphs set out the instructions necessary for the mounting and maintenance of guards at both entrances/exits to the 1 ALSG area.
2. For ease of reference, the gate on the Back Beach road is to be known as the EAST Gate, and the one in proximity to ASCO is to be known as WEST Gate.
3. Guards are to be mounted on both gates 24 hours a day.

Duties

4. The duties of the guards are set out at Appendix 1 to this Annex.

Composition

5. The composition of both guards is as follows:
 - a. By day (i.e. from 0630 - 1800 hrs)
 - 1 x Cpl
 - 3 x Ptes
 - b. By night (i.e. from 1800 hrs - 0630 hrs)
 - 1 x Sgt
 - 3 x Ptes
 - c. MP are to provide assistance, at random, to both gates and, if possible, are to include QC in their assistance. Times etc by mutual arrangement GSO2/PM.

Weapons etc

6. The guard is to be armed as follows:
 - a. NCO IC - OMC
 - Soldiers - SLR/OMC
 - c. From the Gate weapon pit a GPMG 60 from the ALSG pool will be mounted maintained but manned only in emergency by 2 of the "off-duty" guards. The provision for such action is to be included in the duty roster made out by the NCO IC of the guards.
7. Additional items to be included in the Inventory of both posts include:
 - 1 x Torch.
 - 1 x Telephone set "K" from ALSG pool.
 - 1 x Shotgun from ALSG pool.

Administration

8. Dress. Each member of the guard is to be dressed as follows:
 - Hat Khaki Fur Felt,
 - Battle Order, less small pack.
 - Helmet Steel will be taken by guards to gates for use in emergency.
9. Ammunition. 4 x 100 rd link belt per weapon.
 - 2 x full magazines per OMC/SLR.
 - 20 x rds per shotgun.
 - 1 x box M26 grenades.
10. Meals. Responsibility of unit providing guard.
11. Transport. Responsibility of unit providing guard.
12. Beds, ..

12. Beds, Bedding, Mosquito Nets. Responsibility of unit providing guard.
13. Furniture for Guard Houses. Responsibility of HQ 1 ALSG sub-account to include at each:

Table FD	-	1
Forms Dining Tent	-	2
Tubs Washing	-	2
Jerrycans Water	-	3
Flaming Fury	-	1

Inspections

14. a. The HQ 1 ALSG Duty Officer is to visit each Gate and inspect the guards at least once during the hours of darkness.
- b. The GSO2 is to visit each gate and inspect the guard at least once by day.
- c. The rostered units are responsible for the turnout and mounting of the guards and the unit Duty Officers are to inspect the guards prior to each mounting.

GUARD ORDERS

1. The NCO IC each guard is responsible for the entire performance of the guard. He is to be included on the roster and is to assist the other sentries at all times.
2. Sentries are to mount one hour on and three hours off.
3. When MP/QC assistance is provided it will be for a specific task and the sentry roster is not to be altered.

Vehicle Check

4. a. Unit. No 1 ALSG vehicles are to be allowed exit until the driver has been checked for correctness of vehicle documentation i.e.

Drivers Licence and ID Card
Work Ticket and/or control number.
Drivers turnout.
Authority for load, as necessary.

- b. Allied.

(1) All allied vehicles will be halted, and their destination and purpose of visit ascertained. If necessary, directions will be given to allow quickest route to the unit to be visited.

(2) Vehicles with no internal destination are not to be allowed access. This is to be severely policed.

- c. Local Civilians

(1) Unless the driver has a specific duty e.g. contractor, ASCO delivery, within the 1 ALSG area, the vehicle is not to be allowed to enter.

(2) Taxis are not to be allowed entry under any circumstances and are to unload at either gate.

Personnel Check

5. a. Unit. No member of 1 ALSG (or transient or any other attached) is to be allowed exit unless he is correctly dressed and is on a specific task or is in possession of a leave pass. His ID Card will also be checked.

- b. Allied.

(1) All Allied personnel will be halted before entering the area, and their destination and purpose of visit ascertained. If necessary directions will be given to allow quickest route to the unit to be visited.

(2) Personnel with no internal destination are not to be allowed access. This is to be severely policed.

c. Local Civilians. Unless the civilian is in possession of a recognised 1 ALSG Pass or Permit, or has specific business with some particular person or unit, no civilians are to be allowed in the area. This ban is to apply particularly to hawkers, herdsman/girls, grass gatherers etc.

General

6. During night time, both boom gates will be in a closed position and will be raised and lowered as required.

7. By day the boom gate may remain open, except when required to be closed for a specific purpose.

8. All sentries

8. All sentries are to pay correct and soldierly like compliments to officers of both Australian and Allied Armed Forces and when requested, give directions, information etc in a clear, concise manner.

9. In the event of an emergency the following actions will be taken:

a. The NCO IC is to sound the alarm and inform the HQ 1 ALSG Duty Officer.

b. The boom gate is to be lowered and locked.

c. The GPMG 60 is to be manned.

d. The remainder of the guard is to be deployed in an area to oppose the threat.

BEACHCOMBER PATROL DUTIES

General

1. A picquet is to be provided at the restaurant/bar known as the "Beachcomber", on Back Beach Road, to ensure the conduct of Australian troops in this area does not bring discredit on the Force, and to assist Australian MPs in the performance of their duties if such assistance is asked for.

Responsibilities of the Picquet

2. The picquet is to prevent any acts of violence or misconduct by Australian soldiers either in or in the area outside the "Beachcomber". The Picquet Commander should not hesitate to place any Australian personnel under close arrest and convey them to the 1 ALSG Detention Cells. However, a considerable amount of common-sense and discretion is to be exercised in this regard.

Composition of the Picquet

3. The picquet shall consist of 1 x Warrant Officer or Senior NCO, 1 x Junior NCO and 1 Driver with $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicle. A Senior NCO may be substituted for the Junior NCO at the discretion of the group providing the picquet.

Period of Duty

4. The picquet is to be provided on a 7 days a week basis, excepting days on which the "Beachcomber" is closed. Hours of duty are:

- a. Mon - Fri 1800 - 2200 hrs (or until the departure of the last Australian member, whichever is the latest).
- b. Sat/Sun 1200 - 2200 hrs (or until the departure of the last Australian member, whichever is the latest).

Armbands

5. The co-ordinating unit of the group providing the picquet is to provide picquet members with "RP" armbands, of the standard Australian pattern.

Arms

6. Picquets are not to carry weapons, nor are they to be provided with truncheons or any similar device.

Transport

7. The group providing the picquet is to arrange transport both to and from the "Beachcomber".

Contacting Duty Officer HQ 1 ALSG

8. If at any time it appears a situation is developing which will be beyond control, the Picquet Commander is to contact the Duty Officer HQ 1 ALSG (EMU 72).

BEACH LIFE GUARD DUTIES

General

1. Beach Lifeguards are to be provided at the Australian Beach to ensure the beach is used only when swimming is permitted, and to render immediate assistance to swimmers in difficulties.

Composition of the Beach Lifeguard Picquet

2. The duties of Lifeguards are to be performed by 2 x OR, together with 1 x $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicle. The OR provided need not be qualified lifesavers, but they must be strong swimmers.

Period of Duty

3. Lifeguards are to be provided from 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs daily. These hours may be altered in special circumstances with the approval of the CO of the unit co-ordinating the group responsible for this duty, and the concurrence of HQ 1 ALSG.

Duties

4. The duties of the lifeguards are :

a. Check the beach area prior to the swimming period to declare the beach safe or unsafe, and:

(1) If the beach is safe raise two WHITE flags at the extremities of the swimming area.

(2) If unsafe, raise two BLACK flags and remain during the swimming period to prevent use of the beach.

b. Check that a Medical Orderly is in attendance before permitting swimming.

c. While swimming is in progress, one lifeguard is to remain in the tower and be alert at all times for signs of distress. The other lifeguard is to patrol the water edge to:

(1) Keep swimmers within the marked area.

(2) Ensure that swimmers do not go out deeper than waist high, or beyond the marker bouys when installed.

(3) Render assistance to any person in difficulty.

Arms

5. Personal weapons are to be carried by Duty Lifeguards.

DUTIES OF HQ 1 ALSG DUTY DRIVER

General

1. A duty driver and $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicle is to be provided for use by the HQ 1 ALSG Duty Officer.

Period of Duty

2. The driver and vehicle is to report to the HQ 1 ALSG Duty Officer at 1800 hrs daily and remain on duty until 0730 hrs the following day.

Duties

3. The duty driver is to perform such driving duties as are allotted by the HQ 1 ALSG Duty Officer.

Sleeping Accommodation

4. The duty driver will sleep at HQ 1 ALSG and will provide his own bedding, stretcher and mosquito net.

Arms

5. The duty driver is to carry his personal weapon at all times excepting when the nature of his duties require him to enter the township of VUNG TAU or such other places where the carrying of weapons is forbidden.

DUTIES OF HQ 1 ALSG HYGIENE DUTYMAN

General

1. A Hygiene Dutyman is to be provided to assist 17 Const Sqn in the control and burning of rubbish at the 1 ALSG Tip.

Composition of the Duty

2. One private soldier is to be provided for this duty.

Period of Duty

3. The duty is on a 7 days a week basis, from 0730 hrs till 1630 hrs.

Place of Reporting

4. The hygiene dutyman is to report to the NCO IC (from 17 Const Sqn) at the 1 ALSG Tip.

Duties

5. The hygiene dutyman is to assist the NCO IC in the receipt and burning of rubbish at the 1 ALSG Tip.

Arms

6. The hygiene dutyman is to carry his personal weapon while on duty at the Tip.

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HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU

5 Nov 66

1 ALSG Security Instruction 1/66

ISSUE OF PASSES TO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Reference: 1 ALSG Administrative Instruction 12/66 of 29 Sep 66.

INTRODUCTION

1. The issue of passes to civilian employees of 1 ALSG units is to be the responsibility of the Intelligence Officer, HQ 1 ALSG.
2. This instruction lays down the action to be taken by units to effect the issue, control and disposal of passes.

GENERAL

3. The 1 ALSG Pass issued to employees is designed to identify them as being authorized to be in the 1 ALSG area or in an area under the control of this formation, e.g. R & C Centres.
4. The passes are not to be taken out of areas under 1 ALSG control, except on supervised work parties, and cannot, therefore, be used to obtain access to 1 ALSG areas.

ISSUE OF PASSES

5. On engagement the civilian employees are required to produce a certificate of security clearance and two (2) photographs. These documents are to be forwarded to HQ 1 ALSG as soon as possible and will form the basis on which a pass will be issued.
6. On receipt of the security clearance certificate and the photographs the IO HQ 1 ALSG will take steps to interview the employee at the employing unit, obtain any further details required and issue the pass to the unit. The security clearance certificate will be retained by the IO.

CONTROL OF PASSES

7. Units are to issue passes to employees daily on arrival in the unit lines and withdraw the civilians' identity card at the same time.
8. At the completion of the day's work the pass is to be withdrawn and the identity card returned to the employee.

DISPLAY OF PASSES

9. As the pass is the authority for a civilian to be in a 1 ALSG area, passes are, whenever possible, to be visibly displayed by pinning them onto a dress or shirt.
10. Where the nature of the work prevents an employee from visibly displaying the pass, he (she) will be required to carry it on his person.
11. Whichever way the pass may be carried all employees are required to have it on their person at all time while in a 1 ALSG area, except when proceeding to or from work.

WITHDRAWAL OF PASSES

12. If the employment of a civilian is terminated the responsible unit is to return the pass to the IO HQ 1 ALSG without delay, together with a note stating the reason for dismissal. Under no circumstances are civilians to be permitted to retain their pass.

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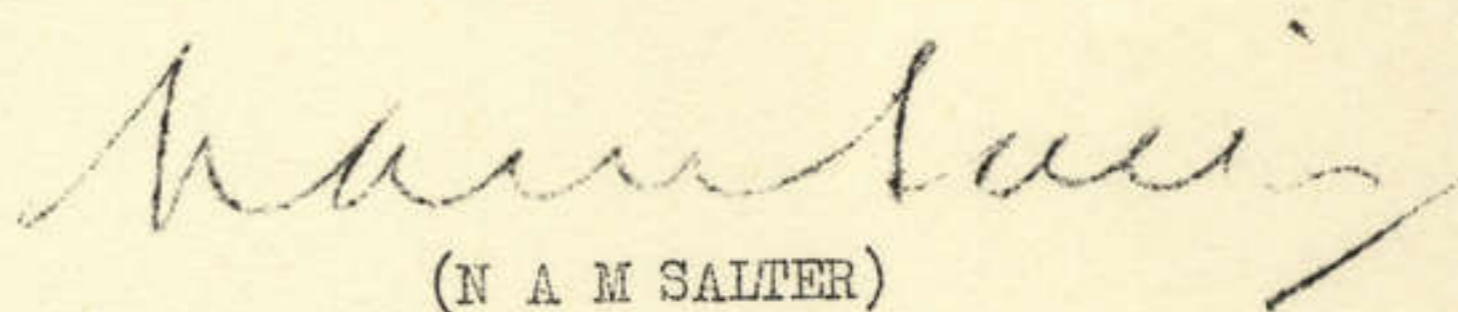
ACCESS TO 1 ALSG AREA

13. If a civilian not in unit transport but claiming to be an employee presents himself at either gate, the guard commander shall take his name and, if able to do so, enquire from the civilian in which unit he is employed. If that information can be obtained the guard commander is to contact the unit and ascertain that he is employed there and let him proceed to his place of work. If the place of employment cannot be determined the guard commander is to contact the IO's office and obtain the relevant information.

LOSSED AND DAMAGED PASSES

14. As passes are controlled documents their loss is to be immediately reported to the IO and investigated by the unit. The IO is to be informed of the result of the investigation and will then take steps to issue a new pass.

15. Any damage to a pass which appears to be wilful or intentional is to be dealt with in the same way as the loss of a pass.



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Distribution

17 Const Sqn (2)
55 AESS
11 MC Gp
Det 145 Sig Sqn
1 Coy RAASC (2)
Det 1 Div Postal Unit
2 Fd Arb
33 Dent Unit
2 Comp Ord Dep (2)
101 Fd Wksp (2)
Det 1 Div Cash Office
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 Aust R & C Centre
Transit Centre
PX/ASCO
Comd's Diary (4)
Spare (3)

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HQ 1 ALSG Security Instruction 2/66

SECURITY MEASURES - CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 1966General

1. Following the trends of past years increased harrassing by Viet Cong is expected over the Christmas/New Year period. Although an outright attack on installations in the Vung Tau Area is not expected the possibility of harrassing mortar or recoilless rifle fire, sabotage and other incidents involving the use of explosives cannot be ruled out.
2. In view of the above it will be necessary to increase vigilance and to strictly enforce current and additional security measures. This applies particularly during the period 24-26 Dec and 31Dec-2 Jan.

Strong Points

3. Strong points in 101 Fd Wksp area and 2 Comp Ord Dep will remain manned as follows:-
 - a. 101 Fd Wksp - on a 24 Hr basis.
 - b. 2 Comp Ord Dep - from 1830 Hrs to 0630 Hrs daily.
4. Particular attention is to be paid by sentries to the area North of 1 ALSG, (range area) and seaward approaches.

Gates

5. Current Guard Orders as laid down in HQ ALSG Admin Instr 17/66 are to be strictly adhered to in particular in regard to checking of vehicles and indigenous personnel.

Piquets

6. In-Lying piquets are to be particularly alert by night. This applies especially to installations outside the 1 ALSG perimeter, e.g. R&C Centres.

Personal Weapons

7. Personal weapons are to be carried by all personnel inside the ALSG Area. The only exceptions to this being personnel proceeding on leave or attending church services. Personnel who are precluded from carrying arms due to the nature of their work are to leave their weapons readily accessible and within easy reach. (1ALSG RO 202/66).

Range Practices

8. Every 1 ALSG unit is to put all personnel through range practices with their individual weapons at least once before 24 Dec 66.
9. Units are responsible to remove all spoil and litter from the range immediately after the conclusion of the practice. Spoil is to be returned to 2 Comp Ord Dep.

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10. Convoy vigilance is to be increased and a minimum of two persons is to be with each vehicle.

11. Individual running by 1 ALSG vehicles between 1 ALSG and 1 ATF is to be discontinued.

Leave

12. 25% only of the posted strength of any unit is to be out of the area at any one time. This is to include personnel absent on duty, (1 ALSG RO 186/66.

Period of Effectiveness

13. This instruction is to be effective from the date published and is to remain in effect until repealed.



Capt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTH VIETNAM

HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU

30 Nov 66

ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF BRIG R. DURANCE OBE
DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT
7 DEC TO 9 DEC 66

Ser.	Timings	Detail	Remarks
	<u>7 Dec 66</u>		
1.	0830	Arrive ST KILDA	Met by Comd 1 ALSG
2.	0840 - 1000	Briefing at HQ 1 ALSG	By Comd 1 ALSG
3.	1000 - 1015	Briefing at 1 Coy RAASC	Met by OC 1 Coy RAASC Morning tea
4.	1015 - 1215	Inspection of 1 Coy RAASC	OC 1 Coy RAASC
5.	1220 - 1330	Lunch	1 ALSG Offrs' Mess
6.	1335 - 1400	Visit Det Comm Z Post Unit	Met by OC
7.	1400 - 1415	Visit Det 1 Div Cash Office	Met by OC
8.	1420 - 1445	Visit Det ASCO	Met by OC
9.	1500 - 1600	Briefing at HQ USAVTSAC	Meet Col CHURCH, Comd, Lt Col HYPEN, Director SP & O, Maj ALLEN, Director Sup/Serv, Maj DILLON, Director of Tptn Lt Col REISS, Dep Comd.
10.	1830	Buffet Dinner	1 Coy RAASC Sgts' Mess
	<u>8 Dec 66</u>		
11.	0800 - 0830	Visit 101 Fd Wksp	Met by OC
12.	0835 - 0905	Visit 2 Fd Amb	Met by OC
13.	0910 - 0945	Visit 2 Comp Ord Dep	Met by OC
14.	0950 - 1020	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt	Met by OC
15.	1025 - 1055	Visit 176 AD Coy	Met by OC
16.	1100 - 1130	Visit 17 Const Sqn	Met by OC
17.	1135 - 1210	Visit 55 AESS	Met by OC
18.	1215 - 1330	Lunch	1 ALSG Offrs' Mess
19.	1335 - 1430	Interview RAASC Offrs	At 1 Coy RAASC
20.	1440 - 1500	Visit R and C Centre	Met by OC
21.	1505 - 1630	Visit US installations	As arranged by HQ USAVTSAC
22.		Evening free	
	<u>9 Dec 66</u>		
23.	0700	Depart ST KILDA for 1 ATF	

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Lt Col
Comd, 1 ALSG

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - VIETNAM

HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU
19 Nov 66

ITINERARY FOR VISIT BY
MAJ GEN M F BROGAN CBE, QMG
20 NOV 66

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Timings</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	0900	Arrive ST KILDA	Met by Comd 1 ALSG
2.	0905-1015	Briefing at HQ 1 ALSG	By Comd 1 ALSG Morning Tea 1000 hrs
3.	1020-1035	Visit 17 Const Sqn	Met by OC
4.	1040-1100	Visit Det 1 Div Postal Unit	Met by OC
5.	1100-1130	Visit 1 Coy RAASC	Met by OC
6.	1140-1200	Visit 101 Fd Wksp	Met by OC
7.	1205-1225	Visit PX/ASCO	Met by OC Det
8.	1230-1330	Lunch at 1 ALSG Offrs Mess	Meet Col CHURCH, OC USAVTSAC Flt Lt WISHWILSON, RAAF Eqpt Offr, to attend
9.	1340-1410	Visit 2 Comp Ord Dep	Met by OC
10.	1415-1430	Visit 2 Fd Amb	Met by CO
11.	1435-1500	Visit 55 AESB	Met by OC
12.	1520-1540	Visit R & C Centre	Met by OC, Afternoon Tea
13.	1600	Depart ST KILDA	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTH VIETNAM

HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU

15 Nov 66

ITINERARY FOR VISIT BY
LT GEN SIR MICHAEL CARVER KCB, CBE, DSO, MC
HE THE UK AMBASSADOR MR P.A. WILKINSON CMG, DSO, OBE
MAJ GEN K. MACKAY MBE COMAFV
MAJ FLOWER
17 NOV 66

Ser.	Timings	Detail	Remarks
1.	1230	Arrive ST KILDA	Met by Comd 1 ALSG.
2.	1235 - 1330	Lunch at 1 ALSG Offrs' Mess	Meet unit OCs and Offrs, and Gp Capt RAW, RAAF.
3.	1335 - 1355	Briefing at HQ 1 ALSG	By Comd, 1 ALSG
4.	1400 - 1415	Drive through 1 ALSG area, viewing 2 Comp Ord Dep, 55 AESS and the general layout	Accompanied by Comd 1 ALSG
5.	1415 - 1430	Drive through VUNG TAU	Viewing Civic Action projects.
6.	1430 - 1445	Visit R and C Centre	
7.	1445 - 1500	Return through VUNG TAU to STKILDA pad	
8.	1500	Depart ST KILDA	MACV heli

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTH VIETNAM

HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU

15 Nov 66

ITINERARY FOR VISIT BY LT COL K.B. MULES NZ DST
16 NOV 66

Ser	Timings	Detail	Remarks
1.	0930	Arrive ST KILDA (by MACV heli)	Met by Lt P. REID
2.	1015 - 1045	Brief by Comd 1 ALSG	At HQ 1 ALSG Briefing Tent
3.	1045 - 1230	With 1 Coy RAASC	As arranged by Maj A.D.M. GLENDENING
4.	1230 - 1330	Lunch 1 ALSG Offrs' Mess	
5.	1345 - 1415	At HQ 1 ALSG Q Ops Room	Brief by Lt REID
6.	1430 - 1700	Visit ALSG units as required	
7.	Night	Free	Accn at HQ 1 ALSG

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HQ 1 ALSG
 VUNG TAU

23 Dec 66

MINUTES OF COMD 1 ALSG CONFERENCE
HELD AT VUNG TAU 21 DEC 66

Ser	Subject/Decision	Responsibility
1.	Visit by Senator G.C. McKELLAR, Minister for Repatriation Mr C.E. CLARKE, Private Secretary to the Minister, Brig F.O. CHILTON, OBE, DSO, Chairman of the Repatriation Commission, Air Commodore J. DOWLING, AFC, COMAFV. Dec 24 66.	Unit CO/OC's
2.	Commanders Conference, the next conference will be held on Wed 28 Dec 66.	CO/OC's
3.	Duty Offrs Reports, a writing will be published shortly covering this matter.	CO/OC'S
4.	Amnesty over the Xmas period, a precis will be published with regard to this.	GSO 2
5.	Units are reminded of HQ 1 ALSG RO concerning the clearing of unit mail boxes.	CO/OCs
6.	YMCA tent - an amount of flooring is missing from this tent, units are to notify DAA&QMG if the flooring is in their unit area.	CO/OC's
7.	Recommendation for officer's Tac 1 and Corps 3 Subjects, Units to endorse documentation of offrs eligible prior to their RTA.	CO/OC's
8.	Boards of Survey, Units to submit documentation through HQ 1 ALSG in future.	CO/OC's
9.	The R & C Centre will be closed over the period 25/26 Dec.	CO/OC's
10.	R&R leave, documentation to be submitted to SC'A' HQ 1 ALSG for the month of Jan on a basis of the Dec allocation.	CO/OC's
11.	Movement of tents within unit areas. No movements of tents will take place without the supervision/advice of an engr officer.	CO/OC's Engrs
12.	ALSG area has been sprayed with an anti mosquito spray, in order to complete the effectiveness of this operation all tents, store etc, will be sprayed thoroughly with a knock down type spray, the effectiveness of the ariel spraying will last until approx 27 Dec.	CO/OC's
13.	Synchronisation of clocks, this can be obtained daily via a conference call from ALSG switchboard. at 0730 hrs	CO/OC's Sigs

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14.	VD, Units are to arrange for lectures from 2 Fd Amb on this subject within the next fortnight.	CO/OC'S
15.	Boxing Day will be a normal working day in 1 ALSG.	CO/OC'S
16.	World Wide Ammo return, copies of this return have been distributed to all units, return is required this HQ by 24 Dec 66.	CO/OC'S
17.	The accident rate in VUNG TAU by service vehicles is rising, Provost Det will be taking action against offenders.	CO/OC'S
18.	Unit kitchens will be advised by C/A HQ 1 ALSG on standard measures for weather protection, etc.	C/A
19.	Jeparit Unloading - this operation ran smoothly and unloading should be completed by 23 Dec.	SC Q (Mov)
20.	Units Comds are to watch the following points within their units, discipline, dress, deportment of soldiers, area cleanliness.	CO/OC'S

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 (L.C. CHAMBERS)
 Lt Col.
 Comd 1 ALSG
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MINUTES OF COMD 1 ALSG CONFERENCE
HELD AT VUNG TAU 4 DEC 66

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1.	Weekly and Monthly Logistic Reports to be submitted - details later	Capt NEWMAN
2.	Conference between DADLS HQ AFV and 1 ALSG unit CO's/OC's to be held at HQ 1 ALSG 1100hrs 12 Dec	Capt HAWTHORN
3.	The NCO IC EAST and WEST Gates is to perform a Gate Duty with the remainder of his Guard	Maj SALTER
4.	Units are advised to maintain roving piquets by night	Maj SALTER Unit CO's/OC's
5.	01 Fd Wksp is to maintain a 24 hour strong point for surveillance of the area	Maj McCART
6.	Maj McCART to be PMC of the 1 ALSG Offr's Mess during the absence of Maj SALTER	Maj McCART
7.	Estb of 1 ALSG Clo Store - CO's views to be submitted in writing to HQ 1 ALSG by Tue 6 Dec 66.	Capt HAWTHORN All unit CO's/OC's
8.	Returns called for by HQ 1 ALSG to be submitted by the time stated	Capt HAWTHORN All unit CO's/OC's
9.	Collection of garbage by civil contractor. Complaints to be passed to HQ 1 ALSG, not the contractor. Units to submit their views on improvements to the service to HQ 1 ALSG.	All unit CO's/OC's
10.	Counterfeit AAF G2s being used by some personnel. Correct G2s to be used	"
11.	No info yet on selected pers for Offr's Qual Course. All units to prepare RTA documentation for all nominees.	"
12.	CO's/OC's Board to be used by all unit Comds absent from area for 48hrs or more. Approval to leave the area to be obtained from HQ 1 ALSG. Board located HQ 1 ALSG Ops room.	"
13.	AAFs T58 for back-loading of stores in the JEPARIT required by 11 MC Gp ASP	"
14.	Markers for layout of 1 Coy RAASC POL area	Capt JENKINS Maj GLENDENNING

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15.	Master Plan from units to be submitted in sufficient detail to enable Engrs to place orders for materials. To show size of buildings and also strength break up by ranks according to proposed new estbs. Engrs required to check on unit submissions	All unit CO's/OC's
16.	Catering Adviser to visit all units and submit reports for the guidance of units on better messing	Lt PLUMB
17.	Master of LSM to signal HQ AFV of problems associated with use of LSM during Typhoon season. Also to request direction on immediate use of LSM	Master of LSM Capt HURST
18.	RAASC Tpt Plan to be given top priority and submitted to Comd ASP.	Maj GLENDENNING
19.	Paint now available at 2Comp Ord Dep. Units who have not indented and require paint should submit indents immediately.	Maj BUNTINE All unit OC's/CO's
20.	Use of Machine Accounting by Engrs (55 AESS) OC to advise Comd by Mon 5 Dec of the date by which they will instal accounting machines.	Capt MCKENZIE
21.	Stocks of beer and aerated drinks are low at the ALSG PX. Envelopes and Boot Polish also in short supply.	Capt NEWMAN to advise 1 ATF of beer/aerated drinks shortage
22.	3,000 bags of mail arriving on the JEPARIT. Troops to be advised of back-loading of mail.	All unit CO's/OC's
23.	Palitizing of air stores from VUNG TAU to SAIGON now required for Caribou ac.	Capt HURST Capt WOOLMER
24.	CO's conference to be held at 1000hrs Fri 9 Dec	Capt WUST and all units
25.	Use of range. GSM to spot check the range to ensure units are collecting brass and packaging Range work party to clear now.	WO2 OSBORN

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26.	1 ATF units are not to transit through 1 ALSG except within the limits of the Transit Centre. (120 pers). Transit Centre cannot be increased beyond capacity of 120 until new tentage arrives in theatre	
27.	Staff increases for the Transit Centre should be in theatre by end of Jan 67.	
28.	If Transit Centre required, Edn Courses will have to cease.	
29.	Will require addn cooking eqpt for 60 pers.	
30.	Will require Engr work for latrines, showers and additional new areas (filling and dozer work)	
31.	Offr from 1 ATF to be OC Transit Centre <u>Ship to Shore</u> - P.	
32.	Requirement for Records Det for documentation of troops.	
33.	Control HQ to be set up in the Port with Transit facilities. (Water, tentage, meals, latrines). Stores list required for Control HQ.	
34.	US to provide LCU's	Capt HURST to
35.	What type of ship will it be? What draught? What comforts and amenities it tps are to remain on board for 7-14 days? Where will she anchor? What water re-supply will she need, if any.	discuss waterside problems with US authorities.
36.	What quantity of personal items and eqpt will troops be carrying. <u>Shore to 1 ATF Area</u>	
37.	What are likely US road tpt facilities available to us at this time.	Maj GLENDENNING to discuss with US.
38.	1 Caribou can move 300 tps in one 8 hour day. No tpt required from Port to Airfd. Tpt required for baggage. 2 ac would be required to minimize delays. <u>If Relief Is By Air From AUSTRALIA</u>	
39.	Troops to move sep rated from their baggage. Troops to arrive at SAIGON on day ac departs, baggage to arrive the day before.	Capt HURST to produce detail for the COMD.
40.	Troops to move direct from 1 ATF Area to SAIGON.	

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	<u>Relief of 1 ALSG Pers</u>	
41.	Transit Centre to be used, if not being used by 1 ATF. Capacity of 120 pers.	
42.	In coming troops can double up in new unit lines.	
43.	Accommodation problems overcome by replacing old tents with new tents, and retaining old tents until after the change over.	
44.	Water rationing. Increase the number of water tanks (fabric) or jerrycans.	
45.	Additional water purification facilities needed both at 1 ALSG and 1 ATF.	
46.	Water rationing likely in Apr 67.	
	<u>Miscellaneous</u> <u>NSM</u>	
47.	To be relieved individually in time for discharge.	
	<u>Other Troops</u>	
48.	To be relieved individually if service extends beyond twelve months.	
	<u>Pay</u>	
49.	Recommend pay and money exchange be carried out on board ship.	
	<u>Increased Estbs</u>	
50.	All increases for 1 ALSG units should be in theatre by Feb 67. Priorities to be given to HQ 1 ALSG and Transit Centre.	
	<u>Individual Relief by Sea</u>	
51.	This will increase the work load of 11 MC Gp considerably.	

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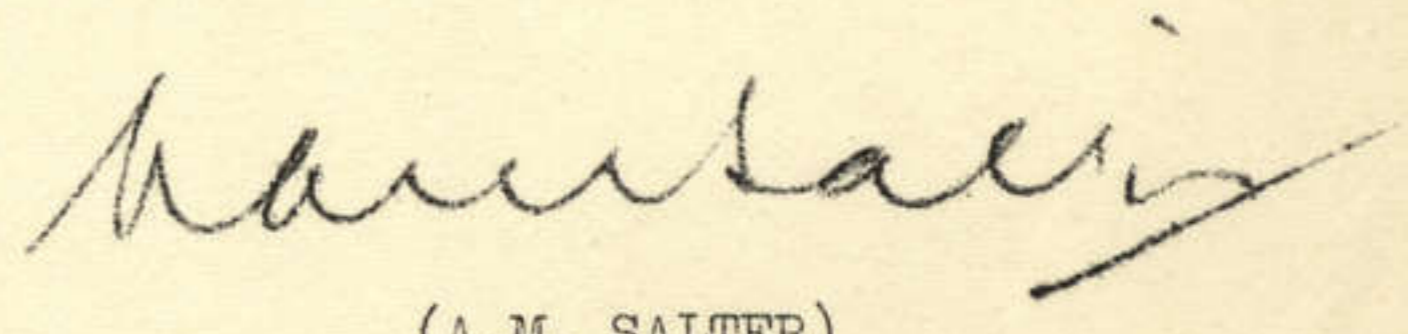
<u>Serial</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	0830	Arrive S.T. KILDA	Met by Cond 1 ALSG
2	0840-0925	Briefing at HQ 1 ALSG	By Cond 1 ALSG
3	0925-0940	Visit Comms Centre	Met by OC Det
		Det 145 Sig Sqn	
4	0945-1045	Visit 2 Fd Amb	Met by CO
5	1050-1120	Visit 2 Comp Ord Dep	Met by OC
6	1125-1155	Visit 101 Fd Wksp	Met by OC
7	1200-1215	Visit Stores Transit area	OC 55 AESS and OC Det 11 MC Gp to be present
8	1215-1325	Lunch	1 ALSG Offrs Mess
9	1330-1350	Visit 1 Coy RAASC	Met by OC
10	1350-1405	Visit Det 1 Comm Z Postal unit	Met by OC
11	1420-1510	Tour of VUNG TAU	Stop at CA projects and Nol Villa R & C Centre
12	1510-1540	Visit 36 Evac Hosp	CO 2 Fd Amb or representative to meet party at 36 Evac Hops
13	1545-1625	Visit RAAF	
14	1630	Depart VUNG TAU Vip Pad	

Det 145 Sig Sqn 101 Fd Wksp are to provide one open Landrover and driver each to report to HQ 1 ALSG at 240815 H.

CO/OCs are responsible to ensure that visitors are in thier vehicles at the departure time shown above, even though the start time may be late.

Provost escort of one vehicle required for tour of VUNG TAU.

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(A.M. SALTER)
Major
GSO 2

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - VIETNAM

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LT GEN SIR JOHN WILTON, KBE, CB, DSO
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE
ACCOMPANIED BY WG CDR J.S. LATHAM
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Ser.	Timings	Detail	Remarks
1.	0830	Arrive St KILDA	Met by Comd 1 ALSG
2.	0840-0925	Briefing at HQ 1 ALSG	By Comd 1 ALSG, Maj GRAY to stand by.
3.	0930-100	Visit 101 Fd Wksp	Met by OC.
4.	1005-1035	Visit 2 Fd Amb	Met by OC.
5.	1040-1110	Visit 2 Comp Ord Depot	Met by OC.
6.	1115-1140	Visit 17 Const Sqn	Met by OC.
7.	1140-1155	Visit 5 AESS	Met by OC.
8.	1200-1330	Lunch at 1 ALSG Offrs Mess	Meet all officers.
9.	1335-1400	Visit 1 Coy RAASC	Met by OC.
10.	1400-1435	Tour of VUNG TAU	West Gate Guard to turn out for inspection. Pro escort. Tour to pass R & C Centre.
11.	1435-1500	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt	Met by OC on airfield.
12.	1500-1600	Visit RAAF	Staff car to remain, second vehicle to call for Lt Col CHAMBERS at 9 Sqn at 1500 hrs.
13.	1600	Depart for SAIGON	From 9 Sqn helipad on airfield.

NOTE Accompanied by Comd 1 ALSG until 1500 hrs

(A.M. SALTER)
Maj
GSO 2 HQ 1 ALSG