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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

01 Jul 71

Ops1156

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 010001H to 012400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Plans Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, ceased ops preparing to RTA.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (f) Fwd Del Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY and NDP DIANNE.
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) No contacts and 8 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty, sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty, sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN (YS4376).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provide splinter and mini teams to the tks, cav and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP DIANNE (YS5472), clearing fire trails to the South.
 - (d) MCT at TAN SON NHUT, clearing of gap in minefield completed.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Const of water point at NDP HORSESHOE continued.
 - (g) Road const in DUC THANH AO continued.
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Works on Bridge 6 (YS599637) continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work continued on the wells at AN NHUT.(YS4559). Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
 - (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6686).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6781).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4379).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3580).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
 - (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Jul 71.
- (1) 3 RAR. Commences combined op with 772 RF Coy.
 - (2) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) MCT returns to NUI DAT from TAN SON NHUT.

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(3) 17 Const Sqn.

(a) Road const on Route 2 recommences.

c. Locations.

- (1) G Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp FSB MAUREEN.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sect at NDP DIANNE, FSB MARY and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS450911, YS431872 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS676795, YS674788 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS665868. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS680830. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS427853. B Coy YS429921. C Coy YS434798. D Coy YS359794. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT TAN SON NHUT (SAIGON)
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT, with a base ptl at YS440630.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 010745H at YS396916, a further airstrike was made on the bunker system located on 30 Jun 71 by a ptl of 1 ATF (ops 1149 refers). 2 x A37 ac dropped a total of 8 x 500 lb bombs on the system. BDA:1 bunker destroyed and 2 damaged.
- (2) At 011140H at YS565905 an airstrike was made on a previously recorded bunker system. 2 x A37 ac dropped a total of 8 x 500 lb bombs on the system. BDA:1 bunker destroyed and 4 damaged.
- (3) At 011230H at YS418808, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a Y-shaped bunker system in an area 200m x 200m. The system contained 12 large and 9 small bunkers each with 2' OHP. The system was const 2 mths ago and last used 18 hrs previously. Fresh tracks led S. A qty of green and black clothing, 2 ponchos, 1 water bottle and 2 docus were CIA. The system was destroyed.
- (4) At 011910H at YS429872 a sect of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 10 en mov SE to NW, En were dressed in black and carrying packs. The sect initiated the contact. En withdrew W. Results: 2 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA (WIA). 2 x AK47 rifles CIA, 1 x K54 pistol, 2 docus CIA. A detailed search of the contact area will be made at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel 2 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA (WIA)

(b) Material 1 K54 pistol, 2 AK47 rifles, small qty clothing, personal eqpt and docus CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

(1), (3) and (4) omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 45,000 sq metres cleared.

MCT Clearing of gap in mine field at TON SON NHUT completed.

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

02 Jul 71

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

OPS 1160

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 020001H to 022400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Plans Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, NDP DIANNE and AO GLENELG.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) 2 contacts and noH and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty, sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provide splinter and mini teams to the armd, cav and both Inf Bns
 - (c) LCT at NDP DIANNE, clearing fire trails to the south.
 - (d) MCT redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint at NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 east of BINH GIA continues.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT. (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the north of the Province recommenced. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA commenced.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6786), pl FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) C Coy deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6679).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6883).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4284).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3978).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3581).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

.../o. Locations.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp FSB MAUREEN.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP DIANNE and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS428883, YS427877 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS699788, YS623841 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS674863. C Coy YS664791. D Coy YS660830. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS427853. B Coy YS429921. C Coy YS397786. D Coy YS356811. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn
Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Prior to 020730H at YS429872 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found 3 packs and a bag containing food in the vicinity of the contact of the previous night (Ops 1156 refers).
- (2) At 020905H at YS356810 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng 3 VC. En wdr NE after contact. Result: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK 47 and 1 pack CIA. At 020930H in the vicinity of the contact the pl found a previously destroyed bunker system. At the N and SE extremities of the system, and 100m apart, were 2 new bunkers under const. They were 10' long, 10' wide 6' deep with no OHP. There was a living area for 12 pers loc near the NW of the system. A pr of ARVN boots, a pistol belt and a qty of docus were found in the system.
- (3) At 021530H at YS356811 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a tunnel system in an area 100m x 50m. There were 3 new bunkers, a well and a cooking place within the system. Tracks led W to SW, S and NE. The system had been const during the last week, and vacated 6 hrs previously. Cooking utensils, 2 prs US boots and 5 lbs salt were loc in the area.
- (4) At 021545H at YS397916, a third airstrike was made on the bunker system found on 30 Jun 71. 2 A37s dropped a total of 8 500 lb bombs on the system. BDA: further 2 bunkers destroyed.
- (5) At 021745H at YS354814, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found in an area 150m x 40m 1 bunker 10' long, 5' wide, 6' deep with 2' OHP and 2 cooking areas. The system had been const 1 week ago and had been vacated 6 hrs previously. Tracks led NE and NW. A small qty of 7.62mm ammo was found.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel 1 VC KIA
 - (b) Material 1 AK 47, 4 packs, 3 prs boots, 5 lbs salt and small qty SA ammo CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- LCT 50,000 sq metres cleared
MCP Omitted.

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3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

03 Jul 71
Ops1168

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 030001H to 032400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Plans Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, NDP DIANNE and AO GLENELG.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nil contacts and 4 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty, sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the armd, cav and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP DIANNE, clearing fire trails to the South.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continues.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province of RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6786), pl at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6883).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP DIANNE, pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3878).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3581).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY, pl at YS4686).
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

.../c. Locations.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp FSB MAUREEN.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP DIANNE and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS417880, YS432869 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS699786 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at NDP DIANNE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS674863. C Coy YS662793. D Coy YS692841. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS427853. B Coy YS429921. C Coy YS387193. D Coy YS356811. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 031055H at YS405902 a VR ac of 161 Recce Flt loc 3 large bunkers in good condition and well camouflaged. At 031300H an airstrike was made on the installation by 2 x A37 ac. 4x500 lb bombs, 4x napalm bombs and 4x2.75 rockets were discharged at the target. BDA: 3 bunkers exposed.
- (2) Prior to 031748H at YS355812 elms of D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) continued the search and destruction of the tunnel system found yesterday (Ops 1160 para 1. d. (3) refers). The total length of the main tunnel was 500 ft. There were 7 branch tunnels. A quantity of med supplies were found.
- (3) Prior to 031615H at YS583752 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a base camp/munitions factory which had previously been found by a 1 ATF ptl on 1 Apr 71. An area 50m x 50m contained 4 large bunkers with 2 ft OHP and 9 open fighting pits, all were in poor condition and apparently had not been used during the last 18 months. Wpns explosives and stores found in the system were in poor condition. Destroyed.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Omitted.
 - (b) Material. 1x restal thermometer, 2 penicillen ampoules, 1 vallium ampoules, 2 other (unident) ampoules, 3x DH 7 and 3xDH 10 directional mines, 3 bangalore torpedoes, 2x SKS and 1x Mosin Nagant rifles, 100 Chicom frag grenades, quantity 12.7mm and rifle ammo and a quantity of scrap tin.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. Nil cleared. Servicing plant. MCT. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

04 Jul 71
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From 040001H to 042400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Plans Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.

(e) Fwd Del Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.

(d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, NDP DIANNE and FSB MARY.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) ~~Nil~~ contacts and 1 H and I mission, were fired.

(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.

(c) A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.

(d) 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.

(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NDP DIANNE, clearing fire trails to the South.

(d) MCT at NUI DAT.

(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.

(7) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.

(b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(c) B Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6886), pl at FSB ZIGGIE.

(d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).

(e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6983).

(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP DIANNE, pl at NUI DAT.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.

(b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).

(c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).

(d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3780).

(e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3581).

(f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY, pl at YS4785.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.

(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H Jul 71.

(1) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) MCT deploy to area of DINH CO (YS4457).

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- (2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(a) C Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY Fwd Del Tp FSB MAUREEN.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP DIANNE and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS438860, YS419872 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS699786, YS709828 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS568696.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS682862. C Coy YS662793. D Coy YS692839. Sp (-) Coy FSB ZIGGIE.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS427853. B Coy YS429921. C Coy YS379801. D Coy YS356811. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
(6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE, 1 Coy YS493505, 2 Coy YS495610, 3 Coy YS476485, 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Prior to 041120H at YS708834, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found, in the vic of a small collapsed shelter, the fol items: 1 x 44 gal drum fitted with a tap, 1 wash basin, 1 aluminium water drum, a qty of dysentery tablets, 30 lbs salt. No sign of rec use. Destroyed.
(2) At 041205H at YS442941, elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found an AK-50 rifle in the vic of the contact of 21 Jun 71 (Ops 1105 para 1. d. (2) refers).
(3) At 041805H at YS472858 the A/tk Pl Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) were approached by an unk number of en. A trip flare to the pl's front was activated; no en were seen but a search of area revealed a VN poncho and fresh footprints approaching, then departing to the E.
(4) Prior to 041920H at YS438764 elms of the Fwd Del Tp, C Sqn 1 Armd Regt found a mine with a 60 lb charge and operated by a bamboo switch connected to an electrical lead and battery. Destroyed.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material 1 x AK-50, 1 x LP A/tk mine, 30 lbs salt.

f. Small Unit Action

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT - 41,250 sq metres cleared.

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 050001H to 052400H Jul 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC). (PART I)

05 Jul 71
Ops 1177

1. Plans Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and OPERATION HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp FSB MARY Op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, NDP DIANNE and FSB MARY.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) 1 contact and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP DIANNE, clearing fire trails to the South.
 - (d) MCT deployed to area of DINH CO (YS 4457).
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6886).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).
 - (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6983) pl at NDP DIANNE.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3780).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3682).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY, pl at YS4785.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H Jul 71.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) 1 Tp deploy to FSB MAUREEN.
 - (b) Fwd Del Tp redeploy to NUI DAT.

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- (2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) C Coy redeploy to NUI DAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp FSB MAUREEN.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS418892 with elms COURTENAY, YS422903. 2 Tp (-) YS700786 with elms YS705792. YS691771 and YS705777. 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at NDP DIANNE.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MAUREEN, sect FSB MARY. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS682862. C Coy YS662793. D Coy (-) YS693838 with pl at NDP DIANNE. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with pl at NUI DAT.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS427853. B Coy YS428928. C Coy YS377803. D Coy YS367825. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY with elms at YS472858 and YS361824.
(6) LCT. NDP DIANNE
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476486. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 050520H at YS382693 a base patrol of 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) fired on 2 figures m moving from N to S along a track. No fire was returned. Nil results.

e. Results.

Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

LCT 35,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 17,000 sq metres cleared.

3. Omitted.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

06 Jul 71
Ops 1182

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 060001H to 062400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC). (PART 1)

1. Operational Summary

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and OPERATION HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ at Nui Dat.
- (b) 1 Tp deployed to FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 5 Tp FSB MARY Op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (e) Fwd Del Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
- (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
- (e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, NDP DIANNE, FSB MARY and AO GLENELG.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

- (a) No contacts and no H and I missions were fired.
- (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
- (c) A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, Sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
- (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NDP DIANNE clearing fire trails to the South.
- (d) MCT mine clearing in the area of DINH CO (YS4457).
- (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued, Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the walls at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.

(7) 3 RAR.

- (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6886).
- (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).
- (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6983) pl at NDP DIANNE.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
- (c) B Coy in AP BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
- (d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3582).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY, pl at YS4785.

(9) 1 ARU.

- (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H Jul 71.

(1) 3 RAR.

- (a) A Coy deploy to AO GLENELG.
- (b) B Coy redeploy to NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB MAUREEN. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS421891, with elms at YS421902 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp YS664863. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MAUREEN, sect FSB MARY. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS681862. C Coy YS662793. D Coy YS693838. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS427853. B Coy YS428928. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS367825. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY with elms at YS472858, FSB MAUREEN and FSB MARY.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT. DINH CO (YS4457).
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn.
Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476486. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 060045H at YS705792 elms of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged an estimated 3 VC who approached their AP from the North. Claymores and SA were fired. The enemy withdrew to the North. Nil results.
- (2) At 061230H at YS411924 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 2 incomplete bunkers 7 ft x 5 ft x 3 ft. They were 3-4 months old and had been occupied last 3-4 months ago. They were in fair condition.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1, 3 and 4) Omitted.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 30,000 sq m cleared. MCT. 35,000 sq m land cleared (suspected mine area).

3. Omitted.

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07 Jul '71

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 070001H to 072400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.

(c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.

(e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.

(d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(e) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, NDP DIANNE, FSB MARY and AO GLENELG.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) No contacts and no H and I missions were fired.

(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.

(c) A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.

(d) 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.

(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NDP DIANNE clearing fire trails to the South.

(d) MCT mine clearing in the area of DINH CO (YS4457).

(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.

(7) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.

(b) A Coy deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6686).

(c) B Coy redeployed to NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).

(e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6983), pl at NDP DIANNE.

(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.

(b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4384).

(c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4293).

(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.

(e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3582).

(f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY, pl at YS4785..

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.

(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H Jul 71.

Omitted.

.../c. Locations.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB MAUREEN. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS444916 with elms YS422896 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp (-) YS706802 with elms YS714799 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS671865. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS662793. D Coy (-) YS697833 with pl at NDP DIANNE. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elm at NUI DAT.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS429853. B Coy YS428928. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS358. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT. DINH CO (YS4457).
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476486. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 071800H at YS706802 elms of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a sleeping area 8' x 20'. It was about 1 month old and last used 1-2 days ago. One table and a qty of tin cups were found. The installation was destroyed by hand.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

LCT: 25,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT: 40,000 sq metres land cleared (suspected mined area)

3. Omitted.

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08 Jul 71
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 080001H to 082400H Jul 71.
To ; CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART 1

1. Operational Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation HERMIT PARK and operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at FSB MAUREEN op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp, 4 Fire Support Vehicles (FSVs) at NDP DIANNE.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY and AO GLENELG.
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) No contacts and no H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP DIANNE clearing fire trails to the East on trail 1B.
 - (d) MCT clearing in the area of DINH CO (YS4457).
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
 - (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6786).
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).
 - (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6984), pl at NDP DIANNE.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.
 - (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4297).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3584).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
 - (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.
- b. Plans Summary for period 090001H to 092400H Jul 71.
- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) 1 Tp redeploy from FSB MARY. New loc to be advised.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB MAUREEN. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS446912 with elms at COURTENAY. 2 Tp (-) YS706802 with elms at YS714799 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp NDP DIANNE!
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT !
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS671865. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS675783. D Coy YS697833. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at NUI DAT.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS429853. B Coy YS428928. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS358342. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY with elms at YS456900.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT. DINH CO (YS4457).
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU.
1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT!
- (10) 302 RF Bn.
Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476486. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted).

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

LCT 30,000 square metres cleared.

MCT 45,000 square metres land cleared (suspected mined area).

3. Omitted.

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AATTV (SAIGON)

1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div BIEN HOA

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

09 Jul 71
Ops1199

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 090001H to 092400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.

(e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.

(d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(e) Sp Tp, (4 Fire Support Vehicles (FSVs)) at NDP DIANNE.

(f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, AO GLENELG and FSB MAUREEN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) No contacts and no H and I missions were fired.

(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.

(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.

(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.

(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NDP DIANNE clearing fire trails to the East.

(d) MCT clearing in the area of DINH CO (YS4457).

(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.

(7) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.

(b) A Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6786).

(c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.

(e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6984), pl at NDP DIANNE.

(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.

(b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).

(c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).

(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.

(e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3685).

(f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.

(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H Jul 71.

(1) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) NDP DIANNE closes and NDP CAROL opens (YS5571).

.../c. Locations.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS443913 with elms YS440916 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp (-) YS706802 with elms YS714799, YS712806 and FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS671865. B Coy and C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS697833. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms NUI DAT.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS429851. B Coy YS428928. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS361853. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY with elm YS433894.
- (6) LCT. NDP DIANNE.
- (7) MCT. DINH CO (YS4457).
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476486. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 091354H at YS688869 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a qty of components for the manufacture of small arms ammo. It appears the area has not been used in the past six months.
- (2) At 091906H at YS434869 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng two en moving from W to E. It is thought the en withdrew W. An initial search loc 1 AK47 CIA. A further search will be conducted at first light.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

g. Amendment.

Ref SITREP Ops 1195, 080001H to 082400H. Delete para 1. b. (1) (a), insert "1 Tp redeployed from FSB MAUREEN to NUI DAT.

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

LCT 20,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 45,000 sq metres land cleared, (suspected mined area.

3. Omitted.

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- List A (Adjusted)
- AATTV (SAIGON)
- 1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM)
- 1 ATF LO RTAVF BEARCAT
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

10 Jul 71
OPS 1201

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 100001H to 102400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp, (FSVs) at NDP CAROL (YS5571).
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, AO GLENELG and FSB MAUREEN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) No contacts and no H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt at HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT redeployed to NDP CAROL (YS559713).
 - (d) MCT clearing in the area of DINH CO (YS4457).
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Curb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4559) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6786).
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6983), pl at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3685).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

.../c. Locations.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS437911 with elms at COURTENAY. 2 Tp (-) YS706802 with elms at YS714799, FSB ZIGGIE and YS711807. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
12 Fd Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS671865. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS697833 with elm at NDP CAROL. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at NUI DAT.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS429853. B Coy YS423928. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS394862. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with elms at YS432894.
- (6) LCT. NDP CAROL
- (7) MCT. DINH CO.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn.
Bn HQ NDP HORSESHOE. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS495610. 3 Coy YS476486. 4 Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Further to contact at 091906H at YS434869, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc during their first light search one VC KIA (BC).

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)
 - (b) Material. 1 AK 47, 1 almost empty pack, items for the manufacture of SA ammo. (See INTSUM No 191/71 dated 10 Jul 71 for further info).

f. Small Unit Action.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 2, *** Sq metres cleared.
MCT 30,000 sq metres land cleared (suspected mined areas)

3. Omitted.

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- List A (Adjusted)
- 1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) BIEN HOA
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

11 Jul 71
Ops1204

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 110001H to 112400H Jul 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp, (FSVs) at NDP CAROL (YS5571).
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, AO GLENELG and FSB MAUREEN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nil contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL (YS559713) cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT at DINH CO (YS4457).
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6786).
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG, pl at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H Jul 71.

(1) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) MCT redeploys to NUI DAT.

.../(2) 3 RAR.

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- (2) 3 RAR.
 - (a) A Coy redeploys to FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) B Coy ceases 1 ATF RRF at 1800 hours.
 - (c) Sp Coy deploys to AO GLENELG.
- (3) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) C Coy (-) deploy to AO BIRDSVILLE.
 - (b) Pl C Coy NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP CAROL, NDP SUSAN and FSB MAUREEN. 1 Tp elms at YS432939, YS441925 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS674862 and NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS671865. B Coy and C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS697833. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS429853. B Coy YS428924. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL.
- (6) LCT. NDP CAROL.
- (7) MCT. DINH CO.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS507645. 1 Coy YS490509. 2 Coy YS507645. 3 Coy YS479497. 4 Coy YS508650.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1, 2 and 4) Omitted.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, and b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 60,000 square metres cleared.
MCT. 17,000 square metres cleared. Task completed.

3. Omitted.

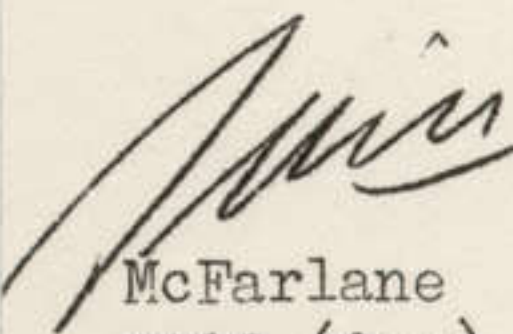
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- AATTV (SAIGON)
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- 1 ATF LO RTAVF BEARCAT
- 1 ATF LO LONG KHANH Sector XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 120001H to 122400H Jul 71.

12 Jul 71
Ops1207

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL (YS5571).
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, AO GLENELG and FSB MAUREEN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nil contacts and No H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL (YS559713), cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy redeployed to FSB ZIGGIE, patrolling to the East.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6983), pl at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6178).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy (-) deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3986), pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

.../b. Plans

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b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H Jul 71.

(1) 3 RAR.

(a) B Coy deploys to AO GLENELG.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP CAROL, NDP SUSAN and FSB MAUREEN. 1 Tp elms at YS490873, YS432939 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp FSB ZIGGIE. 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery.

Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect AT FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 3 RAR.

Pn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at YS622806 and YS581801.

B Coy and C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy (-) YS697833 with elms at NDP CAROL. Sp Coy (-) YS617775.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS429853. B Coy YS428998. C Coy (-) YS399868, with elms at NUI DAT, D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with elms at YS440889.

(6) LCT. NDP CAROL.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(9) 1 ARU.

1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT,

(10) 302 RF Bn.

Bn HQ YS507645. 1 Coy YS490509. 2 Coy YS507645. 3 Coy YS479497. 4 Coy YS508650.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

2. a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 35,000 square metres cleared. NCT. Omitted

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 130001H to 132400H Jul 71.

13 Jul 71

Ops 1211

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC). PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
- (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
- (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL (YS5571).
- (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, AO GLENELG and FSB MAUREEN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

- (a) One contact and one H and I mission were fired.
- (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
- (c) A Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
- (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NDP CAROL (YS559713), cutting fire trails to the East.
- (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
- (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.

(7) 3 RAR.

- (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
- (b) A Coy at FSB ZIGGIE, patrolling to the East.
- (c) B Coy deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6679).
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6881), pl at NDP CAROL.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6176).

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
- (d) C Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3986), pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.

(9) 1 ARU.

- (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H Jul 71.

(1) 3 RAR.

- (a) D Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

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- (2) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) MCT deploys to DAT DO Police Post (YS4860).

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY. Fwd Del Tp NUI DAT.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with FSV sect at NDP CAROL and indep sects at XA BANG, FSB MARY, NDP SUSAN and FSB MAUREEN. 1 Tp elms at YS436934, YS441925 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS683813, YS708806 and NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE. B Coy YS664792. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS679819. Sp Coy YS607760.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS429853. B Coy YS428928. C Coy YS399868. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
(6) LCT. NDP CAROL.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS507645. 1 Coy YS490509. 2 Coy YS507645. 3 Coy YS479497. 4 Coy YS508650.

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d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 121800H at YS601779 Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy 3 RAR loc 5 pits. They were about 2 years old and in poor condition. Destroyed.
(2) At 131115H at YS613768, elms of Sp Coy 3 RAR loc 5 pits with OHP. The system, which was in poor condition, was probably last used 3 months ago. Destroyed.
(3) Prior to 131525H at YS434885 elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a shallow grave approx 6 months. It contained two badly decomposed bodies wrapped in an Aust lightweight shelter. M60 cartridge cases and links were found nearby.
(4) At 131600H at YS644822 elms of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a local pattern, pressure operated mine containing an est 30 lb charge. Destroyed.
(5) At 131650H at YS428928 Coy HQ, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng 2 en who were seen to approach their position from the SW. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA. 1 VC WIA withdrew to the SW. Blood trail was fol without further result.
(6) At 131843H at YS414926, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng 3-4 en who approached their position from the W. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, maps and a qty of docus CIA. A further search of the contact area will be made at first light.
(7) At 131845H at YS441941 elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc the body of a female VC which appeared to have been run over by an APC. It is considered the VC was KIA during the contact in that area at 212201H Jun 71. (1 ATF Ops1105 21 Jun refers).

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. 3 KIA (BC), 1 WIA.
(b) Material. 2 AK47s, 1 local pattern mine, maps and a qty of docus CIA.

f. Small Unit Action.

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

2. Combined Operations.

- a. and b. omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 30,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT Omitted.

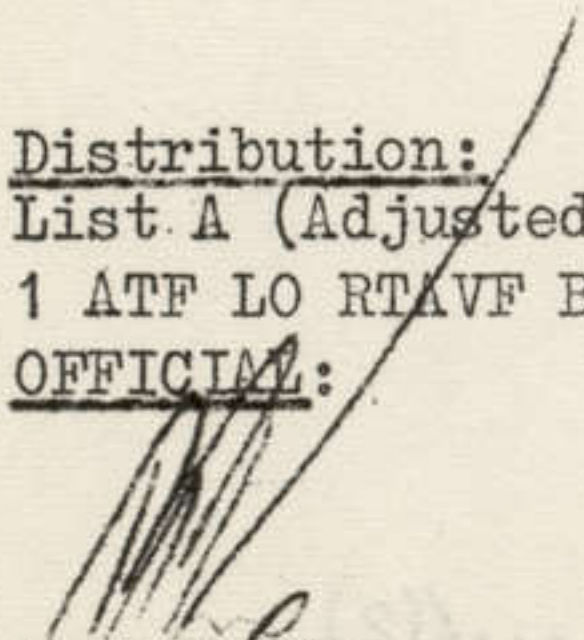
3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

14 Jul 71
Ops1217

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 140001H to 142400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (e) Fwd Del Tp at NUI DAT, ceased operations standing down prior to RTA.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, AO GLENELG and FSB MAUREEN.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nil contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect at FSB MAUREEN.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL, cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT at DAT DO Police Post (YS4860) and returned to NUI DAT on completion of task.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, patrolling to the East, pl NDP CAROL.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6679).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6275).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTEMAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4285).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3987), pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTEMAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

.../b. Plans

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b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152400H Jul 71.(1) 3 RAR.

(a) C Coy deploys to AO GLENELG.

c. Locations.(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY.(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with FSV sect at NDP CAROL and indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP SUSAN and FSB MAUREEN. 1 Tp elms at YS437936, YS438927 and YS450903. 2 Tp FSB ZIGGIE and elm at YS708803. 3 Tp NUI DAT.(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty, sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty, sect at FSB MARY, sect FSB MAUREEN. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE. B Coy YS664792. C Coy and D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS434860. B Coy YS428928. C Coy YS399868. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.(6) LCT. NDP CAROL.(7) MCT. NUI DAT.(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS507645. 1 Coy YS490509. 2 Coy YS507645. 3 Coy YS479497. 4 Coy YS508650.PART IId. Contacts and Incidents.(1) Additional Information: In the contact at 131843H at YS414926, the en, now estimated at 5 to 6 persons, were wearing blue uniforms with a green insignia on the left upper arm. A claymore, 2 torches, a compass and a quantity of food were also recovered. A search of the contact area revealed drag marks due North and blood trails.

(2) At 141440H at YS421941 elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found and destroyed a M26 grenade.

(3) At 141543H at YS429936 elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a sleeping area used by approx 5 persons 24 hours previously.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Material. 1 claymore mine, 1 M26 grenade, 2 torches, 1 compass CIA.f. Small Unit Action.

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 10,000 square metres cleared. MCT 2,000 square metres cleared at DAT DO. 1x81mm HE and 1 Arty Primer Booster recovered.

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

15 Jul 71
Ops1224

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 150001H to 152400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, sect at FSB LYNETTE (YS5763).
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY and NDP CAROL.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nil contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect deployed to FSB LYNETTE (YS5763).
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB MARY, sect redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Regt, Cav Regt and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL, cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province **continued**. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl NDP CAROL
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG redeployed to (YS6067).
 - (d) C Coy redeployed to AO GLENELG (YS5770).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG redeployed to (YS6072).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4386).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4392).
 - (d) C Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3986), pl at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

.../c. Locations.

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP CAROL and NDP SUSAN. Sp Tp NDP CAROL. 1 Tp elms at YS420939, YS427944 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS567658, YS563667, YS574658 and YS608685. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB LYNETTE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect FSB MARY. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE. B Coy YS608674. C Coy YS570704. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS602704.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS434860. B Coy YS428928. C Coy (-) YS399868. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP CAROL.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1, 2 and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS507645. 1 Coy YS490509. 2 Coy YS507645. 3 Coy YS479497. 4 Coy YS508650.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 150150H at YS414926, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard voices and saw a light approx 20 metres from their position. The area was engaged. A first light search revealed nil results.
- (2) At 152100H at YS433885, Atk Pl Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn saw 1 VC with a torch moving West to East approx 200 metres from their position. The pl did not engage.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 40,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

16 Jul 71
Ops1228

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 160001H to 162400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
 - (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, NDP CAROL and FSB LYNNETTE.
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nilcontacts and 5 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNNETTE (YS5763).
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB MARY.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL, cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Work on LUSCOMBE Airfield recommenced. Const at JWTC commenced.
 - (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) deployed to AO GLENELG (YS5568), pl at NDP CAROL.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5967).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5770).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5969).
 - (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4286).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4392).
 - (d) C Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3986), pl at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
 - (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (10) D and E Pl.

Deployed to FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.
- b. Omitted.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sect at FSB LYNNETTE, FSB MARY, NDP CAROL and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS403934, YS416937 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS567658, YS563667, YS574658 and YS608685. 3 Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp NDP CAROL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect NUI DAT. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS555682. B Coy YS591684. C Coy YS577704. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS594694.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS434860. B Coy YS428928. C Coy YS399868. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP CAROL.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT, with base patrol at YS436646.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS495621. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS498608. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy YS495621.

PART II

d. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- LCT 30,000 square metres cleared.
- MCT Omitted.

3 Omitted.

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17 Jul 71

From 170001H to 172400H Jul 71.

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To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB MARY, NDP CAROL and FSB LYNETTE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) One contact and one H and I mission were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE (YS5763).
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB MARY.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL, cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Work on LUSCOMBE Airfield continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5668), pl at NDP CAROL, pl at YS6068.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5968).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5770).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5968).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4386).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3986).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 180001H to 182400H Jul 71.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) 5 Tp from FSB MARY op con 12 Fd Regt redeploys to COURTENAY HILL op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 3 Tp tp lifts D Coy 3 RAR to vicinity YS6265 and escorts a convoy from 36 USARV ITB to vicinity YS7969, then returns to NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) FSB MARY closes, sect 104 Fd Bty redeploys to NUI DAT.
(b) FSB DEBBIE (YS4489) opens, sect 104 Fd Bty deploys from NUI DAT to FSB DEBBIE.
- (4) 3 RAR.
(a) D Coy deploys to AO GLENELG by APCs.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp FSB MARY.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB MARY, NDP CAROL, NDP SUSAN and FSB LYNETTE. 1 Tp elms at YS441912, YS447884 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS568658, YS563667, YS574658 and YS608685. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB MARY, sect NUI DAT. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) YS567680. B Coy YS591681. C Coy YS577704. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS592683.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS434860. B Coy YS428928. C Coy YS399868. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP CAROL
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT with base ptl at YS446639.
- (10) 302 RF Bn.
Bn HQ YS495621. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS498608. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy YS495621.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 170555H at YS594669 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR eng an est one VC with claymores and SA. Nil result.
- (2) At 170930H at YS572702 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR eng one VC in black clothing. En returned fire and withdrew NW. Nil results.
- (3) At 171255H at YS410920 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found five bunkers, const within the last four weeks and last used 24 hrs previously. The pl is ambushing the position.

e. Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

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

- 2. Omitted.
- 3. Omitted.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 180001H to 182400H Jul 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

18 Jul 71
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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ deployed to AO GLENELG (YS5763).
 - (b) 1 Tp deployed to AO GLENELG (YS5763).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp redeployed to COURTENAY HILL op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp escorted and tp lifted to the area of XUYEN MOC, then returned to NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP CAROL.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP CAROL and FSB LYNETTE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) Nil contacts and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect deployed to FSB DEBBIE (YS4489). FSB MARY closed.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP CAROL, cutting fire trails to the East.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work on 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT (YS4459) continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Work on LUSCOMBE Airfield continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5668), pl at NDP CAROL, pl at YS6068.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5968).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5770).
 - (e) D Coy deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5968).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4386).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4292).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3986).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H Jul 71.

- (1) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) LCT - NDP CAROL closes, NDP JUDITH (YS5772) opens.

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
Sqn HQ YS576630. 1 Tp YS576630. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS450906.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, NDP SUSAN and NDP CAROL. 1 Tp elms at YS442879, YS445883 and COURTENAY. 2 Tp elms at YS567658, YS556669, YS574658 and YS608685. 3 Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp NDP CAROL.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) YS567680. B Coy YS597688. C Coy YS580709. D Coy YS611661. Sp Coy (-) YS592688.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS434860. B Coy YS428928. C Coy YS399868. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP CAROL
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT with base ptl at YS443645.
- (10) 302 RF Bn.
Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS495641.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 181105H at YS417917 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a camp site for approx 20 pers that was const and last used six months ago. An NVA steel helmet and three enamel plates were recovered.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material. 1 NVA steel helmet

f. Small Unit Action

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

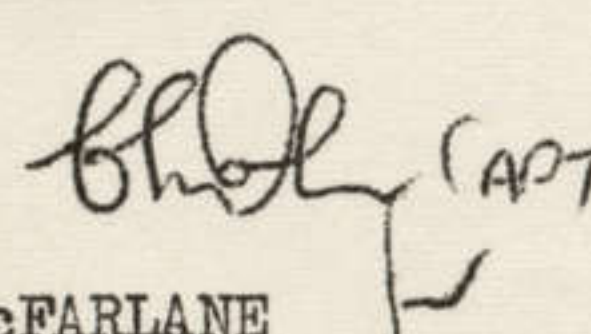
2. Omitted.
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From 190001H to 192400H Jul 71.

19 Jul 71
Ops1241

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO GLENELG (YS5763).
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO GLENELG (YS5763).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at COURTENAY HILL op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH and FSB LYNETTE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery.
 - (a) one contacts and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT,
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE (YS4489).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT redeployed to NDP JUDITH (YS5673).
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (6) 1 Construction

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work on 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Work on LUSCOMBE Airfield temporarily discontinued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5766), pl at NDP CAROL, pl at YS6266.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6067).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5972).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6166).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6267).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy redeployed to YS4993.
 - (c) B Coy redeployed to YS4392.
 - (d) C Coy redeployed to YS4095.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 200001H to 202400H Jul 71.

- (1) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty deploys to FSB CHERIE (YS4590).

c. Locations.

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
Sqn HQ YS610679. 1 Tp YS610679. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp COURTENAY.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp YS436936 with a sect at NUI DAT. 2 Tp elms at YS632651, YS643656, YS646663 and YS597678. 3 Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp NDP JUDITH(YS566734).
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery.
Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS578667. B Coy YS601675. C Coy YS613651. D Coy YS611661. Sp Coy (-) YS625675.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS408934. B Coy YS412942. C Coy YS406954. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT with base ptl at YS444641.
- (10) 302 RF Bn
Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641.
4 Coy YS495641.
- (11) JWTC.
Ptls at YS345696, YS347691, YS345698.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 191450H at YS627673 the A/tk Pl Sp Coy 3 RAR eng 2 en dressed in black. En withdrew SW. Nil results.
- (2) Prior to 191537H at YS227797 an ALSG veh convoy travelling S was fired on by a group of en dressed in football shorts and green shirts and armed with M16 rifles. One veh received 6 hits. There were no cas. The convoy did not stop.
- (3) At 191610H at YS625676 the Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 3 RAR eng 4-5 en dressed in black who were mov NE. En withdrew NE. One VC was possibly WIA. An M16 rifle No 213467 and a qty of eqpt(listed in para 1.b.(2)(b) below) was CIA.
- (4) At 192005H at NDP JUDITH (YS566734) elms of the LCT heard movement to the E. A flare was fired and the area eng. A first light search of the area will be conducted.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material One M16, one M16 mag, two M1 mags, 20 lbs rice, six shelters (plastic sheets), four carrying bags, qty of docus, machete CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. and b. omitted

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

3. Omitted.

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20 Jul 71
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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO GLENELG (YS6167).
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO GLENELG (YS6167).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at COURTENAY HILL op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ by day base ptl, by night NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (d) 3 Tp by day base ptl, by night NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) One contact and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE (YS4489).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty deployed to FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH (YS5673).
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work on 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR.
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5866), pl at NDP CAROL, pl at YS6365.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6067).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6166).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6267).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3892).
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3994).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3894).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY TRAC Special AO (YS3994).
- (9) 1 ARU.
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At FSB ZIGGIE, op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H Jul 71.

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) 2 Tp redeploy to NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(b) 3 Tp deploy to AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.

(2) 3 RAR.

(a) B Coy redeploy to NUI DAT.

c. Locations

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ YS610679. 1 Tp YS610679. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp COURTENAY.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS400942 with elms at YS402936. 2 Tp (-) YS642658 with elms at NUI DAT, YS646700, YS648662 and YS597677. 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty:sect FSB CHERIE.

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) YS585660 with pl at NDP JUDITH (YS5673) and YS585660. B Coy YS601675. C Coy (-) YS613652. D Coy YS617656. Sp Coy (-) YS628672.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS388929. B Coy YS389941. C Coy YS387946. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS397932.

(6) LCT NDP JUDITH.

(7) MCT NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy and 4 Coy YS498608.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Further to the contact at 192005 at YS566734 (SITREP 19 Jul 71) a sweep at first light revealed nil results. The enemy withdrew East.

(2) At 200625H at YS624667, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR fired on and killed 1 VC wearing greens and basic webbing and armed with an M16. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 M16, basic webbing, cash and a personal letter, CIA.

(3) At 200830 at YS605660, 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR located a camp and bunker system of 3 pits 30 metres apart. The system was about 4 days old and last used 2-3 days ago by up to 10 persons. It was in good condition. The pits were filled in by 10 Pl.

(4) At 201230H at YS388929 Coy HQ and 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) initiated contact against 8-9 enemy in green and black clothing. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). Rice, water bag and docus CIA.

(5) At 201833H at YS585654 9Pl C Coy 3 RAR contacted 4 VC dressed in greens, armed with AK 47 and 2 RPG. 5 Pl initiated contact at 300m. Enemy fired 2 RPG rounds. 3 friendly minor casualties. Enemy losses: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK 47, 3 packs, 2 RPG rounds CIA.

e. Results:

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel 3 WIA (all minor: 2 dusted off, one remained on duty.

(b) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel 3 VC KIA (BC)

(b) Material 1 M16, 1 AK 47, 20 rds 5.56mm, 2 RPG rds, 3 packs, quantity rice, 2700 Piastre.

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 30,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Omitted

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

21 Jul 71
Ops1251

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 210001H to 212400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp at COURTENAY HILL op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp deployed to AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and 2 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE (YS4489).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH (YS5673).
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work on 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5865), pl at NDP JUDITH.
 - (c) B Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6366).
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3892).
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3893).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in TRAC Special AO (YS3993).
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At FSB ZIGGIE, op con 3 RAR.

b. Omitted

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS402936.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS403942 with elms YS410944. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS587651 with elms at YS625664, YS599680.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty: sect FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS584658 with pl at NDP JUDITH. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy (-) YS613652 with pl at YS587651. D Coy YS580667. Sp Coy (-) YS635665.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS383930. B Coy YS382940. C Coy YS377944. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS400933.
- (6) LCT NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy and 4 Coy YS495641.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 210930H at YS632664 Sp Coy HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl 3 RAR loc an old bunker system, permanent base camp and transit area. There were 15 bunkers, 15 sleeping spaces. The bunkers had not been used for 12 months. Base camp not used for 2-3 days. Transit camp used periodically over long period. Base camp destroyed.
- (2) At 211117H at YS588656, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc 2 x 4 gal drums of rice, estimated total 100 lb. The area is being ambushed.
- (3) At 211420H at YS380943, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) fired on an estimated 4 enemy moving S to N. Enemy wearing civilian clothing. Armed with AK 47. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). Small quantity of equipment and docus CIA.
- (4) At 211645H at YS635665, Sp Coy HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl 3 RAR loc a new transit area with 5-6 sleeping spaces.
- (5) At 212005H at YS371931, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) fired on unknown number of enemy approaching from North. Enemy withdrew North. Nil results. Will search at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel 1 VC KIA (BC)
 - (b) Material Small quantity of equipment and docus.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations

a, b Omitted

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 65,000 sq metres cleared. MCT Omitted

3. Omitted

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 220001H to 222400H Jul 71.

22 Jul 71
Ops1257

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ redeployed to TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (b) 1 Tp redeployed to TRAC Special AO, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp redeployed to TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ base ptl by day, NUI DAT by night
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp (-) redeployed to COURTENAY, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Sect NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Five contacts and 31 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work on 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS5865), pl at NDP JUDITH.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5766).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6267)..
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3892).
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3894).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (e) D Coy (-) redeployed to COURTENAY op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC), pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in TRAC Special AO (YS3993).
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At FSB ZIGGIE, op con 3 RAR.

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.../b. Plans

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- b. Plans Summary for Period 230001H to 232400H Jul 71.
(1) 17 Const Sqn
(a) Resealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield recommences.
- c. Locations
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Sqn HQ (-) YS405941 with elm at COURTENAY. 1 Tp YS405941. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS375942.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS358932 with elms at YS357928, YS357937. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS405948. 3 Tp (-) YS599679 with elms at YS626663, YS620670 and YS611686.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect NUI DAT. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB CHERIE.
(4) 3 RAR Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) YS584658 with pl at NDP JUDITH. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS612652. D Coy YS580667. Sp Coy (-) YS621681.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS383930. B Coy YS378943. C Coy YS376949. D Coy (-) COURTENAY with pl at NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS391939.
(6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy and 4 Coy YS495641. Bn HQ YS493505.

PART II

- d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 220900H at YS380943 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a cache containing a wide variety of sig eqpt incl three 251-A Chinese radios, a generator and a field telephone.
(2) At 220950H at YS638676 A/tk Pl Sp Coy 3 RAR loc a resting area.
(3) At 221000H at YS380947 4 and 5 Pls B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a diamond-shaped bunker system, 100m x 75m, with 8 bunkers. System was new, in excellent condition and used in last 24 hrs. A qty of eqpt was recovered incl detonators and clothing.
(4) At 221615H at YS369946 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) fired on 3 en approaching from N. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK47s, 1 AK50, misc eqpt incl docus CIA. No sign of other en.
(5) At 221620H at YS378942 Coy HQ and 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng approx 4 en armed with pistol, M16, M79. En mov E-W and returned fire. Results: 1 Aust slightly wounded (remained on duty).
(6) At 221624H at YS379942 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng approx 4 en in green and black clothing, armed with M79 and one pistol. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 M79, 6 M79 rds, qty eqpt incl docus CIA.
(7) At 222155H at YS357928 APCs of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard mov on perimeter of their AP. Claymores were fired and several claymores did not fire. The area was eng with MG. Investigation showed that claymore leads had been cut 6' from veh.
- e. Results
(1) Friendly Losses
(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA (Minor wounds - remained on duty).
(b) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses
(a) Personnel. 4 VC KIA (BC).
(b) Material. 2 AK47s, 1 AK50, 1 M79, sig eqpt and misc other eqpt. incl docus.
- f. Small Unit Action
(1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
2. Combined Operations
a, b omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 66,000 sq metres cleared. MCT omitted.
3. Omitted.

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23 Jul 71
Ops1263

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 230001H to 232400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp (-) in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC), sect at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and 1 H and I mission was fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH clearing to the Southeast.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Re-sealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield recommenced.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5667).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP JUDITH.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3893).
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (e) D Coy (-) in TRAC Special AO (YS3793), pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in TRAC Special AO (YS3993).
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

b. Omitted.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) G Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) YS405941 with elm at COURTENAY. 1 Tp YS376942. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS405941.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS352928 with elms at YS358932, YS359924. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms YS357937. 3 Tp (-) YS597680 with elms YS626663, YS620673 and YS611686.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty sect FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy, B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS612652. D Coy YS558671. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with pls at YS588652 and NDP JUDITH.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS383930. B Coy YS375942. C Coy YS376949. D Coy (-) YS372934 with pl at NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS391939.
- (6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy and 4 Coy YS495641. Bn HQ YS493505.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Prior to 230830H at YS375942, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found 1 VC KIA in the area of yesterdays contact.
- (2) At 221300H at YS378943, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) commenced a search of a bunker system. 15 bunkers in area 100x150m. Vacated in last 24 hours. Tracks lead NE and West. A quantity of ammo and rice were located.
- (3) At 221430H at YS375942, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) commenced a search of a bunker system. Circular with 8 bunkers. In good condition, 3 months old and last used in the last 24 hours. Located was a quantity of ammo.
- (4) At 231030H at YS378942, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 4 very old bunkers in unusable condition.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA.
 - (b) Material. Ammo and rice.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 45,000 sq metres. MCT. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

24 Jul 71
Ops1268

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 240001H to 242400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/Toc).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS3592).
 - (c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, Two sects in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS3794).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR (YS5968).
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) 1 contact and 1 H and I mission was fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH clearing to the Southeast.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Resealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6065).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5567).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP JUDITH and YS5865.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3893).
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (e) D Coy (-) in TRAC Special AO (YS3793), pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in TRAC Special AO (YS3993).
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

.../b. Plans

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b. Plans Summary For Period 250001H to 252400H Jul 71.

(1) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

(a) P1 D Coy deploys to TRAC Special A0.

(b) V Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

c. Locations

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) YS405941 with elms at COURTENAY. 1 Tp YS378942. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS405941.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS359935, with elms at YS361920, YS357924. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS359931, YS358943. 3 Tp (-) YS599679, with elms at YS627661, YS619673, YS611686.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty sect FSB CHERIE.

(4) 3 RAR..Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy, B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS606652. D Coy YS558671. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with pls at YS588652, NDP JUDITH.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy YS408935. B Coy YS378943. C Coy YS376949. D Coy (-) YS374938 with pl at NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS391939.

(6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 and 4 Coy YS495641.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 241350H in the vicinity of YS375942, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a cache containing 7 bags of rice. Weighing approx 300 lbs. Backloaded.

(2) At 241630H in vicinity YS375942, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc 8 bags of rice weighing approx 160 lb. Destroyed.

(3) At 242030H at YS357924, APCs of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard movement and voices to the South of their AP. 1 Tp fired claymores. A sweep revealed nil results. A further sweep will be conducted in the morning.

(4) At 242040H at YS611687 elms of 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt fired on 2 plus enemy who approached from SE. It is probable that an enemy contacted were an advance party of a larger force who moved around 3 Tp and then withdrew to the North. Nil results.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Omitted

(b) Material Quantity of Rice.

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a and b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 43,000 square metres. MCT. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

25 Jul 71
Ops1271

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 250001H to 252400H Jul 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (b) 1 Tp redeployed to COURTENAY.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS3695).
 - (c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF. Two sects in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR (YS5967).
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) One contact. and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, clearing to the Southeast.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Resealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5567).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP JUDITH and YS5865.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3693).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (e) D Coy(-) in TRAC Special AO(YS3693) pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 262400H Jul 71.

- (1) 17 Const Sqn
 - (a) MCT deploys to LONG HAI National Training Centre (YS4449) to clear a perimeter mine field.
- (2) 3 RAR
 - (a) D Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.
- (3) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) V Coy 1 ATF RRF.
 - (b) Pl of D Coy deploys to TRAC Special AO.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Sqn HQ (-) YS405941 with elm at COURTENAY. 1 Tp YS405941. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS405941.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, NDP SUSAN, FSB CHERIE and YS599680. 1 Tp (-) YS371952 with elms at YS359944. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS599679 with elms at YS627661, YS619673 and YS609686. Sp Tp NDP JUDITH.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB LYNETTE, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect NUI DAT. C Bty(-)5/42(US)Arty FSB CHERIE(YS4590).
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS606653. D Coy YS558671. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at YS588652 and NDP JUDITH.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS375938. C Coy YS381950. D Coy (-) YS368936 with elm at NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.
- (6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS532655.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 240745H at YS369923 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a bunker in very good condition and sleeping spaces for 20-30 pers. The system was 2-3 mths old and last used 6-8 mths ago. Found were digging tools, cooking utensils, clothing and a fishing net.
- (2) At 251055H at YS373942 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a cache of 200 lb rice in four US sand bags.
- (3) At 251923H at YS358950 an APC of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine. There was no damage to veh and no cas.
- (4) At 252035H at YS373946 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng 3 to 5 en who approached from SE. A search will be conducted at first light.
- (5) At 252125H at YS381950 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng the sound of rapid movement approaching his loc. A search will be conducted at first light.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Omitted
 - (b) Material Digging tools, cooking utensils, clothing and a fishing net.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 35,000 sq metres cleared. MCT omitted.

3. Omitted.

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a. General

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- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (b) 1 Tp redeployed to COURTENAY.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS3695).
 - (c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF. Two sects in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR (YS5967).
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) One contact. and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, clearing to the Southeast.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
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Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Resealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (e) D Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5567).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP JUDITH and YS5865.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3693).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3794).
 - (e) D Coy(-) in TRAC Special AO(YS3693) pl at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 262400H Jul 71.

- (1) 17 Const Sqn
(a) MCT deploys to LONG HAI National Training Centre (YS4449) to clear a perimeter mine field.
- (2) 3 RAR
(a) D Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.
- (3) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(a) V Coy 1 ATF RRF.
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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Sqn HQ (-) YS405941 with elm at COURTENAY. 1 Tp YS405941. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS405941.
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- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB LYNETTE, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect NUI DAT. C Bty(-)5/42(US)Arty FSB CHERIE(YS4590).
- (4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS606653. D Coy YS558671. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at YS588652 and NDP JUDITH.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS375938. C Coy YS381950. D Coy (-) YS368936 with elm at NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.
- (6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT. NUI DAT
- (8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493505. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS532655.

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e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Omitted
 - (b) Material Digging tools, cooking utensils, clothing and a fishing net.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT 35,000 sq metres cleared. MCT omitted.

3. Omitted.

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26 Jul 71
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From 260001H to 262400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC) PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (b) 1 Tp at COURTENAY.
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF. Two sects in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Sp Tp at NDP JUDITH.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contact and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, clearing to the Southeast.
 - (d) MCT deployed to LONG HAI National Training Centre (YS4449), perimeter mine clearing.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Resealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6065).
 - (e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP JUDITH and YS5865.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3793).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3994).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3793).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At FSB ZIGGIE op con 3 RAR.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 27001H to 272400H Jul 71.

(1) D and E Pl, redeploys to NUI DAT.

c. Location

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) YS406939 with elms at COURTENAY. 1 Tp YS406939. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS406939.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, NDP SUSAN, FSB CHERIE and YS599680. 1 Tp (-) YS360918 with elms at YS361912. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS599680 with elms at YS625669, YS618673 and YS609686. Sp Tp NDP JUDITH.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS606653. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at NDP JUDITH and YS588652.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS391941. C Coy YS399953. D Coy YS374938. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.

(6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.

(7) MCT. LONG HAI National Trg Centre.

(8) D and E Pl. FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS512637. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS532655.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 261015H at YS601652, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc two bunkers 50m apart. The system was approx 12 months old and last used approx seven days ago. Found in the system were parts of a 'K' type telephone and docus.

(2) At 261500H at YS355926 an APC of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a trench 15'x5'x2' covered with Aust pattern star pickets.

(3) At 261335H at YS380943 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a body of a VC. It is considered that the VC was KIA during a contact in that area at 211420H Jul 71.

The body had no visible GSW.

e. Results

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Persomel 1 VC KIA

(b) Material Parts of a 'K' type telephone and docus.

f. Small Unit Action

(1), (3) and (4) omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. and b. omitted.

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

3. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 270001H to 272400H Jul 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

27 Jul 71
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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (b) 1 Tp redeployed to TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) Sp Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (f) Other elms at NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, maintenance and local security tasks op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (d) MCT redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Resealing of LUSCOMBE Airfield continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6065), op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE, pl at NDP JUDITH, op con HQ 1 ATF.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4194).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4294).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4093).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

Redeployed to NUI DAT.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 280001H to 282400H Jul 71.

- (1) 1 ATF concludes Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER.
- (2) 1 ATF commences Operation IRON FOX. HQ 1 ATF remains at NUI DAT.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) deploys to TRAC Special AO and commences Operation IRON FOX in the general vicinity of YS4190 and YS3992.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) A Fd Bty:sect redeploys from FSB ZIGGIE to NUI DAT.
 - (b) 104 Fd Bty:sect deploys from NUI DAT to FSB KATE (YS4288).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) MCT redeploys to TRAC Special AO.
 - (b) Reconstruction of Route 327 temporarily discontinued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ redeploys from FSB ZIGGIE to FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (b) A Coy, B Coy and D Coy deploy to TRAC Special AO and commence Operation IRON FOX in the general vicinity of YS3989.
 - (c) Sp Coy (-) redeploys to FSB KATE and NDP JUDITH.
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) commences Operation IRON FOX.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Sqn HQ YS406939.1 Tp YS406939.3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS406939.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp COURTENAY with sect at NUI DAT. 2 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp sect NUI DAT; elms NDP JUDITH and FSB CHERIE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty:sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB DEBBIE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (4) 3 RAR Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS606653. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS412942. C Coy YS420943. D Coy YS408934. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.
- (6) LCT NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn Bn HQ YS512637. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS532655.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents Omitted.

e. Results Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.

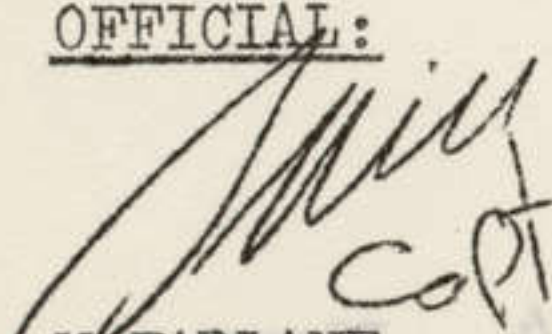
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 280001H to 282400H Jul 71.

28 Jul 71

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To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF concluded Operation HERMIT PARK and Operation HAWKER, Operation IRON FOX commenced. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) Op Con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4094).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ deployed to TRAC Special AO.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4290).
 - (c) 2 Tp deployed to TRAC Special AO (YS3891).
 - (d) 3 Tp deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4189).
 - (e) Sp Tp deployed to TRAC Special AO (YS4093).
 - (f) Other elms at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and 15 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB LYNETTE, sect redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect deployed to FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, maintenance and local security tasks op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (d) MCT deployed to TRAC Special AO.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA temporarily discontinued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued. Resealing of LUSCOMBE airfield **completed**.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ redeployed to FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (b) A Coy deployed to TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (c) B Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4089).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6065), op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (e) D Coy deployed to TRAC Special AO (YS3990).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to FSB KATE, pl at NDP JUDITH, op con HQ 1 ATF.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4191).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4192).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4092).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 29001H to 292400H Jul 71

(1) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Reconstruction of Route 327 recommences.

c. Locations

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ and 1 Tp YS406939. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS406939.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ YS388923 with indep sect at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, FSB KATE, NDP SUSAN, and NUI DAT. 1 Tp elms at YS427912, YS424912, and YS417912.

2 Tp elms at YS380924, YS388913 and YS395928. 3 Tp elms at YS412894, YS418897, YS409894 and YS415894. Sp Tp sect at YS401934 and elms at FSB CHERIE and NDP JUDITH.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB KATE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB CHERIE.

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB KATE. A Coy YS391911. B Coy YS403895. C Coy YS606653. D Coy YS395904. Sp Coy (-) FSB KATE.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS410916. C Coy YS404923. D Coy YS403925. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.

(6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS512637. 1 Coy YS498608. 2 Coy YS476485. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS532655.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents Omitted.

e. Results Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

(1), (3) and (4) omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 290001H to 292400H Jul 71.

29 Jul 71

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation IRON FCX. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS4092).
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4092).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4092).
 - (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4290).
 - (c) 2 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3891).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4189).
 - (e) Sp Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4093).
 - (f) Other elms at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF, NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE, FSB CHERIE and FSB KATE.
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) One contact and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB LYNETTE, sect at NUI DAT.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, maintenance and local security tasks op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (d) MCT redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA recommenced.
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
 - (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (b) A Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4089).
 - (d) C Coy redeployed to TRAC Special AO (YS3892).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3990).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB KATE, pl at NDP JUDITH, op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4091).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4091).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4092).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
 - (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (10) D and E Pl

At NUI DAT.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 300001H to 302400H Jul 71.
- (1) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) MCT deploys to LONG HAI National Training Centre (YS4449).

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- (2) 3 RAR
- (a) C Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Sqn HQ YS395916. 1 Tp YS395916. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS395916.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Sqn HQ YS404940 with indep sects at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, FSB KATE, NDP SUSAN and YS420902. 1 Tp elms at YS415910, YS415905 and YS412914. 2 Tp elms at YS390924, YS397933 and YS393926. 3 Tp elms at YS413897, YS417897, YS409897 and YS416895. Sp Tp sect at YS400934; elms at NDP JUDITH and FSB CHERIE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB KATE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB CHERIE.
- (4) 3 RAR Bn HQ FSB KATE. A Coy YS391911. B Coy YS403895. C Coy YS388916. D Coy YS395904. Sp Coy (-) FSB KATE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS403911. C Coy YS400914. D Coy YS394917. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.
- (6) LCT NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT NUI DAT.
- (8) D and E Pl NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS498608. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy 495621.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 291123H at YS401917, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc 13 bunkers in good condition and living area for approx 30 pers. The system was const six months ago and vacated one month ago apparently as a result of napalm attack. Tracks led N, S, E, W.
- (2) At 291440H at YS398913 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an est 20 plus en in bunkers. 7 Pl fired first and three en were seen to fall and remain stationary. En were dressed in black and armed with AK47s and claymores. The pl withdrew to regroup with C Coy and Armd Sqn elms. The position was eng with 105mm and 155mm fire. Results: three en (poss) KIA, three Aust WIA (remained on duty).
- (3) At 292009H and 292331H at YS388916 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR eng movement near the perimeter of their AP.

e. Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

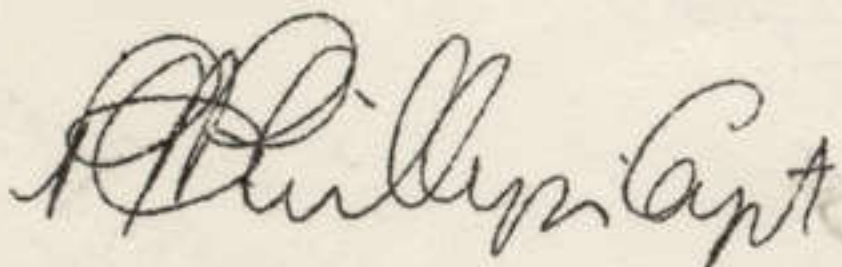
2. Combined Operations Omitted.

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30 Jul 71

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 300001H to 302400H Jul 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation IRON FOX. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (c) 2 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3992).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4189).
 - (e) Sp Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4190).
 - (f) Other elms at NUI DAT, NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB KATE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) 1 contact and 31 H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB CHERIE (YS4590).
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, maintenance and local security tasks op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (d) MCT redeployed to LONG HAI National Training Centre (YS4449).
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (b) A Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3890).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4090).
 - (d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3990).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB KATE, pl at NDP JUDITH, op con HQ 1 ATF.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl
At NUI DAT.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H Jul 71.

(1) 1 ATF Artillery

(a) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty ceases In Support 1 ATF and redeploys from FSB CHERIE.

c. Locations

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ YS395911. 1 Tp YS394911. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS394911.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ YS390925 with indep sects at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, FSB KATE, YS411908 and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS394926, YS415911, YS411908 and YS396933. 2 Tp elms at YS380910, YS405944 and YS380918. 3 Tp elms at YS390925, YS381919, YS387927 and YS383922. Sp Tp sect at YS412913 and elms at FSB KATE and NDP JUDITH.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB KATE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB CHERIE.

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB KATE. A Coy YS385903. B Coy YS404906. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS392900. Sp Coy (-) FSB KATE.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS399911. C Coy YS392913. D Coy YS395911. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.

(6) LCT. NDP JUDITH.

(7) MCT. LONG HAI National Trg Centre.

(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS493505. 2 Coy YS498608. 3 Coy YS476485. 4 Coy YS495621.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 281020 at YS775882 a 1 ATF ptl loc an occupied enemy camp and bunker system. At 291300H AS of 500 lb bombs and napalm were made. A check at 300800H revealed that the A/S had missed the position which consisted of 12 bunkers, by 100 metres. The position had been hastily vacated. A quantity of pers eqpt was recovered.

(2) Further to the contact of 291440H at YS398913. The bunker system was entered by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at 300815H. The system consisted of 3 bunkers const 12 months ago and vacated within the previous 24 hours. 1 RPG 2 round and a quantity of pers and cooking eqpt was recovered.

(3) At 301330 at YS403909 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 2 en dressed in greens and carrying packs. Nil results.

(4) At 3014424H at YS394911, D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an unknown number of en in a bunker system. The Coy received M60, AK47, and RPG fire. Supported by elms of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt the coy cleared the position which consisted of 10 bunkers. Results 8 en KIA (BC); 1 Aust KIA, 4 Aust WIA. 1 RPG 2 (loaded) was CIA.

(5) At 302105H and 3022245H at YS394911, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR engaged mov on the perimeter of its AP.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel 1 Aust KIA, 4 WIA.

(b) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel 8 KIA (BC)

(b) Material 1 RPG 2; 2 RPG 2 rds, quantity pers and cooking eqpt CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2-3 Omitted

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 310001H to 312400H Jul 71.

31 Jul 71

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TTC)

Opst 327

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation IRON FOX. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
 - (c) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 5 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3991).
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in TRAC Special AO.
 - (b) 1 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3992).
 - (c) 2 Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS3790).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3892).
 - (e) Sp Tp in TRAC Special AO (YS4191).
 - (f) Other elms at NUI DAT, NDP SUSAN, FSB DEBBIE, NDP JUDITH, FSB LYNETTE and FSB KATE.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and nil H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB LYNETTE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty ceased in support operations for 1 ATF at 0630 hrs.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Armd Sqn, Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NDP JUDITH, maintenance and local security tasks op con HQ 1 ATF.
 - (d) MCT at LONG HAI National Training Centre (YS4449).
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA continued.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn

Work on Bridge 6 continued. Kerb and guttering, const of hard standing at BARIA continued. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 to the North of the Province continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (7) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at FSB KATE (YS4288).
 - (b) A Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3890).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4090).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3990).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB KATE, pl at NDP JUDITH, op con HQ 1 ATF.
- (8) 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3990).
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3890).
 - (e) D Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3990).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY.
- (9) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (10) D and E Pl

At NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ YS393913. 1 Tp YS393913. 3 Tp NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS393913.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ YS390925 with indep sects at FSB LYNETTE, FSB DEBBIE, FSB KATE, YS415905 and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms at YS393925, YS412909, YS415905 and YS396933. 2 Tp elms at YS377907, YS379906, YS393913 and YS405941. 3 Tp elms at YS383922, YS381919 and YS375915. Sp Tp sect at YS412914 with elms at FSB KATE and NDP JUDITH.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB LYNETTE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB KATE.
- (4) 3 RAR Bn HQ FSB KATE. A Coy YS385903. B Coy YS407902. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS392900. Sp Coy (-) FSB KATE.
- (5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn HQ COURTENAY. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS394907. C Coy YS387908. D Coy YS395911. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY.
- (6) LCT NDP JUDITH.
- (7) MCT LONG HAI National Training Centre.
- (8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (10) 302 RF Bn Bn HQ YS512637. 1 Coy YS493516. 2 Coy YS476480. 3 Coy YS495641. 4 Coy YS532655.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Further to the contact at 301442H Jul at YS394911, at 310800H D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) recommenced a search of the contact area. The position contained 15 bunkers. Results: a further four en KIA (BC) were found, 1 M60 MG, 2 RPG2s, 4 AK47s, ammo for each of these wpns, US and NVA pers eqpt, clothing, med stores, 145 lbs rice and 7 lbs salt CIA.
- (2) At 311135H at YS411908 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw 2 en wearing greens and armed with M16 rifles. En initiated contact. Results: 1 Aust WIA.
- (3) At 312230H at YS390926 Sqn HQ A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard mov to the NE of their AP and eng with claymores.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel 1 Aust WIA
 - (b) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel 4 en KIA (BC)
 - (b) Material 2 RPG2s, 1 M60, 4 AK47s, qty ammo, US and NVA pers eqpt, clothing, med stores, 145 lbs rice, 7 lbs salt CIA.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Omitted.

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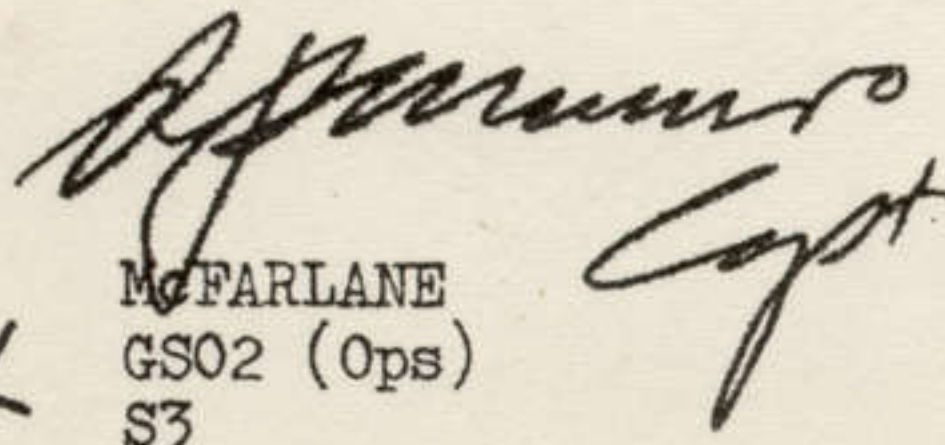
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ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF
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INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND SUMMARIES ISSUED

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 182/71.
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a)(010810H) BDA of airstrike conducted on a bunker system at YS396016: 100% of bombs in target area with 90% impacting on target. 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers exposed and tables and chairs destroyed.

(b)(011205H) BDA of airstrike conducted on bunker system at YS565905: 100% of bombs in target area with 80% impacting on target. 1 bunker was destroyed with 4 bunkers damaged and exposed.

(c)(011228H) At YS424928, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a heavy E-W track with no recent use. The track was followed for 400 metres to the West where a torn uniform and chopsticks were found. The track was well camouflaged and would allow movement by night by en using torches, without fear of compromise.

(d)(011230H) At YS418808, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a "Y" shaped base camp 200 metres square consisting of 12 large and 9 small weapon pits, with 2 ft OHP. Pits were of varied age with some up to 2 months old, and some very new. They are estimated to have been used on the night of the 30 Jun 71: Entry/exit points were in all directions but a fresh track led South. A quantity of clothing, 1 M16 magazine with an M16 rd, eating utensils and a quantity of docus and medical equipment was located. Comment: Docus tentatively identify CHAU DUC District. See Annex B.

(e)(011900H). At YS429872 element of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 6 to 10 VC who were moving SE-NW prior to contact. Enemy were dressed in black and seemed to be carrying packs. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA PW, 2 AK 47s and 1 K54 CIA. Enemy moved West after contact and movement was reported in the contact area at 012015H. Search to be conducted at first light. (PW dusted off but the interrogation was abandoned because of the subjects condition. Report to follow ASP).

(2) Other Areas.

(a)(010910H) At YS476490, VN elements were ambushed by an unknown sized en force. Results: 6 VN KIA, 1 VN WIA. Enemy losses are unknown. All VN weapons were lost in contact.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
010945H	E 47 - 49 N 81 - 86 YS7084	No signs of recent movement. XUAN LOC woodcutters working up to 5000m out of civilian access in area YS7084. A track made by truck was followed from Route 329 to YS7084. A quantity of cut logs were also seen.
011220H	E 57- 59 N 81 - 85	No signs of movement were seen.
011305H	E 71 - 73 N 71 - 81	At YS716797, DS aircraft 3 RAR observed a S-N track which appeared to have been used by a possible 15 persons recently. A later VR checked tracks which proved to be elephant tracks approx 7 days old. No other signs of recent movement in area.
011400H	E 73 - 76 N 81 - 84	No recent sign of movement.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1 and 3) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) PW 1

(2-6)

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual 3

(b) Omitted.

(c) 2 AK 47, 1 K54.

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- (2) Omitted.
- (3) Omitted.
- (4) Captured Documents.
 - (a) 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS418808.
- (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR 3.

- (1) KIA 2 VC (2) PW 1
- (5) Individual Weapons
Action 3
- (22) SA rds 1
- (3-4), (6-21), (23-27) Omitted.

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 26/71 dated 28 Jun 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Refer INTSUM 180/71 of 29 Jun 71, delete para 11. d. (2).
- (2) Refer INTSUM 181/71 of 30 Jun 71, para 3. b. (2), line 15 should read "sighted a 30 foot sampan beached".

d. Agent Reports.

AO GLENELG

(1) DAT DO report received 1 ATF 1 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4.

On 281430H Jun 71, at YS585667 PHUOC THO Police Special Branch reported a sighting of approx 40 VC on border of DAT DO and XUYEN MOC Districts. VN COMMENT: The VC poss intend to ambush Route 23 and are probably resupplying from NUI NHON and/or GO CAT.

AO BIRDSVILLE

(2) BARIA Sector report received 1 ATF 1 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

On 291015H Jun 71 at YS417867, approx 1 coy of VC dressed in green and yellow armed with, 82mm mortar, 60mm mortar, HMG, B40, B41 and individual weapons were located deployed along a track. Comment: A recently used track was seen at this location by VR on 1 Jun 71.

AO KINGSGROVE.

(3) RDC PHU MY report received 1 ATF 1 Jul 71. Eval VN C6, 1 ATF F3.

At 1900H on 30 Jun 71, four VC asked bamboo shoot cutters at YS381661 for information about HOA LONG and requested food be supplied to them. The VC withdrew West.

(4) BARIA Sector report received 1 ATF 1 Jul 71. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F5.

On 010900H Jul 71 at YS373675, 60 VC were seen. NFI. Comment: The area of sighting was checked by VR aircraft and no sign of recent movement was observed.

OTHER AREAS.

(5) NP LONG LE report received 1 ATF 1 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0830H on 30 Jun 71, one VC section were observed in a rowing boat at YS223664. They told civilians to keep out of the area and asked for information about ONG TRINH (YS2568).

(6) NP LONG LE report received 1 ATF Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1130H on 28 Jun 71, three VC of the 4th Group BARIA City Unit, in sampans, were observed at YS347598 where they stopped civilians and enquired about RF and PSDF activities and the night locations of GVN Hamlet Officials in HUONG GIANG (H) LONG HUONG (V).

(7) NP LONG LE report received 1 ATF Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0730H on 28 Jun 71, four VC in a boat were seen at YS239661, where they told fishermen to resist the pacification programme and to refuse to join the PSDF. They informed civilians that a tax of \$SVN 200 would be levied monthly for each civilian boat.

(8) BARIA Sector report received 1 ATF 1 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 290500H Jun 71 at YS305566, 5 VC, identity and unit unknown were observed at this location. They appeared to be observing GVN activities at AP-BEN-DA.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) B 36 USARV Trg Bn report that their observation post at YS442537 has been probed on three occasions over the past month. On the first two occasions the enemy were engaged with SA and M79 fire with nil results. It is thought the observation post may be situated on an important VC supply route. Enemy groups

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who have approached the USARV OP have in each case numbered 3-5 persons.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(2)(300945H) Jun 71 at YS37943 3 Bde tps during exploitation of a cache area located 26 Jun (Refer 1 ATF INTSUM 178/71 para 11. f. (1) of 27 Jun 71) have added to previous totals, 810 lbs of salt, 550 lbs of flour and 250 lbs of rice.

(3)(301100H) At YS566963 3 Bde tps while on a ground recce found footprints of 1 individual moving NE.

(4)(300900H). At YS741968, VR located a garden plot 30ft by 30ft with 1 6ft by 10ft section showing recent use by an unknown number of persons in the last 24 hours. A further 50 m East a NW-SE track was located showing heavy recent use by an unknown number of persons moving in both directions during past 24 hours.

(5)(300930H). At YS739973, VR located a hut 6ft by 8ft with a quantity of cooking utensils inside. Area showed recent use by an unknown number of persons over past 24 hours.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 182/71
DATED 1 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A quantity of documents were discovered by C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a bunker system at YS418808 at 011230H Jul 71.
2. The documents included:
 - a. A piece of paper, badly mutilated, which is possibly a SITREP. Points of significance gained were a mention of PHU MY and PHUOC HOA.
 - b. A personal letter from MINH (insufficient to make identification) to BAY GIANG (probably the member by the same name of the District Party Committee and Comd of the F and E Sect CHAU DUC (D) Unit) dated 16 Jun .
 - c. A piece of paper with the names of NAM HUY (unk) and SAU HOANG (unk) written on it.
 - d. An envelope with an illegible name and unit on it.
 - e. Part of a love letter written by NAM HUY (unk).
3. Comment: The identification of BAY GIANG and the mention of PHU MY and PHUOC HOA strongly suggest these documents belonged to an element of CHAU DUC (D) Unit.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 182/71
DATED 1 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1, 2, 3 Omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>
011030H	YS405878	YS349842
	YS405867	YS356832
	YS349855	YS374802
		YS405860

Comment:

V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn reported a camp at YS405877 on 31 May 71. A possible 30 enemy had used it just prior to its discovering. The readings at YS405867 and YS405860 are both in the area of the NE-SW track with recent use sighted by VR on 18 Apr and 11 May 71. 274 Regt elements have been in the general area of the Northern portion of the sniffer area for approx two months.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 183/71 dated 2 Jul 71.
2. Period Covered from 020001H to 022400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) Reference INTSUM No 182/71 para 3. a. (1) (e). Contact at YS428877. A sweep resulted in three packs, a qty of docus and one bag of food captured. COMMENT: From docu readout and interrogation of PW the en in the contact are identified as members of 274 VC Regt. (See Annex A for Interrogation Report and Annex B for docu readout).

(b) (020905H). At YS356811, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted approx 10 en who were moving NE. The en withdrew N and NE. Arty and RAAF gunships supported the contact. Results: one en KIA (BC), one AK-47 and one pack CIA. COMMENT: No docus or ident was available. However, see fol sub-para. Docus captured in this bunker system in the same area as the contact identifying CHAU DUC. The en gp can therefore probably be accepted as being CHAU DUC.

(c) (020930H). At YS356811, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found an old bunker system with two large new bunkers. There were numerous collapsed bunkers approx 12 mths old in the system. Recovered were: one pr NVN boots, pistol belt, a qty of docus and a qty of cooking utensils. System is to be destroyed. COMMENT: Docus identify CHAU DUC. (See Annex B for docu readout).

(d) (021405H). At YS410800, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found an E-W track, used three to four days ago by four to five pers travelling from W to E.

(e) (021500H). At YS402877, Aslt Pnr Pl, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found three tracks. Two run N and turn W. One runs W. The tracks have been used by an unk number of pers travelling both ways. Breadfruit skins from fruit eaten on morning 2 Jul 71 were seen on the track and bread fruit trees line it. COMMENT: Area of maximum Sniffer readings of 1 Jul 71.

(f) (021745H). At YS354814, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a base camp comprised of one bunker, area 150x40 metres. Entrance/exit was to NE and NW and system est to be one week old. Last occupied in the preceding 5-6 hrs. Eight 7.62mm rds and a qty of cooking utensils were found and destroyed.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) (021545H). BDA of A/S on bunker system at YS397916. Two bunkers destroyed, large area exposed. Two bombs unexploded.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (By 161 Indep Recce Flt unless stated otherwise).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
020800H to 021000H	YS354713	40 wpn pit defensive posn on N end of creek. No fresh tracks seen but spoil appeared fresh.
	YS348720 and YS350718 and throughout area YS326777	"Igloo" shaped grass piles near vehicles tracks. Ox cart moved S. Was flying yellow flag.
021000H to 021200H	Area YS 54-57 E YS 88-91 N	No sign of en movement
021205H to 021355H	YS278685	See Agent Report para 11. d. (2) (g) Track running NE-SW along Eastern side of ONG TRINH shows signs of recent hvy mov by an est 20-30 pers. Cardboard parcel on bridge.
	YS292676	
021400H to 021638H	Area YS 38-41 E YS 83-86 N YS397916	Only Eastern half of area covered. A/S uncovered one further bunker.
021450H	YS592590	RAAF gunship observed footprints of 1 pers.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period.

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

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual Weapons 1
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown 1 AK 47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured 57 - 7.62mm rds.
- (b) Omitted

(3) Omitted.

(4) Captured Documents See Annex B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month; MR 3

- (1) KIA 3 VC
- (2) PW 1
- (5) Individual Weapons
Action 4
- (22) SA Rds 57
- (3-4), (6-21), (22-27) Omitted.

5. Omitted

6. Omitted

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 26/71 dated 28 Jun 71.

9. Omitted

10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Omitted

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) At 0900H on 29 Jun 71, 60 VC of an unidentified unit were reported seen between YS417860 and YS400869. They were armed with one 82mm mortar, one 60mm mortar, one .50 cal MG and section and individual weapons. Source reported that he had heard that their intentions were to harass 1 ATF and RF posts, and to ambush convoys in the NGAI GIAO area. Eval: US-F6, 1 ATF F3.
Comment: This appears to be a different version of the report advised in 1 ATF INTSUM 182/71 para 11. d. (2) of 1 Jul 71.

(b) At 0930H on 29 Jun 71, seven VC of BINH BA Party Chapter were located at YS422733. Their intentions were stated to be to harass SUOI NGHE (H) (YS437780) and BINH BA (V) (YS445736). Eval: US - F6, 1 ATF - F3.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) PRU report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6.
During the last few days, four VC from XUYEN MOC Party Chapter have been observed along the road between YS663707 and YS670710, where they have received supplies from VC families and have asked for information.

(b) 525 MI Gp report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71: Eval US - F4, 1 ATF F3.
At 1000H on 29 Jun 71, 20 VC of a unidentified unit where seen at YS254747. Source observed one mine and two AK-47 but did not see any other weapons. The VCs intentions were said to be to sabotage Route 15.

(c) 525 MI Gp report received ; ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval US-F3, 1 ATF-F3.
At 2200H on 29 Jun 71 approx 6 VC entered PHUOC TRUNG (H) PHUOC THO (V) (YS5059) to collect the "First Quarter Tax". This tax is assessed by the VC, according to the size of the family and the fertility of the land farmed by the family. At 2300H, the VC went to another hamlet in the village (NFI).

(d) PRU report received 30 Ju 71. Eval VN - C2, 1 ATF F6.
On the night 28/29 Jun 71, an unidentified VC unit, strength approx 40 moved from direction of BO DAP (H) XA HOI MY (V) (YS5056) towards the MINH DAM Secret Zone vicinity YS455555. Source reported the unit is "very strange" and that it may possibly have come from XUYEN MOC (D).
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(e) PRU report received 30 Jun 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2.

It was reported that DUNG, PCS of XA BINH BA Party Chapter and two other VC are usually seen at YS466784, where they ask for information from local jungle workers and receive food.

(f) PRU report received 1 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

Source reported that weekly on Thursday and Saturday, three VC are seen at YS454580 where there is a dead letter box. Source states this group usually appear in the day time. On 26 Jun 71, the group are reported to have stolen a number of tools from the Refugee Settlement at XOM VIET KIEU HOI HUONG.

(g) Sector S2 report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

At 0600H on 2 Jul 71, one company of VC identify unknown, using foliage as camouflage. were seen at NUI ONG TRINH vicinity YS277680. They used civilians as porters and deployed and dug-in. Comment. A VR was flown in the area YS27-30E, YS67-70N at 1205-1355H (See report at para 3. b. (2) (a) this (INTSUM)).

(h) Sector S2 report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 1 Jul 71, five VC of an unspecified Recce element with mines and individual weapons, were seen in a motorised sampan at YS350590. Their intentions were stated to be to recce Riverine Forces and naval patrol boats from CAT LO.

(i) LONG THANH District Report received 1 ATF 011800H Jul 71.

An agent report indicates the presence of D10 Bn of SR-4 within 2000 metres of grid intersection YS2080 and D 2 Bn of SR-4 within 1000 metres of YS1881.

(j) LONG THANH District report received 1 ATF 011800H Jul 71.

There have been further reports of some en movement across the Province-border in the approximate area of Grid Square YS2779.

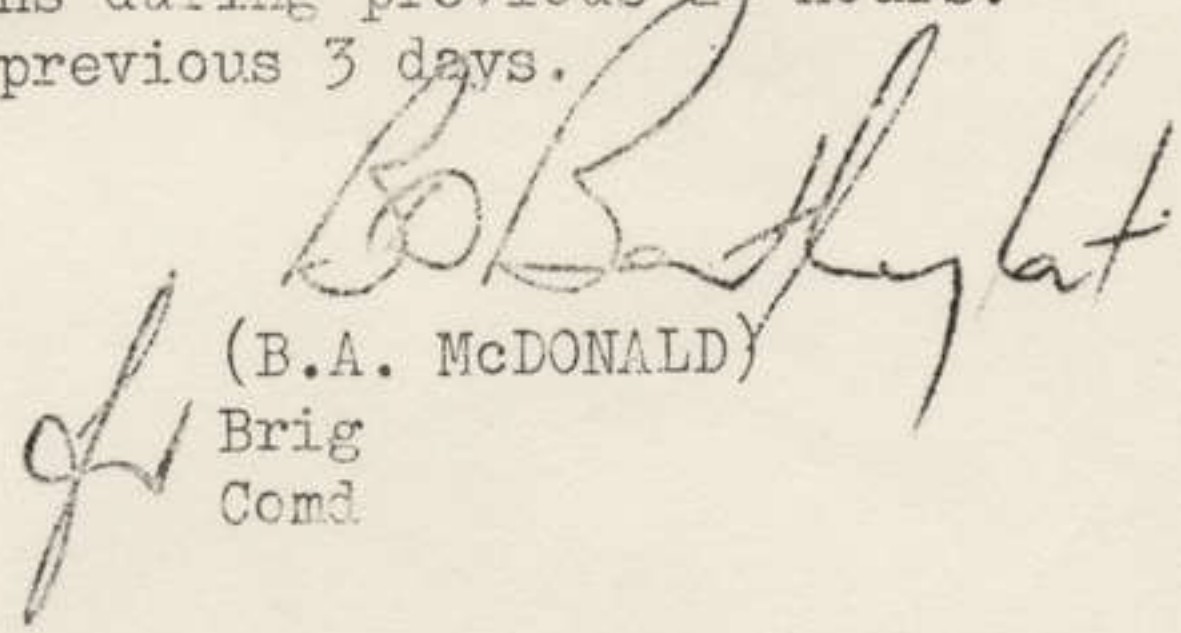
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUMS.

(a)(010915H) At YS602986, 3 Bde VR observed five new bunkers with 5 ft OHP built in the last 3-4 days. The area had been used by a company sized enemy force in previous 2-3 hours. Two East-West tracks were seen running parallel with recent use by an unknown number of persons moving East and then South.

(b)(010850H) At YS795917, 3 Bde VR observed a NE-SW track used by 4-5 persons moving SW in previous 48 hours.

(c)(010805H). At YS775962, 3 Bde VR observed a NE-SW track showing recent use by an unknown number of persons in all directions during previous 24 hours. Track joined a logging track with light use in previous 3 days.


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INTERROGATION REPORT
INITIAL INTERROGATION
PW - PHAM V'N CHIEN

Biographical Details

1. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- o. D/POB: [REDACTED].
- c. Rank/Appt: Platoon Comd.
- d. Unit: [REDACTED], 274 Regt.
- e. Politocal Affiliations: Communist Party Member, since Jun 68.

Circumstanced of Capture.

2. The subject states that he and a group of 10 had come from a location of [REDACTED] 274 Regt at apporx [REDACTED] and was on their way to the [REDACTED] area to collect rice from C5 RSG (C5 is a coy of J85 Tpt Bn of MR7) when they were ambushed and the subject was captured.

Comment: It is beleived that [REDACTED] is a VC alternative name for [REDACTED]. The PW stated the area at which rice was to be collected was East of Route 2. Therefore the colledtion point was prcbably in the [REDACTED] area.

3. The subject gave an extensive ORBAT of HQ 274 Regt, 1/274, 2/274 and the Supporting elements. (These largely agree with 1 ATF records and are being accepted as being correct).

4. The subject gave the following strengths for the elements of 274 Regt:

- a. D1 Bn - 400 men
- b. D2 Bn - 400 men
- c. C16 Mor Coy - 50 men
- d. C17 RR Coy - 40 men
- e. C18 AA Coy - 50 men
- f. C20 Signal Coy - 60 men (approx).
- g. C21 Sapper Recce Coy - 40 - 50 men.
- h. C23 Signal Coy - 60 men (approx)
- i. C 24 Convalescent Coy - 50 men (approx).

Comment: These figures appear greatly inflated. The Bns seem unlikely to have reached these strengths even with a large number reinforcements.

General Comment:

4. A full interrogation was unable to be conducted due to the subject being quite uncooperative at the beginning and giving a plausible story about being a member of [REDACTED] 33 NVA Regt, which was only faulted on the ORBAT he which he gave. At this stage he may have started telling the truth.

The fact that he is a member of [REDACTED] 274 Regt, may substantiate documents taken in Mar 71, which indicated [REDACTED] may have been operating with 1 Bn.

6. The interrogation will continue, and may prove very fruitful in time if the subject will cooperate, as he appears quite knowledgeable.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

1. Documents taken from an enemy KIA by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS429872 at 011930 Jul 71, indentify elements of 1 Bn and C16 RR Coy of 274 Regt.

2. The documents included:

- a. A personal achievement report for PHAM QUYET CHIEN (unk) a platoon comd of C1/D1/Q4 (C1, Coy, 1 Bn, 274 Regt).
- b. A promotion decision for NGUYEN VAN TRU (unk) of C16/4 Regt (C16 RR Coy, 274 Regt), from soldier to sect 2IC, signed by PHAM TRUNC QUAN (unk) for the Unit Comd, dated 10 Jan 71.
- c. A letter from NGUYEN VAN QUY (unk) to TAM HUAN (unk) and DEN (unk), dated 28 Jun 71, mentioning that elements of D1 (1 Bn) would be going to a certain area to pick up medical supplies purchased in the VIET CUONG Rubber. .../d.

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- d. A letter from NGUYEN VAN QUY (unk) to TUYEN (unk) and the whole of C5 (possibly C5 Coy 1/274), dated 28 Jun 71, mentioning paying 5-6 hundred thousand Piastre for medical supplies to be carried by the truckload, if they could be purchased.

10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

3. Documents captured in a bunker system by 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS356811 at 020905H Jul 71, identify an elements of CHAU DUC (D) Unit.

4. Included among the documents were:

- a. A envelope from HUNG (unk) of D445 to THANH (unk) of BINH BA (BINH BA is a village in the CHAU DUC (D) area).
- b. A personal letter from HUNG (Unk) of D445 to THANH THUONG (unk), dated 5 Jun 71.
- c. A personal letter from NGOC SINH (unk) to SAU (nickname) dated 3 May 71.
- d. A piece of paper with lists of medicine showing dates from Aug to Sep 70.
- e. A letter from an unknown person to TU (insufficient to make identification) dated 27 Jun 71.
- f. Two pieces of paper containing notes on medical practice lessons.
- g. An envelope from SINH LBN 228/3243A (228 is an LBN in the BA LONG series, and therefore identifies a unit under BA LONG control), to SAU of CHAU DUC dated 3 May.
- h. Two type written pages of directive No 15/CT, produced by BA RIA/LONG KHANH Pol Sect.
- i. Two propaganda leaflets.
- j. A personal history of DUNG VAN TINH (1 ATF ORBAT holds a DUONG VAN TINH as Comd of the CHAU DUC Protection Cell), of CHAU DUC Committee.
- k. A page of Vietnamese music.
- l. A book of slogans, **songs** and poems.
- m. An envelope on which the addressee and sender are illegible.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 183/71
DATED 2 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. OMITTED.
2. Red Haze Activity.

DTG

012339H

LOCATION

YS308931
YS311902

READOUT

5 emissions near trail
1 emission near trail

3. Omitted.
4. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 184/71.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) (021530H) At YS356811 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a tunnel system 150mx50m and 3 new bunkers in excellent condition, bunkers 10ftx5ftx6ft including one kitchen and a well. Captured in system were 2 pairs of (US) boots, 5lb salt, cooking utensils, tables and a washing pot. It was thought that 10-12 en had occupied the system.

(b) (Prior to 031535H). At YS355812 D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found medical supplies including a metal thermometer and ampoules of drugs, while checking a bunker system found on 2 Jul (see above and INTSUM 183/71) branches of the tunnel system were found in the area --- the main tunnel being 500 ft long.

(c) (Prior to 031748H). D Coy completed checking all except one tunnel which has bomb damage. 12 Pl found a track at YS364812 leading South with movement from N to S. Well used 1-2 weeks ago by a small party.

(d) (031535H). 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS348815 found an apparent RV in the middle of an old bunker system. Also found was a large tree with No "37" marked on it. Track used within last 24 hours by 2-3 persons and was marked by stone markers and blazed trees.

(e) Ref VR this INTSUM para 3. b. (2) DTG 031055H A/S at 1300H. BDA 3 bunkers destroyed.

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a) On 3 Jul 71 at YS583752 elms of 3 RAR began exploiting base camp/munition factory found by previous ptl. Included in system were: 4 pics 50m x 50m with 2 ft OHP; sentry/fighting pits 3ftx3ft with no OHP 35-50m from 4 larger ones. Approx 2/3 of system obscured from air by canopy. System last used approx 18 months ago. Found in system were: 6 directional mines, 3 bangalore torpedoes, 3 rifles (2 SKS, 1 Mosin Nagant), approx 100 CHICOM grenades and quantity 7.62mm and 12.7mm ammo. 3 weapons backloaded remainder destroyed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
030800H	E 56 - 60 N 84 - 86	No fresh signs in area.
031000H	E 60 - 64 N 90 - 92	No sign of recent movement.
031200H	E 56 - 60 N 90 - 92	Southern half only covered due to cloud. No N-S movement seen.
031400H	E 61 - 64 N 73 - 76	At YS615752 one small hole freshly dug (2 ft deep 15" wide). Many tracks 1-2 days old in cleared areas with foottracks leading to more heavily grown areas. Comment: Manior digging common in this area. Possibly illegal gardens.
031055H	YS405902	3 large bunkers in new condition and well camouflaged loc. A/S at 1300H. See para 3. a. (1) (b).

(3) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c and d Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual3

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown2 x SKS, 1 x Mosin Nagant.

(2-5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3.

(1) KIA3 VC

(2) PW1

(5) Individual Weapons

Action4

Caches3

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed ... 5 lb

(9) Med Stores1 lb

(22) SA rds 57

(23) Greandes 100

(24) AP mines 6

(27) Bangalore 3

(3-4), (6-7), (10-21), (25-26) Omitted.

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Vulnerabilities and Capabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 26/71 dated 28 Jun 71.

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9, and 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

INTSUM 183/71 para 3. a. (1) (b), line 2. Delete 10 enemy insert 4 enemy.

c, d and e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) XUAN MOC and NUI NHON AO.

(a) (022215H). At YS695775, 772 RF Coy sighted what appeared to be a VC pl move towards Route 329. Gp later engaged. NFI.

(2) TERRITORIAL FORCES AO.

(a) (020855H). At YS345585 PRU contacted 2 VC with nil results.

(b) (030155H). At YS446586 PSDF sighted 4 VC whom they engaged with nil results.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (021040H) At YS855946 elms of 2/8 Bn 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) found a drum containing 30 lb of polished rice which was later destroyed. 50m away a North - South track was found.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 184/71
DATED 3 JUL 71

INTERROGATION REPORTS
INITIAL INTERROGATION
ILLEGAL RESIDENT - TONG CUA

1. The subject is a male Montagnard about 40 years old. He states that at the time of his detention he was digging wild potatoes.
2. The subject stated that he has had no contact with the VC and does not know of any illegal gardens operated by the VC.
3. He states that he and several members of his family live in an area near the SUOI BANG LA (YS7577).

INITIAL INTERROGATION
ILLEGAL RESIDENT - TONG DUOC

4. The subject is a female Montagnard about 80 years old.
5. The subjects story does not differ to that of CUA's.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 184/71
DATED 3 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents discovered by 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS356811 at 031930H Jul 71, identify elements of the F and E sect of CHAU DUC (D) Unit.
2. Included amongst the documents were:
 - a. A list of medical supplies.
 - b. A personal letter from BA THANH (possibly NGUYEN VAN THANG, who is a member of the F and E Sect, Comd of the Security Sect, and a member of the Current Affairs Sect of the District Committee of CHAU DUC (D) Unit), to DAO (possibly DANG VAN DAO who is the Accountant of the CHAU DUC F and E Sect) dated 27 Jun 71. The letter mentioned that BAY GIANG (probably a member of the District Party Committee and Comd of the F and E Sect of CHAU DUC), had gone to PHUOC HOA (YS285629). Other names mentioned in the letter were HAI HUE (probably a member of the CHAU DUC Med Sect); NAM HAI (probably Liaison Cadre with CHAU DUC F and E, his task being the carrying of taxes from PHU MY to the Dist Unit); NAM HIEU (probably of the F and E Committee of CHAU DUC); and DUC THANH (possibly Treasurer of the CHAU DUC F and E Sect).

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 185/71 dated 4 Jul 71.
2. Period Covered from 040001H to 042400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) (041130H). At YS368813, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a well used track heading E. Track had not been used since night 3/4 Jul 71.

(b) (041805H). At YS472858, mov E to W activated a trip flare in front of A/tk Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn's position. Sentry was unable to see cause. Search was conducted and loc were a VN poncho and fresh footprints which approached from and departed to the E.

(c) (041545H). At YS367814, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc one nootchie place used in past 48 hrs by an est 1 pers. Found were 1 hammock pole, a fireplace and 2x9mm shells rec used. Position was in good condition and has been destroyed.

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a) (041130H). At YS708834, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found the fol items dumped in the jungle: 1x44 gal drum fitted with taps, 1 metal water drum, 1 hammock with suspected blood stains, 1x44 gal drum with ends cut out, 3 sandbags of salt (approx 30 lbs), qty dysentery tablets, 1 wash basin and a small qty plastic. Items were one year old and not rec used. All items were destroyed.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (041205H). In vic YS442941 (area of contact A Sqn 3 Cav Regt where 12 VC KIA on night 21/22 Jun 71, INTSUM 172/71 para 3.a.(1)(a) refers), an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found one AK-50 rifle.

(b) (041318H). From YS423934, 5 Pl B Coy RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard several shots fired from vic YS4194.

(c) (Prior to 041920H). Fwd Del Tp 1 Armd Regt while on a clearing ptl to S of FSB MAUREEN (YS436766) found a bamboo switch, lead and battery about 30m S of the outer wire. 60 lbs explosive were found but it and the switch were fairly old. The explosive had been apparently designed for APCs. It has been demolished.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
040745H	YS E 77-81, N 84-86	No sign of rec mov.
041000H	YS E 335-365, N 83-86	No rec mov seen in area except woodcutter tracks which enter scrub from trail at YS340825 and meander E for approx 1,000m
	YS439855	At edge of trail, an area containing 3 "L" shaped pits, 2 slit trenches and crawl trenches. System in good condition and no more than 6 mths old.
	YS347854	Another area, adjacent to the first, on the W side of the trail with crawl trenches and 4 pits. RAAF ac observed a sampan travelling fast in the mouth of SONG RAI. Sampan then turned and headed out to sea.
041010H	YS5756	
041200H	YS E 54-56, N 89-93	No sign of fresh mov.
041400H	YS E 64-67, N 74-77	No rec mov in area

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., c. and d. omitted.

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

- (a) Individual 1
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown. YS442941 - one AK 50 rifle.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Omitted.
- (b) Destroyed.
 - YS708834 - two 44 gal drums, one hammock and qty of misc items.
 - YS436766 - 60 lbs of explosive.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS708834	Salt	30 lbs	One year old. Destroyed.

(4) and (5) omitted.

.../f. Cumulative

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

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|---|-------------------------|
| (1) KIA.....3 VC | (9) Med Stores.....1 lb |
| (2) PW.....1 | (10) to (21) omitted. |
| (3) and (4) omitted. | (22) SA rds.....57. |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (23) Grenades.....100. |
| Action...5 | (24) AP Mines.....6. |
| Caches...3 | (25) and (26) omitted. |
| (6) and (7) omitted. | (26) Bangalore.....3. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed. 35 lbs | |

5. New Obstacles Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.
 Booby Trap at YS43676.

6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 26/71 dated 28 Jun 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

INTSUM 184/71 para 3. a. (1) (d) line 3 delete 37, insert 57.

INTSUM 184/71 Annex B para 2. b. delete BA THANH, insert BA THANG.

INTSUM 184/71 Annex B para 2. b. line 10, delete DUC THANH, insert DUC THANG.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) LONG KHANH report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1700H on 18 Jun 71, in the vic of YT525353 and YT545360, approx 100 VC were moving from War Zone D to cross Hwy 20. They were to be guided by the XUAN LOC District Force to be replacements for 33 NVA Regt.

(2) RTAVF report received 1 ATF 4 Jul 71. Eval RTAVF B3, 1 ATF F5.

On 2 Jul 71, 100 men were loc in the vic of YS270807. Intentions unk.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) The fol is a list of grids of UXB from airstrikes to 03 Jul 71.

<u>GRID</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YS353904	1 x 750 lb	22 May 71.
YS396916	1 x 500 lb	30 Jun 71.
YS365905	1 x 500 lb	01 Jul 71.
YS397916	2 x 500 lb	02 Jul 71.
YS405902	1 x 500 lb	03 Jul 71.

(2) Late Report.(021645H). At YS335950, RTAVF tps det an unk type of mine. Results: 3 THAIs slightly WIA, 1 APC heavily damaged.

(3) Late Report.(032033H). In vic YS2371, PRU contacted a squad sized en force. Results: one VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (CIA). CIA also was one RPG-2.

(4) Late Report.(031210H). At YS313956, RTAVF tps loc and destroyed 7 bunkers, one 155mm arty rd, one 105mm arty rd, one RPG. one claymore mine, two bags TNT and one tent.

(5) Late Report.(031445H). At YS313956, RTAVF tps loc and destroyed three improvised booby traps and one empty shell of a 250 lb bomb.

(6) Late Report.(031530H). At YS313956, RTAVF tps loc and destroyed two bunkers and captured 10 lbs rice, two claymore mines, two hand grenades, two blasting caps, three M-79 rds and a qty of misc eqpt. Later (1555H), a further one M-79 rd, one block of TNT and one bayonet were loc.

(7) Late Report.(030945H). At YS313956, a bulldozer of 60 LCC Coy detonated a booby trap. Results: one US WIA.

(8) Late Report.(031415H). At YT627039, tps of 3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) eng one en who returned fire. At 1420H an unk sized en force eng with heavy vol of B-40 and SA fire. Results: two US KIA, four US WIA, one en KIA. At 1622H en eng 3 Bde tps again with .30 cal MG and SA fire. Contact broke at 1633H when en withdrew. During contact a helicopter was eng with GAF with nil hits. Results of second contact: nil friendly cas, en cas unk.

(9) Late Report (021745H). At YT776085, 3 Bde tps loc an old en trg area with trg aids. Tin cans and pieces of wood were used to simulate shape charges and A/tk pressure detonated mines. All were very old and not used in past 3-6 mths.

(10) Late Report.(031245H). At YS820965, 3 Bde tps eng one en. Results: nil friendly

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cas. CIA was one PW (WIA), one AK-47, three AK-47 mags (90 rds), small qty of docus and misc eqpt. Preliminary interrogation revealed PW's name as NGUYEN VAN PHUONG, squad leader A3 squad C301. PHUONG stated he had been in NUI BE area for 15 mths and C301 had a strength of 30 men. The mission of C301 is to provide food for the VC of BA LONG (P) HQ.

- (11) Late Report.(031650H). At YS824965, 3 Bde tps loc three sandbags with 150 lbs of salt wrapped in green plastic inside a tree trunk. Cache had been in place 3 weeks and used in the past 24 hrs.
- (12) Late Report.(021358H). At YS824965, 3 Bde (Ranger) tps eng two en who then withdrew SE. Search of area loc complex of 8 huts and other structures. Loc were 9 VC rucksacks hanging to dry, 1 VC pack (with 40 lbs polished rice), 1 NVA poncho and qty of misc items. Loc in the huts were 10 lbs salt, 50 lbs flour, 10 lbs sugar, 3 lbs pork, 1 gal whiskey, 20 NVA ponchos, 10 prs NVA boots, 4 prs HO CHI MINH sandals, 1 roll NVA poncho material (50 yds), qty clothing and cooking gear, 1 chest web eqpt with 4 full AK-47 mags, 50 loose AK-47 rds and a qty of docus. Alongside a mess hut were 4 bags of polished rice (120 lbs). At 1550H at YS825965 a further Ranger team was inserted and they loc 20 US sandbags on a platform containing 600 lbs rice. At YT822959 a recently used campsite was loc with 50 sleeping positions and a NE/SW track leading into village. Area had been constantly used by est 50 pers.
- (13) DAT DO report that three youths have been captured by the VC from area YS5155. No further info as yet.
- (14) Prior to 042220H an ac observed a 15 ft motorized sampan moving SW along coast from YS920727.
- (15) Prior to 042155H an ac observed a large motor boat in blacked out condition moving NE along coast at YS733605.

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ANNEXES: E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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List A (Adjusted) HQ TRAC MACV-CICV MACV-J2 BIEN HOA Sector Advisory Team 89
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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 185/71
DATED 4 JUL 71.

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2. and 3. omitted.
- 4. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
040845H	YS340913	YS340916	YS363874
	YS340895	YS347875	YS363879
	YS347897	YS346930	YS370885
	YS347878	YS352873	YS376880
	YS370877	YS352876	YS376904
	YS408900		
	YS412890		

COMMENT:The readings suggest that once more the SUOI CA/SUOI SOC base area is occupied, probably by elms of 274 Regt and SR 4. Possible rocket primaries were heard from general area YS340913 on 25 Apr 71, and automatic fire from near YS340895 on 30 Apr 71. See also agent report para 11. d. (a) (6) concerning the reported presence of an elm of 274 Regt in area YS347883.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 186/71.
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a)(051130H). At YS420919, elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted 3 VN in greens, but unable to see if they were carrying weapons. VN withdrew North across creek following sighting. A search later revealed an old East-North track leading into the creek, with use in the last 12 hours.

(2) AO KINGSGROVE

(a)(050520H). At YS382693, a base patrol from 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged two enemy moving from North to South along a track. A sweep revealed no results.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a)(051900H) At YS446760, Fwd Del Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt whilst conducting a sweep of their AO for blinds (Refer INTSUM 185/71 para 3. a. (3) (c) located a 105 mm illum blind resting on 20 lb of TNT. The mine was 6 months old and appeared to be set up as an Atk mine.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DIG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
050730H	E 58 - 61 N Coast - 61	No sign of recent movement. Fishing boats netting 40m off coast.

051010H	E 67 - 69 N 58 - 61 YS666614	No fresh sign in area. However, at this loc an old camp site showed signs of recent use. The camp is close to the river at the camp 2 VC hootchies with stores or equipment inside them were seen. Also seen were a brown bag with stores inside it, a blue plastic sheet, one black shirt and a sieve in the water. 2 bunkers were also seen which appeared to be usable. On later observation items are thought to have been removed from area.
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051415H	YS375876	Several heavy tracks approx one week old were seen in and around a clearing.
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	YS364870	A hole approx 3 ft in diameter. Several heavy tracks approx 2 weeks old were seen 50m from the area. Mov was seen near the hole and was engaged. No further results.
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051445H	YS364868	One large hole with fresh tracks around it. A man or an animal was seen in the area. The mov continued for approx 10 mins.
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051040H	YS379781	One person in black clothing ran from a bomb crater into the jungle.
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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3.

(1) KIA 3 VC

(10-21) Omitted.

(2) PW 1

(22) SA Rounds 57

(3-4) Omitted.

(23) Grenades 100

(5) Individual Weapons

(24) AP Mines 1

Action 5

(25) AT Mines 1

Caches 3

(26) TNT 20 lbs

(6-7) Omitted.

(27) Bangalore 3

(8) Salt captured and destroyed 35 lbs

(9) Med Stores 1 lb.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

AT MINES

YS 446760.

6, 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 27/71 dated 5 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

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11. Miscellaneous

a, b, c, Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Other Areas.

(a) Received at 1 ATF on 3 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
(021600H) At YS455614 three LONG DIEN Village guerillas, disguised as civilians armed with K54s and grenades appeared near the above grid to ask for information. Source reports they have organised children 10-12 years old from LONG PHUONC and LONG NGUYEN to relay information for them.

(b) Received at 1 ATF on 3 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F1.
RDC reported on 2 Jul that on night 2/3 Jul a group of VC would infiltrate into YS445584 to spread propaganda in Sector B AN HOA. Group to be led by VAN MAN (held by 1 ATF ORBAT as PCS, Security and Farming Cadre TAM PHUOC). Comment: The infiltration subsequently took place and the enemy were ambushed by RDC and PSDF. See report in para 11. f (1) of this INTSUM and account of propaganda leaflet dropped by enemy in ANNEX B of this INTSUM.

(c) Received at 1 ATF on 3 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3. Source states that at YS235710 a group of about nine VC (ident unk) armed with 1 B40 and individual weapons, and moving from the RUNG SAT area regularly pick up supplies provided by their commo-liason cells along Route 15. Source also reported that the two groups intended meeting again at above grid on nights of 3 and 4 Jul 71.

(d) Received from S2 Sector BARIA, on 5 Jul. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
At YS278746 at 041600H Jul 71 approx seven VC of PHU MY Village guerillas usually collect taxes from oxcart owners at this point. They also ask refugees to buy supplies for them which they collect at about 2200H when they infiltrate along the SUOI NHUY (YS263745).

(e) Received from RD Cadre on 5 Jul 71. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.
At YS297575 at 041400H Jul 71 source reported that he observed three VC, who asked civilians to obtain information about the local PF Platoons.

(f) Received from RD Cadre on 5 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
At YS432589 at YS032230H Jul 71 approx one section of VC entered AP AN BINH near YS432589. They warned civilians not to take part in the coming elections and collected food. They left at approx 2400H.

(g) XUYEN MOC report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6.
At 1000H on 30 Jun 71, six VC of PHUOC BUU Village Guerilla Unit were seen at YS607634. Source stated the VC intended entering GO CAT (H) to obtain food.

(h) XUYEN MOC NP report received 1 ATF 2 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.
In the period 30 Jun/1 Jul 71, a group of approx five VC have been collecting taxes in vicinity YS640695 from timber trucks.

(i) RTAVF report received 1 ATF 4 Jul 71. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F4.
In early morning on 1 Jul, vicinity YS309795, an unidentified VC unit strength 20-25 men, were located in this area after moving from NHON TRACH (D)

(j) DUC THANH report received 2 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.
Two VC, disguised as PF, have been regularly at Lot 11 BINH BA rubber, vicinity YS462755.

(k) RTAVF report received 1 ATF 4 Jul 71. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F4.
At 1200H on 30 Jun 71, D2/SR4, strength approx 40 men were loc at YS325853.

(l) 525MI Group report received 1 ATF F3 3 Jul 71. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3.
At 1500H on 30 Jun 71, an elm of 274 Regt, strength 70-80 men, was located vicinity YS347883. It had moved to this area from SUOI LE stream vicinity YS512879. Unit is armed with 1 82mm mortar and 1 AA gun and intends to conduct ground and mortar attacks on THAI forces in the BING SON area and possibly mortar attacks on camp BEARCAT.

(m) XUYEN MOC report received 1 ATF 4 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.
At 2400H on 3 Jul 71, 4 VC come into the area YS652666, YS642678, YS657667 to get resupply and ask for information.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Territorial Forces AO.

Late Report. (030030H) At YS445584 RDC and PSDF ambushed 2-3 VC who withdrew towards CHAN VAN TIEP pagoda where they left propaganda leaflets behind (See this INTSUM ANNEX B for example translated).

(2) (051505H). At YS671935, elms of BIEN HOA Sector reported a truck at the above location.

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Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) INTSUM

- (3) (041030H). At YT260160, a sniffer ac returning to BIEN HOA received ground fire resulting in 9 hits to the ac. Results: 2 US WIA. 1 ac moderately damaged.
- (4) (041000H). At YS827967, 3 Bde tps loc a cache containing 450 lbs rice in 18 sandbags. The cache was on a log platform 1' above the ground. Numerous tracks were in the area which had been used within the last 24 hrs.
- (5) (041130H). At YS829967, 3 Bde tps loc 150 lbs of rice in 6 sandbags. The area was used in the last 24 hrs by 2 pers who moved NE.
- (6) (041205H). At YS823964, 3 Bde tps loc a cache containing 50 lb salt. A N-S track with use in the last 36 hrs by an unk number of pers led from the area.
- (7) (041430H). At YS827969, 3 Bde tps loc 40 green plastic ponchos in a basket. The basket had been in place for 2 weeks.
- (8) (041510H). At YS824963, 3 Bde tps loc a 100 lb bag of cement covered with plastic and placed on a rock.
- (9) Reference INTSUM 185/71 para 11. f. (13), at 1750H on 4 Jul 71 at YS522567 a group of VC kidnapped 2 youths and one 14 yr old girl, who were herding cows out of the fields of old HOI MY at the time of the kidnapping.

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- ANNEXES: B. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS
- E. AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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DATED 5 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Leaflet captured after ambush by RDC/PSDF, ref this INTSUM para 11. f. (1) has been translated to read: -

" Vietnamese compatriots are advised to take heed and not go into areas displaying "Prohibited Entry" signs because of the danger of being blown up by guerilla mines. Vietnamese are not to go far from their homes because the guerillas have planted mines all around in order to hit the enemy. Vietnamese must pay particuaar attention to avoid the loss of lives. Under no circumstances go into the jungle or into the mountains to gather firewood nor are you to go into the grounds of pagodas because there are many mines planted by guerillas. The Americans are plotting to lead our Vietnamese compatriots into guerilla minefields and traps with the intention of killing you"

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1., 2. and 3. omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>		<u>STRONG</u>		<u>MINIMUM</u>
050900-	YS343883	YS351882	YS401884	YS363883	YS351880
051050	YS343886	YS369883	YS401887	YS369885	YS360895
	YS343891	YS377887	YS361893	YS369888	YS361890
	YS343893	YS373882	YS361887	YS371892	YS368893
	YS347888	YS379879	YS361885		YS368896
	YS347892	YS401881			YS371894
	YS350885				

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COMMENT:

Inversion covered a large amount of the area. This was caused by effluent being blown into the area from a THAI support base located immediately West of sniffer area. All readings received were in low lying areas, i.e. along creek beds, in small valleys etc. There is a possibility that the readings received were from these friendlies.

Blowing West
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DATED 5 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

The following documents were captured at the site of the sniffer area on 1 July 1971. The documents are in the form of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) and are dated 1 July 1971. The LHM is addressed to the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division, and is from the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division. The LHM contains information regarding the capture of the documents and the location of the sniffer area. The LHM also contains information regarding the capture of the documents and the location of the sniffer area. The LHM also contains information regarding the capture of the documents and the location of the sniffer area.

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AIRIAL SENSOR READINGS

TIME	MINIMUM	STATION	MAXIMUM	ATD (Sniffer)
1337:00	1337:00	1337:00	1337:00	1337:00
1337:05	1337:05	1337:05	1337:05	1337:05
1337:10	1337:10	1337:10	1337:10	1337:10
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

1 ATF SUPINTREP 27/71
(PERIOD 28 JUN - 4 JUL 71)

HQ 1 ATF
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5 Jul 71

NORTH VIETNAM

1. Repairs to the runway at DONG HOI are continuing and aerial photography has shown they are almost complete. There are also indications that a ground controlled intercept radar station (GCI) may have been established in the area. If a GCI site has been established then positive direction of North Vietnamese intercept aircraft would be possible as far as DA NANG in South Vietnam and the BOLEVENS Plateau in LAOS.
2. SLAR indicated a return to a high level of supplies being moved South along Routes 101C and 1AC. A daily rate of 107 tons was achieved during the week compared with 78 tons per day last week and 95 tons per day for the last 30 days.

LAOS

3. Truck movement throughout the PANHANDLE, as reflected by sensor string activations, increased during the week. There were 952 activations as compared to 650 during the previous week. This level of movement is probably due to the slackening of the rains during the past week. Visual and photographic recce have shown considerable use of gravel and corduroy to repair roads and fords. The majority of roads in the PANHANDLE have been assessed as being in fair to good condition.
4. The friendly forces occupying DONG HENE have been steadily moving East towards MUONG PHALANE and have so far met with only light resistance. General VANG PAO's forces are beginning to reoccupy the PLAIN OF JARS and the surrounding high ground. Although these forces are only meeting light resistance large caches of food and ammunition are being uncovered.

CAMBODIA

5. Enemy initiated activity remained at a very low level during the week. The most significant event occurred on 30 Jun when ARVN/^{forces} contacted an enemy force near SVAY RIENG (WT673186) while on sweep operations. The result of the contact was 3 friendly killed and 18 wounded to 28 enemy killed. A further reported 96 enemy who had been killed by air were discovered in the area.
6. Near PHNOM PENH there was an attack by fire of 20 57mm RR rounds resulting in 3 friendlies wounded and slight damage to a POL storage area. In another incident a plastic charge was found attached to the pier at BEAM Naval Base (VS4962). No damage was caused. Concussion grenades detonated in the water by government troops resulted in one body dressed in skin diving equipment being found.

MR 1

7. Primarily as a result of the current enemy offensive in central QUANG TRI Province, enemy initiated activity continued at a moderate level. Enemy pressure around the area of FSB FULLER continued and several heavy attacks by fire and ground attacks were launched. The enemy involved is believed to be 27 NVA Regt and 84 Arty Regt. The enemy's activity in this area is probably intended to keep pressure on the fire support bases facing the DMZ to prevent them from firing on the stockpiles of supplies in the Northern half of the DMZ.
8. Two PWs captured on 25 Jun in eastern QUANG TRI Province have given information concerning Sapper units strengths and methods of operations. The PWs stated that there are approximately 250 members of 126 Naval Sapper Regt operating in the VINH LINH area while a further 750 are engaged in training and security duties in the area.

MR 2

9. Enemy initiated activity remained at a reduced level. There were several incidents which resulted in considerable damage in VC MR 5. In QUI NHON City an ammunition storage area which lost 428 tons of ammunition during a 23 Jun attack by fire, lost 2,755 tons on 29 Jun and a further 3,000 tons on 30 Jun by similar attacks. On 1 Jul ROKA elements discovered a cache of 3.3 tons of rice in BINH DINH Province.
10. On 27 Jun a railway bridge near TUY HOA (CQ172450) was damaged by an explosive charge. On 28 Jun the DA RANG bridge in the same area was severely damaged by a 450lb charge; repairs will take about 2 months.

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MR 4

11. Activity remained at a low level. Two OPs were overrun during the week (WS728561 and XR128955). Cumulative results were 28 friendlies killed and 8 wounded to 3 enemy killed.

MR 3

12 Activity continued at a low level. There was one terrorist attack reported in SAIGON during the week. In this incident on 28 Jun a terrorist assassinated the Chairman of the Student Body of SAIGON University Law School. The terrorist was later apprehended by the National Police.

13. Two significant cache discoveries were made during the week. One near HAM TAN (YS848946) yielded 11 tons of flour, 1150 lbs of rice, 1200 lbs of salt, and a large quantity of miscellaneous equipment. The other cache was discovered in a private house in SAIGON. It contained 41 weapons and 5,000 rounds of SA ammunition.

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General

14. 1 ATF troops were involved in seven contacts during the week. Three enemy were killed and one was wounded and captured. There were five contacts involving Sector forces resulting in one enemy killed and one enemy wounded and captured. Six GVN soldiers were killed and one was wounded.

Enemy Unit Identification and Locations

15. D445 is still believed to be in the MAY TAO area, while C1 Coy remains in the LONG HAIs.

16. LONG DAT is believed still to be in the LONG HAIs.

17. 274 VC Regt.

- a. On 30 Jun a 1 ATF patrol contacted approximately 11 VC in the area of a bunker system in the Northern Province border area. A pack was captured containing several unopened letters addressed to members of 1 Bn 274 Regt. It is most likely that the owner of the pack was a 274 Regt courier carrying mail for 1 Bn.
- b. On 1 Jul elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged six to ten VC near the CHAU LAC Plantation (at YS429872) who were moving North-West prior to contact. Two enemy were killed and one was wounded and captured. From documents and interrogation the enemy were identified as members of 274 Regt.

18 CHAU DUC.

- a. On 2 Jul D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted approximately 4 enemy near the SUOI CHAU PHA (at YS356811). One enemy was killed. He was not able to be identified but documents were found in a bunker and tunnel system in the immediate area which identified CHAU DUC (YS356811). This tunnel system is extensive and well constructed, being over 500 feet in length and in places up to six feet in height.
- b. Other documents identifying CHAU DUC were found by C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) North of NUI NHAN (at YS418808) in a camp which had probably been used by CHAU DUC elements as late as 30 Jun. Several East-West tracks have been found.
- c. CHAU DUC had been located in Southern LONG KHANH from Feb 71 until mid - Jun during which a re - organization of the unit took place. Insufficient is known of the new CHAU DUC organization but it is reported that a "Group 13", numbering possibly 30, was one of the elements formed. (See Annex A to INTSUM 118/71 and 127/71). Group 13 were believed to be in the area of the SUOI LUC just prior to the commencement of Operation OVERLORD, and it is possibly this group from CHAU DUC, including the Finance and Economy Section, which has moved to the CHAU PHA Valley.

19. BARIA City Unit.

- a. On 3 Jul a Province Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) patrol contacted an enemy group South of PHU MY (at YS235710), killing one and capturing another who later died of wounds. A B40 was also captured. The PW was identified as a member of C2 BARIA City Engineers. This unit was formerly an element of the disbanded D65 MF Engr Bn and was left behind in the North-Western portion of the Province

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in order to continue with D65's stated task of mining the fire trails and of harassment along Route 15. The strength of C2 is believed to be approximately 25, and C2 may possibly have been responsible for the cratering incident on Route 15 on 26 Jun (YS253719, see also Annex A to INTSUM 76/71 and 91/71 for reports of C2).

- b. On 2 Jul another PRU patrol contacted two VC in the RUNG SAT South of BARIA City (YS345585). Many agent reports indicate that the BARIA City Unit use this area regularly.

20. Military Region 7.

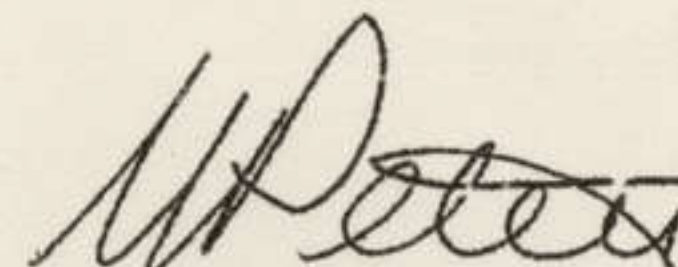
- a. On 29 Jun troops of 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) contacted an enemy force North of NUI BE (at YT788088) killing seven. Three Americans were killed and 19 were wounded. The enemy force have been identified as an element of the Recce Sect MR 7.
- b. Further exploitation has been carried out by the Americans following discovery of caches in the Entry Exit Point 63 area (area YS8494) north of NUI BE. Nearly seven tons of flour, 950 lbs of rice and 400 lbs of salt have been found in the area recently.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions.

21. 36 USARV Trg Bn report that an OP of their unit in the LONG HAIs (YS442537) has been engaged by squad sized enemy parties on three occasions over the past month. On 1 Jul RF troops were ambushed in the Southern LONG HAIs near Route 44 (YS476490), resulting in six RF killed and one wounded. These factors point to continued aggressiveness on the part of enemy troops in the LONG HAIs, of whom the most significant are C25 Concentrated Coy of LONG DAT and C1 Coy of D445.

22. D445 may now have escaped suffering any losses since late April and may well attempt a return to the Province soon.

23. From recent documents it is clear that 274 Regt is attempting to obtain supplies from the VIET CUONG and other plantations in the area. In addition to the two contacts mentioned earlier (para 17 above) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) have had three contacts in the past week and have found several tracks in the COURTENAY area. These factors, plus recent documents, sniffer readings and agent reports suggest that elements of 1 Bn 274 Regt and of the Regimental Headquarters and support companies have been moving regularly on resupply and possibly reconnaissance, over the area from the SONG CA (YS3388) to the Route 2 area and possibly East. Offensive activity on the part of 274 Regt elements in the Northern Route 2 area remains a possibility.



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Distribution:

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 187/71 dated 6 Jul 71.
2. Period Covered from 060001H to 062400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) (061230H). At YS411924, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found two incomplete bunkers 50m apart and measuring 7' x 5' x 3' with incomplete OHP. Project seems to have been abandoned 3-4 days ago but bunkers are still in fair condition. No eqpt, stores or booby traps in area.

(b) (061440H). At YS411926, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an old, heavy, E-W track.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (060045H). At YS705792, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt eng a suspected 2-3 en who were moving N-S. The en withdrew N. COMMENT: There has been a report of VC taxing in this general area (INTSUM 146/71 Annex C para 2 refers), and a reported VC group sighted by RF on 2 Jul 71 at YS695775 (INTSUM 184/71 para 11. f. (1) (a) refers).

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (161 Indep Recce Flt unless otherwise stated).DTG

060800H E 48-51,
N 90-93

No fresh sign seen in VR area. A thin col of what appeared to be smoke was seen at YS507936. This was investigated and smoke disappeared. Nothing could be found to cause it. This area is quite thick with NW/SE running streams. COMMENT: This is the loc of the bunker system in which 3 RAR and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted 3/33 on 7 Jun 71. However, 3/33 elms are believed now to be well N of this area.

061000H E 38-42,
N 75-77

Generally no recent movement. At YS391774 old bunker system of 4 bunkers seen but no sign of occupation.

061200H E 36-38,
N 69-73

At YS357690 3-4 day old bunkers in reasonable condition but no sign of use. At YS378701 track picked up following line of creek SE to YS379697, used by 10-15 pers 2-5 days ago. 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) advise probably made by their elms. At YS377715 old bunkers with sign of recent movement. At YS376714 friendly rest-up area with many friendly tracks.

061400H E 49-52,
N 92-95

No tracks or signs of movement seen

051550H YS666614

Late Report. Ref INTSUM 186/71 para 3. b. (2) DTG 051010H. Approx 4 hrs after original sighting a short VR indicated camp was empty and none of articles listed in earlier VR could be seen. However target was eng with arty. Further VR produced nil results due to poor light.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA 3 VC

(2) PW 1

(3) and (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 5

Cache 3

(6) and (7) omitted.

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed. 35 lbs

(9) Med Stores.. 1 lb.

(10) to (21) omitted.

(22) SA rds 57.

(23) Grenades 100.

(24) AP Mines 1.

(25) AT Mines 6.

(26) TNT 20 lbs.

(27) Bangalore 3.

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5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 27/71 dated 5 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

INTSUM 186/71 para 3. a. (1) (a) delete 'North', insert 'West'.

INTSUM 186/71 para 4. f. (24) AP Mines delete '1', insert '6'.

INTSUM 186/71 para 11. d. (1) (b) delete 'VAN MAN', insert 'NGUYEN VAN MAN'.

INTSUM 186/71 para 11. d. (1) (f) delete YS from DTG.

INTSUM 185/71 para 3. b. (2) delete 'YS439855', insert 'YS349855'.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial AO.

(a) Received 6 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On 2 Jul 71 at AP 3 NGAI GIAO, TAM SONG (unk to 1 ATF but agent reports as Party Member and Section Leader of Recce Gp C41 CHAU DUC); VU, Party Member and Coy 2 IC C41 (ORBAT holds as 2 IC C41) were seen to stop and talk to people. VC asked about situation around HOA LONG and Route 2 and stated they would remain in area of AP 3 and 4 to buy bananas and rice.

(b) Received 6 Jul 71.

On 2 Jul 71 2 tractors were seen in area of HUU DUC Plantation (YS425795) carrying rice for VC. Rice was put in spare wheel by driver.

(c) Received from PRU 5 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 3 Jul the VC were reported to be organizing a training course in sapper techniques and techniques of assassination of GVN officials. Methods of assassination to be taught were to be the placing of explosives in motor cycles and similar vehicles.

(d) Received from PRU 5 Jul 71. VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 5 Jul 71 it was reported that 6 VC meet daily at YS275553 to gather information from the people and obtain water which they take to YS280546.

(e) Received from LONG LE 5 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 041900H Jul 71 at YS228739 7 VC were sighted moving from NGON MUONG (YS2273) to BA PHONG (unk) armed with 1 B40, 1 K54 and 3 AK 47. Identified with the group was NGUYEN VAN TU possibly aka PHAM VAN VIEN described as an old man with an intimate knowledge of the RUNG SAT area.

(f) Received from LONG LE 6 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 050600 Jul 71 at NGON MUONG (YS2273) three VC were sighted in a moored sampan. They did not stop passing fishermen.

(g) Received from LONG LE 6 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 050830H Jul 71 at YS238694 six VC armed with 1 B 40, 1 K54 and 3 AK 47 stopped fishermen to ask if ARVN units from PHU MY and ONG TRINH were operating in the RUNG SAT. The VC group included one female cadre.

(h) Received from LONG LE 6 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 051400H Jul 71 at YS233645 four members of the PHUOC HOA F/E and guerilla sections (sic) including DANG VAN SANG (ORBAT holds as Comd of PHUOC HOA guerilla Unit) and NGUYEN VAN LAM (ORBAT holds as F/E Cadre and member of guerilla unit, PHUOC HOA) were sighted in a sampan. They were dressed in black uniforms and armed with 1 AK 47, 1 carbine and 2 CKC. They stopped woodcutters and fishermen to propaganderize, ask for information about the five hamlets of PHUOC HOA village and to levy taxes.

(i) Received from LONG LE 6 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 051600H Jul 71 at HAI GHE YS354590 five VC of 4 Wing BARIA City Unit (sic) including NGUYEN HOANG HIEP (ORBAT holds as Military Affairs Cadre, Security Section, Wing 4 BARIA City Unit) and TRAN THI PHAN (ORBAT holds a THI MUOI PHAN as Womens Cadre, NLF, BARIA City Unit) were sighted in a rowboat. They were dressed in mixed uniforms and were armed with 1 AK 47, 1 M16 and 3 carbines. They stopped fishermen to ask if any units protected, supported or ambushed at AP BEN SUC (possibly hamlet of LONG LE YS3860). They then requested that people buy food and nylon and leave at that location for later collection.

e. Omitted.

f. Omitted.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 187/71
DATED 6 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

The following is a translation of a letter recently sent by "The Peoples Revolutionary Committee" of XUYEN MOC to several residents of the village:

"The American imperialists have rashly brought American troops and the troops of their lackies as well as materials of war into our country. THIEU, KY and KHIEM have sold out the country. They have resigned themselves, bowed down their heads and are lackies of the Americans. In their demented state they have continuously used bombs and bullets in their mopping up operations. They have built jails and guillotines to suppress, bloodily repress and kill our people. They have destroyed who knows how many villages, houses and fields. They have forced the people into strategic hamlets hoping to thwart the Revolutionary Movement of the people. However, the reverse has occurred. With the heartfelt strength and resolution of our forces and people, they have been continuously attacked, pushed back, beaten and been given a good thrashing. They have suffered heavy casualties on all fronts so that the Americans have been forced to back down and withdraw their troops and those of their lackies. THIEU, KY and KHIEM realise that they will be toppled by the struggles of our people.

With characteristic stubbornness they have tried to delay the day of reckoning by throwing all their efforts into a plot to "Vietnamise" the war, which is only in fact using Vietnamese to kill Vietnamese, and so bringing about an internecine situation and one of familial bloodshed to protect their stinking regime. To bring this about they have spread propaganda of distorted truths, so duping a number of gillible people into working for their reactionary organisations set up by the enemy. Those working in these organisations are only lackies.

Authoritative bodies of all levels set up by the enemy are only to force our people to live forever in the prisons which they describe as strategic hamlets. You have worked voluntarily for the enemy from 1962 to 1971 and who knows how many crimes you have committed against the people of your region.

You must consider. At the moment you have two courses open to you. You choose one.

One is to fight the enemy and not work with him. Return to your village, family and children and the people and the Revolution will show you mercy.

The other is if you continue to work as a lackey for the enemy. In this case you will be severely punished by the people.

Because of the mood of the people, you must quickly choose a course that will take you back to your village and family"

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1., 2. and 4. omitted.

3. SLAR Activity.

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LOCATION

READOUT

030416H

YS580750

One moving target on river.
(SONG RAI)

COMMENT: This moving object is thought to have been a sampan as it is unlikely that anything else would have produced such a reading in the area. Nearby a patrol found a cache of equipment on 21 Apr and this cache was exploited by 3 RAR on 3 Jul. However, the cache was not a recent one. There have been many recent reports of sampans in the lower SONG RAI, but none as high up the river as this. Further reconnaissance of the river will be carried out.

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- Annexes:
- B. Captured Documents.
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- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 188/71.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GLENELG

(a)(071625H). At YS697833, D Coy 3 RAR found one booby trap over six months old. It consisted of a 1/2 lb charge in a cylindrical tin, and was operated by a trip wire. The booby trap was 20 metres from a track in a likely ambush position. There were no signs of recent enemy movement in the area, and the booby trap was later destroyed.

(b)(071800H). At YS706802, 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found an unoccupied sleeping area approx 8 ft by 20 ft. It was last used 1-2 days ago, and was approx 1 month old.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

(By 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated.)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
071000-1200H	Mouth of SONG RAI to 66 Northing	Nil significant movement along river banks.
071000-1200H	E 63 - 66 N 73 - 76	No sign of recent movement.
071200-1400H	E 56 - 58 N 72 - 76	A track (almost certainly friendly) followed from YS520712 to YS499723. No persons were seen, but the track would have been used by approx 15 (+) people within a day.
		Nil sighting in VR area.
071400-1615H	E 52 - 55 N 87 - 90	No sign of recent movement in this area.
071545H	YS615776	RAAF aircraft saw smoke rising from this loc. A later VR by aircraft in direct support of 3 RAR saw nothing.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d, and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3.

(1) KIA	3 VC	(10 - 21) Omitted	
(2) PW	1	(22) SA rounds	57
(3 - 4)	Omitted	(23) Grenades	100
(5) Individual Weapons		(24) AP Mines	6
Action	5	(25) Atk Mines	6
Caches	3	(26) TNT	20 lbs
(6 - 7)	Omitted.	(27) Bangalore	3
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	35 lbs		
(9) Med Stores	1 lb		

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

- (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. BOOBY TRAPS 1
- (2) Omitted.

6, 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 27/71 dated 5 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a, b and c Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial AO

Received from 525 MI Group 7 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F6.

On 5 Jul at YS219740, source reported 20 men armed with 3 B40, 1 MG, and individual AK. Their intentions were to collect taxes in PHU MY hamlets in the vicinity of YS252746.

(2) Received from 525 MI Group 7 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On 6 Jul 71 at YS275747, source reported 8 men armed with 2 AK, 6 fifle (NFI) and 2 mines (NFI), Their intentions were to sabotage parts of highway 15 from the vicinity of YS257744, and YS253747.

(3) LONG KHANH Sector Report received 6 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At YS380940, the CAO SU District company comprised of 20 men, who are all local residents and armed with 1 B40, 1 LMG and individual weapons, entered SUOI CA (YS420940) at approx 1900H each night. Their purpose is to requisition foodstuffs from the populace.

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(4) Received 7 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On 6 Jul 71 at YS432811, a group of 9 VC from CHAU DUC ordered villagers from HOA LONG to bring them food supplies.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(1) (062030H). At YT628110 at FSB MACE 1 round of 82mm mortar fire was received from the North, impacting 50m West of perimeter. There were no friendly casualties. Illumination was later fired with negative sightings.

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Annexes: E. Captured Documents.

E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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ANNEX B

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

1. A page from a diary was found on the side of a road by 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS711806 at 041600H Jul 71.
2. The page was dated 29 Jun 71, and had written on it " Sent to XE CAN CAN (possibly a code for a person or a place); BAT THEO (possibly a woodcutter); go back before XE BA BA (possibly a code) go ahead ~~don't~~ wait BAY THEO."

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1, 2 Omitted.
3. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
042341H Jul 71	YS240760	Moving object.
042339H Jul 71	YS390770	Moving object.
042339H Jul 71	YS440710	Moving object.

4. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>E 35 - 42</u>	<u>N 84 - 89</u>	<u>Nil significant sightings.</u>
070900-1050H			

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 189/71.
2. Period Covered from 080001H to 082400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO CLENEUG.

- (a) (080825H). At YS707802, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt stopped a timber truck with three persons on it. Truck was travelling from South to North. The vehicle and occupants were escorted to XUYEN MOC.
- (b) (080912H). At YS702802, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt stopped a timber truck with seven persons on it. The vehicle and occupants were escorted to XUYEN MOC.
- (c) (081510H). At YS687869, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a North-South track with no sign of recent use. On the side of the track were four grenades, strapped to trees approximately six inches from ground. There were loops connected to the striker mechanisms, prepared for setting up as booby traps. Two grenades were spaced 10 metres apart on both sides of the track and had been in position for 6-12 months. There was no sign of recent activity in the area. COMMENT: 7 RAR found a camp of ten bunkers at YS687867 on 28 Dec 70. 100 empty warheads of friction type grenades were found. A booby trap was located consisting of two grenades, one partly exposed and fitted with an anti-lift device. (1 ATF INTSUM 362/70 dated 28 Dec 70 para 3. a. (2) (d) refers).

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (By 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise indicated)

DTG

080800H to 080900H	YS 56-60 E YS 66-70 N	Along line of SONG RAI to 58 Easting only. The river is very swollen and the canopy reaches over the banks and into the water, allowing only occasional glimpses of the bank.
081000H to 081200H	YS 33-35 E YS 84-88 N	No fresh movement.
081200H to 081430H	YS 59-62 E YS 89-92 N	No fresh sign in area.
081400H to 081545H	YS 30-35 E YS 70-72 N	No fresh sign. Mission cut short due to turbulence.
080640H (RAAF)	Area YS5857	Fishing boats in mouth of SONG RAI in prohibited area.
081010H (RAAF)	YS815686	One fishing boat 100 metres off shore.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| (1) KIA 3 VC | (9) Med Stores..... $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. |
| (2) PW 1 | (10) to (21) omitted. |
| (3) and (4) omitted. | (22) SA rds..... 57. |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (23) Grenades..... 104. |
| Action 5 | (24) AP Mines..... 6. |
| Caches 3 | (25) AT Mines..... 6. |
| (6) and (7) omitted. | (26) TNT..... 20 lbs. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed. 35 lbs. | (27) Bangalore..... 3. |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

At 081430H at YS687869 four grenade booby traps.

.../(2) Resulting.

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(2) Resulting in Friendly losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
071600H	YS504559	Unknown	1 civilian wounded

6, 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 27/71 dated 5 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

c. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

INTSUM 188/71 11. d. (2) delete files insert rifles.

INTSUM 188/71 Annex B 2. Line 2 delete BAT insert BAY.

INTSUM 188/71 Annex E 4. delete sightings insert readings.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) DUC THANH report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

At 1100H on 7 Jul 71 approx one VC Coy was observed at YS540820.

(b) DUC THANH report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1500H on 7 Jul 71, approx one VC squad was observed at YS437810. HAI OM was recognised by source in the group. (1 ATF holds HAI OM as a member of NGAI GIAO Party Chapter.)

(2) AO LUGARNO.

(a) NP LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1830H on 7 Jul 71, three guerillas of LONG PHUOC unit stopped civilians coming from LONG DIEN and HOA LONG at YS448643, and told them of the VC anti PSDF policy. Source stated they also asked for information about allied units in HOA LONG. After 15 minutes the VC withdrew South West.

Comment: Regular sightings, at about one week intervals of this group in the same general locality have been reported.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a) Sector S2 report. Eval 1 ATF F5.

On 1 Jul 71, approx 90 VC of DOAN IO were located in the area YS213786, YS228776, YS230740 and YS210733, along the SONG THI VAI River up to YS208777.

1 ATF Comment: BIEN HOA Sector believe DIO remain North of PHUOC TUY (P).

This seems more likely than this agent report.

(b) ONG TRINH report. Eval VN C6, 1 ATF F3.

It is suspected that a VC group, between platoon and company size, is operating between BAN THACH (YS228696) and BA PHUONG (YS238736).

(c) NP PHUOC HOA report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0700H on 7 Jul 71, three VC of PHUOC HOA Party Chapter stopped the informant and asked for food at YS290599. They carried a loud-speaker and asked about the sentry pattern at the PF Platoon at RACH VANG bridge (YS307610).

(d) NP LONG HUONG report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F2.

At 2100H on 7 Jul 71, eight VC of BARIA City Unit infiltrated from the East into HUONG DIEN (H) (YS373616). They later moved to HUONG SON (H) (YS371613) where they remained until 080300H, when the party withdrew North - East.

(e) NP LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0830H on 7 Jul 71, eight VC met fishermen at YS229701 where they asked about friendly troop activity in the area. They left after approx 10 minutes and warned the civilians not to disclose their presence.

(f) PRU report received 1 ATF 8 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

The production cell of NGAI GIAO F and E Sect have been seen daily early in the morning or late in the afternoon at YS430852. It is reported the group collects taxes and information.

(g) PRU report received 1 ATF 8 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1800H on 4 Jul 71 and 5 Jul 71, DUNG (PCS BINH BA) and 2 other VC were seen at YS438808. Source reported they intended to liaise with NGAI GIAO Party Chapter.

(h) (2 Jul 71). 1 ATF F3. A report received from XUYEN MOC indicates that MR 7 Rear Services have tried to persuade GVN soldiers to sell grenades, mines and explosives to them. In a VC letter of 16 Jun 71 these items are priced at:

(i)	Mines, complete with fuse and wire:	\$SVN 6,000
(ii)	Grenades each:	\$SVN 2,000
(iii)	Explosive - per kilo:	\$SVN 2,000

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 189/71
DATED 8 JUL 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
FURTHER INTERROGATION

P.W. - PHAM VAN CHIEU

Reference: Annex to 1 ATF INTSUM No 183/71.

Tactics.

1. The subject stated that when under attack 22 B 274 Regt's standard tactics were to execute an immediate withdrawal under covering fire from the Battalion heavy weapons. A team is left behind in the position to delay the opposition. This tactic is taught thoroughly to all cadre. When the battalion is located in a bunker system patrols of 5-6 men are positioned at a distance of 300-500 metres outside the area to provide early warning. Generally, bunkers are laid out in groups of five, with individual bunkers 10-15 metres apart. Groups of bunkers are approximately 100 metres apart. The layout of the complete bunker system depends upon the ground.

Locations of 2/274 and CAO SU District Coy.

2. PHAM believes that 22 B 274 Regt's current AO lies SSW of XUAN LOC and is in the rough shape of a square. It is bounded by Route 2, the BIEN HOA Railway Line and XA CAM TAM (approximately within the area Eastings 37-46, Northings YS99-YTC9). The Battalion itself is said to be located in area YP410040, and is deployed around the 322 feature.

3. The subject gave details of the CAO SU District Coy (C207), which he states is located at approximately YT3803 and has a strength of 30-40 personnel.

Attitude of the North Vietnamese.

4. The subject stated that the attitude of the North Vietnamese people at the time of the bombing halts was a unanimous desire for peace. This, however, was negated by the leadership's decision to carry on the "revolution" in the South.

COMMENT.

5. The subject still avoids answering some questions, particularly those concerning his actions at the time of his capture and his former leader's current intentions. He commented that he anticipated still that at any time he might be taken out and shot, and that he was surprised at the good treatment he was receiving in 1 Aust Fd Hosp.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2. and 4. omitted.
3. SLAR Activity.

TG
J62040H-062315H

LOCATION
YS350900

READOUT
One moving return in open.
COMMENT: Many maximum 'Sniffer' readings in area recently.

YS575740

One moving return in open.
COMMENT: This is a relatively short distance South of reading on night 3 Jul 71 (YS580750).

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(i)(28 Jun 71). 1 ATF F2 PHUOC HAI NP report that an unknown number of VC infiltrated XA PHUOC HAI in vicinity YS516529 and collected transport taxes. They also taxed shop keepers. The average tax was said to be \$SVN 2,000.

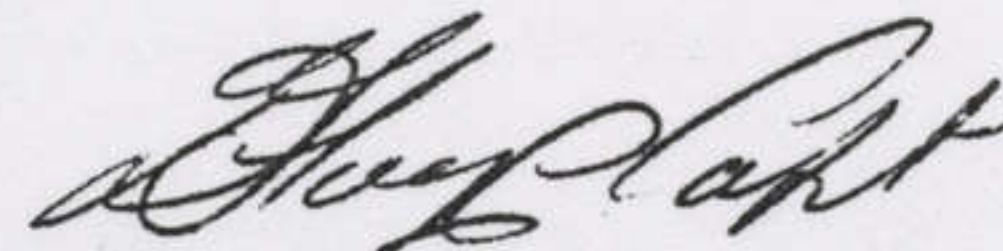
f. Other Items Of Reporting Interest.

(1) Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 ACD (AM) INTSUM

(a) (071014H). At YT794011, 3 Bde tps engaged three enemy on a track. En approached from North West. A follow up force found one enemy seriously wounded (Later DOW) and six enemy KIA. Results. Seven enemy KIA. Six AK 47, a quantity of NVA Military equipment and a quantity of docus were captured. The docus identified C300, F and E Sect MR -7.

(2) Other Areas.

(a)(080230H) At YS230793, 108 PF Pl outpost received three- four rounds of RPG - 2, fired by an unknown number of enemy. Results: Three PF wounded; one building received 50% damage.



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Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports.

E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 190/71.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

- (a)(090300H). At YS423920, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard the sound of a truck engine to the SW.
- (b)(091432H). At YS445923 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard a suspected M79 explosion and several SA shots. APCs later conducted a search along the creek to the north when a further explosion was heard. During the search a truck carrying rubber tappers moved rapidly from the area of the firing South along Route 2. Search revealed nothing.
- (c)(091906H). At YS434869, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 VC who were armed with at least one AK 47 moving West to East. On contact enemy dropped one AK 47 which was CIA. Enemy casualties unknown. Nil friendly cas. Sweep to be conducted.

(2) AO GLENELG.

- (a)(091010H). At YS697833, 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR heard a single shot believed to have come from the vicinity of YS7086.
- (b)(091354H). At YS688691, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a quantity of components used for the production of small arms ammunition stored in a waterproof container and in good condition. Located were: 5 grenades, 108 assorted detonators, 400 .30 cal blank cartridges, 1000 assorted shell cases, 50 firing caps, 500 MI carbine rounds and a small quantity of grenade powder. Also located was a few old pits, and a well which will probably hold water during the dry season. The area has been used by a large number of persons approx 6 months ago.
 Comment: See INTSUM No 189/71 3. a. (1) (c). Site of camp found by 7 RAR 28 Dec 70 containing similar equipment. Possibly related to BA LONG Ordnance Factory found by a 1 ATF patrol at YS733864 in Jan 71 and believed still to be in the general area.
- (c)(091406H). At YS686866, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a VC fragmentation grenade which had been buried at the foot of a sapling. The grenade was fitted with a bamboo friction firing device. It is estimated to have been in location for 6 to 8 months.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
091100H	E 56 - 59 N 69 - 72	No sign of recent movement.
091430H	E 83 - 86 N 71 - 80	The SE section of Route 364 from YS835796 to the SUOI TRAM shows regular use in both directions by small groups during the past week. Elephant tracks follow Route 364 and were tracked as far as the river. A small track branched off the main track to YS834800. Fresh clearings could be seen under the trees at this location although nothing further could be seen.
091610H	E 86 - 89 N 77 - 80	Elephant tracks up to one week old were seen north of Route 364 parallel to track and moving SE. At YS858788 a set of footprints in the mud were seen heading SE. The prints appeared to be made by HO CHI MINH sandals. Elephant tracks meander on and off the track and generally in a SE direction.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, and d Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured and Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1 AK 47

(b and c) Omitted.

(2 - 5) Omitted.

.../f. Cumulative

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR 3.

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|-------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| (1) KIA | 3 VC | (9) Med Stores | 1/2 lb |
| (2) PW | 1 | (10 - 21) Omitted | |
| (3 - 4) Omitted | | (22) SA Rounds | 557 |
| (5) Individual Weapons | | (23) Grenades | 109 |
| Action | 6 | (24) AP Mines | 6 |
| Caches | 3 | (25) Atk Mines | 6 |
| (6 - 7) Omitted | | (26) TNT | 20 lbs |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed ... | 35 lbs | (27) Bangalore | 3 |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

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

BOOBY TRAPS

(091406H). At YS686666, VC fragmentation grenade with bamboo friction firing device.

- (2) Omitted.

6, 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 27/71 dated 5 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous.

a, b and c Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) PRU Report received 9 Jul 71, eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(020700H). At YS638723, a group of approx 20 VC from C70 Concentrated Unit armed with B-40 rockets and individual wpns, stopped local workers and asked if the Aust forces usually operated near BUNG RIENG (YS7168), and how many tps the NPFF had at XUYEN MOC. They later withdrew towards BUNG RIENG and BINH CHAU (YS786681).

(2) Other Areas.

(a) PRU Report received 9 Jul 71, eval 1 ATF F5.

(051400H). At YS219740, a VC unit, identity unknown was loc at RACH MUONG (unk). The unit had a strength of 20 and was armed with HMG, 3 B-40s and individual wpns. They were seen camouflaging their equipment with foliage. Intentions were to move into hamlet A and B of XA PHU MY (YS250746) to levy taxes of money and food.

(b) PRU Report received 9 Jul 71, eval 1 ATF F4.

(061500H). At YS480750 3 VC incl HAI CO an F and E cadre of CHAU DUC District (1 ATF no record) were sighted armed with AK-47s and SKS rifles. Their intentions are to train local forces.

(c) PRU Report received 9 Jul 71, eval VN C3 1 ATF F4.

On the night of 6/7 Jul 71 a unit of approx 100 VC (called C21 a newly organised unit with unknown command level) appeared from the LOC AN jungle of XA PHUOC HAI (YS5153) moved past XA HOI MY and advanced into PHUOC TRINH (area YS4656) jungle of the MINH DAM Secret Zone (LONG HAIs). Source reports that at present this unit is located deployed on NUI CHAU VIEN (vic YS4652, YS4852-YS4650-YS4850). Their intention is to fol closely the activities of 302 RF Bn and they may attack the Bn or apply military pressure to propogandise and sabotage the coming elections. COMMENT: There have been two earlier reports that a "C21 Coy" of LONG DAT was being formed and is composed of recently abducted "recruits", mainly from the PSDF. However, more info is required before its formation can be accepted. In any case the strength of 100 would be a considerable exaggeration.

(d) PRU Report received 9 Jul 71, eval VN C2, 1 ATF F5.

(080800H). At YS212742, a coy of VC identity unknown, strength approx 80 were seen. The majority of soldiers were very young. The VC were camouflaged and deployed at YS212742. They had moved from the area of THAI THIEN.

(e) LONG LE Report received 9 Jul 71, eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(082030H). A group of eight VC armed with 5 AK-47s, 2 B-40 rockets and one M-16 were sighted moving in a motorboat from BEN BA (YS353601) to NGON CUNG CA CHAU.

(f) LONG LE Report received 9 Jul 71, eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(081630H). Five unidentified VC, dressed in mixed clothing and armed with one B-40 and AK-47s were sighted in a sampan at YS243660. The group, which incl three North Vietnamese, propogandised fishermen and later requested to purchase 8 metres of nylon.

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(g) LONG LE Report received 9 Jul 71, eval 1 ATF F3.

(081700H). Three VC dressed in black and armed with one AK-47 and one M-16 led three black dogs to YS346603, when they asked people to disclose the loc of ARVN night ambush positions. After conversing for 15 mins, the VC withdrew towards the RUNG SAT.

(h) DUC THANH Report received 9 Jul 71, eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(091658H). At YS457824, 4 VC appeared carrying one AK-47. They asked people details regarding PF forces loc in LA VAN. LONG from the CHAU DUC Recce Unit was one of the group (1 ATF ORBAT has record of 7 cadre with the name of LONG belonging to CHAU DUC).

(i) DAT DO Report received 9 Jul 71, eval 1 ATF F3.

(082400H). VC from PHUOC THANH PC infiltrated THANH BINH (H) PHUOC THO, DAT DO, for resupply and to contact VCI. Among the VC was ex PCS NGUYEN THI XUA, aka SAU THANH (1 ATF ORBAT has record of XUA as the current PCS who attended a conference at BA LONG (P) HQ in Jul 70. He may not have returned).

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) 9 Jul 71, NP at LONG SON arrested NGUYEN VAN HAI, aka HAI LEO on suspicion of being a VC supplier. (1 ATF ORBAT holds HAI as VC cadre of PHUOC HOA Guerillas).

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(2) (081023H). At YT493150, while on a VR an OH-6A ac flying at 60 knots, altitude 150' received 50-100 rds of SA fire and a unknown number of B-40 rocket rds. Ac received seven SA hits, sustaining moderate damage. En were eng with unknown results.

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1. and 2. omitted.

3. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
080121H	YS290800	1 on river
080135H	YS580775	1 on road
080205H	YS800695	1 on road
080405H	YS290850	1 on river

4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTC</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>		<u>STRONG</u>		<u>MINIMUM</u>	
091040H	YS648926	YS648935	YS634941	YS653935	YS635941	YS642896
	YS642930	YS651935	YS656945	YS665901	YS654945	YS637896
	YS643935	YS663944	YS658945	YS639896	YS635931	YS633896
			YS660945		YS663901	

COMMENT: The principal areas covered by these readings are YS645930, YS659943 and YS635941. HQ BA LONG elms are known to have used this area (although the main elm of the HQ is believed at present to be well North of this). Docs identifying BA LONG HQ were last found in this area on 28 Apr 71 (see SUPINTREP 18/71 para 10. a.).

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 191/71 dated 10 Jul 71.
2. Period Covered from 100000H to 102400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) Further to contact report of 091906H at YS434869, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn swept the area of contact. Results: one en KIA (BC); one AK47 and one pack CIA. COMMENT: No ident has been possible.

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a) (101055H). At YS686867, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a large, very old bunker system in poor condition. Found were: 38 grenades, a qty of moulds for grenade making and a qty of moulds for Claymore making. COMMENT: Possibly the system reported by 7 RAR at YS687867 on 28 Dec 70. (INTSUM 362/70 para 3. c. (2) (a) refers).

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SICHTING</u>
100730H to 101000H	Area YS 61-64 E, YS 87-90 N	No fresh signs.
100855H	YS628925	FAC saw and eng sampan lying on river bank. Rocket attack by ac unsuccessful. <u>COMMENT:</u> Possibly same sampan as reported at YS628923 by VR on 8 May 71. (INTSUM 128/71 Annex E para 1 item 3 refers).
101000H to 101215H	Area YS 77-80 E YS 70-73 N	At YS771704, light foot track followed for 200m. Used approx 7 days ago by approx 5 pers. At YS790710, there is a long E-W track running to YS798713. Amongst numerous animal tracks were signs of use by 10 pers (+) approx 2 weeks ago. <u>COMMENT:</u> A number of old bunkers have been found in this area over the past 8 months and 36 USARV Trg Bn had a contact, probably with BINH CHAU farmers at YS787711 on 11 May 71. These reported tracks may well have been made by BINH CHAU farmers.
101200H to 101400H	Area YS 57-59 E YS 70-74 N	No sightings of en movement.
101400H to 101600H	Area YS 57-59 E YS 75-79 N	No sign of recent movement.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., c. and d. omitted.

b. Total KIA Discovered during This Period that were Killed but not reported in a Previous Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted. 1 VC

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1), (3), (4) and (5) omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured.

38 grenades.

(b) Omitted.

.../f. Cumulative

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| (1) KIA 4 VC | (9) Med Stores 1/2 lb |
| (2) PW 1 | (10) to (21) omitted. |
| (3) and (4) omitted. | (22) SA rds..... 557. |
| (5) Individual Wpns. | (23) Grenades.....147. |
| Action 6 | (24) AP Mines.....6. |
| Caches 3 | (25) AT Mines.....6. |
| (6) Omitted. | (26) TNT.....20 lbs. |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 35 lbs | (27) Bangalore.....3. |
| (8) Omitted. | |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 27/71 dated 5 Jul 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) INTSUM 139/71 para 11. d. (3) (b) - delete all reference.
 (2) INTSUM 190/71 para 3. a. (2) (b) - amend grid to read YS688869.

d. Agent Reports.AO KINGSGROVE(1) Agent Report evaluated 1 ATF - C3.

On night 8/9 Jul 71, an unknown number of en from CHAU DUC entered AP BAC (F) HOA LONG (V) (YS4164) on a resupply mission. At 0215 hrs they left in the direction of SONG CAU. From approx YS4067, they left a trail of rice to mark the way (possibly for future infiltration). CHAU DUC have been, and are again resupplying from AP BAC (H) and AP TAY (H), HOA LONG (V).

AO BIRDSVILLE(2) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3.

At 1100 hrs 7 Jul 71, 30 VC of an unidentified unit were seen resting at YS303726.

Other Areas.(3) RTAVF Report. Eval RTAVF B3.

At 1500 hrs 8 Jul 71, an unidentified VC unit of approx 50 men was located at YS308948.

(4) Sector S2 Report. Eval VN - C3, 1 ATF - F3.

At 1600 hrs 9 Jul 71, approx nine VC were seen at YS534642. They were each carrying approx 10 litres of rice and source stated they intended to cross LTL 23 towards the South.

(5) Sector S2 Report. Eval VN - C2, 1 ATF - F3.

At 1400 hrs 9 Jul 71, approx strength 50, of C41 (CHAU DUC) Coy met PHU MY Guerillas at YS302794. COMMENT: There have been two other recent agent reports of a VC group in this area. RTAVF provided a report of a group in this area on 9 Jul 71, and in another report from RTAVF a group from NHON TRACH District, BIEN HOA was reported to have come to the area (INTSUM 186/71 para 11. d. (1) (c) refers). CHAU DUC were contacted by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) to the East on 2 Jul 71 (YS356811). There is possibly, therefore some truth in the report but the figure of fifty is, no doubt, an exaggeration.

(6) Sector S2 Report. Eval VN - C2, 1 ATF - F3.

At 1600 hrs 8 Jul 71, approx 15 VC dressed in ARVN uniforms stopped civilians in the area of YS485535 and told them to prepare food for units which would return to attack GVN posts in the area of XA HOI MY (YS5056) and XA PHUOC HAI (YS5153) during the period 20-25 Jul 71.

(7) Sector S2 Report. Eval VN - C3, 1 ATF - F3.

At 1400 hrs 9 Jul 71, a group of approx 10 VC were loc in the area YS245702.

(8) PRU Report. Eval VN - C3, 1 ATF - F3.

At 1900 hrs 7 Jul 71, four VC of BINH BA Party Chapter were seen at YS443728 where they were asking for info and supplies.

(9) From 3 CZIO PERINTREP Agent Report. Eval 1 ATF - F3.

On 3 Jul 71, a group of VC (NFI) entered AP AN BINH (H) (YS432589) and told the populace not to take part in the following elections. They also collected tax in the form of food.

(10) From 3 CZIO PERINTREP Agent Report. Eval 1 ATF - F3.

An NP informant has reported that the VUNG TAU City Unit has ordered its

.../Sapper

Sapper Cells to observe GVN vehicles that carelessly park along roads within PHUOC TUY (P) and VUNG TAU City with the idea of mining them.

(11) PRU Report. Eval VN - C3, 1 ATF - F3.

A report received at 1100 hrs 7 Jul 71, states that XUYEN MOC District Committee has ordered its Security and Sapper Sections to increase activities against ARVN and Aust vehicles by mining Route 23, and to detain GVN officials and soldiers moving on the road.

(12) An agent report received by 1 ATF (eval 1 ATF - C2) reports that a group from CHAU DUC is planning to infiltrate AP BAC (H), HOA LONG (V) on the night 10/11 Jul 71

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

Extracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

- (1) (091945H). At YS759987, 3 Bde tps observed one timber truck mov E on Hwy 1,
- (2) (092000H). At YS815965, 3 Bde tps observed a timber truck enter village.
- (3) (091020H). At YS823964, 3 Bde tps contacted one en. One blood trail and drag marks were later seen to the SE. At YS824964, during search of area an E-W track and campsite were found with evidence of three pers having left the area. At 1130 hrs at YS824964, tracks made by one pers mov W were found.

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1 ATF INTSUM No 191/71
DATED 10 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2., and 3. omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer).

100945H to 101115H in area YS 52 - 60 E, YS 67 - 77 N.

COMMENT: The sniffer was flown in order to assist in determining whether an element of D445 could have been in the TAN RU. There is no indication of this from the sniffer result.

- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 192/71.
- 2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Jul 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a)(110405H). At YS450904, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard an explosion on a bearing of 900 mils from their position, at a range of 400 metres.

(b)(111002H). At YS371729, RAAF aircraft sighted 1 VN wearing black clothing and a white hat. Not seen to be armed.

(c)(111038H). At YS320726, RAAF aircraft observed 1 person on an oxcart moving east to west, with 3 persons following behind. When cart appeared in view again, 2 persons were on the cart but the other 2 were not in sight. Persons were displaying a GVN flag. Much recent track activity in YS3173.

(2) Other Areas.

(a)(110855H). At YS682580, a RAAF aircraft sighted 2 boats. 4 men alighted from 1 of the boats and went ashore. They later boarded boat again, which moved out to sea.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
110800H	E 54 - 57 N 88 - 91	No sighting of recent activity.
111100H	E 38 - 41 N 65 - 68	No sign of recent activity. At YS405666, a focal point for several tracks from south, NW, north and east for no apparent reason other than perhaps as a rest or eating area. <u>Comment:</u> This is about 500m north of one of the former regular CHAU DUC NW - SE infiltration routes into HOA LONG. The movement may be by civilians only.
111300H	E 36 - 39 N 68 - 71	No recent signs of activity were seen outside the civil access area.
111500H	E 34 - 37 N 80 - 83	Tracks seen at the following grids (possibly friendly) were one week old and of 20 - 30 persons: North/south at YS353802, east/west at YS339798 and NW/SE at YS339802. Also heavy movement running west to east over 2000 metres in area YS3578. Only eastern and southern areas covered due to storms.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d, and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month; MR 3.

(1) KIA	.....4 VC	(9) Med Stores	..... 1/2 lb
(2) PW	.....1	(10 - 21)	Omitted.
(3-4)	Omitted.	(22) SA Rounds	..... 557
(5) Individual Weapons		(23) Grenades	..... 147
Action	.....6	(24) AP Mines	..... 6
Caches	.....3	(25) Atk Mines	..... 6
(6) Omitted.		(26) TNT	..... 20 lbs
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	35 lbs	(27) Bangalore	..... 3
(8) Omitted.			

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 27/71 dated 5 July 71.

9, 10 and 11 Omitted.

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Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 192/71
DATED 11 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1. Omitted.
- 2. Omitted.
- 3. Omitted.
- 4. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>AREA</u>
110915H	E 31 - 38, N Mountains - 75

Negative significant readings.

Comment: This sniffer was flown in the hope of receiving any indication of movement of CHAU DUC from the HOA LONG area, following recent agent reports.

- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 193/71.
- 2. Period Covered from 120001H to 122400H Jul 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) (121430H). At YS403876, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a staging camp consisting of one fighting pit, one uncompleted well and platforms for stores 3' square and raised 6" above the ground. Entry/exit points to the S, N and W. The complex was 12 months old and last used 6-12 months ago. 2 M16 mags and one Aust green shirt were found. (Shirt had no identifying marks). The installation was badly weathered and was destroyed.

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a) (121940H). At YS601779, Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy 3 RAR found one old bunker with little OHP. A well-defined N-S track was also found but it shows no signs of recent use.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (By 161 (Indep) Recce Flt except where otherwise stated).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Morning Cross Prov VR 12 Jul	E 65-68 N 77-80 YS670785	No sign of recent movement A heavy foot track leading S to YS674778 where it turns E and crossed the river at YS675778. The track enters bush at YS678782. Track approx one week old and made by 20 to 30 pers. <u>3 RAR COMMENT:</u> Track almost certainly made by C Coy 3 RAR.
121400H	E 62-65 N 74-77	Nil sightings.
121200H	E 34-38 N 86-88	No sign of recent movement other than obvious friendly tracks.
121400H	YS478837	One tin roofed hut 20' x 15' with one bunker 6' x 3' sighted at this location.
121445H	YS472478	A RAAF ac sighted one sampan anchored 30m from the coast. Another sampan was approx 100m from coast.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

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|---|----------------------------|
| (1) KIA 4 VC | (8) Omitted. |
| (2) PW 1 | (9) Med Stores.....1/2 lb. |
| (3) and (4) omitted. | (10) to (21) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (22) SA rds.....557. |
| Action 6 | (23) Grenades.....147. |
| Caches 3 | (24) AP Mines.....5. |
| (6) Omitted | (25) AT Mines.....6. |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 35 lbs | (26) TNT.....20 lbs. |
| | (27) Bangalore.....3. |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. and c. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) INTSUM 190/71 para 11. d. (2) (b) line 2 delete (1 ATF no record), insert (1 ATF ORBAT has similar record).

.../d. Agent

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d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial Forces AO.

(a) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 1600 hrs 10 Jul at YS376628, six VC incl one female were sighted at the above location.

(b) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 1430 hrs on 11 Jul at YS227683 six VC incl four North Vietnamese were in a sampan at the above location. They stopped fishermen to deliver propaganda and to exhort them into helping their country.

(c) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

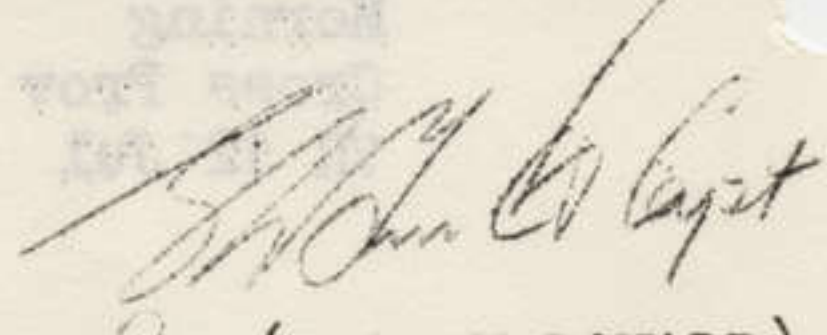
At 2130 hrs 7 Jul, six female and two male VC incl TRINH aka BAY ANH (unk) infiltrated HUONG DIEN (H) (YS372612) and visited the home of ROT aka DOI to obtain info.

(d) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 1700 hrs 9 Jul at YS218667, a VC section of an unk elm were seen in a sampan at the above location. The VC were talking to fishermen.

(e) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 0730 hrs 11 Jul at YS273597, four VC incl VAN VAN SAO (unk) and NGUYEN VAN A aka CHINH A (unk) were at the above location. They stopped fishermen to ask for info about the activities of all units in LONG SON Island and to demand a tax of 200 piastres monthly.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

ANNEX B

1. Documents discovered by A Coy 3 RAR in a cache at YS686867 at 101055 Jul 71 identify an element of Z301 Ordnance Factory J85 Transportation Battalion MR 7.
2. Included amongst the documents were:
 - a. 3 pages from a SE Asian calendar of 2, 3 and 4 Aug of an unknown year.
 - b. A booklet of poetry belonging to a member of Z301 (Ordnance Factory J85 Tpt Bn MR 7).
 - c. A decision promoting PHAM VAN TAU (unk) to Sect 2IC, signed by TRAM CHI CUONG (1 ATF ORBAT holds CUONG as being a member of 84 RSG, which was disbanded and absorbed by J85), CO of S24 (J85 Tpt Bn) and TRAN DUC HANG (unk) the Military CO of S24 (J85) on 4 Mar 69.
 - d. A list of proposals for the outline of a political lesson.
 - e. A page of political studies done by a Party member.
 - f. A list of foodstuffs.
 - g. A self critique done by TRAN TAT VAN (unk) of Z301, addressed to HQ Z301, dated 13 Nov 69.
 - h. A portion of a medical treatment record.
 - i. Exercise book containing nominal rolls of the Group Chapters of B2, B1 and Z301.

COMMENT: The names identify members of : J85 Tpt Bn, Z301 Ordnance Factory and C12 Requisitioning and Purchasing Company, all of MR 7

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 193/71
DATED 12 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 3. and 4. omitted.
2. Red Haze Activity.

DTG

092200H to
100130H Jul

LOCATION

YS514763
YS520618
YS550750

READOUT

1 in open
2 in open
1 emission

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 28/71
(PERIOD 5 JUL - 11 JUL 71)NORTH VIETNAM

1. The volume of supplies moving South remained at the recent high level. 107 tons a day was detected on Routes 101C and 1AC, which is the same daily rate as detected by SLAR last week. Renovation of DONG HOI Airfield is continuing. However, there are still probably no MiG aircraft deployed South of the 20th parallel.

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2. There was only light rain over the trail system at the beginning of the period, and sensor string activations showed that there was an increase in the amount of truck movement through the PANHANDLE compared to last week. Later in the week, as the northern routes came under the influence of typhoon HARRIET, the roads were inundated and this reduced the movement rate of vehicles.
3. Activity has shifted from the BOUAM LONG area to the PLAIN OF JARS as the enemy attempts to prevent General VANG PAO's guerillas from making further captures of his supplies. During the week VANG PAO's forces reported capturing or destroying 46 crew served and 75 individual weapons, 3,900 rounds of rocket, mortar and artillery ammunition plus 448 tons of rice.

CAMBODIA

4. Activity remained at a low level. Regrouping and resupply appear to be the enemy's main aim. Government forces engaged enemy forces about 25 km north east of PHNOM PENH on 3 and 6 Jul. Cumulative results were friendly three killed and 24 wounded to a reported 56 enemy killed.
5. On 2 Jul enemy sappers mined a train moving from BATTAMBANG (UVO548) to PURSAT (UU8286). The result of the mining and the fire fight was 22 Cambodian soldiers killed and 24 wounded. Enemy losses are not known. The train was severely damaged but the line was repaired in five days.

SOUTH VIETNAM: MRs 1, 2 and 4

6. Enemy initiated activity throughout MR 1 dropped to a very low level and enemy forces suspended operations to concentrate on logistical activity and tried to avoid B-52 strikes.
7. A recent report suggests that the enemy plans to conduct a three phase Summer Campaign in northern MR 1. The campaign is to be characterized by increasing levels of tactical activity culminating in an all out attack to gain control of major portions of MR 1. Although the ultimate objective is probably not within the enemy's capability at this time, tactical activity observed so far in QUANG TRI Province parallels the agent's description of the first phase.
8. On 5 Jul 6 rockets impacted on DA NANG Airbase causing moderate casualties and damage. Unlike most previous attacks by fire on DA NANG there were no prior indications.
9. Enemy initiated activity^{continued} at a reduced level with only a few light attacks by fire and ground probes reported in MR 2. Agent reports and PWs indicate that the enemy intends stepping up his activity in the PLEIKU City area in the near future. PHU NHON (AQ891993) and TUY HOA (CQO18720) are also reported to be targetted by the enemy to receive particular attention as the GVN elections approach. Agent reports also indicate that the Airbases at TUY HOA and CAM RANH BAY (CPO626) are targets of prime interest to the enemy.
10. On 6 Jul, a ROKA operation terminated in northern KHANH HOA Province. A large number of enemy were reported killed.
11. Activity in MR 4 was at a low level. Interrogation of a HOI CHANH in AN XUYEN Province indicates that the VC are having considerable trouble with their recruiting campaign in the DELTA. Desertions and casualties were taking a heavy toll of the enemy in the area.

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12. On 7 and 9 Jul ARVN forces operating in KIEN GIANG Province during the U MINH campaign were involved in two significant contacts. In one, a large cache was discovered which contained 2 tons of explosives and 42 assorted weapons. In the second contact nine friendlies were killed and 24 wounded to 33 enemy killed.

MR 3

13. Enemy initiated activity in MR 3 remained at a low level, and was characterized by light scattered attacks by fire and limited ground contacts directed mainly at RF/PF and PSDF. There were no reported terrorist incidents in SAIGON.

14. A large cache of 8.8 tons of rice was located and destroyed near TAY NINH City (XT075375) on 2 Jul. On 7 Jul ARVN forces in an NDP received a ground attack by an estimated enemy company. Two ARVN were killed, four were wounded and an APC was destroyed. Enemy casualties are not known. On 8 Jul PF elements ambushed 10 VC near HIEU THIEN (XT395345). The enemy were later reinforced by a company. The PF force then withdrew with one killed and four wounded.

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15. 1 ATF troops were involved in three contacts during the week, resulting in one enemy killed. There was one Sector forces contact with no result.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

16. There is no firm information on the present location of D445. However he may still be in the MAY TAO area, with C1 Company remaining in the LONG HAIs.

17. 274 VC MF Regt.

a. There has been no further confirmed contact with 274 Regt elements. However, on 9 Jul, V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted a small party who were moving east near the CHAU LAC Plantation (at YS434869). One enemy was killed. He was not able to be positively identified, but it is thought that the party may have been from 274 Regt.

b. It is still believed that HQ 274 Regt, together with 1 Bn and probably some support companies remain in the north western Province border area.

18. No further contact has been made with CHAU DUC but they probably remain in the HAT DICH area.

19. Between 8-10 Jul north of Lake BAU HAM (area YS687869) A Coy 3 RAR found a quantity of components used for the production of small arms ammunition and grenades. They were in good condition but the area had not been used for several months. Documents found in the area identify Z301 Ordnance Factory of J85 Transportation Battalion of MR 7.

20. Military Region 7.

a. On 7 Jul troops of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) killed seven members of the Finance and Economy Section MR 7. in eastern LONG KHANH (YT794011).

b. On 8 Jul 3 Bde elements discovered a recently used system of 200 bunkers, including one large command trench and bunker capable of accommodating 60 people (YT778082). The system had probably been used by elements of HQ MR 7.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

21. 3 Bde troops have continued to locate enemy caches in the MR 7 Rear Services areas north of NUI BE. In the period since Jan 71, in the area immediately north of NUI BE (centre of mass YS8394), 3 Bde troops have captured over 95 tons of enemy supplies. These supplies were intended for consumption by MR 7 units such as 33 Regt, and the area is known to be an important source of supply for D445 when that unit is in the MAY TAO area. The disruption of these caches has no doubt been a serious set-back to the enemy.

22. On 8 Jul, a PF post at THAI THIEN (YS230793) received three to four rounds of RPG-2 fire from an unknown number of enemy. Three PF were wounded. The enemy were not identified. This is the first contact in the immediate THAI THIEN area since 7 Mar.

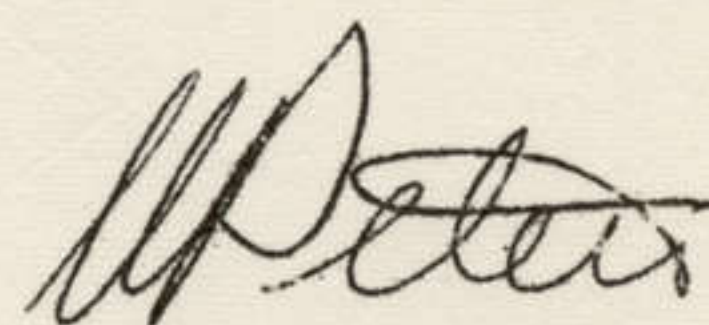
23. It is believed that CHAU DUC elements have returned to the HAT DICH area because of pressure created in Jun in the northern Province border area, rather than to carry out any offensive task. .../24. The

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24. The possibility remains of offensive activity on the part of 274 Regt elements in the northern Province border area.

25. No specific information is held regarding D445, but in view of the fact that he has probably not suffered any casualties since late Apr, he may well attempt a return to the Province soon.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 194/71.
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a)(122230H). In vicinity YS4588 (FSB MARY), an LP heard movement on wire, near entrance to position. Illumination was fired, but nothing was seen. A strong point further West later heard two - three persons running in a Southerly direction.

(b)(131525H). At YS434885, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found two decomposed bodies in a grave 6 inches deep. Two HO CHI MINH sandals were also found. One of the bodies was wrapped in an AUST type cape half shelter. 25 metres East, 40 link M60 brass cases were found.

(c)(131650H). At YS428928 HQ B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 2 enemy moving SouthWest, resulting in 1 enemy KIA, 1 enemy WIA (BT). WIA withdrew South West. 1 AK 47 and 1 pack CIA.

Comment: KIA identified from docus as a member of C205 Recce Coy of Sub Region 4. See Annex B.

(d)(131845H). At YS414926, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 3 - 4 enemy, resulting in 1 enemy WIA (Later died of wounds). Enemy withdrew West to East. A quantity of maps and documents were CIA, but are not able to be evacuated until 14 Jul. No identification possible until then.

(e)(131845H). At YS442941, elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found the body of a woman 150 metres West of the position in which elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted enemy on 21 Jun (See INTSUM 172/71 para 3. a. (2) (b)).

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a)(131500H). At YS601779, A slt Pnr Pl 3 RAR found five fighting pits with OHP, approx 2 years old. The system was later destroyed.

(b)(131503H). At YS613767, Sp Coy 3 RAR found five fighting pits in poor condition last used approx 3 months ago.

(c)(131600H). At YS644822, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a mine containing approx 30 lbs of explosive. The mine was approx 2 days old, and was later destroyed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt).

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
130930H	YS339835	An oxcart, with approx 6-8 people following it turned East, and went into the jungle at YS339820.
131000H	E 66 - 69 N 92 - 93	3 wood trucks were seen on Route 330 at YS695937 and YS665933. Two other wood trucks were seen on tracks at YS6992 moving West, and East. At YS698933 a blue object approx 6 ft by 3 ft, height unknown was seen in a small clearing. <u>Comment:</u> Area will be checked by VR again on 14 Jul.
131030H	E 73 - 67 N 85 - 88	No signs of recent movement.
131220H	E 74 - 76 N 81 - 85	No sign of movement.
131410H	E 54 - 57 N 80 - 83	No movement in the area for some time.
131710H	SONG RAI - N 73 - 76	No sign of recent enemy activity. River is in flood and in many places has overflowed up to 200 yards. The volume of water, speed of flow and rapids between YS583758 and YS584762 make it extremely difficult for any craft to move up river, (South to North) unless towed from the banks. It may be possible to move down river, but for reasons given above it would be very difficult at night. Four old, partly destroyed bunkers were seen at YS583752. <u>Comment:</u> SLAR reading Annex E para 3 probably caused by logs in rapids.

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131220H E 74 - 76 N 81 - 85 No sign of movement.

131410H E 54 - 57 N 80 - 83 No movement in the area for some time.

131710H SONG RAI - N 73 - 76 No sign of recent enemy activity. River is in flood and in many places has overflowed up to 200 yards. The volume of water, speed of flow and rapids between YS583758 and YS584762 make it extremely difficult for any craft to move up river, (South to North) unless towed from the banks. It may be possible to move down river, but for reasons given above it would be very difficult at night. Four old, partly destroyed bunkers were seen at YS583752. Comment: SLAR reading Annex E para 3 probably caused by logs in rapids.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1 and 3) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC

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

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted: 1 VC.

c. and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual 2

(b) and (c) omitted.

(2), (3), (4) and (5) omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

(1) KIA 6 VC

(2) PW 1

(3) and (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 8

Caches 3

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Capturex and Destroyed 35 lbs

(8) Omitted.

(9) Med Stores..... $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

(10) to (21) omitted.

(22) SA rounds.....557.

(23) Grenades.....147.

(24) AP Mines.....7.

(25) AT Mines.....6.

(26) TNT.....20 lbs

(27) Bangalore.....3.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial Forces AO.

(a) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 0800 hrs 11 Jul at YS305735, ten VC incl LE VAN NEU, LE VAN UNG, NGUYEN THI THANH and LAN (unk), armed with AKs, carbines and one B40, stopped people and asked about activity of units around PHU MY. They then asked about buying noodles, and withdrew towards NUI THI VAI.

(b) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 1830 hrs on 12 Jul, six VC were sighted moving along the NGON MUONG BAN THACH Stream (YS232685), where they attempted to contact bulldozer operators to demand tax payments. COMMENT: This is reported to be the second attempt within a week to extract contributions from bulldozer operators in that area.

(c) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

CHAU DUC cadres have been allocated to all village units along Route 15. Their mission is to pose as ARVN troops, and snipe at opportunity targets between now and the General Election.

(d) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 1400 hrs 12 Jul, five VC of 4 and 5 wings BARIA City Unit incl NGUYEN HOANG HIEP (held by 1 ATF ORBAT as being a Military Affairs cadre of the Security Section BARIA City Unit), and THI MUOI PHAN (Womens Cadre BARIA NLF), were seen at YS359586. They stopped fishermen to ask for info on AP BEN SUC, PHUOC LE, PF and PSDF night sentry positions and requested purchase of food.

(e) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

At 1030 hrs 12 Jul, at YS275753, ten VC of the PHU MY Party Chapter, led by NGUYEN VAN GIANG and LE VAN NEU (unk), stopped woodcutters and ox cart drivers to propogandize. After 15 mins they released the people and withdrew.

(f) LONG LE Report.1 ATF F3.

At 1830 hrs 12 Jul at YS443649, three VC stopped villagers to ask for info on the LONG PHUOC and HOA LONG areas. After ten mins they proceeded towards LONG TAN/DAT DO.

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(g) LONG LE NP Report 1 ATF F3.

At 0730 hrs 11 Jul at YS273597, four VC of the LONG SON Village Party Chapter Committee stopped fishermen and asked about activities in the local villages. They later forced civilians to pay \$200.00 VN per month boat tax.

(h) LONG LE NP Report 1 ATF F3.

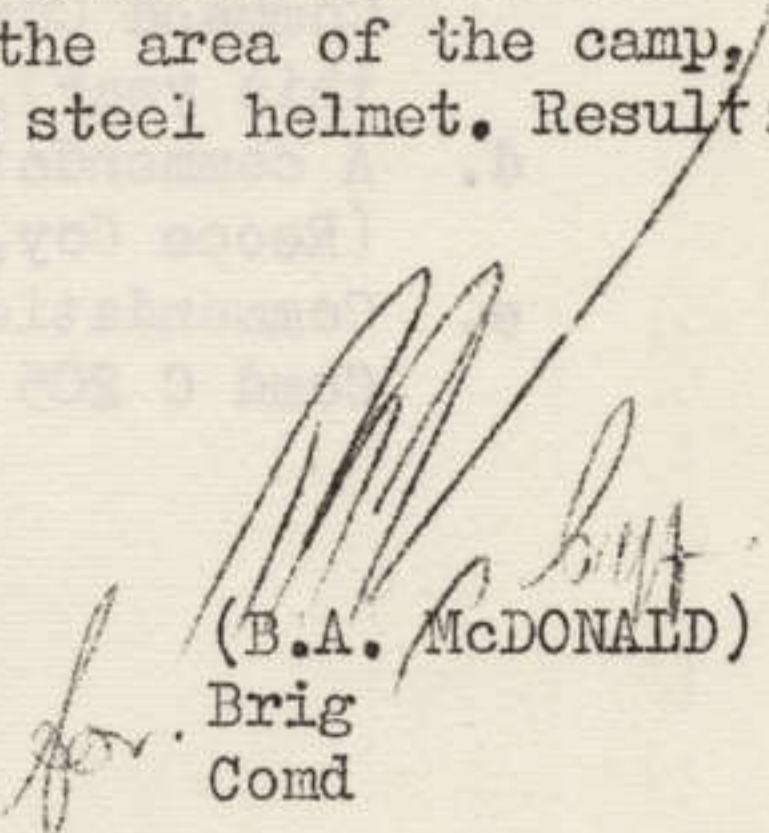
At 1430 hrs 10 Jul at YS227683 six VC, four of whom spoke North Vietnamese, stopped fishermen to propagandize and collect tax and food.

(i) LONG LE Report 1 ATF F3.

On 11 Jul villagers of PHU MY lost approx 20 cattle. Ten were found on 12 Jul, and the people believe that VC have confiscated the remainder as the penalty for non-payment of taxes, and because of their entry into VC prohibited areas.

(j) PRU Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 110800H at YS260564, a group of VC, led by DUC NHO (held by 1 ATF ORBAT as being OC, Cell 2 BEN DA Team LONG SON Guerillas), went to investigate the situations at AP BEN DIEP, XA LONG SON. The group found a steel helmet and went back to their camp at YS260564. When they reached the area of the camp, the VC sentry saw one of the approaching VC wearing the steel helmet. Result: one VC accidentally killed by comrades.


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- Annexes. B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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List A (Adjusted)
HQ TRAC
MACV-CICV
MACV-J2
BIEN HOA Sector
Advisory Team 89
Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM)
RSSZ (for IO)
AATTV (SAIGON)
AATTV Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents taken from a KIA by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS428928 at 131650H Jul 71, identify DAO NGOC CHI of C205 Recce Coy Sub Region Four.
2. The documents included:
 - a. A commendation certificate dated 2 Jun 71, for DAO NGOC CHI, Squad leader of of an unstated Recce Unit, signed by DO THAI (possibly a member of HQ SR4) for the staff.
 - b. A promotion certificate, dated 2 Jun 71, promoting DAO NGOC CHI from squad 2IC to squad leader in an unstated Recce Coy, heading the group 12 Staff (unk) signed by HUYNH BE (unk), the Deputy Chief of Staff.
 - c. A commendation certificate, dated 30 Jul 70, for DAO NGOC CHI, sSquad 2IC of C205 (Recce Coy of SR 4), signed by TRAN VAN UT (he was a member of the Command Committee of the Rear Services Staff of SR 4, but was replaced earlier this year), Chief of Staff.
 - d. A commendation certificate, dated 22 Dec 69 for DAO NGOC CHI of C 205 Coy (Recce Coy, SR 4), signed by TRAN QUANG BON (Chief of Staff, SR 4).
 - e. Commendation certificate for NGUYEN THANH TAM (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as Coy Comd C 205 Recce Coy SR 4), signed by TRAN QUANG BON, Chief of Staff, SR 4.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Omitted.
3. SLAR Activity.

One return on river at YS580750.

COMMENT: Same loc as reading of 3 Jul. However, area checked by VR. This indicated that SLAR readings probably caused by logs in rapids.

4. APD (Sniffer).

DTG

(131000H - 131150H)

STRONG

YS411829

MINIMUM

YS411831
YS395842
YS395846

COMMENT: Missions flown to try and locate CHAU DUC or possibly 274 Regt elements. Readings may be related to NGAI GIAO guerillas, but could be caused by civilian activity just outside civil access.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 195/71.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a)(131845H) Previously Reported: Delete all detail in INTSUM 194/71 para 3. a. (1) (d) and substitute: At YS414926, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 5-6 enemy dressed in blue uniforms with green insignia on left upper arm. The enemy withdrew East. A later search revealed drag marks to the North of contact area. Results: One enemy WIA (later DOW). Captured were: Two torches; one set ARVN greens; one compass; two sets hand drawn maps with no markings; one claymore mine; quantity of documents; clothing and personal effects. One of the documents is a marked map, believed to contain details of a planned attack on an unknown allied installation near BLACKHORSE. The words "DIEN BIEN, THAN DONG DU" are marked on the map (unknown). A tentative ident by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) identifies the KIA as NGUYEN VAN SIEU, recorded as possibly a member of SR 4 Postal Section. Documents have not yet been able to be backloaded to 1 ATF.

(b)(141440H). At YS421941, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found and destroyed one M26 grenade.

(2) TRAC Special AO.

(a)(141543H). At YS429936, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found two sleeping areas, used by an estimated five persons in the preceding 24 hours.

(3) AO GLENELG.

(a)(140855H). At YS578811, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR heard movement on opposite side of SONG RAI River. A later check by VR aircraft revealed no sign of movement.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (Flown by 161 Recce (Indep) Flt unless otherwise indicated)

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
140815H	YS7661	FAC observed four boats within 100 metres of shore. Three boats left area when FAC passed over but one remained.
	YS5756	FAC observed approx 10 fishing boats in mouth of SONG RAI River and at 1047H a RAAF aircraft saw 12 persons wading in the water, however, no boats or sampans were seen at that time.
140830H	YS752768	FAC observed a camp of tents. Check made at XUYEN MOC and camp believed to be friendly.
141000H	YS68-71E 92-95N	Fourteen yellow timber trucks seen in area. They were mainly South of Route 330. No sign of foot tracks on old roads North of Route 330 and no sign of enemy activity. Area has double canopy with large ferns under trees making it easy to conceal huts, bunkers and installations.
141200H	YS51-54E 80-83N	No sign of recent movement in the area.
141400H	YS71-74E 69-72N	Timber workers have recently been working at YS721685, YS716688 and YS713708.

(3) 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) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. One M26 grenade, One claymore mine.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

(5) Omitted.

.../f. Cumulative

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month; MR 3.

(1) KIA	6 VC	(10-21) Omitted	
(2) PW	1	(22) SA rounds	557
(3-4) Omitted		(23) Grenades	149
(5) Individual Weapons		(24) AP Mines	7
Action	8	(25) Atk Mines	6
Caches	3	(26) TNT	20 lbs
(6) Omitted.		(27) Bangalore	
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	35 lbs	Torpedoes	3
(8) Omitted			
(9) Med Stores	1/2 lb		

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM 194/71 para 3. a. (1) (c) after "engaged 2 enemy moving" add "from" SouthWest etc.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) NP LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1620H on 12 Jul 71, five VC of PHU MY Party Chapter were seen at YS305735, where they asked villagers about friendly forces operating in the area. The group withdrew towards NUI THI VAI (YS2971).

(b) Sector Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

On 11 Jul 71, one company of VC, with local guerillas moved from RUNG SAT and were observed at YS295734 on 13 Jul 71.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) NP LONG LE report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on 12 Jul 71, five VC (incl one female) of BARIA City Unit, were in a motor boat at YS359586. They asked fishermen about friendly force activity in BEN SUC (H) PHUOC LE (V). They also asked fishermen to purchase food for them.

(b) NP LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1030H on 12 Jul 71, one squad of VC led by NGUYEN HOANG GIANG, leader of PHU MY Village Party Chapter stopped civilians at YS275753, and told them to resist the Pacification, Rural Development and Civil Defence Programmes. After 10 minutes the VC left in an unstated direction.

(c) NP PHUOC HAI report. Eval 1 ATF F6.

At 2230H on 9 Jul 71, 16 VC from PHUOC HAI Guerillas and C25 entered AP HA LAC (H) XA PHUOC HAI (V) (YS5153). They visited two houses for an unstated purpose. Entry and exit was from the SouthWest.

(d) RDC PHU MY report. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

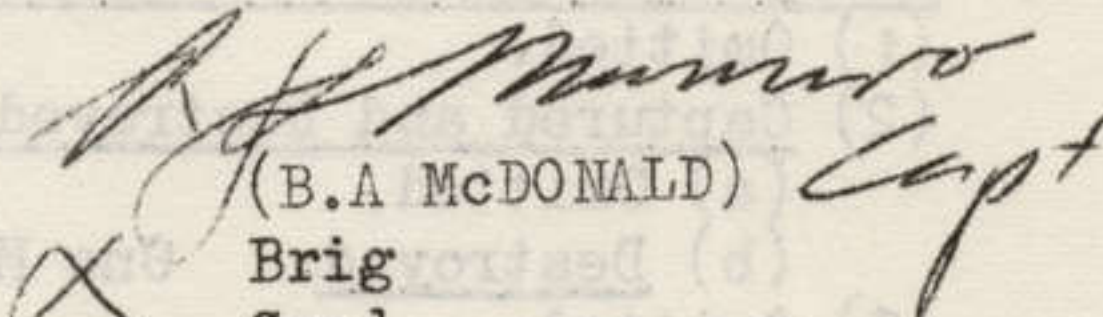
Reference INTSUM 194/71 para 11. d. (1) (g). The cattle have now returned with no suspicious circumstances surrounding their absence.

(e) XUYEN MOC report received 1 ATF 14 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F6.

It has been reported that F and E members from local VC groups have in the past two weeks been collecting information at YS640704, YS625704 and YS640720. These groups appear to come from the North and South of XUYEN MOC. Source also stated there are probably bunker systems in the vicinity of YS625704 and YS628669. Comment: 1 ATF records an old bunker system at YS625669.

e. Omitted.

f. Omitted.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.

E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 195/71
DATED 14 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found on a partly decomposed body (approx 3 weeks old) at YS442941 by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 131845H Jul 71, probably identify a member of DOAN 10 (possibly D10 Sapper Battalion).
2. The documents included:
 - a. A scrap of paper with various additions written on it (probably rough accounting).
 - b. A letter of introduction for NGUYEN VAN HAI (unk) of DOAN 10 signed by VU QUANG THACH (unk) of the Political Sect SR4, dated 14 Jun 71.
 - c. A self critique by NGUYEN VAN HAI with added comments by VU QUANG THACH dated 14 Jun 71.
 - d. A record of food issues for HAI, LAP and DOAN of DOAN 10 dated 15 Jun 71.
 - e. A critique by DINH VAN LAP with added comments by VU QUANG THACH, signed on 14 Jun 71.
3. Comment: The nature of the documents, as they concern SR 4 and the fact that the body was only 150 metres from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt contact on the night of the 21/22 Jun, indicates this person was possibly wounded in that contact and later died at this grid. Although none of the PWs taken in this contact indicated that an element of DOAN 10 was in the resupply party that was ambushed that night it does conform with their statements that it was a composite group from various elements of SR 4. The PWs have stated they were unaware of from which particular units other members of the ambushed party came. D10 Sapper Bn was last known to be in the RUNG SAT north-west of THAI THIEN.

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1 ATF INTSUM No 194/71
DATED 14 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
140050H -	YS266746	3 emissions in open
140230H	YS410755	1 emission in open
	YS234796	1 emission near stream
	YS242796	1 emission in open
	YS491785	1 emission on trail
	YS326895	1 emission on trail

3. Omitted.
4. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 156/71.
- 2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Jul 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) TRAC Special AO.

(a)(150150H). At YS414926, 6Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard movement and voices and a light was also seen. The area was engaged with SA and claymores, but a first light sweep showed no results.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a)(152100H). At YS433885, Atk Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted 1 enemy with a torch 200m away moving West to East.

(3) Other Areas.

(a)(150532H). In vicinity of YS4268, a 1 ATF op reported 2 vehicles with lights on, travelling North on by-pass road. DUC THANH LO Comments:. This occurs fairly regularly. They are usually market vehicles from BARIA.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
150800H	E 33-43 N 82-84	Only recent activity sighted was timber workers oxcart tracks on the western border of this area.
151000H	YS576674	Sighted an old bunker which showed no signs of recent use.
	YS578658	Cattle and 3 children seen. Several heavy, fresh tracks run N-S or S-N across old rice paddies at this point and run South to the creek. On South side of the creek, further heavy tracks run into rice paddies which are presently worked by 4 men. Tracks appear cattle made but many people could have moved over the same tracks.
	YS566668	48 pigs and many heavy pig tracks seen here and at YS554686.
151200H	E 55-58 Route 23-66 Northing	No obvious signs of enemy but in Northern corner is very thick canopy which would make concealment very easy.
151400H	E 64-67 N 61-64	Track junction at YS653627. Tracks from West to SW joined and lead East from above grid, showing recent use. Deer seen in area.
	YS654633	Sighted a broad track leading approx North, turning West for 150m and joining an open clearing at YS649635. Clearing showed no sign of recent use.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3.

(1) KIA	6 VC	(8) Omitted.
(2) PW	1	(9) Med Stores
(3-4) Omitted.		1/2 lb
(5) Individual Weapons		(10-21) Omitted.
Action	8	(22) SA rounds
Caches	3	557
(6) Omitted.		(23) Grenades
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	35 lbs	149
		(24) AP Mines
		7
		(25) Atk Mines
		6
		(26) TNT
		20 lbs
		(27) Bangalore Torpedoes
		3

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a, b, and c Omitted.

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d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial Forces AO.

(a) Sector S2 Report: Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1700H 13 Jul at YS245634, BARIA City Special Action Unit C610 and the LONG HUONG Village guerillas, strength 12, were located at YS245634. Their task is to support DOAN 10 Engineers operations, who are located at RACH BAN THACH (YS220670)

(b) RD Cadre Report: Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1800H 13 Jul 71 at YS316576, about 1 section of VC stopped locals to get food and spread propaganda. They often appear near this location.

(3) Sector S 2 Report: Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

On 13 Jul 71 at YS513548 - YS516550, over several consecutive nights, 1 sect of VC, strength 7, have transported foodstuffs through the area around 2200H each night. Food was obtained at XA PHUOC LOI.

(4) PRU Report: Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1100H 13 Jul 71 at YS243757, 4 VC from PHU MY Village guerillas, led by HUA VAN CHON (aka TAM CHON, previously PCS of XA PHU MY), appeared to get food. TAM CHON has returned to act as a military cadre of CHAU DUC.

Comment: TAM CHON was the PCS of PHU MY, but because he was involved in the assassination of one of his business enemies, he was recalled to CHAU DUC HQ, reprimanded and subsequently demoted. The details in the report concerning TAM CHON are possibly true.

(5) Report Received PHUOC HAI Police at 12 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F6.

The VC have opened a campaign of abduction of teenagers to increase the strength of VC units, particularly C25 Concentrated Coy. On 7 Jul at YS488525, VC kidnapped NGUYEN VAN NO and another went willingly with VC at the same time. He was LAM VAN CUA.

(6) From XUYEN MOC. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1300H on 12 Jul 71, 7 armed VC were seen by woodcutters at YS545675. They were wearing black pyjamas and green military type clothing. The group came from the North and returned in the same direction. They were collecting taxes from woodcutters and jungle workers.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

Late Report.

(1)(131245H). At YT310083 LONG KHANH PRU contacted approx 20 VC resulting in 6 VC KIA and 3 AK 47s CIA.

(2)(141930H). At YS205817, BIEN HOA PRU contacted 10 VC, killing 7 VC. Unit was then engaged by about 20 VC with SA and RPG fire. Result. 1 PRU WIA. 7 VC KIA.

Extracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(1)(141805H). At YS759987, 3 Bde tps received 1 round of sniper fire from the SSW at arange of 500-600m. Area was engaged with mortars. Result 1 friendly WIA, enemy losses unknown.

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- Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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- List A
- HQ TRAC
- MACV-J2
- MACV-CICV
- BIEN HOA Sector
- Advisory Team 89
- Sector S2
- 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
- RSSZ (For IO)
- AATTV (SAIGON)
- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 196/71
DATED 15 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents taken from a VC KIA by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn at YS414926 at 131845H Jul 71 confirmed the identification of the Postal Section of SR 4. (See INTSUM 195/71 para 3. a. (1)(a)).
2. Among the documents were two diagrams on wax paper, indicating plans of attack on a large allied installation, possibly BLACKHORSE.
3. Each drawing was approx 3ft by 2 ft and placed one above the other formed an attack plan showing seven points of entry.
4. The base shown was surrounded by wire and a minefield and includes a CHINOOK helicopter area. Written in Vietnamese on various parts of the map are:
"Officers lines, Staff group F25, Ice works, Route 8, Military Police, Goal, Area 341, CHINOOK Pad, Rocket Dump, Area 127, Area 86, Training School, Chapel area, Playing Field, Road No 1, and Ammo Dump."
5. The layout and description of the base is very detailed and neatly made. Symbols for buildings, roads, helicopters, mines, as well as entry and exit routes for the attackers (shown in red) are displayed. The seventh entry/exit point is apparently a feint. No penetration is shown.
6. On the top left-hand corner of the plan in black capitals are the words "DIEN BIEN." Under this is larger red capitals are the words, "TRAN DONG DU".
7. No cardinal points are shown, but assuming North to be the top, the words "TRANG LAM 1 KM" with an arrow, points NNW. To the WNW is "LO 8" and "BAC HA".
8. Other documents included:
 - a. Commendation certificate for SIE U (unk) of SR4 Postal Unit dated 16 Mar 71.
 - b. A book of guide lines for VC cadres.
 - c. A decision to promote NGUYEN VAN SUU (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as 2IC Postal Section SR 4) of Postal Unit from section 2IC to Section Commander, signed by NGUYEN VAN NGUYEN (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as 2IC (a rank) in Postal Sect SR4) Commander of SR 4 Postal Unit dated 22 Aug 70.
 - d. 1 envelope addressed to HAI BAU (unk) of an unknown organisation section.
 - e. Personal letter from HANH (unk) to NAM KINH (unk).
 - f. Mutilated letter, addressee and sender not shown.
 - g. Page 2 of a 2 Battalion 2 Div (3rd Coy) of THAI Forces dated 26-71. Detailing patrolling of Fire Support Bases (Written in THAI).

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 196/71
DATED 15 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1, 2, and 3 Omitted.
4. APD (SNIFFER).
150800, E 58 - 63 N 63 - 73 All readings received were from own exhaust due to the wind change.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 197/71.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GLENELG

(a)(160925H). At YS569706, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a small bunker system (which has been reported previously). When last seen by 3 RAR the system was **usable** but is now unusable due to the effects of weather.

(2) Other Areas.

(a)(160815H). At YS454654, JWTC patrol found two bunkers (previously recorded by 1 ATF). They are to be destroyed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
160730H	E 56 - 59 N 71 - 74	No sign of recent activity.
161000H	E 38 - 41 N 65 - 68	No suspicious persons were seen in area. All people seemed to be tending their padis in the normal manner.
161200H	E 52 - 55 N 63 - 66	No signs of movement in the wooded area except obvious animal tracks. Civilians were working padis in groups up to 10 - ploughing and planting.
161410H	E 52 - 55 N 67 - 70	No recent activity.
161355H	YS596583	Sighted unattended fishing nets on Eastern bank of the SONG RAI. Coastal Surveillance advised.

(3) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, b, c, d, and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR 3.

(1) KIA	6 VC	(9) Med Stores	1/2 lb
(2) PW	1	(10-21) Omitted	
(3-4) Omitted		(22) SA rounds	557
(5) Individual Weapons		(23) Grenades	149
Action	8	(24) AP Mines	7
Caches	3	(25) Atk Mines	6
(6) Omitted		(26) TNT	20 lbs
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	35 lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes	3
(8) Omitted			

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 196/71 para 11. f. (1) delete all reference. Refer INTSUM 197/71 para 11.

f. (1).

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial Forces AO.

(a) 3 Bde Report received 16 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F6, US F3.

At 1100H 14 Jul 71, at YT255030, 40 enemy armed with 5 107mm rockets, 1 60mm mortar and 1 HMG were camped in area. Intentions are to rocket BEARCAT.

(b) 3 Bde Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F6.

At 1200H 14 Jul 71 at YT249024, 50 enemy armed with 5 107mm rockets, 1 82mm and 1 60mm mortar and 1 HMG were camped in area. Intentions unknown.

(c) 525 MI Group Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 0600H 15 Jul 71, at YS340580, 10 VC possibly including THI KIEP of BARIA City Unit stopped fishermen to propagandize and ask for info on the local situation.

(d) 525 MI Group Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F4.

Source reports that LONG DAT (D) and VUNG TAU (C) Committees are organizing training for a number of young attractive female cadre. Their task will be to spread false rumours and breed lack of confidence in village officials and

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to spread propaganda regarding the coming elections.

(e) DUC THANH Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1700H 15 Jul 71 at YS490805, 1 squad of VC from NGAI GIAO Party Chapter. They propaganized the people and asked people to buy food for them.

(f) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0800H 15 Jul 71 at YS272745, 1 VC platoon were sighted by oxcart drivers.

(g) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1530H 15 Jul 71 at YS273743, 30 VC including LE VAN NEU (unk) were sighted. Comment: Probably same group as in item (f).

(h) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1900H 15 Jul 71 at YS253723, 12 VC moved across Route 15 towards BA PHONG area (YS2372).

(i) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 0900H 15 Jul, 3 VC stopped people at TAC CON SU (unlocated) and asked to see their ID cards. The VC noted details on the cards and then warned people not to enter that area again.

(j) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 13 Jul 71, at YS385655 villagers from HOA LONG (V) whilst working at above grid were approached by an unknown number of VC who asked for food supplies.

(k) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Source stated that nightly 6 VC infiltrate HUONG SON (H) and HUONG DIEN (H) YS3561 to visit the homes of sympathizers.

(l) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1510H Jul 71. At YS349591, 3 VC asked people for food supplies.

(m) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H 15 Jul 71 at YS451644, 2 VC asked people about PF/PSDF activity.

(n) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1800H 15 Jul 71 at YS385654, 6 VC asked people about allied operations in area.

(o) LONG LE Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1930H 11 Jul 71 at YS406642, two VC were sighted.

(p) 525 MI Group Report Received 16 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F4.

On 16 Jul at YS485533, 15 VC forced people from HOI MY and PHUOC HAM villagers to collect food for them. Their intentions are to attack GVN outposts in DAT DO (D).

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items Of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further report to INTSUM 196/71 para 11. f. (1). Delete all previous reference. Insert the following:

(121230H). At YT310085, NHA BE PRU contacted an estimated 20 enemy. Results: Nil friendly casualties, 5 enemy KIA. CIA were 3 AK 47 rifles and a quantity of docus. Docus identify: NGUYEN VAN LIENG (Asst Political Officer), NGUYEN VAN MA (Political Officer), PHAN VU QUOC CHINH (Coy Comd), PHAN PHANG PHU (Political Officer), BUI CONG PHU (Asst Political Officer), TOAG MINH TRI (Coy Comd), NGUYEN VAN CONG (Coy Comd) and PHU DUC CHINH (Rear Services Cadre) all of 274 Regt.

(2)(161925H). At YS470860 Sector elements engaged one squad of VC. VC scattered around hamlet and returned fire. Artillery supported contact and VC withdrew in an unknown direction. Search revealed 1 M16 mag and a pair of sandal prints heading NE.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.

Distribution:

List A	3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
HQ TRAC	RSSZ (For IO)
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MACV-CICV	LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
BIEN HOA Sector	All 1 ATF IOs
Advisory Team 89	
Sector S2	

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 197/71
DATED 16 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by B Coy 1/7 Cav at YT477187 on 10 Jul 71 identify C11 Coy 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.
2. Included amongst the documents was a letter, dated 5 Jun (should read 5 Jul 71), from a member of an unspecified agency (possibly the Rear Service Section of the 33 NVA Regt, MR 7) to DANG, (1 ATF ORBAT holds DANG as being a member of C11 3/33). The documents state in part: " I'am sending NHAN (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as QM 33 Regt) to your location to get some rice. Please send me a report on your infiltration of A and B Hamlets on 3 and 4 July. Also let me know the amount of rice that C11 (C11 Coy, 3 Bn, 33 Regt) gave us. As of 3 Jul, we had 83 litres (166 lbs) in storage.
Please send the provisions coupon back to me so that I can prepare for D - Day of the "return to the country"."

Comment: CDEC states that this could be a code for the beginning of a large scale attack. The document continues:

"Comrades DANG and NHAN are to stay close to the village (unspecified) and assist C11 in purchasing rice for E (probably 33 Regt) in accordance with a plan to be disseminated by Comrade HUA (unk)."

Please buy four sets of Puppets (RVNAF) combat uniforms for C22 (Tpt Coy 33 Regt). After Comrade NHAN returns we will depart. Please issue rice to 23 (Med Coy 33 Regt), B1 (a staff sect) and D3 (3 Bn 33 Regt)."

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 198/71.
- 2. Period Covered from 170001H to 172400H Jul 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) (171255H). At YS410920, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc one fresh unoccupied bunker system, consisting of five bunkers in an area 75m x 75m with three entry/exit tracks. The system had been constructed during the last four weeks and had not been used in the last 24 hrs.

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a) (170555H). At YS594669, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR eng what was believed to be one pers mov E to W on perimeter. A sweep was conducted at first light with neg results.

(b) (170930H). At YS572702, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR eng one en who was dressed in black and who returned fire on contact. En withdrew NW on a well used track. An old bunker system which had been reported previously is loc in the contact area. Nil friendly or en casualties.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

DTG

170935H E 60-62
N 65-67

- 1. At YS616670 a light track, one week old with E-W movement was seen. The track had not been made by 1 ATF troops.
- 2. At YS608669 a very large lie up area was loc which had been used during the past three days. A heavy E-W track which passed through grids YS602667, YS595662 and joined another track which had S-N movement, was observed. The track was followed along the Northern bank of the SONG RAI to approx YS589663. The movement between YS602667 and YS595662 was not on an established track. Movement believed probably to be friendly.
- 3. At YS626640 a track was seen indicating N-S movement of a group numbering approx ten. The track was not more than a week old.

171205H E 60-63
N 58-61

- 1. Three sets of tracks were loc at YS638584 coming out of the jungle and heading towards the beach. Tracks petered out before beach fringe. The tracks were 3-4 days old.
- 2. At YS604600 footprints were sighted which indicated movement into a clump of trees; fern leaves had been cut and scattered under some trees. Prints were estimated to be more than a week old.

171400H E 62-65
N 73-76

- 1. At YS617754 JADE ac sighted flares bursting to the North of XUYEN MOC. COMMENT: No flares were observed by 3 RAR in the area or by XUYEN MOC.
- 2. A light fresh track was observed running from YS637763 to YS642763. 3 RAR COMMENT: Tracks were not made by 3 RAR.
- 3. No other sign of movement was seen.

171630H E 55-58
N 75-78

- 1. No sign of movement in area.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

(1) KIA.....	6 VC	(6) Omitted.
(2) PW.....	1	(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...35 lbs
(3) and (4) omitted.		(8) Omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns		(9) Med Stores.....1/2 lb
Action.....	8	(10) to (21) omitted.
Caches.....	3	(22) SA Rds.....557

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(23) Grenades...149
(24) AP Mines...7
(25) AT Mines...6

(26) TNT.....20 lbs
(27) Bangalore...3

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial Forces A0.

(a) Sector Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F4.

(131100H). At YS301752 an unknown VC unit was reported on the SUOI BEN TAU. The unit was reported to have a strength of 40 and was armed with two .50 cal HMGs, one B-40, one 60mm mor and individual wpns. They were repairing old defensive positions and setting up hootchies and camouflage.

(b) Special Branch Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(132100H). At YS416633 approx 10 VC dressed in black infiltrated AP TAY, XA HOA LONG. After 30 mins they withdrew towards GIENG MACH in the same hamlet.

(c) Special Branch Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(140030H). At YS217666 eight VC armed with one B-40 and AK 47s and travelling in sampans stopped fishermen and delivered propaganda about VC victories in CAMBODIA and LAOS.

(d) Special Branch Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(141600H). At YS365603 four VC who were dressed in fatigues, black shirts and carrying wpns under raincoats, with a black dog were seen.

(e) Special Branch Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(141830H). At YS376658 four VC of HOA LONG Village Guerillas, dressed as farmers and armed with one AK 47 and two carbines stopped workers to ask for info on the activities of PF, RF and PSDF in HOA LONG and where their night ambush and sentry positions were loc. After 15 mins they released the locals.

(f) Special Branch Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(141900H). At YS365594 five VC from BARIA City Unit dressed as farmers, and led by NGUYEN VAN SANG aka NAM DEN (sect comd) (1 ATF ORBAT holds as cadre of VUNG TAU City Admin Office) and THI MUOI PHAN (womens cadre) (1 ATF ORBAT holds as NLF womens cadre member), stopped fishermen for info on XA LONG HUONG and on the Deputy Hamlet Chief for Administration of AP HUONG GIANG.

(g) RDC Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(152359H). At YS431599, approx one sect of VC infiltrated AP LONG PHUONG, XA LONG DIEN, where they asked for info on GVN operations. The VC withdrew at approx 0330 hrs.

(h) LONG DAT District. 1 ATF F4.

On 16 Jul 20 VC were sighted moving from E-W through AP PHUOC TRUONG, XA PHUOC THO, DAT DO.

(i) LONG DAT District Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(162300H). Three VC infiltrated PHUOC HAI. One VC was identified as NGO VAN KY of AP HAI LAC (1 ATF ORBAT holds NGO as a pl comd with the LONG DAT Ordnance Sect).

(j) LONG LE Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C6, 1 ATF F3.

A group of approx 15 VC constantly appear in square YS2478 to resupply from woodcutters and ox cart drivers. The VC climb trees to observe the area, and when friendly forces are seen operating the VC immediately withdraw.

(k) LONG LE Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(161730H). Four VC of 4 Wing, BARIA City Unit, incl THI MUOI PHAN (1 ATF ORBAT holds as member of BARIA NLF Womens Cadre) dressed as farmers and armed with an AK 47 and carbines, stopped and spoke to people at YS364597. PHAN (unk) asked if any of the people had relatives in the ARVN (to which there was a neg response), and if PF units usually operated among the RUNG SAT padi fields. After 10 mins the VC withdrew towards NGON ONG TRANG (YS370600).

(l) LONG LE Report Received 17 Jul 71. Eval VN F6, 1 ATF F3.

(151230H). At YS233663 three VC stopped fishermen and woodcutters to deliver propaganda and to warn that only fishing and crabbing would be permitted in the area. Woodcutting was not permitted. COMMENT:This prohibition is probably .../aimed

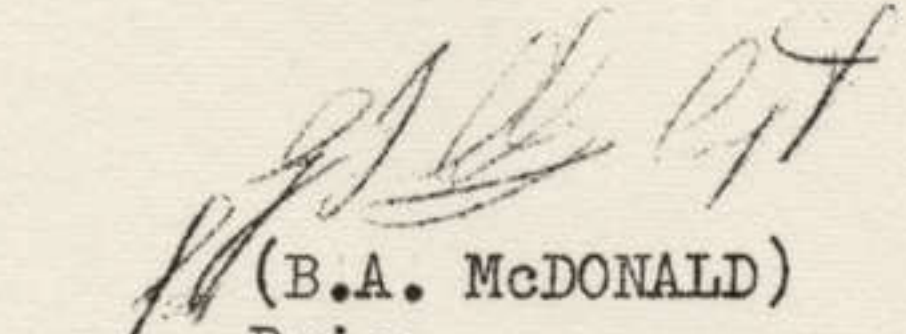
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aimed at conserving wooded cover in an area which could rapidly be denuded.

- (m) Ref INTSUM 191/71 dated 10 Jul 71, para 11.f.(6), attack on PHUOC HAI Village.
MSS VUNG TAU and Naval Intelligence have both received reports on the reported
VC intention to attack PHUOC HAI Village between 20 and 25 Jul.


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Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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- AATTV (SAIGON)
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1., 2. and 3. omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

171015H Mission aborted due to 3 RAR contact and artillery fire in Western side
of area.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 199/71.
- 2. Period Covered from 180001H to 182400H Jul 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (181105H). At YS417917 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a camp site 60m x 30m capable of accommodating 20 pers. Site was six mths old and not used in that period. Loc in camp were three enamel plates, empty ration tins and one NVA helmet.

b. Air Activity

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
180800H	E 70-72 N 80-84	Usual woodcutters out of civil access were seen throughout the area. Two yellow trucks and approx 12 pers seen in area YS7181. Wooden hut not loc.
181000H	E 38-41 N 65-68	All pers seen in area appeared to be tending their padis and gardens in the normal manner. At YS391663 a few wrappings from an American type ration pack were seen lying on the ground on the Eastern side of a creek.
181200H	E 60-63 N 70-71	Several heavy tracks were seen used by unknown number of pers mov N-S approx four days ago. Tracks in grassy area W of Route 328. Assumed friendly as ration tins seen in rest areas. Light woodcutting activity in the bushy area E of Route 328. No other signs of en activity.
181400H	E 69-72 N66-69	Many old foot and veh tracks in area. Light timber cutting in Northern and Southern portions. At YS713671 six pers were seen with three ox carts, gathering small logs and grass. At YS702672 five pers were seen mov along road, E-W carrying bundles of sticks.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3.

(1) KIA.....	6 VC	(9) Med Stores.....	1/2 lb
(2) PW.....	1	(10) to (21) omitted.	
(3) and (4) omitted.		(22) SA rds.....	557
(5) Individual Wpns		(23) Grenades.....	149
Action.....	8	(24) AP Mines.....	7
Caches.....	3	(25) AT Mines.....	6
(6) Omitted.		(26) TNT.....	20 lbs
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..	35 lbs	(27) Bangalore.....	3
(8) Omitted.			

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 28/71 dated 12 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

INTSUM 198/71 para 3.a.(1)(a) delete "had not been used in the last 24 hrs", and insert "had been used in the last 24 hrs".

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Territorial Forces AO.

(a) Received from PRU 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 13 Jul 71 at YS243757 four VC belonging to PHU MY Guerilla Unit were seen. They were dressed in black pyjamas and armed with 2 AKs and 1 B40.

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They were commanded by HUA VAN CHON aka TAM CHON ex PHU MY Village PCS.
(1 ATF ORBAT holds as PCS PHU MY).

(b) Received from NP 16 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 10 Jul 71 at YS376628 six VC in mixed dress and armed with two AK47s and carbines were seen. They stopped locals and asked about preparations made by GVN units to safe-guard the coming elections.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) Received from XUAN LOC 17 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 16 Jul 71 at YT3800 approx 100 VC armed with 82mm mor, AA MGs, B40s and other SA and dressed in black stopped woodcutters to question them about friendly activities. They stated their intentions were to attack Aust Forces.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Extracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(a) (170845H) At YS693947 3 Bde tps eng two en who withdrew SW with unk losses. A pack was found in contact area containing miscellaneous items incl a qty of docus. Comment: Ident to be advised when available.

(b) (171840H) At YT520038, YT520035 and YT513034, while searching a bunker complex 3 Bde tps discovered 33 bunkers, cooking huts, tables and a small qty of food and ammo. There were tracks in area with recent use by an unk number of en in the previous 24 hrs. Docus ident elms of BA LONG Province EQ.

(2) Extract from RTAVF INTSUM.

(a) (171735H) At YS236934 B Coy 3-2 elms while mov in a 2 1/2 ton truck, were fired upon by approx 20 VC with RPG and SA fire. After return of fire en fled N. Results: 1 Thai KIA, 2 Thais WIA. En cas unk. Thai KIA was a road sentry.

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- Annexes: A. Interrogation Report
- F. Effects of Wet Season on Enemy Operations

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- AATTV Advisor BARIA
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INTERROGATION REPORT

PW - [REDACTED]

Reproduced from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Air Cav Div (AM) INTSUM No 99 dated 17 Jul 71.

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. Rank/Appt: Sgt/Squad Leader.
- c. Unit: [REDACTED] (subject stated that [REDACTED] was an F and E Sect).
- d. Circumstances of Capture: the subject was captured following a contact by D Coy 2/8 Bn, 3 Bde, 1 ACD on 3 Jul 71 at [REDACTED]

Information

2. The subject stated that MR7 and all province headquarters in BARIA Province, LONG KHANH Province and BIEN HOA Province were to be deactivated and reorganised into the BARIA Sector, which would command all of the districts in these provinces. The subject could not give any information that would clarify what the BARIA Sector would comprise or encompass. [REDACTED] and other members of his unit were at the base camp at the time they were told what the directive stated. The reorganisation was to be completed between 15 Jun and 15 Jul 71.

3. Plans were to disrupt the general elections in Autumn, by attacking GVN areas and installations, and telling the people that the elections were not free. The subject stated that the HO CHI MINH Trail was to be used for infiltrating very small groups into MR7 to build a base of troop strength for this purpose. The HO CHI MINH Trail in Southern LAOS and CAMBODIA had not been attacked for some time, and a large number of troops would be infiltrated in small groups so as not to arouse suspicion in MR7. The directive stated that the Vietnamisation Programme had to be discredited and destroyed. The elections were to be disrupted and two plans were proposed to achieve this:

- a. attack military installations and Province Headquarters to strike fear into the hearts of the people, and prove to them that Vietnamisation is a dishonest stratagem, and
- b. infiltrate political cadre into the populace to try and get the families of RVN servicemen to defect or demonstrate against the GVN.

4. The subject stated that the directive also mentioned that underground "secret" troops in the cities and large hamlets would attempt to assassinate GVN officials and carry out terrorist activities, while the main force units would hit district headquarters and outposts.

5. PHUONG said that the plans for Vietnamisation by the US and RVN are known to COSVN, and that everything possible will be done to discredit the programme.

3 Bde Comment

6. The information provided by PHUONG concerning the reorganisation of MR7 is considered highly possible. This further substantiates recent agent reports and captured documents which have also indicated a reorganisation of the political and military structure throughout MR7.

7. The statement pertaining to the disruption of the general election also agrees with recent agent reports. It is feasible that small groups of people will be scattered throughout the populated areas in MR7 to try to disrupt the Vietnamisation Programme and the elections through political propaganda, terrorist activities and assassination attempts.

1 ATF Comment. The enemy province headquarters which are possibly scheduled for disbandment are SR4, U1 and BA LONG. There have been a number of recent agent reports in PHUOC TUY concerning enemy efforts to be made before and at the time of the time of the elections. Elections for the Lower House are scheduled possibly for 29 Aug, although no definite date has been fixed. Presidential elections are to take place on 3 Oct.

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ANNEX F TO
1 ATF INTSUM 199/71
DATED 18 JUL 71

EFFECTS OF WET SEASON
ON ENEMY OPERATIONS

General

1. This is a study of the enemy's attitude to the wet season and the effects it may have on his operations. This study was compiled as a result of extensive interviews of Hoi Chanhs and prisoners of war. Although no senior former enemy commanders were available, several of the subjects were either adjutants or platoon commanders and they offered reasonably mature opinions on the wet season's military significance and its effect on their operations.
2. a. During the wet season, the enemy are conscious of the following changes in their environment:
 - (1) Poor conditions of light during most days.
 - (2) Rapid growth of vegetation.
 - (3) Increase of water in streams and on ground, resulting in the deterioration of unsealed roads.
- b. Although these factors would appear to offer the enemy some advantages, the subjects were in fact, quite dubious of the wet season's value to them and felt in some ways that the above restrictions hindered them as much as they did Allied Forces. The subsequent paragraphs examine various types of enemy activity and how, in the opinion of the subjects, they are affected by the wet season.

Reconnaissance

3. The enemy will usually first observe a target from some distance and then plan a close recce to be done at night. Good visibility is required and heavy rain simply forces the party to move closer to their objective and therefore risk discovery. A night with good moonlight is considered ideal for the close recce. Although they know sentries and ambush parties will be less alert during rain, their own ability to recce effectively by sight and sound is considerably diminished. If the grass is wet, their bodies will leave very clear tracks which will alert the objective the next morning. Two of the subjects were ex-members of recce groups and were quite emphatic in their dislike of recce during rain.

Attack

4. All deliberate enemy attacks are preceded by careful recce and detailed planning. As it is obviously impossible to plan on its raining at a certain time, the weather is only incidental. However the subjects made several points on the effect rain would have on the attack:
 - a. Rain made the approach march to the objective more secure and allowed them to approach much closer before being detected by sentries.

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- b. RVNAF/FWMAF ambush parties were usually less alert or had moved under cover to escape the rain.
- c. Without technical equipment, counter bombardment against VC/NVA fire support was much less effective.
- d. The speed and efficiency of our air reaction was much less, especially at night.
- e. The rain interfered with the firing charges of B40s and B41s which made VC/NVA fire support erratic.
- f. Heavy rain made VC/NVA control difficult, especially if the original plan had to be changed.

Defence

5. Neither the layout nor routine of a VC/NVA base camp appears to change very much in the wet season. While it is raining, the troops stay in their bunkers and play cards or chat. Crew-served weapons have a niche near the entrance of the bunker but are not manned. Each sub-unit usually puts out 1 - 2 sentries in the most likely direction of enemy approach under a plastic shelter, and this does not change during rain storms. Several subjects admitted having been surprised by allied forces who had not been detected due to the rain but they still saw no reason to increase their sentries during rain. Sentries often fall asleep during the rain because of the cooler conditions.

Movement

6. Again, planning is necessary for any long move and the weather cannot be relied upon. The average speed is approx 3 Km an hour and some marches have been as long as twelve hours. Although the rain gives good cover from view, swollen streams and slippery tracks slowed down the rate of march. Movement across open areas would leave clear tracks in wet grass and this had to be avoided. Finally clothing and equipment would be soaked and time would have to be set aside to dry and clean these later on. In spite of the inhibiting effect on allied air power, all of the subjects preferred to trust their ability at camouflage in the dry season than suffer the inconveniences of the wet.

Minor Tactics

7. Generally, there is no change from the dry season. An opportune rain storm may be used to cover a withdrawal but the wet season itself seems to have no effect on doctrine. On the subject of spacing during tactical movement, there is no reduction of spacing to correspond with a reduction in hearing and vision during a rainstorm to maintain control. Some of the subjects admitted that there was common sense in the idea but did not seem to think it was important.

Infiltration

8. Persons responsible for infiltration considered a rain storm to be handy just before moving into a target area. RVNAF/FWMAF ambush parties and sentries would be restricted and there was little chance of detection. However, movement over wet padi was slow and difficult and

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clear tracks were left in wet grass. Sometimes rainstorms are used to cover the approach march to the target so that the group can observe the movement of ambush patrols while light remains and only have to move a short distance in darkness. Often however the rain would stop before the approach march was finished and leave the group exposed during the hours of daylight. Generally, infiltrations appear to be done on demand and the wet season is as much a hinderance as a help.

Logistics

9. In this field, the wet season presents only difficulties. However discipline and improvisation keep the effects at the nuisance level.

- a. Food. Food was harder to preserve during the wet season as it had to be kept in underground caches to avoid allied detection. When carried by soldiers, it is kept in plastic and tightly wrapped up. Cooking was difficult as wet wood gave off too much smoke and in critical periods, food was often eaten half cooked or cold. In these cases, rice was pre-cooked.
- b. Weapons. There was never a shortage of cleaning material and weapons were always meticulously clean. They are often wrapped in plastic bags when not required.
- c. Medical. Illness, especially malaria and pneumonia, were rife during the wet season. However, all were confident in their own unit's medical resources and could only see a soldier who was wounded or badly injured being evacuated to a hospital unit. One subject was very conscious of the relationship between illness and morale. He would not let soldiers sleep in damp bunkers during the day and ensured they all had regular physical and mental exercise. He also insisted that water be boiled before drinking and that food be properly cooked. He considered good food and measures against water-borne diseases to be worth the risk of detection.

Conclusion

10. Generally, the subjects did not personally welcome the wet season; it meant difficulty in movement and a fair amount of inconvenience. The officers and NCOs among the subjects could see some advantages offered by the wet season, but were also aware of the associated problems. The following points outline the general opinions of the subjects:

- a. Although the wet weather neutralizes allied technology to a large extent, the enemy are also restricted in movement and have to protect their men and equipment from the effects of the weather
- b. The enemy are confident of their camouflage techniques and generally prefer the dry season for operations.

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c. All the activities mentioned are usually carried out under direction from higher HQ (the highest ranking former officer was the adjutant of a District Company) and these directions were to be carried out regardless of the weather. Because planning was done in advance, no specific mention was made of the weather.

d. Many of the persons interviewed were rather doctrinaire in attitude and did not consider weather to be important in minor tactics. Although they agreed that security was weak with only one sentry out during a heavy rain-storm, they appeared loathe to change their minds and agree that the system should change.

11. The above paragraph sums up the attitude of the subjects to the problem. At the sub-unit level, the enemy do not appear to think that the wet season has much relevance to their tactical conduct. It imposes its difficulties but good leadership and administration will overcome these; otherwise they suffer the inconveniences and try to maintain their normal operations in spite of the weather.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 200/71.
- 2. Period Covered from 190001H to 192400H Jul 71
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) (191450H). At YS627673, A/tk Pl 3 RAR contacted 2 en dressed in black. The en withdrew S, dropping water containers as they went. They are thought to have been a water party. En cas unk.

(b) (181716H). At YS614650, ptl from HQ C Coy 3 RAR contacted 2 en dressed in black and carrying long barrelled weapons, who were following the C/S prior to contact. On sighting en C/S eng. En fled. En cas unk.

(c) (Prior to 191800H). 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR followed a track from YS580666 to YS585633. It had been used by a possible 10 pers within the last 48 hrs.

(d) (191610H). At YS625676, Aslt Pnr Pl 3 RAR eng 4-5 en dressed in black and mov NE before contact. En withdrew NE. Results: 1 VC WIA (poss), 1 M16, 6 hootches, 4 carrying logs, 2 M1 mags, qty of medical supplies, 20 lbs rice, qty tobacco, clothing and a qty of docus CIA. All captured eqpt and wpn in excellent condition. Comment: Docus ident elms of XUYEN MOC District Unit. For full readout see Annex B.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a) (Prior to 191555H). At YS408955, C Coy 3 RAR loc a fresh track running S to slightly E of N, used by approx 12-15 pers this morning.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
190700H	East of Route 328-64 YS N 66-68	No sign of mov across Route 328 or in VR area.
191000H	YS E 33-35 YS N 92-95	Nil sightings
191200H	YS E 44-46 YS N 93-96	YS450933, freshly dug yam hole next to large bush. Under the bush a bowl with what appeared to be food in it was seen. Evidence of extensive yam digging in area to W of above grid. YS460940, well used river crossing probably civilian. YS462946, wooden scaffolding around base of freshly cut tree. A track ran N from CAM MY to river crossing at YS460930. It was lost at YS450947 after passing through YS458932, YS458938, YS454938. Track was well used by small groups. 3 civilians seen on track.
191345H	YS E 55-58 YS N 78-81	No sign of rec movement in area.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c. and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown 1 M16.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

6 hootches, 4 carrying logs, 2 M1 mags, qty med supplies, qty clothing, qty soap and perfume.

(b) Omitted.

.../(3) Captured

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS625676	Rice	20 lbs	Destroyed

(4) and (5) omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA.....	6 VC	(9) Med Stores.....	1/2 lb
(2) PW.....	1	(10) to (21) omitted.	
(3) and (4) omitted.		(22) SA rounds.....	557
(5) Individual Wpns		(23) Grenades.....	149
Action.....	9	(24) AP Mines.....	7
Caches.....	3	(25) AT Mines.....	6
(6) Omitted.		(26) TNT.....	20 lbs
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...	50 lbs	(27) Bangalore.....	3
(8) Omitted.			

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71/

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

- (1) Ref INTSUM 197/71, para 11.f.(1) delete 121230H and insert 131230H; delete MHA BE PRU and insert LONG KHANH PRU. At end of report insert: Comment: Documents probably identify 2 Bn 274 VC MF Regt.
- (2) Ref INTSUM 197/71, para 11.f.(2) delete "BIEN HOA PRU", insert "RSSZ PRU" Add after 7 VC KIA, "3 AK47s CIA". Documents taken identify H5 and A3 Rear Service elements of SR 4".

d. Agent Reports

- (1) Received DAT DO. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 at 1600 hrs, source reports sighting a VC pl at YS493542 mov in unk direction.
- (2) Received RDC PHU MY. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 at 1130 hrs, 5 VC incl LE VAN UNG (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as PHU MY guerilla and member F & E Sect) stopped ox cart drivers at YS272745 and warned that they must pay tax of 500 piastre per mth to work in the jungle.
- (3) Received PHUOC HOA. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 at 1800 hrs, 3 VC were seen fishing at YS239686.
- (4) Received NP PHUOC HOA. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 at 1500 hrs, 6 VC of PHUOC HOA PC, incl NGUYEN VAN DU, aka MUOI DU (unk), stopped fishing boats to collect tax at YS239624. If they did not pay on 19 Jul 71, they would not be allowed to work in that area.
- (5) Received NP PHUOC HOA. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 at 1500 hrs, 5 VC incl TRAN VAN DIEM (unk) stopped fishermen at YS249636 to demand tax of 500 piastre per boat. If they did not pay by 19 Jul they would not be permitted to work in area.
- (6) Received NP LONG LE. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 at 1830 hrs, 4 VC guerillas appeared at YS395671 where they stopped farmers to propagandize, and appealed to those people having relatives in the PSDF to ask them to return their wpns. If they did not comply retribution would be taken against them when the VC attacked HOA LONG.
- (7) Received RDC LONG DIEN. Eval 1 ATF F3.
On 17 Jul at 2330 hrs 6 VC led by HUYNH LUOM (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as Party Chapter Secretary AN NGAI) infiltrated AN NGAI (YS4459) for resupply.
- (8) Received XA LONG DIEN. Eval 1 ATF F3.
On 18 Jul 71 3 VC infiltrated through AP LONG PHUONG (YS435595) to behind (South) of the RDC district compound. They were seen by both the RDC and NP. Comment: VC were possibly receiving the RDC compound for an attack.
- (9) Received from S2 Sector. Eval 1 ATF F3.
On 14 Jul 71 at 1300 hrs a unit of approx 20 VC were loc at YS216735.

.../(10) Received

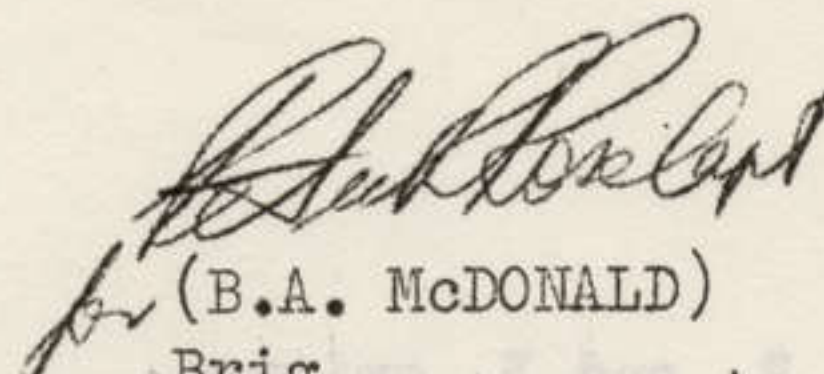
- (10) Received from PHU MY. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F2.
On 18 Jul 71, according to a local guerilla, the VC are planning to assassinate govt cadres during the Lower House and Presidential elections, with the objective of replacing them with their own legal cadre,
- (11) Received from PSB. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
On 11 Jul 71 at 2100 hrs, 15 VC of HOA LONG (V) Guerillas infiltrated the area of YS415644-YS414643 with the objective of spreading propaganda and re-establishing their local cadres. They also collected food and withdrew towards DUONG CU (unk).
- (12) Received from NP. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.
On 15 Jul 71 at 1630 hrs, 2 sections of VC, strength about 20, from PHU MY F & E Sect and village guerillas incl LE VAN NEU (1 ATF ORBAT holds a NAM NEU as PHU MY PCS), LE VAN UNG (Comd F & E PHU MY), BUI VAN THU (member PHU MY Guerillas) and HOANG HA (Comd PHU MY Guerillas) guided by NEU, were stopping locals to ask why they were not out cutting wood in the area.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.Late Report

- (1) (171315H). At YT204709 875 RF Coy loc a cache containing the fol items: 16 unk type SMGs, 4 CKCs, 50 boxes (10,000 rds) of assorted ammo and 14 unk sized boxes of TNT.
- (2) (142400H). NGUYEN VAN LANG, born 1954 of HAI LAC (H) PHUOC HAI (V) was captured by PHUOC HAI VIOCC. He is a PSDF member suspected of spreading propaganda for VC. He is being held by NP at DAT DO.

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- (3) (142200H). At YS204828, a US gunship eng a bunker complex resulting in 45 bunkers destroyed. At 150001H, PRU were inserted and established contact with a small en force. Results: nil friendly cas, 1 en KBA, 1 AK47, 2 mags and 250 7.62mm rds CIA. KIA was ident as TRUONG THANH THAT, Pl Ldr A4. (A4 is an Entry/Exit Point for Rear Services SR 4).
- (4) (181115H). At YS712927, 3 Bde VR sighted 1 garden plot 60-70 ft in diameter with unk crops and 5-7 cows.


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- Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 200/71
DATED 19 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found after a contact by Aslt Pnr Pl 3 RAR at YS625676 at 191630H Jul 71 identify elms of XUYEN MOC District Unit.
2. The documents were:
 - a. A personal biography of TRAN VAN TY, aka TRAN VAN HIEU (1 ATF ORBAT records him by both names as a member of the Military Postal Sect of C70 Concentrated Coy of XUYEN MOC (D) Unit), born in 1940 at PHUOC BUU (V) XUYEN MOC (D), BA RIA (P). Unit: Mil Postal Sect. Date became probationary Party member: 2 Nov 65. Date became official Party member: 2 Aug 66.
 - b. A notebook containing training lessons for members of a Group Chapter Committee, incl some lessons on the techniques of propagandising.
 - c. A letter from HAI THUY (unk) to DUONG CHIN aka BA BO (1 ATF ORBAT records BA BO as an executive of the Current Affairs Committee of XUYEN MOC) from XUYEN MOC asking him if there were mines in the area from CHU KIA Road (ARVN 10 MID state that CHU KIA Road is the approx 300m of Route 328 immediately north of the intersection with Route 23) to the Pagoda on Route 23 (XUYEN MOC advises that there is a small roadside pagoda at YS645657), so that civilians from PHUOC THANH (DAT DO) can cultivate in the area. The latter was dated 3 Jul 71.
 - d. A notebook of songs with the name HOANG KIM LONG, aka KIEN (1 ATF ORBAT records a HAI LONG as a member of the Party Chapter of XUYEN MOC).
 - e. A piece of paper containing notes on rice purchased; in Jun when 30 litres were bought at a cost of \$1950 piastre; and in Jul when 10 litres were bought at a cost of \$650 piastre. 15 litres were also received from the Finance and Economy Section.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1., 2. and 3. omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

DTG

190900H
E 54-58
N 78-84

MINIMUM

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YS568829
YS574829

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 29/71
(PERIOD 12 JUL - 18 JUL 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. SLAR-detected truck activity decreased during the week, probably as a result of the rain. The average daily tonnage rate was only 88 tons compared to a daily rate of 107 tons for the last 30 days.

LAOS

2. Truck movement throughout the PANHANDLE was severely hampered by the effects of typhoons HARRIET and KIM. Only 260 sensor string activations were noted during the week compared with 989 last week.

3. The focal point of activity in LAOS still centered around the Plain of Jars. In one contact three companies engaged 150 enemy (UG120490). Result of the contact was one friendly killed and eight wounded to three enemy killed. Irregulars searching a cave complex south west of the Plain of Jars discovered a major enemy hospital which contained a large quantity of ammunition as well as 1500 lbs of medical supplies. In the XIENG KHOUANG airfield area 10 caches were discovered. They yielded a total of 12 tons of rice and one ton of salt.

CAMBODIA

4. There were no significant contacts with enemy forces during the week as the enemy concentrated on resupply and regrouping. Only two minor engagements were reported. The first occurred near KOMPONG CHAM (WU383367) when Cambodian forces clashed with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 Cambodians killed and 12 wounded to 15 enemy killed. In the second incident ARVN troops operating SSW of NEAK LUONG (WT210110), supported by US gunships, killed 19 enemy of a company sized force. ARVN losses were 4 killed and 9 wounded. There were no incidents reported in PHNOM PENH during the period.

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5. There was no military activity of significance during the week as the enemy concentrated on logistical activity and repositioning of forces under adverse weather conditions. The enemy also seems to be beginning his "Election Campaign" by propagandizing the people to support DUONG VAN MINH. The VC believe that the election of MINH will enhance the chances of a coalition government.

MR 2

6. Enemy initiated activity remained at the low level of past weeks with only two isolated attacks by fire of significance, in KONTUM and BINH THUAN Provinces. On 11 and 14 Jul an ARVN camp at DAK PEK (YB952685) received attacks by fire totalling 52 rounds of 82mm and 60mm mortar. Only light casualties and damage were caused with one friendly killed and three wounded. Three enemy were killed and one was captured during a sweep outside the camp.

7. ROKA elements carried out a two week operation in BINH DINH Province directed against Base Area 226 (vic BR7368). Six tons of rice were captured and a large number of enemy reported killed.

MR 4

8. Activity remained at a low level during the week with a daily average of 3 attacks by fire. Enemy activity in MR 4 has now been at a low level since mid-May.

9. In the U MINH campaign ARVN elements with US gunship support had four significant contacts (WR135795, VR960850, WR235382, WR230420). Cumulative results were 8 friendlies killed (2 US) and 9 wounded, to 29 enemy killed. PWs captured in the U MINH area have stated that 70% of the new recruits arriving in the area are young North Vietnamese whose morale is low due to infiltration hardships and aggressive ARVN operations.

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10. In BA XUYEN Province on 14 Jul an OP was overrun near THANH TRI (WR735593) despite US gunship support. Ten friendlies were killed, six were wounded and two are missing. Enemy casualties are unknown.

MR 3

11. Recent agent reports indicate that the enemy may be planning for a period of increased tactical activity in TAY NINH Province. The activity is likely to be mainly attacks by fire against allied installations at widely scattered locations. The many reports concerning this activity indicate that it is intended to occur between 4 Jul and mid-Aug. There has been no indication, as yet, that this activity has begun.

12. A contact on 12 Jul near DUC HOA (XS591925) between RF forces and a large enemy force resulted in 6 friendlies killed and 18 wounded. A US helicopter that was supporting the 8 hour engagement was hit by small arms and forced to land. Enemy losses in this engagement are not known.

13. On 14 Jul near DINH QUAN (YT680554) a camouflaged truck was destroyed by a US gunship. The truck, which still bore its original US markings, was carrying 2500 lbs of flour and 3000 lbs of cement as well as small arms ammunition and petrol.

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14. There were four contacts involving 1 ATF troops during the week. Two enemy were killed and one was wounded. Sector forces were involved in one contact with no result.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

15. D445. An element of D445 is believed to have returned to the Province and to be located near XUYEN MOC. The location of the main body is uncertain. C1 Company probably remains in the LONG HAI's.

16. 274 VC Regt

a. HQ 274 Regt and 1 Bn are believed to remain in the SUOI QUIT and SUOI CA areas of the north western Province border. Some support companies of the Regiment are probably located with the Headquarters.

b. On 13 Jul in LONG KHANH Province near Route 1 (YT310085) a Province Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) patrol contacted an estimated 20 VC, killing 5. Documents identified elements of 274 Regt, probably of 2 Bn.

17. 3 Bn 33 Regt is believed to remain in the BAO BINH area of XUAN LOC District (general area YT5003). On 10 Jul troops of 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) captured documents north of XUAN LOC (at YT477187) which identified elements of C11 Coy of 3/33.

18. On 17 Jul east of BAO BINH (at YS5203) 3 Bde troops captured documents identifying an element of BA LONG Province Headquarters.

19. Sub Region 4

a. On 13 Jul near the SUOI CA B Coy 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) had two contacts with SR 4 elements. In the first of these (YS428928) one member of C205 Recce Coy was killed. The second contact (YS414926) was with a party of five or six enemy and resulted in a member possibly of the SR 4 Postal Section being killed. This man was carrying a carefully drawn map of a large allied installation, showing a detailed enemy attack plan. The map is being examined by the Combined Documents Exploitation Centre. No identification of the installation has yet been received.

b. On the night 14/15 Jul north west of THAI THIEN (YS2080, YS2081, YS2082), RUNG SAT Special Zone PRU had several contacts with enemy groups. Eight enemy were killed, including one killed by air, and one enemy was captured. The enemy were identified as members of Rear Services Sub Region 4.

20. D10 Sapper Battalion.

a. On 13 Jul elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a body near the SUOI CA (at YS442941), in the area of the A Sqn contact on the night 21/22 Jun in which 12 members of SR 4 units were killed. Documents suggest that the dead enemy had been a member of D10 Sapper Battalion. This unit is normally located in SR 4 and the
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enemy KIA may have been a member of the composite SR 4 ration party which was ambushed by A Sqn on 20/21 Jun.

b. D10 has not been positively located recently. It is thought to be in the RUNG SAT north west of THAI THIEN. There have however been several unconfirmed reports recently that small elements of D10 may be in the RUNG SAT area of western PHUOC TUY, east of the SONG THI VAI (YS220670, see 1 ATF INTSUM 196/71 para 11.d.(1)(a). See also INTSUM 121/71 para 11.f.(3); documents from this PRU contact at YS220670 identified "Number 10 RUNG SAT Unit"). TRAC advise that D10 has a strength of 230 approximately.

21. No further identification has been made of CHAU DUC. Group 13 probably remains in the general HAT DICH area, where it was last contacted on 2 Jul by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS356811).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

22. On 17 Jul RUNG SAT Special Zone RF forces found an enemy cache in the RUNG SAT close to the PHUOC TUY border (at YS204709). In the cache were 16 sub machine guns, four SKSs, 50 boxes (10,000 rounds) of assorted ammunition and 14 unknown sized boxes of TNT. There are continuous agent reports regarding enemy presence in the RUNG SAT area of PHUOC TUY, suggesting that the RUNG SAT, on both sides of the SONG THI VAI remains a haven for a substantial number of enemy.

23. A PW from Headquarters Military Region 7, who was captured by 3 Bde north of NUI BE (at YS822965) on 3 Jul, has provided further information regarding the reorganisation of enemy MR 7, which is reportedly taking place at present (INTSUM 199/71 Annex A). He stated that all Province Headquarters (these are BA LONG, SR 4 AND U1) are to be disbanded. However further information will be required before the enemy intentions can be ascertained.

24. The 3 Bde PW (para 23 above) has also stated that the enemy in MR 7 is planning to disrupt the GVN elections which are scheduled for possibly 29 Aug (Lower House) and for 3 Oct (Presidential elections). These attacks are reportedly to include a propaganda effort, attacks upon posts and also assassination. Similar reports have been received from other areas of VIETNAM. Seven recent agent reports emanating from PHUOC TUY suggest that the enemy in this Province also is planning an anti-election campaign. A propaganda effort, some assassinations and possibly some limited ground probes are within the enemy's capability.

25. 274 Regt elements in their present dispositions in the north western Province border area continue to present a threat to hamlets in northern DUC THANH District and in the TRAC Special AO.

26. All of D445's moves into PHUOC TUY over the past year, with the exception of C1's continued presence in the LONG HAI, have been short-lived and costly to them. Therefore it is believed that the presence of a D445 element in the XUYEN MOC area is probably related to an offensive task in the near future.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 201/71.
2. Period covered from 20001H to 202400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE.

(a)(201230H) At YS388929, V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 8-9 enemy dressed in green and black who were moving South. Contact maintained intermittently until 1410H. Each time ptl moved out to clear area they were fired upon from several sides. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), CIA were, quantity of rice, one water bag and a quantity of docus.

Comment: Docus identify KIA as HOA VAN CONG of C23 Surgical Coy of 274 VC Regt.

(2) AO GLENELG.

(a) Late Report. (192205H). At YS566743, ptl from LCT heard movement and metallic sound to East. LCT engaged and unknown number of enemy withdrew to East. Sweep produced nil results.

(b)(200830H) At YS605660, 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR located a bunker system/camp area. System consisted of 3 T shaped bunkers 30m apart. 2 bunkers measured 5ft by 3½ft by 2 ft deep and the other was 5ft by 3½ ft by 3½ ft deep. There was no OHP. System runs NW-SE and is in good condition with a heavily used comms path running between pits. Numerous tins, cigarette packs, one pair of trousers, a quantity of empty fish tins, 1 D type cell were found in area. System was destroyed. Comment: T shape of bunkers suggest the presence of D445.

(c)(200920H) At YS603667, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a track used approx 3 days ago by 3-4 persons. Track followed for short distance but petered out.

(3) AO OTAGO.

(a)(201030H) At YS453713 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a track used in last 24 hours by approx 10 persons moving South. Later at YS463713 same unit located 18" overgrown track used in past two days by unknown number of persons also moving South.

(b)(201630H) At YS447705 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, located a track used by 3-5 persons in last 6 hours. Persons wearing HO CHI MINH sandals and moving SouthEast. Comment: VN civilians from AP SUOI NGHE and HOA LONG were seen in area, and may have caused track.

(4) XUYEN MOC and NUI NHON AO

(a)(200625H) At YS624667, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged one enemy dressed in greens moving West. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), CIA were 1 M16, personal equipment, \$VN 2700 and one personal letter. No ident made from letter, or from body. See Annex B for docus readout.

(b)(201330H) At YS628672, Sp Coy 3 RAR found five bags (possibly flour) in cache. Further details to be advised.

(c)(201833H) At YS585654, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR engaged 4 enemy moving NE. Enemy were dressed in greens and armed with 2 AK 47s and 2 RPG launchers. Enemy were engaged at 300m and leading man killed. Enemy retreated to N and NE. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 3 Aust WIA, CIA were 1 AK 47, 2 RPG rds, 1 Field Telephone, 3 packs, 50 lb of rice, 10 lb salt and quantity of docus.

Comment: Docus from the three packs positively identify members of Recce Pl D445. See Annex B.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated.)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
201000H	E49-53 N 90-92	No sign of recent movement in area.
201200H	E56-59 N 74-77	No signs of any crossing places along SONG RAI. No recent movement in area.
201400H	E54-57 N 80-83	No sign of recent activity in area.
201545H (By RAAF)	SONG RAI mouth	Men seen tending nets in mouth of the SONG RAI. Also motor bikes seen stopping in trees along beach. Bike movement toward SONG RAI.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 3 VC

(3) Omitted.

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b, c Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

(1-4), (6) Omitted.

(5) RPG 2

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual 2

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown 1 AK 47, 1 M16.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured

1 Field Telephone

\$VN 2700

quantity miscellaneous equipment and rubbish.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS388929	Rice	approx 10 lbs	Destroyed.
YS585654	Rice	50 lbs	Still with Bn.
YS585654	Salt	10 lbs	Still with Bn.

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

(5) Caches.

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
201330H	Sp Coy 3 RAR	YS628672	5 bags.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR 3.

(1) KIA	9 VC	(10-17) Omitted.
(2) PW	1	(18-19) RPG rounds 2 rds
(3-4) Omitted.		(20-21) Omitted.
(5) Individual Weapons		(22) SA rounds .....557
Action	11	(23) Grenades .....149
Caches	3	(24) AP Mines 7
(6) Omitted.		(25) Atk Mines 6
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	110 lbs	(26) TNT 20 lbs
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	10 lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes 3
(9) Med Stores	1/2 lb	

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a, b and c Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from DUC THANH 20 Jul 71. Eval VN C2

At 201100H at YS510805, 5 VC from CHAU DUC were seen propagandizing and warning people not to vote in the elections. The VC wore mixed dress and were fully armed. Identified among the group was BINH, a security cadre of CHAU DUC (1 ATF ORBAT holds a THI BINH as member of security section CHAU DUC).

(2) AO KINGSGROVE.

(b) Received from NP 20 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Late Report. At 150830H at YS385654, 6 guerillas stopped to ask about Aust ops in area. The VC were dressed as farmers and carried 2 AK 47s and 3 carbines. Included in the group was one woman.

(3) AO LUGARNO.

(a) Received from NP 20 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3, VN C2.

At 151400H at YS451644, 2 guerillas similarly camouflaged as farmers and wearing HO CHI MINH sandals stopped a few civilians to ask about RF and PSDF. VC were armed with grenades but no other weapons.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) Received from NP 20 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 141700H at YS365594, 5 VC of LONG HUONG 4th Group camouflaged as civilians stopped fishermen to propagandize and ask about local security. Identified in the group were NGUYEN VAN SANG aka NAM DEN, Squad Leader, (1 ATF ORBAT holds a NGUYEN VAN SANG aka DEN as a member of CAO SU Military Post Office in late 1970) and THI MUOI PHAN, Womens Cadre (1 ATF ORBAT holds a THI MUOI PHAN as NLF Womens Cadre of BARIA City Unit).

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(b) Received from NP 20 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 161730H at YS364597, 4 VC of LONG HUONG 4th Group camouflaged as farmers stopped civilians to ask about RF ops in the RUNG SAT. Members of the group carried 1 AK 47 and 1 carbine. Identified in the group was THI MUOI PHAN (see para (4) (a) above).

(c) Received from LONG LE 20 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 191900H at YS248647, 6 VC were seen in sampans. They were armed with 4 AK 47. Included in the group was NGUYEN VAN HAI (unknown).

(d) Received from PHUOC HAI Police. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

The VC plan to collect a large amount of rice from AP HOI CUU, XA HOI MY and possibly to attack the PF outpost at AP HOI CUU.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (172315H). At YS126963, 200 RF Coy contacted an estimated 20 VC. Results 4 VC KIA, 7 RF WIA, 1 CKC CIA.

(2) (191130H) At YS695960 elms of 3 Bde 1 ACD located a 1 ft wide E-W track with heavy use in last 3 days.

(3) At YS686764, a group of 6-8 persons, with no women included were seen taxing and talking to the woodcutters and jungle workers. Last seen approx 1200H on 16 Jul 71.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 201/71
DATED 20 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Documents captured by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS388929 at 201230H Jul 71 identify HOA VAN CONG of C23 Surgical Coy of 274 VC MF Regt.
2. The documents included:
 - a. A decision for HOA VAN CONG of C23 (Surgical Coy) A 54 (274 Regt) announcing his acceptance as a Party member, signed by NGUYEN DUC HAN (Unk) on 5 Jun 70.
 - b. A decision for HOA VAN CONG of C23 of 4 Regt (274 Regt) promoting him to Section Leader, dated 13 May 69.
 - c. A quantity of Commendation Certificates for HOA VAN CONG, a medic of C23 (Surgical Coy) E 4 (274 Regt).
 - d. Two exercise books containing medical notes.
 - e. Part of a personal letter written to a female.
 - f. Two personal letters written to CONG from HANH NANG (unk), dated 12 Apr 71 and 19 Jan 71 respectively.

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g. A personal letter to CONG from TAM BIET (unk).

A Coy 3 RAR.

3. A letter found on a body by A Coy 3 RAR at YS624667 at 200630H Jul 71 was the third page of a four page letter. It was purely personal in nature, the page concerned dealing mainly with greetings. It was from NGOC NGOAN (unk) to BINH (unk).

C Coy 3 RAR

4. Documents found by C Coy 3 RAR in packs after a contact in which one enemy was KIA at YS585654 at 201833H Jul 71, identify an element of the Recce Pl of C5 Coy D445 LF Bn.

5. The documents included.

- a. A number of personal letters to and from TRAN VAN LOI of the Recce Pl D445 (recorded by 1 ATF as a member of the Recce Pl).
- b. A personal letter to HO CHI MINH from an unknown person.
- c. A JAPANESE Pornographic Photograph.
- d. An advertisement in French for female Sanitary Napkins.
- e. A notebook containing lists of commendation certificates, to be issued to Sect Comds of Province and Bn for Battles at CAM MY, BA RIA, DAT DO, and the intersection at LONG DIEN.
- f. A notebook containing memoranda and songs.
- g. An application to join the Party for DO DUC LOI (possibly an aka for TRAN VAN LOI).
- h. A quantity of photographs.
- i. A quantity of songs.
- j. A commendation certificate for DO DUC LOI of the Recce Unit of PHUOC HAI Village, LONG DAT (D) BA RIA, signed by NGUYEN MINH KHANH (aka HAI KHANH Political Officer D445), Unit Political Officer for HQ D1 (D445), dated 22 Jan 71.
- k. Six commendation certificates for DO VAN LOI, Sect Leader of C2 D445, dates ranging between 1968 and 1969.
- l. A commendation certificate for DO VAN BON (Coy Comd, C2/D445), rank Coy 2IC, appt: Coy Comd of C2 D445, signed by PHAM VAN HY (unk), Chief Political Officer, dated 20 Mar 1969.
- m. A personal history of PHAM VAN TOT (Recce Pl, D445), a section Leader in D445.
- n. A quantity of personal letters to and from TOT.
- o. A hand drawn chart which appears to be a weapon state of an unnamed Recce Unit. No figures were entered.
- p. A letter to NGOC CAM (unk) from NGOC SINH of LBN 228/3245A (unk). The letter states that he is the Propaganda and Training Sect Orderley Room of an unknown unit. It mentions a medical course which began on Mar 71. The letter was dated 15 Mar 71.
- q. A list of medical supplies, dated 31 Mar 71.
- r. Two ration and rice "debts" requesting DO DUC LOI of the Recce Pl of D445 to return money he received while he was being treated medically from 15 Mar to 18 Apr 71.
- s. A notebook belonging to PHAM TOT, containing love letters and memoranda from TRAN THI VAN (possibly his girl friend).
- t. A notebook presented by DANG QUANG (member HQ MR7) of HQ MR7 on 20 May 71 to PHAM VAN TOT, containing a nominal toll of personal and weapons in the 1st and 2nd sects (possibly of C2 D445).

ANNEX E TO
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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.

2. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
192100H	E 50 - 70 N 50 - 80	Nil significant readings.

3. Omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
200900H	E 33 - 37 N 72 - 78	Nil significant readings.

Comment: This sniffer was flown in an effort to get an indication as to the current location of CHAU DUC.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 202/71.
2. Period Covered from 210001H to 212400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) TRAC Special AO

(a) (211420H). At YS380943, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted an est four en who were mov S-N on contact. The en returned fire and withdrew NW. A blood trail was fol along a track to YS378940 where it left track and disappeared. In this area trees had been chopped down and an object that appeared to be a cache was seen suspended in a tree. Results: one VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (BT) with no friendly cas. A qty of docus, medals and a belt were CIA. A sweep of the contact area and an examination of the suspected cache will be carried out on 22 Jul. Comment: An initial 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn docu readout identifies the KIA as a member of C20 Signals Coy of 274 VC Regt. Full docu readout will probably be able to be provided in fol INTSUM.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) Ref INTSUM 201/71 dated 20 Jul 71, para 3.a.(4)(c) amend to read: (201833H) At YS585654 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR eng three en who were mov NW from YS588652. En were dressed in greens and armed with one AK47 and one RPG 2. En were eng at 20m and the leading en was KIA. En withdrew to N and NE. Result: one VC KIA (BC), three Aust WIA; CIA were: one AK47, two RPG rds, one field telephone, three packs, 50 lbs rice, 10 lbs salt and a qty of docus. Further info received 210840H revealed that VC were wearing black dress and the last member in the group was not seen to be carrying a wpn. A pistol mag was found in the area, and it is thought that it possibly belonged to the VC cmd. Comment: docus from the three packs positively ident members of Recce Pl D445. (See Annex B INTSUM 201/71).

(b) (210840H). At YS628672, Sp Coy 3 RAR loc a cache of seven sandbags filled with rice, with weight of approx 200 lbs. The rice was stacked on a platform of small logs. There were frsh signs of activity in the area and the cache was camouflaged. The rice and platform were destroyed. Sp Coy 3 RAR believe that there may have been people in the cache area at time of contact (ref contact report para 2.(a)).

(c) (211115H). At YS588656 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a 2 x 4 gal drum of rice.

(d) (211115H). At YS6366 Sp Coy 3 RAR loc three separate installations consisting of an old bunker system which had been used during past 1-2 days and indicated rec mov to the W. A sleeping area containing a water point and 10 bush tables in an area 50m square which had been used 2-3 days ago and a staging camp adjacent to sleeping area which had been used by 25 pers several days ago. Further details to be advised.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (211115H). On 15 and 20 Jul two ac received SA ground fire from within grid squares E 40-46, N 63-66. The first incident on 15 Jul involved a US Army ac. Pilot observed a muzzle flash outside the SE perimeter of 1 ATF. The second incident on 20 Jul (201719H), involved a RAAF ALBATROSS. Pilot believes he received fire from the rubber SW of NUI DAT.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Damage Code</u>
15 Jul	unk	1	a.	Nil	1. Neg Hits.
201719H	unk	1	a.		<u>Response Code</u>
See para 3.a.(3)(a) for details.					a. No response.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. Flown by 161 (Indep Recce Flt)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
212000H	E 57-60, N 70-73	Only friendly tracks were observed.

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211150H E 35-40, N 96-98

1. Civilians were seen clearing rubber at YS3993.
2. S of road in SE corner of VR area is a heavy track passing E-W about 50m S of the road. The track was fol for approx 500m and assumed to be friendly. It had been used by approx 20 pers 2-3 days ago.
3. At YS387964 three light tracks which had been, made by approx 2-3 pers approx 2 days ago converge on the creek at this loc from the S. It was not seen where the tracks emerged on the N side of the creek but a well worn path runs along the N bank of the creek at YS400970. On the N side of the creek a large bundle of frshly cut banana leaves.
4. At YS361955 a heavy track approx 2 weeks old which extends from the rubber across the creek and heads S.

211430H E 34-36, N 91-96

1. At YS3495 RTAVF elms were seen. Many tracks were in the area.
2. There seemed to be a camp in the area of YS351905. No bunkers were seen but a track appears used from YS358900 where it turns NW to YS351905. There has been a lot of mov in the area which seemed fresh.
Comment: These are almost certainly Thai tracks from YS351905.
3. In area YS357917 and in area 200m radius there are many fresh local tracks and fresh yam diggings.
4. At YS359917 there had been digging morning and afternoon of 21 Jul. There has been an attempt to camouflage all the yam digging holes.

211630H E 355-365, N 91-96
N 365-40, N 95-96

1. Heavy foottrack in the area of YS357914 leading from a fire trail running NW-SE into bamboo and rejoining the track 200m NW of start point.
2. Evidence of very extensive yam diggings with fresh holes close to the track.
3. Age of diggings 2 days at the most.

211730H E 365 and W
N 95 and N

1. Many old tracks in the area.
2. An old man carrying a large full basket entered the area from the E along Route 320, moved across to the rubber and then around the perimeter to YS345945.
3. An old sleeping area with mats etc at YS347964.

211900H Impromptu VR

1. An old destroyed bunker system with a large well used track running SE-NW through it at YS333974.
2. The area around YS343957 appears well-used with several well-defined tracks seen. However, no actual diggings or installations were seen.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Lossesa. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

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

b., c. and d. omitted.

e. Enemy weapons and material captured or destroyed.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured
 1. A qty of medals
 2. One belt.

(b) Omitted.

.../(3) Captured

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS628672	Rice	7 x bags(200 lbs)	destroyed
YS588656	Rice	2 x 4 Gal drums	destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
211420H	B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn	YS380943	docs not yet backloaded

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA.....	10 VC	(10) to (17) omitted.
(2) PW.....	1	(18) B-41 rds.....
(3) and (4) omitted.		(19) B-40 rds.....
(5) Individual Wpns		(20) and (21) omitted.
Action.....	11	(22) SA rds.....
Caches.....	3	(23) Grenades.....
(6) Omitted.		(24) AP Mines.....
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed....	110 lbs	(25) AT Mines.....
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed....	10 lbs	(26) TNT.....
(9) Med Stores.....	1/2 lb	(27) Bangalore.....

, 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. and c. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) INTSUM No 200/71 para 3.a.(1)(c) delete "from YS580666 to YS585633", insert "from YS583667 to YS586660".

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from 525 MI Group 21 Jul 71. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F3.

(191500H). At YS292727, 15 VC armed with one AR and individual wpns were seen mov through YS292727. They continued toward the THI VAI Mountain, vicinity YS305705.

(b) Received from DUC THANH 21 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(131500H). At YS410730, one VC squad appeared fully armed. Among them were DUNG, PCS of BINH BA (V). They intend to enter SUOI NGHE and BINH BA to attack PSDF. (1 ATF ORBAT holds DUNG as PCS BINH BA (V))

(c) Received from DUC THANH 21 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(201100H). At YS510805, five VC of CHAU DUC appeared. Among them was BINH, Security Cadre CHAU DUC. They held a propaganda meeting to tell people of victories and warned the people not to vote in the coming elections. (1 ATF ORBAT holds numerous VC in CHAU DUC with name of BINH).

(2) Other Areas

(d) Received from LONG DIEN 21 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF E3F F3

(191900H). A group of VC disguised as cattle herders, moved down HOA LONG-LONG DIEN road. They came as far as the RF compound on the edge of LONG DIEN and then withdrew.

(e) Received from Sector 20 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Over the two nights 17 and 18 Jul 71 approx five PHU MY guerillas infiltrated the village to get supplies. The VC were disguised as jungle workers and were armed with AKs.

(f) Received from LONG LE 20 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 191730H Jul 71, two VC of an unk unit were seen in a boat. They were dressed in black and one carried an AK47. They detained several people for 30 mins while telling them of the VC restrictions on working in the area. Future entry would entail seizure of boats.

(g) Received from LONG LE 20 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 191500H Jul 71 at YS250624 and YS248647 six VC of PHUOC HOA Party Chapter stopped fishermen to collect taxes. The VC wore mixed dress and were armed with two AK47s.

.../(h) At

(h) Received from LONG LE 20 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 191700H Jul 71 at YS223627 four VC guerillas were sighted in a rowboat. They stopped fishermen to collect taxes and buy food. The VC wore mixed dress and were armed with one AK47, one CKC and one carbine.

(i) Received from LONG LE 20 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On 19 Jul 71, two VC dresses as farmers, mingled with padi workers to chat in both the LONG PHUOC and Route 2 outskirts of HOA LONG (V). When the people returned from their day's work, the VC accompanied them to within 200m of the village boundary, where they stayed hidden in the greenery.

(j) Received from LONG KHANH 20 Jul 71. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 131700H Jul 71 at YT300010 elms of 1/274 Regt were seen mov S. Strength and wpns unk. Intentions to harrass neighbouring units in near future.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Ref INTSUM 185/71 para 11.f.(3). Agent reports received 190800H Jul 71 now

indicate that KIA in this PRU contact were probably a total of five VC. They are:

(a) NGUYEN THI DOI, PHU MY Guerilla (1 ATF ORBAT holds as member PHU MY Guerillas)

(b) BUI THI LOC, PHU MY Guerilla (1 ATF ORBAT holds a LOC as member PHU MY Guerillas).

(c) TRAN THANH DUNG Coy 2IC of C2/84 RSS (unk).

(d) TRAN VAN NO, Sect Comd of C2/84 RSS (unk).

(e) Name and appt as yet unk.

(2) (201200H). At YS507550, 701 RF Coy found five M16 mines. The area is frequently used for friendly ambushes. The mines were destroyed.

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(3) On 20 Jul 71 at YS550961, 3 Bde tps loc a 10' wide N-S logging road with rec use.

(4) On 20 Jul 71 at YS550960, 3 Bde tps loc a 10' wide E-W logging road with rec use.

(5) (201510H). At YS564954, 3 Bde tps loc logs covered with 3' x 3' tin roof (poss old cache site), one empty med bottle and a 5' wide NW-SE logging road.

(6) (171315H). At YS204709, 875 RF Coy during search of cache site found 23 M 3 A1 SMGs, three CKC carbines, one 7.92mm German Mauser, 220 lbs TNT (1/4 lb blocks), 500,000 rds CKC ammo, 6 bunkers, 110 lbs of rice and one kerosene lamp. (refer 1 ATF INTSUM 200/71 para 11.f.(1) for associated details).

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents

E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 202/71
DATED 21 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

C Coy 3 RAR

1. Further docus were found in packs from C Coy 3 RAR's contact at YS585654 at 201833H Jul 71. (Ref Annex B to 1 ATF INTSUM No 201/71 dated 20 Jul 71).
2. The docus include:
 - a. A trg pamphlet for Party members, dealing with guidelines for F & E cadres and propaganda.
 - b. An incomplete personal particulars form for NGO THI NO (unk).
 - c. An expenditure sheet dated 10 May 70.
 - d. A report of achievement going back to 1965 for an unk person.
 - e. A piece of paper showing clothing measurements.
 - f. A piece of paper listing various letters sent between 12 May 70 and 10 Jun 70. Cover designators and LBNs identify various elms of BA LONG (P), CHAU DUC (D) and LONG DAT (D).
 - g. A list of cover designators for various elms of LONG DAT (D).
 - h. A piece of paper listing various receipts.
 - i. A personal particulars form for NGUYEN VAN HAI (1 ATF ORBAT records him as 2IC C2 Coy, D445 LF Bn), AKA, NGUYEN THANH SON.
 - j. A notebook containing lessons for F & E members.
 - k. A notebook containing lists of expenditures.
3. Reference Annex B to INTSUM 201/71, docus taken from the body of the en KIA at 201833H Jul 71 at YS585654 show that the body was that of DO DUC LOI, whom the docus indicate was a member of the Recce Pl D445.

B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

4. Docus taken from a body by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) after a contact at YS380943 at 211420H Jul 71, have been tentatively identified by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) as belonging to a member of C20 Signals Coy of 274 VC Main Force Regt

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2. and 3. omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer)
211015H Jul 71, all readings came from DAT DO/HORSESHOE area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 203/71.
2. Period covered from 22001H to 222400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were 4 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO GLENELG

(a) Late Report. (210930H). At YS632664, Alst Pnr Pl and Sp Coy 3 RAR found a bunker/base camp, and transit area 100m x 50m consisting of 15 bunkers each with 2ft of OHP, 15 sleeping spaces, 4 bush tables, 15 rifle racks, 3 fire places and one water point. The transit area contains numerous fire places. Entry/exit points North, South. A timber track leads SW from the area. The bunker system has not been used for 12 months. The base camp has been used in the last 2-3 days and the transit area has been used periodically over a long period of time and was last used 2-3 days ago.

(b) Late Report. (21645H). At YS635665, Alst Pnr Pl and Sp Coy 3 RAR located a transit area 30m x 30m and containing 5-6 sleeping spaces. The area was in new condition and last used 5-7 days ago. A West - East track leads from the area together with North - South timber track. The area was destroyed.

(c) (221355H). At YS626663 an APC from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard two shots on a bearing of 4000 mils at a range of 800 - 1000 metres.

(d) (221935H). At YS600654, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR located 2 fresh North - South and East - West tracks with use in the last three days. The second track enters the feature West of the above loc and follows South/SE on the Eastern side of the feature.

(2) HQ TRAC AO

(a) Late Report. (212005H). At YS371931, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an unknown number of enemy moving South. The enemy withdrew North after of contact with unknown losses.

(b) (221035H). At YS380943, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a cache containing the following items: 3 aerials (one rod, two whip), 1 aerial tuner, 1 adaptor, 3 CHICOM 251-A radars (one damaged by a bullet), 2 handsets (H189), quantity of 25 set components, 1 CHICOM field telephone, 1 generator, 1 log book, 3 wire aerials, 3 headsets and microphones complete, 1 CHICOM gooseneck.

Comment: See previous INTSUM for report of contact in area on 21 Jul in which a member believed to be of C20 Sig Coy of 274 Regt was KIA.

(c) (221000H). At YS380947, 4 and 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. Enemy believed to be a rear-guard force. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction with unknown results. The bunker system was in an area of 100m x 75m and consisted of 8 bunkers with OHP. The area appeared to have been hastily vacated. At 1415H elms of B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported that the area was booby-trapped. A section of claymore lead connected to a battery and a 105mm shell was located. Located in the system were a quantity of old packs of various patterns, quantity of eating utensils, 8 ft of det cord, 2 x 33 type dets, 8 x 27 type dets, 2m57 firing devices, quantity of docus, quantity of NVA \$, quantity of water bottles, 1 lb of tobacco, 4 web belts, quantity of plastic sheets and 6 M79 HE rounds.

(d) (221155H). At YS358947, elms of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt located small footprints made by groups of 2-3 people moving South along the road less than 24 hours ago,

(e) (221415H). At YS364946, C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a track used by up to 50 persons travelling at night (confirmed by marks indicating stumbling). The track has been traced North through the following grids: YS364951, YS375943, YS377944, YS364946. The track to North was last used by approx 6 persons approx 24 hours previously.

(f) (221620H). At YS378942, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an estimated 4 enemy who were moving East to West. Enemy returned fire and withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC). Captured were 1 x M79, serial No 2146666, 6 x M79 HE rounds, 1 x US compass, quantity of toilet articles, 1 x diary, 2 M79 canister, quantity of civilian clothing, 20 lb rice, 10 lb sugar, quantity of docus, 1 pair sandals, 1 file, 1 torch and 1 web belt. The foodstuffs were destroyed.

Comment: Docus not yet able to be evacuated. Identification will be advised.

(g) (221615H). At YS369946, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted three enemy who were moving North to South along a track. Results 3 VC KIA (BC). Captured were 3 AK 47, 8 mags, quantity of fresh fruit, 7 packs (4 being inside another), spare greens, civilian clothing, 3 nets, 3 torches, quantity of docus and 4

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dozen large torch batteries.

Comment: Docus not yet able to be evacuated. Identifications will be advised.

(h) (222125H). At YS357928, elms of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt heard movement on their perimeter. They engaged with 30 cal, M79 illum and claymores. One of the claymores did not fire and on investigation one of the leads was found to be cut. The enemy withdrew South.

(3) AO OTAGO

(a) (221240H). At YS470715 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a track made by 2 pers in bare feet moving East. A second track was loc at YS475716. This track was made by 2 persons in boots moving West. Both tracks 1-2 days old.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (161 Recce Flt unless otherwise stated)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
220700H -	E 35 - 40	No sign of movement in the last 24 hours across the North - South fire track.
220930H	N 88 - 96 YS358900	An East - West track crosses the fire track at the above loc. A heavy foot track runs from this loc up the fire track to the East and West road. Movement was South down the track and then West at YS358900. Movement appears consistent but not in the last few days. The section of the track running East from YS358900 has not been used for over one week.
	YS361909	The area at this loc has been used for extensive yam digging for 6 months. Holes approx one week old are on the East of the track whilst 3 day old holes are on the West of the track and have been vacated rapidly as digging sticks are still in the holes.
220900H -	E 35 - 39	No sign not already reported.
221310H	N 91 - 92	
221100H -	YS545697	Several old bunkers at this loc showed no signs of recent movement. No signs of recent movement in the area.
221300H		
221348H	YS538935	An RAAF aircraft observed signs of a track and wood cutting which appeared fresh.
221518H	YS582788	An RAAF aircraft observed smoke possibly from a fire appearing through heavy canopy at the above loc.
221600H	YS534938	An RAAF aircraft sighted a large clearing where much recent timber felling had taken place. A similar smaller clearing was observed at YS523944. Timber has been hauled West along APC tracks then NW to an open clearing.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 4 VC

(3) Omitted

b, c, and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 3

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown 3 AK 47s

(2) Omitted

(3) Omitted

(4) Omitted

(5) Omitted

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR 3

(1) KIA	13 VC	(10-18) Omitted	
(2) PW	1	(19) B40 rounds	2
(3-4) Omitted		(20-21) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons	14	(22) SA rounds	557
Caches	3	(23) Grenades	147
(6) Omitted		(24) AP Mines	8
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..	130 lbs	(25) Atk Mines	6
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed..	10 lbs	(26) TNT	20 lbs
(9) Med Stores	1/2 lb	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes	3

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces
AP Mines. YS380940

6. Omitted

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71.

9. Omitted

10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b, c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from Sector S2 21 Jul 71, 1 ATF F3.

At 1500H on 19 Jul 71 at YS292727, a group of 15 VC moved down from the NW and followed the SUOI SAO past the above loc. Each man was carrying packs of about 15 litres capacity.

(b) Received from PRU 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1800H on 20 Jul 71 at YS377643, approx 5 VC were at the above loc. They stopped oxcarts for food.

(2) Other Areas

(a) Received from LONG DIEN 21 Jul, 1 ATF F3.

At 1900H on 19 Jul a group of VC disguised as cattle herders moved down the HOA LONG - LONG DIEN road. They came as far as the RF compound on the edge of LONG DIEN and then withdrew.

(b) Received from Sector S2 21 Jul 71, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 18 Jul 71, source was told by a VC cadre that instructions have been received at all levels from District down. The instructions say that military activity is to increase to achieve victories, in order to spread alarm and force the Americans and their "Puppets" to agree to the Communist Peace Proposals. From the 20 Jul 71 to 15 Sep 71 the VC are to open a campaign of heavy blows (military and political) to try to achieve victory and support for the Communist Peace Proposals.

(c) Received from Sector S2 21 Jul. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1930H on 19 Jul 71 at YS282585, 2 VC appeared in a row boat at the above loc. They told the source that this was a VC restricted zone.

(d) Received from PRU 21 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 20 Jul near AP BAC, XA HOA LONG (YS416646) there are a number of hidden/secret bunkers which are the hiding places of a number of VC cadre including HAI CHU the Party Chapter Secretary of XA HOA LONG. Comment: 1 ATF ORBAT agrees with this identification.

(e) Received from LONG LE 21 Jul 71, 1 ATF F3.

At 2000H on 20 Jul 71, six VC were sighted in a boat on the RACH BAN THACH stream (YS227663) moving North.

(f) Received from NP LONG LE 21 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1700H on 19 Jul 71, 4 VC were in a boat at TAC DANG HOI BAI of PHUOC HOA village (YS223627). The VC stopped a fishing boat to collect taxes. The taxes are used to buy food.

(g) Received from 525 MI Group 21 Jul 71. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F5

At 1300H on 18 Jul, an unidentified unit of some 60 men were located at YS290755 to YS292754. They were armed with 2x82mm mortars, 1x60mm mortar, 2 MG, 2 B40, 2 PRC/25 radios and individual weapons. They are digging foxholes and bunkers in the reported area.

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(h) Received from LONG KHANH Province 20 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1000H on 16 Jul 71, at YS305975, an unidentified VC unit of approx 100 men and armed with 2x82mm mortars, 2 AAG, B40s and individual weapons stopped wood cutters and asked them about the situation of allied forces at CAM TAM and LONG GIAO villages.

(i) Received from LONG KHANH Province 20 Jul 71. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F4.

On 17 Jul 71 at YT375040, 1/274 Regt with approx 100 men had arrived from the SW to the above loc. During the month of August the unit intends to launch heavy attacks to hamper the upcoming elections. Comment: The location reported is doubtful, as it thought that 1 Bn is in the NW PHUOC TUY area. However, the intention to carry out some attacks may be true.

(j) Received from Sector S2 21 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

A guerilla sized squad from the PHUOC THO village Party Chapter and guerilla unit will infiltrate PHUOC SON (H) (PHUOC THO (V)) on the night of the 21 Jul to pick up supplies. The group will be led by NGUYEN VAN PHUOC aka QUYET (unk) Party Chapter Secretary of PHUOC THO.

(k) Received from LONG LE 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1530H on 20 Jul 71, 4 guerillas of LONG HUONG village were moving from NGON LANG NHO to NGO LANG TAY (YS354598). They stopped fishermen to ask if any units were operating in that area.

(l) Received from DUC THANH 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F5.

At 2000H on 19 Jul at YS465816 an unknown unit of approx 50 VC moved from SUOI TAN BO to the edge of the XA BANG plantation. They halted at the above loc at 0300H 20 Jul 71, and withdrew NE.

(m) Received from Sub-Sector 22 Jul 71, 1 ATF F2.

At 0940H on 21 Jul 71 at YS679752, 5 VC stopped timber trucks and asked about the body of the VC KIA by 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR on 20 Jul 71 (refer INTSUM 201/71 para 3. a. (4) (c)). The VC withdrew South.

(n) Received from XUYEN MOC 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1400H on 20 Jul 71 approx 20 VC of XUYEN MOC guerillas including HUYNH VAN TO (1 ATF records as District Party Chapter Secretary) were seen at YS676706. They spoke to wood cutters and stated that the VC intended to assassinate GVN village and hamlet officials around the time of the SVN GVN elections.

(o) Received from BARIA 22 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 0900H on 17 Jul 71, 5 XUYEN MOC village VC cadre including PHAM VAN LAY (1 ATF records as a soldier of C70 Conc Unit, XUYEN MOC) were seen at YS653664. They are reported to be attempting to obtain food from VC families in the vicinity.

(p) Received from BARIA 22 Jul 71, 1 ATF F5.

On 17 Jul 71 at 1100H about 60 VC with individual weapons and crew served weapons, of D445, appeared at YS755775. They stopped the driver of a truck and told him he was to supply the VC with 100 kilos of rice for each month. The driver had left his truck on Route 329.

Comment: Following discussions with XUYEN MOC this report has been graded F5 as there are no other local reports to support it.

(q) Received from Sector 22 Jul 71, 1 ATF F3.

At 1000H on 18 Jul 71 at YS206747, approx 25 VC of PHU MY guerillas and the F and E section of PHU MY were at the above loc. They included THI THANH aka THI MUOI THANH a nurse with the medical section and NAM PHUONG (unk). They were armed with 2 HMG, 2 B40, 3K 50 and individual weapons.

(r) Received from Sector 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

From 0700H to 1800H on 19 Jul 71 at YS254623, YS249636 and YS256654, 3 groups of VC, each of section strength were at the above locs. They stopped all fishing boats in the area and forced them to pay taxes of \$VN 500 per boat. Included in the groups were DANG VAN DANG (PHUOC HOA Guerilla Unit Commander) NGUYEN VAN DU (2 IC PHUOC HOA Guerilla Unit) and NAM THANH (unk).

(s) Received from Sector on 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 21 Jul 71 at YS434721, DUNG the PCS of BINH BA led 8 VC of C41 CHAU DUC Conc Coy to the above loc to levy taxes and obtain info from jungle workers. The VC are in the area every 2-3 days and get people to buy supplies for them.

(t) Received from Sector 22 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At YS428633 NGUYEN VAN DIEP born 1937 and Chief of F and E section HOA LONG usually appears at the above loc to liaise with farmers to get taxes and food. Comment: 1 ATF ORBAT holds no record of this man.

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e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) At YS513544 and YS512543, NP and RF lifted approx 10 VC mines. The mines were laid by the VC one week ago and consisted of a tin of explosive and an M16 blasting cap. The mines were placed in an area normally used by an RF village security section.

(2) During the night of 20 Jul 71 an unknown number of VC dropped propaganda leaflets in PHUOC LAM (H) (YS422518). The leaflets were written in both Vietnamese and English. See Annex B for docus readout.

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(3) (212530H). At YS548962, 3 Bde tps located a North-South track with no recent use.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents

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ANNEX B

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found scattered in PHUOC LAM (H), PHUOC TINH (V), on the 20 and 21 Jul, were propaganda documents printed by or for LONG DAT (D) Unit.
2. The documents included:
 - a. A propaganda leaflet describing VC victories in the highlands of MR 2, MY THO, TAY NINH, and PHU YEN, dated 25 May 71.
 - b. A propaganda leaflet dealing with VC victories in Southern LAOS, in CAMBODIA, and KHE SANH.
 - c. A propaganda leaflet aimed at GVN troops in the LONG/DIEN/DAT DO area. It refers to allied defeats in LAOS. The leaflet appeals to GVN troops to resist orders to go to LAOS. It tells them not to participate in sweep operations, to desert and return home to their civilian occupations, in order to avoid being killed uselessly. It appeals to them to shoot "the tyrants" (their leaders) and "return to the revolution". It was printed on 20 Mar 71.
 - d. A propaganda booklet, aimed at the people of LONG DAT (D). It states that "Australians have killed your families bombed thousands of houses." It appeals to the people to rise up and strike the Australians.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Photo Interpretation Reports

- a. SONG RIA was aborted due to weather.
- b. (220130H-220430H) YS6457 Tug towing two barges.

2. Red Haze Activity

212105H-212305H Neg results. 80% of area covered.

3, 4 and 5 Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 204/71.
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) HQ TRAC AO

(a) Late Report. (221300H). At YS378943, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found three bunkers (15x5x5 ft) with 3 ft OHP. They were in good condition and last occupied in the preceding 24 hours. Entry/exit points were to North - East and West. The complex is to be destroyed. In addition to items previously reported (INTSUM 203/71 para 3. a. (2) (f) the following were reported captured: Two RPG-2 rds and boosters; Two 105mm shell fuses; Quantity 7.62mm ammo; Two Claymore igniters; One morse key; and a quantity of uniforms, webbing and personal items.

(b) Late Report. (221430H). At YS375942, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found eight bunkers which had been used in the preceding 24 hours. Entry/exit was to NorthWest, West, North and East.

(c) (230830). At YS375942, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found one enemy body KIA outside NDP. No identification available as yet.

(d) (231030H). At YS378942, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found four bunkers (10x10x6 ft) in an area 50x100 metres. The system was 2-3 years old and was unusable.

(e) (231515H). At YS356924, 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a fresh foot track made by four persons moving South in the previous 24 hours.

(f) (231615H). At YS352928, an APC from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a track which had been used by 5-10 persons in the previous 24-36 hours. 100 metres South East, two other tracks running SE-NW had been used within the previous 12 hours.

(2) Other Areas

(a) (230903H). At FSB LYNETTE (YS572630) one rifle shot was heard, fired from the west at approx 1000 metres (YS5663 approx) and at 0909H another shot was heard from the same vicinity.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (By 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated.)

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
230700H-	E 35 - 36	There appears to have been no enemy movement across the road to the North or across the trail to the West since the area was covered on 22 Jul 71. Some friendly troops.
230830H	N 88 - 96	
230800H-	E 65 - 68	Only traces of past friendly activity seen.
231000H	N 77 - 88	
231000H	YS666576	RAAF aircraft observed one fishing boat.
231000H-	E 35 - 40	A fair amount of light but regularly used track around the 90 Northing. At YS354918 there are two gardens with a regular track leading North to a log bridge at YS355924 and continuing North. There has been yam digging at YS360916 and YS359907. One male was seen at YS353897 who hid under a fallen tree when observed. He appeared to be unarmed.
231200H	N 88 - 96	
231200H	E 70 - 73 N 69 - 72	Many heavy tracks in the area caused by recent friendly operations. No fresh signs of movement observed.
231400H	YS3588-3596-3996- 3995-365950-4092- 4091-365910	East - West road in North of area and the North - South track in the East of the area, showed no change from this mornings coverage. A bunker 6 x 10 ft in good condition was seen at YS388911. It was engaged with 155mm arty fire and one other bunker was uncovered.
231600H	YS706856	An RAAF aircraft observed a 6 ft wide well used track running North to South. It had been used by an unstated type of vehicle.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted.
 b. Total KIA Discovered During This 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. See para 3. a. (1) (a).
 - (b) Omitted.
- (3) Omitted.
- (4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.
- (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR 3.

(1) KIA	15 VC	(9) Med Stores	1 lb
(2) PW	1	(10-18) Omitted.	
(3-4) Omitted.		(19) B 40 rounds	4
(5) Individual Weapons		(20-21) Omitted.	
Action	13	(22) SA rounds	557
Caches	3	(23) Grenades	147
(6) Omitted		(24) AP Mines	15
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..	300 lbs	(25) Atk Mines	6
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed...	45 lbs	(26) TNT	20 lbs
		(27) Bangalore Torpedoes.....	3

5, 6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a, b and c Omitted.

d. Agent Reports

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(1) NP DAT DO Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 4 and 5 Jul 71, a group of VC met a civilian at YS589661, and gave him money to buy supplies for them.

Other Areas

(2) NP PHOUC HAI Report. Eval VN B1, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on 21 Jul 71, 8 VC wearing ARVN uniforms and armed with M16 rifles were seen at YS473532. It is believed the VC are from Recce Pl D445 LF Bn.

Comment: A small group from the Recce Pl, possibly as few as 4 are believed to have been with C1 in the LONG HAIs since Oct 70.

(3) NP PHOUC HAI Report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 21 Jul 71, one platoon of VC were located at YS497541. This platoon is active in the area E 47 - 49, 53 - 55.

(4) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1030H on 21 Jul 71, DUNG (Party Chapter Secretary BINH BA PC) with eight VC from CHAU DUC stopped civilians at YS434721 and collected taxes and requested information. Source states the same party intend to be at the same location in 2-3 days time for the same purpose.

(5) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

A report received on 21 Jul 71 states that NGUYEN VAN DIEP (Comd F and E Sect HAO LONG (V) PC) is often seen at YS428633 where he collects taxes and food from farmers.

(6) XUYEN MOC Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 0910H on 23 Jul 71, five VC led by PHAM VAN THANG (Asst Party Chapter Secretary) XUYEN MOC PC, were seen at YS664663 where they sent wood cutters to buy food and collect information.

(7) S2 DUC THANH Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6.

At 1120H on 23 Jul 71, five VC of CHAU DUC were seen at YS440805 where they requested civilians to buy food for them.

(8) XUYEN MOC Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

It was reported that at YS630664, there is a bunker system along a creek bank. The entrances to the bunkers are believed to be below the water line. It was reported

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that one female acts as caretaker in one of the bunkers

(9) Sector S2 Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1700H on 21 Jul 71, a unit of engineers and PHU MY guerillas were seen at YS214745. Source reported that group had a large qty of mines and that they intended to destrot culverts and bridges on Route 15 between PHUOC HOA (YS2862) and PHU MY (YS2574).

(10) RD Cadre Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On night 21/22 Jul 71, in AP BAC (H) HOA LONG (V) two VC incl LIEU (Chief F & E Sect, HOA LONG (V) Unit) were seen at approx 2300 hrs when they visited two houses to get food. Source also stated these VC had left a secret bunker at 1900 hrs to enter the houses whic are liaison points for the passage of information.

(11) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1500 hrs on 21 Jul, six VC gathered padi workers together at YS395638, where they held a propaganda meeting. At approx 1530 hrs they withdrew towards YS397640.

(12) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US B3, 1 ATF F3.

At 0700 hrs on 20 Jul, an unidentified NVA unit (possibly an elm of 274 VC Regt), strength approx 60 were loc in vicinity YT287015, where they intend to remain for an unspecified period to resupply and collect taxes.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (210745H). Late Report. At YS248930, a THAI road runner team was fired on by an estimated two enemy. Fire was returned and the enemy withdrew with unknown losses. There were no friendly casualties.

[Signature]
for (B.A. McDONALD)
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Comd

Annexes: B. Captured Documents

Distribution:

List A
HQ TRAC
MACV-CICV
MACV-J2
BIEN HOA Sector
Advisory Team 89
Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
PUSZ (for IO)
AATTV (SAIGON)
AATTV Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 204/71
DATED 23 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Each radio captured by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS380943 at 221035H Jul 71 incl a small record book. They incl a possible date of issue of 7 Dec 70. Written on the front is "Radio is your life, Batteries your children".
2. Documents captured in the same area as the radios included:
 - a. A promotion decision for PHAM HONG THU (unk) of C20, 274 Regt (C20 is the Sig Coy of 274 VC MF Regt), promoting him from pl 2IC to pl comd. It was signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt) on 2 Feb 71.
 - b. A letter of commendation for TRAN PHI THUONG (Sqd Ldr C20 Sig Coy 274 Regt) a member of C20 274 Regt, signed by NGUYEN VAN NAI (poss a Sgt of C20 Sig Coy 274 Regt) for the unit CO, dated 15 Apr 71.
 - c. A citation (given when medal issued) for TRAN PHI THUONG (as above) of Unit E4 (274 Regt), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (as above), Unit CO, dated 20 Feb 71.
 - d. Citations for PHAN VAN THU (unk), HA HUY CUONG (unk) and NGUYEN VAN TUONG(unk), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (as above) CO of E4 (274 Regt), dated 20 Feb 71.
 - e. A personal letter from CHUC (unk) to THUONG (possibly TRAN PHI THUONG) which was undated.
 - f. Several songs praising "the Revolution".

Comment: These documents (paras 1 and 2) together with identification of the KIA in this area on 21 Jul indicate that the radio eqpt captured belonged to C20 Sig Coy of 274 Regt.

3. Documents located in a cache by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS375942 on 22 Jul 71 identified elements of 1 Bn 274 VC MF Regt.
4. These documents (para 3) included:
 - a. A personal letter from UT THANH (possibly LAM VAN THANH of C3, D1, 274 Regt), of H21 (AKA 1 Bn 274 Regt) to his sisters. It was undated.
 - b. A badly torn letter in many pieces, which was unreadable.
 - c. Two sheets of paper, containing political propaganda, mainly directed against President NIXON. It was dated 10 May 71.
 - d. A badly torn piece of typed paper, which appears to be a ration stste.
 - e. A piece of cardboard noting the following names: PHUONG, BAO, BO THANG, VUONG and NAM (these names by themselves are insufficient for identification).
5. Documents taken from a body killed by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS379942 at 221624H Jul 71, identify LE VAN CHIEN of 274 Regimental Headquarters.
6. The documents included:
 - a. A notebook containing a personal letter. The notebook also listed the "seven responsibilities" of a Party member, and also some personal notes.
 - b. Seven commendation certificates for LE VAN CHIEN (unk) who was a sect 2IC in 1968 and a member of "Group 49" (another AKA for 274 Regt).
 - c. A commendation certificate for LE VAN GAP of C5 Group 49 (as above) dated 4 Feb 67.
 - d. A commendation certificate for NGUYEN VAN CHIEN (unk) Asst Sqd Ldr of B1, Group 49 (274 Regt).
 - e. A promotion order for LE VAN CHIEN (unk) of B1, Group 49 (274 Regt) dated 27 Sep 68. It promoted him from Asst Sqd Ldr to Sqd Ldr.
 - f. A commendation certificate for NGUYEN VAN KHANH (unk), Sqd Ldr of B1 (possibly a Staff Section), A54 (AKA 274 Regt), dated 5 Jun 70.

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- g. A booklet containing the "ten concepts" of the Liberation Forces printed by the 4 Regt (AKA 274 Regt) dated 2 Aug 70.
 - h. A personal letter from TAM VAN DUONG (unk) to Uncle BAY HUNG (unk) dated 11 Apr 71.
 - i. A personal letter from TAM PHUONG (unk) to CHIEN (unk) dated 1 Feb 71.
 - j. A personal letter from HA TRUNG (unk) of K56-B7 (possibly Farmers' Association LONG DAT (D)) to TU QUANG (Pol Offr 274 Regt) of Q4 (AKA 274 Regt) dated 29 May 71.
 - k. A letter from NGUYEN HUNG (unk) of C21A (Recce Coy 274 Regt) to DANH (unk), dated 18 Jul 71. The letter discusses two infiltrations made by the author into an unknown hamlet.
 - l. A personal letter from THANH TOAN (unk) to THANH TAO (Chief of the Rear Services Staff Sect, 274 Regt), and NAM BINH (unk) dated 20 Apr 71. On the envelope THANH TAO was addressed as the CO of the Rear Services Unit.
7. Part of a Chinese chess board was found by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS378933 on 22 Jul 71. The reverse side has a letter to Miss X (unk) written on it and a drawing of a girl.
8. Documents taken from bodies killed by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS379946 at 221615H Jul 71 identify an element of 274 VC MF Regt.
9. The documents included:
- a. A qty of commendation certificates for DANG NGOC CHUOI (unk) a sect ~~comd~~ of C20 (Sig Coy 274 Regt).
 - b. A decision promoting DANG NGOC CHUOI (unk) from sect 2IC to sect comd, dated 20 Aug 69.
 - c. A piece of paper with Russian printing on it.
 - d. An envelope addressed to ONG HOANG (unk) of TAN THANH, NAM XUAI, NAM DAN.
 - e. A qty of propaganda leaflets aimed at ARVN privates in the SAIGON area.
 - f. A graduation certificate for CAO VAN LONG (unk), who graduated as a "3rd class liberation soldier". It was signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (Comd of 274 Regt), Comd of E4 (274 Regt).
 - g. A request by NGUYEN VAN CON (unk) for a song to be sung for his mother. To whom it was addressed is unknown.
 - h. A notebook containing lists of expenditures on food items.
 - i. A notebook which contains several propaganda poems. It also traces the passage of the author from NVN through LAOS and CAMBODIA to his present station. The notebook lists 104 different stations of arrival. It also has several lists of figures.
 - j. A qty of photographs.
 - k. A print with the NVN and VC flags on it. It also includes the name DO VAN KHANG (unk).
10. Documents captured in a recently used camp at YS375941 by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn identify 274 Regt. The documents include:
- a. Part of a personal letter from possibly PHUOC LONG (unk) to BAY (unk) dated 24 May 71.
 - b. Part of a programme for "course H1" (possibly a medical course; as the first one hour period is a poison and the second four hours is on the cure of poison.
 - c. Propaganda sheet in English and Vietnamese aimed at US troops.
 - d. Scrap of paper incl the name NGUYEN VAN HOANH (unk).
 - e. Notebook cover with two shopping lists.
 - f. Part of a personal letter from HUYNH NGOC LOI (unk) to unknown person dated 10 Jul 71.
 - g. Part of a self-criticism by an unknown person.

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- h. Part of a receipt for purchase of a SANYO radio.
- i. Part of a self-criticism written by LE VAN PHAM (unk).
- j. Part of an envelope from HA CAN (unk) to an unknown person.
- k. Piece of paper incl the names: HOANG CONG CHAT (unk), NGO HUY HOANG (unk), MINH (unk), NGUYEN THANH BINH (Sqd Ldr C19 Engr Coy, 274 Regt).
- l. Piece of paper with mathematical computations and two undated expenditure lists.
- m. Envelope from NGUYEN XUAN TRUONG (unk) addressed to an unidentified HQ.
- n. Notes dealing with lost wpns, and wpns issued to C17 (Recoilless Rifle Coy of 274 Regt) and other (un-named) sub-units of the Regt dated 1970.
- o. Notes dealing with wpns held by an unidentified unit at end of 1970 to beginning of 1971. Included six new and four old (possibly) RPDs, one 60mm mor, three good and two damaged B41s, 49,000 AK rds, 4,690 12.8mm rds, 206 B40 rds, 204 60mm rds and 145 82mm mor rds, 286 75mm rds and 56 unidentified rds.
- p. Propaganda leaflets aimed at ARVN soldiers.
- q. Lid from a cardboard carton with name NGUYEN VAN DONG (unk) on it.
- r. Some parts of mutilated posters which could be trg aids.
- s. Hand-written 16 page essay on the subject of "The Revolution to Evict the American Imperialists".
- t. A page of notes on what seems to be a lesson on the points required to achieve victory (propaganda only).
- u. Hand-written pages on VC victories in SVN provinces of QUANG NGAI, QUANG NAM and GIA DINH.
- v. A note complaining about being in the jungle for too long.
- w. Notes with names: DUC (unk), QUANG (possibly Comd 274 Regt), THANH (possibly 2IC), THIEU (possibly C of S), CAN (unk).
- x. Hand-written propaganda news-sheet dated 20 Jul 71. Subject is "NIXON's Peace".
- y. Expenditure list.
- z. Letter to NAM NAM (unk) from TRAN VAN QUANG (unk) dated 3 Jul 71. Letter says that they are having trouble moving to and from their entry/exit points (un-named).
- aa. Part of a wpns state for an unknown unit.
- bb. Note with names: QUANG (possibly Comd 274 Regt), THIEU (possibly C of S 274 Regt), THANH (possibly 2IC 274 Regt) and DUC (unk).
- cc. Part of a playing card with illegible writing and names. Date shown: 7.5.45.
- dd. Pieces of paper stating amounts of ammo in cache at DONG NAI, SUOI SONG, BAU HAM, CAM DUONG, NAM TRAN and BAC B SON (possibly BINH SON) at 15 Oct 70. Reverse side has quantities of ammo in "HN" (HUNG NGHIA?) cache on 23 Nov 70 and 27 Nov 70, indicating a substantial increase. Also lists a receipt for \$2,000 piastre paid to TICH (unk) by DINH 27 (unk) dated 2 Feb 71.
- ee. A piece of paper dealing with wpn and ammo states, possibly in caches at HUNG NGHIA, PHAU BA and SUOI QUIT.
- ff. Part of the roster of a duty sect of an unknown unit. No names identifiable.
- gg. An expenditure sheet which lists no unit or date.
- hh. An expenditure sheet which lists the receiving of 80 litres of rice from D1 (probably 1 Bn 274 Regt), 160 litres from the Rear Services and the buying of 141 litres.

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- ii. A personal letter to Comd TY (unk) from DO QUANG XUYEN (unk) dated 18 Jul 71.
- jj. A Letter to H21 (1 Bn 274 Regt), H23 (3 Bn 274 Regt) and H22 (2 Bn 274 Regt) It makes reference to the difficulties of food purchasing, and also states that the adjutants of H21 and H23 are to report to an unspecified place on 25 Jul to try to solve the problem.
- kk. An envelope from H10 (AKA CO 274 Regt) to TAM QUAN (unk) of H13 (AKA, Rear Services Staff 274 Regt).
- ll. An envelope and personal letter from LE VAN CHINH (member Rear Services 3 Bn 274 Regt) of H23 (AKA 3 Bn 274 Regt) to UT SANH (Bn 2IC 3 Bn 274 Regt), dated 3 Jul 71.
- mm. A medical prescription for NAM THANH (unk); UT SANH (Bn 2IC 3 Bn 274 Regt) and TAI (insufficient for identification) dated 30 Jun 71.
- nn. Part of a written criticism to sub-units. Mentioned are B1 (staff sect), B2 (staff sect) and D3 (3 Bn 274 Regt).
- oo. A piece of paper on which the names DUC (unk), QUANG (poss CO 274 Regt), THANH (poss 2IC 274 Regt), SON (unk), CHANH (poss alternate Comd 274 Regt), THIEN (poss C of S 274 Regt), CAN (unk), GAN (unk) AND KHANG (unk) appear.
- pp. A notebook belonging to DUC KHOA (unk). It notes that he enlisted on 23 Dec 69, and went to war on 14 Dec 70. The author also laments leaving home and makes notations regarding points he wishes to remember.

General Comment: The documents identify 274 Regt. Many references to C20 Sig Coy were found in the area in which the radio equipment was captured. Other identifications are of elements of the Headquarters of the Regt, C17 RR Coy, C19 Engr Coy and also of 1 Bn and 3 Bn

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 205/71.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) (240240H). At YS626663, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged movement of one - two persons moving South to North. A sweep revealed no results.

(2) TRAC Special AO

(a) (241400H). In vicinity of YS378948, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found seven bags of rice totalling 300 lbs weight in a cache to the North of a bunker system at grid.

(b) (242030H). At YS357924, 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged an unknown number of enemy moving South. Enemy withdrew South and West after contact with unknown results.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
241030H- 1145H	YS549640	(Refer to contact report para 11. f. (1)). The enemy's camp was sighted at YS549640 with signs of withdrawal East.
240800H-1000H	E 48 - 51 N 67 - 70	No fresh signs.
241400H- 1600H	YS369895	A well established track runs from YS369895 to YS358900 where it crosses the fire trail and continues. The track has been used regularly but not recently.
241200H-1400H	E 74 - 77 N 76 - 79	No fresh signs.
241330H	YS472492	An RAAF aircraft observed one man.

(3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1), (2), (5) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS3794	Rice	300 lbs	Destroyed

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3

(1) KIA	15 VC	(10-18) Omitted
(2) PW	1	(19) B 40 rounds .....4
(3-4) Omitted		(20-21) Omitted
(5) Individual Weapons		(22) SA rounds .....557
Action	13	(23) Grenades .....147
Caches	3	(24) AP Mines 15
(6) Omitted		(25) Atk Mines 6
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..	600 lbs	(26) TNT .....20 lbs
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed...	45 lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes 3
(9) Med Stores.....	1 lb	

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71.

9, and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b, and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE

(1) Received from 525 MI Group 24 Jul 71. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 21 Jul 71 at YS492826, 12 VC of a VC Commo-Liaison team armed with one pistol and individual weapons were camping.

AO KINGSGROVE

(2) Received from 525MI Group 24 Jul 71. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 21 Jul at YS417736, the BINH BA Village Unit with a strength of 10 were resting.

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(3) Received from RTAVF 24 Jul 71. Eval C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1500H on 21 Jul 71 at YT280511 the recce elm of 274 Regt were disguised as civilians. Their intentions were to collect information of THAI units moving in the area. Strength approx 15.

Other Areas

(4) Received from RTAVF 24 Jul 71. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on 21 Jul 71 at YS318953, C2/D3 274 Regt of approx 45 men were deployed. Intentions were to secure a resupply route and to ambush friendly tps at YS327924.

(5) Received from DAT D0 23 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 2355H on 19 Jul 71, 4 VC led by NGO VAN KY (unk) infiltrated into LOC AN (H) PHUOC HOA (V) and obtained supplies from NGUYEN THI THANH (unk).

(6) Received from Sector 24 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on 23 Jul 71 at YS554594, one coy of VC strength about 30 from C25 LONG DAT were located. They seized 2 locals and confiscated 2 saws and 1 axe. They were later released with a warning not to reveal their presence. They were carrying a number of containers of black plastic.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (240855H). At YS549640, 609 RF Coy and MATT 5 engaged 5 enemy who were observed in hammocks in an overnight camp. The enemy returned fire. The RF were engaged with AW fire from their rear (South). Artillery support from FSB LYNETTE was called and the contact continued until 0930H when the enemy withdrew East, with unknown losses. In the camp was at least one bunker, a fireplace, shelves made from bamboo and fish traps. The bunker was constructed as follows:

OHP 6 Feet

2 Feet



also located in the camp were a quantity of docus, one K54 pistol, one .38 pistol, three green plastic raincoats, one rocket fuse (NFI), one bag of medical supplies, one hammock, one "coolie" hat and one cooking pot. The camp had been used for approx one week. It was believed that a larger group of enemy may have been in the camp. See Visual Recce for VR over area of contact.

Comment: Docus definitely identify D445. At least one member of C 1 Coy D445 appears to have been present (from a commendation certificate). However, from another document it seems likely that a member of HQ D445 was also present. It is not possible to identify the remainder or to assess how many were there. See Annex B.

(2) (241345H). At YT408040, 27/48 ARVN contacted a reported one battalion of VC. Helicopter gunships were called in and the VC withdrew. A sweep was conducted and a bunker system consisting of 46 one and two man bunkers at YT407035 were found. Results 3 VC KIA, one carbine CIA.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUMS

(3) (221200H). At YT634002, 3 Bde tps loc a NW-SE track with no recent use. At YT633002 a North - South track with no recent use was also located.

(4) (231125H). At YT541040, 3 Bde tps loc a North - South track with use by 2 persons moving South in the last 24 hours.

(5) (231700H). At YT737087, 3 Bde tps loc a bunker system consisting of 20 bunkers 8x10 ft with 3 ft OHP and 20 huts 8x10ft. The system was 3-6 months old with use in the last 10 hours by an unknown number of persons. A North - South track with use in the last 24 hours by an unknown number of persons led from the system. 2 pairs of sandals, 1 knife and 1 NVA pith helmet were loc in the system.

(6) (231040H). At YS839977, 3 Bde tps were contacted by an estimated 2 enemy. Enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: 1 US KIA, enemy losses unknown.

B.A. McDonald
Capt
(B.A. McDONALD)
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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 205/71
DATED 24 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

609 RF Coy

1. Documents captured following a contact involving 609 RF Coy at 240855H Jul 71 at YS549640, identify an element of D445 LF Bn. The documents included:

- a. A background history of TRAN VAN LUOT, aka CUONG (1 ATF ORBAT holds a CUONG as a member of C1 Coy D445). It states he was admitted to the party in March 1968, and that he was born and subsequently lived in LONG PHUOC (V), CHAU DUC (D), BARIA Province. It also states that he had been awarded 3 letters of appreciation and 12 letters entolling his good deeds.
- b. A letter of recommendation for TRAN VAN LUOT, aka CUONG (see above) dated 20 Apr 70. It is addressed to the Political Cadre of D445 Bn, and recommends that he should participate in party activities. It is signed by the Secretary of an unknown Party Committee. It notes that he is an Asst Pl Leader in C 1 Coy D445.
- c. A piece of paper noting the following:
 - (1) HONG LE TRINH (possibly 2 IC D445) - Very thin.
 - (2) SAU THU (Comd D445) - Front.
 - (3) TRINH VAN CUNG (unk).
- d. A picture of a North Vietnamese Communist, which notes that he participated in the BA BEIN Competition. Comment: Prior to TET 1968, BA BIEN was a VC Province which included the present GVN Provinces of PHUOC TUY, LONG KHANH and BIEN HOA.
- e. A "general order" originating from the Peoples Revolutionary Committee of LONG DAT (D), notes that the Americans and "Puppet" Government intend to take back land which had been distributed to the peasants previously by the Revolutionary Government. It states that villagers are not authorized to receive land which will be distributed by the "Puppet" Government. All those who take advantage of land taken from the people will be punished. It is dated 1971.
- f. An exercise book containing supposed Total Roster of Equipment for D445. It includes weapons, equipment and ammunition states for the months Jan through to Apr 71. Comment: Some figures agree with those held by 1 ATF ORBAT. However, from month to month there is a great variance in the roster itself, and the April figures only cover the HQ element of D445. Due to the incompleteness of the roster, it is assumed that it is rough figuring worked out before entering in a "master register".
- g. The exercise book also makes reference to several caches. They are:
 - (1) Area M 40 (unk), April 71, no record of what is in the cache.
 - (2) Stored at XN (unk), March 71. Extensive ammunition store, plus a spare barrel of an unknown equipment and 3 radios.
 - (3) Mountain "B" (possibly NUI BE), no date. Several grenades.
 - (4) XN (unk), no date:
 - (a) Room 1. Lists quantities of ammuniton, mines and electric wire.
 - (b) Room 2. Lists mortar ammunition, a spare barrel of an unknown equipment, mines and a reported 53 radio sets. (The apparent total of 53 radio sets is considered unlikely, although the 53 may refer to the designation of a type of radio. No record of such a designation can be found.
- h. Quantities pf propaganda in English directed against Australian and US servicemen. One item of interest was a small bokklet listing the "8" Point Peace Proposals, presented by Mrs NGUYEN THI BINH at the 84th session of the PARIS Conference on 17 Sep 1970.

B Coy 1/7 Bn 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)

2. Documents captured on 20 Jul 71 at YS702963 identify A 14 Printing Section BA LONG (P)

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251400H- E 70-73
251600H N 83-86

1. A copse of trees with the undergrowth flattened and leaves cleared (YS701845) appeared to be a rest area.
2. YS703836, a deserted, broken down hut.
3. 200m S of the hut, the remains of a hut were seen.
4. Area showed no signs of recent activity except for extensive timber operations to the Western extremity.

250830H YS550556

Fishing nets were seen across the mouths of the SONG RAI. Other nets were seen in the river up to the 60 Northing.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted. 2 VC

b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA.....17 VC

(2) PW.....1

(3) and (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns

Action.....14

Caches.....3

(6) omitted.

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...960 lbs

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed...45 lbs

(9) Med Stores.....1 lb

(10) to (18) omitted.

(19) B-40 rds.....4

(20) and (21) omitted.

(22) SA rds.....557

(23) Grenades.....147

(24) AP Mines.....15

(25) AT Mines.....6

(26) TNT.....20 lbs

(27) Bangalore Torpedoes.....3

5., 6. and 7. omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 29/71 dated 19 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c., d., e. and f. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 205/71 para 3.a.(2)(b) should read "enemy approached from S".

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 26/71
DATED 25 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Sp Coy 3 RAR

1. A bag found by 3 RAR in the bunker system at YS632664 on 210930H Jul 71 was found to have written on it: "I am going, please come with me." It was dated 16 Jul 71 and signed HONG (insufficient for identification).

B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

2. Documents found in a bunker system by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS380943 on 21 Jul 71, possibly identify an element of 274 VC Main Force Regt. The documents included:

- a. A part of a letter from an unknown person to an unknown addressee, dated 19 Jul.
- b. A torn piece of paper with what appears to be the name BON BE (unk). It appears to be a remnant of a large document.
- c. A note from BON QUY (unk) to BON BE (unk) dated 30 Jun 71. The addressee is requested to arrange guides to lead an unknown group to D1.

Comment: D1 refers to a 1 Bn. Due to the number of other documents found in the area referring to 274 Regt, the reference certainly is to 1 Bn 274 Regt. It is unknown whether the note was carried by a member of the Bn or of the Regt HQ.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 207/71.
2. Period Covered from 260001H to 262400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) (261202H). At YS601652, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc a poss rest area consisting of two bunkers 50m apart. System was in N-S creek bed with entry/exit points E and W. System approx 12 months old with one bunker in good condition and used approx seven days ago. The other bunker is collapsed. A handset type telephone with docus hidden inside was loc. Docus not yet available for exploitation.

(2) Other Areas

(a) (260015H). At YS373946, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn eng an unknown number of en who approached from the NW and withdrew SW after contact. A first light search was conducted with no result.

(b) (261500H). At YS355926, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a trench 15' x 5' x 2' covered with Aust pattern star pickets.

(c) (261335H). At YS380943, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a second body (not the KIA found earlier). The body had no visible GSW and was clothed in black trousers and was estimated as 2-5 days old. It was lightly camouflaged but not buried. There was no wpn or identification. Comment: Almost certainly from 6 Pl B Coy's contact at YS380943 on 211420H Jul 71. (See INTSUM No 202/71 para 3.a.(1)(a)).

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
260900H	E 49-52 N 94-96	A track marked on the map from YS489942 and passing N of NUI SUOI RAM past YS475965 shows no sign of recent use. It was heavily used during Operation OVERLORD. It is now almost overgrown.
	YS500949	Old bunker system shows no signs of recent use. Civilians were seen working in their fields throughout the area.
261000H	E 54-58 N 685-71	An old timber road led S from the edge of a clearing at YS556684 and showed numerous tracks up to one week old.
	YS572704	On a small ridge some well trampled undergrowth was evident in an area approx 150m x 150m. No signs of construction but area appeared new. No other signs of fresh activity.
261400H	E 67-71 N 77-79	Signs of extensive woodcutting (large logs). Two timber trucks were sighted hauling timber along the main N-S road. No other signs of recent activity.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. Annex F.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., c. and d. omitted.

b. Total KIA Discovered During This Period that Were Killed but Not Reported in a Previous Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted. 1 NVA.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1), (2), (4) and (5) omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS606653	Rice	2-3 lb	Destroyed

.../f. Cumulative

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA.....16 VC	(10) to (18) omitted.
(2) PW.....1	(19) B-40 rds.....4
(3) and (4) omitted.	(20) and (21) omitted
(5) Individual Wpns	(22) SA rds.....557
Action.....14	(23) Grenades.....147
Caches.....3	(24) AP Mines.....15
(6) Omitted.	(25) AT Mines.....6
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...1062 lbs	(26) TNT.....20 lbs
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....45 lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes.....3
(9) Med Stores.....1 lb	

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identifications

a. INTSUM 206/71 para 3.a.(3)(m) described a contact by 124 RF Coy at YS446577 at 252030H Jul 71. One of the KIA has been identified as HO VAN DAY comd of the LONG DIEN (V) Guerilla Unit.

b. INTSUM 201/71 para 3.a.(4)(c) described a contact by C Coy 3 RAR at YS535654 at 201833H Jul 71. XUYEN MOC District HQ have identified the body as that of HO VAN DUNG, comd of the Security Sect of XUYEN MOC (V) Unit. Comment: Docus captured in this contact identified the Recce Pl D445. This would indicate that DUNG may have been acting as a guide

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 30/71 dated 26 Jul 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 206/71 para 3.a.(1)(a) delete "A Coy" insert "V Coy".

para 3.a.(1)(d) delete "cannisters" insert "cannister".

para 3.a.(1)(g) delete "and slight damage to one track" insert "and no damage to APC"

para 3.a.(1)() delete "6 Pl C Coy" insert "6 Pl B Coy".

para 4.a.(2) delete 2 VC KIA

para 4.f.(1) amend to 15 VC

para 3.a.(3)(1) delete "36 cement bunkers" insert "36 punji stakes".

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from PRU on 26 Jul 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(231200H). At YS240713, six VC were seen. Their intentions were to collect taxes of \$50,000 VN from dozer operators.

(2) Received from PRU on 26 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F6.

(210030H). Five VC entered HOI MY (YS5056) village for propaganda meeting and to tax the people for food.

(3) Received from PHUOC HAI NP 26 Jul 71. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

LONG DAT (D) has ordered all Party Chapters in the district to arrest at least 10 pers for use as labour. Each PC is to arrest pers between the ages of 14 and 25 years. The agent confirms that TAM PHUOC, LONG MY and PHUOC HAI Party Chapters have carried out this order since 9 Jul 71. The VC are also planning an attack on 302 RF Bn post. The same agent also reports the VC intend moving the district medical hospital to another loc. Present loc is reported as YS489505.

f. Other Items of Reporting InterestExtracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUMS

(1) (241502H). At YS664935, 3 Bde tps loc two bunkers 10' x 6', Bunkers were 2-3 years old, not recently used, and have been destroyed.

(2) (240730H). At YS705946, 3 Bde tps in NDP heard a truck 800m S. Negative actioc.

(3) (241210H). At YS702949, 3 Bde tps loc a road junction with trails leading in numerous directions. No signs of recent use.

(4) (251300H). At YS655952, 3 Bde tps loc six bunkers 6' x 8' with 2' OHP, eighteen bunkers 4' x 8' with 3' OHP (twelve bunkers with 4' x 8' huts on top), one hut 4' x 5', four picnic tables 4' x 2' and one bottle of glucose. No ident available from system which was six months old. System destroyed.

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Other Units

- (5) (241345H). At YT408040, 2/48 ARVN tps contacted a unknown sized en force. Results: nil friendly cas, three en KIA, one M1 carbine CIA. At YT407035 a bn sized en base camp consisting of 46 bunkers was loc.No en identification.
- (6) (261140H). At YS346977, 624 RF Coy (LONG KHANH) contacted an unknown sized en force. Contact was broken at 1145H when the en withdrew in an unknown direction. Arty was fired in support of friendly tps. Results: en losses unknown, Nil friendly cas.
- (7) (262000H). At YS511527, elms of 586 RF Coy were eng by an unknown number of VC poss in a house in the area. Results: one RF WIA, unknown en cas.

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- Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings
 F. VC Units In 1 ATF Tactical Area of Interest.

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- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- AATTV SAIGON
- All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 207/71
DATED 26 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Red Haze Activity.

DTC

260330H

LOCATION

Area covered E 60-90, N 60-80
 YS799704

READOUT

1 emission

Comment: A later VR check of this area loc a large friendly base camp, not used for some time. At actual grid there was an old hut with no signs of recent movement.

3. SLAR Activity

260400

YS630770

1 moving return

Comment: The same result as mission at 240400H. See INTSUM 205/71 dated 24 Jul 71 Annex E.

4. APD (Sniffer)

260900H

YS E 72-80, N 73-81

All readings received were from XUYEN MOC and timber trucks.

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ANNEX F TO

1 ATF INTSUM No 207/71

DATED 26 JUL 71

VC UNITS IN 1 ATF TACTICAL AREA OF INTEREST

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED STRENGTH</u>	<u>CURRENT PROBABLE LOCATION</u>
HQ MR7/SVNLA	2330	SE of GIA RAY approx YT6808
MR7 Rear Services	1860	NUI DE approx YS8891
53 NVA Regt/MR7	1245	
HQ Elm & sp units	333	SONG LA NGA approx YT6123
1 Bn	300	SONG LA NGA approx YT6123
2 Bn	265	North of NUI CHUA CHAN approx YT5915
3 Bn (D2/BARIA)	230	BAO BINH 3 area approx YS5396
274 VC MF Regt/MR7	590	
HQ Elm & sp units	345	ONG QUE Rubber area approx YS3291
1 Bn	115	South of ONG QUE Rubber approx YS4090
2 Bn	80	South of HUNG NGAIA approx YT3004
3 Bn	70	South of BINH SON approx YT2288
BA LONG (P) HQ MR7	450	Vicinity NUI TRANO approx YT6000
D445 LF Bn/BA LONG	158	
Bn HQ & C5 Coy	68	West of XUYEN MOC
C1 Coy	24	LONG HAI Mountains
C2 Coy	22	West of XUYEN MOC
C3 Coy	27	West of XUYEN MOC
C4 Coy	17	West of XUYEN MOC
K8 Combat Sp Coy/BA LONG	65	Probably Southern LONG KHANH
C36 Sapper Recce Coy/BA LONG	50	Probably Southern LONG KHANH
XUAN LOC (D)/BA LONG	160	SW of XUAN LOC
CAO SU (D)/BA LONG	155	YT3903
CHAU DUC (D)/BA LONG	60	CHAU PHA Valley approx YS3477
C41 Conc Coy	19	CHAU PHA Valley approx YS3477
LONG DAT (D)/BA LONG	70	YS4851
C25 Conc Coy	24	YS4851
XUYEN MOC (D)/BA LONG	38	YS6669
incl C70 Conc Coy		
BARIA Special Zone/BA LONG	36	YS3261
incl C610 Special Action		
VUNG TAU Special Zone/MR7	20	YS2558
A31 Eastern Special Action Unit	23	LONG HAI Mountains approx YS4851
A32 Western Sapper Unit	22	YS2558
SR4 HQ/MR7	550	HAT DICH area
D10 Sapper Bn/SR4	230	Dispersed in Northern RUNG SAT Special Zone

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26 Jul 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 30/71
(PERIOD 19 JUL - 25 JUL 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. Aerial photography has shown that the runway at DONG HOI is still under water, thus rendering it unserviceable. There are still probably no MiG aircraft deployed south of the 20th parallel. Photo coverage of the ports of QUANG KHE and DONG HOI show normal activity for this time of year. SLAR returns of the truck activity moving inland and south from these two ports show that some 88 tons of supplies are being moved towards the south each day.

LAOS

2. Recent tropical storms have severely affected NORTH VIETNAM'S supply system through LAOS. There were only 95 sensor string activations during the week compared with 260 last week and almost a thousand two weeks ago. If the bad road conditions continue, then the enemy's ability to support a prolonged campaign in SOUTH VIETNAM during Aug and Sep will be severely curtailed.

3. An agent has supplied a report regarding an airstrike of 9 Jul (XD017398). He stated that after the strike the NVA would not permit the local populace to enter the area. They admitted having a hundred killed and the agent reports counting 257 casualties.

4. There are indications that the enemy may have begun some sort of offensive in an attempt to recapture the PLAIN OF JARS. Enemy groups of up to 200 supported by PT-76 tanks have attacked irregular forces at the eastern edge of the plain. General VANG PAO'S forces occupying the plain are estimated to number about 5,500 troops.

CAMBODIA

5. On 22 Jul ARVN forces on a search operation near KREK (XU066145) contacted a large enemy group. The ARVN troops were supported by US tactical air and artillery. Results were two friendlies wounded, 33 enemy killed and a considerable amount of ammunition captured. On 18 Jul Cambodian forces operating near SRANG (VT596483) received a one hundred round attack by fire. No results are available but the reason for the attack is probably to harass the Cambodians operating in the vicinity of Route 3 where a sweep operation was begun on 16 Jul. According to a usually reliable source, between 8 and 13 Jul 18 enemy truck convoys consisting of 154 trucks were seen in the vicinity of SNOUL (XU368360) indicating that the enemy in this area is concentrating on resupply activity.

6. There were no terrorist activities reported in PHNOM PENH and the enemy appears to be content with containing Cambodian forces in defensive positions.

SOUTH VIETNAM

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7. Enemy initiated activity continued at a relatively low level as the enemy concentrated on logistical activity and the repositioning of forces. Recent agent reports indicate that the enemy is strengthening his forces around FSB FULLER (YD019513), CON THIEN (YD118701) and Camp CARROL (YD063544) with the intention of attacking these places after US forces have withdrawn from FSBs in the DMZ area. On 21 Jul ARVN forces operating 2km north of FSB FULLER discovered a 1.4 ton ammunition cache including 250 82mm mortar rounds. ARVN elements also discovered a large cache near MINH LONG (BS575469) containing 1100 lbs of TNT, 100 82mm mortar rounds, 2000 small arms rounds and 220 lbs of corn.

MR 2

8. The past week saw activity remaining at a reduced level. Interrogation of a PW in PLEIKU Province revealed that the enemy intends to launch a autumn - winter campaign on 19 Aug aimed at GVN resettlement areas, outposts, and allied lines of communications. Agent reports from PHU YEN Province indicate that the enemy intends to urge the people to boycott the elections and advocate a coalition government. Sapper attacks against polling places are also planned, particularly against TUY HOA City. PF elements on bridge security near TUY HOA (CQ224312) were attacked by an enemy platoon who destroyed 80% of the bridge.

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MR 4

9. MR-wide GVN DONG KHOI operations during the week probably contributed to the low level of enemy activity in MR 4. The daily average of only one attack by fire was the lowest for some time. Three OPs were overrun during the week (XS676025, WR621531 and XR108909). Cumulative results were 13 friendlies killed, 11 wounded and 8 missing. 20 weapons and 3 radios were captured by the enemy.

10. A rallier in MR 4 has provided information concerning the enemy's plans to feed false ralliers into the CHIEU HOI programme. The false ralliers are tasked with identifying previous HOI CHANHS so that they can be assassinated. The false ralliers are also required to dissuade HOI CHANHS from agreeing to lead operations against VC targets.

MR 3

11. Enemy activity remained at a low level. There were no terrorist incidents reported in SAIGON.

12. On 23 Jul near AN LOC (XT806847) RF elements ambushed an enemy force, killing five. Friendly losses were 1 RF and 2 civilians killed and 4 RF and 8 civilians wounded. On 21 Jul RF elements contacted an enemy force in a bunker system near DUC HOA (XS528984). The contact lasted 7 hours and resulted in 9 friendlies killed and 7 wounded to 2 enemy killed. Several caches were found (XT277507, XS508793, XT803278). They included 1 ton of rice, 2 mortars, 10 mortar rounds, 10.5 tons of small arms ammunition, 90 anti-tank mines, 900 lbs of C4 explosive, 370 lbs of TNT and 43 other weapons.

13. On 19 Jul RF elements with US helicopter support engaged an enemy bunker system near PHUOC VINH (XT869465). There were no friendly casualties. 13 enemy were killed and 13 bunkers destroyed.

Assessment for MR 3

14. TRAC advise that some reports have been received that elements of 5 VC and 7 NVA Divisions which have been in CAMBODIA since May 1970, may possibly soon return to War Zone D (north of the DONG NAI river). If this occurs these troops will be available to assist in the anticipated enemy attempt to disrupt the coming elections.

15. TRAC have also advised that in MR 3 enemy resistance to allied operations is stiffening, indicating an increase in enemy strength and morale. Enemy initiated activity is expected to increase during the next four weeks in an attempt to show that Vietnamisation is failing and in order to make the enemy's presence felt as the elections approach (Lower House elections are scheduled possibly for 29 Aug, and Presidential elections are to take place on 3 Oct). Targets of political value are expected increasingly to be attacked with sappers and rockets. These targets will probably include GVN offices and officials, and allied airfields, fuel and ammunition storage areas.

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16. 1 ATF troops were involved in 17 contacts during the week, resulting in ten enemy killed, one wounded and one other possibly wounded. Three Australians were wounded. There were two Sector forces contacts, resulting in two enemy killed.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

17. D445 and Enemy XUYEN MOC District

a. At 1830 hours on 20 Jul 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR engaged three enemy north of NUI NHON (at YS585654). One enemy was killed. He was identified as the commander of the Security Section of enemy XUYEN MOC Village Unit. From other documents captured in the contact it is clear that at least one and probably both of the other two enemy were members of the Recce Platoon of the Headquarters Group D445.

b. 3 RAR and elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt had six contacts during the week in the area immediately west of XUYEN MOC and east of Route 328 (centre of mass YS6266) with one further enemy killed and one possibly wounded. In addition documents were captured (YS625676) which identified elements of enemy XUYEN MOC District. Although no more identifications of D445 were made in the area, it is believed that some of these contacts were probably with D445 elements. During the past week 3 RAR has captured 370 lbs of rice in this area.

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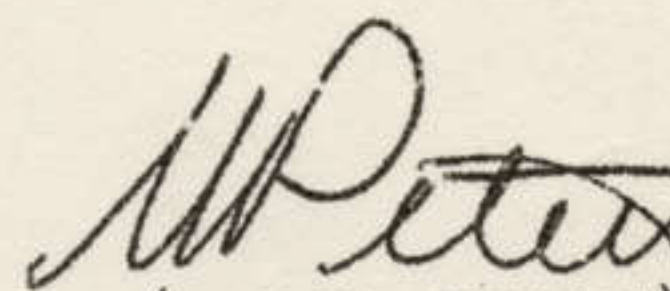
- c. On 24 Jul west of NUI NHON (at YS549640) 609 RF Coy engaged five VC, who were thought to be members of a larger force, in a camp which included some bunkers. The enemy withdrew east with no known casualties, however captured documents confirmed that at least one member of C1 Coy D445 was present. In addition an exercise book with notations regarding weapon and ammunition states for each of the companies of D445 was captured, indicating that a man from the Headquarters of D445 was also probably present.
- d. Identifications during the week confirm that a recce group from D445 has been in the area west of XUYEN MOC, apparently linking in the NUI NHON area with elms of C1 Company from the LONG HAI, and possibly also with LONG DAT. No large tracks have yet been found in the XUYEN MOC area and the location of the main body of D445 is still not known.
18. 274 VC Regt
- a. In the SUOI QUIT area of the TRAC Special AO (centre of mass YS3794) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and elements of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt had nine contacts during the week, probably all of them being with elements of 274 Regt. Eight enemy were killed during these contacts and at least one was wounded. The enemy KIA were all members of Headquarters 274 Regt or of C23 Surgical Coy and C20 Signals Coy of 274 Regt. Other documents captured suggested that elements of C21A Recce Coy, C17 Recoillers Rifle Coy, C19 Engineer Coy and the Rear Service Section, all of 274 Regt, may have been in the area. Documents mentioning 1 and 3 Bns were also found.
- b. On 22 Jul (YS380943) near the location at which an enemy believed to be of C20 Signals Coy was killed, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a quantity of radio equipment, including three K63 HF Chinese Communist man-pack radios which were in excellent condition and almost new. The equipment clearly belonged to C20 Signals Coy of 274 Regt.
- c. During the contacts in the SUOI QUIT area 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) troops captured a total of 690 lbs of rice.
- d. It is clear from the contacts in the SUOI QUIT that the area was being used by HQ 274 Regt and at least some of his support companies.
- e. 1 Bn 274 Regt is believed to remain in the general SUOI CA area of the north-western Province border where he has been contacted in the past.
19. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is not known to have been contacted during the week. 3/33 probably remains in the BAO BINH area near the Province border.

20. LONG DAT District Forces. The main element of LONG DAT is believed still to be in the LONG HAI. On 25 Jul near DINH CO (at YS446577) Sector Forces two VC, one of whom has been identified as the Commander of the LONG DIEN Village Unit.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

21. As previously assessed, the presence during the past week in the XUYEN MOC/NUI NHON area of the Recce Platoon D445 is probably related to preparation for an offensive task. It is not known whether these plans have been pre-empted by 3 RAR operations.

22. HQ 274 Regt's base in the SUOI QUIT has been disrupted as a result of 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) operations. However, 1 Bn remains in the northern border area and continues to present a threat to hamlets in northern DUC THANH District.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 208/71.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted
 - (2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (By 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated).

FTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
271100H	E 48 - 53 N 90 - 92	No sign of recent movement.
271200H	E 56 - 59 N 65 - 72	No sign of recent movement.
271200H	E 35 - 39 N 88 - 90	Track leads SW to old bunker system at YS373874. Estimate movement of 10-20 pers within last 2 days.
271400H	E 49 - 52 N 85 - 88	No sign of movement in area. On transit to area ac saw a track at YS477870 moving SW, used by about 10 pers up to 2 weeks ago. Track poss friendly.
270615H	First light Recce	Fishing boats at YS593584, YS625583 and YS610581 within 20m of the shore. Approx 2-300m of fishing nets set within 50m of the shore between YS610582 and YS620584.
271447H	RAAF Albatross	Sighted a yellow truck heading North with three persons aboard at YS789884.
 - (3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipments Losses

- a, b, c, d, and e Omitted
- f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3.

(1) KIA	16 VC	(9) Med Stores	1 lb
(2) PW	1	(10-18) Omitted	
(3-4) Omitted		(19) B 40 rounds	4
(5) Individual Weapons		(20-21) Omitted	
Action	14	(22) SA rounds	557
Caches	3	(23) Grenades	147
(6) Omitted		(24) AP Mines	15
(7) Rica Captured and Destroyed	1062 lbs	(25) Atk Mines	6
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	45 lbs	(26) TNT	20 lbs
		(27) Bangalore Torpedoes	3

5. Omitted
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements
 - a. INTSUM 206/71 para 3. a. (3) (m) described a contact by 124 RF Coy at YS446577 at 252030H Jul 71. The second KIA has now also been identified as being from the LONG DIEN (V) Guerilla Unit. He was 2 IC of the unit.
7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 30/71 dated 26 Jul 71.
- 9, 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. Omitted
- b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS
 - INTSUM 207/71 para 11. f. (7). Delete all reference. WIA was as a result of accidental discharge.
 - INTSUM 207/71 para 4. b. (2). Delete "1 NVA", insert "1 VC".
- c. Omitted
- d. Agent Reports
 - (1) Received NP PHU MY. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
On 26 Jul at 1215H, about 20 VC of an unknown unit, stopped oxcart drivers and woodcutters at YS287742 to ask about security at PHU MY, and if election papers had already been distributed.
 - (2) Received S2 Sector. Eval 1 ATF F4, US F3.
On 22 Jul at 1000H, an unknown VC unit, strength 60, with 2 x AAMG, 2 x 82mm mortars, 2 x 60mm mortars, 3 B40, AKs and 2 PRC/25 radio sets were located. Intentions unknown. They were seen digging at this grid.

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(3) Received S2 Sector. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 25 Jul on 1500H, a coy from C41 CHAU DUC, strength approx 50 moved from the direction of the HAT DICH to TRANG NAI near YS335735. Here they received supplies from the local guerillas and Rear Services elms. They possibly received weapons and/or arms hidden in woden baskets and nylon bags.

(4) Received PRU. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F6.

At 22 Jul, a VC unit C2 has finished training a group of new soldiers who will infiltrate AN NGAI and LONG DIEN with the aim of sabotaging the coming Lower House Elections. This will create the opportunity for the new soldiers to become acquainted with the battlefields, and infiltration routes and will also be a chance for them to visit their families.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (270340H). At YS378995, 624 RF Coy and 45 PF Pl received approx 30 rds of 60mm mortar fire, followed by a ground probe. The unknown sized enemy force is reported to have withdrawn North. Results: 2 en KIA, 1 AK 47 CIA; 1 friendly KIA, 2 RF and 3 PF WIA, 2 civilians WIA and 10 houses damaged. A futher report indicated it was a sapper attack by an estimated VC squad but the identity of the en unit has not yet been established.

Comment: On 19 Jul an agent report was received that at YS3800 on 16 Jul approx 100 VC with 82mm mortars, AAMG, B40 and SA stopped woodcutters to question them about friendly activities. They said that they intended to attack the Australians. No identification was given but it is thought likely that they were a group from 274 Regt. The strength of 100 may be an exaggeration.

(2) (270829H). At YS269831, LONG THANH Trg Det LRRP found a platoon sized base camp. 200m South, ptl heard movement to the NNE of approx 8-10 pers. Gunships received ground fire while over the area and the ptl was extracted. The ptl observed many well used tracks in the area and estimate approx 200 pers had used the tracks within the preceding 48 hours.

Comment: Possibly an element of 3 Bn 274 Regt. However, it is thought the estimate of 200 pers may be high.

(3) (240900H) At YS216862, 3 VN civilians including Agriculture Commissioner were killed by 3-5 VC. (Unconfirmed NFI).

(4) (270930H). At YS325855, another LTTD LRRP observed 2 pers with bulky equipment 35m east of their location. In the same vicinity, they observed a further 2 pers also with bulky equipment. The area was engaged by gunships and LRRP heard approx 10 en moving NNW from the area. Gunships received AK47 fire from the East and West of LZ at YS326855. Ptl reported numerous well used tracks in area.

Comment: On 6 Feb 71 a possum pilot saw fresh track and other recent signs at YS325856, and on 4 Jul and agent report was received that D2 Bn of SR 4 was in area YS325853, with a strength of approx 40.

(5) (261100H). At YS815992, tps of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) while in ambush position on a N-S track observed and engaged 2 en approaching from the S. A search of area revealed 2 en WIA who later died. Results 2 en KIA (BC), 2 AK 47, 6 AK mags (180 rds), 2 packs containing miscellaneous equipment, 13 lbs flour, 110 lbs polished rice and 100 ft of trip wire. Documents CIA identified 223 Tpt Unit of MR-7 Rear Services.

(6) (271810H). At YS552637, 609 RF Coy loc 1 outpost bunker, 2-3 days old which had recent use. The entrance was sealed and had broken foliage around it.

(7) (230340H). At YT180000, BEARCAT received 3 x 122mm rkts. Res: Nil friendly casualties and damage.

(8) (251800). An ARVN Lt Col travelling South in a jeep was fired upon by unk VC elms at YS232785. They fired from a point 100m East of Rte 15 and were wearing "Special force" uniforms. Nil friendly cas. Anit-PSDF propaganda leaflets were loc in area.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents. C. Agent Reports.

E. Aerial Sensor Readings. F. VC Dates of Significance. For Month of August.

G. Light Data For BIEN HOA, August 1971.

Distribution: List A, HQ TRAC, MACV-CICV, MACV-J2, BIEN HOA Sector, Advisory Team 89, Sector S2, 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM), RSSZ (For IO), AATTV (SAIGON), AATTV Advisor BARIA, LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC, All 1 ATF LOs

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

C COY 3 RAR

1. Documents were found inside a telephone by C Coy 3 RAR at YS601652 at 261202H Jul 71. The documents included:

- a. Part of a letter with the name TOT (unk) on it.
- b. Part of an expenditure record.
- c. Part of a letter from THANH HUONG (unk) to CANH (unk) dated 7 May 71.

3. Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)

2. 1 ACD troops on 23 Jul 71 discovered documents in a small bunker and rest area at YT269567. The following are 3 Bde's comment on these docus:

"These documents identify elements of the 814th Rear Service Group and confirm the existence of this new logistical unit. The 814th RSG is a combination of the 81st RSG and elements of the RSG MR-7. The Rear Service Group MR-7 was created in May 70, when COSVN resubordinated most of the elements of the 84th RSG to the C3 Rear Service Staff of MR-7, in order that MR-7 could operate on an entirely independent basis while its supply lines from the Cambodian border base areas were cut off. A notebook taken from the body of the CO of the C10 Requisitioning and Purchasing Coy, RSG MR-7, on 22 Jun 71, by Ranger Team 76, at YS860971, contained an entry recorded before mid-june 71, which revealed that "Groups 81 and 84 were combined to form Group 814". This entry and the documents under examination here, clearly show that COSVN has taken the elements of the old 84th RSG back under its direct control and has combined them with the 81st RSG to form the 814th RSG. It is believed that this move probably indicates a serious intention on the part of COSVN to re-introduce a major combat unit, possibly of division size, into the War Zone "D" -MR-7 area. It is interesting to note that PHAM THANH GIANG, is signing as the CO of the 814th RSG and the RSG MR-7, although he was formerly the CO of the now-defunct C66 Security Company of the 81st RSG. These documents contain several other points of particular interest. One item mentions that the monthly rice allocation per man as of May 71, was to be 25 litres for the E11 Security Unit and the V17 Transportation Coy, but only 24 litres for the ordnance, medical and production units of the 81st RSG. VC/NVA combat personnel always receive more food than logistical personnel; the fact that V17 is allocated an increased ration indicates that it has increased its level of activity, and implies that the 81st RSG is once again carrying on large scale movement of supplies. Another document states that the elements of the 81st RSG have procured, stored, and consumed very large quantities of flour during May, Jun and Jul 71. This is the first record of the 81st RSG utilizing significant amounts of flour, and indicate an increased participation in Shadow Supply Activities. It is believed that the appearance of flour in the 81st RSG AO is related to the consolidation with the elements of the RSG MR-7, as large scale flour procurement was formerly carried out in eastern MR3 only by the C10 Requisitioning and Purchasing Coy. It would appear that C10 has coordinated its civilian purchasing agent net to supply flour to the 81st RSG as well as to itself. The flour is procured from American aid agencies in SAIGON and is probably introduced into War Zone "D" either through the J95 Bn of the RSG Mr-7 in the northeastern DINH QUAN area, or by means of logging trucks working off highway LTL 1A north of PHUOC VINH or cut of DONG XOAI. The T1, T2, T3, T4 and T5 designations mentioned are new to CB and cannot be positively identified at this time. There is some indication that they may be a new chain of ordnance or supply depots. X33 is also an unknown designation which may be an element of the Ordnance Staff Section, 81st RSG. The 814th RSG has not previously been identified. Elements of the 81st RSG were last identified by documents found on 3 Apr 71 at YT540693 by A/1-7 Cav."

1 ATF Comment: This reorganization of enemy rear service support in MR-7 is clearly

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one element of the current reorganization of the enemy Province organizations in MR-7, previously referred to in 1 ATF SUPINTREP 29/71 para 23. In accordance with the assessment that this reorganization may be a prelude to re-introduction of a major combat element into War Zone "D", TRAC have advised that reports have been received that elements of 5 VC and 7 NVA Divs may soon return from CAMBODIA to War Zone "D" (see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 30/71 para 14).

ANNEX C

REORGANIZATION OF MR-7

Extracted from: MACV J2, Weekly Intelligence.

Estimate Update, No 30/71, dated 24 Jul 71.

1. Information from several sources of intelligence provide an insight into possible enemy intentions to reorganize VC BA LONG (P) and MR-7 prior to the RVN Oct Elections.
2. A recent agent report stated that a Jul 71 Directive (NFI) from HQ SVNLA instructed the Political and Military Cadre of VC BA LONG (P) to make preparations for Military Reorganization. The rationale was that DINH QUAN (D) (Northern LONG KHANH) afforded suitable sanctuary for enemy unit; while also providing proximity to the vital areas of SAIGON and BIEN HOA. The objective for this massing of troops was to provide support for any military offensive and/or political manoeuvring that HQ, SVNLA may deem necessary in order to sway the Oct Elections.
3. The projected military structure would consist of all enemy units in the area, including 33 NVA Regt, 274 VC MF Regt, and all LF elements. In addition "new" units from CAMBODIA (possibly elements of 5 and 7 VC Divs) would infiltrate through War Zone "D".
4. A PW (██████████) captured on 3 Jul by US elements at ██████████, provides similar information. The PW a Squad Leader in the F and E Sect ██████████, stated that during the first week of Jul, a chief of the F and E Sect briefed all sect cadre on a 29 Jun Directive, disseminated by HQ, SVNLA, according to the PW, HQ SVNLA plans coordinated attacks throughout RVN to disrupt the coming elections in order to prove to the Vietnamese Populace that the Vietnamisation Programme is not working, and that the election would not be a free one.
5. Assigned VC/NVA units are to mass in a newly organised MR named "BARIA" and be reinforced by the infiltration of new VC and NVA units.
6. Note: ██████████ interrogation is reported in Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM No 199/71, dated 18 Jul 71.

Comment: This provides a more thorough picture of the projected reorganization of MR-7, already reported (see SUPINTREP 29/71 para 23). See also Annex D to this INTSUM, reporting reorganization of rear service elements of enemy MR-7.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2. and 3. omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>		
270945H	YS382807	YS393780 to	YS382810	YS405807	YS392800
YS E 35-42,	YS398794 to	YS392795	YS383816	YS383813	YS398811
N 78-85	YS399780		YS398798	YS383822	YS398815
				YS390810	

Footprints in mud at YS373843. Direction unknown.

Comment: There are two areas where readings are concentrated. These were:

- a. Centre of mass YS373810.
- b. Centre of mass YS393787.

Both these areas are believed to have been used by CHAU DUC in the past. An attempt will be made to confirm the readings by other means, and also by further APD readouts.

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ANNEX F TO

1 ATF INTSUM No 208/71

DATED 27 JUL 71

VC DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN AUGUST

1. 1 Aug
 - a. Activation date of Chinese Peoples Liberation Front. 1921.
 - b. Organisation of the People's Army for the Liberation of CHINA. 1927.
 - c. POTSDAM Treaty. 1945.
2. 5 Aug ENGELS' death. 1895.
3. 6 Aug HIROSHIMA bombed with atomic bomb. 1945.
4. 7 Aug Formation of Liberation Army. 1945.
5. 8 Aug Anniversary of the August Revolution. 1945.
6. 9 Aug Anniversary of the KANG LE Coup, Vietnamese LAOS. 1960.
7. 10 Aug JAPAN offered to capitulate. VIET MINH general uprising. 1945.
8. 14 Aug Formation of the National United Front. 1945.
9. 15 Aug
 - a. Japanese Surrender, end of WW II. 1945.
 - b. National Festival of the Democratic People's Republic of KOREA. 1945.
10. 16 Aug
 - a. National Front took power in SAIGON. 1945.
 - b. Establishment of the Committee for the Liberation of VIETNAM by HO CHI MINH. 1945.
11. 17 Aug VIET MINH demonstrations in HANOI. 1945.
12. 19 Aug National Revolution Day (August Revolution). 1945.
13. 20 Aug THAI NGUYEN Insurrection . 1917.
14. 23 Aug
 - a. National Festival of the People's Republic of ROUMANIA. 1944.
 - b. Insurrection against BAO DAI in HUE. 1945.
15. 25 Aug
 - a. "Provisional Executive Committee of SOUTH VIETNAM" established in the SAIGON Government. 1945.
 - b. Anniversary of NAM BO Revolution. 1945.
16. 26 Aug DRVN established. 1945.
17. 29 Aug Formation of "Provisional Government" with HO CHI MINH as president was announced in HANOI. 1945.
18. 30 Aug
 - a. USSR Communist Party commenced activities. 1903.
 - b. Nationalist Revolt by VNQDD in THAI NGUYEN. 1917.

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ANNEX G TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 208/7
DATED 27 JUL 71

LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA

August 1971

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMNT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>EENT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>% ILLUM</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
1	0552	0641	1917	2006	1418	0112	65	
2	0552	0641	1917	2006	1514	0159	74	
3	0552	0641	1916	2005	1611	0253	83	
4	0552	0641	1916	2005	1708	0351	90	
5	0552	0641	1915	2004	1802	0451	96	
6	0553	0642	1915	2004	1855	0552	99	
7	0553	0642	1915	2004	1943	0652	100	Full Moon
8	0553	0642	1914	2003	2030	0750	98	
9	0553	0642	1914	2003	2116	0847	93	
10	0553	0643	1914	2003	2200	0943	86	
11	0554	0643	1914	2003	2246	1039	77	
12	0554	0643	1913	2002	2334	1133	66	
13	0555	0643	1913	2001		1235	55	Last Half
14	0555	0643	1912	2000	0027	1335	44	
15	0555	0643	1912	2000	0121	1436	33	
16	0555	0643	1911	1959	0217	1533	23	
17	0555	0643	1911	1959	0315	1627	15	
18	0555	0643	1911	1959	0412	1717	9	
19	0555	0643	1910	1958	0507	1802	4	
20	0555	0643	1910	1958	0557	1843	1	
21	0555	0643	1909	1957	0646	1922	0	New Moon
22	0555	0643	1908	1956	0731	1959	1	
23	0555	0643	1908	1956	0816	2033	4	
24	0555	0643	1907	1955	0900	2109	8	
25	0556	0643	1906	1953	0944	2145	14	
26	0556	0643	1906	1953	1031	2223	22	
27	0556	0643	1906	1953	1118	2305	30	
28	0556	0643	1905	1952	1208	2351	39	
29	0556	0643	1905	1952	1302		49	First Half
30	0556	0643	1904	1951	1358	0041	59	
31	0556	0643	1903	1950	1454	0136	69	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 209/71.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Jul.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) TRAC Special AO

(a) (281110H). At YS412927, C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an old track running NE-SW but direction fluctuates. The track has had considerable use but none recently.

(b) (281125H). At YS412920, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found 4 "Y" shaped bunkers and one sentry pit which had not been completed. Entry/exit tracks to East and West. System estimated to be 6 months old and badly weathered. No recent use.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
281000H	E 33-35 N 88-93	No sign of movement across the area. At YS354919 two small garden plots with old path leading North. Not tended for some time, but not yet overgrown.
281200H	E 33-36 N 85-88	No sighting of recent activity.
281400H	E 50-60 N 80-90	Special terrain study of SONG RAI. No sign of recent enemy activity.
281300H	YS763624	One boat was observed approx 50m offshore.

(3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR 3

(1) KIA	17 VC (Amended)	(10-18) Omitted
(2) PW	1	(19) B 40 rounds 4
(3-4) Omitted		(20-21) Omitted
(5) Individual Weapons		(22) SA rounds 557
Action	14	(23) Grenades 147
Caches	3	(24) AP Mines 15
(6) Omitted		(25) Atk Mines 6
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	.1062 lbs	(26) TNT 20 lbs
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	. 45 lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes 3
(9) Med Stores	1 lb	

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 30/71 dated 26 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 208/71 para 11. d. (2) First line, insert "At YS297724"

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) Other Areas

(a) Report from 18 ARVN received 28 Jul 71. Eval VN C4, 1 ATF F4.

At 261700H Jul 71 at YS255892 a VC unit strength over 100 was reported to have been sighted. Suspected to be 1 Bn 274 Regt.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Other Areas

(a) (280630H). At YS378995, 624 RF Coy returning from an ambush position detonated a mine. Results: 5 RF KIA, 6 RF WIA.

Comment: This incident occurred at the same location as an enemy attack on the morning of 27 Jul 71. (Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 208/71 para 11. f. (1)). XUAN LOC advise that identity of 2 enemy KIA during 27 Jul attack is unknown.

(b) (281200H). At YS489524 elms of 302 RF Bn took into custody a VN woman named VO THI DI aged 22. She stated that she was the wife of a VC named HIEU (ORBAT holds a HIEU as OC of LONG DAT Political Staff). At time of

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capture she was moving East from the LONG HAIs. She carried an ID card but no weapon. Presently undergoing interrogation.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (271215H). At YS685930 a ptl from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) found an 8 ft wide N-S logging track used by vehicles moving South within the last 24 hours.

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Annexe: E. Aerial Sensor Readings.

List A

- HQ TRAC
- MACV-CICV
- MACV-J2
- BIEN HOA Sector
- Advisory Team 89
- Sector S2
- 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
- RSSZ (For IO)
- AATTV (SAIGON)
- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 209/71
DATED 28 JUL 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1. Omitted
- 2. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
280300	YS395977	15 emissions

Comment: This may possibly have been the location of HQ 274 Regt on night 27/28 Jul 71.

- 3. Omitted
- 4. APD (Sniffer)

281000H E 35-42 N 78-85, nil significant readings.

Comment: This sniffer was flown in an attempt to confirm readings of previous day, which suggested possible locations of CHAU DUC elms.

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2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity. TRAC Special AO .
 - (1) (291123H). At YS401917 - YS402916, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found 13 bunkers on a ridge line, which had been struck by napalm. Bunkers were "H" shaped and each had two firing bays and two entrances with 3 ft of OHP. The system is estimated to be six months old and last used one month ago. System could be easily renovated. Entrance/exit tracks to North - South and West. Located in the system was 403 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.
 - (2) (291440H). At YS398913, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted an estimated 20 plus enemy in a bunker system. The enemy were armed with AK 47s and RPG. D10 claymore mines had possibly been set in trees around enemy position. The enemy were engaged at 15 metres. Three enemy were seen, but the large volume of fire delivered by the enemy suggested possibly 20 plus in enemy force. Orders were heard being passed within the position. One VC called "UC-DA-LOI". Results 5 enemy KIA (possibly); friendly casualties: 3 WIA. Details of sweep to be advised.
 - (3) (291907H). At YS399911, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a NE-SW track. NFI.
 - (4) (292009H). At YS388916, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR engaged movement to the West of their location with unknown results. No further movement heard after firing completed.
 - (5) (292203H). At YS403911, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a track which ran NE-SW and had been used by 6-8 persons. Fresh signs gave no indication of direction of movement.
 - (6) (292203H). At YS400911, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a track. NFI.

b. Air Activity

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated).

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
290643H		Road Recce aircraft sighted only three persons on road between DAT DO and NDP SUSAN. There were also no one tending pads.
291000H	E 58-61 N 73-76	No sign of recent activity in area.
291200H	E 41-44 N 83-87	1. A heavy track ran from YS427842 to YS425844. At this grid, a large cleared area under the trees could be seen with ration tins (not Aust) on the ground. 2. At YS413849 a large lie up area with evidence of a fireplace was seen. May have been friendly. Comment: The area has been used by C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
291400H	E 51-54 N 90-93	No sign of recent activity in the area.
291455H	YS788889	JADE aircraft sighted a bridge at YS788889 which was 15 ft wide and 25 ft long with rope supports and three large drains.
291600H	E 53-56 N 62-65	1. Many tracks were seen in area. 2. Possible RF tracks in area, used within a week, small boot prints were seen on the tracks. 3. Several civilians and cattle were seen in area. 4. From YS552637 to YS553644 there was a possible RF track and a similar one seen running through grids YS550646 - YS551654 - YS557657.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR 3

(1) KIA	16	VC	(10-18) Omitted
(2) PW	1		(19) B-40 rounds
(3-4) Omitted			(20-21) Omitted
(5) Individual Weapons			(22) SA rounds
Action	14		(23) Grenades
Caches	3		(24) AP Mines
(6) Omitted			(25) Atk Mines
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	1062	lbs	(26) TNT
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	45	lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes
(9) Med Stores	1	lb	

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5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 30/71 dated 20 Jul 71.

9, 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM No 181/71 dated 30 Jun 71, para 4. f. (1) amend to read 19 VC.

INTSUM No 209/71 dated 28 Jul 71, para 4. f. (1) amend to read 16 VC.

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Report received from DUC THANH, 29 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(271630H). At YS438784, 4 VC wearing mixed dress and carrying individual weapons were seen. They stopped people and asked for information on PF in LA VAN and NGAO GIAO. They withdrew NW.

(b) Report received from DUC THANH, 29 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

On the 29 Jul 71, a VC Pl of 20 persons were located in area YS425780 to YS428789. They recently told people at a propaganda meeting that they would attack a location in DUC THANH (D) on election day.

(2) AO OTAGO

(a) Report received from DUC THANH, 29 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(281200H). 6 VC were seen at approx YS474715. They wore green uniforms and were fully armed. They asked directions to NUI DAT and spoke with a central Vietnamese accent.

(3) AO PADDINGTON

(a) Report received from LONG LE, 29 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(281430H). Three guerillas dressed as farmers, and armed with a colt .45 and two grenades met farmers at YS451653 to ask about the situation at HOA LONG. The group included one female. They withdrew towards LONG DIEN after 10 minutes.

(4) Territorial Forces AO

(a) Report received from PHUOC THO PSB, 29 Jul 71, Eval VN B3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on the 25th, 26th and 27 Jul 71 5 VC have been located at YS531639. They crossed Route 23 and re-organized at YS510617 on the nights of the 26th and 27th Jul. From this location they infiltrated PHUOC SON (H) PHUOC THO (V) on both nights. They picked up supplies and spread propaganda from PHUOC SON (H). They then returned to YS531639. One of the group was identified as NGUYEN THI TIEM aka HAY, who was born in 1944 and joined the VC in 1965. (1 ATF ORBAT holds no record of TIEM).

(b) Report received from DAT DO, 29 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On the night of 28/29 Jul, a company of VC moved from the LONG GREEN (area YS5359) to a creek junction at YS540631.

US Intelligence Comment DAT DO: Throughout the area North of Route 23 on the morning of 29 Jul, there was no civilian activity in the fields. This is unusual. (This report conforms with the report of Possum pilot - see VR report).

(d) Report received from LONG LE, 29 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(281000H). Six VC of PHU MY Party Chapter including LE VAN NEU (1 ATF ORBAT holds a NAM NEU as PCS of PHU MY (V) Party Chapter) armed with individual weapons and dressed in mixed uniforms, stopped woodcutters and cattle herders at YS219753 to deliver anti-GVN Propaganda and to discuss tax problems. They withdrew after 15 minutes.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Extract from RTAVF INTSUM 207/71 of 26 Jul 71

(a) (261150H). At YS346977 RF/PF contacted an unknown sized enemy group; Results: nil friendly casualties, and a blood trail was found. Captured was 2 pairs of shoes and a raincoat.

(2) Other Areas

(a) (291110H). At YS497508, 1 Coy 302 RF Bn, detained 2 female VC suspects, they are DUNG THI LAO and DUNG THI SAT. The suspects were taken from a house in HAI LAC (H). A bunker is believed to be under the house. Suspects are currently undergoing interrogation.

(b) Reference INTSUM 208/71 dated 27 Jul 71, para 11. f. (1) RF/PF contact at CAM TAN, 2 enemy KIA were dressed as sappers wearing only loin cloths. No identification was available. The enemy are believed to have known which houses to attack as they targetted the houses belonging to the Village Chief and Deputy Chief for Security. The attack seemed to be directed

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 210/71
DATED 29 JUL 71

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW - [REDACTED]

Extracted, in part, from 3 Bde (Sep), 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM No 109 dated 27 Jul 71.

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. Rank/Appt: Asst Pl Cond.
- c. Unit: [REDACTED]
- d. D/POB: [REDACTED]

Circumstances of Capture

2. The subject was captured by 116 RF Coy at [REDACTED] at 261415H Jul 71. He and nine others from [REDACTED] were ambushed while they were returning to their base camp after a food resupply mission. The subject was taken prisoner during the ensuing fire fight.

Information of Interest to 1 ATF

3. Subject received six months basic training in NVN. He was posted to Infiltration Group 742 and began infiltration at the end of Nov 66. He arrived in BIEN HOA (P) in Jul 67, and was posted to [REDACTED] (unk), SR4.
4. From Jul 67 to Jan 70, C23 Tpt Coy supported the Rear Services Group of SR4. From Jan 70 to Apr 71, [REDACTED] supported H10 Surgical Dispensary of SR4. In mid Apr 71 C23 received orders resubordinating it to Rear Services Group MR7.
5. [REDACTED] consists of three pls, numbered 1, 2 and 3, plus a HQ elm. There are three sects in each pl. [REDACTED] is subordinate to Rear Services Group, MR7. Its strength is 60, with 20 in the HQ elm and 12 - 14 in each pl.
6. The subject states that SR4 is in the process of disbanding completely. Since being assigned to MR7 the subject has met people who previously belonged to Rear Services Sect, Staff Sect, Medical Sect, D2 Inf Bn, and D6 Hvy Wpns Bn of SR4.

3 Bde Comment

7. ORBAT has no recent information on [REDACTED]. The PW mentions the disbanding of SR4 and the transference of [REDACTED] to RSG MR7, which is significant information. Recent information indicates a major reorganisation and realignment of BA LONG (P), SR4 and MR7. Recently the HQ of BA LONG (P), SR4 and MR7 were all colocated in the area south of FSB JAY (VT7623). It seems that they are reorganising and relocating in this area so that they can more efficiently command a large coordinated force within striking distance of SAIGON and other densely populated areas. They are preparing themselves for a probable show of force at the time of the SVN elections. The PW substantiates at least the disbanding of SR4 and the reallocation of some of their subordinate elements.

8. Along with the military and political reorganisation, it seems COSVN is taking back direct control of all logistic units in the area. Indications are that COSVN is streamlining and building up its logistical capabilities. This is substantiated in part by the PW's knowledge of the transference of [REDACTED] to RSG, MR7. Documented evidence that 81 RSG and RSG MR7 have combined also substantiates the buildup. Military reorganisation and increased logistical activity tend to indicate COSVN may be preparing to reintroduce manoeuvre elements back into the area.

1 ATF Comment

9. ORBAT holds no record of a [REDACTED] of either SR4 or MR7.
10. Further information and comment from 3 Bde regarding the present reorganisation in MR7 can be found in 1 ATF INTSUMs 199/71 Annex A and 208/71 Annex B, and information MACV Int Update is in 1 ATF INTSUM 208/71 Annex C.

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against civilians rather than the RF and PF.

(u) TRAC advise that on 23 Jul at XS993973 (GVN GIA DINH Prov) PF troops captured 7 VC belonging to "8 Underwater Demolition Bn, BARIA" Sub-region.

Comment: TRAC have stated that the VC were unimportant suppliers who have little information. The interrogation is continuing. It is known that MR-7 is at present being reorganized and that a "BARIA Sub-region" is being formed. Reference to BARIA Sub-region is an area as far to the North-West as this is of interest.

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Annex: A: Interrogation Report.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 211/71.
2. Period Covered from 300001H to 302400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) TRAC Special AO

- (a) (291730H). At YS403911 B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found two partially completed bunkers with approach from northwest.
- (b) (300815H). At YS395914, 10 and 11 Pls D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found three bunkers 6' x 4 1/2' x 5 1/2' with 1 1/2' - 2' OHP. The system was est to be 12 mths old and last used in the preceding 24 hrs. Entry/exit was to N and S. Recovered were one damaged RPG rd, one NVA pack, qty cooking utensils, one NVA water bottle, one canteen cup and qty of nuts and bolts.
- (c) (290900H). At YS420920 C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a N-W track.
- (d) (291350H). At YS406912, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found signs of recent mov along an old tank track which leads W.
- (e) (300920H). At YS401914, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found three bunkers 10' x 10' x 6' with 3' OHP. The complex was 50m square, approx six mths old and last used in the preceding 12-24 hrs.
- (f) (304130H). At YS393915, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an old N-S veh track which has had foot mov N since the last rain, by up to 10 pers.
- (g) (301330H). At YS403909, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two en dressed in greens, wearing packs and carrying unidentified wpns. The en approached from the N and withdrew NE after contact with unknown results.
- (h) (301340H). At YS400903, B Coy 3 RAR heard three single shots to the E at a range of 1500m.
- (i) (302105H). At YS397901, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR heard mov on their perimeter and eng with claymores and M79s. (NFI).
- (j) (301442H). At YS394911, D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an unknown number of en in a bunker system. The en returned fire with heavy fire incl RPGs, M60s and AKs. Elms of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and artillery supported the contact. Results: eight VC KIA, one Aust KIA, four Aust WIA. The system contains nine bunkers. One RPG2 was captured in the system. A report of the bunker system will follow in INTSUM No 212/71.

b. Air Activity

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (flown by 161 (Indep Recce Flt unless otherwise stated))

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
300630H	First Light Recce	In area E 46-48, N 47-48, 10-15 small boats were within 50-100m of shore. <u>Comment</u> : Unusual to find so many boats in immediate proximity to LONG HAIs.
300800H	E 68-71, N 81-84	No sign of recent activity.
301000H	E 46-49, N 85-88	No sign of recent activity.
28 Jul 71	YS653913	A US ac observed a newly constructed and well built bridge. At YS787899 another bridge 25' long and 10' wide was sighted.
301155H	YS787899	A US ac sighted a truck with 2-3 pers and 6' wide logs in the back.
301555H	YS794877	A track leading S/SW leaves the road. At YS7885, YS7886 several wooden bridges cross the creek.
302130H	YS252620	A US ac sighted one motorised sampan mov E.
301740H	YS561741	A RAAF ac sighted 3 pers on the edge of a cutting.

.../4. Enemy

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occuring during This Reporting Period

- (1), and (3) omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 8 VC

b., c. and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual RPG2
- (b) and (c) omitted

(2) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Salt	4 lb	Destroyed
Rice	60 lb	Destroyed

(4) and (5) omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA.....	24 VC	(10) to (18) omitted.
(2) PW.....	1	(19) B-40 rds.....4
(3) and (4) omitted.		(20) and (21) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns		(22) SA rds.....960
Action.....	15	(23) Grenades.....147
Caches.....	3	(24) AP Mines.....15
(6) Omitted.		(25) AT Mines.....6
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...	1122 lbs	(26) TNT.....20 lbs
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....	49 lbs	(27) Bangalore.....3
(9) Med Stores.....	1 1/2 lb	

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 30/71 dated 20 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM No 208/71 para 11.f.(1) line 3 delete all after Results: Insert 2 en KIA, 1 AK 47 CIA. Friendly: 4 KIA, 1 WIA (incl civilian), 10 houses damaged. The en unit was not identified.

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from BARIA 30 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

As at 28 Jul 71 at YS415810 a base camp is reported to be occupied by a reported 100-150 pers. Early warning pits and defences are loc around the camp. At YS405805 another base camp is loc.

(2) AO PADDINGTON

(a) Received from LONG LE. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1830H on 29 Jul at YS448645, 2 guerillas dressed as farmers, met farmers and asked if Aust tps were deployed along the HOA LONG - LONG DIEN road or if any ambushes were set along the same road at night.

(b) Received from LONG LE 28 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1430H on 28 Jul 71 at YS451653, 3 guerillas incl 1 female stopped farmers and asked about the situation at HOA LONG. The group withdrew towards LONG DIEN.

(3) Territorial Forces AO

(a) Received from LONG LE 30 Jul 71. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0700H on 29 Jul 71 at VAM BA QUOI (unk) VC stopped villagers and confiscated 2 boats and a qty of machetes. The villagers were told to bring money to NGON NUOC MAN (YS266643) in 2-4 days and the boats would be returned.

(b) Received from LONG LE 30 Jul 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0930H on 29 Jul 71 at YS230647, 3 VC confiscated 2 motor boats and 15 machetes. They told the owners that their boats would be returned on payment of 35,000 piastre.

.../(c) Received

- (c) Received from LONG LE 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
At 1400H on 29 Jul 71 at NGON BO LO (YS235673), 9 VC in a sampan were sighted. They warned fishermen not to work in the area.
- (d) Received from LONG LE 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
At 1800H on 29 Jul 71 at YS355586, 3 VC from Wing 4 BARIA City Unit, incl NGUYEN HOANG HIEP (Military Affairs Cadre Wing 4) and THI BAY ANH (PCS BARIA City Unit) stopped fishermen and asked for food and info about AP BEN SUC and the activities of 26 Boat Coy patrols.
- (e) Received from PHUOC THO PSB 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
5 VC are often at YS527598. NFI.
- (f) Received from Sector 29 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4.
At 1500H on 29 Jul 71 at YS274565, 20 VC from VUNG TAU Special Action Unit and the LONG SON Guerillas incl BON BI aka BAY NHO (Cadre LONG SON Guerillas) were loc. Their intentions are to establish offices/infrastructure.
- (g) Received from Sector 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
At YS405575, over the last several days 5 VC from LONG DIEN Village Guerillas incl 1 female have been coming to this loc to collect food.
- (h) Received from Sector 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
At 1600H on 28 Jul 71 at YS317563, 6 VC incl VAN VAN SAO (F & E Sect LONG SON) collected food from fishermen.
- (i) Received from Sector 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
The PHUOC HOA LONG Guerillas and their subordinate youths have forbidden young children to follow Aust tps laying water pipes and digging wells in the area as they (the VC) intend to plant grenades/booby traps to sabotage these areas in the next few days.
- (j) Received from Sector 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
At 1200H on 25 Jul 71, at YS476566, 20 VC incl DUONG THI NGAN aka TUYET (unk), moved from BUN CAY CAM to the above loc where they stopped woodcutters and told them not to vote in the elections. They also told them to prepare enough food for a month and be ready to support the VC forces when they returned to the hamlet as there would be a military attack in DAT DO soon to disrupt the elections and destroy the GVN Pacification Programme.
- (k) Received from Sector 30 Jul 71, Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
At 1500H on 25 Jul 71, 3 VC from LONG HUONG Village PC spread propaganda on the VC's policy and to push the people not to vote in the elections.
- (1) At 2115H on 27 Jul 71, SAU PHUOC (BA LONG Farmers Association cadre) and BAY THONG (CHAU DUC Rear Services cadre) spread propaganda in AP DONG. They told the people to store up rice and fish for them so that it would be collected when they infiltrated the hamlet in groups. They also told the people to dig bunkers for their own protection as poss they (the VC) will harass the hamlet during the elections.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
- (1) Reference INTSUM 210/71 para 11.f.(2)(a), DUNC THI and DUNG THI SAT were taken to the house where the alleged bunker was. The bunker was caved in but in the house was detained BAY BENG (unk) and an old man. They were taken to Sector for questioning.
- (2) 28 Jul 71. At road junction 328/23 a group of 6 people, poss armed, were seen moving quickly into the bush at YS630655. Arty engaged the area with unknown results. At 1840H local jungle workers reported a group of approx 25 VC at YS664705.
- (3) (300340H). At YT487055 an unknown number of VC attacked a hamlet with B-40s and B-41s. The VC were identified as A Coy 302 VC Bn (unk). Results: 4 PF KIA, 6 PF WIA, 4 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA. 1 B-41 and 2 AK 47s were CIA.
- Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM
- (4) (271215H). At YS685930, 3 Bde tps loc a N-S logging road with tracks of a veh moving S in the last 24 hrs.
- Extract from THAI (RTAVF) INTSUM 210/71
- (5) (291325H), At YS270999, B/3 2nd Inf Bde engaged an estimated 8 en. A search of the area revealed a blood trail and one plastic cup. Results: Nil friendly cas; en cas unknown.

.../(6) On

(C) On 27 Jul 71 [redacted] borrowed a PF uniform and rallied to [redacted] Village office. He was identified as a member of the [redacted] District KIEN HOA Province.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
B. Aerial Sensor Readings

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 211/71
DATED 30 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by 1 ATF troops in a camp in the North-Eastern Province area on 30 Jul 71 provided no clear identification. However they tentatively identify C3 Coy of D445 LF Bn. The documents included:
 - a. A 1:50,000 map of the XUAN LOC area, sheet No 6430 IV. On the map were the numbers B42.80, B32.40 (both unknown). There are circles marked at YS430969 (SW of BLACKHORSE, North end of airfield) and at YS447968 (500 metres East of BLACKHORSE); a circle with a diameter of 300 metres, centre of mass YT226117 (North of Route 1); and a circle with a diameter of 100 metres, centre of mass YT247108 (400 metres North of Route 1). There are spot markings at YT395028. (North of ONG QUE Rubber), YT403029 (South of 322 feature), YT323008 (North-West corner of ONG QUE Rubber) and YT208070 (4,000 metres South of TRANG BON (V)). On the reverse side of the map was either the name THANH HUONG (unk) or THANH PHUONG (unk). On the back was the sentence "I do know what to say in the letter."
 - b. A piece of paper which appears to be a personal letter from BO (insufficient for identification).
 - c. A piece of paper with the names DO VIET HUONG (unk) and DO XUAN DAU (1 ATF ORBAT does hold a NGUYEN VAN DAU as a squad leader in D440).
 - d. A piece of paper with the words "3 Coy (C3) is in C4's old camp".
 - e. A page out of a "MAD" Magazine.
 - f. A personal letter from NGUYEN VAN NGHIEM (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as being a medic in K9 Coy of the disbanded D440 LF Bn) to an unknown person, dated 2 Oct 1970.

Comment:

2. Equipment captured in the same area included many items of NVA origin (See Appendix 1 to this Annex). Most of these items are not usually found in PHUOC TUY (R). On the disbandment of D440 LF Bn, K9 Coy became C3 Coy of D445, as the previous C3 combined with K6 of D440 and elements of D65 Engr Bn to become C36 Sapper Recce Coy of BA LONG. D440 LF Bn was of NVA origin and C3 of D445 is therefore largely an NVA Coy. The mention of a C3, the apparent identification of K9 D440, the large amount of NVA equipment found taken together with the area of discovery, tend to indicate C3 Coy of D445 LF Bn.

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

3. A document which was captured by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS442941, following the contact with elements of SR 4 on 21 Jun 71, has been fully read out by CDE. It is a directive from Group 12 B (possibly MR-7) giving instructions on the procedures for handling and releasing of allied PW in enemy lands. The document read as follows:

DIRECTIVE

"TO: All sub-regions, provinces and units subordinate to Military Region (possibly VC Military Region 7).

In order, to properly coordinate our propaganda activities with our diplomatic struggle, the release of US, satellite and, Puppet PW's should be broadly propagandized to highlight our policy. Therefore, the following regulations must be strictly observed by all (authorities in) local areas and units:

1. The release of US, and satellite PW's must be approved by Military Region. In the event that PW's are released on the battlefield, due to the lack of transportation to rear areas, capturing units are to record their names, service numbers, units, POB and the date and location of release. Statements by PW's should either be recorded on tape or in writing for broadcast over (VC) radio

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stations.

2. The release of Puppet PW's must be approved by Province Party Committees and propaganda must be made in the local area and disseminated over the radio. In the event, PW's are released on the battle field, capturing units are to record their names, service numbers, units POB, and the date and location of release. Statements by PW's will either be recorded on tape or in writing for broadcast over (VC) radio stations for propaganda purposes.

The release of PW's plays a significant role in indoctrinating (RVNAF) troops and their families. This is also a diplomatic struggle against the enemy. Therefore, all units and local areas must strictly carry it out.

1 Feb 1970
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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 211/71
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CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

1. The following equipment was captured in the same area and at the same time as the documents discussed in para 1 of Annex B:
 - a. Approximately 60 water bottles (these included a number of NVA water bottles of which five were brought back to NUI DAT. This type of water bottle is not normally found in PHUOC TUY. This tends to indicate a unit of NVA origin).
 - b. 3 x Aust waterbottles (one had inscribed upon it "Pte GANDINI, 5716820." On checking it was found that he was a member of 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) who returned to Australia with that unit).
 - c. 1xM79 HE round.
 - d. 1xhomemade directional mine (this was very well constructed and would appear to have been in a VC "bush" Ordnance Factory).
 - e. 5xmattocks heads.
 - f. 2xhoe heads.
 - g. 1xNVA helmet (not usually found in PHUOC TUY).
 - h. A quantity of det cord.
 - i. 4 lb of salt.
 - j. 2xmachetes.
 - k. 1xSLR bayonet and scabbard.
 - l. 2xNVA oil bottles (not usually found in PHUOC TUY).
 - m. 2xeating bowls
 - n. 5xphials of lighter fluid.
 - o. 1xpacket of used tea.
 - p. 1xRPG-2 primer.
 - q. 1/2lb of assorted med stores.
 - r. 1x"Cut-throat" razor.
 - s. 1xNVA belt and buckle, plus 1 NVA buckle, which had been affixed to a US pattern belt and subsequently cut off belt (ends still attached. Items not often found in PHUOC TUY).
 - .../t. 1xleather

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- t. 1xleather belt with a brass buckle.
 - u. 4xM16 magazines (all empty).
 - v. 1xMONTAGNARD digging implement.
 - w. 1xUS Cups canteen.
 - x. 1xhomemade firing device.
 - y. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ square yards of green plastic.
 - z. 2xgreen shirts.
 - aa. 1xcivilian shirts.
2. The following equipment was destroyed in situation:
- a. 30 lbs of rice.
 - b. 5xmilitary shirts (possibly NVA pattern).
 - c. 5xmilitary trousers (possibly NVA pattern).
 - d. Approx 60 water bottles of various varieties (as mentioned in para 1. a above).

ANNEX E TO
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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1-3 Omitted

4. APD (Sniffer)

Area/Time E 35-41 N 81-85, 300915H to 301015H. Neg significant readings.

Comment: The aim of the sniffer was to detect any possible movement South from 3RAR/4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bns area of operations.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 212/71.
2. Period Covered from 310001H to 312400H Jul 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (310605H). At YS395911, D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported an explosion near their location. Possibly a booby trap set off by dead fall.

(b) (310150H). At YS395911, a tank from Sqn HQ C Sqn 1 Armd Regt heard mov to their E at a distance of 20m.

(c) (310200H). At YS395911, Sqn HQ C Sqn 1 Armd Regt saw one en moving NE 300m E of their loc. He then turned N and eventually turned and withdrew SE.

(d) (310720H). Reference contact by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS394911 on 30 Jul, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) have loc a further four en KIA. Also recovered docus. Comment: Docus found in bunker system in which contact occurred definitely ident C1 Coy of 1 Bn 274 Regt. See Annex B for docu readout. See para 4.e.(2)(a) for list of captured eqpt.

(e) (310905H). At YS409907 and YS408907, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found two tracks leading S, each used by 1-2 people approx 15 hours ago.

(f) (311010H). At YS382907, ptl from 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc foot track made by one pers 30m SE of loc. Track runs S to N, used by one pers in last three days. Ptl checked 30m to N along track but found it difficult to fol.

(g) (311135H). At YS411908, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR was eng by two en who were dressed in greens. One en was armed with M16. En approached from NW and withdrew SE. Results: one Aust WIA. A sweep produced nil results.

(h) (312230H). At YS390926, Sqn HQ A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard mov to NE of their AP and eng with claymores. NFI.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

DTG

301200H YS E 39-42, N 79-82

YS415810 saw cleared area under trees, but no mov seen. VR was directed to YS776884 where a large camp area was seen. A/S on 29 Jul had exposed three bunkers, tables and a log bench and a large square hole (like a bunker without OHP) was seen. No en mov seen in area.

310830H YS E 73-76, N 68-71

Extensive signs of friendlies in area. All tracks fol lead to typical MSF camps.

311000H YS E 65-68, N 61-64

E-W track two weeks old used by 15-20 pers entered bush at YS652637. 3 RAR state that tracks were probably made by one of their callsigns.

E-W track across clearing at YS657641.1/ATF
Comment: A check found that this track was not made by 3 RAR, XUYEN MOC, or 36 USARV Trg Bn elms. It was originally reported on 22 Jul and it seems quite likely that it was made by a D445 elm.

No other signs of recent mov.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., c., d. omitted.

b. Total KIA Discovered during This Period that were Killed but Not Reported in a Previous Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted. 4 VC.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 6

(b) Crew Served 1

(c) Breakdown

4 AK47s, 2 RPG2s and 1 M60.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 400 7.62mm short armo rds | 1 CHICOM belt |
| 5 RPG boosters | 3 hootchies |
| 9 RPG rounds | 3 packs |
| 6 US pattern entrenching tools | approx 120 yds copper wire |
| 1 long shovel | 442' claymore wire approx |
| 1 shovel head | 6 eating bowls and utensils |
| 3 water bottles & 1 water bottle carrier | 1 US web belt |
| 7 mags and mag carrier | 1 gas mask |
| 1 Panasonic transistor radio | 9 ponchos |
| 1 NVA pith helmet | misc pers items |
| Salt 7 lbs | Rice 145 lbs |

(3), (4) and (5) omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

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|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) KIA.....28 VC | (9) Med Stores.....1½ lbs |
| (2) PW.....1 | (10) to (18) omitted. |
| (3) and (4) omitted. | (19) B-40 rounds.....13 |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (20) and (21) omitted. |
| Action.....21 | (22) SA rounds.....1360 |
| Caches.....3 | (23) Grenades.....147 |
| (6) Crew Served Wpns | (24) AP Mines.....15 |
| Action.....1 | (25) AT Mines.....6 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..1267 lbs | (26) TNT.....20 lbs |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed....56 lbs | (27) Bangalore torpedoes..3 |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 30/71 dated 26 Jul 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

Reference INTSUM 211/71 para 4.f.(5) delete 15 and insert 14.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received Sector S2. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 28 Jul at YS239749, one elm of DOAN 10 RUNG SAT was loc. Their strength was 80, armed with three HMG, seven B-40s and B-41s, individual wpns, two CHICOM radios and led by UNG KINH HOA (unk) of PHU MY. They were in camp with sentries posted. They intend to move in to pick up food supplies bought for them by people of PHU MY.

Comment: There have been several recent reports that D10 Sapper Bn is in the RUNG SAT in the area of THAI THIEN, but none are confirmed (see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 29/71 para 20 b.).

(2) Received PHUOC HAI Police on 31 Jul 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.

20-25 people wearing PSDF uniforms and badges moved up to Western edge of PHUOC HAI Village at 0400H on mornings of 29 and 30 Jul. PSDF were not in this area on any of these nights.

(3) Received 525 MI Group. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on 29 Jul at YS212723, 20 en armed with 2 B-40s, 1 AR and AK47s were camping in the area. They have set up tents and are stopping fishing boats.

Comment: On 17 Jul a large wpns cache was found near this area, at YS204709. (SUPINTREP 29/71, para 22).

(4) Received S2 LONG THANH District. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

One coy of 3 Bn 274 Regt has been assigned to an area E of THAI THIEN, where they have combined with an engr unit to provide sp and protection for the local village unit (THAI THIEN) with the approach of the general elections. The unit was seen about 3,000m E of Route 15 on 28 Jul. Their task incl mining along Route 15 both N and S of THAI THIEN. S2 LONG THANH states that the informant spoke to four NVA soldiers of 3/274 Regt.

Comment: This report seems possibly true. On 27 Jul a LONG THANH Trg Det Ptl observed many tracks in area YS269831 near a base camp. Gunships later received ground fire from the area (INTSUM 208/71 para 11.f.(2)). The engr unit referred to could be C2 BARIA City Engineers, with a strength of approx 27, who are believed to be in the PHU MY/THAI THIEN area using both the RUNG SAT and the .../ area

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area E of Route 15. C2's task is supposed to be to interdict Route 15.

(5) Received NP LONG LE. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 30 Jul at YS247682, six VC of an unknown elm were sighted. They stopped fishermen to propogandise and to ask how many PSDF members were at ONG TRINH (H).

(6) Received NP LONG LE. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 2000H on nights 26-29 Jul, two or three VC members of HOA LONG (V) Unit Committee were seen at YS417646, YS415646 and YS414645, AP BAC, HOA LONG.

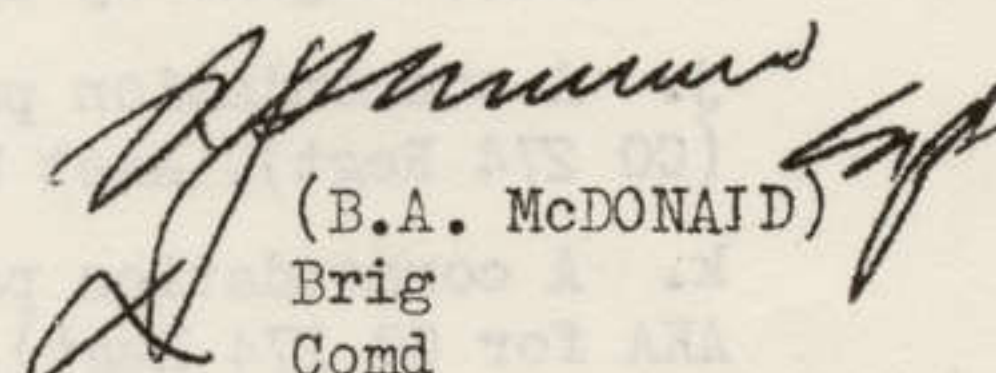
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Received DAT DO

LAN VAN NEN, aged 18 left with the VC on 21 Jul and has not returned to his home.

(2) (240830H). At YS219832, en assassinated two THAI THIEN Village officials and a farmer. This is considered to be a more accurate version of the report in INTSUM 208/71 para 11.f.(3), which should be deleted.

(3) (292030H). YS229790, RF tps eng three VC near charcoal kilns at GO DAU without results.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)

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MACV - CICV

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BIEN HOA Sector

Advisory Team 89

Sector S2

3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)

RSSZ (for IO)

AATTV SAIGON

AATTV Advisor BARIA

NG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC

All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 212/71
DATED 31 JUL 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) fol sweep after a contact at YS394491 at 310720H Jul 71, ident elms of 1 Bn 274 VC MF Regt. The docus incl:

a. A decision promoting NGUYEN VAN TRINH (unk) from Sqd Ldr to Asst Pl Ldr in B1 (1 Pl), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO of 274 Regt) of 4 Regt (274 Regt) dated 2 Feb 71.

b. A decision promoting NGUYEN VAN TRINH (unk) from Asst Pl Ldr of B1 (1 Pl) C1 (Coy) D1 (1 Bn), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt) 4 Regt (274 Regt), dated 18 May 71.

c. A decision promoting VO VAN CUONG (a member of 1 Bn 274 Regt) from Asst Pl Ldr to Pl Ldr of B1 Pl of C1 (Coy) D1 (1 Bn) signed by TRAN CONG DINH (unk) of 4 Regt (274 Regt) dated 3 Oct 70.

d. A decision promoting VO VAN CUONG (unk) of D1 (1 Bn) from Asst Pl Ldr to Pl Ldr

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signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt) of 4 Regt (274 Regt) dated 13 Apr 71.

e. A decision promoting VO VAN CUONG (unk) from Pl Ldr to Coy 2IC of C1 (Coy) D1 (1 Bn), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt) of 4 Regt (274 Regt) dated 26 Apr 71.

f. A decision promoting NGUYEN XUAN TRU (unk) from Asst Sqd Ldr to Sqd Ldr in C1, signed by NGUYEN CHAU (ex Bn Comd D1 Bn 274 Regt), dated 25 Sep 69.

g. A decision promoting PHUNG DUY THANG (unk) of C1, from Asst Sqd Ldr to Sqd Ldr, signed by VO VAN UT (present 1 Bn Comd 274 Regt) for Comd 1 Bn 4 Regt (274 Regt), dated 25 Sep 69.

h. A certificate stating that TRUONG CONG NHAN (unk) of E4 (274 Regt), passed a Politico - Military Course, signed by LUONG THE TINH (unk), Director of Studies, MR7 Politico - Military School, dated 4 Apr 71.

i. A decision promoting TRUONG LONG NHAN from Pl Ldr of B1, to Asst PO of C1 (Coy) D1 (Bn), signed by TRAN CONG DINH (poss AKA for CO 274 Regt), dated 30 May 71.

j. A commendation paper for the Sig Pl of C5 (HQ Coy), signed by TRANG VAN QUANG (CO 274 Regt), Asst Unit Comd, dated 8 Mar 71.

k. A commendation paper for the Sig Pl of D1 (1 Bn), signed by TRAN CONG DINH (poss AKA for CO 274 Regt), Unit Comd, dated 15 Aug 70.

l. A "medal-award" certificate for NGUYEN VAN BAY (Pol Offr C4 Coy 1 Bn 274 Regt), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt) undated.

m. A commendation paper for NGUYEN VAN TRINH (unk) a Sqd Ldr of B1 (Pl), signed by TRAN CONG DINH (AKA for CO 274 Regt), Comd of A54 (274 Regt).

n. Two commendation papers for NGUYEN NGOC THINH (unk) of C12 (poss a coy of 3 Bn), signed by PHAM VAN NGHI (unk), comd of D49 (274 Regt), dated 21 Sep 68.

o. Two commendation papers for NGUYEN VAN TRINH (unk), signed by LE HUONG (unk) comd of D3 (3 Bn), dated 1968. (This member has previously been mentioned in sub paras a. and b. as being a member of D1 (Bn).

p. A commendation paper for NGUYEN VAN TRINH of B1 (Pl), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt), Comd of E4 (274 Regt), dated 15 Jun 70.

q. Personal biographies for the fol pers. No units or dates mentioned:

(1) NGUYEN VAN HAI	Asst Pol Offr
(2) PHAN TRONG AN	Pol Offr
(3) VO VAN TUONG	Pl Ldr
(4) PHAM QUYET CHIEN	Pl Ldr
(5) DO NHU TIEN	Sqd Ldr
(6) BUI VAN HUNG	Asst Bn Comd

r. A commendation certificate for VO VAN CUONG (a member of 1 Bn 274 Regt) of D1 (Bn), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt), Comd of 4 Regt (274 Regt), dated 16 Apr 71.

s. A commendation paper for VO VAN CUONG (member D1, 274 Regt) of C1 (Coy) D1 (Bn); signed by TRAN CONG DINH (AKA for CO 274 Regt), Comd of 4 Regt (274 Regt) dated 3 Oct 70.

t. A commendation paper for NGUYEN VAN TRINH (previously mentioned) of C1, D1, signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt) Comd of 4 Regt (274 Regt), dated 18 May 71.

u. A decision promoting NGUYEN VAN TRINH from Sqd Ldr to Asst Pl Ldr, signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt), Comd of 4 Regt (274 Regt), dated 2 Feb 71.

v. A commendation certificate for VO VAN CUONG (a member of D1, 274 Regt), of 020 (Sig Coy of 274 Regt), signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (CO 274 Regt), dated 8 Apr 70.

w. A commendation certificate for the Telephone Sqd (unk unit), signed by TRUONG VAN LUONG (unk), dated 1 Jan 65.

x. Two pers letters from CUONG (member D1, 274 Regt) to GAI (unk) and HAI LOI (unk) dated 1 May 71.

y. A recommendation for admittance to a "group" for VU DUC HONG (unk) signed by NGUYEN TIEN HUONG (unk), the Group Chapter Representative of D3 (3 Bn), dated 17 Mar 71.

z. A cas report of an unknown unit, containing names of people killed on 19 Apr 71.

(1) NGUYEN CHAU (ex Bn Comd of D1 274 Regt) - Bn Comd

(2) PHAM TRONG AN (unk) - Coy Comd

(3) TRUONG VAN BAY (Pol Offr, C4 Coy, D1, 274 Regt) - Coy Comd

(4) LE THANH LAM (Comd C4 Coy, D1, 274 Regt) - Coy Comd

(5) DOAN VAN THIEU (unk) - Coy 2IC

(6) NGUYEN VAN DUNG (unk) - Sqd Ldr

(7) PHAM VAN BAI (unk) - Asst Sqd Ldr

(8) NGUYEN VAN TINH (unk) - Asst Sqd Ldr. Comment: This contact has not yet been ident.

aa. A directive on Military Training to be conducted in the period Dec 70 - Jan 71. It was issued to D1, D2, D3 and all sub-units of 4 Regt (274 Regt). It was signed PHAM THUNG QUAN (unk), Asst Chief of Staff 274 Regt, and dated 30 Oct 70 and 11 Dec 70.

bb. A hand-drawn map of an unnamed village showing red arrows, which poss indicate infiltration or attack routes. (See Appendix 1 to this Amex for copy of this sketch).

cc. A statutory declaration by DUONG TAN DAT (unk) Pl Ldr of Sig Pl, D1 (1 Bn), dealing with the purchase of goods to be used for the Sig Pl. The reverse side shows a poss sight for a mortar.

dd. A letter of introduction from the Party Chapter of D1 to D3, dated 30 Mar 71, signed by NGO VAN THONG (unk). It was receipted by D3 with the signature LE LY CHUNG (unk).

ee. A series of geography lessons.

ff. A notebook containing misc pers notes, a nominal roll of a B2 Pl, a wpn state, political lessons, division of B2 Pl into two cells, nominal roll of Group Chapter I, a resolution for Jul, military subjects studied on 17 Jul, a nominal roll of A3 and A4 sections, and other entries signed by NGUYEN TRINH (unk). (It is interesting to note that B2 Pl contains 14 persomel).

gg. Two VC ident cards for VU DUC HONG (unk) of Unit 6738 (unk) dated 15 Jan 69 and Unit 6729 (unk) dated 30 Nov 70.

hh. A notebook which contains misc entries signed by VU DUC HONG (unk), AKAI NGUYEN HONG, who was born on 15 Oct 51.

ii. A certificate awarding a III Class Liberation Medal to the Sig Pl of D1, 274 Regt, dated 14 May 68.

jj. A letter from T2 (Signals) to D1, signed by NGUYEN ANH DUY (unk) asking for 1,000 piastres to buy batteries. It was dated 30 Jun 71.

kk. A political lesson for the Political Sect of A54 (274 Regt), dated 7 Jul 70.

ll. A signals training lesson of D1, E4 (274 Regt), signed by NGUYEN ANH DUNG (unk) Sig Comd.

mm. A Sig trg lesson for the K63 radio dated 4 Apr 69.

nn. Six envelopes addressed to NVN.

oo. A sketch of an AN/PRC 10 radio.

pp. An envelope from CUONG (unk) to GAI (unk) of 6250/VT/A5 (An LBN for a sub-unit of LONG DAT (D)).

- qq. A pers biography for LUU VAN TAM (unk) of an unknown unit.
- rr. A paper pledging determination to fight by NGUYEN THAI HOC (unk), LE DINH MAY (unk), DO XUAN CHUYEN (unk), NGUYEN VAN HUONG (unk), and LE VAN KHOA (unk), all of A2 (a section).
- ss. A "cooking" order of a sig pl, signed by LUU VAN TAM (unk).
- tt. A clothing issue slip listing the names VU DUC HONG (unk), HOANG VAN LANG (unk), DO TRONG KIM (unk) and LE TAN THINH (unk)
- uu. A notebook containing a roster of C1 (Coy), D1 (Bn). (This lists 29 persomel. 1 ATF ORBAT held C1 as having a strength of 20. This indicates a large number of reinforcements probably coming into the Bn as a whole).
- vv. A notebook belonging to LUU VAN CAM (unk) noting that DUNG BAI (unk) and MINH THANH were KIA on 19 May 71. This notebook also contains codes. Further readout is being prepared. However the codes are dated 1969. They seem to refer to employment of members (e.g. protection party, cooks) and to eqpt (e.g. V refers to all types of vehs incl carts, lambrettas).
- ww. A propaganda pamphlet in English and Vietnamese.
- xx. A sig trg plan to be conducted over the period Nov, Dec 70.
- yy. A diary belonging to Vu DUC HONG (unk).
- zz. A number of pers photos, incl two of a soldier in the NVA.
- aaa. A small part of a publication concerning the handling of US PWs captured by the VC.
- bbb. A notebook containing notes on the period from 9-15 May 71, which includes a nominal roll of Sig Pl.
- ccc. A cover of an old note book which has written upon it the names: TRAN THI DANH (unk), TRAN DINH TUYEN (unk), TRAN THI GIANG (unk).

General Comment: The docs ident 1 Bn 274 Regt, specifically C1 Coy. The coy numbers approx 29 prior to the contact of 30 Jul. This total represents an increase in previously known strength. This conforms with recent reports of infiltrations to reinforce VC units incl 274 Regt. The captured map (Appendix 1) does not seem to refer to any area of PHUCC TUY (ident will be advised).

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2. and 3. omitted.
- 4. APD (Sniffer).

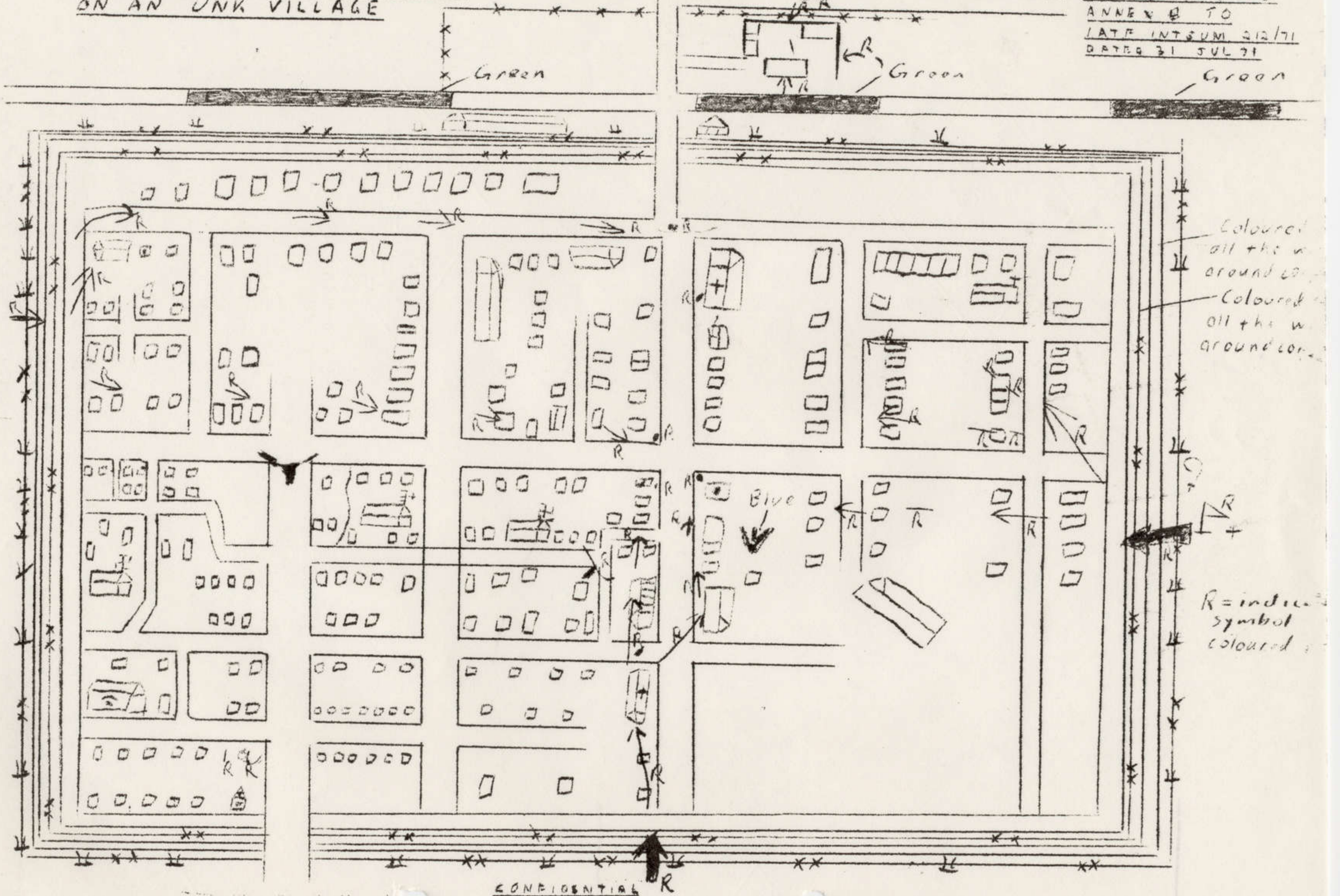
<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
311000H	YS370768	YS380772	YS389769
E 32-39,	YS374768	YS386772	
N 72-82			

Crews escorting sniffer observed a large number of woodcutters in areas YS3376 and YS3272.
Comment: The series of maximum and strong readings seen likely to have come from area YS368768. On 19 May a PW stated (1 ATF INTSUM 139/71 dated 19 May Annex A para. 2) that the PHU MY Party Chapter and Village Unit maintain an alternative camp in the area YS367765. This sniffer was flown to build up info on CHAU DUC camps, and it seems poss that a camp is currently in use on the SONG XOAI. Refer also to maximum sniffer readings 3,000m to the NE on 27 Jul (INTSUM 208/71 Annex E).

PLAN OF POSSIBLE ATTACK
ON AN UNK VILLAGE

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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX B TO
LAF INTSUM 212/71
DATED 31 JUL 71



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ANNEX N TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM / TO 28

OPERATION ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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Serial 36

2 JUL 71

Number 122

QUARTERMASTER GENERALS BRANCH

122. MAIL AND POSTAL - GENERAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISPATCH OF MAIL - JULY 1971.

1. The following is a list of mail delivery and departure timings for July 1971:

<u>Date Airmail delivered to units.</u>	<u>Date Airmail despatched to Sydney - ex Saigon.</u>
Sat 3 Jul 71	Fri 2 Jul 71
Sun 4 Jul 71	Sat 3 Jul 71
Mon 5 Jul 71	Mon 5 Jul 71
Tue 6 Jul 71	Thu 8 Jul 71 (Charter)
Thu 8 Jul 71 (Charter)	Fri 9 Jul 71
Sat 10 Jul 71	Sat 10 Jul 71
Sun 11 Jul 71	Mon 12 Jul 71
Tue 13 Jul 71	Thu 15 Jul 71 (Charter)
Thu 15 Jul 71 (Charter)	Fri 16 Jul 71
Sat 17 Jul 71	Sat 17 Jul 71
Sun 18 Jul 71	Mon 19 Jul 71
Tue 20 Jul 71	Thu 22 Jul 71 (Charter)
Thu 22 Jul 71 (Charter)	Fri 23 Jul 71
Sat 24 Jul 71	Sat 24 Jul 71
Sun 25 Jul 71	Mon 26 Jul 71
Tue 27 Jul 71	Thu 29 Jul 71 (Charter)
Thu 29 Jul 71 (Charter)	Fri 30 Jul 71
Sat 31 Jul 71	Sat 31 Jul 71

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ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE - 19 JUN 71.

The following is the text of a note of appreciation from COMAFV to all members who took part in the Armed Forces Day Parade on 19 Jun 71:

"The Government of Vietnam Armed Forces Day Parade held in Saigon on 19 Jun 71 was very successful. The Australian Contingent, though small compared to that of some other countries, performed very well and was a credit to our Army.

I would like to congratulate all members who took part in the parade and thank them for the effort they made. I was proud of them and thought their performance on the parade to be of high standard".

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

17 Const Sqn will be working on the South end of Route 2 between YS381609 and YS383513 from 2 Jul 71 until further notice. National Police will divert traffic via Le Loi Street during this period.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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Serial 37

7 JUL 71

Numbers 123 - 124

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

123. POSSESSION OF UNAUTHORISED, PRIVATELY OWNED AND CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS.

References: A. AFV (Army Component) SOP's Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 5.
B. MBI 129 - 5.

1. Definitions

- a. "Weapon" includes any material thing designed or used or usable as an instrument for inflicting bodily harm.
- b. "Possession" in relation to a weapon includes any weapon under the direct or indirect control of a member whether it be carried by the member or by some member on his behalf or whether it be kept, stored or hidden by or on behalf of a member in any unit lines or elsewhere.

Unauthorised and Privately Owned Weapons, Explosives and Ammunition.

2. Members of 1 ATF are only to be in possession of personal weapons authorised on unit entitlement scales as follows:

- a. SLR L1A1 7.62mm;
- b. M16 A1 Rifle 5.56mm;
- c. F1 SMG 9mm;
- d. M60 GPMG;
- e. Pistol 9mm Browning; or
- f. M79 L1A2 Launcher Rifle Grenade.

3. No member of 1 ATF is to be in possession of any other weapon, nor explosives or ammunition other than that required for their personal weapon. This applies equally to personnel on temporary duty with, or attached to, 1 ATF.

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4. Personnel currently possessing weapons, explosives or ammunition other than those listed in paragraphs 2 and 3 are to surrender them to their units. Unit disposal action is contained in Reference A.

Captured Enemy Weapons

5. Enemy weapons, ammunition and explosives, captured by a member of 1 ATF immediately become the property of the Australian Government. A member of 1 ATF who steals or fraudulently misapplies such property is liable to be charged under Section 17 or 18 of the Army Act. (Reference B).

Special Approval

6. Possession of a weapon other than those listed in paragraph 2 is an offence unless special approval has been obtained in writing from G Branch HQ 1 ATF. The only likely exception to the general rule will be for weapons held for special operational requirements.

Republishing

7. This Routine Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Jul 71 and again at three monthly intervals.

Cancellation of 1 ATF RO 84 dated 23 Apr 71

8. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 84 dated 23 Apr 71 is cancelled.

ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

124. ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS TO AUSTRALIA

1. Members of 1 ATF are prohibited from importing privately owned or captured enemy or other foreign military weapons into Australia.

2. Members of 1 ATF are not to make requests to the Minister for Customs or State Police Departments for approval to import weapons into Australia.

3. This Routine Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Jul 71 and again every three months.

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NOTICE

AUSTRALIAN FORCES RADIO VIETNAM PROGRAMME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

0630	Breakfast Programme	ABC
0645	WORLD NEWS	
0655	Breakfast Programme	ABC
0700	FORCES NEWS	ABC
0715	Forces Requests - Margo Wood	ABC
0730	Breakfast Programme	
0815	WORLD NEWS	ABC
** 0830	Music	ABC
** 0900	Dateline	ABC
0930	WORLD NEWS	ABC
0940	Close	
1200	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1210	Musical Programme	
1215	FORCES NEWS REPLAY	
1230	Musical Programme	
1300	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1315	Musical Programme	
1400	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1410	Close	
1600	Stock Exchange Report	ABC
** 1615	Musical Programme	ABC
1630	Sporting Highlights	ABC
1700	WORLD NEWS	ABC
** 1715	Musical Programme	ABC
1800	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1810	AFR "Top 40"	(MON TUE WED)
	Hospital Requests	(THU)
	"Pop Seventies"	(FRI)
1900	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1910	AFR Sporting Roundup	(TUE FRI)
	Musical Programme	(MON WED)
	Hospital Requests	(THU)
1930	Musical Programme	(MON TUE WED)
	Hospital Requests	(THU)
	"Pop Seventies"	(FRI)
2000	Jazz "Hot and Cold"	(MON)
	Musical Programme	(TUE WED THU FRI)
2030	Music	(MON FRI)
	Comedy	(TUE)
	Musical Programme	(WED)
	Country and Western $\frac{1}{2}$ hr	(THU)
2100	Musical Programme	(MON WED THU FRI)
	Concert Hall	(TUE)
2230	Beth Francis	(WED)
	Music	(MON TUE THU FRI)
2300	Close	

** Depending on announcer availability, a live musical programme from AFR may be substituted during periods of poor quality reception from Radio Australia.

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0630	Breakfast Programme	
0645	WORLD NEWS	ABC
0655	Breakfast Programme	
0700	FORCES NEWS	ABC
0715	Forces Requests -- Margo Wood	ABC
0730	Breakfast Programme	
0830	Close	
1000	SPORTING PROGRAMME	ABC
1530	Close	
1800	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1810	AFR Request Programme	
1830	Comedy Half Hour	
1900	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1910	AFR Sporting Roundup	
1930	AFR Request Programme	
2100	Musical Programme	
2300	Close	

SUNDAY

0800	Musical Programme	
0815	WORLD NEWS	ABC
0830	Musical Programme	
0930	WORLD NEWS	ABC
0945	Churches of Australia	ABC
1000	Country and Western Hour	
1100	AFR Sporting Roundup	
1130	Musical Programme	
1300	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1315	AFR Request Programme	
1800	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1810	AFR Request Programme	
1830	Musical Programme	
1900	WORLD NEWS	ABC
1910	Musical Programme	
2030	Musical Programme	
2230	Close	

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Serial 38

Numbers 125-123

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

125. SAFETY - HELICOPTER PADS AND FIXED WING AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIPS

1. All drivers of vehicles are to observe the vehicle stop signs displayed in the vicinity of helicopter pads and fixed wing aircraft landing strips within the 1 ATF Base Area.

126. ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

126. AMENDMENT - 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS

1. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 Number 123 paragraph 2, dated 7 Jul 71, is amended by inserting new sub-paragraph as follows:

"g. Rifle 7.62mm automatic L2A1."

127 SPEED LIMITS - 1 ATF BASE AREA

Reference : A. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 Number 85 dated 23 Apr 71.

1. Paragraph 14 of the reference states that:

"No member is to drive a vehicle in excess of 20 mph in the 1 ATF base area, except drivers of specially authorised SDS vehicles of 104 Sig Sqn."

2. Some 1ATF units have restricted the speed limit within unit areas to less than 20 mph. No member of 1 ATF is to drive a vehicle in excess of unit speed limits displayed on signs within unit areas unless authorised in accordance with paragraph 14 of the reference.

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128. 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP

Reference: A. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 Number 61 dated 27 Feb 71.

1. Units are reminded of the requirements of the Reference with regard to having rubbish in vehicles covered by a tarpaulin while the vehicle is on the move.
2. Rubbish-carrying vehicles arriving at the 1 ATF rubbish tip without having the rubbish covered by a tarpaulin, are not to be refused access to the tip. However, the rubbish tip operator is to obtain the vehicle number, drivers particulars and unit for those vehicles which arrive at the rubbish tip with an uncovered load. This information is to be passed to DAAG HQ 1 ATF.

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NOTICE

POSTAL - FIRST CLASS MAIL DISTRIBUTION AND DESPATCHES TO AUSTRALIA
JUN/SEP 71

1. Because of alterations to the R & R flight schedules, and change of the Defence Charter to Thursdays, the following first class mail schedules now apply:

a. Distribution to units

- (1) Jun: Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat with an additional distribution on Sat 27 Jun.
- (2) Jul: Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat with an additional distribution on Mon 5 Jul.
- (3) Aug/Sep: Sun Tue Thu Sat.

b. Despatches to Australia

- (1) Jun: Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri with additional despatches on Tue 1 and 8 Jun and Sat 19 and 26 Jun.
- (2) Jul, Aug, Sep: Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat .

2. To be republished as a notice to Unit Routine Orders.

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125. PAYMENT OF AUST AND US (GREEN) CURRENCY AT DET 1 AFV
CASH OFFICE NUI DAT

1. Members of 1 ATF who are proceeding on R and R, RTA or leave by means of RAAF or RNZAF couriers departing from VUNG TAU Air Base are to draw pay in, or convert MPC to Aust or US (Green) currency at the Det 1 AFV Cash Office NUI DAT. Payments of these currencies for members of 1 ATF proceeding on R and R, RTA or leave via TAN SON NHUT will be made at TAN SON NHUT.

2. A certificate providing the following information is to be presented to Det 1 AFV Cash Office NUI DAT, for members of 1 ATF travelling via VUNG TAU Air Base two weeks prior to departure.

- a. destination,
- b. travelling via.....(means and route), and
- c. currency required.

126. INCOME TAX RETURNS

Reference: A. MBI 251/1.

1. Sub para 28d of the reference provides arrangements for personnel serving in Vietnam to receive tax rebates through their paybooks.

2. To overcome the problem of delays in payment, caused by wrong or inadequate details of the member being received from the Taxation Department, Annex B to the above reference is to be completed in duplicate. The original copy is to be despatched to the Taxation Department and the duplicate to the Accountant HQ.

3. Units are to co-ordinate the despatch of duplicates to AHQ.

4. An amendment to the above reference may be anticipated.

5. The substance of this order is to be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.

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127. CUSTOMS - FIRST CLASS MAIL

1. Instances have occurred in Australia, in which first class mail (air mail letters) has been opened by Customs for examination.
2. Letters are only opened by Customs to ascertain whether all the contents have been declared and the values correctly stated.
3. Members of 1 ATF are to attach a customs declaration to the outside of envelopes whenever any article other than a letter is included in the envelope.
4. This order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Jul 71 and thereafter at three monthly intervals.

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NUI DAT SAILING CLUB

1. The inaugural meeting of the Nui Dat Sailing Club will be held at Rowe's Lagoon on Sunday 18 Jul 71 at 1430 hrs.
2. The club has four "Bobcat" class sailing craft and aims to provide limited competitive and recreational sailing to all ranks of 1 ATF.
3. All members interested in spending their free time on Rowe's Lagoon are urged to obtain leave from their units from 1430 hrs to 1830 hrs on 18 Jul 71 to attend the inaugural meeting.
4. The meeting will be held in the vicinity of the boat ramp on the edge of the lagoon near the corner of Penrith Parade and Chatnam Lane (between 1 Fd Sqn and the lake).
5. Come prepared to sail!

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18 JUL 71

Numbers 132 - 135

ADJUTANT GENERALS' BRANCH

132. CHEQUES - CONVERTING TO CASH OR CREDIT TO PAYBOOK

1. All personnel are to be reminded that Reserve Bank of Australia cheques are the only cheques which will be accepted by Det 1 AFV Cash Office Nui Dat for converting to cash or credit to paybook.

133. CURRENCY - MPC - PIASTRE - US DOLLARS
RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND CONVERSION - PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Reference: A. MACV Directive 37 - 6 of 24 Jan 67.
B. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 No 125 dated 16 Jul 71.

1. Members of 1 ATF will not:
 - a. obtain Military Payment Certificates (MPC) from any source other than an AFV Cash Office or US Service facility authorized for that purpose;
 - b. hold MPC in excess of US\$200 except where required for the purchase of a specific item or items and such excess is not to be held in excess of one full pay period; or
 - c. obtain piastre from any source other than an AFV Cash Office or US Service facility authorized for that purpose. A single exception is made in the case of piastre obtained by way of change as the result of an authorized transaction in that form of currency.
2. The following persons and groups are authorized to acquire, use or possess MPC within RVN:
 - a. active and retired US Military personnel;
 - b. military personnel of Free World Military Assistance Forces on duty in RVN;
 - c. US civilian employees, including DOD contractor personnel of the US Government in RVN; and

.../d. individuals,

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- d. individuals, agencies and organizations authorized specifically by a competent US authority to acquire, use or possess MPC or patronise US Military facilities which exclusively use MPC in RVN.
3. The following means of identification will be satisfactory evidence of authority to acquire, use and possess MPC:
 - a. service personnel and Retired US Military Personnel - the Military identification card for the United States, Australia, Korea, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of China or Thailand.
 - b. other personnel - MACV Form 333 or MACV Form 334 or USAHAC Form 46 or AFV Form 1 or other official identification bearing a photograph of the individual.
 4. Members of 1 ATF are not to deal in any manner in Military Payment Certificates (MPC) with any person save as authorized in paragraph 2 above.
 5. Members of 1 ATF proceeding to R and R centres other than Australia, are to convert MPC into US dollars prior to departure. Maximum conversion of Military Payment Certificates (MPC) to US dollars is US\$500 and will be effected at the AFV Cash Office cashier located at Tan Son Nhut except when members of 1 ATF are travelling via Vung Tau Air Base, Reference B.
 6. Members of 1 ATF are required to be in possession of a minimum of US\$200 when proceeding to R and R centres other than Australia.
 7. Members of 1 ATF requiring to convert MPC into US dollars, in excess of US\$200 are required to be in possession of a properly completed adapted form F-WF-226 to enable the currency change to be effected. This does not restrict members from drawing pay in US dollars for use outside RVN but only limits the conversion of MPC into US dollars. Payment of paybook credits must be authorized by the members CO/OC on the adapted form F-WF-226. A sample copy of this form is attached as Annex A to this Order. Subordinate headquarters are to ensure a sufficiency of these forms are available to meet requirements.
 8. All members of 1 ATF on return to RVN are to convert US dollars into MPC at the AFV Cash Office at Tan Son Nhut.
 9. All members of 1 ATF proceeding on R and R to Australia or on RTA are to have no more MPC than the equivalent of A\$10 prior to departure from RVN and such MPC is to be converted into Australian dollars immediately prior to departure for Australia.
 10. This Order is to be published in Unit Routine Orders in Jul 71 and thereafter at three monthly intervals.

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134. PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESSES

Reference: A. Training Information Letter 2/70 of Mar 70.

General

1. Heat illnesses likely to affect members serving in Vietnam, include heat cramp, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn and prickly heat. The comments which follow relate to the more serious illnesses, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Conditions Which Can Lead to Heat Illness

2. The general physical condition of individual members has considerable bearing on their ability to resist heat illnesses. This ability to resist can be reduced significantly by:

- a. acute and chronic illness (e.g. diarrhoea) including the convalescent state;
- b. any fever;
- c. reaction to immunizations;
- d. prickly heat and sunburn, where the individuals ability to sweat is affected;
- e. use of alcohol;
 - (1) over indulgence in the 24 -48 hours before commencing activity in the heat; and
 - (2) chronic heavy drinking;
- f. dehydration;
- g. lack of sleep, fatigue;
- h. lack of food;
- i. obesity;
- j. general lack of physical fitness;
- k. previous heat illness, especially heat stroke; and
- l. improper or non-acclimatization.

Early Symptoms and First Aid Treatment of Heat Illness

3. Heat Cramps. These are painful cramps of the muscles of legs and abdomen that occur during or after sustained exertion. These cramps may be the warning signs of insufficient salt intake.

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Treatment. The safest and best way to take salt is to increase the amount taken with food. Soldiers who consume more than 12 pints (i.e. 8 water bottles) of water per day may need extra salt. In an emergency, salt tablets may be used, however they are to be crushed and added to drinking water. When one issue salt tablet is crushed and added to the standard plastic water bottle (32 imperial ounces) a safe and palatable salt solution is produced for the treatment of heat cramps due to insufficient salt.

Warning. Under no circumstances are salt tablets to be taken whole for the treatment of heat cramps.

4. Heat Exhaustion. This condition commonly occurs in soldiers who are unfit and are not acclimatized and who are required to work hard in the heat. Early signs and symptoms of this condition include:-

- a. generally unwell and frequently drawn and haggard in appearance, (in more severe cases the face has a purple tint except for the skin around the lips which may be pale);
- b. profuse sweating;
- c. skin is warm, moist and dark pink in colour;
- d. the soldier may complain of weakness, being unwell, with a headache and a tingling sensation in the hands and feet; and
- e. body temperature may be only slightly raised (1 - 2 deg F).

Treatment. First aid treatment of heat exhaustion consists of moving the member to a cool area, removing most of the clothing and giving small amounts of water. If patients so treated still suffer from cramps they should be given a salt solution as described in paragraph 3. Unless the patient recovers quickly he should be evacuated from the field.

5. Heat Stroke. This is a very serious medical condition with a high death rate. Members considered to be developing heat stroke should be evacuated from the field as rapidly as possible. The early signs and symptoms of heat stroke include:-

- a. headache, dizziness, mental confusion, weakness and nausea; (the first sign may be a sudden, dramatic collapse);
- b. skin is hot, dry and of ruddy colour;
- c. reduction in or absence of sweating; and
- d. body temperature is very high (102 - 109 F).

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Treatment. First aid treatment of heat **stroke** consists of lowering the body temperature as rapidly as possible by any means available, i.e. remove clothing, immerse in water, sprinkle with water and fan the body. Limbs and trunks should be rubbed briskly and the member evacuated as soon as possible. If a patient is conscious, frequent sips of cool water are beneficial.

Promulgation

6. The **substance** of this Order is to be given wide publication including:

- a. promulgation frequently in Unit Routine Orders; and
- b. inclusion in an appropriate period of instruction soon after arrival of soldiers in Vietnam, before they are committed to operations.

135. AMENDMENTS TO 1 ATF ROUTINE ORDERS

1. 1 ATF Routine Order Serial 38 dated 16 Jul 71 is amended as follows:

- a. Amend Serial No to read "39".
- b. The Orders contained in the above serial are renumbered as follows:
 - (1) Delete 125 - 127
 - (2) Insert 129 - 131.

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Numbers 136 - 137

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136. PHOTOGRAPHS - TAN SON NHUT FLIGHT LINE

1. The USAF Foreign Clearance Guide (Vietnam Section) states: "No photographs may be taken of aerodromes or military installations. Therefore private or personal picture taking will not be allowed on the TSN Flight Line. Requests for official photography will be coordinated with the Base Operations Officer".

2. All members of 1 ATF are to comply with the above order at all times.

137. RESULTS - EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION

1. Attached as annexes to this Routine Order are results of examinations for promotion as follows:

- a. Annex A. Subjects A, B and C for promotion to Sergeant held at 3 RAR on 13 Jul 71.
- b. Annex B. Subject A for first promotion held at 17 Const Sqn, RAE on 25 Jun 71
- c. Annex C. Subject A and B for first promotion held at 1 ARU on Jul 71.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF RO 137/71

RESULTS OF 3 RAR PROMOTION EXAMINATION SGT

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
311652	Cpl	I.R. SCANLAN	P	P	P
53947-	Sgt	R.C. NEWMAN	P	P	P
1411168	Cpl	R.J. HICKEY	P	P	F
218025	Cpl	D.W. BOWE	P	P	P
44143	Cpl	T.C. SEEKAMP	F	F	P
311639	Cpl	T.W. BYNG	P	P	P
1200381	Sgt	G.D. SMITH	P	P	P
43223	Cpl	T.G.D. MANOEL	P	-	-
43362	Cpl	E.L. DESFONTAINES	P	-	-
43952	Cpl	P. HARAN	P	P	P
44095 -	Cpl	R.B. DABINETT	P	P	P
1200756	Cpl	I.R.P. SARGEANT	P	F	P
55146	Cpl	B.P. WILSON	P	P	P
61512-	Cpl	D.I. POOLE	P	P	P
215576	Sgt	M.V. TOLA	P	P	P
42938	Sgt	K.W. VAN-KRUYSSSEN	-	F	P
39124	Cpl	D. BRUHN	-	-	P
39297-	Cpl	G.T. MEANEY	-	-	P
262456	Cpl	N.P. LAURENT	-	-	P
1731438	Sgt	D. ELLIOTT	-	-	P
44136	Cpl	R. SYMES	-	-	P

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ANNEX B TO
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EXAMINATIONS - PROMOTIONS TO CORPORAL RANK SUBJECT A

Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	N - Fail	P - Pass
134928	T/Cpl	C.P. HAGENBACH	AACC	17 Const Sqn Gp		
313089	T/Cpl	C.P. BURKE	RAE	"		P
1202280	T/Cpl	P.L. HENSLER	RAE	"		P
16594	T/Cpl	B.P. O'SHEA	RAE	"		P
18377	T/Cpl	D.A. JAMES	RAE	"		P
55742	T/Cpl	K.J. CARROLL	RAE	"		P
218810	Lcpl	G.A. SMITH	RAE	"		P
3797636	Spr	J.P. TIMMINS	RAE	"		P
44928	Lcpl	T.J. GOODRICH	RAE	1 Aust CA Unit		P
518551	Spr	P.G. BUCKINGHAM	RAE	17 Const Sqn Gp		P
2795248	Lcpl	A.E. TURNER	RAE	"		P
2794333	T/Cpl	W.J. CHILD	RAE	"		P
3797218	Spr	J.L. DAVIS	RAE	"		P
4721337	Lcpl	J. TAYLOR	RAE	"		P
220054	Spr	J.J. QUINN	RAE	"		P
519320	Spr	A.R. BELL	RAE	"		P
1203302	Spr	W.M. O'SHEA	RAE	"		P
860597	Lcpl	T.W. MOSS	RAE	"		P
2793842	Lcpl	G.S. TAYLOR	RAE	"		P
5716616	Lcpl	M.J. NEVILLE	RAE	"		P
137456	Spr	D.G. DENNIS	RAE	"		P
448484	Spr	T.W. HOFFMAN	RAE	"		P
218779	Spr	P.E. JORDAN	RAE	"		P
220253	Lcpl	D.J. MITCHELL	RAE	"		P
2794462	Spr	H.J. IGLINSKI	RAE	"		P
1202994	T/Cpl	D.R. STRINGER	RAE	1 Fd Sqn		P
45243	Spr	R.J. SMITH	RAE	17 Const Sqn Gp		P

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF RO 137/71

COURSE - SUBJECTS A AND B FOR CPL 28 JUN - 10 JUL 71

NOMINAL ROLL AND RESULTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject A</u>	<u>Subject B</u>
219669	Lcpl	D.P. BACKWELL	P	N
45393	T/Cpl	R.A. BACON	P	P
2794110	T/Cpl	P.E. BAZAROW	P	P
3796741	T/Cpl	D.W. CARLYON	P	P
220276	Pte	J.S. CHAPMAN	P	P
2793378	Lcpl	R.J. DARGE	P	P
1202787	Lcpl	J.G. ESTREICH	P	P
2795217	T/Cpl	C.T. HARDY (AACC)	P	P
55963	T/Cpl	R.S. KAMID	-	P
56160	Lcpl	K.P. MARTIN	P	P
2793055	T/Cpl	B.W. MCKINNON	-	N
56232	Lcpl	U. OZOLINS	P	P
2794241	T/Cpl	J. SINHALEWYCZ	P	P
3798213	Lcpl	J.M. THATCHER	P	P
2412254	T/Cpl	A.R. VINCENT	P	-

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GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

138. NATIONAL NAME - PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. On 24 Jun 71 The Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea assented to the National Identity Ordinance 1971. The publication of the Papua New Guinea Government Gazette Extraordinary of 1 July, 1971 brings the legislation into force.

2. As from 1 Jul 71 the National Name is now to be "Papua New Guinea", consequently certain titles and forms of address have been altered, and will apply to both new material and to material being reprinted. For all official purposes the following provisions should be observed:

- a. The Administrator should be referred to in that form, not as "the Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea".
- b. "The House of Assembly for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea" should be replaced by "the House of Assembly".
- c. "The Territory" or "the Territory of Papua and New Guinea" should be replaced by "Papua New Guinea".

At the moment, statutory instrumentalities etc, whose titles include the words "Papua and New Guinea" are not affected.

3. The form of address and terminology in paragraph 2 is to be used in the preparation of all correspondence and other papers where appropriate with effect from 1 Jul 71.

ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

139. CHEQUES - CONVERTING TO CASH OR CREDIT TO PAYBOOK

1. Reserve bank cheques are the only ones which will be accepted by the cash offices in Vietnam for converting to cash or credit to paybook.
2. Units are to ensure that personnel are aware of this procedure.

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140. PROMOTION QUALIFICATIONS - SERVICE IN SPECIAL AREAS

Reference: A. Promotion Manual Part 1, Annex B to Chapter 2.

1. A number of cases have occurred where applications for recognition of service in a special area have been received by AHQ after the officer concerned has left South Vietnam.
2. The attention of all units is drawn to Reference A, and in particular, paragraph 4 d.
3. This order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Aug 71 and thereafter at six monthly intervals.

141. DRESS - US UNIT COMMENDATIONS AWARDED TO AUSTRALIAN UNITS

References: A. Dress Manual.
B. ARO 166/70.

Variations to Position of Wearing Emblem

1. Emblems of US Commendations/Citations, as issued by the US Armed Forces, are now to be worn above the right breast pocket on all orders of dress except Mess Dress, Field Dress and greatcoats.
2. Amendments to References A and B may be anticipated.

Order of Precedence

3. The following order of precedence applies to United States Unit Decorations:

- a. Presidential Unit Citation (Army).
- b. Presidential Unit Citation (Navy).
- c. Valorous Unit Award.
- d. Meritorious Unit Commendation.
- e. Navy Unit Commendation.
- f. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

4. Where a member is entitled to wear more than one emblem, the senior emblem is worn on the wearer's right with the remaining emblem/s in order of precedence towards the centre of the chest.

5. The emblems are centred above the pocket in the same manner as service ribbons.

6. This Order is to be reproduced in Unit Routine Orders.

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142. COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

1. Claims for compensation for loss of personal property are to be prepared in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of MBI 113-1.
2. Claims are to be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration listing the items which were lost.
3. Unit claims are to be fully checked for correct compilation before submission to HQ AFV.
4. It is emphasised that the authority for the payment of claims rests with HQ AFV after consideration of each individual item.
5. This Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Aug 71 and thereafter at three monthly intervals.

QUARTERMASTER GENERALS BRANCH

143. COMMUNICATIONS - USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED LOW POWER RADIO SETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA AND TPNG

1. Outside Australia and TPNG it is possible to purchase low powered "walkie-talkie" type radio sets for private communications. Such equipments are generally manufactured to meet regulations in force in the USA. They are often sold at a low price in comparison with equivalent items available in Australia, and hence could be purchased by members for use on RTA.
2. Members intending to purchase low powered radio sets for use in Australia, or TPNG, should be aware that the Postmaster General's Department requires that:
 - a. The radio set must be of an approved type and be adjusted to operate on an approved frequency. (Normally in the band 27230 to 27280 KHZ. However in practice, frequencies normally assigned are 27240 KHZ primary and 27270 secondary).
 - b. The person operating the radio set must be in possession of a licence issued by the PMG. Licences will only be issued where the radio set is to be used for a useful purpose, such as for industrial, business or pastoral activities, the conduct of sporting or other group events or emergency services. The licence fee is currently \$2.00 for each station per annum.
3. The PMG Brochure RB 191 "Conditions Governing the Licencing and Operation of Hand Phone Mobile Radio Services", which contains an application form for a licence, is available from the following address:

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Superintendent,
Radio Branch,
PMG's Department

in the Capital City of the State in which the radio set is to be used.

4. This Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Aug 71 and thereafter at six monthly intervals.

144. POSTAL - ADDRESSING LETTERS

i. AFPOs are equipped with letter franking machines for post marking letters.

2. To avoid obliterating the address, the first line of writing is to be at least 1½ inches from the top of the envelope.

3. The word "FREE" is to be printed in the top right hand corner of the envelope of personal mail or voice tapes addressed to and from Australia.

4. This Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Aug 71 and thereafter at three monthly intervals.

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NOTICES

CALL HOME TELEPHONE SERVICE
NON-EFFECTIVE CALLS

1. Occasionally there are faults in the circuit between Saigon and Sydney which cause poor reception.

2. The PMG operator in the Sydney exchange, monitors calls each minute. At the end of three minutes, or if a fault occurs, the Sydney operator challenges. It is at this point that members should advise if the call is not effective.

3. The PMG will then take appropriate action regarding the charge for the call.

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HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE - INCREMENTAL PAY ADVANCEMENTS

1. It has been advised by the Department of Defence that the performance of periods of higher duties is not to be counted for the purposes of incremental pay advancements. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- a. Increments are awarded for experience in a particular rank. As a member receiving higher duties allowance does not hold a higher rank and does not carry out a full range of tasks in that rank he cannot be receiving the full experience in that rank. Accordingly a member who has received higher duties allowance is not entitled to additional pay increments on promotion to the higher rank.
- b. Should the Army require the member to perform the full duties of both the job and the rank then approval for temporary promotion can be given. Such promotion automatically confers both the pay of the higher rank and increments.
- c. Although the performance of higher duties in the Commonwealth Public Service does confer both the allowance and increments, this situation cannot be fully equated with the Army as the Public Service does not have provision for temporary promotion.

2. This notice is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER B.A. McDONALD OBE, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

Serial 43

29 JUL 71

Number 145

ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

145. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST MALARIA

1. With effect from 2 Aug 71, all members of 1 ATF are to take one paludrine tablet and one 25 mgm Dapsone tablet each morning and one paludrine tablet each afternoon. Members of 2 SAS Sqn who, due to operational commitments, cannot commence taking Dapsone on 2 Aug 71 are to do so as soon as they return to their unit area.
2. An officer or senior NCO is to personally ensure that all ranks under their charge swallow the suppressants as detailed in paragraph 1 and is to record the taking of the tablets in the unit paludrine roll book.
3. The only exception to the taking of Dapsone is when a member is due to return to Australia permanently. Members of 1 ATF who RTA permanently are to cease Dapsone treatment fourteen (14) days before their date of arrival in Australia and immediately commence the standard fourteen day Chloroquine/Primaquine anti-malarial course. Dapsone is NOT to be taken concurrently with Chloroquine/Primaquine.
4. This Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders before 1 Aug 71.

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146.

USE OF AFV CANTEEN FACILITIES

1. AFV Canteen facilities are:
 - a. All ASCO retail outlets.
 - b. All concessionaire retail outlets located in AFV areas and under contract to ASCO. These are:
 - (1) Concession shop in FWMAO Compound, SAIGON.
 - (2) Concession shop in 1 ATF area, NUI DAT.
 - (3) Concession shops in 1 ALSG area, VUNG TAU.
2. The following are entitled to use AFV Canteen facilities located in 1 ATF area:
 - a. Members of the Australian Armed Services.
 - b. Members of philanthropic organizations accredited to AFV.
 - c. Official Australian Concert parties.
 - d. Australian journalists accredited to AFV.
 - e. Australian Embassy staff and surgical teams.
 - f. Members of NZ V Force.
 - g. NZ Embassy staff.
 - h. US service personnel attached to units of 1 ATF, or members of US units located in the 1 ATF area.
3. Purchases by entitled personnel, as listed in paragraph 2, of items from Canteen facilities are to be by the production of a MACV Ration Card. US service personnel are also to produce their identity card.
4. The sale of rationed items is to be in accordance with 1 ATF Routine Order No 147 dated 30 Jul 71.
5. Members of 1 ATF are not to:
 - a. Transfer by sale, gift, exchange or rental any merchandise, articles or items purchased or otherwise obtained from any US or Free World (other than Australian) wholesale or retail canteen, mess, exchange or similar outlet to any individual in Vietnam not entitled to use those outlets.
 - b. Transfer by sale, gift, exchange or rental any merchandise, articles or items purchased or otherwise obtained from any AFV canteen, or Concessionaire licensed by ASCO to any individual not entitled to the use of these outlets

- c. Transfer by sale, gift, loan, exchange or rental, any item, on issue or otherwise, which is the property of any Free World Government or its members to any person not authorised to receive such items.
- d. Possess, have in their possession, obtain or acquire by any means any quantity of unrationed canteen, exchange or mess items in excess of their own immediate personal needs.
- e. Possess, have in their possession, obtain or acquire by any means any quantity of rationed canteen, exchange or mess items in excess of the limits of the entitlements specified on the Ration Card on issue to them.

6. A single exception is made to the limitations in paragraph 5 in the case of bona fide non-rationed gift items under a retail value of US\$10. Each gift is to be accompanied by a note containing:

- a. Full name of recipient.
- b. Each item of gift listed and valued.
- c. The signature and full name of the donor together with unit and duty phone number.

7. Members of 1 ATF are not entitled to use American PX outlets unless serving with American forces in a locality in which they do not have access to ASCO facilities.

8. Goods stocked by US PXs may be purchased by members of 1 ATF by placing orders through ASCO. However, supply is dependent on availability at the time the order is placed.

9. This Order is to be republished in unit routine orders in Aug 71 and thereafter at three monthly intervals.

147.

USE OF RATION CARDS IN 1 ATF CANTEEN FACILITIES

Reference: A. 1 ATF Routine Order No 146 dated 30 Jul 71

1. The following canteen and concessionaire goods are to be rationed to each authorised customer:

- a. Cameras (still and movie)
- b. Projectors (slide and movie)
- c. Radios.
- d. Record players.
- e. Tuner/amplifiers.
- f. Tape recorders.
- g. Watches

- h. Typewriters.
- i. Electric fans.
- j. TV.
- k. Refrigerators.
- l. Air conditioners.

2. The sale of these goods is to be in accordance with the entitlement specified in the MACV Ration Card (MACV Form 333 of 1 Apr 69), with the following exceptions:

- a. An entitled customer (Reference A) may purchase up to six watches.
- b. TV sets, refrigerators and air conditioners (not shown on the card) can not be purchased unless the authorised customer has the written approval of his CO. In the case of a civilian, approval of his senior officer in country is required.

3. The sale of rationed items by canteens and concessionaires within 1 ATF area to members of 1 ATF is not to be recorded on the MACV Ration Card. The section of each ration card listing rationed items is to be cancelled for all 1 ATF personnel resident in NUI DAT.

4. Members of 1 ATF are only to purchase rationed items from the canteens and concessionaires in NUI DAT. If a member of 1 ATF wishes to purchase a particular rationed item from one of the other AFV canteens or concessionaires, he may ask for the item to be sent to NUI DAT and be reserved for his purchase at NUI DAT.

5. Members of 1 ATF authorised to use an American PX are to abide by the American Directive applicable to the use of ration cards and the purchase of rationed items. The local PX manager will advise on these regulations.

6. When entitled US service personnel (Reference A) purchase a rationed item from 1 ATF canteen and concessionaire facilities, the canteen or concessionaire representative making the sale is to:

- a. Sight the purchaser's identity card and ensure that the particulars on it correspond with the particulars on the MACV Ration Card; and
- b. Cancel, by means of a mechanical punch, the appropriate square of the MACV ration card. When more than one watch is purchased, the two squares of the ration card marked "Watch" and the four smaller squares marked 1 to 4 beneath the second "Watch" square are to be cancelled as appropriate.

7. This order is to be republished in unit routine orders, in Aug. 71 and thereafter at two monthly intervals.

148.

CONTROL AND ISSUE OF RATION CARDS

1. MACV Ration Card (MACV Form 333) of 1 Apr 68) is to be issued to each member of AFV and to other persons entitled to use AFV canteen facilities.
2. MACV Form 333 is an accountable document and its issue is to be controlled as follows:
 - a. The SCA 1 ATF is the 1 ATF Ration Card Control Officer and is responsible for:
 - (1) Demanding bulk supplies, by signal, from the AFV Ration Card Control Officer.
 - (2) Receipt, secure storage and issue in bulk to administered units.
 - (3) Maintaining records of issue and receipts of cards.
 - b. Units of 1 ATF are to appoint Unit Ration Card Control Officers who are to be responsible for:
 - (1) Obtaining bulk supply of cards from 1 ATF Ration Card Control Officer as required.
 - (2) Receipt, secure storage and issue to authorised personnel.
3. The appointment of Unit Ration Card Control Officers is to be notified in Unit Routine Orders. HQ 1 ATF is to be notified of any change of Unit Ration Card Control Officers. Where there is a change of incumbents, a handover of accountable documents is to be carried out in accordance with Equipment Instructions, Paragraph 1270.
4. Members of 1 ATF issued with a MACV Ration Card are not to:
 - a. Transfer that card to any other person by gift, loan, sale, exchange or by any other means.
 - b. Use, obtain or have in their possession a MACV Ration Card (Form 333) not issued by a person authorised to issue the same.
 - c. Possess or have in their possession more than one Ration Card (Form 333).
 - d. Alter, erase, deface or in any way interfere with any MACV Ration Card save in a manner authorised.
 - e. Retain any Ration Card (MACV Form 333) after the completion of their tour of duty in RVN. Ration cards are to be returned to the officer or person responsible for the issue of Ration Cards.
5. All ration card accounts are to be subject to Army Audit examination at regular intervals.
6. This order is to be republished in unit routine orders in Aug 71 and thereafter at three monthly intervals.
7. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 number 65 dated 12 Mar 71 is cancelled.

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INFO: <i>AUST FORCE VIETNAM</i>			<i>RESTRICTED</i>
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			<i>SD 1151</i>

VISIT BY DAHAT MILITARY ACADEMY
 INSTRUCTORS, 4 JUL 71 TO 14 JUL 71 (.)
 ONE (.) REGIMENTAL DETACH OF MEMBERS CAN
 ALPHA (.) 6/202056 CAPT HOANG DIANG XUNG (.)
 BRAVO (.) 62/142569 CAPT LINH VAN CAM (.)
 TWO (.) MOV DETACHES CAN
 ALPHA (.) 4 JUL 71 ARRIVE NUI DAT ON WARRABY
 TWO COM VEH FROM VUNG THU IF BUSSEMBLY
 IS CLOSED (.)
 BRAVO (.) 14 JUL 71 DEPART NUI DAT FOR SAGON
 ON WARRABY THREE (.)

THREE (.) 3RAR TO ARRANGE RECEPTION AND

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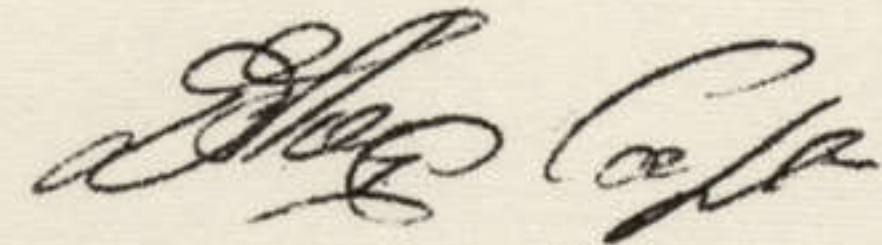
2 Jul 71

Distribution List Below.

CMF VISITS
GROUP 14/71 8 JUL 71 - 22 JUL 71

Reference: A. HQ AFV SD 9203 dated 220600 Jun 71.

1. Attached is 1 ATF two day programme for group 14/71 arriving Thur 8 Jul 71 at approximately 1700 hrs and remaining with 1 ATF units until 22 Jul 71.
2. The group consists of one Lt Col, two Captains and one Warrant Officer Cl 2.
3. Escort officer as nominated by 12 Fd Regt to report to GS03 (SD and Trg) by 0830 hrs 8 Jul 71 for briefing.
4. Host units are:
 - a. 12 Fd Regt
 - b. 4 RAR



(D.T.G. FLOID)
Capt
GS03 (SD and Trg)

Annexes: A. 1 ATF Programme.

Distribution:

List A (less serials 4, 24-32)
GS02 (Psy Ops)
GS03 (Ops)
GS03 (SD and Trg)
Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT
PMC 1 ATF Officers Mess
HQ 1 ATF (Supervisor Transport)
CMF visitors (one per member)

1 ATF PROGRAMME
CMF VISIT GROUP 14/71

Day/Date	Timings	Occurrence.
Thu 8 Jul 71	1700 (approx)	Arrive LUSCOMBE - unit reps to met - move to host units (see note 3).
Fri 9 Jul 71	0830	1 ATF briefing - GS03 (Ops) - GS03 (Int).
	0915	1 ATF CP.
	1000	Morning Tea - 1 ATF Offrs Mess.
	1015	Tour 1 ATF - HQ Coy vehicle.
	1100	Visit 1 ARU.
	1200	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs Mess. HQ Coy veh req 1315 at Offrs Mess.
	1330	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
	1415	Province Familiarization tour by air (RAAF). Ac to pick up at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
	1610	Land KANGA visit 1 Fd Sqn (Mines Room) - HQ Coy veh to arrive 1 Fd Sqn 1615 hours.
	1700	Return to host units - RV 1 Fd Sqn.
Sat 10 Jul 71	0745	RV at 1 ATF Flags - HQ Coy veh req for full day.
	0800	Visit C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
	0900	Visit 2 SAS Sqn.
	1015	Visit TFMA.
	1115	Visit A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
	1230	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs Mess.
	1330	Brief by GS02 (Psy Ops).
	1430	Visit 104 Sig Sqn - HQ Coy veh req 104 Sig Sqn 1525 hrs.
	1530	Visit 12 Fd Regt RAA - HQ Coy veh req.
	1645	Visit 8 Fd Amb.
	1730	Return to host units - RV 8 Fd Amb.
Sun 11 Jul 71		Individual host units itineraries (see note 3)

- Note:
1. The Familiarization Flight - To incl all FSBs, refugee, main villages, occupied NDPs, Offrs to carry wpns and may bring cameras.
 2. Timings - It is essential that the above timings are observed to ensure a comprehensive briefing at each point.
 3. Host units are to liaise with Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT on:
 - a. ETA - LUSCOMBE on Thu 8 Jul 71; and
 - b. ETD - LUSCOMBE for SAIGON on 22 Jul 71.

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TO: <i>ASOIN 3 CAV REGT</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
INFO: <i>12th REGT AAA</i>	<i>2 SAS SQDN</i>		<i>RESTRICTED</i>
<i>1ARLI</i>	<i>1 Aust C.A. Unit</i>		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			<i>Sb 1189</i>

Visit to 1ATF by AFV Historian comm Lt Col R.F MORISON and Asst Historian comm Sgt D.J CARRON (-)
ONE (-) MEMBERS TO VISIT 1ATF AS FOLLOWS C/N
ALPHA (-) ARRIVE LUSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 003 B 9 JUNE 71
BRAVO (-) DEPART LUSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 003 F 10 JUNE 71
TWO (-) ACCN C/N
ALPHA (-) Lt Col R.F MORISON WITH CO 12th REGT AAA (-)
BRAVO (-) Sgt D.J CARRON WITH HQ 1ATF SGT'S MESS (-)
THREE (-) PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO VIEW UNIT MUSEUMS
AND CONTINUE THE REVIEW OF HQ 1ATF
RECORDS

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			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			<i>SD 1173</i>

*Visit to SWN BY D INF com FOR AV
 PLEASE DSO() REF YOUR SD 9830 OF
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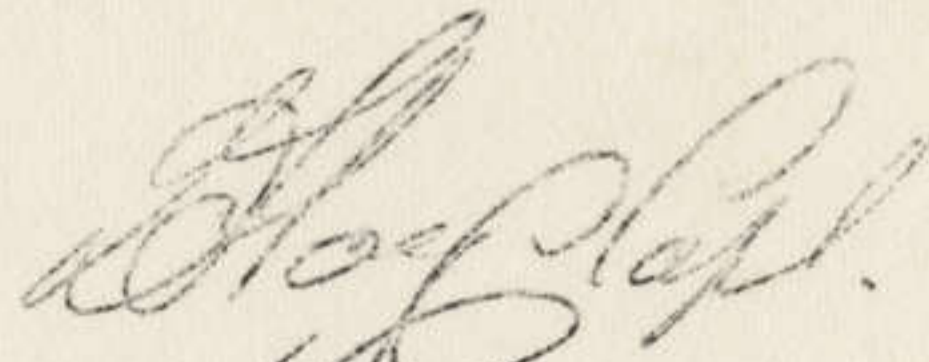
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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY COMAFV
MAJ GEN D.B. DUNSTAN CBE
7 JUL 71

Serial	Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	1430	Arrive KANGA by MACV hel	1. Met by Comd 1 ATF
2	1435-1530	Interviews in Comd's quarters	2. As arranged by DAAG.
3	1530-1610	Discussions with Comd 1 ATF	
4	1610-1630	Visit A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	3. Met by Maj T.F.H. WALKER.
5	1630	Depart KANGA MACV hel.	

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Capt
GS03 (SD and Trg)

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			<i>SD 1172</i>

Visit by SDSLO comm G502 (FORA) HQ AFV Arid
 Depart Armour Advisor to ARVN Lt
 Col CRISP (.) Ref your SD 9662 of 300300Z
 JUN 71 (.) DATES SELECTED FOR VISIT TO
 1 ATF NOT CONVENIENT DUE TO THE
 OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF ESU (.)
 Suitable dates will be advised when
 known comm But this notice may be short

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VISIT TO SVN BY LT GEN MF BROGAN CB. CBE
 (.) YOUR SD 9661 OF 300030Z JUN 71 (.)
 (.) PROGRAMME TO BE FOLLOWED (.)
 (.) MET ON ARRIVAL BY (.)
 (.) 0935 - 1030 HRS BRIEF comm DISCUSSIONS AND
 VIEWING OF CP (.)
 (.) 1035 - 1050 VISIT 198 WKS SECT (.)
 (.) 1055 - 1125 VISIT 104 SIG SON (.)
 (.) 1130 - 1200 VISIT 547 SIG TP (.)
 (.) 1205 - 1230 VISIT A SECT 1 TOPO SVY UNIT (.)
 (.) 1235 - 1340 LUNCH HQ IAFV OFFR'S MESS
 HOTEL (.) 1345 - 1640 TOUR PHUOC THY PROVINCE

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 MAURKIN comm ZIGLIE AND BRADGE SIX (1)
 INDIA (1) 1645-1715 VISIT ASON 3 CAR REGT (1)
 TWO (1) PROGRAM R FOR 12 JUL 71 (1)
 ANFA (1) 0835-0905 VISIT RFD AMB (1)
 BRAND (1) 0915-0930 VISIT QUARRY SITE (1)
 CHARLIE (1) 0935-1010 VISIT 2SAS SQN comm MORTIMER
 TEA AT 2SAS SQN (1)
 DELTA (1) 1020-1100 VISIT 161 (INDIA) RECEPAT (1)
 ECHO (1) 1110-1150 VISIT JWTC (1)
 FOXTROT (1) 1200-1345 LUNCH HQ IATF OPER'S MESS (1)
 GOLF (1) 1400-1430 VISIT PROVINCE CHIEF (1)

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			SD 1184

HOTEL (.) 1435-1615 VISIT CA PROJECTS comm
 BA RIA comm LONG DIEN comm DOT DO (.)
 THREE (.) DEPART IATF 0800 HRS 13 JUL 71
 FOUR (.) A COORDINATING CONFERENCE IS TO
 BE HELD AT HQ IATF BRIEFING HUT AT
 0930H 10 JUL 71

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List A (Less serials 4, 25, 28, 29, 31)
List C

Headquarters
1st Australian Task Force
NUI DAT

7 Jul 71

VISIT BY THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
LT GEN M.F. BROGAN CB, CBE
11 - 13 JUL 71

Reference: A. AFV SD 9661 of 300030Z JUN 71.

1. The CGS, Lt Gen M.F. BROGAN CB, CBE will visit 1 ATF on the 11-13 Jul 71. Details of the party are:
 - a. Chief of the General Staff, Lt Gen M.F. BROGAN CB, CBE.
 - b. Military Assistant to the CGS Lt Col C. N. KHAN DSO.
2. The COMD AFV and ADC are also accompanying the party, until 111200H Jul 71.
3. This instruction details the visit itinerary and the administrative measures required to support that programme.
4. Itinerary for the visit:

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	EVENT (c)	REMARKS (d)	RESPONSIBILITY (e)
1	110930H	ETA KANGA pad •	1. MACV hel. 2. Met by Comd 1 ATF.	
2	110935H 111030H	Brief and Discussion on current situation •	3. Loc Comd Conf Room. 4. Briefing Offr Capt E.P. ESMONDE. 5. CO 12 Fd Regt RAA and TFAC to be present. 6. Coffee for 12 to be available in LO's office by 0930 hrs. 7. Visit to CP/Air Cell.	Preparation of room GS02 (Int). PMC
3	111035H	Visit 198 Wks Sect.	8. Met by Maj N.T. ROBB. 9. VIP party accompanied by Comd, D Comd and LO.	

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Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	EVENT (c)	REMARKS (d)	RESPONSIBILITY (e)
4	111055H- 111125H	Visit 104 Sig Sqn.	10. Met by Maj A.G. ROBERTS. 11. VIP party as for remark 9.	
5	111130H- 111200H	Visit 547 Sig Tp.	12. Met by Maj H.J. O'FLYNN.	
6	111200H	COMAFV departs for SAIGON.	13. MACV hel.	
7	111205H- 111230H	Visit A Sect 1 Topo Svy Unit.	14. Met by Capt P.R. EDDY.	
8	111235H- 111340H	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Offrs' Mess.	15. Met by Maj R.J. HILDER.	PMC.
9	111345H- 111640H	Orientation tour PHUOC TUY Province.	16. Route as follows: a. KANGA b. COURTENAY 1400-1440 hrs. c. MAUREEN 1450-1510 hrs. d. ZIGGIE 1520-1600 hrs. e. Bridge 6 1610-1630 hrs. f. KANGA 1640. 17. At COURTENAY. Party to be met by CO 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn, a brief and then a tour of the area is required. 18. At MAUREEN. Party to be met by Rep 12 Fd Regt RAA, requirement as for remark 17. 19. At ZIGGIE. Party to be met by CO 3 RAR, requirement as for remark 17. 20. At Bridge 6. Party to be met by OC 17 Const Sqn RAE, requirement as for remark 17. 21. VIP party consist of CGS, MA, Comd, D Comd and LO.	GS02 (Air). 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn. 12 Fd Regt RAA. 3 RAR. 17 Const Sqn RAE.
10	111645H- 111715H	Visit A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.	22. Met by Maj T.F.H. WALKER; requirement as for remark 17.	

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Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	EVENT (c)	REMARKS (d)	RESPONSIBILITY (e)
11.	111720H- 120830H	Dinner HQ 1 ATF Offrs' Mess Accn D Comd VIP Qtrs.	23 Met by Maj R.J. HILDER.	
12	120835H- 120905H	Visit 8Ftd Amb.	24. Met by Maj BOEL TODD, requirement as for remark 17. 25. VIP party as for remark 21.	
13	120915H- 120920H	Visit Quarry Site.	26. Met by Maj J.M. SANDERSON, requirement as for remark 17.	
14	120935H- 121010H	Visit 2 SAS Sqn.	27. Met by Maj G.E. CHIPMAN, requirement as for remark 17. 28. Coffee/Tea required for visitors.	
15	121020H- 121100H	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.	29. Met by Maj N.H. HARDEN, requirement as for remark 17.	
16	121110H- 121150H	Visit JWTC	30. Met by Ccmdt JWTC and Senior Aust Advisor. Lt Col K.H. KIRKLAND 31. VIP party as for remark 21.	
17	121200H- 121340H	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Offrs' Mess	32. Met by Maj R.J. HILDER.	PMC.
18	121355H	VIP party arrives BARIA pad by RAAF hel	33. Met by Lt Col R.J. WRIGHT. 34. Hel return to NUI DAT on complet- ion of task.	GS02 (Air).
19	121400H- 121430H	Discussion with Province Chief.	35. Party to visit Province Chief consists of CGS, MA, Comd, D Comd CO 1 Aust CA Unit.	
20	121435H- 121615H	Tour of CA projects in BARIA, LONG DIEN, DAT DO, by vehicle.	36. 1 Aust CA Unit to provide guide for lead vehicle. 37. 1 Aust CA Unit are responsible for briefing drivers. 38. Interpreter provided by 1 Aust CA Unit.	1 Aust CA Unit 1 Aust CA Unit. 1 Aust CA Unit.
21	121625H	VIP party arrives KANGA pad by RAAF hel	39. RAAF hel to be at DAT DO pad by 1615Hrs. 40. 1 Aust CA Unit are responsible for communications and marking of DAT DO pad.	GS02 (Air). 1 Aust CA Unit.

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Serial	Date/Time	EVENT	REMARKS	RESPONSIBILITY
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
22	12 TBA.	Buffet Dinner HQ 1 ATF Offrs' Mess.	41. Met by Maj R.J. HILDER. 42. Guests.	PMC.
23		Accn as for Serial 11.		
24	130800H	Depart 1 ATF for AATTV tour of PHUOC TUY Province.	43. RAAF hel.	

5. Details of all vehicle, helicopter and Provost requirements for the visit are contained in Annexes A, B, and C respectively.

Press Gallery

6. A press gallery will accompany the VIP party on the 12 Jul 71. A separate itinerary and Air Task is to be produced by the PR Offr.

7. Movement of the Press Gallery is as follows:

- a. ETA LUSCOMBE 0930 12 Jul 71, by WALLABY 003B.
- b. ETD KANGA 1700 12 Jul 71 by RAAF hel for SAIGON.

Visit Appointments

8. The Liaison Staff Officer for the visit is Capt D.T.G. FLOYD HQ 1 ATF (Phone EBONY 25).
9. 2IC HQ Coy 1 ATF is appointed Tpt Offr for the visit.
10. A Coordinating Conference is to be held at 0930 hrs 10 Jul 71 in HQ 1 ATF Briefing Hut.

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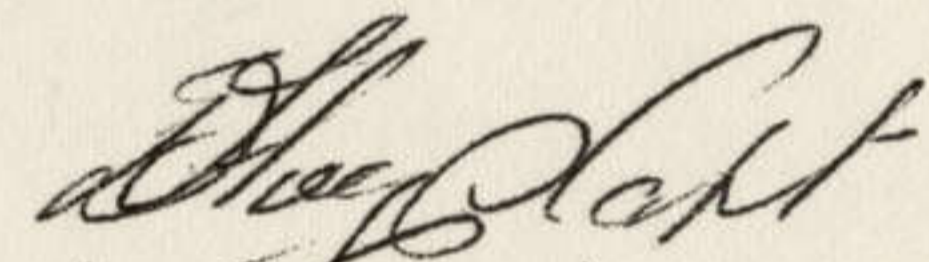
11. The following Personnel are to attend:

OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
Rep 12 Fd Regt RAA.
OC 17 Const Sqn RAE.
OC A Sect 1 Topo Svy Unit.
OC 104 Sig Sqn.
OC 547 Sig Tp.
Rep 3 RAR.
Rep 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
OC 2 SAS Sqn.
OC 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
OC 8 Fd Amb.
CO 1 Aust CA Unit.
OC HQ Coy 1 ATF.
2IC HQ Coy 1 ATF.
OC Det AFV Pro Unit.

GS02 (Int).
GS02 (Air).
GS03 (Ops).
GS03 (SD and Trg).
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1 ATF LO BARIA.
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12. A representative from JWTC is requested to attend.

- Annexes: A. Vehicle Task Table.
B. Aircraft Task Table.
C. Provost Requirements.


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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/13B
DATED 7 JUL 71

VEHICLE TASK TABLE

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Place of reporting	Person to whom vehicle reports	Estimated time of release	Tasking Agency	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	110915H	Tpt reports to HQ 1 ATF for mov of 1 ATF Reception Party to KANGA.	Flags area	Tpt Offr	110940H	Tpt Offr	1. Comd's vehicle with 3 stars and CGS pennant. 2. D Comd vehicle with 2 stars and COMAFV pennant. 3. Tpt offr to move in reserve veh. 4. All vehs to be clean and have clean covers. 5. Move to KANGA to be initiated by Comd. 6. Comd star and pennant to be uncovered when mov to KANGA. 7. Luggage to be placed in the Tpt Offr's veh, and delivered to the accn.
2.	110925H	Tpt departs HQ 1 ATF.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	
3.	110935H	Tpt departs KANGA for HQ 1 ATF.	Flags area	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	8. Vehs released on completion of task.
4.	111030H	Tpt reports to HQ 1 ATF.	Flags area	Tpt Offr	111210H	Tpt Offr	9. Tpt to remain at flags during serials 3, 4, 5 and 7.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
5.	111145H	D Comd veh for mov of COMAFV to KANGA.	547 Sig Tp	Tpt Offr	111210H	Tpt Offr	10. Pennant and plate to be uncovered on arrival.
6.	111155H	Mov of COMAFV to KANGA.	N/A	N/A	111210H	Tpt Offr	
7.	111200H	Mov of D Comd to A Sect 1 Topo Svy Unit.	N/A	N/A	111210H	Tpt Offr	11. COMAFV pennant and plate covered for mov.
8.	111220H	Tpt reports to A Sect 1 Topo Svy Unit, mov party to HQ 1 ATF.	A Sect 1 Topo Svy Unit	Tpt Offr	111240H	Tpt Offr	12. Comd, D Comd vehs only.
9.	111330H	Tpt reports to HQ 1 ATF	Flags area	Tpt Offr	111345H	Tpt Offr	13. Veh as for serial 7. for mov to KANGA Pad.
10.	111625H	Tpt reports to KANGA pad.	KANGA Pad	Tpt Offr	111720H	Tpt Offr	14. Veh as for serial 7.
11.	111640H	Mov party to A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.	N/A	N/A	111720H	Tpt Offr	
12.	111715H	Mov party to HQ 1 ATF.	N/A	N/A	111720H	Tpt Offr	15. Veh as for serial 7.
13.	120815H	Tpt reports to HQ 1 ATF for mov of VIP party	Flags area	Tpt Offr	121205H	Tpt Offr	16. Veh as for serial 7.
14.	120830H	Mov party to 8 Rd Amb	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
15.	120905H	Mov party to Quarry Site.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	
16.	120935H	Mov party to 2 SAS Sqn.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	
17.	121010H	Mov party to 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	17. Via ENOGERRA Rd.
18.	121100H	Mov party to JWTC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	18. Via the EAST GATE.
19.	121150H	Mov party to HQ 1 ATF.	N/A	N/A	121205H	Tpt Offr	19. Vehs released on completion of task.
20.	121320H	Tpt mov to BA RIA.	VIP Pad BA RIA	Tpt Offr	121700H	Tpt Offr	20. Vehs required: a. Comd b. D Comd c. 2 x Gun Jeeps with crews (1) 12 Fd Regt RAA (2) HQ Coy 1 ATF, to provide. d. Provost escort. 21. No pennant or stars to be used.
21.	121330H	Tpt reports to HQ 1 ATF	Flags area	N/A	121350H	Tpt Offr	22. 2 VIP vehs required CGS pennant and plate on veh.
22.	121340H	Mov party to KANGA Pad	N/A	N/A	121350H	Tpt Offr	23. Vehs released until 1620 hrs.
23.	121345H	Tpt reports to CO 1 Aust CA Urit.	VIP Pad BA RIA	N/A	121700H	Tpt Offr	24. CO 1 Aust CA Unit assumes comd of convoy.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
24.	121355H	Mov party to Province Chiefs residence.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	25. Guide provided by 1 Aust CA Unit. 26. Convoy formation as ordered by CO 1 Aust CA Unit.
25.	121435H	Tour of CA projects in Province.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tpt Offr	27. As arranged by CO 1 Aust CA Unit.
26.	121620H	Tpt departs from DAT DO Pad.	HQ 1 ATF	N/A	121700H	Tpt Offr	28. Convoy to move after the hel depart. 29. Tpt Offr to assume comd of convoy.
27.	121620H	Tpt reports to KANGA Pad.	KANGA Pad	N/A	121640H	Tpt Offr	30. Tpt as for serial 21.
28.	121625H	Mov party to HQ 1 ATF	N/A	N/A	121640H	Tpt Offr	31. Tpt released on completion of task .
29.	130745H	Tpt reports to HQ 1 ATF.	Flags area	Tpt Offr	130810H	Tpt Offr	32. Tpt as for serial 21. 33. Luggage to be collected.
30.	130755H	Mov party to KANGA Pad.	N/A	N/A	130810H	Tpt Offr	34. Pennant and plate to be uncovered. 35. Pennant and plate to be changed for Comd.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF R875/1/13B
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AIR TASK TABLE

Serial	Date/Time	Event	PZ/LZ	Estimated time of release	Tasking Agency	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	111345H- 111620H	Orientation Tour of PHUOC TUY Province.	VIP KANGA	111620H at VIP KANGA	GS02 (Air)	1. Hel required. Route and timings as per itinerary.
2.	121345H	Mov of VIP party.	PZ VIP KANGA LZ VIP BA RIA	121400H at VIP BA RIA	GS02 (Air)	2. 1 hel required.
3.	121615H	Mov of VIP party.	PZ DAT DO LZ VIP KANGA	121630H at VIP KANGA	GS02 (Air)	3. 1 hel required.
4.	121700H	Mov of Press party.	PZ KANGA LZ FWMAC hel Pad	121800H at FWMAC Pad	GS02 (Air)	4. 1 Hel required.
5.	130800H	Mov of CGS on AATTV tour of PHUOC TUY Province.	PZ VIP KANGA	TBA	GS02 (Air)	5. 1 Hel required

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ANNEX C TO
 1 ATF R875/1/13
 DATED 7 JUL 71

PROVOST REQUIREMENTS

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	TASK (c)	ROUTE (d)	Est time of Release (e)	REMARKS (f)
1.	110920H	Traffic control.	HQ 1 ATF-KANGA.	110940H.	1. Move of Comd to KANGA. 2. Traffic control at KANGA.pad req.
2.	110935H	Traffic control.	KANGA-HQ 1 ATF.	110940H.	3. Move of VIP party.
3.	111150H	Traffic control	547 Sig Tp-KANGA	111200H.	4. Departure of COM AFV.
4.	111335H	Traffic control	HQ 1 ATF-KANGA	111350H.	
5.	111635H	Traffic control	KANGA-A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	111645H.	
6.	111715H	Traffic control	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt-HQ 1 ATF	111720H.	
7.	120820H	Traffic control	HQ 1 ATF-8 Fd Amb	120835H.	
8.	120900H	Traffic control	8 Fd Amb-Quarry Site.	120920H.	
9.	120925H	Traffic control	Quarry Site-2 SAS Sqn.	120940H.	
10.	121005H.	Traffic control	2 SAS Sqn-161 (Indep) Recce Flt.	121025H.	5. Via ENOGGRA Rd.
11.	121055H.	Traffic control	161 (Indep) Recce Flt- JWTC.	121110H.	6. Via EAST GATE.
12.	121145H.	Traffic control	JWTC-HQ 1 ATF.	121205H.	
13.	121320H.	Escort Duty.	1 ATF-BARIA-LONG DIEN- DAT DO and return.	121700H.	7. Tpt Offr to brief on requirements.
14.	121620H.	Traffic control	KANGA-HQ 1 ATF.	121740H.	
15.	130750H.	Traffic control	HQ 1 ATF-KANGA.	130805H.	

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HQ 1 ATF
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VISIT BY MILITARY SECRETARY
BRIGADIER J.F. WHITE, OBE
13 - 16 JUL 71

Reference: A. 1 ATF A 772 of 240010Z Mar 71.

1. Brig White is visiting 1 ATF for staff discussions with Comd 1 ATF and to interview officers on MS matters. The detailed itinerary for the visit is attached as Annex A.
2. Officers for interview at HQ 1 ATF are to report to the DAAG 1 ATF five minutes before the nominated time. Interviews at HQ 1 ATF will be held in the D Comd's hut.
3. Administrative arrangements for the visit are:
 - a. Escort Officer. Except where shown otherwise on the detailed itinerary, the escort officer will be DAAG 1 ATF.
 - b. Accommodation. The MS will be accommodated in the D Comd's hut.
 - c. Transport. 12 Fd Regt, 3 RAR, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and HQ Coy are to provide transport as shown in Annex A. Vehicles are to be at the Flags area HQ 1 ATF five minutes before the nominated time.


(H.C. FRANKLIN)
Maj
DAAG 1 ATF

Annex: A. Detailed Itinerary

Distribution:

HQ AFV
List A (less serials 4, 25-31)
List C
Officers being interviewed

DETAILED ITINERARY - VISIT BY MS

Serial (a)	Date (b)	Time (c)	Event (d)	Remarks (e)
1.	13 Jul 71	0815	Arrive Kanga Helipad	Met by DAAG. HQ Coy tpt; driver to report to DAAG 0805 hrs.
2.		0830	Discussions with Comd 1 ATF	
3.		0915	Tour 1 ATF Area	HQ Coy Tpt
4.		1010	Interviews commence - Capt C.W. Watson - A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp	
5.		1030	Maj C.A. Swain - JWTC	
6.		1050	Maj G.J. Fitzgerald - 1 ACAU	
7.		1110	Capt W.D.W. Tresise - JWTC	
8.		1130	Capt G.N. Pearce - 17 Const Sqn	
9.		1150	Lt R.A. Cooke - 17 Const Sqn	
10.		1210	Capt T.J. Properjohn - JWTC	
11.		1230-1330	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Officers Mess	
12.		1330	Maj R.J. Ferrier - 1 ATF LU	
13.		1350	Capt T.J. Gardiner - HQ 1 ATF	
14.		1410	Capt J. Scales - C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	
15.		1430	Capt J.F.P. Webbe - HQ 1 ATF	
16.		1450	Capt R.T. Sommerville - 17 Const Sqn	
17.		1510	2Lt J.M. Toyne - 17 Const Sqn	
18.		1530	2Lt R.S. Heyde - 1 ARU	
19.		1550	Capt G.M. Robinson - 1 Div Int Unit	
20.		1610	Lt B.G. Wallis - 1 ARU	
21.		1630	Capt A.W. White - 1 Aust CA Unit	
22.		1650	Maj T.F.H. Walker - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	
23.		1710	Capt R.B. Wade - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	
24.	14 Jul 71	0830	Lt V.J. Komarouski - 1 ACAU	
25.		0850	Capt R.M. Earle - A Sqn 3 Cav	
26.		0910	Capt G. Ayre - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	
27.		0930	Maj J.S. Baker - 1 Aust CA Unit	
28.		0950	Capt N.F. Johnson - TFMA	

Serial (a)	Date (b)	Time (c)	Event (d)	Remarks (e)
29.		1010	Capt R.D. Letts - 2 SAS Sqn	
30.		1030	Lt A.W. Freemantle - 2 SAS Sqn	
31.		1050	Capt J.D. Levens - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	
32.		1110	Capt E. Esmonde - HQ 1 ATF	
33.		1130	Capt D.T.G. Floyd - HQ 1 ATF	
34.		1150	Maj R.J. Hilder - HQ 1 ATF	
35.		1210	Maj K.M. McDonald - HQ 1 ATF	
36.		1230-1330	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Officer's Mess	
37.		1330-	3 RAR	Unit to arrange:
38.		1845-2000	Dinner 3 RAR	a. Locs for interviews and timings.
				b. Escort Officer
				c. All transport
				d. Meal arrangements
39.	15 Jul 71	0830	Lt Col L.A. Wright - 1 ACAU	
40.		0850	Maj P.W. Bourke - C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	
41.		0910	Capt T.R. Ford - Det 131 Div Loc Bty	
42.		0930	Capt R.J. Phillips - 198 Wks Sect	
43.		0950	2Lt J.D. Cardwell - 1 Psy Ops Unit	
44.		1010	Capt R.J. Kane - 17 Const Sqn	
45.		1030	2Lt P. Scaife - 1 ARU	
46.		1050	Capt K.G. Gallagher - JWTC	
47.		1110	Lt A.J. Kirwin - JWTC	
48.		1130	Lt R.J. Hannon - 1 Aust CA Unit	
49.		1150	Lt J.T.A. Holland - JWTC	
50.		1210	Maj B.W. McFarlane - HQ 1 ATF	
51.		1230-1330	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Officer's Mess	
52.		1330	Lt Col B.R. Topfer - 12 Fd Regt	
53.		1350-1730	12 Fd Regt	Unit to arrange:
				a. Locs for interviews and timings
				b. Escort Officer
				c. All transport
54.	16 Jul 71	0800-1230	4 RAR	Unit to arrange:
				a. Locs for interviews and timings.
				b. Escort Officer
				c. All transport

Serial (a)	Date (b)	Time (c)	Event (d)	Remarks (e)
55.		1230-1330	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Officers' Mess	
56.		1330-1545	Discussions with Comd 1 ATF	
57.		1550	Depart HQ 1 ATF for Kanga Helipad	HQ Coy tpt
58.		1600	Depart Kanga Helipad	

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Headquarters
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CMF VISITS
GROUP 15/71 22 JUL 71 - 5 AUG 71

Reference: A. HQ AFV SD 9997 dated 070040Z Jul 71.

1. Attached is 1 ATF two day programme for group 15/71 arriving 22 Aug 71.
2. The group consists of one captain, two lieutenants and one warrant officer Class 2.
3. Escort officer as nominated by 104 Sig Sqn to report to GS03 (SD and Trg) at 0830 hrs 22 Jul 71 for briefing.
4. Host units are:
 - a. 104 Sig Sqn.
 - b. 3 RAR.



(D.T.C. FLOYD)
Capt
GS03 (SD and Trg)

Annexes: A. 1 ATF Programme.

Distribution:

List A (less serials 4, 24-32)
GS02 (Psy Ops)
GS03 (Ops)
GS03 (SD and Trg)
Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT)
PMC 1 ATF Officers Mess
HQ 1 ATF (Supervisor Transport)
CMF visitors (one per member)

1 ATF PROGRAMME
CMF VISIT GROUP 15/71

Day/Date	Timings	Occurrence
Thu 22 Jul	1700 (approx)	Arrive LUSCOMBE - unit reps to meet - move to host units. (See Note 3).
Fri 23 Jul	0830 0915 1000 1015 1100 1200 1330 1415 1610 1700	1 ATF briefing - GS03 (Ops) - GS03 (Int). 1 ATF CP. Morning Tea - 1 ATF Offrs/Sgts Mess. Tour 1 ATF - HQ Coy vehicle. Visit 1 ARU. Lunch 1 ATF Offrs/Sgts Mess. HQ Coy veh req 1315 hrs at Offrs mess. Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. Province Familiarization tour by air (RAAF. Ac to pick up at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt). Land KANGA visit 1 Fd Sqn (Mines Room) - HQ Coy veh to arrive 1 Fd Sqn 1615 hrs. Return to host units - RV 1 Fd Sqn.
Sat 24 Jul	0745 0800 0900 1015 1115 1230 1330 1430 1530 1645 1730	RV at 1 ATF Flags - HQ Coy veh req for full day. Visit C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Visit 2 SAS Sqn. Visit TFMA. Visit A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Lunch 1 ATF Offrs/Sgts Mess. Brief by GS02 (Psy Ops). Visit 104 Sig Sqn - HQ Coy veh req 104 Sig Sqn 1525 hrs. Visit 12 Fd Regt RAA - HQ Coy veh req. Visit 8 Fd Amb. Return to host units - RV 8 Fd Amb.
Sun 5 Aug		Individual host units itineraries (See note 3)

- Note: 1. The Familiarization Flight - To incl all FSBs, refugee, main villages, occupied NDPs, Offrs to carry wpns and may bring cameras.
2. Timings - It is essential that the above timings are observed to ensure a comprehensive briefing at each point.
3. Host units are to liaise with Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT on:
- ETA - LUSCOMBE on Thu 22 Jul 71, and
 - ETD - LUSCOMBE for SAIGON on 5 Aug 71.

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List A (less serials 4, 25, 28, 29, 31).
List C.

PRESS AND ARMY PR ARRANGEMENTS
FOR VISIT BY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL

STAFF 11 - 13 JUL 71

References: A. Annex B to HQ AFV R875/271/52 dated 6 Jul 71.
B. 1 ATF R875/1/13B dated 7 Jul 71.

1. Army PR staff allotted for duty at NUI DAT together with up to seven representatives from news agencies based in SAIGON will be covering the visit by the Chief of the General Staff to 1 ATF and CA projects.

2. Press representatives will be present on Mon 12 Jul 71 only. They will not attend any classified briefings given to the CGS.

3. Attached as Annexes are:

- a. Itinerary for Press and PR parties,
- b. Vehicle tasking table; and
- c. Air tasking table.

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(J.F.P. WEBBE)
Capt
PR Offr

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF R875/1/1
DATED 9 JUL 71

PRESS ITINERARY

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	111035H- 111715H	Army PR coverage to all units per Reference B.	1. CGS has requested photographs of himself talking to individual soldiers. 2. Positions of PR photographs at COURTENAY, MAUREEN, ZIGGIE and Bridge 6 subject arrangements by PR offr.
2.	120835H- 121615H	Army PR coverage all units and CA projects per Reference B.	3. Lt J.S. CANNON responsible for all Army PR coordination.
3.	120930H	Press representatives arrive LUSCOMBE per WALLABY 003B.	4. Met by PR offr Capt J.F.P WEBBE escort offr.
4.	120940H	Briefing on CGS visit in 1 ATF Conference hut.	5. Capt WEBBE.
5.	120950H	Morning tea in 1 ATF Offrs' Mess.	
6.	121020H	Join VIP party at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.	6. Follow VIP party on to JWTC.
7.	121155H	Presentation of awards at flags area.	7. PR and Press.
8.	121200H- 121340H	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs' Mess.	8. Reserved table to be arranged. 9. Capt WEBBE and Lt CANNON in attendance.
9.	121340H- 121355H	Press drive to Baria.	
10.	121400H- 121430H	CGS discussion with Province Chief.	
11.	121435H- 121615H	Press accompany VIP party of tour of CA projects.	
12.	121700H	Press depart for SAIGON from KANGA.	10. RAAF hel to FWMAC Pad.
13.	13 Jul 71	N/A	Nil requirements.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF R875/1/13B
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VEHICLE TASK TABLE

Serial	Date/Time	Place of reporting	Person to whom veh reports	Estimated time of release	Tasking Agency	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	120815H	Press Centre	Lt CANNON	121205H	PR	Movt PR personnel
2.	120915H	Press Centre	Capt WEBBE	121205H	PR	Movt Press personnel
3.	121340H	1 ATF Offrs' Mess	Capt WEBBE	121715H	PR	Movt Press personnel
4.	121340H	Press Centre	Lt CANNON	121645H	PR	Movt PR personnel

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF R875/1/13B
DATED 9 JUL 71

AIR TASK TABLE

Serial	Date/Time	Event	PZ/LZ	Estimated time of release	Tasking Agent	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	121615H	Movt Press party	PZ DAT DO LZ KANGA	121730H at FWMAC Pad	PR Offr	1. It is anticipated that some Press will travel NUI DAT to SAIGON by own means.
2.	121630H	Movt Press party	PZ KANGA LZ FWMAC hel pad	121730H at FWMAC Pad	PR Offr	2. At least three Press to req tpt to SAIGON before this serial confirmed by PR Offr.

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List A (Less serials 4, 25, 28, 29, 31)
List C

VISIT BY THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
LT GEN M.F. BROGAN CB, CBE
11 - 13 JUL 71
AMENDMENT NO 1

Reference: A. 4 ATF R875/1/13B dated 7 Jul 71.

1. The CGS itinerary is to be amended as follows:

a. Manuscript Amendments. The following manuscript amendments are to be made:

(1) Serial 13 amend timings to read 120915H-120930H.

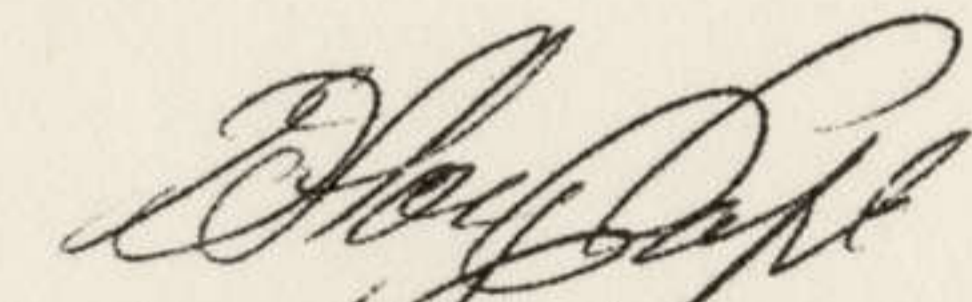
(2) Serial 17 Insert Serial 17a as follows:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
17a.	121200H-121230H	Presentation of Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.	32a. Reference HQ 1 ATF R445/1/4 dated 9 Jul 71.

(3) Annex B Insert Serial 6 as follows:

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
6	131150H	Mov of CGS to ST KILDA pad.	PZ KANGA LZ ST KILDA	131200H	GSO2(Air)	6. 1 hel req.

(4) Annex C Serial 10, Remarks Col 5. Amend by deleting ENOGGRA and insert ENOGERRA.



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VISIT BY MS BRIG J.F. WHITE OBE CMM 13-16 JUL 71 @
 REF @ HQ IATF R875/1/23 DATED 8 JUL 71 @
 AMENDMENT NO 1 @ AMEND REF ANNEX A AS FOLLS CLN
 ONE @ SERIAL 1 @ AMEND TIME TO READ 0830 CMM EVENT TO
 READ ARRIVE FLAGS HQ IATF BY VEH AND REMARKS
 TO READ MET BY DAAG @ IALSG VEH @
 TWO @ SERIAL 2 @ AMEND TIME TO READ 0835 @
 THREE @ SERIAL 10 @ ~~DE~~ DELETE CAPT T.J. PROPER JOHN - JWTC
 AND INSERT CAPT J.S. SEYMOUR - 1 AUST CA UNIT @
 FOUR @ SERIAL 17 @ DELETE 2LT J.M. JOYNE - 17 CONST SQDN AND
 INSERT LT C. STEEL - 8 FD AMB @

FIVE @ SERIAL 28 @ DELETE CAPT N.F. JOHNSON - TFMA AND INSERT

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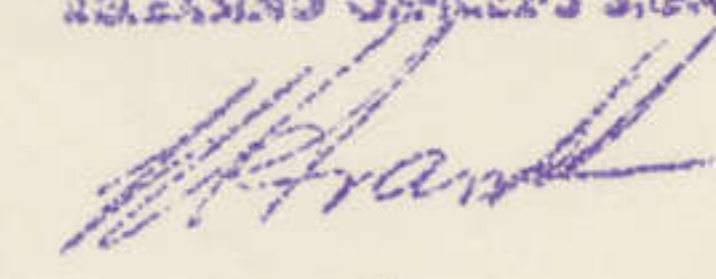
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*Visit to SVN BY Lt Col T.J. HUMPHREY cmm
 CO 1PD REGT IN REF YOUR SD 10258 OF 130130Z
 JUL 71 (2) VISIT TO 1ATF IS CONVENIENT cmm
 DATES MOST CONVENIENT AND IN ORDER OF
 PRIORITY ARE cmm 23 SEPT TO 30 SEPT 71 cmm
 7 OCT 71 TO 14 OCT 71 cmm 30 SEPT 71 TO 7 OCT 71*

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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY COMAFV

MAJ GEN D.B. DUNSTAN CBE

27 JUL 71

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	270930H	Arrive KANGA MACV hel.	1. Met by Comd 1 ATF. 2. Comds veh at Flags 0915 hrs.
2.	270935H- 271035H	Visit 1 Aust Psy Ops Unit;	3. Capt P.R. HUDSON to brief COMAFV on unit activities. 4. GS02 (Psy Ops) to attend.
3.	271040H- 271125H	Visit A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.	5. Met by Maj T.F.H. WALKER.
4.	271130H- 271230H	Discussions with Comd 1 ATF.	
5.	271230H- 271330H	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Officers Mess.	6. PMC.
6.	271340H- 271430H	Visit 1 ARU.	7. Met by Maj L.O. PETERS.
7.	271430H	Depart 1 ARU for FWMAO. MACV hel.	

Distribution:

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
1 ARU
1 Aust Psy Ops Unit
HQ Coy 1 ATF
List C.

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<i>1st FORCE VICTORIA</i>	<i>D Comd</i>		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
<i>6502 (OPS)</i>	<i>6502 (INT)</i>	<i>6503 (OPS)</i>	
<i>DARG</i>	<i>PR OFFER</i>	<i>DET 11 MC GP</i>	<i>Sy 1260</i>

*COMF VISITS GROUP 16/71 ARRIVING 5 AUG 71 (C)
ONE (C) ALLOCATION CAN*

*ALFA (C) WO2 NS WRIGHT RAE com to 1 FD SQN RAAF
BRAVO (C) MAJ A Austin RA INF com to 4RAR/12 Bn
CHARLIE (C) CAP AS Connor RA INF com to 4RAR/12 Bn
DELTA (C) CAP Gc Branch RA INF com to 4RAR/12 Bn
TO (C) Host units are to provide TPT at MASCOMBE
5 AUG 71 to TPT VISITORS AND LOGGAGE TO UNITS (C) EFM
DET 11 MC GP IS TO NOTIFY HOST UNITS AND 6503/SD
AND TRG) HQ 1ATF OF ANY CHANGES IN TIMINGS AND DATE/
TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM MASCOMBE FOR TSN TO
JOIN RTA FLIGHT (C)*

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THREE (-) GS03(OPB) WILL BRIEF VISITORS AT 050830H AUG 71 IN HQ IAFB BRIEFING HALL (-) HOST UNITS ARE TO ENSURE VISITORS ARE PRESENT FOR THE BRIEFING AND THE IAFB ITINERARY PROGRAMME FOR 6 AUG - 7 AUG 71 (-)

FOUR (-) 1st SQN RAAF IS TO PROVIDE AN ESCORT OFFER FOR 6 AUG - 7 AUG 71 (-) ESCORT OFFER IS TO REPORT TO GS03(SD/PRG) 050830H AUG 71 FOR BRIEFING (-)

FIVE (-) VISITORS ARE TO BE CLEARED OF ITEMS ISSUED WHILE AT IAFB PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

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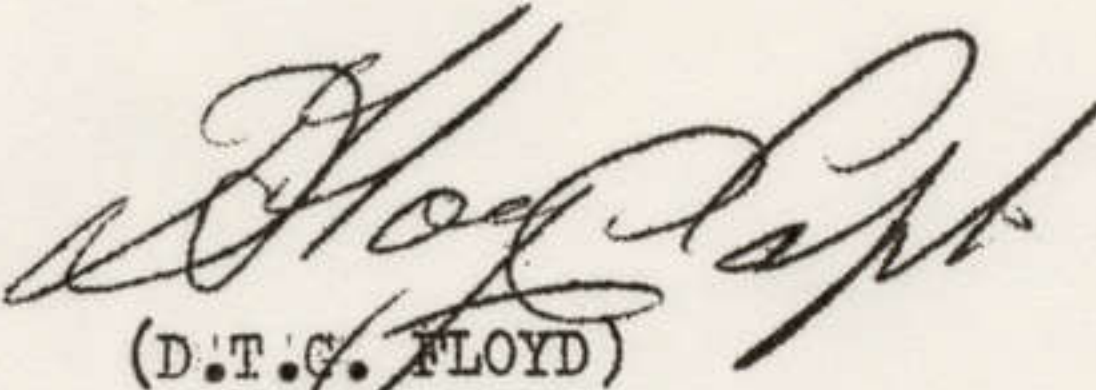
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CMF VISITS

GROUP 16/71 5 AUG 71 - 19 AUG 71

Reference: A. HQ AFV SD 10743 dated 21 0930Z Jul 71.

1. Attached is 1 ATF two day programme for group 16/71 arriving 5 Aug 71.
2. The group consists of one Major, two Captains and one Warrant Officer Class 2.
3. Escort officer as nominated by 1 Fd Sqn to report to GS03 (SD and Trg) at 0830 hrs 5 Aug 71 for briefing.
4. Host units are:
 - a. 1 Fd Sqn RAE.
 - b. 4 RAR.


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Capt
GS03 (SD and Trg)

Annexes: A. 1 ATF Programme.

Distribution:

List A (less serials 4, 24 - 32)
GS02 (Psy Ops)
GS02 (Air)
GS03 (Ops)
GS03 (SD and Trg)
Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT
PMC 1 ATF Officers Mess
HQ 1 ATF (Supervisor Transport)
CMF visitors (one per member)
PMC 1 ATF Sgts Mess

1 ATF PROGRAMME
CMF VISIT GROUP 16/71

Day/Date	Timings	Occurrence
Thu 5 Aug	1700 (approx)	Arrive LUSCOMBE - unit reps to meet - move to host units. (See Note 3).
Fri 6 Aug	0830	1 ATF briefing - GS03 (Ops) - GS03 (Int).
	0915	1 ATF CP.
	1000	Morning Tea - 1 ATF Offrs/Sgts Mess.
	1015	Tour 1 ATF - HQ Coy vehicle.
	1100	Visit 1 ARU.
	1200	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs/Sgts Mess. HQ Coy veh req 1315 hrs at Offrs Mess.
	1330	Visit 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
	1415	Province Familiarization tour by air (RAAF. Ac to pick up at 161 (Indep) Recce Flt). Tasked by GS02 (Air).
	1610	Land KANGA visit 1 Fd Sqn (Mines Room) - HQ Coy veh to arrive 1 Fd Sqn 1615 hrs.
	1700	Return to host units - RV 1 Fd Sqn.
Sat 7 Aug	0745	RV at 1 ATF Flags - HQ Coy veh req for full day.
	0800	Visit C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
	0900	Visit 2 SAS Sqn.
	1015	Visit TFMA.
	1115	Visit A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
	1230	Lunch 1 ATF Offrs/Sgts Mess.
	1330	Brief by GS02 (Psy Ops).
	1430	Visit 104 Sig Sqn - HQ Coy veh req 104 Sig Sqn 1525 hrs.
	1530	Visit 12 Fd Regt RAA - HQ Coy veh req.
	1645	Visit 8 Fd Amb.
	1730	Return to host units - RV 8 Fd Amb.
Sun 8 Aug		Individual host units itineraries (see Note 3).

- Note:
1. The Familiarization Flight - To incl all FSBs, refugee, main villages, occupied NDPs, Offrs to carry wpns and may bring cameras.
 2. Timings - It is essential that the above timings are observed to ensure a comprehensive briefing at each point.
 3. Host units are to liaise with Det 11 MC Gp NUI DAT on:
 - a. ETA - LUSCOMBE on Thu 5 Aug 71, and
 - b. ETD - LUSCOMBE for SAIGON on 19 Aug 71.

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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY COMAFV

MAJ GEN D.B. DUNSTAN CBE

1 AUG 71

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1st Australian Task Force
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29 Jul 71

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	011145H	Arrive KANGA MACV hel.	1. Met by D Comd and Adjt 12 Fd Regt RAA. 2. D Comd veh at flags 1130 hrs. 3. COMAFV pennant and star plate to be uncovered on arrival at KANGA.
2.	011153H	Visit A Fd Bty 12 Fd Regt RAA.	4. Met by Maj A.P. WILLIAMS.
3.	011200H	A Fd Bty Centenary Salute.	
4.	011205H	Lunch A Fd Bty.	
5.	011300H	Departs A Fd Bty.	5. D Comd veh to be at A Fd Bty area 1245 hrs.
6.	011310H	Depart KANGA for FWMAO by MACV hel.	

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Distribution: 12 Fd Regt (6)
HQ Coy 1 ATF (2)
List C.

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*ONE (1) MAJ A.J. SCHMIDT TO 1ATF comm 16 AUG
71 (1) PLS AMEND DURATION OF VISIT TO
160930H TO 170715HAUG (1) RECEPTION BY
1ATF comm ACCN 1ATF (1) VISIT W/ H. PSY OPS
GP comm BINH PHU (1) REQUEST AFV TO
ARRANGE comm AS 1ATF HAS LITTLE CONTACT
WITH ABOVE UNIT (1)*

*TWO (1) VISIT TO SINGAPORE BY COMMISSIONER
E.J. TREZISE (1)*

*AFSA (1) PURPOSE OF VISIT comm DISCUSSIONS WITH
FARELF ON EXPANSION OF EVERMAN'S*

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BRAND (-) MONT DETAILS comm DEPART SWN BY
 RNZAF F1T 5 AUG 71 comm DEPART Singapore
 BY RNZAF/RAAF F1T 12 AUG 71 (-)

CHARKE (-) ACCN comm REQUEST ACCN AT BRAK
 comm SERERANG BUS comm SINGAPORE (-)

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 VISIT

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