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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 010001H to 012400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

01 Sep 71
Ops1507

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR (YS6167).
 - (b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF; elm at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (f) Sp Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and DUC THANH.
- (3) 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 CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Reconstruction of Route 327 East of BINH GIA concluded.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn.

Work on 6 RF housing sites continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6066).
 - (d) C Coy deployed to AO GLENELG (YS5967).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to AO GLENELG (YS6274).
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4279).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3464).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3577).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (9) D and E Pl

At NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Sep 71

- (1) D and E Pl.
 - (a) Patrolling in AO PADDINGTON.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ YS611684 with indep sects at NDP TANUNDA, FSB ROBIN, FSB CENTENARY and DUC THANH. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. 2 Tp (-) YS437872 with elms at YS428881 and YS613657. 3 Tp (-) YS613677 with elms at YS620670, NDP TANUNDA and YS617674. Cav Tp YS613691. Sp Tp YS613703.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS613657. C Coy YS599671. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS622742.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pls at YS451893 and YS473885. B Coy YS424792. C Coy YS349646. D Coy YS356772. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (7) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (8) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS448635. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (9) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Late Report: At 311020H at YS608654 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a camp occupied by an estimated 20 enemy. The area was kept under observation for most of the day.
- (2) Further to the camp loc at YS608654 by 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR, the position was eng by two airstrikes at 010705H and 010830H. A search of the camp revealed nil results. A track made by 20 pers led N. An RPG2 and a qty of other eqpt was recovered.
- (3) At 011500H at YS611673 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR eng six enemy. Nil results. Two old SKS rifles without bolts were found in area.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Omitted.
 - (b) Material. Miscellaneous eqpt and food.

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: 80,000 square metres cleared.
MCT: Omitted.

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1 ATF LO RTAVF BEARCAT
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Grpund Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 020001H to 022400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

02 Sep 71
Ops 1516

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF; elm at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (f) Sp Tp in AO GLENELG op con 3 RAR.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and DUC THANH
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts 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 CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 6 RF housing sites continued. Work on the wells at AN NHUT continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in AO GLENELG (YS6165).
 - (d) C Coy in AO GLENELG (YS5967).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6274).
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL
 - (b) V Coy at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4279).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3464).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3577).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (9) D and E Pl (-) in AO PADDINGTON.

b. Plans Summary for Period 030001H to 032400H Sep 71

- (1) 3 RAR
 - (a) C Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ YS610686 with indep sects at YS645703, FSB ROBIN, FSB CENTENARY and DUC THANH. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. 2 Tp (-) YS428882 with elms at YS410870 and YS450903. 3 Tp (-) YS617674 with elms at YS620670, YS645703 and YS613680.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS617715. C Coy YS599671. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS622742
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS450904. B Coy YS424792. C Coy YS349646. D Coy YS356772. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (7) D and E Pl (-). YS450644.
- (8) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS450644. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (9) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 022110H at FSB CENTENARY (YS660698) movement of an estimated 2-3 enemy was seen and heard on the perimeter. The area was engaged with SA and M-79. Illum was fired. At 022255H further movement was heard and 2-3 enemy were seen on the perimeter. The area was engaged with nil results. At 022330H further movement was heard and APCs moved out to conduct sweep. 1 enemy was seen to move quickly away, and area was engaged with SA. The FSB was then engaged by the enemy and the APCs moved back **inside** the perimeter of the FSB. A sweep will be conducted at first light.

e. Results Omitted.

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: 45,000 square metres cleared.
MCT: Omitted

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Distribution:

- List A (Adjusted)
- 1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
- 1 ATF LO RTAVF BEARCAT
- 1 ATF LO LONG KHANH Sector XUAN LOC
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- All 1 ATF LOs

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 030001H to 032400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

03 Sep 71
Ops1527

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF; elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO GLENELG, op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and DUC THANH.
 - (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts 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 CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
 - (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) MCT at NUI DAT; stood down from ops, one machine remained in reserve.
 - (e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (f) Construction in BARIA of Tactical Operations Centre and of POL hard standing continued.
 - (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 5 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
 - (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy redeployed in AO GLENELG to YS6371.
 - (d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6573).
 - (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4279).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3464).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3679).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
 - (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (9) D and E Pl. At NUI DAT.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 040001H to 042400H Sep 71
- (1) 3 RAR
 - (a) A Coy deploys to AO GLENELG.
 - (2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) V Coy redeploys in AO BIRDSVILLE.
 - (b) Sp Coy deploys to COURTENAY HILL.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. 2 Tp (-) YS428883 with elms at YS423874 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp (-) YS673726 with elms at YS674738, YS678714 and YS646701.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy (-) YS641716 with pls at YS639725, YS641716 and YS641713. C Coy and D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS649745 with elms at YS655745, YS649745 and YS646701.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pls at YS442874, YS442872. B Coy (-) YS424792 with pls at YS426799, YS428796 and YS419799. C Coy (-) YS349646 with pls at YS343659 and YS334648. D Coy (-) YS362790 with pls at YS378797 and YS347786. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) MCT. NUI DAT.
- (7) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (8) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS455640, with elm at YS458646. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (9) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy (-) YS492622 with elm at YS485631.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 030830H at YS360781, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc an overnight camp last used 3-4 days ago. There were four hammock spaces and a fire place. A blazed trail led W to E.

e. Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

- (1), (3) and (4) omitted.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations

LCT: 50,000 square metres cleared.

MCT: Omitted.

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- 1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
- 1 ATF LO RTAVF BEARCAT
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- All 1 ATF LOs
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

04 Sep 71
Ops1531

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

From 040001H to 042400H Sep 71.

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

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF; elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
- (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (d) 3 Tp in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Tp at NUI DAT.
- (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and NUI DAT.

(3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB CENTENARY.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre and POL hard standing continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 5 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy deployed to XUYEN MOC AO (YS6170).
- (c) B Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6671).
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6374).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy redeployed in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4686).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4279).
- (d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3680).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to COURTENAY HILL.

(8) 1 ARU

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

(9) D and E Pl (-) deployed AO KINGSGROVE (YS3968).

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

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) 3 Tp (-) redeploys to NUI DAT.
- (b) Sp Tp deploys to FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE, sects 1 Tp redeploy to NUI DAT.

(2) 3 RAR

- (a) B Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

(3) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) C Coy deploys AO BIRDSVILLE.

(4) 1 ARU

- (a) 1 Pl deploys AO BIRDSVILLE.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT, elms FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. 2 Tp (-) YS434874 elms YS440880 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp (-) YS671723 elms YS673738, YS671714 and YS646701.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS680722. B Coy (-) YS668718, Pls at YS670727 and YS668711. C Coy and D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) YS625744 elms at YS632748 and YS646701.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy (-) YS467868, Pls at YS469860, YS478876 and YS465863. B Coy (-) YS424792, Pls at YS426799 and YS428796. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy (-) YS369801, Pls at YS375799 and YS358797. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL elms YS450903, YS450905, FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. (-) NUI DAT elms at YS392687.
- (7) 1 ARU. 1, 2 and 3 Pls NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476648. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At O40710H at YS553558 a FW ac of 161 Recce Flt saw an explosion. Four enemy armed with Mossen Nagart rifles and dressed in black were seen to take cover. A LOH in the area received SA ground fire. The FW ac engaged the area with rockets. Sector Forces were reacted to the area. Two persons were detained.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

- (1) Omitted
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Omitted

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted

b. Omitted

c. Engineering Operations

LCT 40,000 square metres cleared.
MCT Omitted

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List A (Adjusted)

- 1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
- 1 ATF LO RTAVF BEAR CAT
- 1 ATF LO LONG KHANH Sector XUAN LOC
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- All 1 ATF LOs

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

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

05 Sep 71
Ops 1537

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT; elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Tp deployed to FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and NUI DAT.
- (3) 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 CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operation Centre and POL hard standing continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 5 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6872).
 - (c) B Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO GLENELG (YS6173).
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4686).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4279).
 - (d) C Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4186).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3680).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.
- (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl redeployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3680).
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (9) D and E Pl (-) in AO KINGSGROVE

b. Plans Summary for Period 060001H to 062400H Sep 71

- (1) D and E Pl (-)
 - (a) Redeploys to NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt . Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB DEBBIE. 2 Tp (-) YS435913 with elms at YS423908, YS435913 and YS450903. 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS651700 and YS646701.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy (-) YS683721 with pls at YS677716 and YS689719. B Coy, C Coy and D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy YS619739.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy (-) YS467868 with pls at YS471865, YS478876 and YS465863. B Coy (-) YS427796 with pls at YS425809 and YS435805. C Coy (-) YS415863 with pls at YS420858, YS434860 and YS407855. D Coy (-) YS369801 with pls at YS385805, YS369801 and YS355813. Sp Coy (-) YS450904 with elms at YS485908, FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl (-). YS392684.
- (7) 1 ARU. 1 Pl (-) YS348707 with elm at YS459653. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476480. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

Omitted.

e. Results

Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 9 IRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT: 40,000 square metres cleared.

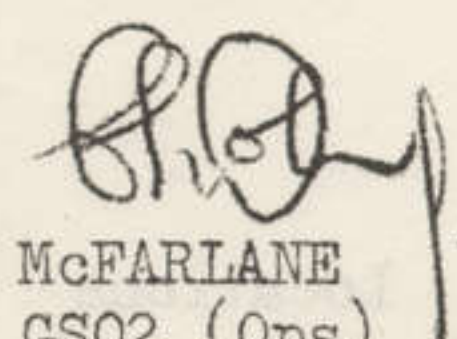
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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

From 060001H to 062400H Sep 71.

06 Sep 71

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.

(e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.

(f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.

(g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and NUI DAT.

(3) 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 CENTENARY.

(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre and POL hard standing continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.

Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

(a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6871).

(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.

(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.

(e) D Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

(a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.

(b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4686).

(c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4282).

(d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4186).

(e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3781).

(f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.

(8) 1 ARU

(a) 1 Pl in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3570).

(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

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

(1) 17 Const Sqn

(a) Reconstruction of Route 2 in BARIA concludes.

(2) 3 RAR

(a) D Coy ceases 1 ATF RRF at 1800 hrs.

(b) B Coy commences 1 ATF RRF as from 1800 hrs.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at NDP NURIOOPTA, FSB ROBIN and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp elms at YS453854, YS454875 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp NUI DAT with a sect at NDP NURIOOPTA.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS683711 with pls at YS678704 and YS692710. B Coy, C Coy and D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT; mortars at NDP NURIOOPTA.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS467868 with pls at YS475860, YS478876 and YS465863. B Coy YS424829 with pls at YS414835 and YS436831. C Coy YS415863 with pls at YS404881, YS414861 and YS396875. D Coy YS370821 with pls at YS367825 and YS370829. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS501900; mortars at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS347698. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Prior to 061159H at YS433864 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a 500 lb bomb from which all the explosive had been removed. The bomb was approx 12 months old.

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: 180,000 square metres cleared.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 070001H to 072400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

07 Sep 71
Ops1544

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, patrolling by day in AO KINGSGROVE.
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contact and two 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 CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre and POL hard standing continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6870).
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4686).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4283).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4087).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3682).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS5090.
- (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4067).
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (9) D and E Pl

At NUI DAT.

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

- (1) 3 RAR
 - (a) C Coy deploys to AC INGLEWOOD.
 - (b) D Coy deploys to AC INGLEWOOD.
- (2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) D Coy redeploys in AO BIRDSVILLE.

.../c. Locations

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

08 Sep 71
Ops1548

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT, patrolling by day in AO OTAGO.
- (f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and NUI DAT.

(3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB CENTENARY.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
- (f) Const of POL hard standing in BARIA concluded.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6869).
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) C Coy deployed to XUYEN MOC AO (YS6773).
- (e) D Coy deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS6965).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4687).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4284).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4088).
- (e) D Coy redeployed in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5288)
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4989.

(8) 1 ARU

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

(9) D and E Pl
At NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS646702, FSB ROBIN and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp elms at YS429783, YS437877 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS646702. Cav Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB ROBIN, sect FSB DEBBIE.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS684692 with pls at YS677692 and YS689692. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS671632 with pls at YS684733, YS664733 and YS677741. D Coy YS687647 with pls at YS676659, YS691637 and YS687647. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT; mortars at YS646702.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS467868 with pls at YS475860, YS478876 and YS465863. B Coy YS426849 with pls at YS428851, YS426849 and YS433844. C Coy YS404880 with pls at YS403888 and YS398880. D Coy YS524889 with pls at YS518887, YS540882 and YS521880. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS484905; mortars at FSB ROBIN, FSB DEBBIE and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl at NUI DAT with base ptl at YS442645.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 081230H at YS433847 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a rest camp const six months ago and last used three months ago. Camp contained sleeping places for five pers and one fighting pit. Tracks led E and W.
- (2) At 081830H at YS497895 the A/Tk Pl Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted one VN at 300m range. VN went to ground but withdrew rapidly S when pl approached. Pl followed up but did not fire. Nil result.
- (3) At 082200H at YS428851 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) observed a stationary flashing white light which illum a large area 75m W of their position. They eng the area and the light was extinguished. A search of the area will be made at first light.
- (4) At 082215H at YS398880 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng movement to their front. A sweep will be made at first light.

e. Omitted.

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: 220,000 square metres cleared.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 090001H to 092400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

09 Sep 71
Ops1555

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3. Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT; elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Nil 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 CENTENARY.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6868).
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) C Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6774).
- (e) D Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6765).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4384).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4087).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5288).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.

(8) 1 ARU

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

(9) D and E Pl (-) in AO PADDINGTON, ambushing over night.

b. Omitted.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS646702, FSB ROBIN, FSB CENTENARY and DUC THANH. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp elms at YS436874, YS434884 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp elms at YS645703, YS646702 and base ptl at YS415685. Cav Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS688681 with pls at YS677683 and YS683677. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS672746 with pls at YS682758, YS661748 and YS673756. D Coy YS674647 with pls at YS664652 and YS685637. Sp Coy NUI DAT; mors at YS646702; base ptl at YS469715.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS450849 with pls at YS450857 and YS452853. C Coy YS402871 with pls at YS403871 and YS401871. D Coy YS524889 with pls at YS530885, YS533897 and YS535891. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL; mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT with base ptl at YS444621.
- (7) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations

a. and b. omitted.

c. Engineering Operations LCT: 90,000 square metres cleared

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 100001H to 102400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

10 Sep 71

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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT; elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contact and three 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 CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS7166).
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy in XUYEN MOC AO (YS6776).
 - (e) D Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6764).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT.
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4590).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4088).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5188).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.
- (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (9) D and E Pl.

At NUI DAT

.../b. Plans Summary

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b. Plans Summary for Period for Period 110001H to 112400H Sep 71

(1) 3 RAR

(a) Sp Coy (-) deploys to AO INGLEWOOD.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS646702, FSB ROBIN, DUC THANH and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp elms at YS456859, YS446867 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp elms at YS644703 and YS646702; base ptl at YS396678. Cav Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB ROBIN, sect at FSB DEBBIE.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS716666 with pls at YS747680 and YS720650. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS677762 with pls at YS682768, YS662765 and YS674768. D Coy YS674647 with pls at YS666637 and YS671639. Sp Coy NUI DAT; mors at YS646702.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). BN HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS423922 with pls at YS425908 and YS422934. C Coy YS408884 with pls at YS398885 and YS403893. D Coy YS519885, YS535871, YS522889 and YS538888. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL; pl at YS483907; mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 PL NUI DAT; base ptl at YS438638.

(8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

Omitted.

e. Omitted.

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

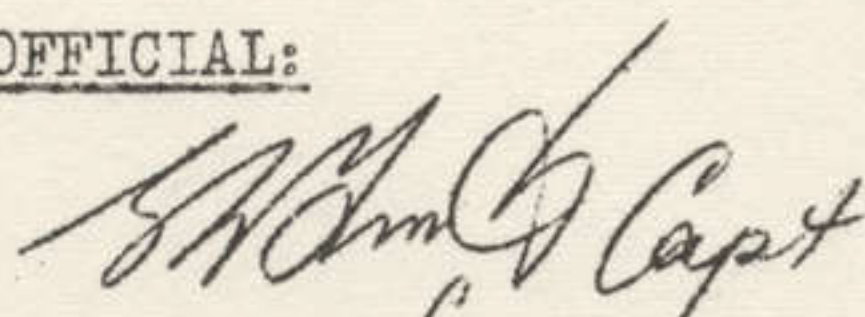
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).

From 110001H to 112400H Sep 71.

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

11 Sep 71

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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) 2 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT base patrolling; elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY, NUI DAT, DUC THANH and 1 ATF RRF.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Nil 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 CENTENARY.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) C Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6677).
- (e) D Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6662).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS6277).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4192).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3988).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5188).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL; pl at YS4889.

(8) 1 ARU.

- (a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT; ceased operational activity prior to RTA.
- (b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
- (c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl

At NUI DAT.

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

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) 1 Tp deploys to AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(b) 2 Tp deploys to NUI DAT.

(2) 1 ARU

- (a) 2 Pl deploys to AO OTAGO.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS646702, FSB ROBIN, DUC THANH and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp elms at YS442882, YS446899 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp elms at YS473674, YS646704 and YS646702. Cav Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy and B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS669775 with pls at YS677782, YS658774 and YS664775. D Coy YS664627 with pls at YS649635 and YS668608. Sp Coy YS625775 with pl at YS614776; mortars at YS646702.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS417920 with pls at YS440909 and YS422934. C Coy YS392879 with pls at YS385887 and YS403902. D Coy YS520893 with pls at YS513884 and YS522899. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pls at YS485896 and YS450905; mortars at YS443893, FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 1 ARU. NUI DAT.

(8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491507. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 110625H at YS483907 the Tracker Pl, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng four VC with claymores and SA. Results: three VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (BT), one AK-47, two pistols, four packs, items of webbing and docus CIA.

(2) At 111545H at YS429899, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a grave. Found in the grave which was fairly old and had been covered with fresh dirt, were a pr of black pants, a pr of HCM sandals; an empty pack was found nearby.

(3) At 111630H at YS401899 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc an occupied bunker system. The pl withdrew to the NE and the area was eng by artillery and Bush-rangers. A sweep of the area will be conducted at first light.

(4) At 111630H at YS401899 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) while withdrawing from the area of the bunker system loc an E-W track used by approx 30 pers moving W.

e. Results

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA. 1 VC WIA.

(b) Material. 1 AK-47, 2 pistols, 4 packs, qty webbing 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: 300,000 square metres cleared

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 120001H to 122400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (a) Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (b) 1 Tp deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT; elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY, NUI DAT and 1 ATF RRF.
 - (3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
 - (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
 - (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.
 - (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6577).
 - (e) D Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6562).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6277).
 - (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4192).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS3989).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5289).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL; pl at YS4989.
 - (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 3 Pl deployed to AO OTAGO.
 - (9) D and E Pl. At NUI DAT.
- b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H Sep 71
- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Cav Tp deploys to FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
 - (b) Sp Tp deploys to NUI DAT.
 - (2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) B Coy deploys to NUI DAT.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS646702, FSB ROBIN, NUI DAT and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp (-) YS440892 with elms at YS450896 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS643701 and YS646702. Cav Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB ROBIN, sect at FSB DEBBIE.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy and B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS661781 with pls at YS664788, YS648778 and YS655782. D Coy YS657625 with pls at YS654626 and YS656613. Sp Coy (-) YS628775 with pl at YS630778; mors at YS646702.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS417920 with pls at YS420894 and YS422934. C Coy YS401900 with pls at YS399892 and YS402899. D Coy YS520893 with pls at YS519893 and YS520894. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS483903; mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. 2 Pl YS490681. 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 121134H at YS401898 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng one en armed with an AK-47. Search conducted. Nil Results.
- (2) At 121200H at YS621783, Atk Pl Sp Coy 3 RAR loc a cache containing a qty of items.
- (3) At 121735H at YS420894, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng one VC dressed in a camouflage suit. En withdrew. Search revealed nil results.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. Omitted.
 - (b) Material. Miscellaneous items. (For full details of eqpt found see 1 ATF INTSUM No 255/71 dated 12 Sep 71 para 4.e.(2)(a)).

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: 260,000 square metres cleared.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 130001H to 132400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

13 Sep 71
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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT; elms in XUYEN MOC AO op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp deployed to FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
 - (f) Sp Tp redeployed to NUI DAT.
 - (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY.
 - (h) Indep sects at NUI DAT stood down from operations in preparation for RTA.
- (3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB CENTENARY.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing continued.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK continued. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) C Coy deployed to NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6462).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6376).
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4192).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4089).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5088).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL; pl at YS4890.
- (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 3 Pl in AO OTAGO (YS4869).
- (9) D and E Pl (-) deployed to AO KINGSGROVE (YS3966).

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

- (1) 3 RAR
 - (a) D Coy deploys to NUI DAT.

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- (2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(a) B Coy deploys to NUI DAT.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS646702, FSB ROBIN, NUI DAT and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp (-) YS427877 with elms at YS411872 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS650704 with elms at YS411685, YS646702 and NUI DAT. Cav Tp NUI DAT. Sp Tp FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB ROBIN, sect FSB DEBBIE.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy and C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS641626. Sp Coy (-) YS637761 with pls at YS642771 and YS637761.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS417920 with pls at YS426922 and YS421927. C Coy YS397898 with pls at YS394906 and YS397908. D Coy YS498874 with pls at YS533873, YS507873 and YS493872. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS483906.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl(-) YS398669.
- (7) 1 ARU. 2 Pl YS479700. 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Late Report. At 122305H at FSB ROBIN an APC of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged one suspected enemy. Nil results.
- (2) At 131640H at YS426920 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw one unarmed enemy who went to ground when sighted. A sweep revealed nil results.

e. Omitted.

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: 200,000 square metres cleared.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 140001H to 142400H Sep 71
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 (ops/TOC))

14 Sep 71
Ops 1582

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and concluded Operation CUDLEE CREEK. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) 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 at NUI DAT.
- (d) 3 Tp (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, sect FSB CENTENARY.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
- (f) Sp Tp at NUI DAT.
- (g) Other elms at FSB CENTENARY and NUI DAT.

(3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB CENTENARY.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, perimeter clearing concluded.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation CUDLEE CREEK concluded. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS3989).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5086).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.

(8) 1 ARU

- (a) 2 Pl in AO OTAGO (YS4968).
- (b) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl (-) in AO KINGSGROVE (YS3966).

b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152400H Sep 71

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Elms FSB CENTENARY redeploy to NUI DAT.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Sect A Fd Bty at FSB CENTENARY redeploy to NUI DAT.

(3) 3 RAR

- (a) B Coy ceases 1 ATF RRF at 1800H.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) V Coy 1 ATF RRF from 1800H.

(5) D and E Pl (-) redeploy to NUI DAT.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ at NUI DAT with indep sects at BUI DAT, FSB ROBIN and FSB CENTENARY. 1 Tp (-) YS442940 with elms at YS431929 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB CENTENARY. Cav Tp FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CENTENARY. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy and B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS397898 with pls at YS396899 and YS396897. D Coy YS502869 with pls at YS525863, YS515871 and YS497863. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pls at YS446908.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl (-) YS404669.
- (7) 1 ARU. 2 Pl YS492686. 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 141132H at YS512871, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 2 enemy dressed in black and wearing packs. Enemy withdrew SW. A search of contact area revealed nil results.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

- (1) Omitted
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Omitted

2. Omitted

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15 Sep 71
Ops1587

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SIPREF).
From 150001H to 152400H Sep 71
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 Tp in AC BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT.
- (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp at NUI DAT.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Two 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 redeployed to NUI DAT, FSB CENTENARY closed.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AC (YS4090).
- (e) D Coy in AC BIRDSVILLE (YS5060).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.

(8) 1 ARU

- (a) 2 Pl redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (b) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

b. Omitted

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at NUI DAT and FSB ROBIN.
1 Tp (-) YS443940 with elms at YS431928 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT.

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3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS421724. Cav Tp FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE.
Sp Tp NUI DAT.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect
FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTEWAY HILL. V Coy and B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy
YS410906 with pls at YS406911 and YS410901. D Coy YS506866 with pls at
YS506861, YS515863 and YS511869. Sp Coy (-) COURTEWAY HILL with pl at YS484907.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT

(7) 1 ARU. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy
YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 151043H at YS526823 an LOH of 161 Recce Flt sighted one enemy dressed in
black and armed with a rifle. The area was engaged with artillery. Results
unknown.

(2) At 151140H at YS515867, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 2 enemy moving
East to West. Enemy returned fire. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 1 pack
CIA.

(3) At 151130H at YS406911, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker system
in an area 50x80 metres. There were 6 small and 2 large bunkers, and two
fighting pits. Constructed during the last 3 months. Used in past 24 hours.
7 Pl is in an AP within the bunkers.

e. Results

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)

(b) Material. 1 pack, 1 AK 47

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Omitted

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16 Sep 71
Ops1592

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 160001H to 162400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
 - (2) 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 at NUI DAT, night ambush in AO OTAGO.
 - (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, patrolling and ambushing in AO OTAGO.
 - (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (f) Sp Tp at NUI DAT.
 - (g) Other elms at NUI DAT.
 - (3) 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 at NUI DAT.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
 - (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT, area clearing within NUI DAT commenced.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
 - (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.
 - (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4090).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5086).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (8) 1 ARU
 - (a) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
 - (9) D and E Pl (-) night ambush in AO OTAGO.
- b. Omitted
- c. Locations
- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at NUI DAT and FSB ROBIN.

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- 1 Tp (-) YS423933 with elms at YS424920 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT.
- 3 Tp NUI DAT. Cav Tp FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp YS497667
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ and A Fd Bty NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy and B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS410906 with pls at YS406911 and YS412901. D Coy YS506866 with pls at YS516855, YS515863 and YS500879. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS486896.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl (-) YS472654.
- (7) 1 ARU. 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

- d. Omitted
- e. Omitted
- f. Small Unit Action
 - (1, 3 and 4) Omitted
 - (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed

2. Combined Operations

- a. Omitted
- b. Omitted
- c. Engineering Operations
 - LCT. 200,000 square metres cleared

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 170001H to 172400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

17 Sep 71
Ops1603

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD . HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) 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 at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp at NUI DAT.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp at NUI DAT.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT.

(3) 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: at NUI DAT.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, area clearing within NUI DAT continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 4 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4191).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4986).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.

(8) 1 ARU. One composite pl NUI DAT; the remainder disbanded.

(9) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

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

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ op con 3 RAR: Operation FINAL THRUST.

.../(b) 3 Tp

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- (b) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
- (c) Sp Tp op con 3 RAR.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Sect A Fd Bty deploys to FSB SHIRLEY (YS7267).
- (3) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn deploys on Operation FINAL THRUST.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS660698, YS646702 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp YS424868 with elms at YS415873 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS646702 and YS660698. Cav Tp FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy and B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS417911 with pls at YS406911 and YS413900. D Coy YS497864 with pls at YS492858, YS501860 and YS495865. Sp Coy YS450904 with pl at YS485893; mors at YS443893, YS434766 and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. One pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS524600. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS509652.

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

Omitted.

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18 Sep 71
Ops1610

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Sep 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation NORTH WARD and commenced Operation MOUNT TORRENS. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS7267) op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, troop lift and escort by day, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS7168).
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS7268).
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB SHIRLEY.

(3) 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 NUI DAT, sect deployed to FSB SHIRLEY (YS7267).
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT, area clearing within NUI DAT continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 3 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation MOUNT TORRENS commenced. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy deployed to BINH TUY Province (YS7978).
- (c) B Coy deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS7170).
- (d) C Coy deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS7376).
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS7180).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD continued. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy in TRAC Special AO (YS4191).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4986).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4889.

(8) 1 ARU

Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl

Pl at NUI DAT.

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

(1) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) C Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB SHIRLEY with indep sects at YS788791 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp elms at YS424868, YS415873 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT with a sect at YS421694. 3 Tp elms at YS706676, YS730687, YS715799, YS788791 and YS646701. Cav Tp elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp elms at YS730687 and YS706676.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB SHIRLEY. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS790777, pls at YS798778, YS804777 and YS790777. B Coy YS713708, pls at YS706720, YS713708 and YS717714. C Coy YS734762, pls at YS733769, YS709755 and YS717776. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy YS724798, pl at YS726802, Mortars at FSB SHIRLEY and YS788791.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V COY and B COY NUI DAT. C Coy YS417911, pls at YS406911, YS417911 and YS413900. D Coy YS495861. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS485893, Mortars at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491510. 2 Coy YS540600. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS508644.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

At 181800H at YS485893 the Aslt Pnr Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw 1 enemy at 200 metres range. Pl did not engage. Enemy evaded to the West.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations

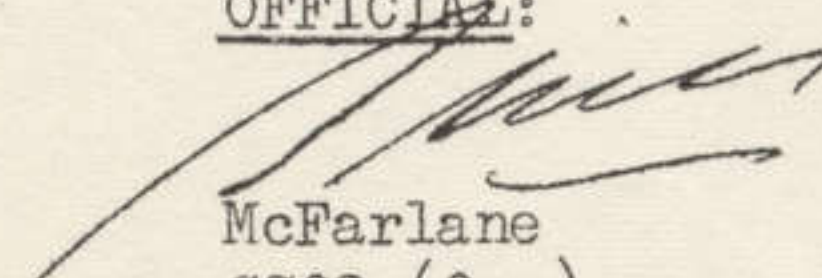
- a. Omitted
- b. Omitted
- c. Engineering Operations
LCT. 90,000 square metres cleared.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 190001H to 192400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

19 Sep 71
Ops 1615

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF concluded Operation NORTH WARD and Operation MOUNT TORRENS, and commenced Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD (YS7267) op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD (YS5981).
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD (YS5981).
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB SHIRLEY.

(3) 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 SHIRLEY, sect deployed to FSB MAREE (YS5981).
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT; area clearing within NUI DAT continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 3 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Operation MOUNT TORRENS concluded. Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy in BINH TUY Province (YS7976).
- (c) B Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS7170).
- (d) C Coy redeployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5491).
- (e) D Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5289).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO INGLEWOOD (YS7180).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Operation NORTH WARD concluded. Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
- (d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4986).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL; pl at YS4889.

(8) 1 ARU . Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl (-) deployed to AO KINGSGROVE.

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

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ redeploys in AO INGLEWOOD to vicinity of YS6081.

.../(2) 1 ATF Artillery

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(2) 1 ATF Artillery

(a) FSB SHIRLEY closes. Sect A Fd Bty redeploys to NUI DAT.

(3) 3 RAR

- (a) A Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.
- (b) B Coy redeploys to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5891).
- (c) Sp Coy redeploys in AO INGLEWOOD to YS6081.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

(a) B Coy deploys to AO BIRDSVILLE.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB SHIRLEY with indep sects at YS789791 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp elms at YS453857, YS453870 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS453725 and YS419687. 3 Tp elms at FSB MAREE, YS647700, YS719802 and YS789791. Cav Tp elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp elms at YS597764 and FSB MAREE(YS5981).

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect FSB MAREE (YS5981), sect FSB SHIRLEY. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS800766. B Coy YS716705. C Coy YS547913. D Coy YS524890. Sp Coy YS723797; pl at YS726802; mors at YS789791.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy, B Coy and C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS497857 with pls at YS500856, YS504860 and YS498853. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS473893; mors at FSB ROBIN, FSB DEBBIE and NUI DAT.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 1 ARU. Pl NUI DAT.

(8) 302 RF En. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS474484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 IRRPs deployed.

2. Omitted.

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20 Sep 71
Ops1621

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE, HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ redeployed in AO INGLEWOOD (YS5981) op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE (YS5981).

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Two contacts and nil H and I missions were fired.
- (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
- (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB MAREE, sect redeployed to NUI DAT. FSB SHIRLEY closed.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT; area clearing within NUI DAT continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in PARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 3 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (c) B Coy redeployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5685).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5590).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5288).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5886).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4783).
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5085).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS5088.

(8) 1 ARU. Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl (-) in AO KINGSGROVE.

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

(1) 3 RAR

- (a) A Coy 1 ATF RRF from 0800H.

(2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) V Coy ceases 1 ATF RRF at 0800H.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS434766 and YS614805. 1 Tp elms at YS505896, YS492888 and COURTENAY HILL. 2 Tp NUI DAT with a sect at FSB ROBIN. 3 Tp elms at YS617827, YS632861 and FSB MAREE. Cav Tp elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp elms at YS632861 and YS617827.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS549857, pls at YS555864 and YS557849. C Coy YS557896, pls at YS564896 and YS552897. D Coy YS530885, pls at YS519886 and YS535884. Sp Coy YS583865, mors at FSB MAREE.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS487838, pls at YS484842, YS484832. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS508856, pls at YS510857 and YS507855. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS474866, mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT
- (6) D and E Pl. YS377676.
- (7) 1 ARU. Pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499605. 3 Coy YS476484. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

- d. (1) 200705H at YS461821 elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt made contact with a force of approx 20 enemy. Enemy initiated the contact with RPG fire. APCs returned the fire. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK 47 CIA. 1 Aust WIA (remained on duty).
- (2) At 201330H at YS511856, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted 15 plus enemy who were moving N-S. 11 Pl fired first. Enemy were dressed in NVA greens and armed with AK 47. A US Pink Team employed during the contact received ground fire twice without being hit. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 NVA pack, 2 CHICOM grenades CIA.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA (remained on duty)
 (b) Omitted
- (2) Enemy Losses
 (a) Personnel. 2 KIA (BC)
 (b) Material. 2 AK 47, 1 NVA pack, 2 Chicom grenades CIA

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Combined Operations

Omitted

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List A (Adjusted) 1 ATF LO LONG KHANH Sector XUAN LOC
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 210001H to 212400H Sep 71.

21 Sep 71
Ops1639

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD (YS5981) op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE (YS5981).

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Nine contact and nil H and I missions were fired.
- (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
- (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB MAREE, sect at NUI DAT.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT; area clearing within NUI DAT continued.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 3 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5485).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5589).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5388).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5887).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTEMAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4887).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4983).
- (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5085).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTEMAY HILL; pl at YS4788.

(8) 1 ARU. Pl at NUI DAT.

(9) D and E Pl (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

b. Omitted.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS584855, FSB ROBIN and YS642878. 1 Tp elms at YS504897, YS491887 and YS510885. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp elms at YS583829, YS584855, YS642878 and YS637873. Cav Tp elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp elms at YS642878 and YS622862.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB ROBIN, sect FSB DEBBIE.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS548859 with pls at YS549863 and YS548853. C Coy YS557897 with pls at YS561894 and YS552896. D Coy YS530885 with pls at YS519886 and YS534884. Sp Coy YS590875 with pls at YS594873; mors at FSB MAREE and YS584855.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS480871 with pls at YS492872, YS480871 and YS472860. B Coy YS494838. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS510851. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL; pl at YS474886; mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT, NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. Pl at NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS492622. 1 Coy YS491501. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 210856H at YS510857 D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an unknown number of en in a bunker system. The contact continued throughout the day with arty, gunship and airstrikes in sp of D Coy. Contact was broken at 211730H when the coy pulled back to evacuate cas. Results: 4 en KIA (BC), 2 en (Poss) KIA, 5 en KBA, 5 Aust KIA, 8 Aust WIA.
- (2) At 211015H at YS637873 Sp Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt eng 1 en moving E to W. Result: 1 en KIA (BC), 1 AK 47
- (3) At 211125H at YS487832 6 Pl B Coy contacted an unknown number of en (two were seen), who approached from the N. Result: 1 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA. Throughout the day B Coy were involved in several contacts and received mor fire. At 211713H the coy regrouped to evacuate cas. Results: 15 Aust WIA of whom 12 were evacuated.
- (4) At 211515H in the vicinity of YS511856 D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a partially buried en body, considered to have been killed as a result of the 11 Pl contact of 201330H.
- (5) At 211837H at YS510851 D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) were approached by an unknown number of en. A heavy engagement continued until last light. D Coy continued to receive fire during the night. Result: 1 Aust WIA.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel: 5 Aust KIA, 24 Aust WIA (3 remained on duty)
 - (b) Omitted
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel: 7 KIA (BC), 2 (poss) KIA, 5 KBA.
 - (b) Material: 2 AK47

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: 50,000 square metres cleared.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 220001H to 222400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Cps/TOC)

22 Sep 71
Ops1650

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contact and four H and I missions were fired.
 - (b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (c) A Fd Bty: sect at FSB MAREE, sect at NUI DAT.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT; area clearing within NUI DAT continued.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 3 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5485).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5590).
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5388).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5987).
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5184).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4983).
 - (d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5185).
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.
- (8) 1 ARU. Pl at NUI DAT.
- (9) D and E Pl (-) at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 230001H to 232400H Sep 71.

- (1) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) C Coy deploys to AO BIRDSVILLE.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS584855 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp elms at YS500889, YS489888 and YS510885. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp elms at YS645886, YS653878 and YS641877. Cav Tp elms at FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp elms at YS641877 and YS628887.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty: sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS548859 with pls at YS549863 and YS548853. C Coy YS557897 with pls at YS561894 and YS552896. D Coy YS530885 with pls at YS520884 and YS534884. Sp Coy YS589875 with pl at YS593876; mors at FSB MAREE and YS653878.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS512854. B Coy YS493833 with pls at YS495830 and YS504834. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS512853. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS476882; mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 1 ARU. Pl NUI DAT.
- (8) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS474485. 1 Coy YS489602. 2 Coy YS497607. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS492622.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Prior to 220600H at YS510851 D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) killed three enemy (not reported in Ops 1639 para 1.d.(5)). Two enemy KIA had been dragged from the coy's perimeter by first light; a third enemy KIA was found in the vicinity with an RPG and two RPG rounds nearby.
- (2) At 221430H at YS642877 the Sp Tp of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located an enemy training camp, extending over 300m and consisting of 22 huts and 10 bunkers. The huts ranged in size from 4' x 14' to 8' x 10'. Tracks led E, S and N. A qty of clothing, cooking utensils and documents were recovered.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 3 enemy KIA
 - (b) Material. 1 RPG, 2 RPG rounds, qty clothing, cooking utensils and documents.

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: 300,000 square metres cleared.

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SITUATION REPORT FROM 221200 - 222200 H SEP 71

ONE (1) NO CONTACT WITH ENEMY BY GROUND FORCES IN THE PERIOD (1)

TWO (2) AREA OF CONTACTS ~~YS 5185~~ ⁵¹⁸⁵ YS 5181 Y55086 AND Y54983 ENGAGED BY AIRSTRIKES ARTILLERY AND GUNSHIPS CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT PERIOD (1) COORDINATED AND DIRECTED BY JADE FAC ON KNOWN ENEMY LOCATIONS AND SYSTEMS

THREE D AND V COY DEFILAR (NZ/ANZAC) ~~RA~~ TO LOCATED AS FROM 221700H (1) PREPARATIONS FOR ASSAULT ON RUNKER SYSTEM AT Y55081 CONTINUING (1) ASSAULT TO COMMENCE MORNING OF 23 SEP WITH AIR AND ARTY PREP (1)

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SITUATION REPORT ~~AT~~ FROM FIRST LIGHT TO 221200H
 ONE (1) REMAINING DISTOFFS COMPLETED FOR C/S 2 AND
 4 OF ARAC/12 (ANZAC) (1) PRIORITY MAINT DEMOS
 COMPLETED TO BOTH C/S 2 AND 4 BY 1100H.
 TWO (2) NEGATIVE EN ACTIVITY IN C/S 4 OR C/S 2 LOCATION
 DURING REPORTING PERIOD (1) C/S 4 HAS CLEARED
 PERIMETER AND LOCATED IUCRIA COMM 1 RPB 2 AND
 2 RPB RBS COMM THERE ARE DRAG MARKS OF 2 VC WHO
 HAVE BEEN DRAGGED AWAY DURING NIGHT (2)
 THREE (3) EN ACTIVITY IN GENERAL AREA OF YS 8986 COMM YS 5085
 AND YS 5083 REPORTED BY JABE A/C AND EXTENSIVELY
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

23 Sep 71
Ops1655

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 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 MAREE, sect at NUI DAT.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT; area clearing within NUI DAT concluded.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 3 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5485).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5588).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5388).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5887).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5185).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5083).
- (d) C Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4687).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5185).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4789.

(8) 1 ARU. Stood down prior to RTA.

(9) D and E Pl (-) deployed to AO OTAGO.

b. Omitted

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at FSB ROBIN and YS584855. 1 Tp elms at YS484887, YS497896 and YS506883. 2 Tp NUI DAT with

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base ptls at YS450715 and YS418678. 3 Tp elms at YS635878, YS637870, YS593863 and FSB MAREE. Cav Tp elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp elms at YS593863 and YS635888.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS548859, pls at YS549863 and YS548853. C Coy YS551884, pls at YS561889 and YS546883. D Coy YS530885, pls at YS520884 and YS534884. Sp Coy YS584886, pl at YS586890, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS584855.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS512858. B Coy YS501834, pls at YS495827 and YS509831. C Coy YS469878, pls at YS469871 and YS489874. D Coy YS513857. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS473899, Mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. Base ptl at YS488672.

(7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) Late Report. At 221600H at YS493830, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 6 bunkers in an area 10x50 metres. They had been constructed 1-2 weeks ago and last used 24 hours previously. Tracks led West, North and NE.

(2) At 230845H at YS635877 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged one enemy moving East to West. Nil results.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

(1) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed

(3-4) Omitted

2. Omitted

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 240001H to 242400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

24 Sep 71
Ops1661

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.

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

(c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.

(e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.

(f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.

(g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 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 MAREE, sect at NUI DAT.

(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NUI DAT.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 2 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.

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

(c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5485).

(d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5588).

(e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5288).

(f) Sp Coy (-) in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5888).

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

(a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.

(b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5185).

(c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4982).

(d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4687).

(e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5185).

(f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4789.

(8) D and E Pl (-) in AO OTAGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H Sep 71

(1) 3 RAR

(a) Sp Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE, with indep sects at YS584855 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp elms at YS485896, YS496888 and YS503896. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp elms at YS635877, YS628853, YS605878 and YS594805. Cav Tp elms at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp elms at YS594805 and YS605878.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS548859, pls at YS549865 and YS548847. C Coy YS551884, pls at YS549874, YS547885 and YS547877. D Coy YS524574, pls at YS518876 and YS529876. Sp Coy YS582891, pl at YS584890, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS584855.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS513856, pls at YS510860 and YS510858. B Coy YS494829, pls at YS488831 and YS495825. C Coy YS479874, pls at YS476867 and YS491873. D Coy YS502856, pls at YS503856 and YS502857. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS471900, Mors at FSB DEBBIE, FSB ROBIN and NUI DAT.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl (-) YS494679.
- (7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499601. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 240800H at YS513857, D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) continued a search of the bunker system, the scene of the contact of 21 Sep 71. In an area 100x75 metres were 5 completed and 2 uncompleted bunkers. Const 7 days ago and vacated 21 Sep 71. Tracks led N to S and E to W. 4xRPG 2 rounds, 1x82mm rd, 5 Chicom grenades and a small quantity of clothing was recovered.
- (2) At 241100H at YS511852, 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 3 large and 11 small bunkers in an area 16x50 metres. Const 7 days ago last used 48 hrs previously. Tracks led E to W.
- (3) At 241230H at YS473869, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a rice cache on a platform 3 ft above ground level. 375 litres of rice, which had been in position for approx 1 month was recovered and destroyed.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Omitted
 - (b) Material
375 litres of rice, 4xRPG 2 rds, 1x82mm rd, 5 Chicom grenades and a small quantity of clothing.

f. Small Unit Action

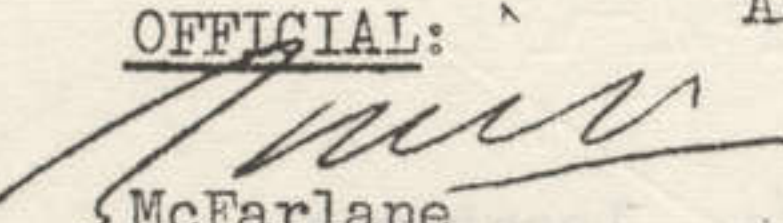
- (1, 3 and 4) Omitted
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed

2. Omitted

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

27
25 Sep 71
Ops1665

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

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB MAREE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 2 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5685).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5588).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5287).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5086).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4982).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4887).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5085).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4788.

(8) D and E Pl (-) redeployed to NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H Sep 71

(1) 3 RAR

- (a) A Coy redeploys to AO BIRDSVILLE.

(2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) D Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS585856 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp (-) YS483904. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS451702 and COURTENAY HILL. 3 Tp (-) YS608782 with elms at YS628856, YS623843 and YS590795. Cav Tp: sect FSB ROBIN, sect FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp: YS590795 and YS623843.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS557849. C Coy YS550884 with pls at YS559884 and YS552875. D Coy YS521871 with pls at YS525866 and YS532868. Sp Coy NUI DAT, Mors at FSB MAREE, and YS585855.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS505876 with pls at YS505866 and YS502869. B Coy YS494830 with pls at YS488831 and YS495825. C Coy YS484873 with pls at YS484867 and YS491873. D Coy YS497866 with pls at YS497867 and YS498866. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS473888, Mors FSB DEBBIE, NUI DAT and FSB ROBIN.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT.
- (6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
- (7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 251220H at YS486895, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine. A second APC moving to the grid detonated another mine at YS490895. Results: 2 APC heavily damaged, 4 Aust WIA.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel 4 Aust WIA
- (b) Material 2 APC's damaged.

(2) Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Omitted

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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26 Sep 71

Ops 1669

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)

From 260001H to 262400H Sep 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 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 NUI DAT, sect at FSB MAREE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on 2 RF housing sites continued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy deployed to AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5684).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5484).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5587).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5186).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4988).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4983).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4887).
- (e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4890.

(8) D and E Pl at NUI DAT.

b. Omitted

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS585855, and YS434766. 1 Tp (-) YS439872 with elms at YS438882. 2 Tp (-) YS493683 with elms at YS416680 and NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS621838 with elms at YS611793 and

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NUI DAT. Cav Tp: FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp: YS632861 and YS611793.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS567846. B Coy YS547846 with pls at YS 541850 and YS553842. C Coy YS561873 with pls at YS569881 and YS568866. D Coy YS518863 with pls at YS524860 and YS531864. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS584555.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS492874. B Coy YS494832 with pls at YS494825 and YS478824. C Coy YS484873 with pls at YS484867 and YS491873. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS487908, Mors at YS443893, NUI DAT, FSB DEBBIE and YS434766.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS492508. 2 Coy YS499608. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476486.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 261500H at YS519861, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc 3 completed and 2 incomplete bunkers in an area 80x50m. They were 1-2 weeks old and last occupied 4 days ago.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Omitted

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

27 Sep 71

Subject

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)

Ops 1672

From 270001H to 272400H Sep 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART 1

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 1ATF Artillery

- (a) Nil contact and one 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 MAREE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Work on RF housing concluded. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued.
Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5683)
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5484)
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5787).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5785).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4886).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5082).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4986).
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4890.

(8) D and E Pl at NUI DAT.

b. Omitted

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sectst at YS584855 and YS434766. 1 Tp (-) YS441877 with elms at YS428880. 2 Tp (-) YS461714 with elms at YS416682 and NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS621838 with elms at YS631763,

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YS614761, FSB MAREE and NUI DAT. Cav Tp: FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp: YS614761 and YS631763.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT, A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS562838 with pls at YS559837 and YS563834. B Coy YS538839 with pls at YS535841 and YS550831. C Coy YS576876 with pls at YS577879 and YS579868. D Coy YS515856 with pls at YS518852 and YS529856. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS585855.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS485863 with pls at YS495862 and YS477860. B Coy YS505822 with pls at YS502813 and YS495815. C Coy YS502859. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS487908, Mors at YS444893, YS585855, NUI DAT and FSB DEBBIE.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS412503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476486.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 270845H at YS496830, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a system consisting of 5 fighting pits. It was approx one week old. Used in last 24-48 hrs.

(2) At 270900H at YS478819, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a system of one bunker and 5 fighting pits. It had been renovated one week ago and used within last 3-4 days.

(3) At 271138H at YS496867, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc 4 wpn pits. They were about 12 months old. No sign of use for 12 months.

(4) At 271300H at YS515857 Coy HQ and 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR continued a search of the bunker system reported by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at 240800H (SITREP Ops 1661. 24 Sep 71 para 1. d. (1) refers). A further report will follow.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3 and 4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 IRRPs deployed.

2. Omitted

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

28 Sep 71
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PART I

1. Operational Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Nil contact and one 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 MAREE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1 and 2 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to the Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5582).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5382).
- (d) C Coy redeployed to AO INGLEWOOD (YS6387).
- (e) D Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS5185).
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4885).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5081).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5085).
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL, pl at YS4890.

(8) D and E Pl at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 292400H Sep 71

(1) 3 RAR

- (a) D Coy redeploys to NUI DAT.

c. Locations

.../(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

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(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS537784 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp (-) YS413877 with elms at YS404868. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS461724. 3 Tp (-) YS637867 with elms at YS653785, FSB MAREE and NUI DAT. Cav Tp: FSB DEBBIE, and FSB ROBIN. Sp Tp: YS653785 and YS636753.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS553826 with pls at YS562822 and YS557822. B Coy YS531825 with pls at YS527826 and YS539819. C Coy YS640876 with pls at YS628888 and YS638884. D Coy YS522844 with pls at YS518846 and YS525847. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT, Mors FSB MAREE and YS531781.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS485855 with pls at YS492852 and YS473854. B Coy YS505814 with pls at YS506808 and YS489805. C Coy YS502857 with pls at YS504856 and YS501853. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS471902, Mors at YS443893, NUI DAT, FSB DEBBIE and YS434766.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

(1) Omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Omitted.

2. Omitted.

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PART I

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
- (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
- (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery

- (a) Nil contact and 1 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 MAREE.
- (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.

(4) 1 Fd Sqn

- (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
- (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
- (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
- (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.

(5) 17 Const Sqn

- (a) Quarry ops at NUI DAT continued. Const at JWTC continued.

(6) 3 RAR

- (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
- (b) A Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5480).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5281).
- (d) C Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6487).
- (e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.

(7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

- (a) Bn HQ at COURTENAY HILL.
- (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4885).
- (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4981).
- (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5184).
- (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
- (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.

(8) D and E Pl(-). AO KINGSGROVE.

b. Plans Summary for period 300001H to 302400H Sep 71.

- (1) Omitted.

c. Locations

.../ A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

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(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at FSB ROBIN and YS537784. 1 Tp (-) YS430878 with elms at NUI DAT and YS440884. 2 Tp (-) YS495670 with elms at NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) YS637868 with elms at YS608783, YS613794 and FSB MAREE. Cav Tp FSB ROBIN and FSB DEBBIE. Sp Tp YS613794 and YS608783.

(2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.

(3). 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS544806 with pl at YS540812. B Coy YS526816 with pls at YS522813 and YS529808. C Coy YS640876 with pls at YS627879 and YS644888. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS537782.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS485846 with pls at YS492842 and YS477845. B Coy YS494816 with pls at YS504814 and YS494817. C Coy YS511842 with pls at YS515844 and YS504840. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS468901, Mors at FSB DEBBIE, NUI DAT and FSB ROBIN.

(5) LCT. NUI DAT.

(6) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.

(7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 291115H at YS503848, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a bunker system containing 4 bunker const 6 months ago last used 5-7 days ago. The system was in poor condition and had been hastily camouflaged. Tracks led N,E and S.
- (2) At 291110H at YS511851, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc 1 fighting pit const and last used 3 days ago.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

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

2. Omitted

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30 Sep 71
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Sep 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and one 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 MAREE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) Quarry ops at NUI DAT concluded. Const by 9 Tp at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5379).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5279).
 - (d) C Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6386).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4884).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4981).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5284).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTEMAY HILL.
- (8) D and E Pl (-) in AO KINGSGROVE.

b. Plans Summary for Period 01000H to 012400H Sep 71.

- (1) Operation IVANHOE concludes, Operation VALIANT commences.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

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- (a) A Sqn (-) ceases op con 3 RAR, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
- (a) FSB MAREE closes, sect A Fd Bty redeploys to NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR
- (a) A, B, and C Coy redeploy to NUI DAT.
- (5) D and E Pl (-) redeploys to NUI DAT.
- c. Locations
- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS537784 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp (-) YS433888 with elms at YS420882 and NUI DAT. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS423701 and YS430884. 3 Tp YS610790.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS528790. B Coy YS525791. C Coy YS610790. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS537784.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS485846 with pl at YS492842. B Coy YS494816. C Coy YS522840 with pl at YS522839. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS483907, Mors at YS443893, NUI DAT, FSB DEBBIE and YS436766.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT
- (6) D and E Pl (-) YS377677.
- (7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS 493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

PART II

d. Omitted

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

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

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PART I

1. Operation Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation IVANHOE. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (a) Sqn HQ in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (b) 1 Tp in AO BIRDSVILLE op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
 - (c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
 - (d) 3 Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (e) Cav Tp at FSB DEBBIE and FSB ROBIN.
 - (f) Sp Tp in AO INGLEWOOD op con 3 RAR.
 - (g) Other elms at NUI DAT and FSB MAREE.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
 - (a) Nil contacts and one 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 MAREE.
 - (d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at FSB DEBBIE, sect at FSB ROBIN.
- (4) 1 Fd Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to Cav Sqn and both Inf Bns.
 - (c) LCT at NUI DAT.
 - (d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
 - (e) Const in BARIA of the Tactical Operations Centre continued.
- (5) 17 Const Sqn
 - (a) Sqn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) Quarry ops at NUI DAT concluded. Const by 9 Tp at JWTC continued.
- (6) 3 RAR
 - (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) A Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5379).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5279).
 - (d) C Coy in AO INGLEWOOD (YS6386).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
- (7) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
 - (a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
 - (b) V Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4884).
 - (c) B Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS4981).
 - (d) C Coy in AO BIRDSVILLE (YS5284).
 - (e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
 - (f) Sp Coy (-) at COURTENAY HILL.
- (8) D and E Pl (-) in AO KINGSGROVE.

b. Plans Summary for Period 01000H to 012400H Sep 71.

- (1) Operation IVANHOE concludes, Operation VALIANT commences.
- (2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

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- (a) A Sqn (-) ceases op con 3 RAR, op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery
- (a) FSB MAREE closes, sect A Fd Bty redeploys to NUI DAT.
- (4) 3 RAR
- (a) A, B, and C Coy redeploy to NUI DAT.
- (5) D and E Pl (-) redeploys to NUI DAT.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ FSB MAREE with indep sects at YS537784 and FSB ROBIN. 1 Tp (-) YS433888 with elms at YS420882 and NUI DAT. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS423701 and YS430884. 3 Tp YS610790.
- (2) 1 ATF Artillery. Regt HQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB MAREE. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB DEBBIE, sect FSB ROBIN.
- (3) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy YS528790. B Coy YS525791. C Coy YS610790. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT, Mors at FSB MAREE and YS537784.
- (4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ COURTENAY HILL. V Coy YS485846 with pl at YS492842. B Coy YS494816. C Coy YS522840 with pl at YS522839. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy (-) COURTENAY HILL with pl at YS483907, Mors at YS443893, NUI DAT, FSB DEBBIE and YS436766.
- (5) LCT. NUI DAT
- (6) D and E Pl (-) YS377677.
- (7) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS 493621. 1 Coy YS492503. 2 Coy YS499607. 3 Coy YS493621. 4 Coy YS476484.

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d. Omitted

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action

- (1) Omitted
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Omitted
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INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND SUMMARIES ISSUED

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 244/71.
2. Period Covered from 010001H to 012400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GLENEELG

(a) (311020H). At YS608654, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a base camp occupied by an estimated 20 enemy. On 1 Sep the camp was eng by air strikes and arty. A VR ac at 1100H revealed a fresh track leading N from the vicinity of the camp. A search of the camp area revealed a large qty of material (See para 4.e.(1) and (2) of this INTSUM and a qty of documents which identify D445 VC Bn (See Annex B for document readout).

(b) (011500H). At YS611673, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR contacted two enemy, who withdrew with unknown losses. A sweep revealed tracks of two pers moving E. A HO CHI MIMH sandal and a hat were recovered and two rifles without bolts and in poor condition were found. These wpns are not considered to have been captured as a result of this contact.

(2) AO PADDINGTON

(a) Ref INTSUM 238/71 para 3.a.(2). 400 ft of the tunnel system was destroyed on 1 Sep 71. Engrs noted that the tunnel had been renovated and maintained in good condition.

(b) (011130H). In vicinity YS451642 1 Fd Sqn found a tunnel system which is to be destroyed.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
011200H - 011300H	E 36-39, N 88-91	No sighting of recent movement but area not thoroughly covered due to lack of time.
011230H - 011430H	E 47-49, N 83-87	No sign of recent movement other than obvious friendly rest area.
011515H - 011700H	E SONG RAI N 69-72	Particular attention paid to E bank. Large number of small old tracks probably made by animals. No recent movement detected. There were many civilians working in the padis.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Summary of Items Found in Enemy Camp (YS608654) by B Coy 3 RAR

(a) Medical Supplies

Corarine vials.....25	Scissors.....2
Vitamin K vials.....20	Forceps.....2
Gardenol.....2	Swabs.....1 jar
Thermometer.....3	Codadcium.....1 jar
Assorted drugs.....40	Med Soap.....qty
10mm syringe.....2	Vitamin vials.....700
5mm syringe.....2	Tourniquet.....1
	Chlorophytol.....1 jar

(b) A qty of toilet items.

(c) Clothing

21 prs trousers, mainly civilian.
24 shirts, mainly civilian.
11 prs shorts, mainly civilian.
15 hats.

.../(d) Equipment

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(d) Equipment

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| 3 paraffin lamps | 20 hootchies |
| 6 hammocks | 1 Aust basic pouch |
| 4 mosquito nets | 1 quart oil |
| 1 blanket | 1 M16 cleaning kit and pliers |
| 4 Aust web belts | 4 entrenching tools |
| 3 Aust water bottle carriers | 1 collapsible water container |
| 1 wrist watch | 20 D Cell batteries |
| 30 ft electrical cord | 1 cigarette lighter engraved " L.D. LAWSON " (L.D. LAWSON 560 MP Coy, 146 MP Pl, 4 Pl A Coy 720 MP Bn VUNG TAU Vietnam 69-70 |
| 2 mil torches | 1 canvas radio pack and 3 band commercial civilian type radio (some documents were found inside pack. These were backloaded). Radio appears to be set on AFR frequency. |
| 1 mor sight (60mm) | Qty sandals |
| 1 RPG2 (wpn) | Qty waterproofing bags |
| 1 claymore, det and clacker | |
| 1 bayonet and scabbard (SLR) | |
| 4 Aust water bottles | |
| 1 M79 bandola (empty) | |
| 4 hand saws | |
| 1 machete | |

(e) Cooking Utensils

Qty of pots with breakfast uneaten but prepared including rice, bamboo shoots and macaroni; enough for 15-20 people.

(f) Ammunition

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| AK47 rds.....760 | M16 mags.....6 |
| 7.62mm link rds.....50 | 30 rd AK47 mags....2 |
| M16 rds.....120 | |

(2) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual.....2
- (b) Crew Served.....1
- (c) Breakdown - RPG2..1, unidentified rifles..2

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 80 packets cigarettes | Lentils.....2 lbs |
| 2 lb tobacco | Salt.....2 lbs |
| Dried prawns.....10 lbs | Dried milk.....2 lbs |
| Rice.....100 lbs | Tea.....4 lbs |
| Brown sugar.....14 lbs | Dried fish....20 lbs |

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Sep 71 - 1 ATF

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| (1) to (5) omitted. | (10) to (21) omitted. |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons Action.....1 | (22) SA Rounds.....938 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed....100 lbs | (23) Omitted. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....2 lbs | (24) AP Mines.....1 |
| (9) Medical Stores.....5 lbs | (25) to (27) omitted. |

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

.../11. Miscellaneous

11. Miscellaneous

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

d. Agent ReportsTerritorial Forces AO(1) PHUOC THO PSB Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 2300H on 27 Aug one VC squad from PHUOC LOI Guerillas entered AP LOI THANH (H) PHUOC LOI (V) (YS5056) where one member of the squad made a propaganda speech and visited his family.

(2) RDC AN NGAI Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 2230H on 30 Aug, one VC entered AP AN BINH (H) AN NGAI (V) (YS4459) for an unknown reason.

(3) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 0900H on 31 Aug, a qty of supplies was delivered to three VC at YS277566.

(4) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1100H on 30 Aug, six VC distributed propaganda pamphlets at YS274549 and ordered the recipients to pass them around the villages. They ordered civilians to obtain information about two pers " shot by the VC " on 29 Aug, and said they would return in a few days time to obtain the information.

Comment: This presumably refers to the booby trap incident at YS315564 (INTSUM 241/71 para 11.f.(1) refers), which resulted in the death of one PF soldier.

(5) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4.

A report received on 31 Aug, indicates that some cadre members of LONG DIEN PC have moved into LONG DIEN to reorganise the Party legal infrastructure. They are reported to be building secret bunkers stocked with food and they intend to attack GVN officials and soldiers.

(6) PRU Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1200H on 1 Sep, four VC of XUYEN MOC PC were observed at YS663668. Source reported that the group were in touch with families of VC and that they collected food and information from around the " 219 Jungle ".

Comment: XUYEN MOC reports that the 219 Jungle refers to the area YS 66-69 E, YS 64-67 N.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (Prior to 011850H). At YS635963, a VR ac observed six enemy, who entered a bunker system. Ground troops were inserted later but failed to make contact as the enemy had withdrawn in an unknown direction.

(2) (Prior to 011855H). At YS614967, a US helicopter received ground to air fire from an unknown number of enemy in a system of five bunkers. The ac failed to pull out after engaging the bunkers and crashed. Results: one US KIA, one US MIA.

(3) (011625H). At YS340770, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported sounds of heavy firing to the W by a suspected HMG.

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Annexes: A. Interrogation Report
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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 244/71
DATED 1 SEP 71

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW - DOAN VAN KHOI

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: DOAN VAN KHOI .
- b. Rank/Appt: soldier .
- c. Unit: C41 Conc Coy, CHAU DUC (D) Unit .
- d. D/POB: 1953, HOA LONG .

Circumstances of Capture

2. The subject was captured by BIEN HOA PRU at 251720H Aug 71 at YS248783. The subject together with a female, THI CUC, left his base camp in the NUI DINHS on 24 Aug to go to the area of THAI THIEN (YS2274) to collect food supplies. On 25 Aug they arrived at HANG CU Stream (YS245792) and met BAY THONG (2IC Rear Services CHAU DUC) and HAI THUC (Political Officer, Medical Sect CHAU DUC) who told them that no food supplies were available. NHAN (unknown to 1 ATF but stated by subject to be an F and E cadre CHAU DUC) and BAO (Admin Sect CHAU DUC) were also present. The six enemy were moving away when they were ambushed. KHOI and THI CUC were taken prisoner after having been wounded.

3. In Jul 70 KHOI's element of C41 moved into the NUI DINHS to a base camp loc in caves at approx YS336653. The subject stated that his group which included BAY GIAU (APO C4), BAY TRI (PO C41), DANG (medic C41) and TAM LONG (Recce), QUYNH and TEH (B1/C41), NHAN (probably NGUYEN THI NHAN of B1/C41) and THI XUAN (OC Mor Sect C41) had been in the NUI DINHS since Jul 70. THI CUC also wounded and captured in the contact, had been a member of the Mor Sect of C41. The group had no contact with the main element of CHAU DUC since May 71.

4. The subject stated that C41 drew its supplies from the CHAU DUC Rear Services who collected them from THAI THIEN. Four trips a month were made to a collection point in the vicinity of YS275816, by members of the subject's unit to draw these supplies from Rear Services elements. Approx 40 litres (80 lbs) of rice were collected on each trip. THAI THIEN was the only entry/exit point being used by his group.

5. The subject was not able to give any information on the reorganisation of CHAU DUC, due to the lack of contact between his element and the main groups.

6. The subject stated that on occasions in the NUI DINHS his group had observed allied troops operating in the area of the camp. The CHAU DUC group would never initiate contact.

7. He claimed to have no knowledge of any other VC units. The subject claims to have joined the VC as a result of being abducted from his home in HOA LONG in Jan 70 by a C41 group, with a number of other youths.

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Comment: The main element of CHAU DUC is believed to have vacated the NUI DINHS in Dec 70 following constant 1 ATF harassment. The unit withdrew to the CU MY area (YS5787) where they were ambushed on 4 Feb 71 by a SAS patrol, two senior cadres being killed in this contact. From Mar 71 to Jun 71 the main group is believed to have been located in the BAO BINH area of southern LONG KHANH (general area YS5498). Reports were received that the group had been withdrawn to this area by BA LONG Province in order to recover morale and be reorganised. However several contacts in Jun and Jul 71 in the CHAU PHA Valley area, as well as reports of fresh infiltration into HOA LONG (CHAU DUC's traditional source of supply) suggest that the main element of CHAU DUC may once more be in the CHAU PHA Valley area. From this interrogation it seems likely that the subject's group, members of C41 Conc Coy of CHAU DUC, may have been left behind in the NUI DINHS by the main body, remaining in the NUI DINHS while CHAU DUC were in southern LONG KHANH.

It is of interest that the subject states that his group draws supplies from THAI THIEN only, as PHU MY also became a CHAU DUC supply point when ambushing resulted in HOA LONG being closed to them.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 244/71
DATED 1 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by B Coy 3 RAR in a bunker system at YS608660 at 011220H Sep 71 identify elements of D445 Local Force Battalion.

2. One of the documents was a letter dated 12 Aug 71, from HAI TAM (Chief of Staff D445) to TU QUI (unk) of B2 HQ (possibly a platoon of D445 or the Mil Int Sect of BA LONG (P) which was as follows:

" 12 Aug 1971

To HQ/B2

Dear Tu Qui,

I'm reporting to you that on the night of 11 + 9 we carried out our tasks. We used only 20 comrades and the HQ. I assigned Comrade Loi as the military commander, Comrade Tu as the political-officer. Comrade Tu-Quy stayed behind. C2 participated with their full strength.

We will not carry mortars and directional mines. We'll carry HMG plus 300 rounds, and all of our grenades. We'll carry 4 x PRC25 radios. (We already had 2 sets down here, so we'll only carry 2 more sets), 3 x B40 (already had 1 B40 down here. Only carry 2 more).

The signal will execute according to Hoan's letter. Comrade Thanh (Recce) and Comrade Sau-Hao will go together with the unit.

In the morning of 14 Aug 71, the unit will move to C1 (pre cooked rice for lunch and dinner of 15 Aug). We will be at C1 at 8 o'clock.

Hai-Tam

"

Comment: The meaning of " 11 + 9 " is unknown. LOI is possibly of the Recce Pl D445, TU is possibly Assistant Political Offr of C2, HOAN may be a member of C2, THANH is probably a member of the Recce Pl, SAO HAO is 2IC of the Surgical Sect of the Medical Pl of D445. HAI TAM is C of S of the unit. Other names are unknown. The reason for the change in tense during the letter is also unknown. C1's location is doubtless the LONG HAIs. However at this approx time (14 Aug) D445 was thought to be in the area north of XUYEN MOC. Therefore HAI TAM may have led a party at this time from the main element of the unit to join C1 temporarily

3. Another letter was from NGO THIEN (a member of C5 (HQ Coy) D445) of the Sigs Pl D445 to PHAM VAN DIEN (unk) of C3 (Coy) D445. Although personal in nature, it mentioned that the writer was in the MINH DAM Secret Zone (approx YS4751) and that they were on Ration Scale 20 (approx 1.7 lbs per man per day), and that they have plenty of other " niceties " because of constant resupplies from an unstated hamlet.

4. Other documents included:

a. A receipt for 10,000 Dong (\$VN) signed by MINH (possibly C2 D445) a medical specialist of the Surgical Unit (Medical Pl) of D445, on 29 Sep (presumably 1970).

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- b. A personal history of TRAN VAN LE (unk) who was born in 1945 at PHUOC THO (H), LONG DAT (D), BARIA (P).
 - c. A letter of introduction for TRAN VAN LE (unk) to the " Group ", signed by TRAN QUANG KHAI (unk) and VO MINH DOAN (possibly a member of C2, D445).
 - d. A self critique signed by TRAN VAN LE.
 - e. An exercise book containing Vietnamese classical folk songs.
 - f. A notebook belonging to VU DINH HUONG (unk) a sect 2IC of HQ D445. It contained songs and poems.
 - g. Two notebooks containing songs and poems.
 - h. A notebook belonging to DANG VAN KHANH (unk) containing notes on medical lessons.
 - i. A number of lessons on the operation of an (unk) type of mortar.
 - j. Fifty seven personal letters. The following offered identification of personnel or units:
 - (1) From TRAN YEM (unk) of C2/D445 dated 5 Jun 71.
 - (2) A letter to YEM (unk) of C2.
 - (3) A letter to ANH HAI (a member of Recce Pl, D445).
 - (4) A letter to ANH HAI (as above) dated 11 Jan 71.
 - (5) A letter from THAM (unk) of K76A (a hospital belonging to J95 Tpt Bn, MR7) to ANH HAI (as above).
 - (6) A letter from PHAM CONG HOAN (unk) of Sigs Pl D445.
 - (7) A letter to SAU LAC (Asst Pol Offr, C4 Coy, D445) dated 26 Aug.
 - (8) A letter to BA MINH (Med Specialist D445) dated 26 Aug.
 - (9) A letter from TA HUU TIET (a member of C5, D445) of Sigs Pl, D445, to CHU BA THU (unk) of C3, D445.
 - (10) A letter from NGUYEN THI NHAN (2IC Mor Sect, C41 Conc Coy CHAU DUC) of CHAU DUC to CHIN TAN (unk) of Sigs Pl, D445, dated 26 Jun 71.
 - (11) A letter headed " MINH DAM " dated 25 Aug 71.
 - (12) A letter from TRAN VAN AT (unk) of Sigs Pl D445.
 - (13) A letter from TRAN THE BA aka THANG BA (unk) of Sigs Pl, D445 to THANH TAN (unk) of C3.
 - (14) A letter from NGOC BAN (unk) of Sigs Pl, D445.
 - (15) A letter from TA HUU TUAT (unk) of Sigs Pl, D445.
 - (16) A letter from TAN MANH (unk) of B3 (Pl), C3 (Coy), to TU TRI (medic of C5, D445).
 - (17) A letter from TRAN TAN (squad leader, C3 Coy, D445), dated 28 Apr 71.
- .../(18) Thirteen

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- (18) Thirteen letters from unknown members of the Sigs Pl, D445. Four of them were to members of C3 Coy, two to members of an F & E Sect, two to members of a Rear Services Sect, one to a member of BA LONG Civil Health Unit, one to a member of the Engineers of CAU SU District and one to a member of C2 Coy.
- k. Twelve commendation certificates which offered identification of the following personnel and units:
- (1) TRAN VAN YEM (B1 Pl, C2 Coy, D445) of C2.
 - (2) VO VAN TRI (unk) a medic of D445 Surgical Unit.
 - (3) B3 (Pl), C2 (Coy), D445.
 - (4) DUONG VAN BOI (a member of C2, D445) of C2, D445.
 - (5) DOAN VAN TUYEN (leader of Mor Sect C3 Coy D445) of C3, D445.
 - (6) VU HUCNG (unk) of Sigs Pl, D445.
 - (7) DUONG VAN BOI (squad leader, B3 Pl, C2, D445) of C2, D445, for "destroying two American tanks" on Route 23 on 21 May 70.
 - (8) PHAM NHU SANG (squad leader, B2 Pl, C4 Coy, D445) a squad leader of C2, D445.
- l. A decision promoting DUONG VAN BOI (squad leader B3, C2, D445) from squad leader to pl 2IC, signed by NGUYEN MINH KHANH (Pol Offr D445) for HQ D445, dated 3 Jul 71.
- m. A decision promoting TRI (medic of C5, D445) from squad 2IC to squad leader in D445.
- n. A medical certificate for VO VAN TRI (medic HQ D445) of CHAU DUC (D) dated 3 Dec 65.

Comment: The documents indicate that the enemy group included C2 D445, and probably also members from other coys and the HQ group.

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

(011430H - 011630H) in area E 47-55, N 83-88 no significant readings.

Comment: Mission affected by weather conditions and will be re-flown on 2 Sep

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 245/71.
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (021610H) 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a 10ft square cave at YS332654 and a 7ft square cave at but all signs were about 6 months old.

Comment: Pl was searching for an enemy group reported by a C 41 PW.

(See INTSUM 244/71 Annex A).

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (021120H) At YS607671, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found an E-W track which had been used by 2 persons in last 24 hours. Persons were moving E-W and it is believed these were part of the group contacted yesterday. (See INTSUM 244/71 para 3. a. (1) (a)).

(b) (020840H) At YS604668, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR located a track used by 6-8 persons in last 24 hours. Persons moving from W-E.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
021000H	E 55 - 58 N 66 - 69	Many obviously friendly tracks in YS5567 and YS5667. No other sighting.
021000H	E 59 - 62 N 70 - 72	Many tracks in western end but appear to have been made by deer. No other sighting.
021100H (Check of SLAR)	YS660850 E 36 - 69 N 92 - Rts 320	Only sighting of movement was of deer and wild cattle. From YS398958 to YS384957 are boot prints on route 320 moving east. Prints seen in same location yesterday. Boots were seen discarded yesterday on side of road but are missing today. From YS384957 track moves south into grass and cannot be followed far.
	E 62 - 64 N 66 - 70	At YS635662 in clearing is track used in last two days by small group moving east.
021100H	YS560870	Very heavy undergrowth with no noticeable tracks in the area. However, 300m east of SLAR reading, cleared areas were seen under trees.
021400H	---	One fishing boat seen at YS6858 and another at YS6457 approx 200m off-shore.
021500H	E 38 - 42 N 74 - 765	Well-worn path from corner of rubber at YS418737 goes SW to YS417743 where fresh bamboo and 4inch diameter trees were cut. Further to the south and west were fresh ox-cart tracks.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings: See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; 1 ATF

(1-5) Omitted	(10-21) Omitted
(6) Crew Served Weapons	(22) SA rounds 938
Action 1	(23) Omitted
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 100 lbs	(24) AP Mines 1
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 2 lbs	(25-27) Omitted
(9) Med Stores 5 lbs	

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 243/71 para 4. f. (15) should read '6'

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c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

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

At 1600H on 31 Aug 71 at YS525583 one pl of C25 and local guerillas (total over 20) armed with 1xB40 were seen. During the day a number of locals from PHUOC LOI entered the area to visit relatives in C25. The pl apparently has the task of supporting local guerillas moving foodstuffs.

(2) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2

At present in the MINH DAM Secret Zone there is a new unit, known as the LONG XUYEN District Unit consisting of members of the three Districts of LONG DIEN, LONG LE and XUYEN MOC. Strength about 60. At present this unit is in the area of NUI DA DUNG, roughly from YS455562 to YS448555.

Comment: Ralliers PHAM VAN THAO (rallied 10 Aug) and PHAN THI TRUC (rallied 11 Aug) both spoke of the amalgamation of VC LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC Districts. The amalgamation having occurred in either April or July 71. "LONG XUYEN" District sounds a likely name for the organization. This is the first report that enemy from GVN LONG LE District were included in this new organization, and this section of the report is considered unlikely to be true. There seems little point in combining VC CHAU DUC District with LONG DAT. On the other hand, the amalgamation of LONG DAT District, which has historically been D445's main base area with XUYEN MOC District, in whose territory D445 has been forced largely to operate since July 70, will probably result in the domination of the new "LONG XUYEN" District organization by competent cadres from LONG DAT whom D445 has good reason to trust.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (301400H) At YS452532 a ptl from 36th UITB, sighted two persons in black pyjamas, one carrying a rucksack and both suspected to be VC. Engaged area with mortar with unknown results.

Extracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM of 1 Sep 71

(2) (011240H) At YS635963 a US helicopter of 3 Bde saw 6 persons in blue shirts and black pants. They were armed with AK-47s and moving along an E-W track. US helicopter engaged from the air but enemy withdrew to west with unknown results. Later in same area at 1330H another aircraft observed a VC similarly equipped. Engaged from the air resulting in 1 VC KIA. Later (1410H) at YS637963 a further enemy was seen moving into a bunker complex. He also was engaged and KIA. At 1555H at YS614967 5 bunkers, 5ftx8ft with 2ft OHP were sighted by US aircraft. One US recce helicopter received ground fire with nil damage. A Cobra while flying low to engage hit the trees and crashed. Ground troops were sent into the area on 2 Sep to locate the crash site and recovered 2 bodies. There were bullet-holes in the engine cover of the Cobra. Also found in the area were: 1 tent, 100 lb rice, 3xclaymores and propaganda leaflets.

(3) (011510H) Ground troops of 3 Bde at YS635963 (ref para (2) above, first sighting of 6 persons) found a sleeping position for approx 20 persons with use in last 12 hours. Also found were: cooking utensils, 5 lb salt, 10 lbs flour and many articles of clothing, all of which were destroyed. Also found were: 2xAK47s, 4 mags and 1½ lbs of docus. Docus possibly identified elms of 33 Regt.

(4) (011822H) At YS637966 a Ranger Team from 3 Bde observed 2 persons 15m to their north who were moving west. Results 1 enemy KIA, 1 RPG 2 and 1 B40 rd CIA. Search of area revealed junction of two tracks one of which was E-W with good overhead cover and heavy use in last 7 days by unknown number of persons moving in both directions. 50m east troops found 16 bunkers, 8 6x8x4ft with 3-4ft OHP and 8 8x10x4ft with 4ft OHP. Also found were: 400 lbs flour, 100 lbs rice, 50 lbs clothing, quantity medical supplies (which included 14 hypodermic needles, a thermometer, 48 vials unknown medicine, 3 vials "Chophytol", 300 pills (unk type), 100 anti-malarial pills, 6 vials penicillin, several surgical implements, several of which were still undergoing sterilization), some baked bread (still hot) and several ozs of docus. Area had been used within previous 5 hours by an estimated 20 persons.

Comment: 3 Bde advise that docus captured from the KIA tentatively identify the medical coy of 33 Regt, and comment that the location suggests that a

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medevac centre may have been set up here by 33 Regt, who possibly expect to take casualties (see Annex B of this INTSUM for full readout). HQ 33 Regt, 1/33 and 3/33 are all thought at present to be east of BLACKHORSE in the TRAC Special A0 (see SUPINTREP 35/71 para 22). The area north of NUI HOT has been noted in the past as probably including medical installations, and it is thought that D445 casualties were brought to the area following the D445 contacts in PHUOC TUY in Mar/Apr 71 (see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 18/71 para 10. a.).

Extract from RTAVF INTSUM of 1 Sep 71

(5) (0111110H) At YS220885, D Coy 2 Bn 2 Inf Bde RTAVF engaged unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 Thai WIA. They were joined at 011540H by B Coy 1 Bn who received 1 Thai KIA and 2 Thai WIA. Contact was broken at 1627H with unknown enemy casualties. A search on 2 Sep revealed a bunker system. NFI.

(6) (020900H) Ref para (5) above. At YS220885, while supporting a Thai sweep a US helicopter was shot down. The crew were only slightly injured and the helicopter was recovered.

(7) (012200H) At YS432583, 124 RF Coy detonated a mechanical ambush. Enemy returned fire. Contact was broken at 2220H with unknown enemy results.

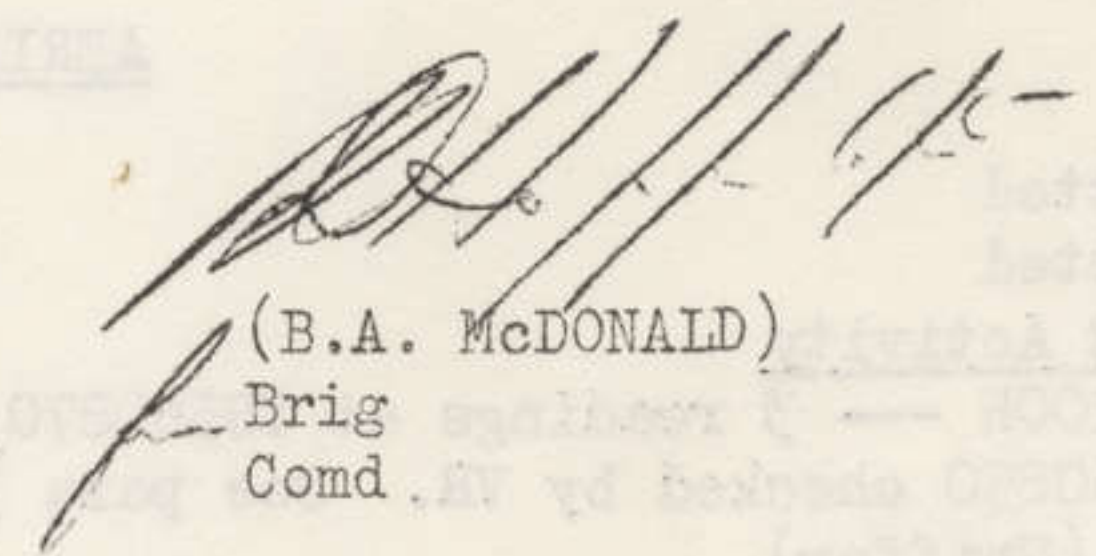
(8) (021115H) 2xUS A37 aircraft put in a Air Strike at YS473506 (a LONG DAT and C1/D445 area from which ground fire has been received). 4x500 lb and 4x napalm bombs were used, resulting in one cave closed. At 1250H a fire was observed giving off black smoke.

(9) (020635H) BIEN HOA received 5x122mm rockets which landed in vicinity of airstrip with nil damage and nil casualties.

(10) (021850H) At YS623985 two aircraft received ground fire. Position was airstruck and a secondary explosion was noted. NFI.

(11) (021544H) At YS613979, a US aircraft received ground fire.

(12) (021755H) At YS614967, a US aircraft while circling was hit with 5 rounds of automatic fire. There was an E-W track in area and a hootchie which was subsequently destroyed. Another aircraft in the area was also fired upon.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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ANNEX B TO
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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by Ranger Team 78 of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) at YS637966 at 011822H Sep 71 identify the Medical Coy 33 NVA Regt.
2. The documents included:
 - a. A notebook, belonging to TRAN THI TAO (unk) dated 2 Feb 71. The notebook contains lists of medicines, sketches of wounds and descriptions of treatment for various wounds and diseases.
 - b. A pocket size medical notebook containing a list of drugs, prescriptions in lesson forms, and daily lessons in medicines and the use of certain drugs. The latest date is 10 Jun 71.
 - c. A notebook with a printed CAMBODIAN label, containing the following personal information: BUI VAN HUNG (unk), age 22, Asst Pl Leader of K3 (possibly 3 Bn 33 Regt).
 - d. A prescription for STREPTOMYCINE and VITAMIN B12, signed illegibly and dated 29 Aug 71. Beside "Unit" is the number (4), words preceding this have been torn away.
3. 3 Bde Comment: These documents tentatively identify the Medical Coy of 33 NVA Regt. The location suggests that a medical evacuation centre had been set up in the area and that elements of 33 Regt are possibly expecting to take casualties.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 245/71
DATED 2 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted
2. Omitted
3. SLAR Activity
012200H --- 3 readings at YS560870, YS600980 and YS660850. Comment: YS560870 and YS660850 checked by VR. See para 3. b. (2)
4. APD (Sniffer)
020930H Nil significant readings

Comment: The aim was to indicate any possible movement to SW of elms of 33 Regt. Area will be flown on 3 Sep 71.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 246/71 dated 3 Sep 71.
2. Period Covered from 030001H to 032400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (030830H). At YS360781, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an overnight camp consisting of four hammock spaces and a fire place. The camp had been used during the last 3-4 days.

(2) AO XUYEN MOC/NUI NHON

(a) (022110H). At YS658698 (FSB CENTENARY) Mor Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt eng 2-3 en 150-200 metres from their position, on a bearing of 5000 mils. Later, 2-3 en were eng 400-500 metres from the perimeter on a bearing of 700 mils. En withdrew S and NE. A sweep was later conducted and one en was seen to run NW. A first light sweep was conducted with nil results.

(b) (031030H). At YS694773, elms of HQ 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt saw one pers dressed in black disappear into jungle. No action was taken due to a large number of woodcutters in the area.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
031030H	E 62-66, N 76-79	No fresh sign in area. VR cut short due to technical trouble.
031210H	E 38-40 N 76-80	1. At YS384797 several light tracks running E-W, W-E and one sleeping place sighted. Movement made within last 24 hours by less than five pers. 2. Rest area for eight plus pers at YS380797. Several heavy tracks in the area, all over seven days old. 3. No other recent sign.
031425H	E 69-72 N 71-74	1. No sign of recent movement in area. 2. Possum ac sighted two sets of footprints at YS668581.
031705H	E 69-72 N 68-71	No sign of recent movement.
030755H	YS788900	A RAAF ac sighted an oxcart moving N flying SVN flag. A truck moving S rapidly later met up with the oxcart.
030805H	YS794877	A RAAF ac sighted four pers who ran for cover.
030915H	YS582673	A RAAF ac sighted two pers in grey/black clothing, who ran for cover.
031240H	YS742822	A RAAF ac sighted nine pers dressed in dark clothing, moving in two trucks.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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| (1) to (4) omitted. | (9) Medical Stores.....5 lbs |
| (5) Individual Weapons
Action.....1 | (10) to (21) omitted |
| (6) Omitted. | (22) SA Rounds.....938 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...100 lbs | (23) Omitted |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....2 lbs | (24) AP Mines.....1 |
| | (25) to (27) omitted. |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

AP Mines: Two M16s at YS389641.

(2) Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

- a., b., c. and e. omitted.
- d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE(1) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1200H on 30 Aug, a group of 12 VC were seen at YS539838 moving NW to SE along the SAO RUA (aka SUOI SAO). They were armed with one K54, one B-40, four AK47s and five CKCs.

Territorial Forces AO(2) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1900H on 31 Aug, four VC appeared at BA PHONG (YS237724). Included in the gp was NGUYEN VAN THAM (ORBAT holds a NGUYEN VAN THAM aka NAM THAM as squad leader of PHU MY Guerillas and Leader Farmers' Association PHU MY).

(3) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 31 Aug, three VC from BARIA City Unit were seen moving by sampan to YS329593. They stopped fishermen and asked about security at LONG HUONG and later withdrew towards NGON ONG TRANG (YS270600).

(4) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1030H on 31 Aug, six VC combined with PHUOC HOA F and E Sect were seen in a rowboat at YS238661. They stopped fishermen to demand tax of 200 piastre per month. Among the gp was NGUYEN VAN LAM (ORBAT holds NGUYEN VAN LAM as F and E member of PHUOC HOA).

(5) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

On the nights of 30 and 31 Aug, 3-4 VC from HOA LONG PC between 2000H and 0100H, visited AP DONG (YS429643) and AP BAC (YS418647 and YS414646).

(6) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1300H on 1 Sep, three VC were seen at YS452653. They asked fishermen about the elections and ambushes in the area.

(7) PSB Report. Eval VN C2.

(031655H). At YS487607, two VC were seen armed with two AT mines. Their intentions are to mine Route 23 and attack 302 RF Bn convoys.

(8) DIOCC Report.

(012300H). At AP LONG PHUONG, XA LONG DIEN, a 16 year old youth, TRAN NGOC THOI was kidnapped by the VC. It is believed the LONG DIEN PC were responsible. PRU Comment: It is possible THOI was drafted to do admin work for the VC, as he has a high school junior matriculation certificate.

(9) NP Report. Eval VN C2.

(020830H). At YS480542, 26 VC of the Recce Pl C3/D445 were seen. They were led by NGUYEN VAN LONG (unk), and were dressed in ARVN uniforms. Their intentions were to recce HQ 3/47 RF Gp at XA HOI MY, for an intended attack.

(10) DUC THANH Report.

Source states that residents of CHAU LAC Plantation are buying extra rice in CAM MY (V) LONG KHANH (P). The extra rice is approx doubling their quotas, much of which is reportedly being sold to the VC.

AO DUC THANH(11) DUC THANH Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(011700H). At YS425803, 10 VC were seen. Among them were UT MUOI BA, PCS NGAI GIAO, and BA NHIEU, member CHAU DUC Farmers' Association. Source also states that elms of 814 RSG are at VIET CUONG, CHAU LAC, TAN VIET NAM and NGUYEN HIEP Plantations, attempting to obtain food. Rubber workers in the north of the Province are also reported to be stating that members of 814 RSG are attempting to obtain information from them.

Comment: In the last few days there have been four reports of a group of VC attempting to buy rice from the rubber workers in the north of the Province. It appears that the VC are attempting to re-open the area as a regular resupply point. NP believe that there may be some falsification of the numbers of dependants in some of the plantations in order to acquire a larger amount of rice.

(12) PRU Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Source states that there are VC disguised as farmers along the NUI DAT bypass section of Route 2. The VC are reportedly from HOA LONG, and wait in the area for relatives to bring them food and information.

(13) DUC THANH Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(011600H). At YS417767, seven VC of an unknown unit were seen moving towards FSB ROBIN (YS432765).

Comment: BINH BA NP believe VC are members of Recce Pl 1 Bn 274 NVA Regt.

(14) DUC THANH Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(021000H). At YS4572 three VC carrying large packs were seen.

(15) PRU Report. Eval VN C3.

(011200H), At YS436797, three/^{VC}were seen carrying heavy loads of foodstuffs.

(16) DUC THANH Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

During 27 and 28 Aug a gp of cadre and guerillas from CHAU DUC went to XA BANG, VIET CUONG and CHAU LAC Plantations to buy rice at 100 piastre per litre.

AO XUYEN MOC/NUI NHON(17) Eval 1 ATF F3.

Source states that every day for the last three days a former Hoi Chanh, LE THI TRINH and approx three other VC have appeared at YS657669. The VC gave propaganda lectures, and asked for information on villagers who had supported GVN officials in the elections.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM dated 2 Sep 71.

(1) (021520H). At YS637965, 3 Bde tps found a N-S trail which had not been used recently.

(2) (021630H). At YS624964, 3 Bde tps found four letters, one AK47 mag (30 rds), three US canteens and covers, three rice bowls with rice, three bunkers 4' x 8' with 3' OHP. System had been used by 10 pers in previous 24 hrs.

(3) (021700H). At YS548978, 3 Bde tps found a N-S track with no recent use.

(4) (021715H). At YS , 3 Bde tps found an E-W track and a blue pancho liner. Track had not been used recently.

(5) (021205H). At YS614967, 3 Bde tps found a 5' x 5' tent with 100 lbs of polished rice, three US claymores, 25 lbs salt and a qty of propaganda leaflets. The area had been used by an unknown number of pers in the previous 12 hrs.

(6) (021530H). At YS625985, 3 Bde tps saw three en. A US ac in area received six rounds of tracer

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(7) (011130H). At YS198888, a US ac received ground fire resulting in two US WIA and ac slightly damaged.

Extracts from RTAVF INTSUM No 245/71 dated 2 Sep 71

(8) Further to 1 ATF INTSUM No 245/71 para 11.f.(5) and (6), Captured and Destroyed Material:

Captured

1 AK47	80 M16 rounds	2 canteens
5 AK47 rounds	400 7.62mm rounds	1 plastic bucket
1 claymore	2 sandals	1 pr canvas shoes
1 rucksack	1 AK47 mag	2 canvas hats
1 spade	1 M16 mag	4 other items
2 sheets of plastic	1 smoke grenade	qty documents

Destroyed

14 bunkers

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(9) (021630H). At YS230657, RUNG SAT Special Zone tps eng two VC, resulting in two VC KIA. One KIA was tentatively identified as NGUYEN VAN HIEN (possibly of the VUNG TAU City Unit).

(10) (031300H). At YS389641, a MATT found a VC mine field approx 30 x 15 metres. The mines were similar to M16 with trip mechanism, and estimated to be not more than six months old.

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Annexes: A. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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 Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 246/71
DATED 3 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) at YS635963 at 011604H Sep 71, identify C 21 Recce Coy, 33 NVA Regt. The documents included:

- a. A notebook belonging to NGUYEN VAN PHON of C 21. The notebook is labelled "practise lessons for reconnaissance cadre", and contains daily lesson notes which refer to numbered lessons from a textbook. The latest date is 4 May 71. On the final page is a weapon roster for an unspecified unit.
- b. Notes on conducting a meeting for a Coy Party Chapter. It also contains a roster listing 41 names and positions (some names identified as members of C 21).
- c. A piece of paper from a notebook containing a roughly drawn map, but showing no unit locations.

2. 3 Bde Comment: These documents identify C 21 Recce Coy, 33 NVA Regt. C 21 Recce Coy has a mission to provide security for the Regimental HQ to recce prospective targets and to examine areas for potential base camps. The coy is equipped with AK-47's and RPG's and is believed to have a 60mm mortar. Its strength is approx 35 - 40 persons.

SAPPER COMMAND SVNLA

3. A report has been received from CDEC concerning the organization and activities of the communist sapper branch since its foundation. The documents on which this report was based were captured in May 70 in CAMBODIA and are concerned with Sapper Office, Military Staff Department COSVN and training directives concerning "the combat tradition and strengthening of the sapper branch.

Introduction

4. According to one document, the Armoured Vehicle and Sapper Office COSVN, was organized in 1967 and initially faced many difficulties concerning cadre equipment and food. In Sep 67, however, the office was reinforced for the first time by a Sapper bn from NVN and, during the two years, their strength swiftly increased to nine Sapper bns and a number of specialized support coys. By Dec 1968, the various Sapper units subordinate to the Office supposedly had carried out 149 attacks on allied camps and installations. In Aug 69, the name of the Office was contracted to Sapper Office or Sapper Command, COSVN, with the cover designation DOAN 429.

Comment: The title 'Armoured Vehicle and Sapper Office' indicates that there were some connection between armoured units and Sapper activities in 1967. The documents stated that the Office commanded one "armoured vehicle coy" but no further mention is made of this subject.

Organization

5. The documents stated that in the "previous war" Sappers were only organized into "cells and elements". However, the current situation requires an increase in Sapper capabilities and the organization into units is as follows:

- a. Cell. The basic tactical element which usually consists of 3 - 5 men.
- b. Spearhead Platoon. A unit that is suitable for penetration attacks and is able to conduct isolated or combined attacks. The strength of each platoon is usually 12 - 14 men.
- c. Company. A tactical unit to sieze objectives when fighting independently. In a combined attack, the company usually supports a unit of battalion size and is responsible for attacking specific elements of an area or target. Each company consists of 3 - 4 platoons with a total strength of 60 - 70 men.
- d. Battalion. A combined detachment reorganized according to the assigned mission. The usual battalion strength is 300 - 450 men.

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- e. Regiment. Previously, Sappers never operated in units larger than battalions but the documents state that, in the future, Sappers must be capable of operating in Regimental-size units.
- f. Infantry Regiment. The documents mentioned that, in the future, an Infantry Regiment will consist of one or two Infantry bns, one or two Sapper bns and one Heavy Weapons bn.

Objectives of Sapper Attacks

6. The documents discussed that targets for Sapper attack and the different requirements for each. The following targets were considered to be the most important:
- a. RVN agencies and key government officials.
 - b. Cities.
 - c. Airfields, pilots and technical specialists.
 - d. Petrol dumps, supply storehouses and ammunition dumps.
 - e. Bridges, ships and harbours.
 - f. Large allied bases.

Methods of Attack

7. Because of the different characteristics of these targets, certain procedures were laid down for attacks against different types of targets. They are:

- a. Attacks Against Shipping Facilities. The enemy considered these to be very important and have "Water Sapper unit" and "Port Units" to carry out these operations.
- b. Destruction Of Bridges. If the bridges are well protected by allied forces, the enemy Sappers will use mines and explosive charges to attack the defenders and destroy the bridge. However, if the defending force is weak, they will try to overcome the defending force first and then destroy the bridge.
- c. Attacks On Armoured Vehicles. The documents stated that this is "the forthcoming and most important task of Sapper forces". When attacking strongholds, all armoured vehicles were to be destroyed quickly, along with drivers and gunners. If the attack is conducted in the open, the supporting infantry forces should be destroyed first and then rockets and shaped charges used to destroy the armoured vehicles.
- d. Attacks On Artillery Emplacements. The enemy considered that this target can be attacked in two ways:
 - (1) A small surprise raid, using explosives to destroy the guns and ammunition.
 - (2) An attack in conjunction with main force elements. The main forces should attack allied infantry and armoured elements while the Sappers attack the artillery emplacements and inhibit allied fire support.
- e. Attacks On Field Bivouacs. According to the documents, allied forces did not establish effective defences around their night bivouacs. Defences are carelessly sited, fire-lane co-ordination is poor and the positions are not well guarded. However, the fact that the sites were generally not occupied for any longer than two or three nights made it very difficult to do effective reconnaissance and planning for an attack. The swift reaction of allied artillery and aircraft did not allow the VC/NVA time to clear the battlefield and this resulted in heavy casualties. If an attack is launched against a night bivouac it will be quickly prepared and executed on the first or second night.
- f. Attacks On Strongholds. These are usually preceded by a great deal of planning and rehearsal. They may be done in conjunction with main force units or by a Sapper unit alone. When supporting an attack by a main force unit, the Sappers will strike at HQ areas, ammunition dumps and allied fire support

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installations. These operations are usually very complex and the following groups may be used:

- (1) The Breaching Cell (cut and destroy fences).
- (2) Dagger Cell (probably to silently kill guards).
- (3) Ladder Cell (to cross ditches and walls).
- (4) Spearhead Cell (to initially secure the objective).
- (5) Firepower Cell (to provide fire support).
- (6) Explosive Bloc Cell (to destroy bunkers).
- (7) Deep Thrust Cell (to attack the inner perimeter).
- (8) Corridor Guard Cell (to secure exit corridors).

Methods Of Crossing Terrain and Obstacles

8. Several documents contained a very detailed account of methods used by the Sappers to cross different types of terrain and to overcome different obstacles. The following methods were listed:

- a. Walking On Tiptoes. The body leans somewhat forward, about 45 degrees; the whole body should "crouch itself" knees flexed, the right hand holds the weapon. The Sappers should walk on the tips of their toes with their heels off the ground. Their steps should be light but not so short or long that they will fall; they must be constantly vigilant for prompt reactions. In crossing flat terrain and areas carelessly guarded, they can run in this position. If they discover a spikeboard, they should use the tips of their toes to push it aside then take a solid step in the former position of the spikeboard before moving the other foot. This is intended to shorten the time of movement.
- b. Duck-walking. This movement is designed for crossing rough terrain. The Sapper should squat, facing in the direction of the enemy; one of his hands holds a weapon or explosive blocs, the other gropes for mines, spikes, or grenades. If he encounters obstacles, he should keep his weapon on his stomach, body bent slightly forward, about 15 degrees, heels lifted up; he should walk on the tips of his toes. When he takes a step forward with the right leg, his buttocks should rest on the left heel. When he takes a step forward with the left leg, he should sit on the right heel and continue to move in his way. This movement can be applied to ensure secrecy in troop advances.
- c. Crawling. The Sapper should keep a sharp look-out, his two hands against the ground. When moving, his right hand and leg should move forward at the same time, and then follow with his left hand and leg. To detect spikes and mines, he should use the right hand to feel the position where he will place his right foot. He can adjust this method of movement according to the terrain.
- d. Crawling is faster than the duck-walk.
Crossing Grass
 - (1) Grass Over Five Decimeters Tall. When moving, the Sappers should bend forward as when moving on hard soil. They cannot step over the high grass and therefore should use their hands and feet to clear a way through the grass to move forward. If they discover a grenade or mine, they should lean forward at about 15 degrees, use their hands to feel and clear the grass, and later step on a safe position or apply the crawling method.
 - (2) Grass Two To Five Decimeters Tall. For their movement, Sappers must apply the above method. However, they should lift their feet over the top of the grass and move step-by-step.
- e. Crossing Swamps. The documents deals with three types of mud: "Bog Area, Moor Area and Rice Paddy Area".
 - (1) Bog Area. Bog area is a type of mud that will make a sucking sound when stepped in and will fill up with water when the foot is lifted. To cross this type of mud, Sappers must lean forward, put down their foot with the tips of the toes first, then lift the other foot after turning it away

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- from the body.
- (2) Moor Area. When crossing this type of mud, the Sappers should move step-by-step. They should clear the grass with their feet, stand on the solid bottom, then step forward with the other foot. If they come into deep areas, they should swim under the water. They can use deep-rooted grass to propel themselves when crawling forward. They must cover all their tracks.
 - (3) Rice Paddy Area. That is a type of mud with rotten grass and water which produces a sucking sound when walked on. To cross this type of mud, the Sappers should apply the same method as when crossing moor areas (para (2) above). If the water is deep, they should stroke with their hands and crawl along.
- f. Crossing Flooded Plains
- (1) Water One to Three Decimeters Deep. They should bend down when moving and slant their feet when lifting them out of the water. If they see a spike-board they should use their hands or feet to pull it aside, then move on.
 - (2) Water Four to Seven Decimeters Deep. The movement should be the same as above. However, because they cannot lift their feet over the water, they should move slowly, using their feet to probe ahead below the submerged surface. In case they are moving near a bivouacking site, they should swim on their backs, their heads turned away from the bivouacking site. They should use their hands to propel themselves and legs to adjust direction. If they are moving away from the enemy in an area with little grass, they should lie on their stomachs with heads up, legs outstretched, observe and use their hands to grasp the bottom to advance. The movement must be light to avoid noise and maintain absolute secrecy.
- g. Crossing Ditches and Gardens. The document revealed that there were many ditches and gardens in the "new life" hamlets and bivouacking sites. Therefore, in crossing these ditches and gardens, particular care should be taken. If the terrain permits, they may sit down and drop their legs to test for spikes concealed at the bottom of the ditch. Then they should grasp the grass or gently slide to the bottom of the ditch. If the ditch is adjacent to the area of operation, they should cross over it. While crossing the ditch, they should keep their hands outstretched to discover obstacles. When coming to the surface of the water, they should open their hands to search for obstacles. If there are obstacles, they should gently move away to avoid making noise. Bamboo branches at the bottom of the ditch should be broken to open a gap for movement.
- h. Crossing Terrain Covered With Branches and Dry Leaves. According to the document, when passing through areas covered with branches and dead leaves, we should avoid making noise. To maintain security and ensure secrecy for our troop movement, the following actions should be applied:
- (1) Crossing Terrain Sparsely Covered With Dry Leaves. While moving across terrain covered sparsely with dry leaves, move slowly on the tips of the toes. Make careful firm steps.
 - (2) Crossing Terrain Densely Covered With Dry Leaves. To prevent noise, use the foot to clear the dead leaves, then take one step and repeat the clearing before the second step or use the hands to clear all dry leaves before beginning to move.
- i. Passing Through Civilian Residential Sections. The documents disclose that these areas are advantageous for concealments. However, since the civilians raise dogs and poultry in these areas, their barking and squawking can cause detection. We should avoid crossing these areas or hiding near animals. If necessary, we should conceal ourselves in outhouses.
- j. Methods Of Overcoming Obstacles
- (1) The documents assess that RVNAF/FWMAF currently uses all types of explosive obstacles such as box mines, mine launchers, flare mines, and fragmentation grenades which caused them many difficulties in penetrating these areas.

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To overcome these obstacles, Sappers must be well-trained in technical skills to avoid, remove, and disassemble all types of explosive charges.

- (2) Passing Obstacles Without Explosive Charges. Obstacles without explosive charges consist of fences, barbed wire, wooden fences...(sic). There is a technique for passing each of these obstacles:
- (a) For Wooden Fences. To cross the obstacle, first find concealment, then find out if there is any gap to penetrate. If not, find the thinnest portion of the structure to break through, then extend a hand through it to discover any obstacle to getting into the area. If the fence is far from the bivouacking site, climb over it. While climbing do not raise your bodies to expose them, but lean close to the fence.
- (b) Crossing Barbed Wire:
- (i) Single Fences. To pass across this type of fence, first find a gap in the base, near the ground. If it is impossible to crawl under the fence, use pliers to cut it. Then lie down and place the head through the gap to observe. If it is safe, move the entire body through to the other side.
- (ii) Single Apron Fencing (Diamond Shaped Fence). For crossing this type of fence, the method is the same as for crossing a single fence, but this must be done twice in case there is additional concertina barbed wire inside the fence. Use the hands to clear it and move through.
- (iii) Double Apron Fencing. The action for moving through this type of fence is similar to that for single apron fence. The only difference is that we must move through many layers.
- (iv) Low Fencing. (horizontally and parallel with the ground surface) ("Tangle foot"); Crouch and step in the spaces between the fencing. If the fencing is high, crawl under it.

ANNEX E TO
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DATED 3 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

030930H E 47 - 55, N 83 - 88. Mission aborted due to weather conditions.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 247/71.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (041710H) At YS478876, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn observed one person wearing a green hat and green shirt moving East. After the sighting the person withdrew West.

(2) Territorial Forces AO

(a) (040730H) At YS553554, an aircraft from 161 (Indep) Recce Flt saw a person lying on the beach. When aircraft went lower to investigate an explosion occurred approx 20m from the person on beach. The aircraft then received 8 - 10 rds of rifle fire, sustaining no hits, from four persons who then ran North from the area. RAAF Bushranger aircraft suppressed the area with rocket and minigun fire. The person lying on the ground then arose and waded in the water to a point West of the scene of the incident. He later met a man with a bicycle. Aircraft prevented their further withdrawal and the persons were detained by 586 RF Coy and taken to DAT DO Sub Sector. Detainees are: THAM aged approx 14 years and LY SI THACH born 1941 at HOI MY (V), DAT DO (D) PHUOC TUY (P) who met THAM after he left the scene.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
040710H	1500ft AGL	YS554556	None	b, d and e	Two persons detained by Sector Forces. (See para 3. a this INTSUM)

Response Code

- b. Returned fire with organic weapons
- d. Inserted ground forces.
- e. Engaged with aerial weapons systems.

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
040850H	YS680578	USAF FAC observed five boats close to shore.
041000H-	E 37 - 41	At YS399728, foot track not used recently passes up the ridge.
041200H	N 72 - 74	At YS399719, patches of track under trees.
		At YS386734, E-W track in thick scrub.
		At YS406729, wreckage of US Army observation aircraft.
041040H	YS748616	RAAF aircraft observed one stationary boat five metres from beach.
	YS705605	RAAF aircraft observed fishing boats 50 metres from beach.
041100H-	E 73 - 75	Wood cutting all through the area South of Route 329. Trucks are moving as far East as road junction at YS752828.
041245H	N 815 - 86	USAF FAC observed eight persons, one of whom carried a SVN flag, walking South on road.
041210H	YS715807	One logging truck with approx 10 persons.
	YS714803	One logging truck. No persons seen.
	YS732816	No sighting of recent activity.
041200H-	E 57 - 60	No sign of recent activity.
041400H	N 78 - 81	
041400H-	E 35 - 39	
041600H	N 865 - 88	

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

- a. Omitted
- b. Omitted
- c. Omitted
- d. Omitted
- e. Omitted

.../f. Cumulative

- f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF
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| (1-4) Omitted | (9) Med Stores | 5 lbs |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (10-21) Omitted | |
| Cache | (22) SA rounds | 938 |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons | (23) Omitted | |
| Action | (24) AP Mines | 1 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed | (25-27) Omitted | |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed..... | | 2 lbs |

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUM

Reference INTSUM 246/71 para 11. f. (4) Insert grid YS548978.

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE

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

At 1700H on 2 Sep 71, 20 VC of C 41 CHAU DUC were observed at YS335694.

Other Areas

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

At 1500H on 2 Sep 71, seven VC of PHU MY Village Guerillas were seen at YS215734 where they stopped boats and requested food. Source states the group are based on RACH MUONG (NFI) and that they leave approx three men in the base when the unit is on operations.

(3) PRU Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

It was reported on 2 Sep 71 at approx 1300H that four VC (incl one female) of XA PAU MY Party Chapter stopped ox carts in vicinity YS275773 and levied a tax of \$SVN 1,500 per cart. Source states the group use a different location each time they operate.

(4) 525 MI Group Report. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1500H on 2 Sep 71 a VC unit, strength approx 20 persons, was located in a base camp at YS235653. Source stated that the unit plans to attack GVN naval vessels with mines on GO GIA River from YS175698 to YS205635, and that the unit is commanded by BA THA.

1 ATF Comment: A similar report was received from 525 MI Group that a group were seen at YS235653 on 17 Aug. The group were reported to possess a quantity of TNT. BA THA is possibly NG V THA held by 1 ATF ORBAT as second in command of D10 Sapper Bn, which normally operates in the RUNG SAT. Many recent reports have shown that a group of enemy in the area centre of mass YS2267 refuse access to fishermen, declaring that the area is prohibited. This report provides the second suggestion that the group concerned may be an element of D10 Sapper Bn.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

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

(1) (031300H) At YS547964, 3 Bde tps found an SE-NW foot track used in the preceding 48 hours by an estimated four-five enemy moving SE.

(2) (031005H) At YS623962, 3 Bde tps found six bunkers with no sign of recent use, (to be destroyed) and a North-South foot track used by an unknown number of persons moving in an unknown direction in the preceding 12 hours.

(3) (031240H) At YS626975, 3 Bde tps found nine bunkers (6x8' with no OHP) which are to be destroyed.

(4) (031200H) At YS622961, 3 Bde tps found eight bunkers (8x10ft with 3ft OHP) with two exits and sleeping positions in each bunker. There were three kitchen areas and the complex had been used in the previous 2-3 days by an estimated 30 persons. The bunkers are to be destroyed.

(5) (031000H) At YS638983, 3 Bde tps on BDA of airstrike of 021800H, found two huts destroyed and a quantity of medical supplies and suspected engine or vehicle parts scattered in the area.

Extracts from RTAVF INTSUM

(6) (031530H) At YS205883, RTAVF tps found two VC bodies believed killed in a contact at 1100H on 1 Sep 71. One carbine mag and 43 rounds were captured.

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for John SP [unclear] Capt
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- Annexes: B. Captured Documents
- E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

- List A (Adjusted)
- 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 Advisor BARIA
- AATTV (SAIGON)
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

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DATED 4 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by RTAVF at 1220H on 2 Sep 71 in a bunker system at YS220885, were proaganda leaflets of no exploitable value. (INTSUM 245/71 para 11. f. (5) records details of a contact and location of the bunker complex).

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
041100H-	YS549817	YS549810	YS565840
041230H	YS529865	YS544883	YS503848
	YS529867	YS534883	
	YS524879	YS503853	
	YS524882	YS503858	

Comment: This sniffer was flown to give a possible indication of any movement of 33 Regt elements into the Province. The readings could indicate a possible new presence although there was some interference arising from pollution from civil access. The area will be flown again on 5 Sep 71.

- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 248/71 dated 5 Sep 71.
- 2. Period Covered from 050001H to 052400H Sep 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).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
050700H	YS7261	Approximately 30 fishing boats inside and 20 outside the 500m limit.
051220H	E 41-44, N 93- Route 320	1. At YS424937 a lay-up area for 20 persons was seen. Empty ration tins and cooking places were sighted. The area was an estimated 1-2 weeks old. <u>Comment</u> : The lay-up area could have been made made by friendlies.
051400H- 051600H	E 47-51, N 80-83	1. Possible rest areas seen at YS502817 and at YS502826. 2. Track seen at YS409811 running NE to YS502812. The track had been used by an estimated 10-20 persons approx 14 days ago. 3. Heavy tracks seen running along southern edge of rubber from west to east at YS493830. The tracks had been used by approx 20-30 pers and were 2-3 weeks old. It is believed that the northern sign was made by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and the southern one was made by friendlies or civilians.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) to (4) omitted.	(9) Medical Stores.....5 lbs
(5) Individual Weapons Cache.....2	(10) to (21) omitted.
(6) Crew Served Weapons Action.....1	(22) SA Rounds.....938
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..100 lbs	(23) Omitted.
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed....2 lbs	(24) AP Mines.....1
	(25) to (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM No 247/71 para 3.a.(2)(a) line 1 delete DTG 040730H and insert 040655H. Line 3 delete " the aircraft", insert " at 0715H a second aircraft checking the area received 8-10 rounds.

.../d. Agent Reports

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d. Agent Reports

(1) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US C3.

(021400H). At YS207728 25 members of the transportation unit of DOAN 10 Water Sapper Bn were located. They were armed with three B-40s, two automatic rifles and individual weapons. The VC were camped in the area and stopping boats for food purchase and tax collection. Information was also requested regarding the local RF.

1 ATF Comment: this is the second report that a Rear Service element of D10 are in the area which is near to the location (YS403709) in which a large weapons cache was found on 19 Jul. According to some other reports D10 may be resupplying from the PHU MY and THAI THIEN area, and a group from D10 may be in the area centre of mass YS2267 in the RUNG SAT.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (041550H). At YS488962 175 RF Coy found a bunker complex which had been used recently and was large enough for a VC coy. Found in the system was food that was still warm.

(2) (042130H). At YS431521, PF contacted a squad of VC. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 carbine CIA. Contact was broken at 2205H. No identification of KIA as yet.

(3) (051100H). At YS465743 NGUYEN KIEN, the chairman of the BINH BA Village Council and father of an RF soldier was assassinated. One man is being held for questioning.

(4) (051550H). At YS481937, a US ac sighted one VC who was believed to be standing on the edge of a bunker system. Pilot eng with .38 calibre pistol. Results: 1 VC KIA; some documents were CIA. Further details to be advised.

(5) (051840H). At YS634974 troops of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) located a buried cache of five 122mm rockets in good condition.

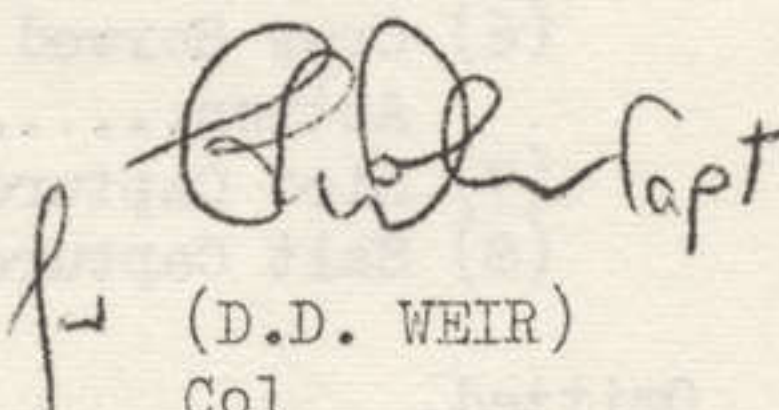
(6) Extract from HQ TRAC INTSUM No 127/71 dated 2 Sep 71

On 272400H Aug at YS220814 an unknown number of enemy built an earth and scrub roadblock on Highway QL 15 during the night. The roadblock was removed by 464 RF Coy.

(7) Extract from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM No 148 dated 4 Sep 71

(041400H). At YS564968 3 Bde troops located a 10' x 15' hut with a tin roof. Also found was a N-S track which had not been recently used.

(8) (041905H). At YS566965 3 Bde troops located a 4' wide NE-SW logging track with use during past two weeks by an unknown number of people moving in an unknown direction.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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DATED 5 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

133 RF Coy

1. Documents captured by 133 RF Coy at YT409040 on 28 Aug 71 included a notebook which was possibly maintained by a member of a subordinate agency of XUAN LOC (D) Party Committee, BARIA Sub Region. It contains excerpts from directives and fragmentary notes on future VC/NVA activities.
2. One entry, dated 1 Jun 71, states that in accordance with a directive recently presented by a member of "TU" (possibly Party Committee MR7), friendly forces (VC/NVA) were to strive to expand the peoples' control over villages and hamlets, contain the activities of enemy (RVNAF) outposts, and defeat the pacification programme. Capable underground agents were to be planted in hamlets. Guerilla activity was to be accelerated utilizing the "three front tactic" in villages and hamlets. The local population was to be motivated to participate in military proselyting activities which were to be focussed primarily on PSDF units and outposts. All of these requirements must be fulfilled by Sep 71. The directive states that some achievements had been made by the enemy (RVNAF) in his Vietnamisation Plan, including the establishment of an "oppressive machinery" and a series of defensive outposts and PSDF units. The enemy (RVNAF) had strengthened the defence in some cities, and had inflicted some casualties on friendly forces (VC).
3. An entry dated 8 Jun 71, contains notes taken by the author during a political training session to study Directive 19/CT. This directive provides specific instructions concerning the implementation of COSVN Directive 01/CT - TUC. The new organisation of the Party (probably referring to the establishment of BARIA Sub Region) was intended to achieve a concentrated effort in counter-pacification activities in villages by improving the leadership ability of local (VC) authorities.
4. An entry, dated 16 Jun 71, contains excerpts from Directive 06/CT concerning steps to be taken by the District to frustrate the (RVN) Parliamentary and Presidential elections. During Phase One (unk), every effort was to be made to denounce the crimes thus far perpetrated (by the GVN). Committees were to be established to gather people's opinions and to detect any "frauds" committed during the elections.

3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)

5. Documents captured by B Coy, 2/5 Bn, 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) at YT489162 on 31 Aug identify elements of 33 NVA Regt, MR7.
6. These documents were primarily personnel rosters as follows:
 - a. the first contained lists of names, ranks and biographical data of 22 personnel of C1 (possibly C1 Coy, 1 Bn 33 Regt). It indicated that they had served in the following units: E33 (33 Regt), D1 (1 Bn), D2 (2 Bn), and D3 - E33 (3 Bn, 33 Regt). The document indicates that these personnel

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participated in many battles during the period Oct 68 to 25 Jun 71;

b. the second document records the names, positions and biographical data of 15 personnel of an unspecified unit. Two of their former units mentioned are D1 and D2 of E33 (1 Bn and 2 Bn 33 Regt);

c. the third document is a loose sheet of paper, incomplete and undated. It reads as follows:

" Personnel roster of D7 "

(D7 is an AKA for 1 Bn 33 Regt).

8. Comment: These documents tentatively identify an element of 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt. The last identification of this unit by documents occurred on 25 Jul 71, when a PW stated that C2 Coy of 1 Bn 33 Regt was located in the vicinity of YT583123. 1 Bn of 33 Regt normally acts as the security unit for HQ 33 Regt. It is therefore thought that while an element of 33 Regt may be located in the XUAN LOC area, the bulk of the unit is probably with the HQ of the Regt which is believed to be in the area of the TRAC Special AO east of BLACKHORSE.

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b. the second document records the names, positions of 15 personnel of an unspecified unit. Two of the mentioned are D1 and D2 of E33 (1 Bn and 2 Bn 33 Regt);

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c. the third document is a loose sheet of paper, incomplete and undated. It reads as follows:

- 1. Omitted. " Personnel roster of D7 "
- 2. Omitted. (D7 is an AKA for 1 Bn 33 Regt).

3. Omitted.
8. Comment: These documents tentatively identify an element of 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

4. APD (Sniffer) last identification of this unit by documents occurred on 25 Jul 71, when a PW stated that C2 Coy of 1 Bn 33 Regt was located in the vicinity of YT583123. STRONG of 33 Regt normally acts as the security unit for HQ 33 Regt. It is therefore thought that while an element of 33 Regt may be located in the XUAN LOC area, the bulk of the unit is probably with the HQ of the Regt which is believed to be in the area of the TRAC Special AO east of BLACKHORSE.

DTG 050900H - 051030H YS534887 YS534889
 YS508841
 YS508838
 YS508834
 YS508828
 YS503834

Comment: Sniffer conditions were favourable. These results support the readings of 4 Sep in the area east of NUI LE. It is possible that a group from 33 NVA Regt could be in this area.

b. the second document records the names, positions of 15 personnel of an unspecified unit. Two of the mentioned are D1 and D2 of E33 (1 Bn and 2 Bn 33 Regt);

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 249/71 dated 6 Sep 71.
- 2. Period Covered from 060001H to 062400H Sep 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (Prior to 061159H). At YS433864, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a 500 lb bomb with all the explosive removed. Bomb approx 12 months 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>
060712H		People on beach in mouth of SONG RAI and up to 3,000m N. Also many small boats within 500m of shore around the LONG HAI area.
060800H	YS710613	Footprints of eight pers from water's edge to scrub line. Sign continued N along marked track to the E of SUOI CONG. Sign lost at YS714631, and was less than 3 days old.
060805H	YS574569	One pers swimming and two more on beach.
061030H	YS335785	One stationary ox cart.
061050H	YS327769	One ox cart moving W.
061200H	E 52-54, N 86-90	No sign of recent movement.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) to (4) omitted.	(9) Medical Stores.....5 lbs
(5) Individual Weapons	(10) to (21) omitted.
Cache.....2	(22) SA Rounds.....938
(6) Crew Served Weapons	(23) Omitted.
Action.....1	(24) AP Mines.....1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....100 lbs	(25) to (27) omitted.
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....2 lbs	

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 246/71 para 11.f.(10) reference a reported VC mine field at YS389641, delete all reference.

INTSUM 248/71 para 11.f.(4) delete all reference. For correct account see para 11.f.(5) below.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from NP DUC THANH . Eval 1 ATF F3.

Report that five VC were involved in the assassination of NGUYEN KIEN, Chairman of the BINH BA Village Council on 5 Sep. They were armed with four M16s and a K54 pistol.

(2) Received from HOA LONG. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(021900H). Six VC were seen moving from YS237736 to YS228697.

.../(3) Received

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(3) Received from DUC THANH. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Report that HUYNH VAN PHUONG (ex PSDF and Hoi Chanh who rejoined VC in Dec 70) is now BINH BA guerilla leader and has replaced TUT (who was KIA Jan 71). PHUONG usually appears in vicinity YS472710. Ox carts daily come to the area to resupply him with rice.

(4) Received from DUC THANH. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(021500H). At YS441781, three VC were seen asking children about friendly troop activity in the area.

(5) Received from S2 Sector. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(031800H). At YS242555, seven VC were seen in a motor boat. They moved to YS250620.

(6) Received from PRU. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(051430H). At YS459798, two VC stopped locals to ask for food and information.

(7) Received from NP. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

Report that NGUYEN VAN KIEU (unk), head of a military proselyting sect was shot by PRU on 6 Aug at YS274553. At present VC have taken KIEU to vicinity of YS283563. Source also says that NGUYEN VAN GIAI (unk) was shot in the same incident.

(8) Received from NP. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(030700H). At YS248653, three VC from PHUOC HOA PC stopped boats to ask for food. Among the group was NGUYEN VAN KEO aka THANH HY (1 ATF ORBAT holds a THANH HY as chief of PHUOC HOA Security Sect).

(9) Received from NP. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Report that 10 VC from PHU MY have split into 2-3 man cells and intend to propagandize and resupply in the refugee hamlet. The VC include BUI VAN THU (guerilla) and HOANG HA (leader of PHU MY Village guerillas), NGUYEN THI THANH and HUA THI CANG (both members of PHU MY PC).

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (052055H). At YS465570, 189 RF Coy heard a mechanical ambush detonate and conducted a sweep with negative results.

(2) Further to the assassination of the Chairman of the BINH BA Village Council on 5 Sep (INTSUM 248/71 para 11.f.(3) refers). The suspect arrested has been released. Refer agent report para 11.d.(1) this INTSUM).

(3) (051210H). At YS511946 3 Bde VR ac sighted and eng one en with unknown results.

(4) (051500H). At YS635965, 3 Bde tps found eight bunkers, two empty 50 kilo flour bags and a small qty med supplies. Area used in last 2-3 days by 4-8 pers. At 061115H 3 Bde tps found 15 82mm mortar rounds; five boxes of .51 cal rounds (total 500) and five CHICOM grenades. While Cav tps were searching the area 1-2 en approached and were eng with nil results.

(5) (051840H). At YS481937 a US ac received two rounds of .38 cal pistol fire from the ground with nil hits. One en was eng and KBH. 3 Bde tps inserted and recovered a qty of docus and one .38 cal pistol from en KIA.

(6) (051900H). At YS639966, 3 Bde tps located one pack containing a small qty of rice and equipment. Area used in last 12-24 hrs.

(7) Further to INTSUM 248/71 para 11.f.(2) VC KIA identified as NGO VAN BUT. (1 ATF ORBAT holds no record).

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 250/71.
2. Period Covered from 070001H to 072400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (071020H) At YS439836 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng one en mov towards them from the N on a track. En returned fire and withdrew in an unknown direction. The en was wearing dark trousers, a green shirt, no hat and was carrying an unidentified wpn. A follow-up revealed a camp (20m x 10m) for 2-3 pers which had been vacated in a hurry. Entry/exit points to S and NW. A small qty of clothing, food and med supplies was found. NW track followed for 50m where it petered out. One old fighting pit was found. It is believed that the en withdrew W into the re-entrant between the camp and the fighting pit.

(2) AO KINGSGROVE

(a) (071400H). At YS418707 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a track used by 3 pers today moving SW to NE. Of the 3 sets of footprints, 2 were of sandals and the other boots.

(b) (071645H). At YS409699 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found numerous fresh footprints running N to S in tracks of APCs which were in the area a week ago. There were also oxcart tracks running N to S in YS4070 and YS4170. There appeared to have been much recent activity in the area.

(c) (071937H) A ptl from 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at a night position at YS399669 heard 3 shots from vicinity of YS408658. Later at 2112H mov was heard to their front and a trip flare was activated. Illum was fired but nothing was seen.

(d) (From 072000H). A light was seen from several posts of NUI DAT. The light was plotted and confirmed at YS423687 at the western end of Luscombe air field. The area was eng with mors and arty fire and the light was extinguished.

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>
070845H	E 34-37, N 86-89	No signs of recent mov.
071200H	E 64-67, N 87-90	No signs of recent mov seen in the area of the VR. However, 3 fresh sets of footprints were seen at YS663919 heading N along a timber road. One set was military pattern, the other from sandals.
071215H (RAAF)		At YS5171 (3-4 Km NE of NUI DAT 2) two oxcarts were seen. At YS522671 3 oxcarts were seen At YS518667 3 more oxcarts were seen mov S.
071220H (USAF)		At YS715806 2 yellow logging trucks were seen with 8 pers. At YS765872, 1 tractor with long trailer and some small logging carts were seen (no people)
071230H (USAF)		At YS680899 saw 2 logging trailers. AT YS663924 saw a new bridge 30-40 ft long and 15 ft wide. About 12 logs tied together.
071400H	E 70-73, N 60-64	NE corner of area not covered. No sign of recent mov.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

.../(2) Captured

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

4 prs shorts	1 pr scissors	qty toilet gear
3 shirts	2 prs trousers	qty pills
1 bush hat	1 pistol belt with pouch	VN newspaper(2 days
1 pr HCM sandals	2 prs thongs	10 prs socks old)
1 raincoat	6 sheets plastic	cooking utensils

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

At YS439836 1 lb salt, 2 lb rice and 1 lb of other food.

(4) and (5) omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) to (4) omitted.	(9) Medical Stores.....5½ lbs
(5) Individual Weapons	(10) to (21) omitted.
Cache.....2	(22) SA Rounds.....938
(6) Crew Served Weapons	(23) Omitted
Action.....1	(24) AP Mines.....1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...102 lbs	(25) to (27) omitted.
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3 lbs	

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

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

d. Agent Reports

(1) Report from LONG LE. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1530H on 2 Sep at YS258714 a squad of approx 10 VC split into 2-3 man cells was seen propagandizing and threatening locals from the nearby Refugee Village. The workers were told to buy food for the VC and when they refused, as most of them did, the VC warned that their woodcutting priveleges would be revoked and their lives endangered if they did not obey. Identified were HOANG HA (1 ATF ORBAT holds as leader of PHU MY guerillas), BUI VAN THU (ORBAT holds as member of PHU MY guerillas), NGUYEN THI THANH (female; ORBAT holds as member of PHU MY guerillas) and HUA THI CONG (female; ORBAT holds no record). A similar group was seen at 1700H at YS260719 engaged in similar activities.

(2) Report from XUYEN MOC. Eval 1 ATF F2.

Since 4 Sep there have been 3 reports of VC F/E cadre asking about election results and village participation. Two reports were from the S (of XUYEN MOC) while the other was from the W at approx YS640680. No identifications have been made.

(3) Report from Special Branch. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1400H on 1 Sep at YS487607 2 VC carrying a mine each were seen in THANH LONG. They reportedly intended destroying vehs mov to and from the HORSESHOE.

(4) Report from Special Branch. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

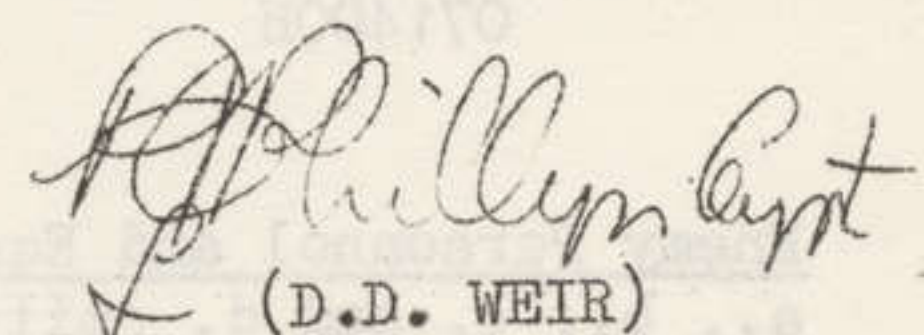
At 0830H on 2 Sep at YS480542 a gp of VC (reportedly 26 from Recce Pl C3/D445) were seen observing 47 RF Coy area of HOI MY. The en gp is reported to be prepar- ing to attack any post that is not secure.

Comment: The Recce Pl is believed to number approx 10, of whom some are in the LONG HAIs. En strength in this report is probably exaggerated.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (Ref INTSUM 248/71 para 11.f.(5) and INTSUM 249/71 para 11.f.(4) - finds of 2 other caches of eqpt) (071203H). At YS638964 elms of 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) found a further cache of 2 boxes (200 rds) of .51 cal ammo).

(2) (072040H). At YS504594 2 Coy 302 RF Bn contacted an estimated VC squad mov from the E. Nil results.


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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 250/71
DATED 7 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Reference: A. Annex B to 1 ATF INTSUM No 244/71 dated 1 Sep 71.

B Coy 3 RAR

1. Further information has been received from CDEC concerning documents captured by B Coy 3 RAR in a bunker system at YS608660 on 1 Sep 71. (For preliminary readout see Reference A.).

3. A notebook maintained by a member of D445, reveals that as of Jun 71 D445 had 166 members including 21 who were selected as "Four Good Quality Youth Group" members. An entry dated 2 Aug 71 revealed that the battalion was determined to destroy one objective in PHUOC LOI (YS5057) and PHUOC HAI (YS5154), each month.

Comment: 1 ATF ORBAT total on estimated strength of D445 has now been amended from 157 to 165, in view of the likelihood that the enemy KIA by 3 RAR at YS585654 on 29 Jul seems more likely to have been a member of D445 than HO VAN DUNG of XUYEN MOC as previously stated.

3. A letter dated 20 Aug from TUAN GIAI (possibly MUOI GIAI, Adjt D445) reads as follows:

" I learned that our friends in C3 opened fire on 9 Aug and I wondered whether they gained success or sustained losses "

No doubt refers to a contact by B Coy 3 RAR at YS655713 at 101055H Aug 71. Results: one VC possibly WIA, nil 1 ATF casualties. There was no firm identification from documents at the time although there was an indication that it was C3, D445 (see Annex B INTSUM 222/71, dated 10 Aug 71). It is now clear that the element contacted was C3 Coy D445.

" I realise that your people are now facing messing and billeting difficulties in your base area. In our area (obviously the LONG HAIs) the situation is relatively quiet, and our men enter hamlets almost every day to procure fresh food, or they go to DAT DO for rice. The situation at MD (MINH DAM Secret Zone, YS4750), is now quite different to that which prevailed in 1970, because now whenever enemy aircraft approach, everybody rushes out to shoot at them, using all types of weapons. Although no enemy aircraft have been shot down, our furious shooting has scared them away. In our recent attack conducted on an objective in LONG DIEN (YS4357), we could not capture any prisoners or wipe out any enemy elements because our reconnaissance plan and movement had been discovered by the enemy. However, we succeeded in seizing two M72s, capturing some clothing and equipment, and planting a flag on the objective. In addition, this attack has greatly encouraged our cadre, members and the local inhabitants. Our men are always ready for combat, and they have aggressively taken part in an emulation movement to counter enemy pacification activities "

.../Comment:

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Comment: The attack upon an objective in LONG DIEN which is mentioned probably refers to the attack upon 22 RF Coy compound at YS424597 at 150030H Aug 71, when 10 Honda motor cycles were destroyed and blood trails showed that two VC were WIA. There were no friendly casualties.

The writer is obviously in the LONG HAIs.

4. A letter, dated 27 Aug 71, from TA HUU TUAT, a platoon leader of the Sigs Pl, D445. The letter reads as follows:

" Since the day your people left CHAU DUC (District), we have experienced hardships, difficulties and shortages of food. Brother HIEP (unk) was killed in an enemy artillery attack, Comrade TRU (unk) was captured by the Australians (no record, possibly KIA), and Comrade VE (unk) was killed in Apr 70. In Aug 70, when 2 Bn (D440 LF Bn) was split up (disbanded) we were re-assigned to D1 (D445) which also resulted in difficulties and loneliness.

I have heard that B52 bombers had killed all of you. But, on receiving your recent letter, I am happy to learn that your people are still alive. I am also happy to learn that QUANG (unk) and CHUC (unk) are authorised to visit a friendly country (possibly CAMBODIA) where you will have a chance to meet some of your friends from your native land (NVN). "

Comment: The writer appears almost certainly to be referring to the disbandment of D440 LF Bn in Aug 70. D440 was composed of North Vietnamese persons, and upon disbandment of the unit K9 Coy, and some other elements of the unit were transferred to D445. The writer is one of these. The " loneliness " referred to has no doubt been the result of North Vietnamese persons from D440 being incorporated into D445. D440's area of operations was enemy CHAU DUC District and the addressees of the letter are obviously former comrades of the writer in a different location.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1., 2. and 3. omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

At 071030H nil significant readings.

Comment: Mission was flown in an effort to locate possible elements of 33 Regt. Will be reflown 8 Sep.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 251/71 dated 8 Sep 71.
2. Period Covered from 080001H to 082400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (081230H). At YS433847 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a staging camp, 15m x 30m, triangular shape, consisting of five sleeping bays and one sentry pit, all in poor condition with no OHP. Camp used in last three to six months. Tracks ran E and W from the camp.

(b) (081430H). At YS482908 1 Sect 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found diggings which contained one pr black pyjamas, one mosquito net, one plastic bag with "small arms swab bag" written on it, one Aust hootchie, a qty of Aust and US ration tins and eight torch batteries. There were no signs of recent use.

(c) (081520H). At YS538888 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an old camp in which there was one loaded automatic shotgun (in very poor condition) set up to fire with a trip mechanism attached to the trigger. When released the trip activated but the round did not fire.

(d) (081830H). At YS497895 A/Tk Pl Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted one en dressed in black mov N to S, 300m to their W. The en withdrew S quickly and were not eng.

(e) (082205H). At YS428851 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng a light 50m due W. The light went out. NFI.

(f) (082215H). At YS398880, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard voices of two to three pers and saw a torch light flashing to their E. They eng the area with claymores and M60 fire. The light was extinguished and no further noise was heard. A search is to be conducted at first light.

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (081330H). At YS684659 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR heard four single shots at 30 sec intervals on a bearing of 4,800 mils (due W) approx 2000m from their loc.

(3) AO KINGSGROVE

(a) (080728H). Ref INTSUM 250/71, dated 7 Sep 71 para 3.a.(2)(d). A clearing ptl from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt checked the area with neg results.

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>
080800H- 081000H	E 30-33, N 71-74	Extensive woodcutting throughout the area, particularly in the NW. A total of 17 pers with five ox carts were seen in the area of YS313727. All the ox carts were empty and carried national flags. There were heavy ox cart tracks throughout YS3173. 1 ATF Comment: There have been reports previously of ox carts in this area.
081430H- 081630H	E 34-365 N 89-92	There was no sign of recent movement along the fire trail; however at several locations old rations and rubbish have been dug up during the past three weeks. Two large automotive generators are lying on a track at YS354898. In the northern half of YS3592 and southern half of YS3591 there are numerous tracks approx three weeks old, running SW-NE. There are two old pits with OHP at YS371894, and a lot of ration tins in the area which appear to be less than two weeks old. Also numerous footprints in area made by sandals and mil pattern boots. No tracks leading from area.

.../081237H

081237H YS560558 Boats are loc at YS560558. A number of people were
 YS5757 sighted in YS5556 and YS5757.
 YS5556

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

1 pr black pyjamas	1 pr rubber sandals	Empty rice bags
1 mosquito net	1 soup bowl	1 empty drum of
1 plastic bag	1 water can	seasonong powder
1 Aust hootchie	qty old clothing	
8 torch batteries	qty old plastic	

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) to (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons

Cache.....2

(6) Crew Served Weapons

Action.....1

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....102 lbs

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3 lbs

(9) Medical Stores.....5½ lbs

(10) to (17) omitted.

(18) B-41 Rounds.....5

(19) to (21) omitted.

(22) SA Rounds.....938

(23) Omitted.

(24) AP Mines.....1

(25) to (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification and Movements

a. Documents captured by Ranger Team 71, 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) at YT591242 on 4 Sep indicate that C16 Mor Coy, 33 NVA Regt is loc in the area of the above grid.

b. Documents captured by 3 Bde/^(Sep)1st (US) Cav Div (AM) at YT489162 on 31 Aug indicate that elms of 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt are loc in the area of the above grid.

c. Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 248/71 dated 5 Sep 71, para 11.f.(2). The VC KIA was identified as NGO VAN BUT, an assistant squad leader in C25 Conc Coy, LONG DAT (D). He joined the VC on 30 Mar 69.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUM 248/71 dated 5 Sep 71 para 11.d.(1) line 6 delete YS403709, insert YS203709.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Sector Report. Eval 1 ATF F6.

(080935H). 10 VC were sighted at YS373634.

(2) Reports from DAT DO. Eval 1 ATF F2.

(a) (080030H). 10 to 12 VC infiltrated HOI CUU (YS511542) and tore down pictures of President THIEU.

(b) (052300H). 6 VC infiltrated HOI MY (YS503561) and confiscated GVN propaganda from homes.

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25 males, members of Forward Supply Council LONG DAT/XUYEN MOC (D) were loc at YS610630 on 3 Sep.

1 ATF Comment: This area has been mentioned by ralliers as a "drop point" at which VC collect food which has been delivered by suppliers (see 1 ATF INTSUM 217/71 Annex A para 3). Strength of en stated in report is no doubt an exaggeration.

(3) Report from 525 MI Gp. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1500H on 7 Sep approx 25 VC of an unidentified unit were loc at YS233699.

(4) Report from DUC THANH. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 22 and 28 Aug VC of CHAU DUC District went to XA BANG, VIET CUONG and CHAU LAC rubber plantations to purchase rice.

(5) Report from LONG LE District. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1210H on 7 Sep a gp of VC, wearing mixed uniforms and armed with individual wpns were sighted at YS213 730. The VC stopped a boat and told the people they would have to pay a tax of 2,000 piastre and a tax of 500 piastre per boat.

(6) Report from LONG LE District. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Six VC are loc in a secret base camp at YS373634 and YS375635, The VC are from BARIA City Unit and are well armed with individual wpns.

(7) Report from LO XUYEN MOC. Eval 1 ATF F3.

In area of YS6664, VC questioned woodcutters about the elections and told them not to work in the area.

1 ATF Comment: This suggests the possible presence of bunkers. On 22 Jul a 1 ATF ptl found a heavy E-W track at YS658640 which 36 USARV ITB claim not to be one of their's.

(8) Report from Sector. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1800H on 6 Sep a pl of VC were seen moving from YS313725 to YS297726. They wore mixed uniforms and were armed with one B-40 and individual wpns. Source stated that they intend to assist PHU MY PC by collecting taxes.

1 ATF Comment: Ox carts are regularly seen in this area.

(9) Report from Sector. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F2.

At 0900H on 7 Sep C610 Special Action Coy BARIA City Unit and LONG HUONG guerillas carrying one B-40 and individual wpns, stopped civilians at YS343595 and asked for supplies. They intend to infiltrate LONG HUONG to collect taxes.

1 ATF Comment: Many recent reports suggest that LONG HUONG is a regular target for infiltration.

(10) Report from PRU. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1200H on 7 Sep three VC from TAM PHUOC PC were at YS449579. They told civilians to purchase supplies for them.

(11) Report from PSB. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2.

At 0200H on 2 Sep, three VC infiltrated LONG HUONG and entered the house of DO VAN HOANG. When they left they were carrying 15 litres of rice.

(12) Report from LO XUYEN MOC. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1100H on 7 Sep six VC led by HAI QUAN (PCS XUYEN MOC) and DUNG (C of S XUYEN MOC) were seen at YS665672. They received food from relatives of VC and said that the woodcutters had given them information on public servants who use Highway 23.

(13) Report from LO XUYEN MOC. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 1800H on 6 Sep, approx eight VC were loc at YS698685. Source states that they asked for information concerning friendly troops and threatened woodcutters, telling them not to vote in the presidential elections.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUMs dated 6 and 7 Sep 71

(1) (061115H). At YS635965 3 Bde tps found an ammo cache containing 15 82mm mor
.../rds

rds with five charges, 500 .51 cal rds and five CHICOM grenades.

- (2) (061200H). At YS635965 3 Bde tps found a body approx five days old.
- (3) (061310H). At YS635965 3 Bde tps eng 1-2 en who did not return fire but withdrew E with unknown results.
- (4) (061715H). At YS639968 3 Bde tps found four bunkers (6' x 8' with 3' OHP). Heading from the system was a NE-SW track used in the last 24 hrs by an unknown number of pers.
- (5) (061730H). At YS640964 3 Bde tps found three bunkers (6' x 8' with 3' OHP) and a NE-SW trail. System used in the preceding two hrs.
- (6) (061200H). At YS566946 3 Bde tps eng 2-3 en with SA fire. En withdrew NW. Results: enemy losses unknown, one US WIA.
- (7) (070525H). At YS568962 3 Bde tps observed a trip flare detonate 35m to SW. The area was eng by claymores with unknown results.
- (8) (071010H). At YS638964 3 Bde tps found an ammo cache consisting of 200 .50 cal rds, 25 CHICOM grenades and 25 mor primers.
- (9) (071000H). At YS637964 3 Bde tps found a 25 lb bag of corn (no markings) and one VN poncho.
- (10) (071230H). At YS517946 3 Bde tps found a NW-SE track used in the previous 8-10 hrs by 1-3 pers moving SE.
- (11) (071300H). At YS641968 3 Bde tps found four bunkers (5' x 8' with 3' OHP) with two hammocks in each bunker. Three foot tracks led from the system to the N, E and NE respectively.
- (12) (071430H). At YS515944 3 Bde tps found a 10' wide (NE-SW) logging road with a 6' to 8' wide trail parallel showing no recent use.
- (13) (071755H). At YS521942 3 Bde tps found a NE-SW track leading to the river and used in the previous 2-3 days by 3-4 pers. On the NE side of the river were HCM sandal prints of 1-2 pers approx 2-3 days old.
- (14) At YS232698 385 RF tps loc a squad sized trench system which had been built in the last two months, but has not been occupied.
- (15) Recent reports from various locs in VIETNAM indicate that the VC have launched a programme to assassinate US/RVNAF/ARVN personnel by mailing packages to them which explode when opened. Female sapper cadres have been instructed to gain addresses while working in bars, clubs etc.

e.g. On 30 Aug 71 in PHUOC GIAO (D) BINH DUONG (P) a farmer delivered a box to the DIOCC. When opened, it exploded, wounding four DIOCC personnel.

C1 Comment: It is possible that this programme known as "Presents to Americans" will be implemented during the current election campaign.

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Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)	HQ TRAC	MACV-CICV	MACV-J2	BIEN HOA Sector	Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)		RSSZ (for IO)	AATTV Advisor	BARIA	AATTV SAIGON
LONG KHANH Sector S2	XUAN LOC	All 1 ATF LOs			

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

APD (Sniffer). (081000H - 081110H) E 69-76, N 61-68. No significant readings.
1 ATF Comment: Area possibly affected by CHINOCK inserting D Coy 3 RAR into YS6965.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 252/71 dated 9 Sep 71.
2. Period Covered from 090001H to 092400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (090840H). At YS687647 an elm of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard a series of shots to the NW at a range of 2000m.

(b) (091145H). At YS697687 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found an overnight sleeping area used by approx eight pers approx one week previously. A track led from the area NW and joined another track in vicinity of YS6869.

(c) (091400H). At YS666662 3 RAR have reported a major logging camp. Three N-S tracks were also found. There were two tractors in the area and two to three chain saws. A number of civilians were in the area and their identity cards were checked and found in order.

(d) (091615H). At YS677652 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a N-S logging track used by a veh approx two weeks previously. One set of small boot prints 24 hrs old was also found on the track.

(2) AO PADDINGTON

(a) (082005H). Late Report. At YS442645 a ptl from 1 ARU heard voices/^{and} at first light found an old house 150m to the SW.

Comment: Believed to be civilians.

(3) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (091422H). At YS533887 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found one AK-47 mag which had been in position for an estimated 2-3 weeks.

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>
090800H - 091000H	E 64-67, N 60-63	No sign of recent movement. Evidence of occupation of NUI KHO (YS6562) during last three weeks by poss friendly force at YS651623. A large number of animal tracks in southern clearings
091000H - 091200H	E 56-60, N 85-87 YS574855 YS550867	At YS564874 fresh cut tree stump seen Old camp not recently used. Rest area not recently used. No sign of movement seen in area but extensive animal tracks were observed.
091200H - 091430H	E 65-68, N 78-81	At YS675777 a lie up area for approx nine pers estimated to be 1-2 weeks old. Three tracks led to N used by pers walking in single file. At YS662790 a rest area approx 1-2 weeks old. A VN-type hat was seen in the position but a qty of tins in area indicate it was probably used by friendly forces. No sign of movement on marked N-S track on eastern side of area.
091400H - 091600H	E 68-71, N 82-85	At YS684838 rest area for up to five pers not recently used. At YS682834 a tree with a definite notch cut out of the base. There were no other signs in area.
091600H - 091800H	E 56-59, N 56-58	At YS574569 net across mouth of river. Five nets seen on beach nearby.

.../From YS576569

091600H - From YS576569 Two very fresh sets of footprints.
 091800H to YS594578
 YS595585 Net across the river and a fish trap attached to western bank.
 No sign of movement in the mangroves but shadows made detection of sign very difficult.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

One AK-47 magazine.

(b) Omitted.

(3) and (5) omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) to (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons

Cache.....2

(6) Crew Served Weapons

Action.....1

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....102 lbs

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3 lbs

(9) Medical Stores.....5½ lbs

(10) to (17) omitted.

(18) B-41 Rounds.....5

(19) to (21) omitted.

(22) SA Rounds.....938

(23) Omitted.

(24) AP Mines.....1

(25) to (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

Ref INTSUM 251/71 para 11.f.(6) amend grid to read YS556946.

d. Agent Reports

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(1) PSB DAT DO Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

On the nights of 1, 2 and 3 Sep, approx 18 VC were observed at YS556564. Identified in the gp were DONG VAN THANH and DANG THI NAM (AKA NAM-U). One of the VC said that they were planning to capture a teenager for labouring purposes. Source also stated that six of these VC sometimes fish at YS622624.

Comment: There is no record of either name in 1 ATF ORBAT records; however, refer to INTSUM 247/71 para 3.a.(2) (and amdt in INTSUM 248/71) for an account of an incident of 4 Sep 71 involving a teenager who appeared to have been beaten, an explosion and 161 (Indep) Recce Flt ac. The two pers who were detained following this incident have now been released but it is thought likely that an abortive attempt was made to ambush a 161 (Indep) Recce Flt ac by guerillas of LONG DAT District.

(2) Sector Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F5.

On 7, 8 and 9 Sep one coy of D445 LF Bn of approx 30 men, was seen at YS560570. .../They

They were armed with one HMG, B-41s, B-40s and individual wpns.

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(3) DUC THANH Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0730H on 7 Sep one squad of VC from 274 VC Regt were seen at YS502858. One of the VC said that the gp was from HQ 274 VC Regt which was loc in the vicinity of YS382938. He stated that the gp was to recce base camps that they had previously used and had vacated during and since 1967. According to the VC the Aust forces will return to AUSTRALIA and 274 VC Regt will move to the camps to consolidate their forces and will then take command of Route 2 after the Aust forces withdraw.

Comment: No detail has yet been found in 1 ATF records of camps known to have been used by 274 VC Regt during 1967 in the specific area stated. However, in Jul 67 274 VC Regt was based near NUI HOT (YS643930) and they were operating regularly in the area of KA BANG (area YS4685 and east). In Jul 67 the Regt crossed Route 2 and moved to the HAT DICH. Sniffer readings were obtained on 4 Sep 71 in YS5085, and at YS514866 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a 25 bunker camp on 14 Feb 71, in which documents identifying CHAU DUC were found (INTSUM 47/71 Annex B dated 16 Feb 71 gives document readout). There are other camps in the area.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

Extracts ffrom 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM dated 8 Sep 71

(1) (081700H). At YS708982 3 Bde tps found a fresh track leading E which was followed for 400m, where one pers was seen and eng with unknown results. One bunker was found in the vicinity and one radio antenna, one transceiver, one radio receiver, one entrenching tool and a qty of docus were captured. It was estimated that the area had been used by 8-10 pers in the previous 1-2 days.

(2) (081100H). At YS563930 3 Bde tps found an E-W track used in previous three days by an estimated 4-5 pers moving W.

(3) (081255H). At YS563934 3 Bde tps found a bunker system consisting of 30 bkrs (5' x 5' with 2' OHP) and four OP positions. Recovered were: one old AK-47, eight 60mm mor fuses, two M-16 mags and a qty of other items. The system showed use by an estimated 25 pers in the previous 24 hrs.

(4) (081030H). At YS558941 3 Bde tps found four bunkers, two of which had huts on top. The complex was 2-3 months old and had a N-S foot track through it. The area was estimated to have been used in the previous 2-3 days by two pers mov. S. One NVA helmet and one pr of US issue boots were recovered.

1 ATF Comment: During Operation OVERLORD, US tps reported a system of eight bkrs at YS557941. There was also a pit which was designed for use by a 12.7mm HMG team. The area may be used by K8 Combat Sp Coy.

Current Reports

(5) (091130H). At YS687988 3 Bde tps found at least 15 bkrs with signs of an estimated 40-50 en moving S within the preceding 12-24 hrs.

Sector Reports

(6) (091425H). At YS561560 a gp of pers (NFI) were seen on the beach, and in the same vicinity 20 boats with up to 10 pers in each boat were observed moving SW along the coast.

(7) (092005H). At YS437604 578 RF Coy saw a gp of 8-10 pers with torches to their N, and saw another gp of four VC moving S. The gp of four was eng. Results: two VC KIA and one carbine captured. The remaining two VC withdrew SW. The original gp of 8-10 pers withdrew in an unknown direction

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- Annexes: B. Captured Documents
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ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM No 252/71

DATED 9 Sep 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A wallet found by a 1 ATF patrol in a bunker system at YS772884 on 5 Sep 71 has been examined and contains the following documents:
 - a. A collection of assorted personal photographs.
 - b. A photograph dated 7 Apr 67 with " VO DANG D445 " written on the back.
 - c. A photograph dated 20 Aug 66 of an unknown female from NA (an unknown place).
 - d. The label of a quinine bottle.

Comment: Although 1 ATF has no record of VO DANG, there are several persons named DANG known to be in D445. It is not possible to determine which one is connected with the photograph. The age and condition of the photographs suggest that the wallet had been lost for some time.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

(090900H - 091100H) YS E 75-83, N 66-72 . No significant readings.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 253/71.
- 2. Period Covered from 110001H to 102400H Sep 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

- (a) (100855H). At YS535891, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a well used N-S and E-W track. No friendlies have been in this area for the last 2-3 mths.
- (b) (101030H). At YS535881, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a staging area for 30 pers which had been used approx two weeks previously. A track ran NE from the area.
- (c) (101030H). At YS522899, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an E-W track which had been used by 2-3 pers moving W 18 hrs previously.

(2) Territorial Forces AO

- (a) (100915H). At YS659653, D Coy 3 RAR heard a series of shots. XUYEN MOC advised that there were no PF or RF tps in the area.

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>
100800H -	E 55-59,	No signs of recent movement.
101000H	N 89-91	
101400H -	E 52-56,	1. At YS520858 a N-S track was seen in thick jungle. It appeared to be fresh with light movt over it.
101600H	N 84-86	2. At YS522853 a heavy well used track was seen, approx 2' wide, used within the past week.
		3. At YS521862 a roughly cut tree stump was seen, approx 6"-8" in diameter. It appeared to have been recently cut, with red dirt rubbed into the fresh cut for camouflage.
		4. Throughout the general area there was a strong smell of freshly cut timber, similar to the smell of timber being cleared during land clearing ops.
090810H	YS329760	One oxcart was seen.
101210H	YS740822	A RAAF ac sighted a truck and five pers
101210H	YS730812	A RAAF ac sighted a tractor and two pers mov
101725H	YS790663	A RAAF ac sighted fresh footprints in the sand between the estuary and the ocean.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

- (1) to (4) omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons Cache.....2
- (6) Crew Served Weapons Action.....1
- (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed....102 lbs
- (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3 lbs
- (9) Medical Stores.....5 1/2 Lbs
- (10) to (17) omitted.
- (18) B-41 Rounds..... 5
- (19) to (21) omitted.
- (22) SA Rounds.....938
- (23) Omitted.
- (24) AP Mines.....1
- (25) to (27) omitted.

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

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9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUM 179/71 dated 28 Jun 71, Annex F, D445 LF Bn/BA LONG, delete strength of 135, insert 148.

(2) Ref INTSUM 243/71 dated 31 Aug 71, Annex F, D445 LF Bn/BA LONG, delete strength of 135, insert 157.

(3) Ref INTSUM 251/71 dated 8 Sep 71 para 11.d.(12) line 1, delete DUNG (C of S XUYEN MOC), insert DUNG (Chief of Security XUYEN MOC (V) Unit).

d. Agent Reports

Territorial Forces AO

(1) DAT DO Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

Source states that a VC from PHUOC HOA LONG (V) PC stated that in Aug 71 VC LONG DAT (D) received a directive to intensify activities in LONG DIEN and DAT DO against the PSDF.

(2) Sector Report. Eval VN B3, 1 ATF F3.

Source states that a sect of LONG DIEN (V) guerillas were seen at YS253587. The VC were stopping fishing boats and taxing the owners, and asking for info on ARVN movements on LONG SON Island.

(3) PRU Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(071000H). At YS274547, five VC were seen. They were NGUYEN VAN KIEU (Mil Proselyting Sect LONG SON PC), VO VAN SAO (F and E Sect LONG SON PC), THANG, HUE and LAM (LONG SON guerilla unit). The VC go to the above loc approx every three days to ask civilians for info concerning FWMAF activities.

(4) PRU Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On 6 Sep at 0900H four VC went to YS277568 to obtain food and info from the local population. The VC were CAI VAN BAY aka BAY THO (LONG SON guerilla leader), MUOI DOT, KHUYEN and TAI (all members of LONG SON guerillas).

(5) DAT DO Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2.

Source states that a VC from VC LONG DAT (D) stated that in Jul 71, Sub Region BARIA directed that XUYEN MOC (D) be dissolved, and amalgamated with VC LONG DAT (D).

Comment: This provides a further indication regarding the apparent formation of "LONG XUYEN" District (see 1 ATF INTSUM 245/71 para 11.d.(2)).

(6) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3.

(061500H). At YS217754, 30 VC were seen. They were armed with four B-40s, one M-79 and one MG and carried one PRC25 radio. The unit intends to sabotage the bridge on Highway 15 (YS246754).

(7) DUC THANH Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Source states that on the night 6 Sep an unknown number of VC entered DUC TRUNG (H) (YS455746). They asked the people to make them knives, bought some rice and left.

Other Areas

(8) XUAN LOC Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Source states that a coy of 274 MF Regt were seen at YS484925.

(9) CAM MY Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Source states that at 091330H plantation workers from CAM MY saw a large number of VC digging near an elephant fence running between YS468914 and YS479925. The VC were carrying entrenching tools, and on being seen they went to ground.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Ref report of 578 RF Coy contact of 9 Sep 71 at YS437604 (see 1 ATF INTSUM 252/71 para 11.f.(7)). Final report reveals that three VC were KIA and not two as previously stated. The VC KIA were identified as NGUYEN VAN SANH, Youth Association Cadre Chief of LONG DIEN (V), BA DIEP, PCS LONG DIEN Rural, and

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PHAN VAN HAI (1 ATF ORBAT holds no record), but recorded by Sector as F and E Chief LONG DIEN and Acting PCS LONG DIEN Village.

(2) (091943H). At YS322610 a truck belonging to VN Marines en route SAIGON - VUNG TAU broke down. One VN went to urinate and stood on a mine. He was slightly wounded. NFI.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 253/71
DATED 10 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Reference: A. Annex B to 1 ATF INTSUM No 250/71 dated 7 Sep 71.

B Coy 3 RAR

1. CDEC have provided the following further information from documents captured by B Coy 3 RAR in the bunker system ay YS608660 on 1 Sep 71.

2. Three letters dated 23 Aug 71 were from LUONG DUC THIEN who is currently in the MINH DAM (LONG HAIs). THIEN is a member of the Sigs Pl, D445. THIEN noted that enemy artillery shellings and bombings (in the LONG HAIs) has slackened recently, and that (VC) personnel (in LONG DAT District) were able to purchase most items easily including drugs, milk and fabrics. The situation was similar to that of peace time. The rice ration was 20 litres per person per month (Scale 20 which is 1.7 lbs per man per day). Some members of THIEN's unit had recently married local girls. THIEN himself was about to be married. THIEN had known BA, OC of C3 (Coy D445, previously K9 Coy D440) while they had been in NVN. THIEN wrote that even though he and other members of his unit had plenty of food, they still felt homesick, since all of them were natives of NVN.

Comment: C3 Coy was previously K9 Coy of D440 LF Bn. D440 was disbanded in Aug 70, and C3 Coy and some other elements were subordinated to D445. D440 personnel were primarily NVN.

3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)

3. Documents captured by C/2-5 (US), 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) at YT496219 on 7 Sep 71 have been identified as belonging to elements of D6 Sapper Bn. They reveal that D6 consists of three coys designated as C62, C64 and C66. The total bn strength is stated as being approximately 65 personnel and the unit usually operates in the CAO SU District. According to the documents, C64 has a strength of 22 personnel, operates in the area of YT3919 and usually combines with C62 for specific combat missions. Several mentions are made of personalities connected with HQ MR7 and the documents imply that D6 is now subordinate to MR7.

Comment: D6 Sapper Bn is reported by TRAC to be D6 Water Sapper Bn which formerly operated in the RUNG SAT in Sub Region Four. Currently, D6 is believed to be based in the area of YT4921 and the documents suggest that it is now subordinate to MR7. The location of the bn indicates that Water Sapper operations have been suspended and the unit is probably now engaged in normal sapper activities.

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>
100915H-	YS769830	YS769815 YS775820	YS779842
101055H		YS769828	

Comment: The aim of the mission was to assist in possibly locating D445 elms. The readings are in the general area of known D445 movement routes (track cut by secateurs found YS763810 on 22 Mar and 2 Apr) but no further conclusions can be reached at this stage. Area will be reflown 11 Sep.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 254/71.
2. Period Covered from 110001H to 112400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (110625H). At YS483907 the Tracker Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC), challenged four en who were moving N. En failed to stop and were eng. Results: three VC KIA (BC) and one VC WIA (BT). Blood trail was followed with nil results. CIA were one AK-47, two pistols, four packs, items of webbing and docus. See para 4.e.(2)(a) for captured eqpt. From docus en ident as members of CHAU DUC District. See Annex B. for docu readout.

(b) (110805H). At YS608913 a 1 ATF ptl found a camp for two pers. NFI.

(c) (111630H). At YS403899, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc an occupied bkr system. The pl moved to YS401899 where they heard voices and sighted two more bkrs. An E-W track was found which had been used by approx 30 pers moving W. The en position was eng using arty and Bushrangers. The pl will check the area at first light.

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (111712H). At YS658774 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a mine marker. The marker is on an old track and both the marker and the track appear to be six mths old. The pl will check the marker area and track at first light.

(3) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (111545H), At YS429899 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a grave. Smell indicated that a body was in the grave. Nearby was an empty en pack. The grave was old but had fresh dirt on top

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>
111215H	E 47-50, N 91-94	1. At YS469938 three timber cutters were sighted in a 3 ton truck. 2. At YS471942, in a clearing there were a large number of fresh tracks running from E to W. 3. No signs of other movement.
111400H	E 49-52, N 81-84	No sign of recent movement.
110650H	YS270665	A Possum ac sighted an overturned truck which was being unloaded by three pers.
110855H	YS392783 to YS393779	USAF ac sighted a new heavily travelled track running N to S. <u>Comment:</u> Track in same area was seen by VR on 13 May. At this time it was reported as passing from YS391787 to YS392780 to YS392768. It had regular light/ ^{use} (see INTSUM for 13 May). On 11 Sep DUC THANH commented that track sighted 11 Sep may have been made by bamboo cutters. This is considered a likely explanation

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 3 VC

b., c. and d. omitted.

.../e. Enemy

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual: 2 K54 pistols, 1 AK47
- (b) and (c) omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 K54 pistol holsters | 3 packs |
| 4 K54 mags | 1 map NHON TRACH) both maps to scale |
| 2 M1 carbine mags | 1 map BINH BA) 1:50,000 |
| 2 web belts | 1/4 lb tobacco |
| 1 compass pouch | qty plastic sheeting |
| 1 US basic pouch | qty clothing |
| 1 cooking dixie | qty women's underwear |
| 3 prs HCM sandals | qty toilet gear |
| 1 pkt cigarettes | a small qty medical supplies |
| 6 food bowls | qty insulation wire |
| 1 US torch | qty soap |
| 2 prs boots (1 US, 1 ARVN) | |
| 1 pr thongs | |
| 3 batteries | |

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff .(Captured at YS483907)

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
condensed milk	5 tins	rice	21 lbs
chillies	2 lbs	brown sugar	2 lbs
crystals	1/2 lb	salt	1/2 lb
salmon	6 tins	garlic	1/2 lb

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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|---|----------------------------------|
| (1) KIA.....3 VC | (9) Medical Stores.....5 1/2 lbs |
| (2) to (4) omitted. | (10) to (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (18) B-41 Rounds.....55 |
| Action.....3 | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| Cache.....2 | (22) SA Rounds.....1246 |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons | (23) Omitted. |
| Action.....1 | (24) AP Mines.....1 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....123 lbs | (25) to (27) omitted. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3 1/2 lbs | |

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

Ref INTSUM 253/71 para 2, delete 110001H, insert 100001H.

d. Agent Reports

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(1) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F4.

(031000H). At YS286552, LONG SON (V), LONG SON Island, a squad of VC were

.../sighted disguised

sighted disguised in uniforms of the RVN/^{Armed} Forces. Squad has the mission of kidnapping and assassinating local GVN officials and RVN soldiers on the island.

(2) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F4.

(022400H). At YS4360 five VC entered a house and captured one THO SON. Source reports that the same unit is often sighted at YS4563 fishing and collecting bamboo. The fish and bamboo are then sold to residents of LONG PHUOC, in order that the VC may purchase food and supplies. When there is an operation by friendly troops in the area, unit members pretend that they work in the rice pads.

(3) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F3.

(070600H). At YS270735 seven VC meet with woodcutters from the PHU MY (V) area periodically to propagandize and proselyte, to collect taxes and also to purchase med supplies (antibiotics) and foodstuffs. Members are often sighted at YS270735 at 0600 hrs. Two members ident as LE VAN UNG (ORBAT holds as Comd F/E PHU MY (V) PC) and NGUYEN THI BONG (ORBAT holds no record).

(4) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F3.

(061200H). At YS210732, six VC collected taxes from boat owners and fishermen. Ident was NGUYEN THI THANH (ORBAT holds no record but 525 MI Gp ident him as F/E cadre, CHAU DUC VC (D)).

(5) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval VN F3, 1 ATF F3

Report that 10 VC were sighted at YS250650 moving in two boats loaded with wood. Source stated that unit hides in the area near YS240650. Among the gp were HUYNH CONG DINH (1 ATF ORBAT holds as 2IC Guard Cell CHAU DUC) and DANG VAN SANG (1 ATF ORBAT holds as PHUOC HOA Guerilla Leader).

(6) Received from RDC. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On night 8 Sep a gp of LONG HUONG guerillas infiltrated LONG HUONG and obtained food supplies.

(7) Received from RDC. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Four VC were seen at PHU MY on 7 Sep. They came to collect food supplies but the locals had not left any for them.

AO BIRDSVILLE

(8) Received from PLOCC. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4.

(081300H). At YS377639, six VC including one female stayed at a Montangard's house. They were armed with one B-40 and personal wpns and were wearing mixed uniforms.

(9) Received from National Police. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(071430H). In the vicinity of YS373634 civilians saw a VC camp. Six VC stopped the civilians and told them not to reveal their camp. The VC are reported to be from BARIA area.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (101630H). At YS509943, tps of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) found a 12" wide track in the centre of an 8' wide logging road. The track was used by 4-6 pers during the past 4-6 hrs. They were moving in an unknown direction.

(2) (101710H). At YS696987, tps of 3 Bde found a 12" wide track in the centre of an 8' wide logging road. The track was used in the last 24 hrs by 10-20 pers moving in both directions.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 254/71
DATED 11 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Documents found on the bodies of the three VC KIA by the Tracker Pl, Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS483907 on 11 Sep 71 contain the following information:
 - a. Two identity cards, No 03866573 and No 00579949 issued to LE VAN HUNG (unk) and DOAN VAN THAO (unk).
 - b. Personal letter from HAI BAT (unk) to SAU CHAU (possibly member CHAU DUC Propaganda and Training Section) dated 28 Aug 71.
 - c. Personal letter from HONG HUE (possibly medic of HOA LONG Party Chapter) to HONG THAM (unk) dated 5 Sep 71.
 - d. Personal letter from NAM HIEP (possibly nurse CHAU DUC military hospital) to DO THANH HAI (unk) in BARIA dated 6 Sep 71.
 - e. A book containing a list of the names and personal particulars of National Police members in DUC THANH and LONG LE.
 - f. Maps of BINH BA and NHON TRACH (Aust 1:50,000) and a sketch map of BIEN HOA (ARVN 1:50,000). There were spots marked on one of the former maps at YS180850 and YS170810. Firetrails in the NUI DINH/NUI THI VAI area are marked clearly.
 - g. A receipt from the KHANH VAN radio shop VUNG TAU for TRAN VAN NAM (unk) who purchased a radio on 22 Aug 69.
 - h. A number of personal letters from elements of CHAU DUC Medical Section to members of the " provincial medical school ".
 - i. A letter from NAM HIEP (Nurse Military Medical Section CHAU DUC) to THANH HUYEN (section 2IC, C5, D445).
 - j. An assignment order for HOANG (possibly PHU MY F and E cadre) appointing him as PCS of PHU MY dated 19 Jun 71 and signed by TRAN VAN CONG (unk) for Current Affairs Committee, CHAU DUC.
 - k. A number of documents and personal letters belonging to BAY GIANG (Comd F and E Sect CHAU DUC)
 - l. A number of documents and personal letters belonging to DUONG THI CHAU (unk female).
 - m. A commendation certificate dated Jan 71 for PHAM VAN TUT (Comd BINH BA Village Unit).
 - n. A number of personal commendations from HQ BA LONG Province.
 - o. A detailed sketch of the compound at YS436717 near AP SUOI NGHE. The defences and accommodation plan of the post were described in some detail and it was stated that three Australian advisors and an interpreter were living in the compound.

Comment: There was no plan for a possible attack stated, and the document appears to be a reconnaissance report.

.../p . A map

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- p. A map of " Agricultural Training Areas " east of Route 15 showing some land divided into certain areas. The scaling of the map is poor.

General Comment: The number of letters to and from medical personnel of the CHAU DUC District Unit indicates that the three VC KIA belonged to that unit. There were several documents from HQ BA LONG and many of the letters had been recently written and were unopened. This suggests that these enemy were acting as couriers and were not necessarily members of the CHAU DUC Medical Section. A number of fairly old personal commendations and letters indicates that the three KIA may possibly have been BAY GIANG (Comd of F and E Sect, CHAU DUC District Unit), PHAM VAN TUT (Comd of BINH BA Village Unit) and DUONG THI CHAU (unk).

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 254/71
DATED 11 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1. Omitted.
- 2. Omitted.
- 3. Omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

(110930H - 111100H) at E 74-80, N 77-85 no significant readings.

Comment: There was heavy foot track movement in a cleared area: E 79-81, N 82-84. Movement was from E to W. A check by VR was attempted but VR had to be aborted because of weather.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 255/71.
2. Period Covered from 120001H to 122400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy contacts. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (121134H). At YS401898, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted one en dressed in black and armed with an AK47 who approached from the S. En withdrew S and a sweep revealed nil results. At YS402899 at 1530H 9 Pl relocated the en bunker system that was reported occupied yesterday (ref INTSUM 254/71, para 3.a.(1)(c)). System was "Y" shaped and 80m x 50m and contained four new bunkers (10' x 6' x 6'), Bunkers were approx three weeks old and used in past 12 hrs. Loc in the system were three med phials, qty docus and a small amount of clothing. System to be destroyed. Docus tentatively identify a rear service elm of 274 Regt, possibly K76 C Hospital which usually operates in sp of 274 Regt. See Annex B.

(b) (121735H). At YS420894, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted one en dressed in a camouflaged **suit** and moving SW outside their perimeter. En withdrew SW on contact and a sweep of the area revealed nil results.

(2) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (120900H). At YS471927, and YS468912, elms of 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) have checked areas of reported diggings N and S of CAM MY. No signs of digging could be found at either loc.

Comment: Digging by VC was reported in an agent report. Ref INTSUM 253/71 para 11.d.(9)

(3) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (121200H). At YS621783, Sp Coy 3 RAR loc a well camouflaged cache in the base of a large tree. No fresh tracks could be found leading from the cache site. The eqpt was in fair condition and estimated to be 6-12 mths old. Ref para 4.e.(2)(a) for a list of captured eqpt.

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>
120815H	E 72-75, N 61-65	No sighting of recent activity.
120900H	YS6692	Truck with 30 pers on board joined another truck and both headed SW along Route 330.
121000H	E 70-73, N 70-73	1. YS732697, one logger's truck carrying five pers. 2. YS734698, four oxcarts and twelve pers seen. 3. No other signs in area.
121135H	YS734698	Twelve pers seen hiding in scrub.
121200H	E 57-60, N 78-81	No sign of recent activity.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured (At YS621783)

4 sawblades, 1 crowbar, 2 rakes, 5 machettes, 3 axeheads, 2 knives, 2 hoe heads, 3 tongs, 4 earthenware jugs, 7 cooking pots, 1 belt with 3 leather .../pouches

pouches, 1 pr HCM sandals, 29 large dishes, 10 flat tin plates, 1 teapot, 11 copper lids, 7 glasses, 1 French water bottle, 3 sauce plates, 2 empty ammo boxes, 1 yd of chain, qty wire, 2 rice spoons, 1 folding rule (100 cms), 6 various sized bottles, 1 four-gal drum and 1 Army pattern water bottle.

(b) Destroyed (At YS402899)

3 medical phials and a qty of greens.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. At YS402899, see Annex B.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
121200H	3 RAR	YS621783	Ref para 4.e.(2)(a)

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| (1) KIA.....3 VC | (9) Medical Stores.....5½ lbs |
| (2), (3) and (4) omitted. | (10) to (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (18) B-41 Rounds.....5 |
| Action.....3 | (19), (20) and (21) omitted. |
| Cache.....2 | (22) SA Rounds.....1246 |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons | (23) Omitted. |
| Action.....1 | (24) AP Mines.....1 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....123 lbs | (25), (26) and (27) omitted. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3½ lbs | |

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 36/71 dated 6 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

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

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from 525 MI Gp. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3.
Report concerns personalities in PHU MY Village Party Chapter. It is reported that TRAN VAN BA aka HAI DAN (1 ATF ORBAT holds no record) is a legal resident of the village and is an F/E cadre of the VPC. Similarly, NGUYEN VAN LOI (unk) is reportedly a legal resident and an F/E cadre. HUYNH VAN VON (unk) is also a legal resident and a cadre of the Political Section of PHU MY Village Party Chapter.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

- (1) (111000H). At YS677988, 3 Bde tps found a N-S track used in past 12 hrs by two gps (each 5-6 pers). Gps had moved in opposite directions.
- (2) (110900H). At YS573932, 3 Bde tps found a NW-SE track used in past 24 hrs by 2-3 pers moving SE.
- (3) Late Report. (090945H). At YT317007 to YT315008, RTAVF tps found 25 usable foxholes along a NW-SE track between the above grids. Also loc was one helmet, six M16 mags and a qty of docus including one map.
- (4) Late Report. (090945H). At YT312009, RTAVF tps found ten destroyed bunkers (still usable). Also loc was a track along a stream at YT312003. NFI.
- (5) (120930H). At YS543557, 586 RF Coy tps detonated an unknown type of mine. Results: One RF KIA, 15 RF WIA.

.../6. (121200H).

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(6) (121200H). At YS540554, 586 RF Coy tps detonated a second unknown type of mine. Results; Five RF WIA.

(7) (121215H). At YS545563, 701 RF Coy tps were eng by a VC unit using a B-40. Results: One RF KIA, one RF WIA. En gp estimated to be of squad size. The area was suppressed with mini-gun and rocket fire. Six pers were then sighted moving SE along the beach away from the mouth of the SONG RAI. At YS558558 an Albatross ac landed and arrested one pers. He was taken to DAT DO Sub-Sector for questioning. The other five pers disappeared. They appeared to be fishermen and some were on bicycles.

Comment: These incidents occurred in area of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt incident of 4 Sep (see INTSUM for that day). From the nature of that incident it appeared to have been carried out by LONG DAT District elms. According to a recent agent report a gp of 18 VC were loc in area YS556564 on 1-3 Sep. They planned to capture a teenager for labouring purposes. An earlier agent report stated that on 7 Aug, 30 men, possibly of D445, had moved into area YS5556 from the PHUOC BUU forest S of XUYEN MOC. They intended to harass posts in DAT DO in conjunction with C1/D445. See INTSUMs 252/71 para 11.d.(1) and 222/71 para 11.d.(2)(d) for reference (respectively) to the above agent reports. No firm identification can yet be made of the en gp concerned.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)
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 Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs
AATTV SAIGON

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 255/71
DATED 12 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Reference INTSUM 254/71, Annex B, a further study of records reveals that PHAM VAN TUT, tentatively identified as one of the three VC KIA, was, infact, killed by 655 RF Coy on 6 Jan 71. Many pers are mentioned several times in the docus but there is one report and several letters concerning NGUYEN HONG CHAU (poss Squad Leader, Youth Assault Group, BA LONG). The report mentioned that he had been detached to CHAU DUC District for the past eight months and there was one opened letter, dated 28 Jul 71, addressed to him. These facts suggest that CHAU was possibly one of the KIA and confirmation of the identities of the KIA is being sought by means of photographs.
2. Docus captured by C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a bunker system at YS402899 on 12 Sep 71 contain the following information:
 - a. Seven poems.
 - b. A docu listing eight " oaths " :
 - (1) Sacrifice for nation.
 - (2) Obey orders.
 - (3) Show patriotism.
 - (4) Keep high morale during fighting.
 - (5) Understand Party policy.
 - (6) Keep security.
 - (7) Show charity to others.
 - (8) Maintain equipment.
 - c. A scrap of paper with the name VUONG VAN HAO (unk) and " No 2 Surgical Team H13 " (Rear Services Staff, 274 Regt) written on it.
 - d. A badly torn blank personal particulars form.
 - e. A personal letter from DINH VAN TOAN (unk) to NGUYEN THI TUYET SINH (unk) of 3 Surgical Team dated 21 Jan 71.

Comment: The mention of Surgical Teams possibly indicates that elms of K 76C Field Hospital were in the area. This unit is subordinate to MR7 and usually operates in support of 274 Regt. Attached medical elms would usually work under the direction of the Regt Rear Services Staff and hence the connection between No 2 Surgical Team and H13 (Rear Services Staff 274 Regt).

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

At 120900H in area YS E 53-59, N 82-90. Very strong to maximum readings were recorded in grid squares YS5681, YS5781, YS5682 and YS5782.

Comment: There were other indications in Jul and Aug of activity just to the S of the area of the readings, and in YS5781 elms of 3 RAR reported movement on 14 Jul, but any possible enemy presence was not able to be confirmed. The area is to be reflown on 13 Sep.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 256/71.
2. Period Covered from 130001H to 132400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (122305H). Late Report. At FSB ROBIN (YS4376) an APC of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged one suspected enemy who withdrew S. A short time later a motor scooter was heard to leave the area.

(b) (130900H). At YS420936 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found tracks of a suspected two enemy moving from W to E, made earlier in the morning.

(c) (131000H). At YS414919, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a track made by five persons moving from S to N.

(d) (131115H). At YS493872 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a N-S track with use in both directions. Last used in the previous 2-3 days by approximately 10 persons moving in an unknown direction.

(e) (131640H). At YS426920 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw one person who withdrew SE from the area. He wore dark clothing and had no arms or eqpt.

(f) (131900H). At YS415874 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found six N-S tracks, each used by several persons moving S several days ago. It is considered unlikely that these tracks were made by friendly forces.

(2) AO OTAGO

(a) (120750). At YS492682 a 1 ARU ptl observed nine civilians moving S. The ptl followed the track made by the civilians to YS488687 where arrow-shaped bamboo markers were found pointing NE. The track was followed until it turned W. There were no further sightings.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

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

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130800H-	E 31-34	At YS315726, six persons in three ox carts seen traveling E were turned around and sent back. There were signs of continuous ox cart movement and woodcutting throughout the area.
131000H	N 71-74	

131000H-	E 64-67	In grid square YS6685, several N-S tracks approx one week old. One VN dressed in black and carrying a satchel similar to a Claymore carrier and apparently unarmed evaded to NW.
131200H	N 84-87	
	YS655865	Tunnel entrance measuring 2'6" square. It was not camouflaged and there was no sign of recent movement in the vicinity.
	YS656866	

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. (See Annex E).

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1), (2), (3) and (5) omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. (See Annex B).

.../f. Cumulative

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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|--|-------------------------------|
| (1) KIA.....3 VC | (9) Medical Stores.....5½ lbs |
| (2) to (4) omitted. | (10) to (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (18) B-41 Rounds.....5 |
| Action.....3 | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| Cache.....2 | (22) SA Rounds.....1246 |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons | (23) Omitted. |
| Action.....1 | (24) AP Mines.....1 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...123 lbs | (25) to (27) omitted. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3½ lbs | |

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUM 255/71 para 11.f.(5), delete 15 RF WIA, insert 2 RF WIA. Add also:
The mine was an M-16.

(2) Ref INTSUM 255/71 para 11.f.(6) add **also**: The mine was an M-16.

d. Agent Reports

AO INGLEWOOD

(1) XUYEN MOC Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At YS667660 on 12 Sep between 1200H and 1300H approx 12 VC were reported to be observed by civilians. A second report states that a second group were seen at 130900H at YS667664. HAI QUAN (PCS XUYEN MOC), HAI LONG (Chief of Security Sect XUYEN MOC) and THI TRINH (Rear Services Cadre BA LONG) were reported to be in this group.

AO BIRDSVILLE

(2) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3.

At 1600H on 8 Sep 12 VC of an unspecified local rear service element were resting in the vicinity of YS498818. Source stated that the party intended to receive supplies from local civilians in the vicinity of YS508830.

(3) 525 MI Gp Report. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 0900H on 9 Sep 20 VC of an unidentified unit were observed resting in the area of YS307677.

(4) DUC THANH Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1100H on 6 Sep one squad of VC from NGAI GIAO Village Guerillas with an unknown number of cadre from CHAU DUC (D) were reported seen at YS433847. One of the VC stated that they intended to stay close to the villages to facilitate the collection of information.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (130910H). At YS615645 a NP party travelling in a vehicle observed five VC who approached from the N. The enemy were engaged and they withdrew N without returning fire. Enemy losses are unknown.

.../(2) (131410H).

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(2) (131410H). At YS650664 an ARVN vehicle travelling towards XUYEN MOC was engaged by an estimated three VC with a Claymore. Contact broke immediately when the VC withdrew E. It was reported that the Claymore had been set up and fired in the reverse direction. There were no friendly casualties.

3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) Reports

(3) (Prior to 131305H). At YS641947 a VR ac observed four enemy who evaded E. The area was engaged by gunship resulting in one enemy KBA. At YS636947 the VR ac observed a bunker system with foot tracks to the SW with evidence of use in the previous two days. The tracks led to a rest area at YS633945 where numerous individual tracks were seen. The tracks lead generally SW.

(4) (131500H). At YS640923, an OH6A ac received ground fire from a suspected four enemy. Fire was returned resulting in one enemy KBH and one AK-47 captured. At 1507H the same ac engaged another enemy resulting in one enemy KBH. Two enemy withdrew into a bunker system which was engaged with rocket fire with unknown results.

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(5) (121052H). At YS683979 3 Bde troops found a N-S foot track with NVA boot prints leading S. The track was estimated to be 1-2 days old used by an estimated 10-15 persons.

(6) (121800H). At YS335977 176 RF Coy found three damaged typewriters, 750 metres of electrical wire, 50 AK-47 rounds and one RPG-2 round.

(7) (121000H). At YS570924 3 Bde troops found an E-W foot track used in the preceding 1-2 days by an estimated 4-5 persons moving E.

(8) (121300H). At YS641947 a 3 Bde ac received ground to air fire.

(9) (130940H). Ref INTSUM 255/71 para 11.f.(7). Incident involving 701 RF Coy. The detainee was a former PF soldier who had been fishing in the vicinity. He has now been released.

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

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 Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs
- AATTV SAIGON

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 256/71
DATED 13 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

On the morning of 11 Sep 71, 38 PF P1 found a " death warrant " in the area of the BINH BA market place. The document was made out against NGUYEN VAN KIEN and was signed by " The Peoples Liberation Committee " of BINH BA on 5 Sep 71. KIEN was assassinated in BINH BA on 5 Sep 71 (INTSUM 248/71 para 11.f.(3) refers).

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

At 130900 in area YS5787 - YS5987 - YS5979 - YS5779.
No significant readings. The mission was aborted due to a mechanical fault in the aircraft.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 257/71.
- 2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Sep 71.
- 3. Summary of enemy activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (141132H) At YS512871, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted 1 enemy who moved back to talk to another. The Pl closed to 40m and engaged. Enemy withdrew South and SW along a track. Enemy dressed in black and carrying packs. Unknown results.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

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

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
140600H	E 55 - 58 N 87 - 90	No sign of recent activity.
141040H	E 385 - 440 N 94 - Route 320	1. In YS3995 several fresh tracks running N to S through cleared areas either side of Route 320. 2. No other significant sightings. <u>XUAN LOC Comment:</u> Friendly elements have been operating in this area recently. Tracks possibly friendly.
141740H	E 50 - 53 N 83 - 86	1. At YS522844 there is a platoon sized harbour position with a well worn track plan. Estimated to be 2-3 months old. 2. At YS524839 a large hole covered by a small shrub was sighted, possibly an old well. 3. At YS519831 and YS511829 recent diggings, 1-2 weeks old, were seen. Both diggings consisted of a 12 inch trench but neither could be further investigated because of thick jungle.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, and d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(Late report) Further items taken by the Tracker Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS483907 at 110625H Sep from 3 enemy KIA:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1x piece of cam silk | 3xhamocks |
| 1xpair HO CHI MINH sandals | 1xAmerican compass |
| 3xCigarette lighters | 1xissue torch |
| 2xpens (1 biro and 1 fountain) | 1xbottle lamp (VC) |
| 1xwrist watch | 1xUSwater bottle carrier |
| 1xVC poncho | \$VN 42,160 and 1xpair Chopsticks |

(All the items were fairly new).

(3-5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA	3 VC	(9) Med Stores	5 1/2 lbs
(2-4) Omitted		(10-17) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons		(18) B 41 rounds	5
Action	3	(19-21) Omitted	
Caches	2	(22) SA rounds	1246
(6) Crew Served Weapons		(23-27) Omitted	
Action	1		
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	123 lbs		
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	3 1/2 lbs		

5, 6, and 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.

9. and 10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 256/71 para 11. f. (1) delete "(130910H)", insert "(121500H)".

.../c. Omitted

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c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) Report from NP BARIA. Eval 1 ATF F4

On 9 Sep at YS266728, 2 unidentified VC Coys were reportedly seen armed with crew-served weapons. The source also stated that the majority of the VC spoke with a northern accent, and their ages appeared to be around 14 or 15. The VC stopped the source and asked about the GVN defence plans for the coming presidential elections. Sector Comment: This is another report indicating the possible presence of a new company sized unit in the PHU MY area.

(2) Report from XUYEN MOC. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F6

At 1330H on 13 Sep at YS668662 a reported 24 VC were sighted. They wore mixed uniforms and were armed with B40 and individual weapons. They collected information on friendly activity in the XUYEN MOC area. It is believed the group intends to attack a military post in the area some time before the coming elections.

(3) Report from XUYEN MOC. Eval 1 ATF F3

At 1700H on 13 Sep at YS682666 several montagnards were met by 4 VC who asked about the Aust withdrawal and whereabouts of Aust APC's.

(4) Report from DUC THANH. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1700H on 13 Sep at YS463755, 4 VC of BINH BA were seen. They were lead by HUYNH VAN PHUONG, reportedly Comd BINH BA guerillas. They were dressed in black and were armed with 1xM16, 1xSKS and 1 AK47. Their reported intention is to shoot RF members in the twilight and early morning hours.

(5) Report from DAT DO. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1400H on 12 Sep at YS612628, 14 VC of LONG DAT met to discuss future plans. The group was led by NGUYEN NGOC AN aka NGUYEN VAN AN Comd C25 (1 ATF holds a NGUYEN AN as PO/2IC of C25). The items reportedly discussed were:

(a) An attack on NP station in DAT DO.

(b) A co-ordinated attack on PF, RDC and PSDF posts in DAT DO designed to create confusion among the civilians before the coming elections.

Sector Comment: Information referring to an attack on DAT DO has now been received several times.

(6) Report from NP BARIA. Eval 1 ATF F4

On the morning of 14 Sep at YS5365, 15 VC were seen wearing greens and red scarves.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (140500H) At YS428963, BLACKHORSE received 6 rds of what was later identified as 107mm rocket: no damage or casualties resulted.

(2) (140630H) At YS682670 a log (2½ft diam x 30ft long) had reportedly been laid across the road. VN timber trucks did not enter the jungle, but returned to the village.


(3) (140820H) At YS604636, 612 RF Coy fired upon 2 VC suspects. Results: 1 VC CIA, the other ran off. CIA (female) being held at XUYEN MOC for questioning. NFI.

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(4) (131558H) At YS640923 a further A/S was conducted. BDA 1 bunker 6ft x 8ft and 1 hut 8ft x 8ft destroyed.

(5) (131825H) At YS679971 elms of 1/7 Cav found a 12inch wide N-S track used within previous 7 days by 3 persons (2 wearing HO CHI MINH sandals, the other in barefeet) moving in an unknown direction. Track followed South for 200 m where it turns SW.

(6) (131210H) At YS620940 elms of 1/7 Cav heard movement and noise, together with the smell of cooking from 200m North. NFI.


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Annexes: **E.** Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)
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MACV-J2
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Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
RSSZ (For IO)
AATTV Advisor BARIA
AATTV (SAIGON)
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOS

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 257/71
DATED 14 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

<u>DFG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
140900H	YS405847	YS405830	YS405825
			YS405827
			YS405840
			YS405845
			YS405855

Comment: These readings were probably due to aircraft exhausts.

- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 258/71.
- 2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Sep 71.
- 3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (151140H) At YS515867, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 2 enemy moving E to W. One enemy was navigating, using an American compass. When engaged one enemy froze and the other returned fire. A sweep was conducted revealing 1 enemy KIA (BC) and a quantity of equipment. (See para 4. e. (2) this INTSUM), A squad sized N-S track, was later found in the area. There were no documents or identifications.

(2) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (151130H) At YS406911, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a bunker system measuring 50x80 metres in an "A" formation. The system consisted of 6 bunkers 5x5 metres and 2 bunkers 6x10 metres, with 2 fighting pits per bunker. Entry/exit points were found on the West, South and North, and a track led East from the system. Found in the area were a fire place (still warm) and a lecture area with diagrams of tanks, and methods of destruction. The system was estimated to be 1 to 3 months old, and to have been used in the last 24 hours.

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>
150800H-	E 69 - 72	1. Very fresh oxcart tracks from YS703674 to YS722681 through long grass (does not follow tracks). Signs indicate movement in both directions. 2. Large number of N-S tracks, up to 1 week old in YS7067 and YS7167, made by up to 4 pers travelling in single file. Some military pattern boot prints seen. 3. No movement seen South of Route 23.
151000H	N 65 - 68	
151000H-	E 51 - 55	1. One person was seen at YS526823, person moved quickly along track and squatted under large palm leaves. Down wash from rotors uncovered a person dressed in black wearing sand shoes, squatting with a rifle (not AK47) between his legs. Area was engaged by artillery. A later check revealed no sign of the person and good artillery coverage of the area. 2. A well used track was sighted at YS524814 with no use in the last 2 weeks.
151200H	N 81 - 83	
151400H-	E 40 - 43	1. At YS410781 3 sets of tracks were sighted running from NW-SE; less than 4 days old. 2. At YS416790 2 sets of tracks running NW-SE less than one week old. 3. At YS416794 4 sets of tracks NW-SE less than 48 hours old. 4. At NE corner of rubber in YS4279 a harbour position (friendly) was seen. Many tracks seen in the vicinity. 5. To the South of NUI NHAN in YS4378 there are several well defined tracks running N-S
151600H	N 78 - 81	

4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Comment:

No friendly elements have moved South of the 84 Northing since 8 Sep 71.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period

(1) Omitted

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- (2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC
- (3) Omitted
- b, c and d Omitted
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed
 - (1) Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual 1 AK-47
 - (b) Omitted
 - (c) Omitted
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Captured

2xAK-47 Mags	Quantity rice
1xUS compass	Personal medical kit
15 lbs flour	1xGas mask
5 lbs salt	
 - (b) Omitted
 - (3-5) Omitted
- f. Cumulative Totals For Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA 4 VC	(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 8½ lbs
(2-4) Omitted	(9) Med Stores 6½ lbs
(5) Individual Weapons	(10-17) Omitted
Action 4	(18) B 41 rounds 5
Caches 2	(19-21) Omitted
(6) Crew Served Weapons	(22) SA rounds 1286
Action 1	(23) Omitted
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.... 124 lbs	(24) AP Mines 1
	(25-27) Omitted

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 257/71 para 11. f. (4) Before this para insert under 3 Bde Extracts the following: "Ref INTSUM 256/71 paras 11. f. (3) and (8). At same grid (YS641947) an A/S was put in at 1400H. A BDA was unable to be carried out." INTSUM 257/71 para 4. e. (2) After " 3 enemy KIA " insert "See INTSUM: 254/71 paras 3. a. (1) (a) and 4. e. (2)."

INTSUM 257/71 para 4. f. (24) Should read "AP Mines 1"

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

- (1) XUYEN MOC report. Eval 1 ATF F3
Source states that 7 VC were seen fishing in a creek at YS636628 from approx 141130H to 141330H Sep 71. They were apparently well dressed in green uniforms.
- (2) LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
On 13 Sep at YS305775, approx 20 VC armed with 2xB40s were seen. They stopped oxcart drivers and asked about the local security situation.
- (3) LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
On 13 Sep at YS389617, 4 VC were seen near a cemetery. After 10 minutes they moved to KOM CAT (YS386615), and finally withdrew in the general direction of LONG DIEN.
- (4) LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
On 12 Sep at YS227668, 6 VC were seen in a boat. They stopped at BAN THACH (YS227668) and demanded tax and resupply from fishermen.
- (5) LONG LE report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
On 12 Sep at YS329593, 4 VC of BARIA City Unit were seen in a boat. They stopped fishermen and spread propaganda about the Presidential elections.
- (6) LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
On 12 Sep at YS326648 approx 1 section of the BARIA City Unit was seen. The VC were armed with 1xB40 and talked to locals for approx 15 minutes before withdrawing.
- (7) LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
On 10 Sep at YS227668, 4 VC were seen. They were later seen at BA PHONG (YS237724) carrying 2 bags of rice and one GVN pack.

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(8) LONG LE report. Eval 1 ATF F3

Source states that elements of D445 VC LF Bn are at present near DINH CO pagoda (YS4457). They intend to be active in the LONG DIEN area in the near future.

(9) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On night 12/13 Sep approx 8 VC infiltrated AP HOA HOI PHUOC HOA LONG (V) (YS5848). Two were recognized as being NGUYEN VAN BE aka THANH and MAI VAN BO of the PHUOC HOA Guerillas. They asked villagers for information on the Aust withdrawal from the district.

(10) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 11 Sep at YS495552, a group of VC were seen. Among them were NGUYEN VAN HAI aka TRAN DAT (PCS LONG MY) and TRAN THI NO (LONG MY guerilla). Source states that the VC spoke to their families to obtain food and information.

(11) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On night 12/13 Sep a group of VC led by NHUNG (unk) infiltrated AP LOI THANH (YS502572). After buying food supplies the VC withdrew SE.

(12) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

Source states that 4 VC have been stopping people in vicinity YS546556 and asking for information on VN operations in the area.

(13) RDC report. Eval 1 ATF F3

Source states that recently a VC platoon sized group was seen at YS505569, led by DOAN VAN LO, (Member PHUOC LOI guerillas). Their intentions were to observe RF/PF posts around PHUOC LOI (V).

(14) NP report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F2

On 13 Sep 5 VC infiltrated XUYEN MOC (V) (approx YS684683), and threatened families of GVN soldiers. The VC were HAI QUAN (PCS XUYEN MOC (V), DUNG (Chief Security Sect XUYEN MOC), TONG VAN CHAC (member XUYEN MOC (D) Council), BE (Unk) and HUNG (Unk). See also earlier agent report of HAI QUAN's presence in the area on 13 Sep (INTSUM 256/71 para 11. d. (1)).

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting InterestExtracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM

(1) (141900H) At YS674965 (SSW of FSB HALL), 3 Bde troops engaged 75-100 enemy moving West. Enemy withdrew in unknown direction with nil return fire. A daylight check of the area on 15 Sep found a track leading NNW, made by approx 30-40 persons. There were no signs of enemy losses.

(2) (142045H) At YS667949, 3 Bde tps engaged noise on their perimeter with nil return fire. Results: nil friendly casualties, unknow enemy losses.

(3) (141630H) At YS642936, 3 Bde troops observed 2 individuals moving South.

(4) (140925H) At YS645914 (SE of FSB HALL), 3 Bde troops found 2 enemy who had been killed by an airstrike.

(5) (141755H) At YS641929, a US aircraft received 5-10 rounds SA fire with no hits. Two enemy were engaged with organic weapons, they then withdrew. Results: nil friendly casualties or damage, enemy losses unknown.

Report from DAT DO

(6) (150330H) At YS510330, elms of 302 RF Bn engaged an estimated 8-10 enemy moving West. Results: 3 VC KIA, 1 MI carbine, and 50 lbs food CIA. KIA were tentatively identified as NGUYEN THI MOI aka THI TAM (female), possibly committee member VC LONG DAT (D), (1 ATF ORBAT holds her as possibly F and E sect member XUYEN MOC (D)). NGUYEN THI TIEN (unk), and TRINH THE PHUOC (Ex PSDF captured by VC at LONG DIEN in 1970).

Report from XUAN LOC

(7) (141000H) At YS400968, elms of 52 ARVN Regt engaged an estimated VC platoon. Results: 2 friendly WIA, 2 VC KIA, and 1 Honda motorcycle CIA.

Report from XUYEN MOC

(8) Reference INTSUM 257/71 para 11. f. (3) concerning the contact by 612 RF Coy at YS604636 at 140820H Sep 71. It has been confirmed that the Coy sighted and fired at 3 VC and captured one female, NGUYEN THI BE who was carrying 30 litres of rice (51 lbs), 1 litre of NUOC MAM, and 100 rice cakes. She admitted that the VC had given her \$VN 4,000 to buy the foodstuffs she carried. NGUYEN VAN BE also named another woman as being involved with the VC. PHAM THI BA, she too was arrested but denies any association with the VC. The interrogation is continuing.

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Annexe E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

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- HQ TRAC
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- Sector S2
- 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
- RSSZ (For IO)
- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- AATTV (SAIGON)
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX E TO
 1 ATF INTSUM 258/71
 DATED 15 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
150945-	YS405844	* YS408843	YS389833
151015H	YS403822	* YS415843	
	YS405833	* YS420846	
		YS406825	
		YS389841	

- Note:
- 1. * Source of these readings was approx YS404844.
 - 2. A well used track was seen at YS415856 running N-S
 - 3. An illegal garden plot was seen at YS398870.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 259/71.
2. Period Covered from 160001H to 162400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

AO BIRDSVILLE

- (1) (161210H). At YS487876 A/Tk Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an E-W track and resting place used by 6-8 people approx 2 days ago.
- (2) (161320H). At YS514863 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found two US type bangalore torpedoes wrapped in several layers of plastic and buried in the ground. They have been in loc approx 3 months. There was no sign of recent movement in the area.
- (3) Late Report. (151418H). At YS410906 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a 15' wide N-S track used by 7-10 people probably in the last 24 hrs. Movement had been in both directions.

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>
160800H- 160900H	E 54-57, N 88-91	1. A heavy track at YS564906 used by 20 plus pers moving S-N in the last 24 hrs. 2. A N-S track used by 10 people less than 4 days ago between YS544905 and YS542901.
161000H- 161200H	E 63-66, N 86-89	1. At YS637875 fresh tracks of five people were seen. The direction of movement was W-E across Route 328. 2. At MS657862 footprints approx 4-7 days old were seen in a bomb crater.
161200H- 161400H	E 33-36, N 74-77	1. Old movement of timber workers was seen in the west of the area.
161810H	YS296794	An old bunker system was seen at YS296794; 2 bunkers 3' x 3', approx 5' deep and supported with timber. The bunkers were apparently last used more than one month ago. However there are fresh diggings and tracks S of the system less than one week old, although they apparently do not join the bunkers. There are possibly a number of other bunkers in the area which could not be seen because of thick bamboo.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....	4 VC	(9) Medical Stores.....	6½ lbs
(2) to (4) omitted.		(10) to (17) omitted.	
(5) Individual Weapons		(18) B-41 Rounds.....	5
Action.....	4	(19) to (21) omitted.	
Cache.....	2	(22) SA Rounds.....	1286
(6) Crew Served Weapons		(23) Omitted.	
Action.....	1	(24) AP Mines.....	1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed....	124 lbs	(25) and (26) omitted.	
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....	8 ½ lbs	(27) Bangalore torpedoes.....	2
		.../5. Omitted.	

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUM 258/71 para 11.d.(6) line - YS510330 should read YS510543, and " TRINH THE PHUOC " should read " TRINH THI PHUOC ".

(2) INTSUM 258/71 para 11.d.(8) line 5 - " NGUYEN VAN BE " should read " NGUYEN THI BE ".

d. Agent ReportsAO BIRDSVILLE(1) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

A coy of VC were loc at YS315735 on 14 Sep. On night of 14 Sep they crossed a track at YS319719. (A VR of these grids on 16 Sep produced nothing to support this report).

(2) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Six VC were sighted at 1800H on 15 Sep at YS383655. They asked civilians about GVN and Aust troop activity in the area.

(3) DUC THANH Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

On 13 Sep at 1900H three VC came to XA BANG plantation house (YS465861). They saw Aust troops and withdrew into the jungle.

4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Comment: No troops in the area at that time.

Territorial Forces AO(4) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Six VC from the F/E Sect of PHU MY Party Chapter were seen at YS220750 at 151230H Sep. In the group were LE VAN UNG and NGUYEN THI THANH of PHU MY PC. They stopped woodcutters and asked for tax.

(5) LONG LE Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

A sect of VC moved by sampan and boat to YS240656 on night of 15 Sep. They told the people not to fish in the area and spread propaganda about the Presidential elections.

(6) Sector Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 14 Sep six VC from PHUOC HOA Guerillas were seen at YS252627. They collected 500 piastre per boat from the fishermen.

(7) DAT DO Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 9 Sep at 1400H, NGUYEN VAN AN, Political Officer C25 LONG DAT and 13 other VC held a meeting at YS612628. They discussed plans to attack GVN posts in DAT DO in order to harass the Presidential elections.

(8) DAT DO Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 15 Sep at 1200H a pl of VC were seen at YS534634. NFI.

(9) XUYEN MOC Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 0900H on 13 Sep, 15 VC from XUYEN MOC Party Chapter and C3 of D445 were seen at YS660657. They asked civilians about friendly troops in the area and said they will set up mines from Bridge 7 (YS600638) to XUYEN MOC.

(10) DAT DO Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

Every day at 1800H there are 20 VC in the vicinity of YS565625.

(11) XUYEN MOC NP Report. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

A newly formed group of VC called the " Grenade Attack Squad " armed with various mines, two B-40s and AK47s is based at LANG XIEM area (YS650640). The squad is a heavy weapons pl from the MINH DAM Secret Zone. They intend to interdict Route 23 and attack XUYEN MOC.

Comment: An ARVN vehicle was unsuccessfully ambushed at YS650664 on 13 Sep. This, together with the report in para 11.d.(9) adds credence to this report.

Extracts from RTAVF INTSUM No 257/71

(12) Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 13 Sep at 1300H approx 50 NVA armed with individual weapons moved from the PHU MY jungle to YS293793. (A VR of this area on 16 Sep found signs of a bunker system. See para 3.b.(2) last item).

(13) Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 13 Sep at 1600H approx 30 en of SR4, armed with one B-40, one B-41, two LMGs and individual weapons were in the vicinity of YS335916.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest(1) Extracts from 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(a) (151300H). At YS639945 3 Bde tps found a bunker system used by eight to twelve pers in the last 12 hrs. In the system were 5,000 rounds of AK-47 ammo in good condition.

(b) (151020H). At YS687996 a VR ac sighted three bunkers, one hut, three sleeping platforms and three en. The en were eng with unknown results.

(2) Reports from 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM

(a) (161245H). At YS729948 3 Bde tps contacted four en. Results: one en KIA, one AK-47 and one pack CIA.

(b) (161300H). At YS608972 a 3 Bde helicopter eng one en. Results: one en killed by helicopter. At 161415H at the same loc a further two en were eng. Results: two en killed.

(c) (161200H). At YS636965 3 Bde tps found 13 82mm mortar bombs, nine charges and 12 fuses. At the same loc a N-S track used by 1-2 people in the last eight hrs was found.

(3) BEARCAT Report.

(160720H). At YS153892 a PF pl detonated a booby trapped 105mm round which had been placed under a dirt road block on Route 15. It was detonated when PF tps removed apparently dummy mines from the top of the road block. A mini team from LONG BINH found two more 105mm rounds in the road block. One PF soldier was killed and two were wounded. The road was cratered by the explosion but was cleared by 1115H.

(4) XUAN LOC Report

(142230H). At YT427054 a unknown sized group of enemy were contacted. Results: three VC KIA. They were later identified as a local guerilla and two members of C17 Heavy Weapons Coy of 274 Regt. NFI.

(5) DAT DO Report.

(160020H). Twelve 60mm mortar rounds impacted in the vicinity of grid YS439950. Results: one civilian wounded. It is thought that the rounds were directed at FSB CARMEN. Later at 161930H at YS433595 tps from 578 RF Coy loc an en 60mm mortar base plate position which almost certainly was used in the mortar attack.

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- Annexes: A. Interrogation Report
 E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs
- AATTV SAIGON.

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 259/71
DATED 16 SEP 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE - NGUYEN THI BE

Reference: 1 ATF INTSUM 258/71 para 11,f.(8).

1. The subject was detained following a contact by 612 RF Coy with three VC at YS604636 on 14 Sep. At the time of her arrest BE was carrying 30 litres of rice (51 lbs), one litre of NUOC MAM and 100 rice cakes.
2. BE stated that she had been given VN\$4,000 to buy the above foodstuffs by the VC. She stated that up until then she had had nothing to do with the VC. The cost of the food was only VN\$1,300 and she intended to keep the remaining VN\$2,700 as a profit from her transaction.
3. Comment: Overall, the subject gave confusing misleading information. The interrogation is continuing.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

Mission aborted due to adverse weather conditions and technical problems.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 260/71.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (170105H) At YS443893 (FSB DEBBIE) a torch light was sighted 30mm SSE. The area was engaged with two bursts of .30 cal fire and the light was extinguished. A search was carried out after first light and footprints were found. The prints, however, could be those of rubber workers.

(2) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (170915H) At YS413900, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located five bunkers, 10x6x4 ft. They were in good condition and had fresh camouflage. There were dry ashes in the fire place and footprints around the bunkers, found were six pieces of paper with writing (DFI), 2 containers of tools, 1 plastic map container (empty), and one (Aust) entrenching tool. The bunkers will be destroyed.

(b) (172000H) HQ 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and FSB DEBBIE noticed lights moving from the ESE towards their locations. Lights were engaged by 76mm HE and .30 cal MG. Unknown results.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

DTG	LOCATION
170800H-	E 54 - 57
170930H	N 88 - 91

171000H-	E 50 - 57
171200H	N 90 - 92

171200H-	E 59 - 62
171400H	N 89 - 92

171400H-	E 345 - 375
171600H	N 86 - 905

SIGHTING

1. At northern edge of clearing at YS564906 tracks branches in two, one runs NW and the other NE (Ref INTSUM 259/71 para 3. b. (2) 1) The NW track was lost in dense scrub one boot-print (possibly friendly) was on NE track (toe pointing South).

1. Track was followed from YS522903 to YS518900. Track was used by 20 persons, approx one week ago, and appears to have had light use during the week. Track is prominent and possibly friendly. 4RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Comment: Possibly made by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

2. No other signs of recent movement seen in the area.

1. Track runs from YS589897 to YS589894. Footprints indicate movement of 2-3 persons South within the last 12 hours. Prints appear to be that of US combat boot.

2. At YS610913 a bunker system was sighted consisting of 3 visible bunkers with 7-8 inches diameter wooden OHP. Personnel items were observed near the system. Bunkers did not appear to have been used within the last month but fresh tracks (1-2 weeks old) surrounded the area. Comment: On 12 Sep a 1 ATF patrol located 17 weapon pits at YS610911. The pits ran in a N-S line approx 100m long but were in poor condition. There was no sign of recent enemy activity. Part of this system may have been of that sighted by the VR aircraft.

3. Footprints were sighted on river banks southern edge at YS610913.

1. Five 5 gallon plastic jerry cans, appeared to be in good condition were sighted in a clearing at YS375908.

2. An E-W track was observed at YS384889. It had been well used and appeared to be several weeks old. Possibly friendly and shows no sign of recent movement.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material(a) Captured

2 containers of tools, 1 plastic map container (empty and 1 tool entrenching (Aust))

(b) Omitted

(3-5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA 4 VC

(2-4) Omitted

(5) Individual Weapons

Action 4

Caches 2

(6) Crew Served Weapons

Action 1

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 124 lbs

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 8½ lbs

(9) Med Stores 6½ lbs

(10 - 17) Omitted

(18) B 41 rounds 5

(19 - 21) Omitted

(22) SA rounds 1286

(23) Omitted

(24) AP Mines 1

(25- 26) Omitted

(27) Bangalore Torpedoes 2

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 259/71 para 11. f (5) line 2 YS439950 should read YS439590.

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports(1) PHUOC HAI report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4

At YS556564, approx 18 VC were sighted on 1, 2 and 5 Sep. They were waiting to kidnap youths to join the VC. Among the VC were DONG VAN THANH (unk) and DANG THI NAM (unk) aka NAM U.

(2) NP HOA LONG report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

(161830H) 8 VC of an unknown unit moved by boat to TAC CAI COC (YS226669). The VC stopped fishermen and demanded a tax of 200 Piastre per month per boat. If they did not pay the tax the VC said they would prevent the fishermen from coming into the area again. The VC also tried to collect food.

(3) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3A local guerilla revealed on 9 Sep that the VC are planning to attack the villages of PHUOC LOI and PHUOC HAI in the near future. The VC forces would consist of a company of D445 LF Bn, C25 and some local guerillas. Relatives of VC are present building shelters in houses to store food. Comment: This possibly confirms docus captured by 3 RAR on 1 Sep. (See INTSUM 250/71 Annex B para 3.) However, it is possibly a repeat from the docus.(4) 525 MI Group. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3

(121545H) At YS334695, 10 VC of C41 were sighted. They were armed with 2xcarbines, 1x K54, 4xAK47, 2xCKC and 1xpack of TNT. Unit intends to move to BINH BA to combine with local units to harass friendly forces in the area. (A VR aircraft checked the area on 17 Sep but saw nothing unusual).

(5) S2 Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

(151600H) Source states that 10 members of VUNG TAU City Unit left PHUOC HOA by motorized boat disguised as fishermen. They were carrying 1xB40, AK 47s and M16s. The VC moved to approx YS234595.

(6) RDC report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4

Source states that recently a recce cell from C3/D445 have been sighted at YS504569. They are being led by DOAN VAN LO (unk) and cell members are; HUYNH VAN TUU (unk) NGUYEN VAN DONG (unk) and HUNG (HUNG is held by 1 ATF ORBAT as a medic of C1/D445). A female is also with the group. The recce cell have been observing the situation in PHUOC LOI.

(7) National Police report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

(151400H) At YS312658 a group of ten VC were sighted. They were armed with a B40 and individual weapons. They came from NUI RACH VAU (unk).

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(8) NP LONG DIEN report. Eval V ATF F1

(160015H) A group of VC led by HUYNH VAN LUONG (AN NGAI Village Unit Commander) aka HUNG, led a platoon of VC from C25 into AP AU PHUOC (YS439590). The VC were armed with a 60mm mortar which they used to shell 3/48 RF post, the mortar was positioned at YS440590. (This refers to a mortar attack on night 15/16 Sep near FSB CARMEN, see INTSUM 259/71 para 11. f. (5)).

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

(140900H) Approx 1 squad of CHAU DUC (D) mixed with local guerillas appeared at YS445800. They studied GVN activity under the pretence of combining with regular units to sabotage and harass the forthcoming Presidential elections.

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

(161000H) 1 section of VC wearing mixed uniforms and armed with 1xB40 and AK47s were sighted at YS297701 (DUONG MA COC). They stopped woodcutters and asked about GVN units that were operating in the area.

(11) 525MI Group report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3

(141200H) 30 - 40 soldiers of 3/33 NVA Infantry Regt were camped in a heavily wooded area at YT605010. They were armed with 2xB40s, 2xRPD MGs and a number of AK47s. The local force cadre was engaged in screening indigenous members from the immediate area. A cadre stated that the unit was part of 3/33 and had only recently arrived in the area. He stated the unit would move toward BAO BINH (V) YS5198 to obtain food.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

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

(1) (160135H) At YT567383, 15-20 rds of 82mm mortar and 107mm rockets impacted inside and outside the perimeter of DINH QUAN (D) HQ. Results: 1 RF KIA, 2 RF WIA, 60% damage to compound and 90% to HQ building. Enemy losses are unknown.

(2) (161135H) At YS608970 a 18 inch wide NW-SE track was observed. It was used in the last 1-2 hours by 10 persons moving NW. Heavy chopping was heard 50 -75 metres NW.

Report from DUC THANH

(3) (171645H) At YS445802 the DUC THANH Intel Squad contacted 1 VC. Results: 1 VC WIA (escaped) and no friendly casualties.

Reports from DAT DO

(4) (170815H) At YS509545, a pl of 302 RF travelling in a truck to DAT DO were ambushed. The ambush consisted of an electrically detonated 105mm or 155mm round placed on the edge of the road. The RF engaged 3-4 VC who were sighted 200m from the road. The VC fled in an ESE direction - they were armed with 2xAK47s. Results: 7 RF KIA, 6 RF WIA, and 1 enemy possibly WIA.

(5) (171950H) At YS508552, approx 10 VC moving in a westerly direction were engaged by 701 RF Coy. Contact was broken at 172000H and the enemy withdrew East. Results: Nil friendly casualties, 1 carbine CIA. The area was searched and drag marks were found. The area will be swept at first light.

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Annexe: B. Captured Documents

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All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM No 260/71

DATED 17 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A quantity of documents, identifying elements of HQ 33 NVA Regt were found in a bunker complex at YS643924, by 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) on 14 and 15 Sep 71.

2. The documents were mainly small scraps of paper, bits of personal letters and envelopes, and one torn roster of incomplete names followed by totals in unlabelled columns, the largest being 2796. Possibly this is for a rations issue. On the reverse side is a note to buy more tobacco, followed by 071300 Sep 71 and a illegible signature. Below this is another note, nearly illegible, with the figure 10 or 10C, BR.

1 ATF Comment: C or K refers to a coy sized unit. This could possibly indicate C10 Coy of 3 Bn 33 Regt. BR could refer to BA RIA. 3 Bn 33 Regt is known as D2 of BA RIA.

3 Bde Comment:

3. The following identifications were obtained from the documents:

a. C22 - Tpt Coy, 33 NVA Regt.

b. T300 - Ordnance Factory, J95 Rear Services Bn, MR7.

c. TRAN ANH TRUONG - Lt, Adjnt, 33 NVA Regt.

4. These documents identify various headquarters elements of 33 NVA Regt. The area where the documents were taken is where HQ 33 NVA Regt is believed to be operating. This is also the same general area in which C21 Recce Coy, 33 Regt was identified on 1 Sep 71. The list of last names mentioned in one shred of paper, coincides with the names of various political officers of other HQ support elements of 33 Regt. It is possible that some or all of the following support coys were engaged in political liaison or coordinate at the time these documents were prepared:

C20 Sigs Coy, C17 Recoilless Rifle Coy, C24 Sapper Coy, C23 Dispensary Coy, C22 Tpt Coy.

Most of these elements normally operate with the HQ of 33 Regt, and a political conference among them would be a normal operation. The HQ has a current estimated strength of 300 personnel. The last identification of an element of 33 Regt was from documents captured by Ranger Team 71 on 4 Sep 71 at YT591242.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 261/71.
2. Period Covered from 180001H to 182400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) Ref INTSUM 260/71 para 3.a.(2)(b) which reported lights moving towards FSB DEBBIE. A search conducted at first light revealed nil results.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (181800H). At YS485893, Aslt pnr Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted one enemy moving N-S 200m away. Enemy wore dark clothes and no weapon was sighted. When sighted by sentry, enemy withdrew W. He was not engaged.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (180940H). At YS702781, elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a N-S track made by an unknown number of pers this morning. Direction of movement was N and one set of bootmarks and one set of sandal marks could be identified on the track.

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>
<u>Late Report</u>		
171000H	YS643581	Footprints of a small group were seen heading N on a track. A check on 18 Sep showed track had not been used since then.
181200H	YS5685	One marked track in grid square YS5685 showed signs of heavy southerly movement. Footprints seen were about 1-2 days old and numbered about 15. The signs of movement end in a clearing at YS562850.
181000H	E 38-41, N 84-87	No fresh sightings
181400H	E 54-57, N 86-89	1. At YS542879, a number of tracks were sighted under the canopy. Track direction was N-S and they appeared to have been used recently. 2. At YS543878, a freshly cut tree stump was sighted. 3. At YS544877 there was an old camp site. Two collapsed bunkers, a bamboo table and civilian ration tins were seen. Although area did not appear to be occupied, tracks indicate that there has been recent movement (up to one week ago) through it. 4. Western three squares only covered.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....	4 VC	(9) Medical Stores.....	6½ lbs
(2) to (4) omitted.		(10) to (17) omitted.	
(5) Individuals Weapons		(18) B-41 Rounds.....	5
Action.....	4	(19) to (21) omitted.	
Caches.....	2	(22) SA Rounds.....	1286
(6) Crew Served Weapons		(23) Omitted.	
Action.....	1	(24) AP Mines.....	1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....	124 lbs	(25) and (26) omitted.	
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....	8½ lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes.....	2

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b. and c. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from XUYEN MOC. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(131830H). At YS684638, five VC from XUYEN MOC Party Chapter and led by HAI

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QUAN (1 ATF ORBAT holds as PCS of XUYEN MOC) were sighted.

(2) Received from RTAVF. Eval 1 ATF F3

At YT287025, 13 Sep the transportation element of 274 Regt (strength 100) was seen moving crates 3x2x2 ft east towards XUAN LOC. Comment: 74 Arty Regt elements are known to be in this general area and the crates described are very like those used to carry 107mm rockets.

(3) Received from XUYEN MOC. Eval 1 ATF F3

(161000H) At YS692773, seven enemy in blue uniforms. Five AK-47s, one pistol and one carbine were seen. Unit unknown.

(4) Received from DAT DO. Eval 1 ATF F3

(171500H) At YS560594, 30 VC were sighted. NFI.

(5) Received from NP PHUOC HAI. Eval 1 ATF F2

Report that the VC ambush at YS509545 on 17 Sep (INTSUM 260/71 para 11. f (4)) involved elements of HOI MY Party Chapter and sappers from LONG DAT district. Note this INTSUM para 11. f. (5).

(6) Received from NP PHUOC HAI. Eval 1 ATF F3

(180100H) An unknown number of VC infiltrated AP HAI LAC (YS512527) and spread propaganda among the people through a loud hailer. They concentrated on the coming elections and the 302 RF Bn ambush. The VC withdrew at 0140H.

(7) Received from XUYEN MOC. Eval 1 ATF F3

(180800H) At YS667705, 8 VC from XUYEN MOC F and E section were sighted.

Group included TU RO (1 ATF ORBAT holds as possibly BA BO, XUYEN MOC F and E Chief). The VC collected food and taxes from forest workers.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Reference INTSUM 260/71 para 11. f. (1) which gave details of mortar and rocket attack on DINH QUAN (D) HQ it is believed that D6 Sapper Bn was responsible for the attack on the District HQ.

(2) (162245H) At YT458093, an M26 grenade was thrown into DONG TAM theatre (XUAN LOC) resulting in 4 VN killed and 21 civilians wounded.

(3) Reference INTSUM 260/71 para 11. f. (5) which described a contact by 701 RF Coy on 17 Sep. The MI carbine CIA was one of two missing after 6 PSDF soldiers were kidnapped by VC at HOI CUU hamlet on 7 Apr 71.

(4) Reference a vehicle ambush on Route 23 on 13 Sep INTSUM 256/71 para 11. f. (2). The claymore was set up correctly (not facing the wrong way) but it apparently detonated prematurely.

(5) Reference INTSUM 260/71 para 11. f. (4), concerning a mine ambush on Route 44 on 17 Sep. One RF WIA has now DOW thus making the friendly losses 7 RF KIA, 1 RF DOW, 5 RF WIA. Other mine incidents in the area this year include one on 25 Aug at YS513541 when a clearing patrol from 701 RF Coy was ambushed with claymores resulting in 1 RF KIA. Others occurred at YS513544 on 22 Jul and at YS512543 on 10 Feb, but there were no friendly casualties. Refer INTSUM 237/71 para 11. f. (1) (e). See also Agent Report concerning 17 Sep incident (this INTSUM para 11. d. (5)).

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 261/71
DATED 18 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further readouts from CDEC of documents captured by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS483908 on 11 Sep 71 have been received.

2. One document of significance was a letter dated 4 Sep 71, signed by NGUYEN VAN CHAU, a radio operator in the Sigs Sect of CHAU DUC District Unit. The writer expresses his dissatisfaction with his job, the area in which he works, CHAU DUC District itself, and the lack of promotions. CHAU had worked in the District for three years and presently, since the Province (probably BA LONG) and the Sigs Sect have been deactivated, he has not been recommended (for promotion), even though Comrade THUAN (unk) of the Cryptic Sect had been promoted.

Comment: Reports of low morale in CHAU DUC have been common in the past, and a number of recent reports have suggested that BA LONG and MR7 are in the process of reorganisation.

3. Two other letters dated 6 Sep 71, signed by NAM HIEP (a nurse of CHAU DUC) were addressed to THANH HUYEN and BA MINH of D445. The writer informs the addressees that her sister had been killed on 25 Aug 71. The author further noted that CHAN, a female friend, had just returned from the Province (probably BA LONG) and had told her that the Bn was to be deactivated. The addressees were asked to notify the writer of their new assignments following the deactivation of the Bn.

Comment: It is possible that the battalion referred to is D445. This is the first hint of disbandment and may be merely female gossip.

4. A notebook maintained by a member of an unspecified unit, contains an entry, dated 29 May 71, which states that in accordance with the District's (possibly CHAU DUC) activity plan, the hamlets of ONG TRINH (YS258681), VINH THANH (possibly YS467775), VINH TRUNG (a hamlet of BINH GIA), KIM HAI (unk) PH1 (possibly PHUOC HOA, YS288630) and XUAN SON (YS545766) were to be placed under VC control. Another entry dated 4 Sep 71, reveals that the author had just contacted 175 families of Vietnamese refugees (from CAMBODIA) in PM (possibly PHU MY) Village for propaganda purposes.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Omitted.
2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer) (From 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM))

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
171000H	YS731974, YS739986, YS778959	YS789951
171050H	YS578936	YS619955, YS647960

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 262/71
2. Period Covered from 190001H to 192400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (191350H). At YS498852 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a track running north to south which had been used by 5-10 persons during the past 24 hrs.

(b) (191420H). At YS518901, Jade (USAF) and Possum aircraft sighted a person who was wearing either green or black clothing who immediately sought cover. Elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) later searched the area with nil results. (See para 3.b.(2) for full details of Visual Reconnaissance).

(2) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (191930H). The bunker systems located by 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS406911 and YS413900 have been destroyed. (INTSUM 260/71 dated 17 Sep 71 para 3.a.(2)(a) refers).

(3) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (190830H). At YS725678 3 RAR located an old rice cache site measuring 5' x 5' x 5'. Also found in the area were broken bottles, broken clay pots, six sheets of iron, a partly completed bunker system and a bullock track. It is thought that the site has been without use for 4-6 mths.

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>
190800H- 191000H	Area east of 626 RF Post, XA BANG	1. An RR firing position was sighted at YS463829. Six 75mm RR cannisters were recovered from the area. 10m from this position what was believed to have been a mor base plate position was sighted. The area was approx 12" in diameter and consisted of compressed earth. Two bags which appeared to be mortar charge bags were loc next to the site. Two large rocks had been upturned and this had caused holes to be uncovered which were approx 12" in diameter. 2. A fresh track ran E from the base plate loc. The track was approx 12 hrs old and had been used by 2-4 pers wearing sandals. The track was followed to YS477829 and on to YS478826. At this point the trees became too dense for further observation.
191000H- 191200H	E 40-44, N 81-85	At YS418829, 5'-6' high weeds were seen which had been bent at ground level in three places. The areas were 10'-20' in diameter and there was a track in the area. It had been very lightly used by 1-4 pers, but the area as a whole was well defined and heavy. The area looked as if people had been lying on it and had possibly placed their packs on the ground. Comment: Could have possibly been made by friendlies or civilians.
191200H- 191430H	E 50-54, N 91-92	At YS525908 a track running NE-SW made by approx 15-20 people during the last two days was seen. The track terminated at YS519900 on the edge of the rubber.

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191420H

At YS518901 a Jade ac saw one pers wearing green or black clothing who immediately took cover. Both Jade and Possum ac remained in the area and attempted to cover him. However he was not able to be loc when ground tps arrived (para 3.a.(1)(b) refers).

191600H E 60-63,
N 86-89

There were no signs of movement in this area

(3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure

(1) and (2) omitted.

(4), (5) and (6) omitted.

(3) 82mm mortar.....15

(7) 75mm RCL 6

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....4 VC

(9) Medical Stores.....6 1/2 lbs

(2) to (4) omitted.

(10) to (17) omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons

(18) B-41 Rounds.....5

Action.....4

(19) to (21) omitted.

Caches.....2

(22) SA Rounds.....1286

(6) Crew Served Weapons

(23) Omitted: 1286

Action.....1

(24) AP Mines.....1

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....124 lbs

(25) and (26) omitted.....1

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....8 1/2 lbs

(27) Bangalore Torpedoes.....2

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 37/71 dated 13 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

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

d. Agent Reports

Extracts from RTAVF INTSUM 261/71 dated 18 Sep 71

(1) At 171400H an estimated 60 VC of an unidentified unit dispersed in the vicinity of YS336866, YS337859, YS322878. Intentions are to interrupt the coming Presidential elections (Evaluation RTAVF - C3).

(2) At 171500 at YS328912 an estimated 50 VC of VI VC Unit were loc along the SUOI QUIT (R). Intentions are to attack the Thai outpost and GVN offices. (Evaluation RTAVF - C3).

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (190315H). DUC THANH Compound (YS463784) eng two pers on the perimeter wire. Nil results.

(2) (190230H). At YS461834 626 RF Coy post at XA BANG received/harassing fire attack consisting of six 75mm RCL rds and 15 82mm mor rds. Only two mor rds and two RCL rds impacted in the compound. Results: three RF WIA and unknown en cas. The base plate loc has been confirmed at YS463829. Contact was broken at 190240H and the enemy group withdrew SE. Two propaganda leaflets with an anti-Australian Forces item were later recovered

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Comment: Enemy weapons used were 75mm RR rds and 82mm mor rds. Use of 75mm RR strongly suggests the presence of an elm of C17 RR Coy 33 Regt. VR pilot (see para 3.b.(2), first item above) brought from XA BANG post items subsequently identified as the following: one expended cartridge case for 75mm CHICOM RR Type 52, carrying case for 75mm RR rd, shoulders and shrapnel believed to be from an 82mm mor bomb.

(3) (190315H). At YS463794 40 PF Pl engaged 10-12 VC who had entered NGAI GIAO (H) from the W. VC movement through wire was very efficient. VC threw a blast grenade or similar charge on the roof of a school which is sometimes used by GVN elms at night, causing only minor damage. The enemy then contacted 40 PF and withdrew possibly W. There were no friendly cas and unknown enemy cas.

Comment: The enemy group is thought most likely to have been an element of C3 Coy, 1 Bn 274 Regt, since documents captured by a 1 ATF ptl at YS341918 on 18 Aug indicated that C3 Coy had been given the task of " occupying " NGAI GIAO (see 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 para 29).

(4) (190900H). At YS498951 a US aerial recce team sighted a pers wearing blue shirt and black trousers. He was engaged with nil results.

(5) (190915H). At YS500950 a US aerial recce team sighted four bunkers measuring 6' x 8' x 1' with OHP. The bunkers had been constructed during past week. One bunker measuring 8' x 16' x 1' of OHP was seen in the same area.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM 162/71 dated 18 Sep 71

(6) (181725H). At YS653955 3 Bde tps loc an E-W track which had been recently used by 50-75 pers moving in an unknown direction within past 1-3 days. Some docus were also found which, although not significant, made mention of BA LONG Province HQ.

(7) (181730H). At YS654955 3 Bde tps loc a latrine and area where woodcutters had worked in last 24-36 hrs.

(8) (181740H). At YS658954 3 Bde tps loc a N-S track and six bunkers measuring 6' x 8' with 3' OHP. The system was approx six mths old with unknown recent use due to rain in area. (Bunkers will be destroyed).

(9) (181500H). At YS728978 3 Bde tps loc a SE-NW track and two bunkers measuring 6' x 2' x 2' with 2' OHP. Also found was one dining hut measuring 10' x 30', one latrine, hammock stakes for approx eight pers and a table. A search of bunkers revealed NVA boots, clothing and personal items. It is believed that the area was used as a shelter or waiting station. The system had been used during past 12 hrs by an unknown number of pers. (System to be destroyed).

(10) (181400H). At YS508945 3 Bde tps loc two bunkers measuring 5' x 5', one hut, three double apron fences with twisted wires similar to concertina wire, and five wooden concussion grenades. It is believed the area has been used for sapper training.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 263/71.
2. Period Covered from 200001H to 202400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (200925H). At YS47913 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a S-SE track estimated to have been used by 15 persons in the previous 24 hrs.

(b) (200940H). At YS506858 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a SW-NE track estimated to have been used by 5-6 persons in the previous 24 hours.

(c) (201115H). At YS529885 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a light track marked with the letter " I " and an arrow in white chalk pointing east.

(d) (201115H). At YS473886 Aslt Pnr Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an E-W track estimated to have been used by 4-6 persons in the previous 12 hrs.

(e) (201305H). At YS554907 C Coy 3 RAR found a track leading N estimated to have been used by 3-4 persons in the previous 48 hrs.

(f) (201330H). At YS511856 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged an enemy force in excess of 15, who withdrew E and then N on contact. Enemy were dressed in NVA green, and armed with AK47s. Results: one NVA KIA, one AK47 and one NVA pack CIA. Nil friendly cas.

Comment: no identification yet available but enemy group believed to be members of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

(g) (201600H). At YS518885 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a N-S track estimated to have been used six days ago.

(h) (201630H). At YS537890 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a N-S track estimated to have been used by 4-6 persons in the previous 36 hrs.

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (200815H), At YS714799 A/Tk Pl 3 RAR found a semi-permanent camp consisting of 20 sleeping spaces. The camp was estimated to have been four weeks old and to have been used by 10-12 persons in the last 2-3 days.

(3) Territorial Forces AO

(a) (200705H). At YS461821 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt were engaged by approx 20 enemy using RPG and SA fire. The enemy initiated fire from an AP approx 100m in length, and were in 3 separate positions. Friendlies returned fire and enemy withdrew east. A search of the area was conducted. Results: 1 Aust slightly WIA, 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK 47 and a quantity of equipment CIA. (see para 4. e. (2) (a) this INTSUM for captured equipment and Annex B for description of docus. The docus were of no military significance and provide no identification, which is characteristic of 33 NVA Regt troops. Enemy believed to be members of 33 NVA Regt.

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>
200800H-	E 54 - 57	No recent signs of movement.
201000H	N 85 - 87	
201120H-	E 375 - 41	At YS395883 a small clearing in the jungle revealed a pile of small green-leaved branches 3-9 hours old. At YS389889 what appeared to be a bunker was seen.
201145H	N 86 - 89	

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c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

Territorial Forces AO

(1) 525 MI Group report. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that approx 10 VC were seen at YS277768 at 170700H. VC were intending to sabotage a bridge on highway 15 between YS239772 and YS254745 between 17 Sep and 3 Oct.

(2) PSB report. Eval 1 ATF F2

Source states that at XA PHUOC THO (YS494604) a female NGUYEN THI BA (unk) was shot and killed in her home on 20 Sep. A person dressed in green was seen leaving the area after the shooting. NFI.

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

Source states that at 201212 Sep 1 VC pl was seen at YS540750. The VC spoke to locals and told them that PHUOC TUY (P) would be shelled until the election time, and that they would be prohibited from voting.

(4) DAT DO report. Eval 1 ATF F4

Source states that a large number of VC were seen in vicinity YS5658 on 20 Sep. Comment: See SUPINTREP 37/71 para 24 for reports of recent incidents further to the west (161 Indep Recce Flt incident of 4 Sep and RF contact and mine incidents of 12 Sep). There has obviously been an enemy group in the general area, but it may not be a large one. A VR was flown to check the specific area of the agent report and reported no signs of recent movement.

(5) LONG LE report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that on 11 Sep 71 at 0700H approx 20 VC were seen at YS272748. The VC spoke to locals and told them that they would be prohibited from the area until after the elections.

(6) LONG LE report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that approx 20 VC of the PHU MY guerillas were seen at YS290710 on 17 Sep at 1000H. They were led by NGUYEN HOANG GIANG (Commander PHU MY Guerillas).

(7) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

19 Sep 71. Source states that D445 LF Bn has a number of rocket launchers, which are to be used for harassing fire on election day. The VC intend to harass outposts and District HQ in DAT DO.

(8) Sector Report. Eval VN B3, 1 ATF F4

20 Sep 71. Source states that sappers of the BARIA City Unit have been tasked with planting explosives in HQ Province, S2 Province, PLOCC office and other areas. They are likely to use claymores or TNT, and if security is too rigid they have as secondary targets the PHUOC LE police station and/or the civil administration complex.

(9) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

171700H. At YS448728 a group of 6 VC were seen. They stopped a number of locals, and spoke to them about the Presidential elections and asked about PF dispositions on the area.

(10) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

061500H. Source states that 8 VC from the XUYEN MOC (V) unit, led by NAM LONG (XUYEN MOC (V) unit leader) were seen at YS698685. They normally operate in vicinity LTL 23 near YS705674 to stop locals and obtain information on allied and GVN operations. Comment: On 9 Sep 3 RAR found a sleeping area for eight persons near the second grid.

(11) RDC report. Eval 1 ATF F3

Source states that the VC intend to attack the PHUOC HAI market place near election time.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

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

(1) (191330H) At YS688990 3 Bde troop found a bunker system consisting of 4
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bunkers 10x4x4 ft with 18 inches OHP (bunkers 100m apart), and one bench 2x3 ft. System is to be destroyed.

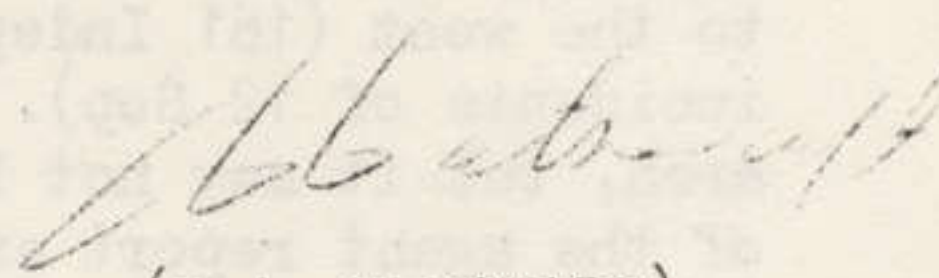
(2) (191120H) At YS648954, 3 Bde troops found 15 bunkers 6x8 ft with 3 ft OHP. A track led West from the area and was followed for 1000m where 2 wells and a cooking area were found 8x4x4 ft. System is to be destroyed.

(3) (190900H). At YS498951, 3 Bde troops engaged one enemy who withdrew North. NFI.

(4) (191600H) At YS815934, 3 Bde troops found a 6-8 ft wide NW-SE logging road estimated to have been used by 4 persons in the previous hours.

RDC Report

(5) (180930H) At YS585580 (HAI TRUNG (H)), RDC elements raided a house and arrested 3 persons, and took possession of 2 hand grenades. The three persons detained were TON VAN PHONG (unk), PHAN VAN NHO (unk), and NGO THI KIEM (unk). Persons are being detained at PHUOC HOA police station.


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- Annexes: A. Omitted
B. Captured Documents
C. Omitted
D. Omitted
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)

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 263/71
DATED 20 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured in the contact involving elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, at YS461821 at 0705 hours 20 Sep 71 included:
 - a. Chapters from a book titles "Everybodys Guide to the Stock Market". The chapters were:
 - (1) The DOW Theory
 - (2) Buying and Selling Stocks
 - b. A chapter from a book called "City Life" which is usually distributed by AFOF (Aust Forces Overseas Fund).
2. Documents captured by C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a bunker at YS413900 at 170915H offer no identification. They included:
 - a. Torn pages from the Sep 68 edition of the Readers Digest with meaningless scribble on some of the pages.
 - b. A receipt for purchases in the second quarter of 1971 signed by the platoon commander of an unknown signals platoon.
 - c. Instructions for "EAGLE" medicated oil.
 - d. A list of names all unknown.
 - e. A personnel letter, undated, that offered no identification.
 - f. A label for a bottle of penicillin tablets.
 - g. A scrap of paper with ration prices written on it.
 - h. A handwritten note to ARVN troops stating that allied forces will soon be withdrawing.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 263/71
DATED 20 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Photo Interpretation Reports

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
192300H	YS530903	One moving return

2. Omitted

3. Omitted

4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>
200930H-	E 49 - 53	E 39 - 42
201030H	N 81 - 84	N 80 - 84

Area 1 Nil significant readings - large amounts of pollution due to artillery fire in support of contact.

Area 2 Nil significant readings,

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 264/71.
2. Period Covered from 210001H to 212400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nine contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (210750H). At YS508857 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a track used by an estimated pl sized group wearing canvas boots who had moved west to east and then north, moving the previous day.

(b) (210800H). At YS514858 D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a track used by an estimated 10 enemy who had moved SW to NE in the previous 24 hrs.

(c) (210900H - 291400H approx). At YS513857 at 0856H 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) was contacted by a large enemy force who engaged with RPG and SA fire. Between 0900H and 1100H 11 and 12 Pls remained in contact. At 1120H contact was broken and 10 Pl and HQ D Coy moved up to join 11 and 12 Pls. Friendly casualties: One KIA, three WIA.

(d) (211130H). 11 Pl back in contact in same general area and contact continued until 1330H. Enemy broke and withdrew north. They were engaged by air.

(e) (211630H). D Coy entered bunker system and came under heavy fire. Results: three friendly KIA and four WIA. The fire was too intense to evacuate the KIA. D Coy was forced to withdraw and it regrouped at 1715H, and moved back with casualties.

(f) (211830H). D Coy back in contact, possibly with enemy follow up force from bunker system. D Coy believe that they were on the edge of a new system. D Coy casualties during the day were: five friendly KIA, nine friendly WIA. Enemy KIA (BC) counted by D Coy during day totalled four with another two enemy believed killed. The enemy are believed to be 33 NVA Regt.

(g) (211500H). D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found one enemy body. An attempt had been made to bury it. KIA believed to be the result of the 11 Pl contact on 20 Sep, bringing the enemy KIA for that contact to two.

(h) (211600H). At YS513857, a US Pink Team operating in support of D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) saw six enemy who escaped to cover; engaged a further four enemy who were KBA. A/S also killed at least one other.

(i) (211125H). At YS487833 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two enemy who approached from north. One enemy was KIA and one AK47 was CIA. Enemy possessed documents but they have not yet been evacuated. The enemy killed is believed to have been a member of 33 NVA Regt.

(j) (211403H). At YS490833 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged one enemy dressed in black clothing who was seen to be coiling telephone wire. He is believed to be the second enemy seen in the contact reported above. Heavy and light tracks were seen in the area.

i. (211550H). At YS492832 HQ B Coy and 4 and 5 Pls B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted enemy. HQ B Coy received 60mm mortar fire.

ii. (211700H). 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted enemy who withdrew to NW and W. B Coy casualties for day: 15 WIA of whom three remained on duty. Enemy casualties are unknown. The enemy in B Coy area are believed to be elements of HQ 33 NVA Regt and support weapons coys.

iii. (211907H). At YS500844 B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged a suspected mortar position reported by the Hunter Killer Team.

iv. (211510H - 211830H). At YS500870 A37 ac delivered three air-strikes of napalm, Mk 82 bombs and rockets. Ac took suspected 30. cal fire.

.../(k) (211645H)

(k) (211645H). At YS557896 C Coy 3 RAR found fresh tracks of 2-3 persons moving east to SW within the previous 3-4 hrs.

(1) (212120H). At YS583829 an element of HQ 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard movement 50m - 100m to the SW of his position and what was thought to be someone kicking stones.

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (211015H). At YS637873 an element of Sp Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged one enemy who was moving west towards the road. Results: one NVA KIA. CIA were three AK47 mags, 30 7.62mm (short) rounds and one pack containing 40 lb flour, salt, med kit, sewing kit, some fish and a wallet with photos. See Annex B for document readout. The enemy KIA is believed to be a member of 33 NVA Regt.

(b) (211600H). At YS642878 an element of Sp Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a well-used track used by 20-30 persons moving to the SW in the previous 12 hrs. The track led to a well which was covered with wood slats. A qty of cut timber in the area suggests that a bunker system may have been under construction.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

<u>DTG</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>Response Code</u>
211510H	unk	e	e. Engaged with aerial wpns systems

Aircraft involved in airstrike at YS500870 received suspected 30 cal fire.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
210800H	E 48-51, N 80-82	No sign of recent movement.
211205H	E 60-63, N 87-90	No sign of movement. Area not fully covered.
211600H	E 60-63, N 87-90	Foot-tracks seen criss-crossing YS631873. Tracks estimated to be 1-2 weeks old. No other signs of recent movement.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period

- (1) US Inflicted.....5 NVA
- (2) Aust Inflicted.....8 NVA
- (3) 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

c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure

- (1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) omitted.
- (4) 60mm mortar - unknown number at YS492832.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual.....1

.../(b)

- (b) Crew Served Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown..... .1 AK47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

2 AK47 mags, 30 7.62mm short rounds, one med kit, one sewing kit, 1 pack, 1 shirt.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs

At YS637873 - 40 lb of rice, salt, several fish, 5 lb of flour and rice cakes.

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex E.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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| (1) KIA.....12 NVA, 4 VC | (9) Medical Stores.....1 med kit |
| (2) to (4) omitted. | (10) to (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (18) B-41 Rounds.....5 |
| Action.....7 | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| Caches.....2 | (22) SA Rounds.....1490 |
| (6) Crew Served | (23) Grenades.....2 |
| Action.....1 | (24) AP Mines.....1 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..127 lbs | (25) and (26) omitted. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed...10 lbs | (27) Bangalore Torpedoes.2 |

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) (210745H). A US ac stated that Aust ac shot down in Op OVERLORD appears to have been booby trapped as wires can be seen leading from the ac into the trees. (Ref INTSUM No 158/71 dated 7 Jun 71. Grid is YS507938).

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 38/71 dated 20 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUM No 263/71 para 11.f.(5) delete " YS585580 ", insert " YS515535 ". delete " PHUOC HOA ", insert " PHUOC HAI "

(2) Ref INTSUM No 263/71 para 4.e.(2)(a) delete " slat ", insert " salt ".

d. Agent Reports

(1) Report from BINH BA NP. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

At approx 1200H on 15 Sep 71, VO VAN TRONG, reportedly a cadre of CHAU DUC collected \$VN 50,000 from his mother-in-law living at DUC TRUNG (YS444748) which had been passed on from the Rubber Workers' Labour Union of BINH BA. The sympathiser reported that a further \$VN 50,000 would be collected in the near future together with 20 litres of rice from each member of the union. A Sector agent has reported to BINH BA NP that the union will make a further \$VN 300,000 available to the VC.

.../(2) Report

(2) Report from XUYEN MOC NP. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F2.

On 20 Sep 71 it was reported that HAI QUAN (PCS of XUYEN MOC) was informing VC sympathisers in NHAN TRI (H) XUYEN MOC that the newly formed sapper sect led by MUOI CHI (unk) would "strongly attack", from now until the elections, offices of GVN and vehicles moving along Route 23. They would use mines and other sapper techniques. MUOI CHI has been previously reported as leader of the new sapper sect.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) On the morning of 20 Sep a buffalo-boy reported that he saw bodies of seven recently killed VC in a clearing in the BAU CHIN area (vicinity of YS480823). The area will be checked later when a more definite grid can be obtained from the boy.

(2) Ref INTSUM No 260/71 dated 17 Sep 71 para 11.f.(1). The VC carried out the attack by placing charges in the DINH QUAN Dist HQ and DIOCC offices and in the main guard bunker. All DIOCC records were destroyed. At least two 82mm mortar rounds and one B-40 were also used. 10 minutes after initial blast as FSB NANCY (YT560381) began firing in support they received 8-10 82mm mortar rounds which wounded six US. Found in the Dist compound were one US concussion grenade, one CHICOM grenade, one B-40 and booster and 27 satchel charges consisting of 2 lb of explosive in a woven container with pull-type switches. The attack is thought to have been carried out by D6 Sapper En whose last reported contact was in the area.

(3) On 15 and 16 Sep 71 at YT567104 RF/PF tps contacted an estimated coy of VC. The enemy were occupying bunkers on either side of the road. An ac flying in the area was fired at. The VC gradually withdrew to caves in NUI CHUA CHAN at YT584104 using B-40s and 82mm mortars for cover. Gunships were unable to get close enough and airstrikes were called off due to weather. Documents captured in the area have not yet been assessed but it has been confirmed that the unit contacted was 1 Pl/C1/D7 (aka 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt).

Comment: This identification further indicates that elements of 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt are located north of XUAN LOC. It is not yet known whether elements of 1 Bn are with HQ 33 NVA Regt in PHUOC TUY as 1 Bn usually acts as the security element for the HQ.

(4) Ref SUPINTREP No 38/71 para 15. Contact near TRI TAM (XT5143) on 16 Sep 71. Amend casualty figures to friendly 29 KIA (incl DC, DSA and six other officers) and 54 WIA.

(5) At 200425H 18 ARVN Div HQ at TAY NINH received a sapper attack supported by mortar fire of an estimated 130 82mm rounds. Results: 19 KIA (friendly), 27 WIA (friendly) and 28 VC KIA, 7 VC CIA and 5 AK47s CIA.

(6) At 202130H 33 PF Coy heard an unknown number of VC conducting a propaganda session with the aid of a hand-held voice amplifier at YT478595. An M-79 round was fired at the source and the VC withdrew with unknown casualties.

(7) At 211500H a squad of VC stopped a vehicle to issue propaganda leaflets to the occupants near CAM MY on Route 2 at YS435915.

(8) (210130H). At YS453928 CAM MY RF Compound received SA and B-40 fire from an unknown number of enemy. Illum (from BLACKHORSE) was called in and US gunships later engaged the area with unknown results. Later at 0525H CAM MY received further B-40 rounds with nil results.

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

(8) (201800H). At YS653948 elements of 3 Bde found eight ounces of documents in a piece of bamboo. NFI.

(9) (201800H). At YS642947 elements of 3 Bde found three bunkers 12' x 8' with no OHP. The bunkers were six months old and probably not used since. They were located on a NE-SW track with no recent use. Later (1815H) at YS642948 five more bunkers 4' x 8' with 2' OHP were located on a NE-SW track by the same unit.

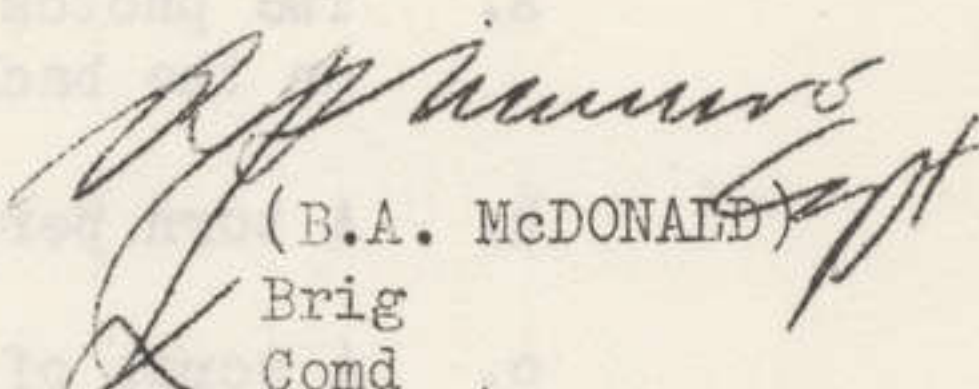
.../(10) (201115H)

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(10) (201115H). At YS729975 elements of 3 Bde observed two persons move **SE** from their position. The persons moved south after sighting the patrol. A search of the area resulted in one needle and 1 oz syringe, paper plates, qty of spices, drawing of M16 and drawing of four gun **positions** being found.

(11)(201700H). At YS819933 a Ranger Team heard an explosion of what was thought to be a fragmentation grenade 20m - 30m to their east. Search of the area revealed tracks of four persons moving NW.


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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
F. 33 NVA Regt ORBAT

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)
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
A TTV Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 264/71
DATED 21 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A wallet was taken from a body by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS637873 at 211015H Sep 71. The wallet contained:
 - a. Two photos of Vietnamese males; one had the name VO VAN HUAN (unk) on the back with the date 1 Jan 70.
 - b. A torn personal letter which contained no names or dates.
 - c. A scrap of paper which contained the figures C19, C20 and C17.

2. Comment: C19 is a common designator for an Engineer Coy of a Regt, C20 a designator for a Sigs Coy, and C17 for an RR Coy. The mention of these coys strongly suggests that the enemy KIA was a member of 33 NVA Regt, probably of a sp wpns coy.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 265/71.
2. Period Covered from 220001H to 222400H Sep 71
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (221400H). At YS628887 an elm of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a bunker not more than a week old which contained sleeping area for six persons. A track leading to a creek leads to another three bunkers estimated to be of coy size.

(b) (221430H). At YS642877, an elm of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a camp/trg area consisting of 22 structures and 10 bunkers. Some had been camouflaged within last 24 hours, while some were still under construction. There were lecture rooms under the larger houses, ranging in size from 4' x 14' to 8' x 10'. The site is estimated to be 12 months old but is in very good condition and has been used in last 24 hrs. Tracks lead from the system E, S and N and towards two wells. Personal eqpt and a qty of ammo for M16, AK47 and 7.62mm were found.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (220700H). D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported that two enemy were killed on their perimeter last night. Bodies were dragged away.

(b) (220801H). At YS505866, Pink Team found two new bunkers built in the last 24 hours.

(c) (220815H). At YS520864, D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a staging camp which was used five days ago by approx 20 pers. A footprint which had been made this morning was also noticed. The movement was to the S along a major track. An empty ink bottle, 1 cell battery of a 25 set, a ration tin and miscellaneous rubbish was found.

(d) (220950H). At YS498837, RAAF sighted one pers 500m ESE of B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). The area was eng by bushrangers with unknown results.

(e) (220955H). At YS494866, Jade sighted a bunker system 400m SSE of V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bunkers, one hut, trenches and a latrine were sighted. One pers was seen and eng by Pink Team with unknown results. At 1126H movement was noticed in the bunker system and was eng by Pink Team with unknown results.

(f) (221025H). At YS508856, Pink Team expended on bunkers. NFI.

(g) (221144H). D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found another en KIA. Also found was one RPG2, two RPG rds and a booster cannister of fuel.

(h) (221325H). At YS500848, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a large fresh track which ran N and then E. It had been used in the last 24 hours by possibly 100 pers.

(i) (221635H). At YS477882, Aslt Pnr Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc an E-W track which had been used by three pers in the last 2-3 days. Track is on edge of unworked rubber and jungle and swings NE at the above grid.

(j) (221910H). At YS493833, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a tunnel. Footprints were found. They were made today. Movement was eng by arty. NFI.

(k) (221758H). BDA of an airstrike at YS508862 exposed an L-shaped fighting position with a 3' wide connecting trench. At YS506866 BDA of airstrike target revealed whole ridge line covered with trenches, bunkers and fighting pits on the W side. A Jade ac reported that the system was used by en on 21 Sep 71 to bring .30 cal MG fire against attacking ac.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

.../(2) Visual

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

DTG

220630H-
220900H

1. At YS690591 a blue fishing boat was sighted. Boat immediately started up and moved seawards. There were three people on board.
2. At YS686597, two parallel tracks were seen. They ran NE-S, appeared fresh and were used by 5-10 people. They joined after crossing creek at YS686598 and they moved on to an old APC track.

221000H- E 57-58,
221200H N 86-91

1. At YS574876, a track was sighted which was used in the last week by 5-12 pers. Movement was to the S. At YS575873 and YS577865 tracks lead to a river in a NE direction.
2. N of YS574876 there were no apparent signs of movement.

221422H YS509834

Pink Team sighted a bridge about 12"-18" wide which leads onto a track going E to W. The track then branches N-NW. There has been much activity on the track.

221450H YS503839

Pink Team sighted trees that had been freshly cut down. They had been cut in about 8' lengths. S of trees at YS503838 there was a smell of fish being cooked.

221510H YS501849

Pink Team sighted a junction of three tracks and also a track going SE. The track was used by 15-20 pers in the last 18 hrs moving SE. A smaller track going due E was used by approx 5-8 pers. There was a smell of fish cooking at the junction.

221600H- E 42-455,
221800H N 82-85

No definite fresh movement from N to S was seen. The area has many civilians tracks but these appear well established and mainly E-W.

221600H- E 63-64
221800H N 80-81

No recent activity in grid square YS6380 was seen.

221400H- E 60-63,
221600H N 86-89

1. At YS606854 signs of recent movement of 6-12 hours was noticed.

220900H- E 63-65,
221015H N 85-88

No sign of recent activity

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual.....1 AK47
- (b) Crew Served....1 RPG2
- (c) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

1 booster cannister of fuel, 1 cell battery of 25 set, 1 C ration tin, 1 pr wire cutters, 1 NVA belt, qty plastic, 2 med bandages, 1 med phial with unknown medicine, \$VN520.

(b) Destroyed

Cooking utensils, large knife, 2 prs boots, sacks, bush hat, pack, letter, map, table top

.../f. Cumulative

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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| (1) KIA.....14 NVA, 4 VC | (10) to (17) omitted. |
| (2) to (4) omitted. | (18) B-41 rounds.....5 |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (19) B-40 rounds.....2 |
| Action.....8 | (20) and (21) omitted. |
| Caches.....2 | (22) SA rounds.....1569 |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons | (23) Grenades.....3 |
| Action.....1 | (24) AP mines.....1 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....127 lbs | (25) and (26) omitted. |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....10 lbs | (27) Bangalore Torpedoes..2 |
| (9) Medical Stores1 med kit | |

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 38/71 dated 20 Sep 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

- (1) Ref INTSUM 264/71 para 4.e.(3). Delete 40 lbs of rice and insert 40 lbs of flour.
- (2) Ref INTSUM 264/71 para 4.f.(1). Delete 12 NVA and insert 11 NVA.
- (3) Ref INTSUM 264/71 para 11.f.(6). Delete YT478595 and insert YS478595.

d. Agent Reports

- (1) Received from DUC THANH. Eval 1 ATF F3.
On 21 Sep a large VC force appeared at YS443867.
- (2) Received from NGAI GIAO NP. Eval 1 ATF F3.
Rubber workers have reported that over the last 3-4 nights armed NVA soldiers have called at CHAU LAC Plantation (YS4387).
- (3) Received from BINH GIA. Eval 1 ATF F3.
On 21 Sep two coys of VC appeared at YS485745. One of the VC was identified as NAM HUNG (unk).
- (4) Received from DAT DO. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
40 men of C3/D445 were sighted at YS540567. Among the gp were DANG VAN HO (unk 1 ATF ORBAT), BATHU, DANH (comd C1 D445 in 1 ATF ORBAT) and TRANH (1 ATF ORBAT holds as coy comd C3/D445). Source stated that unit planned to attack DAT DO, RF and PF units and mor dist installations.
- (5) Received from Sector. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3.
On the night of 18 Sep, four VC infiltrated LONG DIEN. Among them was TRUNG (PCS of LONG DIEN). They went to the houses of families with youths in the VC to collect food. On the night 21/22 Sep, C25 Concentrated Coy was to infiltrate LONG DIEN and collect taxes.
- (6) Received from PRU. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
The TAM PHUOC Village PC has trained a gp of four young cowherds in the use of explosives. They intend to use the children to place explosives in the village areas of TAM PHUOC and HOI MY to kill soldiers moving from the posts between PHUOC TRINH and TAM PHUOC and in public places in TAM PHUOC.
- (7) Received from RDC. Eval 1 ATF F3.
VC appeared at YS483605 and moved to YS488602. The VC split into three sects. One sect went to YS488603 where they raised flags and put up posters which were .../against

against the elections. The other two sects operated in the hamlets of PHUOC THANH and XA PHUOC THO where they used loud hailers. About 0300H they withdrew.

(8) Received from 525 MI Gp. Eval US C6, 1 ATF F3.

Source reports that several changes in COSVN have been effected as a result of the flooding in NORTH VIETNAM. COSVN will not launch large scale attacks in the four provinces around SAIGON, LONG AN, HAU NGHIA, TAY NINH and BINH DUONG. Only five NVA bns are now operating in the CAM RANH zone, and all other units have moved back beyond the 17th Parallel and LAO border line for fear of a sudden offensive by ARVN and US tps. The five remaining bns will make diversionary attacks in an attempt to induce GVN to reinforce its units in north and north-central SOUTH VIETNAM. This would make it possible for communist divisions 9, 7 and 5 (the 5 and 9 VC Divisions and the 7 NVA Division) to support political rioting in the SAIGON area and launch a general attack if THIEU and KY begin fighting each other. Terrorist activity against the elections will be increased. If THIEU is elected, COSVN believes the war may be prolonged up to four years. Voters will be encouraged to put empty envelopes in ballot boxes and assassination attempts will be made against those who campaign for THIEU. Money will be used to encourage rioting in SAIGON and to pay SAIGON criminals to execute various acts of violence, especially against persons on their way to vote. If THIEU decides on a new election, the communists will devise a new slate to run in the election. High ranking communist military men believe the US is "ripe for revolution". They believe that they can win the war either politically or militarily as soon as the US forces leave the country.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Ref INTSUM 264/71, dated 21 Sep 71 para 11.f.(8) (reported attack on CAM MY night 21 Sep). The VC (approx a pl) tried to enter the village at YS461928 and were ambushed by PF/PSDF tps. The VC used B-40s and SA and after contact were forced to withdraw W and NNW. Results were: one PF KIA, eight PF/PSDF WIA and one civilian KIA. En cas are unknown.

(2) Ref INTSUM 264/71 dated 21 Sep 71 para 11.f.(5) (sapper attack on HQ 18 ARVN Div TAY NINH on 20 Sep 71). At 0230H 18 ARVN Div HQ at TAY NINH received a spr and mor attack; at 0530H a spr attack as well. Rec mors again at 0800H. At 0820H two 122mm rockets were received. The church and two Iroquois were damaged. The firing during the day was directed at the helicopters. Final VC cas were 28 KIA and four CIA. Also captured were 48 satchel charges, 11 AK47s, six grenades and one radio. Friendly cas remained the same at 19 KIA and 27 WIA.

(3) On night of 21/22 Sep at YS480604 (TAN BINH Hamlet, PHUOC THANH Village), VC scattered propaganda leaflets. The leaflets carried an anti-elections theme.

(4) (220800H). At YS263573, 637 RF Coy tps contacted a squad of VC. A search of the area loc one blood trail. NFI.

(5) (211700H). At YS652932, 3 Bde tps loc a NE-SW track used in the last 24 hrs by an unknown number of pers moving NE.

(6) (211715H). At YS652931, 3 Bde tps loc a NE-SW track leading to a few new bunkers used by an unknown number of pers in the last 24 hrs.

(7) (211600H). At YS586924, 3 Bde tps loc a large enemy NDP with one unknown type crew served wpns carriage, in place 2-3 days and in very good condition. The carriage weighed approx 40-50 lbs and the area had been used during the past 2-5 days by 75-100 pers moving SW.

(8) During air support missions during D Coy 4 PAR/NZ(ANZAC) contact in the vicinity of YS5185 on 21 Sep, a US ac reported 32 incidents of ground to air fire of up to 15 rds SA fire.

(9) Ref INTSUM 264/71 para 11.f.(1). Buffalo boy who was reported as seeing seven VC bodies now states that he saw 7-8 freshly dug graves, not bodies in the vicinity of YS495813.

(10) (201810H). At YS500557, a number of VC propaganda pamphlets were dropped.

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The pamphlets were brought from LONG MY by LE VAN DUC, and dropped at HOI MY. DUC was arrested and is being interrogated by the National Police.

(11) Received from XUYEN MOC

Over the last three days a gp of VC (3-4 to squad size) have been reported collecting taxes from timber trucks along Route 329. Particular collection points have been at YS665708, YS673730, YS673739 and YS690770. Other VC were thought to be in the jungle as well as those sighted, possibly as a protection party. On 20 Sep 71 a gp was sighted at YS665708. Recognised amongst them was HO VAN DUNG (1 ATF ORBAT holds record as an assistant squad leader in B2/C2/D445).

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)
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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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 265/71
DATED 22 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Documents taken from a body by 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS487832 at 211120H Sep 71 possibly identify NGOC BUT (1 ATF ORBAT holds a BUT as a member of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt) a member of C9 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. The documents included:

- a. A personal letter from NGOC BUT of C9, D2 BARIA LONG KHANH (cover designator for 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt) to a THOA (possibly a member of C11, 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt) dated 18 Aug 71.
- b. A personal letter from NGOC BUT of C9, D3 (3 Bn 33 Regt) to THOA dated 4 Sep 71.
- c. Two shopping lists with the names 'LUNG' (possibly C9, 3 Bn 33 Regt), 'DUA' (unk), 'BUT', 'THUNG' (possibly C11, 3 Bn 33 Regt).
- d. Three photographs taken in NVN of two females and one male.
- e. A notebook which contained:
 - (1) A biography of HO CHI MINH.
 - (2) Several poems.
 - (3) An address in NVN.
 - (4) A nominal roll of B1 (the first pl in any coy or a staff sect). The names were 'SUNG' (possibly a pl 2IC in C9, 3 Bn 33 Regt), 'LONG' (unk), 'SUU' (possibly a member of C9, 3 Bn 33 Regt), 'THU' (possibly a member of 3 Bn 33 Regt), 'DUA' (unk), 'TUNG' (as above) and 'TUAN' (possibly a member of 3 Bn 33 Regt).
 - (5) A sentry report, dated 20 Sep 71, which stated that at entry/exit point, No 9 in the morning rifle shots and vehicle movement were heard. The report concluded that no further information was known.

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

2. Documents were found by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt in a newly constructed village at YS641876 at 221430H Sep 71. They included:

- a. Four cardboard handwritten propaganda posters, containing the slogans:
 - (1) "Hygiene".
 - (2) "Patriotism".
 - (3) "Respect".
 - (4) "Unity against Americans and THIEU, KY and KHIEM".

.../b. A report

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b. A report dated from 13 Aug to 13 Sep, written on "Australian Force Vietnam" writing paper. It reads as follows:

" Duties in Village

TU TAN to attend to transport of rice

QUYEN

THUONG

THUY

QUYEN and THUY to build school.

15 persons to work one day.

Village and hamlet to be united.

QUYEN gave CONG's mother two kilograms of potatoes and helped her build a kitchen.

Five persons to help village build houses.

Help Mrs BA for half a day.

Gave CONG's mother two tins of dried potatoes.

Cell meeting programme.

1. Reasons for meeting.

2. Count.

3. Report on previous month.

4. Criticism of cell members.

5. Miscellaneous.

6. Pay fees and close meeting"

Comment: All names mentioned are insufficient for identification. A "model" village may have been set up in the area by the VC. TRAN VAN MINH who rallied to XUYEN MOC on 31 Mar 71, stated that in the area of YS594836 there were 20 Vietnamese and Montagnard families numbering about 80 people (this is probably an exaggeration). (See INTSUM 91/71 "Interrogation Reports" para 17 dated 1 Apr 71). This camp is thought to be twelve months old, although last used 24 hours ago only. The use of "Australian Force Vietnam" letter-writing paper suggests that the occupants are permanent illegal residents in PHUOC TUY, rather than persons recently arrived from another area (such as 33 Regt members). With the lack of further information, it could be possible that the occupants are the group of Montagnards and Vietnamese mentioned by the Hoi Chanh on 31 Mar 71. Both from the nature of these captured documents and from the comments of the Hoi Chanh, it is clear that this group is under VC direction. According to the Hoi Chanh, their role was to conduct a detention centre for local VC and to grow food for their own subsistence. It is also suspected that they have been involved in the production of ammunition and booby traps.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR RE DINGS

APD (Sniffer) mission aborted due to mechanical failure of equipment.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 266/71.
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

- (a) (221600H) Late Report At YS493830, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a system of six bunkers (3x3x4 ft) with approx 2 ft OHP. The complex was 1-2 weeks old and last used in the previous 24 hours. Entrance/exits were to the West, North and North-East and the system was in very good condition.
- (b) (222000H) Late Report At YS493833, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard a motor cycle being started approx 1000 metres South of the grid.
- (c) (231050H) In vicinity YS5083, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found numerous tracks used by large groups of people travelling South. (231620H) At YS510833 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a crossing point where a main track from the North disperses into numerous smaller tracks spreading in all directions. The large North - South track from vicinity YS5083 to the crossing had been cut with saws and machettes, was wide and well defined with blazed trees. A good deal of preparation had been made and the main track had only light use, suggesting it had been made for future use at night.
- (d) (231720H) At YS525809, a VR aircraft observed a West - East track used in the previous 48 hours by 15 (plus) persons.

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

- (a) (230850H) At YS635877, elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged one enemy, in dark clothes with an unidentified weapon, who was moving from East - West. The enemy withdrew with unknown results.
- (b) (231205H) At YS561894, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a Southeast - Northwest track 100 metres South of grid used by 4-6 persons moving to Northeast. At YS555895, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a sleeping place for 3-4 persons used night 22-23 Sep 71, with direction of movement from West. At YS561887, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a Southwest-Northeast track used by 10-12 persons travelling to the Northeast in previous 24 hours. The track was new and had been cut possibly to allow passage by carrying parties. At YS553885, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a fresh track made by approx 6 persons moving from South-North in previous 24 hours. At YS561884, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a Northeast-Southwest track made by 15 persons in previous 12 hours, which turned West at the grid. At YS550880, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a track used by 15 persons moving Northeast which was probably a continuation of the track found by 7 Pl.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
212100H	---	Nil	a.	N/A

(YS490782)

Response Code

a. No Response

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
230800H-	E YS 64 - 67	At YS643916, old bunkers with no sign of recent use.
231000H	N YS 89 - 91	At YS643915, signs of movement, tracks and small cleared areas, possibly a stopping place one week old. Comment: On 14 Sep 71, an ac of 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) found two enemy in this loc who had been killed by an airstrike, and 1000 metres to North on 13 Sep 71, there were several contacts and a bunker system found. There were several instances of ground fire and two enemy were KBH.

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At YS647908, old friendly position with no sign of recent movement.

In area YS6689, there was recent heavy activity and tracks by wood cutters.

At YS649829, a tin shed, two old bunkers and 30 ft of trench in a cleared area. No sign of recent use.

At YS420835, well defined NE-SW track for 150 metres.

At YS394844, old bunker system with no sign of recent use. The area was not well covered due to weather and poor light.

At YS568901, tracks on western edge of clearing used by 10-15 persons moving South-North within previous 24 hours.

At YS583913, signs of movement of 2-3 persons on southern bank of creek approx 12 hours old.

At YS575906, tracks made by 2-3 persons in preceding two days.

At YS582896, tracks made by approx 5 persons within previous two days.

At YS584890, foot prints on northern edge of waterhole, which appeared to have been used by 3-4 person as a washing point within previous 48 hours.

221400H YS509834 Footbridge with NE-SW foot track with no recent use.

221430H YS503839 Timber cut to 8 ft lengths in previous two days.

230940H YS795877 Bushranger reported a yellow logging truck with three civilians showing SVN flag.

In area YS 78 - 80 E; YS 86 - 88 N observed one yellow and blue logging truck. A large number of tracks also observed in the area.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1-3) Omitted

(4) Captured Documents See Annex B

(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA 14 NVA 4 VC

(2-4) Omitted

(5) Individual Weapons

Action 8

Caches 2

(6) Crew Served Weapons

Action 1

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 127 lbs

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 10 lbs

(9) Med Stores 1 Med kit

(10-17) Omitted

(18) B 41 rounds 5

(19) B 40 rounds 2

(20-21) Omitted

(22) SA rounds 1569

(23) Grenades 3

(24) AP Mines 1

(25-26) Omitted

(27) Bangalore Torpedoes 2

.../5. Omitted

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5. Omitted
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

Docuemtns captured at YT567104 by 984 RF Coy on 15 Sep 71, identify the Recce unit of 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 38/71 dated 20 Sep 71.
9 and 10 Omitted
11. Miscellaneous

- a. Omitted
b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs
Ref INTSUM 264/71 para 3. a. (2) (a) add "One AK 47 captured".

- c, d and e Omitted
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

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

- (1) (221105H) At YS614917, 3 Bde tps found a N-S foot track used in preceding three days by 3-5 persons moving South. 100 metres North of grid a resting place for 5-10 persons was found, also used in previous three days.
(2) (221105H) At YS607925, 3 Bde tps found a 12 ft wide N-S logging road with no sign of recent use.
(3) (221105H) At YS622914, 3 Bde tps found a Northeast-Southwest foot track which was followed Southwest to an East-West stream bed. The track had been used by 30-40 persons moving Southwest in previous three days.
(4) (221405H) At YS579985, 3 Bde tps found a N-S, E-W track junction with heavy use in previous 12 hours by 8-10 persons moving in both directions.
(5) (221730H) At YS563980, 3 Bde tps observed one enemy armed with AK47 who was not engaged.
(6) (221410H) At YS649929, 3 Bde tps found a Northeast-Southwest foot track used in previous 48 hours by 4-5 persons moving Southwest.
(7) (221415H) At YS652920, 3 Bde tps found four new bunkers (6x4 ft with 2 ft OHP) used in previous 48 hours by an unknown number of persons moving in both directions

Other Areas

- (8) (Prior to 231510H) In vicinity YS7194, a US VR aircraft observed one logging truck with 100 persons moving Northeast, who were kept under observation by gunships. Persons to be stopped and checked. NFI.
(9) (231815H) At YS465934 (CAM MY) 177 RF Coy and 38 PF Pl on a combined operation, were moving to an ambush point when they were ambushed by an unknown number of enemy. The RF/PF force returned fire and withdrew to CAM MY (V). Gunships and artillery supported the friendly force. Results: enemy losses unknown; four RF WIA (incl Coy Comd).

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- Annexes:
B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings
F. Light Data Oct 71
G. Tide Data Oct 71

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)	3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
HQ TRAC	RSSZ (For IO)
MACV-CICV	AATTV (SAIGON)
MACV-J2	AATTV Advisor BARIA
BIEN HOA Sector	LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
Advisory Team 89	All 1 ATF LOs
Sector S2	

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 266/71
DATED 23 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus captured by 984 RF Coy at YT567104 (LONG KHANH) on 15 Sep 71, identify 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt. The docus consisted of personal papers, an undated roster of D7 Recce Unit (strength 13) an unidentified weapons roster and a notebook on political matters and surgery techniques.

Comment by 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)

These docus identify the Recce Sect, HQ 1 Bn, 33 NVA Regt. The Recce Sect is one of the seven sects which compose HQ Coy. The C22 Transportation Coy is also identified. The Recce Sect was possibly in the act of escorting the Transportation Coy in order to provide security. During the week 15-20 Sep 71 there have been several ambushes and ground to air fire from the area where the docus were captured. Three caves were observed by H Tp 16 Cav at YT598109 on the western slope of NUI CHAU CHAN on 18 Sep 71 with recent heavy use. Several other bunker and cave sightings have recently been reported in this area. The above identification and recent activity around NUI CHAU CHAN might be an indication that this area is being used as a possible trans-shipment point for an elm or elms of 33 NVA Regt. The last identification of 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt was from docus found in a bunker complex by B Coy 2/5 Cav on 31 Aug at YT489162 which identified C 1 Coy, 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

Reference: A. Para 2 to Annex B to 1 ATF INTSUM 265/71.

2. A table top with writing on it was found by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt in an illegal village at YS641876 at 221430H Sep 71. The writings included:

- a. Possibly a name "HOANG KY" (not held by 1 ATF ORBAT).
- b. Two slogans:
 - (1) "A happy family".
 - (2) "Fight for Communism".
- c. The words "CELL I".
- d. The date "1971".
- e. The words "I left my home town".
- f. Additions and subtractions from which no deduction could be drawn.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 266/71
DATED 23 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

230900H-
231045H

Area E YS 35 - 42
N YS 80 - 88

No significant readings. However, conditions did not favour the sniffer and the area will be reflown on 24 Sep.

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ANNEX G TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 266/71
DATED 23 SEP 71

TIDE DATA FOR CAPE ST. JACQUES

OCTOBER 1971

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT FT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT FT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT FT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT FT</u>
1	0058	10.8	0633	8.7	1043	9.7	1800	3.3
2	0122	11.2	0711	7.5	1208	10.5	1901	3.1
3	0148	11.5	0746	6.2	1314	11.3	1952	3.3
4	0212	11.6	0821	4.8	1411	12.0	2036	3.8
5	0237	12.0	0857	3.3	1504	12.5	2114	4.4
6	0301	12.1	0934	2.1	1556	12.6	2151	5.2
7	0326	12.3	1011	1.5	1649	12.3	2226	6.2
8	0350	12.3	1052	1.0	1746	11.6	2300	7.4
9	0414	12.3	1136	1.1	1851	11.2	2336	8.4
10	0438	12.0	1224	1.6	2010	10.7		
11	0015	9.2	0501	11.5	1319	2.5	2154	10.3
12	0113	9.8	0520	10.8	1426	3.3	2326	10.5
13	0324	10.0	0506	10.0	1551	4.1		
14	0018	10.8	0707	9.0	0952	9.2	1717	4.6
15	0050	11.0	0709	7.9	1145	9.7	1825	4.8
16	0113	11.2	0730	6.9	1252	10.2	1915	5.1
17	0133	11.2	0753	5.7	1344	10.8	1955	5.4
18	0152	11.3	0818	4.8	1426	11.3	2028	5.7
19	0209	11.5	0843	3.9	1505	11.6	2057	6.1
20	0226	11.6	0908	3.1	1540	11.8	2125	6.7
21	0244	11.8	0935	2.6	1616	11.8	2152	7.2
22	0300	12.0	1003	2.1	1656	11.8	2218	7.9
23	0318	12.0	1033	2.0	1740	11.5	2246	8.5
24	0337	12.1	1107	2.0	1834	11.2	2315	9.2
25	0358	12.0	1147	2.3	1945	11.0	2354	9.8
26		11.6	1235	2.8	2115	10.8		
27	0058	10.2	0450	11.2	1334	3.3	2237	11.2
28	0252	10.2	0531	10.5	1446	3.9	2324	11.3
29	0512	9.4	0817	9.7	1608	4.6	2358	11.6
30	0603	8.0	1057	10.0	1726	4.9		
31	0024	11.8	0641	6.6	1217	10.8	1830	5.2

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ANNEX F TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 266/71
DATED 23 SEP 71

LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA

OCTOBER 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	0557	0644	1844	1905	1606	0314	83	
2	-	-	1843	1904	1653	0412	91	
3	-	-	1842	1903	1739	0509	96	
4	-	-	1842	1903	1826	0607	99	
5	-	-	1841	1902	1915	0706	100	Full Moon
6	-	-	1840	1901	2007	0808	96	
7	-	-	1840	1901	2103	0911	91	
8	-	-	1839	1901	2201	1015	83	
9	-	-	1838	1900	2301	1118	73	
10	-	-	1838	1900	XXXX	1217	63	
11	-	-	1838	1900	0001	1311	52	Last Half
12	-	-	1837	1859	0058	1359	42	
13	-	-	1837	1859	0151	1443	32	
14	-	-	1836	1858	0240	1522	24	
15	-	-	1835	1857	0327	1559	16	
16	-	-	1835	1857	0411	1635	10	
17	-	-	1835	1857	0456	1710	5	
18	-	-	1834	1856	0539	1746	2	
19	-	-	1834	1856	0624	1823	0	New Moon
20	-	-	1833	1855	0711	1903	1	
21	-	-	1833	1855	0800	1946	3	
22	-	-	1832	1854	0851	2032	7	
23	-	-	1832	1854	0944	2123	12	
24	-	-	1831	1853	1038	2216	19	
25	-	-	1831	1853	1131	2312	28	
26	-	-	1830	1852	1221	XXX	37	
27	-	-	1830	1852	1311	0008	47	First Half
28	-	-	1830	1852	1358	0103	58	
29	-	-	1830	1852	1443	0159	69	
30	-	-	1829	1851	1528	0253	79	
31	-	-	1829	1851	1613	0350	88	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 267/71
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

- (a) Late Report (210900H) Installation report for YS513857, grid of the D/4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contact on 21 Sep. The system is "T" shaped, 75x100 metres in size and contains 5 completed "U" shaped bunkers and 2 under construction. System was only 7 days old and was in excellent condition. Located in system were 4 RPG-2 rds, 1x82mm mortar rd, 5 Chicom grenades and a quantity of black clothing. System will be destroyed.
- (b) (241010H) At YS493831, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a track junction used by a large party, estimated at 100 persons, in the last 2 days. The major track is from the west and turns NE at "Y" track junction. A third track leads to the west.
- (c) (241100H) At YS548864, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a track leading from the SW and then swinging north. Track had been used by 15 persons within the last 48 hours.
- (d) (241100H) At YS511852, 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a bunker system 16x50 metres in size. System consisted of three 4 man bunkers and eleven 2 man bunkers. Entry/exit points to east and west. System was in excellent condition, 3-7 days old and used in the past 24-48 hours. System to be destroyed.
- (e) (241230H) At YS473869, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn located a rice cache on a platform 3 feet above the ground and covered by plastic. Platform was approx 6 months old and rice had been in place for 1 month at most. Rice was stored in 25x15 litre bundles in US sandbags, the rice being wrapped in plastic inside the bags. The rice was short grained, unpolished, quantity 640 lbs approx. Rice to be destroyed.
- (f) (241615H) At YS479874, C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found an old Russian rifle last used over two years ago.
- (g) (241620H) At YS505856, D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a North to South track used by a squad sized group, 12-24 hours ago. Direction of movement was not able to be determined.
- (h) (241650H) At YS548879, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a track used by 1-5 persons, 36 hours ago moving from south to north.
- (i) (241650H) At YS479874, C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a well defined track that had been in existence for sometime. Ten plus persons had moved south to north less than 2 days ago.

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>
240800H-	YS537792 and	Fresh tracks, less than 48 hours old made by
241000H	YS533798	10 persons moving NW to SE were sighted.
	YS537795	A log across a creek has been used recently as a bridge. Boot prints on river bank appear to be about 48 hours old. A track, less than 4 days old and used by 4-5 persons runs south through the clearing to YS571811. Track shows signs of southerly movement and was lost at this point.
241000H-	E 51 - 54	An E-W foot track made by 25 persons, 2-3
241200H	N 79 - 83	days ago runs from YS521311 to YS527811, then across a river crossing and on from YS527813 to YS530813. At YS531813 there is a rest area and the track was lost at YS532814. There is also a possible crossing point at YS529829.
241100H-	E 51 - 57	YS512794 to YS513796: a heavy track was seen,
241230H	N 77 - 79	direction NE-SW. The track is 1-3 days old

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and crossed river at YS510793. At this point the track turns south to YS510792 where the track branched into two distinctive foot tracks. Within 200m-300m there is a rice padi and also two small craters that appear to have been caused by mine explosions. All through the area to the padi there were numerous small tracks which ran into the padi buns.

On the road two women were seen sitting folding banana leaves. They waved for a while then moved on. Soon after two more women were seen walking out of the bush along an old APC track at YS549776, moving from the north. They were also carrying banana leave baskets. At this point the bush is closest to the road.

241200H- E 54 - 57
241400H N 82 - 845

A well defined track used by 8 plus persons runs from YS552849 to YS558847 and appears one week old.

241250H YS483822

Possum aircraft sighted an E-W track, recently constructed bunkers. Area used by approx 20 persons. Direction of movement unknown.

241500H- E 57 - 62
241630H N 76 - 79

No sign of recent enemy activity in the area. Jungle in the area is extremely thick and the ground can only be seen in a few places.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

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 ... YS479874 --- one Russian rifle (old)

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured
YS513857 --- four RPG-2 rds, one 82mm mortar rd, five Chicom grenades and a quantity of black clothing.
- (b) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Food Stuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS473869	Rice	640 lbs	Good condition To be destroyed

(4) Omitted

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
241230H	4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	YS473869	640 lbs of rice

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

- (1) KIA 14 NVA 4 VC (10-17) Omitted
- (2-4) Omitted (18) B 41 rounds 5
- (5) Individual Weapons (19) B 40 rounds 6
- Action 9 (20-21) Omitted
- Caches 2 (22) SA rounds 1569
- (6) Crew Served Weapons (23) Grenades 8
- Action 1 (24) AP Mines 1
- (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 767 lbs (25-26) Omitted
- (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 10 lbs (27) Bangalore Torpedoes ... 2
- (9) Med Stores 1 Med Kit

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 38/71 dated 20 Sep 71.

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9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE

(1) NP BINH GIA report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On the afternoon of 22 Sep 71, civilians who had been working in the area reported sighting two companies of unidentified troops in vicinity YS506795.

(2) NP NGAI GIAO report. Eval 1 ATF F5

On the night 21/22 Sep 71, a group of VC in excess of 100 passed through KIM LONG Plantation (YS436827) heading North.

(3) DUC THANH report. Eval 1 ATF F3

At an unknown time on 21 Sep 71, approx one Coy of VC were observed moving Southeast in vicinity SUOI TAM BO (YS5081). Source was not sure if this sighting was of friendly forces or not.

Other Areas

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

On 19th Sep at 1300H 3 VC of BINH BA Party Chapter collected taxes from rubber workers in Lot 100 (YS4674) of CALLIA Plantation. The VC, 2 male and 1 female, have been doing this three times per month.

(5) XUYEN MOC report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 22 Sep at 0900H, 3 VC from XUYEN MOC Village unit were seen at YS642677. They collected information on friendly troop activity and spread propaganda.

(6) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On the 21 and 22 Sep a coy of D445 Bn, approximately 60 men, armed with individual weapons, HMGs and carrying radios were located at YS550640.

Comment: No definite information on the location of the main element of D445 is held by 1 ATF. A group of D445 were involved in a contact in this area on 24 Jul with RF troops.

(7) LONG DIEN report. Eval 1 ATF F3

Ref mortar attack in area of FSB CARMEN (YS4358) on night 16 Sep. The VC who carried out the attack reconnoitred the area of the XA AN NGAI compound on 15 Sep. They infiltrated through the CAO VAN TIEP Temple (YS4459) to AN HOA Hamlet AN NGHAI village and after the attack withdrew the same way.

(8) DAT DO report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

(232130H) 6 VC infiltrated PHUOC SON (H), PHUOC THO (V) for the purpose of resupply. The group was thought to be PHUOC THO PC.

(9) DUC THANH report. Eval 1 ATF F3

(240930H) At YS503795, four VC were seen carrying what appeared to be mines.

(10) AN NHUT NP report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

(212300H) Four VC attempted to infiltrate AN NHUT (V) but were warned that an AP was nearby and so withdrew towards PHUOC TRINH jungle. One VC was identified as DANG from AN NHUT guerilla unit.

(11) RTAVF report. RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3

(221400H) At YS344841, 50 unidentified VC were located. NFI.

(12) RTAVF report. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3

(221200H) In area YS E21-23, N88-90, approx 50 VC from 3/274 Regt were located in strongly built bunker systems.

(13) BINH GIA NP report. Eval 1 ATF F3

(231800H) At YS493764, 5 unidentified VC were sighted.

(14) BINH GIA NP report.

(211100H) At YS490756, a coy of VC who spoke with a northern accent and carried what appeared to be 75mm RR stated that they intend to attack SUOI NGHE (H).

Comment: On 11 Sep 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn captured a sketch of the SUOI NGHE RF compound from the body of a CHAU DUC (D) member who was KIA at YS483907, but the sketch was an old one. There could be some truth in the report. However, it is thought that the RR attack on XA BANG on 19 Sep was probably carried out by an elm of 33 Regt.

(15) PHU MY report. Eval 1 ATF F3

A group of 7 VC from PHU MY PC are regularly infiltrating the refugee hamlet near YS247722 to collect food and taxes.

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(16) NP report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3

(220840H) At YS475567, source reported that he had met NGO VAN CHI (APCS of PHUOC HOA LONG village). CHI told him that a VC battalion is deployed in the DAT DO area and plan to attack a post in the district soon.

(17) Sector report. Eval 1 ATF F3

(241700H) At YS400560, 6 VC were seen on two sampans. They were carrying two mines.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (241300H) At YS478657, VO VAN TRONG, the secretary of PHUOC LOI (V) office was assassinated by VC. He had ridden on his Honda bicycle to LONG TAN (V) and was stopped by 6 VC who then killed him. TRONG was a resident of THANH LONG (H), PHUOC THANH village.

(2) Reference the 100 persons seen in area YS7194 on 23 Sep by 3 Bde VR aircraft (refer INTSUM 266/71, para 11. f. (8)). The group was stopped by NP and their papers were found to be in order.

(3) (231100H) At YS220888, RTAVF troops found 14 bunkers and also 2 RPG rounds. All were destroyed.

(4) (231930H) At YS506793, a woman from BINH GIA village saw four VC bury some equipment (possibly large calibre ammo).

Comment: See agent report stating that four VC were seen carrying possibly mines at YS503795 at 240930H.

(5) XUYEN MOC sub-sector report that local wood cutters at present are not permitted by the VC to go east of the village.

Comment: The best timber areas are to the east of the village. It is possible that the wood cutters are being punished for not delivering supplies to the VC in area.

(6) (241400H) In vicinity YS465945, an aircraft received ground to air fire and elements from XUAN LOC contacted 3-4 VC. The VC withdrew north with unknown results.

(7) (230900H) At YS611915, 3 Bde troops found signs of 2-3 persons having crossed a 20 ft wide stream and moved north.

(8) (231050H) At YS559926, 3 Bde troops engaged area with M79 and claymores in response to heavy sensor activations continuing for 30 mins. A search of area revealed 2 sets of foot prints moving east and 1 NVA poncho CIA.

(9) (231640H) At YS717992, 3 Bde VR aircraft sighted 3 trucks hidden under trees and 3 persons in black clothes wading into woods. Nil engagement.

(10) Reference INTSUM 266/71 para 11. f. (9). Results of RF/PF contact at CAM MY on 23 Sep are now listed as 4 RF WIA, 4 RF MIA, enemy losses unknown. An aircraft flying in support of the contact was reported to have received small arms ground to air fire with nil hits or damage.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A (Adjusted)

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AATTV (SAIGON)

AATTV Advisor BARIA

LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 267/71
DATED 24 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. An enemy notebook captured by Ranger Team 71 of 1 Cav Div (AM) at YS729948 on 16 Sep 71, from a body, was maintained by a member of an unidentified unit. An entry dated 4 Sep 71 states that the unit had been reorganized in accordance with the instruction issued by the new Sub-Region.

Comment: An enemy reorganization is at present in progress. The area in which the docs were captured suggests that the unspecified unit would have been a subordinate of the former BA LONG Province. Reference to "the new Sub-Region" is clearly a reference to the BARIA Sub-Region and provides a further indication that this entity has been formed.

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 267/71
DATED 24 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
240900H	YS E 36 - 42, N 80 - 88	YS415850 YS415855 YS420810 YS420818 YS405814 YS405817	YS405815 YS405840 YS400854 YS381861

Comment:

Readings may be valid or may possibly have been influenced by presence of rubber workers to east, in view of NE winds.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 268/71.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (251025H) At YS528874, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR located a light track which was 2 to 3 days old and had been used by 12-15 persons moving SW. The track later turns NE.

(b) (251035H) At YS473869, 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn destroyed the rice cache which was found on 24 Sep (INTSUM 267/71 of 24 Sep para 3. a. (1) (e) refers).

(c) (251105H) At YS535874, D Coy 3 RAR located a light track which was 5 days old and had been used by 2-3 people moving SW.

(d) (251105H) At YS520875, D Coy 3 RAR located a N-S track, 5-7 days old which had been used by 15-20 people moving south.

(e) (251220H) At YS490895 an APC from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an HE Chicom block charge mine. At 251230H at YS486895 another APC whilst en route to the incident area also detonated a similar pattern mine. Results: 4 Aust WIA and extensive damage to both vehicles. The two mines blew holes measuring 3 ft deep x 6 ft wide and 4 ft deep x 5 ft wide respectively. The mines were activated by pressure switch and were not command detonated.

1 Fd Sqn Comment: The mining appears to have been carried out by elements of the former D65 Engr Bn. The mines had been in place for at least 12 months and had been fitted only recently with initiating switches. Including these two incidents there have now been a total of 15 mine incidents which have occurred along the same route during 1970/71. It is believed that there are more mines in the area.

1 ATF Comment: D 65 was disbanded in Aug 70. The continued presence of former D 65 members in this area was shown on 15 Apr 71 when at YS492888 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) elms contacted 20 enemy, killing one who was identified from docs as a member of the former D 65. He was carrying batteries and detonators. For a summary of the APC mine incidents which occurred a little to the west of today's incident from Dec-Feb 71 see INTSUM 54/71 Annex F.

(f) (251400H) At YS484873, C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn located a track which had been used by 4-5 people moving north to south approx 5-7 days ago.

(g) (251535H) At YS552880, C Coy 3 RAR located an E-W track which appeared to have been used by 15 persons within the past 36 hours. Most of the movement was from E-W although the track had been used in both directions.

(h) (251610H) At YS552878, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR located a track heading SW-NE which had been used by 10 persons during the past 36 hours. The direction of movement was not able to be deduced.

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (250955H) At YS620847 an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt followed a track SW to the above grid. The track has been used by many people during the past two days moving west.

(b) (251244H) At YS626855 an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 13 fighting pits and evidence of nearby yam digging. The pits were ranging in age between 3-4 days and 2 weeks. The pits were of one man size and had been dug to split level to allow a crouching and full standing firing position. They had a maximum depth of 4½ feet with no OHP. A single track ran through the complex.

Comment: There have been many reports of yam digging in the past from this area. On 22 Aug a VR pilot observed a track leading to this area from the SW. The track had been regularly used although the direction of movement could not be estimated.

(3) HQ TRAC Special AO

(a) (250315H) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard a loud single explosion in the vicinity of CAM MY. NFI.

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(4) AO OTAGO

(a) (252015H) At YS451720, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt elements observed a green flare on a bearing of 3200 mils and a range of 600-700 metres. 3 RAR also observed 2 white flares in the same general area.

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>
250800H-	E 52 - 54	1. At least two oxcarts have moved along oxcart track from YS531784. The movement terminates at YS531788. The signs are less than 1 week old.
251000H	N 78 - 82	2. A N-S foot track at YS534802 which had been used by 5 persons and was less than one week old was seen. Direction of movement could not be estimated.
		3. A NE-SW foot track was seen at YS543812. The track was 4 days old and had been used by 10 persons. Direction of movement could not be estimated.
251015H		1. At YS7079 two wood trucks which appeared empty were seen heading NE along route 329.
251000H-	E 46 - 50	1. Yam holes seen at YS498843.
251200H	N 84 - 86	2. A heavy track was seen at YS498844 running NE-SW. The track had been used by 20-30 persons during the past 2 days. It was lost at YS494840.
251305H		1. Rubber trees were seen cut into 10 foot lengths in four grid squares (centre of mas YS4667). The rubber trees appeared to be cut for no apparent reason.
251230H-	E 38 - 42	1. A well used single track approx 2 weeks old runs from YS398899 to YS395906 across a clearing. The direction of movement was north to south. Rations and rubbish were seen at YS398899. All signs were possibly friendly.
251405H	N 90 - 92	2. In the clearing at YS412910 several well used tracks run from NW-SE. The tracks are 2 weeks old and probably friendly.
		3. At YS419913 a well used track running S-N was sighted. It appeared to be less than one week old. The track could not be followed further north due to the thick canopy. Possibly friendly.
		4. No other signs in the area.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA	14 NVA.. 4 VC	(10-17) Omitted
(2-4) Omitted		(18) B 41 rds
(5) Individual Weapons		(19) B 40 rds
Action	9	(20-21) Omitted
Caches	2	(22) SA rds.....
(6) Crew Served Weapons		(23) Grenades
Action	1	(24) AP Mines
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	767 lbs	(25-26) Omitted
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	10 lbs	(27) Bangalore Torpedoes....
(9) Med Stores	1 Med kit	2

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

DTG	CO-ORD	TYPE	RESULTS
251220H	YS490895	HE block Chicom	4 Aust WIA
251230H	YS486895	with pressure switch	

6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 38/71 dated 20 Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUMs 264/71 of 21 Sep 71. Para 11. f. (2) and 265/71 of 22 Sep 71 para 11. f. (2) delete 19 friendly KIA insert 9 friendly KIA (report of an enemy sapper attack on 18 ARVN Div HQ, TAY NINH)

(2) Ref SUPINTREP 38/71 para 21 and INTSUM 261/71 para 11. f. (2) delete all reference to enemy initiated grenade throwing incident in picture theatre XUAN LOC on 16 Sep. It is now doubtful whether this incident was initiated by the enemy.

(3) Ref INTSUM 266/71 and 267/71 para 11. f. (a) and 11. f. (10) respectively figures now stand at 2 KIA, 4 WIA, 1 MIA (23 Sep contact at CAM MY)

c. Omitted

d. Agent ReportsAO INGLEWOOD(1) XUYEN MOC report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 250700H in vicinity of YS600800 there is reported to be a company of D445. It is stated that this unit will co-ordinate with XUYEN MOC District unit and the PHUOC BUU Party Chapter to collect 10 litres of rice or \$VN 500.00. The VC will infiltrate hamlets by dressing as civilians returning from work, in order to assassinate village hamlet officials and members of the PSDF.

AO OTAGO(2) DAT DO report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3

(250930H) At YS480660 a company sized element of D445 LF Bn was reported to be located 2 days ago. The VC unit was reported to be responsible for killing the PHUOC LOI Secretary on 24 Sep (see INTSUM for 24 Sep).

Comment: A coy of D445 could possibly be in the area, as D445 have used this area in the past. However, no firm information has yet been received as to the identity of the assassins. See following item for a further unconfirmed report regarding the killing.

(3) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 241300H at YS490665, 5 VC dressed in ARVN greens from an unknown unit were located in the garden area at the above grid. This group were reported to be responsible for the killing of VO VAN TRONG who is a member of the People's Council of PHUOC THANH (H) DAT DO (V) and administrative clerk at PHUOC LOI (H) DAT DO (V) Government office.

Other Areas(4) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2

On 211200H at YS652661 a group of 3 VC armed with individual weapons and a mine and led by TAM TAN (unk) who is reported to be from the LONG XUYEN (D) Sapper team reinforcements for the XUYEN MOC (V) P.C., were located at the above grid. They mentioned the possibility of mining or ambushing Route 23.

(5) BINH BA report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 241400H at YS426747, 2 VC were seen carrying a light bag. They met rubber workers and said that an artillery unit and 33 NVA Regt will attack DUC THANH because they (GVN) killed their NVA friends in Jun 69. After 15

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minutes the VC withdrew towards SOI NGHE.

Comment: The only artillery unit which might be referred to is 74 NVA Rocket Regt which has elms detached to various units, possibly including 33 Regt (5x122mm rockets were found on 5 Sep at YS6397). The Jun 69 "killing of friends" is possibly a reference to contacts at BINH BA (YS4474) on 6 and 7 Jun 69. On these days 51 NVA/VC were killed by body count and 11 PW's were taken by sector forces and 1 ATF. Most of the KIA were from 1 Bn 33 NVA Regt and the Regimental Support companies of 33 Regt. On 12 and 14 Jun 69 base camps used by 33 Regt elements were found at YS389813 and YS391823. The report is considered possibly true.

(6) BINH BA report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4

On 241400H at YS472682 a VC coy were seen armed with 82mm mortars and crew served weapons. Intentions are unknown.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Extract from Advisory Team 49 INTSUM 187 of 18 Sep 71

Additional information on mortar incident at DINH QUAN sub-sector on 15 Sep. A further investigation has revealed that the DINH QUAN Sub-Sector compound was the victim of a sapper attack and not a mortar attack as originally thought. It is established that 5-6 sappers penetrated the defences and were responsible for the destruction on one bunker, the DIOCC and administrative buildings. When the satchel charges were exploded, the VC began to mortar FSB NANCY. Also reported at 152100, 40-50 enemy soldiers wearing ARVN uniforms entered LOI TAN (H) at YT585396, went to houses and called the PSDF out to go on guard. When doors were opened enemy soldiers ran into houses and searched for weapons. Males of draft age were captured, broken into three groups (5 in each group) and taken 4 kilometres south where they were propagandised. The PSDF were told to surrender weapons. They also heard out-going mortar fire. The PSDF were released on morning 16 Sep and returned to LOI TAN. Also during the night an unknown number of VC entered TIN NGHIA (H) at YT567375 and distributed propaganda.

(2) On 23 Sep 300 lbs of C4 explosive was stolen from the installation on the HORSESHOE feature.

(3) (241235H) At YT654036, US Rangers of 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) contacted 4 enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA, 2 AK 47s CIA. A heavy blood trail heading east was being followed. NFI.

(4) (250445H) BIEN HOA Airbase received 4x122mm rockets and 2 unidentified rounds. There have been no reports of damage. Flareships were reacted. One flaeship exploded. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 US MIA, 2 US WIA. It is thought that the flares detonated aboard the aircraft. The rocket attack occurred following a report that BIEN HOA City was to be attacked that evening. This report had been received from HQ ARVN III Corps.

(5) (251445H) At YS551962 US troops received an unknown number of rounds of small arms fire from 200-250 metres to the west. Results: 1 US WIA. NFI.

(6) (221400H) At YS598882 a US VR aircraft sighted a bunker which had been constructed in a bomb crater.

(7) (221400H) At YS578888 to YS606888 a US VR aircraft sighted a heavily used track which dissappeared into trees. The track appeared to have been used by cars or motorbicycles.

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(8) (240920H) At YS547961 3 Bde troops located a N-S track which had been used by 25-50 persons during the past 24 hours.

(9) (241020H) At YS546961, 3 Bde troops located an E-W logging track which had been used during the past 72 hours by vehicles moving in an unknown direction. A small track ran along the centre of the logging route. Old rations were found in the area.

(10) (241240H) At YS549967, 3 Bde troops located a hut measuring 6x8x10 feet and made of logs. The hut had a tin roof and screen windows. (hut destroyed).

(11) (241425H) At YS541964, 3 Bde troops located an E-W track, which had been used during the past 24-48 hours by 15-25 persons moving west.

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(12) (241240H) At YS548970, 3 Bde troops located a NE-SW track which had been used recently. NFI.

(13) (241310H) At YS553962, 3 Bde troops located a cache consisting of 18x35lb bags of flour (630 lbs). The flour was in poor condition. (Flour destroyed).

(14) (241300H) At YS462938, 177 RF coy engaged 2-3 enemy who returned fire. A US aircraft also received ground fire. Bunkers were seen in the contact area. Results: nil friendly casualties or damage, unknown enemy losses.

(15) 24 Sep, 3 Bde troops located the following tracks:- YS580989, E-W track with recent use by 8-10 persons during the past three days. YS577989, a network of tracks which had not been used during the past three months. YS568988, N-S and E-W track which had been used by 10-12 persons during the past 12 hours. YS564982, N-S track which had been used by 8-10 persons during the past 6 hours.

3 Bde Comment: It is thought that there is heavy enemy activity in the area, and there is a possibility of a bunker system located in the area.

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Annex: E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 268/71
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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

DTG
250930H-
251045H

STRONG
YS380872
YS380875

MAXIMUM
YS370875

Comment: Maximum sniffer reading recorded in same area on 4 Jul, an elm of 1 Bn 274 Regt could well be using this area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 269/71.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

- (a) (261000H) At YS554871, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found a track used by 10 persons in the last 48 hours moving SW to NE.
- (b) (261100H) At YS486825, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a heavily blazed track which led to the west. The track had been prepared for heavy movement and had been used by 10 persons moving west in the last 36 hours. Later (261215H) 5 Pl found another track at YS485826. This is a well used N-S track which had been used in both directions. The track had one boot print pointing south. It was followed north (towards 4. Pl) and south and showed movement in the last two days. Further to the south it headed west out of the coy AO.
- (c) (261500H) At YS519861, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a bunker system covering 50x80 metres in a N-S aligned diamond shape. There were 3 bunkers 10x5x4 feet with 2 feet OHP, and 2 other bunkers half-completed. There were three areas cleared with logs nearby for building. The entry points were to the north and SW with an exit point to the south following a track. The system was 1-2 weeks old and in very good condition. It had been last used 4 days ago. An NVA water bottle carrier was found which was subsequently destroyed. The system will be destroyed.
- (d) (261735H) At YS567846, A Coy 3 RAR found a heavily used track which had been used by 12-15 persons in the last 5-10 days moving west to east. Found at the above grid were 1xM79 case and 1xM79 HE blind. Both were estimated to be 1-2 weeks old.
- (e) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) report that the following bunkers have been destroyed:
 - (i) Installation found by D Coy at YS513857 on 21 Sep reported in INTSUM 267/71 para 3. a. (1) (a).
 - (ii) Bunkers found by V Coy on 24 Sep at YS511852 reported in INTSUM 267/71 para 3. a. (1) (d).
 - (iii) Bunkers found by B Coy on 22 Sep at YS493830 reported in INTSUM 266/71 para 3. a. (1) (a).

(2) AO OTAGO

- (a) Late Report. (231500H) D and E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF while on patrol found a track running from YS474666 to YS476673. Trees were found cut on the western side of the track a week old.
- (b) Late Report. (241200H) At YS492679 D and E Pl, HQ Coy 1 ATF found a track used by 3 persons moving S-N 4 days previously. There were imprints of a US pattern boot and a gymboot on the track. The track was then followed north to SUOI MON at YS492688.

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>
260800H	E 45 - 48 N 66 - 69	There were no unusual signs of movement in this area. A track was found at YS478687. It ran SW over the river and was lost. The track was well cut and appeared old. Last used by 2-6 persons 4 days ago.
261000H	E 45 - 48 N 69 - 72	1. From YS470717 to YS482718 boot prints were seen moving east to west. Prints appeared 4 days old. 2. At YS478715 a well used track runs east to .../west

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west. One set of sandal prints were seen and thought to be less than 4 days old.

261200H E 68 - 71
N 90 - 93

From YS709914 to YS705905 old bunkers were sighted with no sign of recent use or movement in the area. All over the area there had been woodcutting and many tracks used by woodcutters. It is impossible to say if anyone else is using them. People could move freely in the area unnoticed.

261320H YS584578

A Vietnamese male was seen hiding in the shallows. He moved 10m through the water and pushed something into the mud. He then moved a further 10m to a fishing net which he pretended to reset.

261400H E 70 - 73
N 86 - 89

No signs of recent movement or use of old systems.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings (See Annex E)

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

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|---------------------------------|------------|------|-------------------------------|
| (1) KIA | 14 NVA ... | 4 VC | (10-17) Omitted |
| (2-4) Omitted | | | (18) B 41 rds |
| (5) Individual Weapons | | | (19) B 40 rds |
| Action | 9 | | (20-21) Omitted |
| Caches | 2 | | (22) SA rds..... |
| (6) Crew Served Weapons | | | (23) Grenades |
| Action | 1 | | (24) AP Mines |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed | 767 lbs | | (25-26) Omitted |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed | 10 lbs | | (27) Bangalore Torpedoes |
| (9) Med Stores | 1 Med Kit | | 2 |

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 38/71 dated 20 Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (260014H) XUAN LOC compound received 3xB40 rds. One of these landed inside the compound (the others outside) and caused slight damage to the dispensary. There were no casualties.

(2) (271610H) At YS233774 a US convoy travelling on Route 15 from VUNG TAU to LONG BINH received ground fire, possibly AK 47. Nil friendly casualties. NFI.

(3)(261650H) At YS731934, 3 Bde troops sighted 3 enemy to their SE. Engaged with nil return fire. Results: 2 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA. Captured were 2xAK47s, 1xM79, and 2xB40s.

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(4) Ref INTSUM 268/71 para 11. f. (5) contact with 3 Bde troops. Change DTG to 251245H. Troops engaged with SA by unknown sized enemy force at YS551962. Pink Team supported and enemy broke contact and withdrew in an unknown direction.

(5) (251050H) At YS546958, 3 Bde 1 ACD elms found a track used by 1-2 persons recently moving NE. At the same grid they found a further track used by 2-3

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persons moving E to W in previous 2-3 days.
(6) (251422H) At YS750932 elms of 3 Bde found 6 bunkers 15x8x6 feet with 2½ feet OHP and 8 huts 15x8x6 feet running through the area was a NE-SW track which had no recent use but had been booby trapped with spikes. All were destroyed.

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 269/71
DATED 26 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1, 2 and 3 Omitted

4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
260930H	E 52 - 60	YS530757
	N 70 - 76	

Comment: Possibly caused by civilian access.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 270/71.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (270130H) At YS492874, elms of V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn saw a strong, stationary light. The light was not engaged due to the close proximity of friendly elements. A first light search was conducted which revealed signs of 3-6 persons and NE-SW tracks with a directional marker placed on a tree.

(b) (270845H) At YS496830, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a bunker system consisting of 5 fighting pits 4x2x2 feet, with 9 inches OHP in a 30x30m diamond shape. The system was approx 1 week old, and had been used in the last 24-48 hours. System was destroyed.

(c) (270900H) At YS478819, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a bunker system consisting of 1 bunker 5x5x4 feet and 5 fighting pits 2x5x4 feet. The system was old, and had been renovated approx one week ago, with use in the last 3-4 days. Found in the system was a field dressing and a quantity of plastic which has been destroyed.

(d) (270927H) Ref INTSUM 269/71 para 3. a. (1) (d) track found by A Coy 3 RAR at YS567846. Approx 150m SE of this loc an RV point was found where a group of people spent some time, but there were no overnight sleeping spaces.

(e) (271210H) At YS485820, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a west to east track which had been used by approx 30 people 4 days ago. The track was followed and was seen to turn slightly towards the SE.

(f) (271210H) At YS493871, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found four fighting pits which were old, and were in poor condition.

(g) (271600H) At YS494818, 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a track which joined with the one reported in sub-para e above which had been used by approx 20 persons with additional signs of recent movement by one person wearing allied pattern boots, 1 person with bare feet and one person wearing sandals. Movement continued in a southerly direction.

(h) (270750H) Ref INTSUM 267/71 para 3. a. (1) (d) bunker system found by 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Found in the system was a ladder approx 30m in length, which had been tied to a tree. This tree facilitated an excellent view of the surrounding area. On the egress from the area, a marker sign was found etched into a tree, consisting of a circle approx 4 inches in diameter with an "X" shape inside, and an arrow directly below pointing to a track approx 30m from the bunker system.

(i) (271245H) Ref INTSUM 269/71 para 3. a. (1) (c). Bunker system found by 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR has been destroyed.

(j) (271715H) At YS565839, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a track approx 1 week old. The track ran W-E and had been used by two people. A bag of segmented grenades of an unknown manufacture were found at the above loc with striker levers missing.

(k) (271726H) At YS496867, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found four fighting pits. (See this INTSUM para 3. a. (1) (f)). The pits were in a line 50m long and measured 4x2x3 feet. There were no tracks in the area, and the system had not been used for 12 months.

(1) (271300H) At YS515857, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a bunker system 250m square consisting of 7 fighting pits 6x5x4 feet with 2- feet OHP.

The system was 10 days old, and had been used in the last 5-7 days. 5 lbs of corn was taken from the system. This system was a continuation of the system found by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn on 21 Sep at YS513857. See INTSUM 267/71 para 3. a. (1) (a).

(2) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (271620H) At YS628758, elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a foot track approx 2 hours old leading north, which had been used by one person.

(3) Territorial Forces AO

(a) (271035H) At YS477733, elms of JWTC found two bunkers in an area

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15x30m. The system consisted of 2 bunkers with 2 feet OHP, which had been vacated 20 minutes before they were found. A quantity of documents were found in the system which indicated it had been occupied by 6 members of the BINH BA Party Chapter (1 ATF ORBAT holds the strength of this unit as such), and that they were all very depressed from living in the jungle and wished to return to BINH BA (V).

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>
270800H- 271000H	YS E 49 - 52 N 70 - 73	1. NW-SE foot track at YS511713 followed 200m NW and 100m SE, movement on track approx 3-4 weeks ago. 2. E-W track between YS513726 and YS518726 showed signs of continuous use in both directions. 3. Heavy foot-track showing continuous signs of movement both ways passed through the following grids: YS509730, YS505733, stream crossing. At YS503734 woodcutting evident, small trees 6-9 inches diameter cut one week ago. YS502735, more selective cutting. YS500738, lie up area to west of track with signs in the area. YS497740, foot prints across padi estimated 15-20 persons, moving in both directions. YS494741, track lost.
271000H- 271200H	YS E 47 - 51 N 84 - 86	Tracks one week old through clearings at YS476860 and YS481860. 5-10 persons moving east.
271230H- 271430H	YS473723	At this grid 4 people were seen, (1 woman and 3 men). They were cutting a large quantity of bamboo into 8-12 inch lengths. As the ac circled one man disappeared, and the others seemed to work harder. 2 tracks were seen entering the area.
271200H- 271400H	YS E 71 - 73 N 77 - 81	1. Three wood cutters sighted at YS718814. A track used by the trucks today went from YS718814 to YS725814. A total of 22 people were counted in the trucks. 2. A heavy foot track, used by 20 plus people within the last 2 weeks and possibly more recently was followed from YS728809 to YS714801. 3. A further truck was seen at YS749826. The truck was moving along a track from the west to Route 329. 4. See INTSUM 268/71 para 11. d. (1) for agent report of possible D445 elms operating in this area.
271400H- 271600H	YS E 48 - 51 N 70 - 73	1. The special sighting of people seen in the area was followed up, and they were joined by 4 more people, making a total of 11, 2 of whom were men. They followed the track west to Route 2 and appeared to be civilians collecting bamboo shoots. Each person was carrying two sacks. 2. A track was seen at YS485731, and was followed to YS477728, 3-6 hours old, used by

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4-8 people.

3. A track was seen at YS499708 to YS490701,
1 week old, used by 6-10 people.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1-2) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Food Stuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
YS515857	Corn	5 lbs

(4-5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA	14 NVA ...	4 VC	(10-17) Omitted	
(2-4) Omitted			(18) B 41 rounds	5
(5) Individual Weapons			(19) B 40 rounds	6
Action	9		(20-21) Omitted	
Caches	2		(22) SA rounds	1569
(6) Crew Served Weapons			(23) Grenades	8
Action	1		(24) AP mines	1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	767 lbs		(25-26) Omitted	
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	10 lbs		(27) Bangalore Torpedoes.....	2
(9) Med Stores	1 Med Kit			

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 39/71 dated
27-Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO INGLEWOOD

(1) 270800H Sep 71. At YS716783, approx 100 men dressed in ARVN greens were seen carrying 7 bags of rice. The men prohibited locals from the area for the period 29 Sep - 4 Oct 71.

Comment: It is conceivable that D445 elms could be in this area. Area will be VRd on 28 Sep.

Territorial Forces AO

(2) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that on the night of 21 Sep 71 elms of the LONG DIEN (V) PC. combined with elms of D445 LF Bn were seen at YS444559. A female, THI HOA (unk) entered LONG DIEN (V) to tell relatives of unit members their new location and to ask for supplies.

(3) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F2

Source states that 8 VC of C610 BARIA City unit were seen at YS343590. They were led by VU TINH (unk), and TRAN XUAN CANG (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as being PCS LONG HUONG (V)).

(4) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that 3 VC were seen at YS287767. They stopped wood cutters and asked for information on GVN troop dispositions and security measures imposed in PHU MY (V). One of the VC was recognized as THI HUE who is unknown to 1 ATF ORBAT.

(5) DUC THANH report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

261000H Sep 71. At YS441802, 4 VC were seen. Each carried two bags of rice and rations.

(6) Sector report. Eval VN B3, 1 ATF F3

261600H Sep 71. At YS245624, 2 sections of VC were seen in two motorboats. They moved from YS245624 to YS254587, and were reported to have possessed

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a rocket launcher to be used against the VUNG TAU airfield in the near future.

(7) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

221130H Sep 71. At YS579807, approx 30 men were seen, 4 of whom were carrying a tube, described as being 3m in length and 10 centimetres in diameter at the barrel, narrowing approx half way down the tube, which was partially covered with empty sandbags. Members of the unit were dressed in greens and had a red "S" sewn on their shoulders. Tube could possibly be a launcher for 122mm rockets.

(8) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

250930H Sep 71. At YS489730, 3 VC were seen. The VC gave two bags of unknown items to locals in the area and left.

(9) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that on the night of 23/24 Sep, 7 VC were seen at YS504572. VC were armed with B40/B41 and led by NHUNG (unk). VC infiltrated XA PHUOC LOI (YS504572) with elms of D445, and told locals not to vote on 3 Oct.

(10) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

Source states that on night of 23/24 Sep, 7 VC including MAI VAN BO (held by 1 ATF ORBAT as being Commander PHUOC HOA LONG Guerillas), infiltrated HOA HOI (YS483592). They moved around the hamlet spreading propaganda and withdrew towards YS482594.

(11) PRU report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

242300H. At YS368614 approx 25 VC led by TRAN HUU CANG (Chief Security Section BARIA City, and A/PCS BARIA City), armed with B40's infiltrated HOUNG SON (YS368614). The VC spread propaganda and told people not to vote in the Presidential elections.

(12) NP report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

24 Sep 71. Source states that 3 VC, UT OANH (unk), TONG VAN CHAT (XUYEN MOC Guerillas), and HO VAN DUNG (Security member XUYEN MOC (V) P.C.) asked him for information on night patrols and ambushes in and around XUYEN MOC hamlets. Source states that these VC intend to infiltrate XUYEN MOC (V) and assassinate village and hamlet officials and PSDF members.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

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

(1) (260900H) At YS581958, 3 Bde troops found a SE-NW trail. 50m east 1 person was seen moving NW on a logging road. Person was not engaged, and evaded east.

(2) (261656H) At YS731934, 3 Bde troops engaged 3 enemy who evaded in an unknown direction. Results: 2 enemy KIA, 3xAK47s with 88 rounds, 2 US frag grenades, 5 M79 rounds, 1xB40 RL, 2 B40 rounds, 2 lbs rice, 2 lb docus and 10 lbs medical supplies CIA. Docu readout to be advised.

(3) Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 269/71 para 11. f. (1). At YT459082 (south of XUAN LOC), the US Navy Seabees Compound received 3xB40 rounds. Results are now 1 US WIA.

(4) (261530H) At YS703935, 3 Bde troops found 11 holes (4 covered) and 1x5,000 gallon tanker (empty).

DUC THANH report

On 25 Sep 71, NP arrested HOANG THI HUY of BINH BA (H) for resupplying the VC. Police attempted to arrest a female who escaped and is believed to have joined the VC.

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All 11 ATF LOs

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 270/71
DATED 27 SEP 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1, 2 and 3 Omitted

4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
270915H-	YS623750
271000H	
270900H-	YS765850
271100H	YS780890
	YS749891
	YS777884
	YS788880
	YS751930
	YT697110

Comment: High background readings in northern portion of area possibly due to friendly tracks.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 271/71.
2. Period covered 280001H to 282400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO INGLEWOOD

(a) (281140H) At YS638764, elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a track used by 10 plus persons moving SE in the last 4-7 days. Also found were several shallow shellscrapes and a US type helmet.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Ref INTSUM 270/71, para 3. a. (1) (1) (280900H). At YS515856 D Coy 3 RAR op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a further 9 bunkers which were destroyed. 24 bunkers have now been found in a "Y" shape. These are 7x5x4 feet with 2-3 feet OHP. They each have 1 or 2 exit which could be used as fighting bays. There were a further 12-15 areas cut for bunker construction. Tracks run between various parts of the system which is spread over an area approx 400mx300m. The major entry point to the system appears to be from the north with exit apparently S-SW. The system was 1-2 weeks old, had been used 21-22 Sep and was in excellent condition. The system has been destroyed.

(b) (281120H) At YS530838, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a track used by 10 persons moving SE to NW 24-36 hours previous. There were machette marks on trees along the track.

(c) (281930H) At YS531849, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR (op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)) located a track used by 30-40 persons moving NE 5-6 days previous.

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>
280800H	E 55 - 58 N 72 - 75	From YS552741 to YS552743 there is a light track used by less than 5 persons moving north recently. This track could have been made by animals.
281000H	E 70 - 73 N 78 - 81	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. At YS699783 a camp about one week old was seen. Of 6 wooden tables sighted 5 could possibly be sleeping benches. 3 bunkers and 1 slit trench. 1 small two man shelter or cover over cooking pit, 1 white jerry-can and 1 black cooking pot. 1 aluminium water bottle lying on the ground. One 4x5 foot piece of blue plastic. Slit trench may have been a bunker. Wood cutters tracks which joined the road 400m away led to the area.2. (Ref INTSUM 270/71 para 3. b. 2. DTG 271200H). At YS718814 there is a bridge which was apparently undergoing repairs on 27 Sep. These repairs are now completed.3. At YS702791 and YS680794 fresh cut wood was sighted which had been cut within the previous 12 hours. Fresh cut timber was seen in the camp and also at YS699785, YS699786 and YS701785.4. Trucks of 2 people were seen at YS692773 and YS701791 at 1035 hours.5. At 1330 hours a further 2 trucks were seen travelling south at YS701791. 13 persons in trucks waved vigorously. There were flags displayed on both trucks.6. Not all area covered

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281200H E 40 - 43
N 77 - 80

At YS391785 there is a cleared area which indicates use by 5-10 people in lie-up area. Bundles of 2½ foot long sticks are lying in the area.

281020H YS5455
(JADE)

6 boats were sighted. There were 20 people on beach with motorcycles and carts.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA	14 NVA....	4 VC	(10-17) Omitted	
(2-4) Omitted			(18) B 41 rounds	5
(5) Individual Weapons			(19) B 40 rounds	6
Action	9		(20-21) Omitted	
Caches	2		(22) SA rounds	1569
(6) Crew Served Weapons			(23) Grenades	8
Action	1		(24) AP Mines	1
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	767 lbs		(25-26) Omitted	
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	10 lbs		(27) Bangalore Torpedoes....	2
(9) Med Stores	1 Med Kit			

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 39/71 dated 27 Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUM

Ref INTSUM 270/71 para 1.. d. (7) line 6 should read " a red "5" (five) sewn on their shoulders.

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) Report from 525 MI Group. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1500H on 22 Sep 71, 30 VC were seen at YS215718. They were armed with 2xB40s and individual weapons. They are reportedly an element of DOAN 10 Water Sapper Bn. They were seen asking fishermen to buy gasoline for them.

(2) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 26 Sep it was reported to PRU that 4 VC were on LONG SON Island in the vicinity of YS281560. They wore mixed dress and were armed with 1xB40, 1xM16, 1xAK47 and 1xM2 carbine.

(3) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2

Information received on 27 Sep states that the VC cadres of LONG DIEN (D) are reorganizing into a "group of villages" (LIEN-XA) composed of 2 small villages with a cadre from the District acting as PCS of the group. Thus LONG DIEN and AN NGAI will form one LIEN-XA, TAM PHUOC and AN NHUT another and LONG HAI and PHUOC TINH a third. The guerillas and Party Chapters of the old villages will work together under the command of the PCS of their new LIEN-XA. Source reports that the VC are short of men and are using this expedient to overcome their problem.

PRU Comment: It is possible that this reorganization is merely to overcome personnel shortages and to fill all the positions in the normal Party Chapter organization, but it also probably indicates that they are preparing their infrastructure for a new campaign of some description.

1 ATF Comment: Very feasible due to present strengths and possible District reorganizations.

(4) NP DUC THANH report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

At 0900H on 27 Sep 71, 3 VC appeared at YS422745. They stopped a group of

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Montagnards to ask about ambushes and patrols in the hamlet (believed to refer to DUC MY or BINH BA). The VC told them not to vote in the coming elections and after 15 minutes withdrew south towards YS425723.

- e. Omitted
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

Extracts from 3 Bde INTSUM

(1) (271345H) At YS505935 elms of 3 Bde found an E-W track with no recent use.

Other Areas

(2) (272000H) At YS466569, 189 RF Coy ambushed an unknown number of enemy with a mechanical ambush. A search was conducted at first light and a drag mark was found leading south.

(3) (280200H) At YS290633, 384 RF Coy were supported by 60mm mors in a contact with 4-5 VC. The VC approached from the west and withdrew to the east. Nil friendly casualties. A search conducted at first light revealed nil results.

(4) (280655H) BIEN HOA reports receiving 2x107mm rockets into the Army base area. The rockets came from a N-NE direction. There were nil friendly cas.

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- Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings.
F. VC Dates of Significance in October.
G. VC Units In 1 ATF TAOI.

Distribution:

- List A (Adjusted)
- 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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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1, 2 and 3 Omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

Ref INTSUM 270/71 Annex E para 4. Delete readings. Complete list of readings as follows.

<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	
YS765850	YS736880	YS760930
YS780890	YS759880	YS736930
YS749891	YS767850	YS756930
YS751930	YS753890	YS764930
YS754880	YS726930	
YS788881		

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VC DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN OCTOBER

1. 1 Oct National Festival of the People's Republic of China (1949).
2. 3 Oct
 - a. Presidential Election RVN, 3 Oct 71.
 - b. Establishment of the International United Labour Association (1948).
 - c. Organization of World United Federations (1945).
3. 7 Oct National Festival of the German Democratic Republic (1949).
4. 10 Oct
 - a. Liberation of Hanoi (1956).
 - b. LO LOI Day (Emperor who fought China) (1434).
5. 15 Oct "Day of Revenge" - NGUYEN VAN TROI attempted to kill the US Secretary of Defence, ROBERT McNAMARA. TROI was captured before his attempt and executed by firing squad (1965).
6. 17 Oct Anniversary of the Success of Russian Revolution (1917).
7. 19 Oct Representative of the NLF SVN visited NVN for the first time (1962).
8. 20 Oct
 - a. Establishment of the United Vietnamese Women's Association (1946).
 - b. Founding of the TRA-VINH Front (1961).
9. 23 Oct
 - a. SVN Revolution Day (1960).
 - b. Nationalist revolt in NAM KY (SOUTH VIETNAM) (1940).
10. 24 Oct United Nations Day (RVN).
11. 26 Oct Anniversary of VIETNAM, Republic Day (1949).
12. 29 Oct PHAN BOI CHAU 'S Anniversary.

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ANNEX G TO
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VC UNITS IN 1 ATF TACTICAL AREA OF INTEREST

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>EST STRENGTH</u>	<u>CURRENT PROBABLE LOC</u>
HQ MR-7/SVNLA	790	SE of GIA RAY.
33 NVA Regt/MR-7	1221	
HQ elms and Sp units	366	SW LONG KHANH.
1 Bn	250	N of XUAN LOC
2 Bn	270	N of NUI CHUA CHAN.
3 Bn (D2/BARIA)	285	S LONG KHANH.
274 VC MF Regt/MR-7	1030	
HQ elms and Sp Units	295	N HAT DICH and BINH SON area.
1 Bn	235	PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH border.
2 Bn	245	S of HUNG NGHIA (H).
3 Bn	250	S of BINH SON Plantation.
BA LONG (P) HQ MR-7	445	SE GIA RAY.
D445 Bn/BA LONG	165	Unknown.
Bn HQ and C5	68	Unknown.
C 1 Coy	24	LONG HAI Mountains.
C 2 Coy	22	
C 3 Coy	26	
C 4 Coy	17	
K 8 Combat Sp Coy/BA LONG	65	Possibly XUAN LOC area.
C 36 Sapper Recce Coy/BA LONG	50	Southern LONG KHANH.
CAU SU (D)/BA LONG	60	Possibly YT3903.
XUAN LOC (D)/BA LONG	125	SW of XUAN LOC.
CHAU DUC (D) BA LONG	78	{ Possibly CHAU PHA Valley and NUI DINHs.
C 41 Conc Coy	15	
LONG DAT (D)/BA LONG	67	YS4851 MINH DAM Secret Zone.
C 25 Conc Coy	24	YS4851 MINH DAM Secret Zone.
XUYEN MOC (D)/BA LONG including C 70 Conc Coy	38	Specific locations are estimates only.
BARIA Special Zone/BA LONG including C 610 Special Action Unit	36	{ In RUNG SAT SW of BARIA and possibly { E NUI DINHs.
VUNG TAU Special Zone/MR-7	20	RUNG SAT north of LONG SON.
A 31 Eastern Special Action Unit	23	LONG HAI Mountains YS4851.
A 32 Western Sapper Unit	22	Area YS2558.
SR 4 HQ/MR-7	528	Unknown
D 10 Sapper Bn/SR 4	228	Specific loc unknown. Possibly NHON TRAC (D) BIEN HOA and in RUNG SAT.
D 2 SR 4	75	South of BINH SON Plantation.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 272/71.
2. Period covered 290001H to 292400H Sep 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

- (a) (291030H) At YS508853, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a NE-SW track used by 12 persons in the last two days moving in a SW direction.
- (b) (291200H) At YS528842, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR located a track used by a large number of persons (not friendly) one week ago, moving north.
- (c) (291200H) At YS514841, 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR located a track which was approximately 1-2 weeks old. Movement was to the east.
- (d) (291115H) At YS503848, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker system 40x20 metres in area consisting of 4 bunkers 6x2x3 ft with 18 inches OHP, and entry/exit points to the north, east and south. The system was six months old and estimated to have been used in the last 5-7 days, as fresh saw cuts and a new sleeping area were found. The system was destroyed. To the east at YS506849 an east-west track was located which appeared to come from the bunker system. The track was used by 10-12 persons in the last 5-7 days moving in an unknown direction.
- (e) (291110H) At YS511851, 8 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a weapon pit 6x3x4 ft with 18 inches OHP and entry/exit points to the east and west. The pit was new and in good condition and had been used in the last three days. Two pieces of paper with writing were found in the pit. The pit will be destroyed as soon as possible.
- (f) (291442H) At YS507848, HQ C Coy and 7 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a north-south track used by 30 persons in the last week, who moved in an unknown direction.

(2) AO OTAGO

- (a) (291735H) At YS489675, elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located two mine markers at a track junction. The area was checked by a mini team with nil results.

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>
291000H-	E 40 - 43	1. At YS416866 what appeared to be a plastic valise 2 1/2 x 2 ft was sighted on an APC track.
291200H	N 84 - 87	2. At YS426868, 2 small tables and short lengths of timber were sighted at what appeared to be an old friendly location.
		3. Ox cart tracks led from YS442705 to YS467706 where three articles of black clothing were sighted.
291645H	YS455876	1. At YS455876, two freshly dug holes, covered with grass were sighted at the side of the road. 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) are investigating.

(3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

- (1) KIA 14 NVA 4 VC (10-17) Omitted
- (2-4) Omitted (18) B 41 rounds 5
- (5) Individual Weapons (19) B 40 rounds 6
- Action 9 (20-21) Omitted
- Caches 2 (22) SA rounds 1569
- (6) Crew Served Weapons (23) Grenades 8
- Action 1 (24) AP Mines 1
- (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 767 lbs (25-26) Omitted
- (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 10 lbs (27) Bangalore Torpedoes 2
- (9) Med Stores 1 Med Kit

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5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 39/71 dated 27 Sep 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) RDC report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

(282300H) A group of VC moved from the direction of LONG SON and infiltrated AN BINH near YS433589. They posted sentries and entered various houses and told the people not to vote in the elections. They collected rice from their contacts and at 0100H they withdrew in an unknown direction.

(2) Sector report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3

(262200H) A group of more than 10 VC consisting of BARIA City Special Action Unit, C610 and the LONG HUONG guerillas infiltrated LONG HUONG at YS367618. They withdrew towards AN HUONG and one woman was noticed among the group. Source states that in two nights time the group will transport food past the above grid.

(3) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

C 2 Engineers are at present working with the guerillas of PHU MY and THAI THIEN at YS285754.

(4) NP report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

(271300H) At YS469750, 6 VC from BINH BA village guerillas stopped people and asked them for supplies.

(5) MSS report. Eval 1 ATF F3

(281900H) At YS330580, 30 VC armed with a 60mm mortar, were sighted. As a result, grid was fired on with 8 rounds of HE 155mm by ONG TRINH.

Comment: Because of the consistency of reports, it is clear that an element of the BARIA City Unit, which is thought to number approximately 32, is in this general area. They are not known to have a 60mm mortar.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) At YT585396, on 15 Sep, 40 to 50 VC wearing ARVN uniforms entered LOI TAN (H) LONG KHANH Province. They called the PSDF out on guard. The PSDF complied and were captured and abducted by the VC. LONG KHANH Sector Comment: This is only one of many reports of VC using ARVN uniforms in order to capture or assassinate GVN officials and PSDF that has been reported in the last few days in LONG KHANH Province.

(2) (272130H) At YS513982, 40 persons entered TRUNG HIEU (H) LONG KHANH (P) and kidnapped the former hamlet chief and captured 8 weapons.

(3) (282130H) At YS461791, 6-9 VC dressed in ARVN greens moving in a SE direction detonated a mechanical claymore ambush and were fired on by two PF soldiers with M79s. Enemy withdrew in a SW direction and were seen to be carrying a body away. Remains of a body indicate a definite KIA.

(4) (291940H) At YS345612, PF investigated movement to their front and were fired on by an unknown number of VC. Results: one PF KIA, one PF WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

(5) (291430H) At YS275562, PRU attempted to apprehend three persons, however, one escaped and the other two were arrested. Information obtained revealed that they are possibly VC agents. No further information has been received as yet.

(6) HQ 18 ARVN Division, based at TAY NINH West, received mortar fire at 272200H and 6x107mm rockets at 280730H. No further info as yet.

(7) Bullock boys have reported two bunkers at approx YS693660 and state that they have been warned to stay away from the area by approx 20 VC. NFI.

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Annex : B. Captured Documents.

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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.

ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM NO 272/71

DATED 29 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A report in a document captured by RTAVF at YT389072 on 1 Jun 71 was received from CDEC on 27 Sep, and concerns the deactivation of 74 (Rkt) Artillery Regt. The docu is a typed letter, dated 20 May 71, from HOANG TIN (Party Committee Secretary, 74 Regt) to all subordinate party and unit members "On the occasion of the deactivation of 74 Regt". The author said that, although all of the unit staff were unhappy to see the unit deactivated it was necessary to meet Party requirements and to keep abreast of the current situation. He went on to say that the Regt would be reorganized into two units subordinate to two sub regions, and that their original role as specialized artillery unit would remain unchanged. All members were exhorted to maintain their unit tradition and to co-operate fully with friendly units on arriving at their new location.

Comment: Documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol on 13 Aug 71 indicated that elements of 2 Bn, 74 Artillery Regt were operating with 274 Regt. They appeared to be logistically supported by the Rear Services elements of 274 Regt and may have been split into small groups operating with the battalions and support companies of the regiment. The document discussed above mentions that the groups will be sent to two different sub regions; D 2 Bn of 74 Artillery Regt may have been directed to operate in the area of the new "BARIA Sub Region" while the recent rocket attacks on BIEN HOA and LONG BINH indicate that the second group may have been sent to the area of VC U-I Province.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 273/71.
- 2. Period 300001H to 302400H Sep 71.
- 3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (300915H) At YS480909, Atk Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn observed two persons dressed in black (one wearing a pack) moving from south to north. Both appeared to be unarmed and when they saw the patrol they withdrew.

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>
300800H-	E 38 - 41	From YS399764 to YS400750 a section of track, well worn in both directions but probably not used for one week. It appears to have been made by many civilians who in the past have moved out of civil access from AP SUOI NGHE.
301000H	N 75 - 78	
300900H-	YS4873 and	In general area of grid square YS4873 there are numerous small clearings. There is a very heavy fresh track through these clearings which indicates movement of groups of 10-20 persons in a general south-east direction within the previous two days. <u>Comment:</u> Probably made by JWTC. In grid square YS4673 there has been extensive wood cutting.
300915H	YS4673	
301000H-	E 46 - 49	Tracks located on mission flown at 300900H (above) could not be followed due to bamboo. A NW-SE track across tip of NUI DAT (YS4868) shows sign of movement by 5-6 persons heading SE within previous 10 days. A small foot track running from YS465701 south-east has been used by 2-3 persons within previous two weeks.
301200H	N 70 - 74	
301200H-	E 40 - 43	No significant sightings.
301400H	N 84 - 87	
301400H-	E 69 - 72	No significant sightings.
301600H	N 77 - 80	

Reference INTSUM 272/71 para 3. b. (2).

The area of YS455876 where a VR reported two freshly dug camouflaged holes, was searched by elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with no significant findings.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA	14 NVA.....	4 VC	(10-17) Omitted
(2-4) Omitted			(18) B 41 rounds
(5) Individual Weapons			(19) B 40 rounds
Action	9		(20-21) Omitted
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Action	1		(24) AP Mines
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	767 lbs		(25-26) Omitted
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	10 lbs		(27) Bangalore Torpedoes...
(9) Med Stores	1 Med Kit		

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5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 37/71 dated 27 Sep 71.

9, and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE

(1) 525 MI Group report. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3

At 0800H on 27 Sep 71, 30 VC of an unidentified unit were observed camping at YS421885.

AO OTAGO

(2) Sector S2 report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 28 Sep 71, a report was received stating that in the past few days a group of VC (NFI) visited field workers near LONG TAN (YS4965) to spread propaganda and to obtain food. Source stated that if friendly forces approach, the VC retire to the banana plantations in the area where it suspected there are concealed bunkers.

Other Areas

(3) Report, eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

It is reported that on 26 Sep 71, High School students in VUNG TAU were instructed to prepare to publicly demonstrate and oppose the Presidential elections. Demonstrations are intended to be held in VUNG TAU, LONG DIEN and BARIA over the election period.

(4) Sector S2 report. Eval 1 ATF F3

At 1200H on 28 Sep 71, approx 12 VC of an unidentified unit approached civilians and asked for food at YS241738. Source reported the group were armed with AK47s, one B40 and one K54 pistol and carried mines. They intended to perform sabotage tasks in and around PHU MY between 30-Sep and 3 Oct 71.

(5) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

At 2300H on 28 Sep 71, a group of eight VC entered AP HOA HOI at YS481591, where they stayed for 10 minutes and then withdrew towards YS482509. The purpose of the visit is unknown.

(6) RTAVF report. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1600H on 28 Sep 71, at YS300794 approx 30 VC of an unidentified unit were observed. Source stated they intended to obtain food and medical supplies.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (292115H) Late report. At YS369614, approx 10 VC entered AP HUONG SONG (H) and were engaged by elements of 577 RF Coy. A fire fight ensued for 20 minutes when the VC withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: Multiple blood trails were found. One pistol holster, two AK-47 magazines and one raincoat were captured. One RF was WIA.

(2) (300910H) At YS440976, BLACKHORSE received five rounds of 82mm mortar fire from a suspected base plate at YS479972. No casualties or damage were sustained. A friendly force was reacted to the area and no results have been reported to date.

(3) (301100H) The mechanical ambush detonation at YS461791 at 282130H (INTSUM 272/71 para 11. f. (3)) was reportedly set off by enemy from

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BA LONG (P). NP sources at NGAI GIAO have reported the enemy involved were attempting to collect food and to capture PSDF personnel and that they were from BA LONG (P).

(4) (301430H) At YS285571, 59 PF engaged six VC who withdrew west at 1435H. Results: Blood trails were found and one hat was captured.

(5) (301920H) At YS457795, a mechanical ambush was detonated. 626 RF Coy swept the area with no results.

(6) (301900H) At YS403948, elements of 52 ARVN Regt reported the detonation of a friendly mine. Results: Three VC KIA; one AK-47 and 6 lbs of TNT captured.

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

Distribution:

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 273/71
DATED 30 SEP 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A further report has been received from CDEC on documents captured by B Coy 3 RAR in a bunker system at YS608660 on 1 Sep 71. The report contains the following information:

a. A detailed strength report on D445 as at 27 Jun 71. The battalion had a total of 166 men distributed as follows:

(1) C 2	33 members
(2) C 3	35 members
(3) C 4	20 members
(4) Recce Pl	16 members
(5) Signals Pl	20 members
(6) Surgical Pl	12 members
(7) HQ Staff	30 members

b. On 3 Jul 71 C2, C3, the Surgical Pl, the signals Pl and the Recce Pl of D 445 were sent to reinforce the local forces within LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC Districts.

c. A letter from HQ D445 to C2 stating that on 11 Aug 71 the VC withdrew (in an unknown direction) and that C2 was to deploy 20 troops with 1xMG, 3xB40s and 4xPRC-25s to C1's location, (LONG HAI) Another document states that during the conference on 14 Aug 71 "criticizing the battle", C2 was directed to operate in the PHUOC LOI (YS5057) and PHUOC HAI (YS5154) areas and attack one objective in each area next month.

Comment: The mention of withdrawal on 11 Aug 71 and the conference about the "battle" probably refers to the contact with B Coy 3 RAR at YS655714 on 10 Aug 71. Several documents were captured in this contact which identified C3 D445. Since 14 Aug 71, a number of incidents in the area of LANG PHUOC HAI and PHUOC LOI indicate that an aggressive, well trained unit is operating in the area.

d. Two letters from a member of the Signals Pl of D445, dated 21 Aug 71 and written in the MINH DAM Secret Zone (LONG HAI) stating that his unit had just received reinforcements from NVN who had just graduated from a specialist school. At the time of writing, these reinforcements were in the NUI BE area (YS8789) and about one and a half hours walk from the addressees location. The addressee is a member of C4 D445.

Comment: This indicates that as at 21 Aug 71 C 4 D445 were probably in the general area of NUI BE. No further information has been received as to the numbers of these reinforcements.

e. A detailed weapons state of C2 D445 as at 2 Aug 71:

(1) 1xMG (type unknown)	480 rounds
(2) 1x60mm mortar	16 rounds
(3) 1xM79	11 rounds
(4) 1xB41	1 round
(5) 3xB40	8 rounds
(6) 1xRPD	No of rounds unknown
(7) 1xM16	60 rounds
(8) 6xAK-47	2, 200 rounds
(9) 2xK54	50 rounds
(10) 1xClaymore (US)	
(11) 2xClaymores (Chicom DH 12)	
(12) 23xgrenades	

f. A notebook mentions a briefing held on 11 Jun 71 to inform the members of D 445 of directives N : OI and 19/ TUC. According to 19/ TUC from Aug 71, BARIA and LONG KHANH Provinces will become a part of "BARIA Sub Region".

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Comment: On 10 Aug 71 a member of XUYEN MOC District Unit rallied to FSB CENTENARY (YS658696) and stated that in July 71, LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC District had amalgamated to form LONG XUYEN District. Interrogation of a PW recently in MR 4 revealed that, as part of a large scale reorganization, COSVN intends to use local force battalions to reinforce and strengthen district units. As a large element of D445 moved into the area of the new LONG XUYEN District in Jul 71, their role in the BARIA Sub Region may possibly be to reinforce the local units and build up enemy strenght and prestige within the district.

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 273/71
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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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

300900H - 301000H, Area E 34 - 42 No significant readings due to changeable
N 80 - 855 high winds.

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33 NVA REGIMENT

History.

1. 33 NVA Regiment was formed in February 1965 in BO TRACH District, QUANG BINH Province, North Vietnam. The unit was designated 101B NVA Regiment and served as a replacement for the original 101 NVA Regiment, 325 NVA Division, which had infiltrated to South Vietnam in Dec 64.
2. 33 NVA Regiment left North Vietnam in late July 1965 as "720 Infiltration Group" and travelled through LAOS and CAMBODIA, entering South Vietnam through PLEIKU Province in Sep 1965. The group was redesignated 33 NVA Regiment and assigned to 1 NVA Division. Shortly after entering PLEIKU Province, the Regiment was contacted by elements of 1 (US) Cavalry Division (AM) at PLEI ME and CHU PONG in the IA DRANG Campaign. The Regiment is estimated to have lost nearly one third of its personnel in these contacts. This loss forced the remaining personnel to retreat to CAMBODIA, where it remained in a training role for the next four months.
3. In February 1966, 33 NVA Regiment again entered PLEIKU Province, although it remained out of contact until August, when 3 Battalion was engaged by 1 Cav Div (AM). In October 33 Regt took heavy casualties, two contacts resulting in the loss of 332 personnel. In late November 1966, 33 NVA Regt was resubordinated from 1 NVA Division to the B3 Front. As a result Headquarters 1 and 3 Battalions moved to DARLAC Province, while 2 Bn remained in the tri border area. In December 1967, the Regiment, excluding 2 Bn, moved to the NAM LYR Base Area, to the Southwest of the tri border area, where it underwent a major reorganisation, trained, refitted and received replacements in preparation for Tet 1968.
4. In January 1968, the Regiment moved into DARLAC Province, where it remained in contact for five continuous days during the Tet Campaign and lost almost 700 KIA. In July 1968 the Regiment was subordinated to 5 VC Division and as a result moved into War Zone "C". Here it began preparing for operations in TAY NINH and BINH DUONG Provinces. During early August, in the area around DAU TIENG (XT 4345), 33 Regt lost nearly 300 KIA in a series of major contacts. In August, the Regiment conducted an attack on FSB SCHOFIELD in BINH DUONG Province, losing 103 KIA. It then withdrew to the BOI LOI Woods, where it avoided contact and received replacements until Sep 1968. In Nov 68 the Regiment moved to CAMBODIA and then the Western PHUOC LONG Province to support 5 VC Division, which was resupplying in the SONG BE Corridor. In late January 69, 33 Regt along with other elements of 5 VC Division, began moving South into War Zone "D". During mid February, 2 Bn 33 Regt was sighted approximately 10 Kilometers NE of BIEN HOA. Air strikes on the area resulted in 50 KIA, and several 122mm rockets were found in the area.
5. In late February 1969, 33 Regt began moving South from War Zone "D", towards the BIEN HOA/LONG BINH area. However B52 strikes forced the Regiment to stop short of their objective and turn back.

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The Regiment had been scheduled to participate in the 26 February attacks on the BIEN HOA/LONG BINH military installations, but instead, suffering from the strikes, it moved to the BAO BINH area of southern LONG KHANH (YT 4902). A PW captured from the Regiment stated that 33 Regiment was to secure logistical routes and coordinate with 274 VC MF Regiment in an attack on 18 ARVN Div HQ at XUAN LOC. The Regiment at this time broke its ties with 5 VC Division and is believed to have been assigned to COSVN, as an independent task force, under the operational control of MR7.

6. 33 Regiment remained in the XUAN LOC/BLACKHORSE area until December 1969, and was contacted frequently in this area, in many cases by elements of 2 Bde of 25 (US) Inf Div. At this time 33 Regiment was attempting to secure an area to allow movement of supplies and personnel from War Zone "D". In June 69, lack of logistical support from 84 Rear Services Group caused the Regiment to split to facilitate resupply. The Headquarters remained in the general XUAN LOC/BLACKHORSE area until Dec 69.

7. In January 70, 33 Regt was identified in BINH TUY Province, where it appeared to be attempting to avoid contact. 1 Bn and RHQ remained co-located around NUI ONG for most of 1970, while 2 Bn was concerned mainly with resupply. 3 Bn remained out of contact for much of 1970, refitting and resupplying the Rice Bowl area in Southern LONG KHANH. Until Aug 71, these positions remained fairly static with elements of the Regt becoming involved regularly in contact with troops of 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM). In May 71 3 Bn moved into a bunker system just south of BAO BINH just north of the PHUOC TUY Border, where it was co-located with D445 Local Force Bn and is believed to have conducted sapper training. A heavy contact occurred on 7 Jun with troops of 3 RAR and C Sqn 1 Armd Sqn.

8. In the late Aug early Sep period HQ 33 Regt and possibly 1 Bn, which is normally co-located with the Headquarters were believed to have moved in the northern PHUOC TUY Border area to join 3 Bn which had moved back into the area after an excursion to the north in the Jun - Jul period. 3 Bde had several contacts with the Regimental Support Coys in this area in the early and mid Sep period. It is also believed that C17 R R Coy carried out a harrassing fire attack on 626RF Coy Compound at XA BANG on the night of 18/19 Sep 71.

Recent Activities.

9. On 7 Jun 3 Bde contacted a party of 15 enemy at YS 542963 resulting in 1 KIA. Documents identified C11 Coy of 3 Bn 33 Regt, and indicated that it was to carry out an attack on BAO BINH which is believed to have been preempted by allied attacks on 3 Bn's main Basecamp. On the same day 3 RAR and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted elements of 3 Bn 33 Regt in a large bunker system in YS 5093. Strong resistance was encountered. The exact number of enemy casualties is unknown, as it is believed that 3 Bn 33 Regt were able to evacuate a number of their KIA and WIA during the contact. Documents indicated that the bunker system was occupied by C10 and C12 Coys, with elements of the other two Coys and the headquarters also present. Other documents found in a bunker system at YS 5293 indicated that D445 had also been in the area. At this time 3 Bn 33 Regt was being referred to as D2 Bn of BARIA which suggested possible subordination to

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BALONG (P), and explains its close association with D445 which is known as D1 of BA LONG.

10. On 11 Jun 71 a PW was detained by 3 Bde whilst they were searching a bunker system at YT 494150. The PW was a member of C24 Sapper Coy 33 Regt and he stated that his unit had been attached to 1 Bn 33 Regt for some time. On 23 Jun 71 following a 3 Bde mechanical ambush at YS 547990 heavy resistance was encountered which resulted in one enemy KIA. Documents identified C9 Coy of 3 Bn 33 Regt.

11. On 25 Jul 71, 970RF Coy while searching the area of a contact at YT 583123 which had occurred two days previously, apprehended one PW. He was identified as being a member of 1 Bn 33 Regt. On 7 Aug 71 a PW was detained by 3 Bde following a contact at YT 806057. The PW was from 2 Bn 33 Regt and he stated that he was involved in a re-supply mission when contacted.

12. Operations carried out by 3 Bde in Southern LONG KHANH in the early to mid Sep period indicated that elements of HQ 33 Regt were operating in the area. On 1 Sep at YS 637966 3 Bde after a contact with two persons found tracks showing signs of heavy use. A large cache was also found in the area which included a large amount of medical equipment. Documents identified C23 Medical Coy 33 Regt, and it is believed that the area was to be used as a medevac centre, which indicated that the Regiment were possibly expecting to take casualties. In this vicinity documents identifying C21 Recce Coy 33 Regt were also found. 1,000 metres to the north of this area five 122mm rockets in good condition were found, while in the system itself there were 15 82mm mortar rounds and 500 12.7 HMG rounds. On 14 Sep a quantity of documents were found in a bunker system at YS 643924. These strongly suggested the presence of C20 Sig Coy, C17 R R Coy, C24 Sapper Coy, C23 Dispensary Coy and C22 Tpt Coy. Numerous bunker systems and tracks throughout this general area suggested occupation by a large enemy force which is believed to have been HQ and 3 Bn 33 Regt and possibly elements of 1 Bn 33 Regt.

Organisation.

13. 33 Regimental Headquarters is divided into three distinct sections; the Military Staff (B1), Political Staff (B2), and the Rear Service Staff (B3).

a. The Military Staff is the governing body for all military operations. It implements directives issued by COSVN, and plans operational procedures based on these directives.

b. The Political Staff is tasked with the mission of providing indoctrination to the soldiers. It continually conducts political classes on a strict schedule. This schedule usually involves a monthly class given by company political officers and a weekly class given by platoon leaders. The morale of the men is often greatly influenced by these political indoctrination classes.

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c. The Rear Service Staff is responsible for handling all resupply of arms, clothing, and food. Most of the coordination is conducted with the Rear Service Group, MR7. It is through this agency that the Regiment receives its ammunition and arms. C10 Purchasing and Requisitioning Company of MR 7 supplies some food and medicines through the Shadow Supply System. One line battalion is sometimes utilised primarily for resupply, particularly for food.

14. 1 Bn is composed of a Headquarters Coy, three rifle coys and a Heavy Weapons Coy. The Headquarters Coy is composed of seven sections: Military Staff, Political Staff, Rear Service Staff, Mail Runner Section, Medical Section, Communication Section, and Reconnaissance and Security Section. The three rifle coys are designated C1, C2, and C3. These companies are armed with AK47s, RPGs and possibly one 60mm mortar each. The Heavy Weapons Coy is designated C4. It is equipped with two 82mm mortars and a 12.8 heavy machine gun. The total strength of 1 Bn is held at 250 personnel.

15. 2 Bn has a similar composition. The three rifle companies are designated C5, C6 and C7 and are equipped with AK47s, RPGs, and at least two companies are equipped with one 60mm mortar each. The Heavy Wpns Coy is designated C8 and is equipped with two 82mm mortars and one 12.8 heavy machine guns. The strength of 2 Bn is held at 270 personnel.

16. 3 Bn has a similar composition. The three rifle companies are designated C9, C10 and C11, and are equipped with AK47s, RPGs, several light machine guns, and a 60mm mortar each. The Heavy Wpns Coy is designated C12 and is equipped with two 82mm mortars and two 12.8 heavy machine guns. The strength of 3 Bn is held at 300 personnel.

17. C16 Mortar Coy is equipped with two 82mm mortars and has a recorded strength of 25 personnel. It is tasked with providing indirect fire support to the battalions of 33 Regiment.

18. C17 Recoilless Rifle Coy is equipped with two or three 75mm recoilless rifles, and has a recorded strength of 20 personnel. Its mission is similar to that of C16 Coy.

19. C18 Anti Aircraft Coy is held as having four heavy machine guns although some of these have been captured and may not have been replaced. It has a recorded strength of 10 personnel. The company is tasked with providing fire support directed against aircraft. The company will usually accompany a battalion on an attack or to assist in defence against aircraft after an attack has been carried out.

20. C19 Engineer Coy is equipped with AK47s, RPG2, picks, shovels, saws and machetes, and has a recorded strength of 15 personnel. It is tasked with constructing fortifications for 33 Regimental HQ, as well as constructing trails and bridges.

21. C21 Signals Coy has a recorded strength of 15 personnel. It is tasked with handling communications between 33 Regimental HQ and subordinate units.

22. C21 Reconnaissance Coy is equipped with AK47s, RPGs and is believed to have a 60mm mortar, and has a recorded strength of 25 personnel. It is tasked with providing security for 33 Regimental HQ,

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reconnoitring prospective targets and examining areas for potential base camps. The coy is also known to use cameras and binoculars in recce work.

23. C22 Transportation Coy is believed to be armed only with AK47 rifles and has a recorded strength of 50 personnel. It is tasked with transporting supplies, weapons and ammunition from cache points and delivering them to the rear service elements of 33 Regiment. It is also responsible for evacuating wounded and dead soldiers from contact areas.

24. C23 Medical Coy has a recorded strength of 15 personnel. It is responsible for treating wounded and sick personnel of 33 Regiment. Normally only minor wounds and sickness are handled by the coy. Severe cases, if delay will not prejudice the chance of living, are sent to hospitals subordinate to MR7.

25. C24 Sapper Coy is equipped with AK47s, bangalore torpedoes, satchel charges and mines. It has a recorded strength of 30 personnel. Its tasks are to conduct sapper probes into allied positions, to destroy key installations, and it is also responsible for mining roads.

26. C25 Convalescence Coy has a recorded strength of 25 personnel. Its task is to care for sick and disabled soldiers.

Command

27. 33 NVA Regiment has been thought to be directly subordinate to the Central Office for SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN), although it comes under the operational control of MR7 and is administered by that headquarters. At present there is a reorganisation of the enemy command system taking place, and the exact command status of 33 Regiment is uncertain.

Tactics

28. 33 NVA Regiment uses a variety of tactics in both defence and attack. Prior to attacking an allied unit or installation, 33 Regiment will recce the area extensively. The actual attack will involve deployment of infantry and sapper units in several directions around the target. Prior to the attack, the target is prepared with mortar, recoilless rifle and HMG fire, followed by ground probes.

29. Major ambushes by 33 Regiment in the past have usually been quite distinctive. Ambushes were set up along both sides of a road up to as much as two kilometres. The convoy was allowed to pass in front of the ambush and at the most suitable time the enemy attacked the front and rear of the convoy, using a heavy volume of small arms and RPG fire, and in some cases 82mm mortar and HMG fire.

30. In major contacts in defence there will be a brief exchange of small arms fire, after which the regimental elements withdraw. Two or three individuals are usually left behind to harass with sniper fire as the rest of the unit evades. This is the case if the unit is caught without the benefit of bunkers. If they have bunkers, the element in contact will normally stay and fight, while the majority of the unit evades.

31. 33 Regiment are also extremely cautious when moving and harbouring. When crossing roads and open areas, the Regiment disperses and moves quickly. While moving or harbouring, units use a series of warning

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shots. Harbour areas are selected very carefully; they are at least 500 metres from roads and 300 metres from rivers and streams. While in base camps the " HOANG CAM " cooking system is employed. This system involves cooking in a pit, which is covered with bush to disperse the smoke. The regimental units usually deploy in triangular formations for night defence. The elements deploy with the headquarters element in the middle of the triangle. The point of the triangle is directed towards the most likely hostile approach.

Morale

32. 33 NVA Regiment is considered to be one of the most capable units at present in GVN MR3, and as such is believed to have fairly high morale. Even though sometimes there is a lack of food, and that which they do receive is of poor quality, and conditions are hard, morale is still usually strong. This can be attributed to constant political indoctrination. Very few Hoi Chanh are received from the Regiment, and it is common to find that members of 33 Regiment who have been KIA possess no identifying documents.

Note on Sources: Much of the material used in this paper has been reproduced from 3 Bde INTSUMs. Other material has come from 1 ATF SUPINTREPs and After Action Reports.

- Appendices:
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 2. Cover Designators for 33 Regt
 3. Outline Organisation 33 Regt

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PERSONALITY LIST 33 REGT

1. Regimental HQ
 - a. CO HOANG CAO HY aka NGUYEN VAN KY
 - b. PO TRUONG CONG DINH
 - c. APO LUONG BA NHAM
 - d. Chief of Staff PHAM VAN PHAN

2. 1 Bn 33 Regt
 - a. XO of Bn NGUYEN HUU LUAT
 - b. C1
 - (1) CO SINH
 - (2) PO AN
 - (3) 2IC VINH
 - (4) APO LANH
 - c. C2
 - (1) CO NGUYEN HUU SANH aka LINH
 - (2) PO LE TRANG TAM aka AN
 - (3) APO TOAN

3. 2 Bn 33 Regt
 - a. CO of C8 NGUYEN THE HE

4. 3 Bn 33 Regt
 - a. Bn HQ
 - (1) CO TRIEN KIM SON
 - (2) PO PHAN TRONG DUONG
 - (3) APO NGUYEN VAN THAO
 - (4) APO CAO HOANG DUYEN
 - (5) APO BUI VAN PHAN
 - (6) XO NGUYEN NGOC KHANH
 - (7) Chief of Combat Sect NGUYEN VAN LUNG
 - (8) OC Ord Sect NGUYEN BAO CHINH
 - (9) Finance Offr NGUYEN VAN CUNG
 - (10) Idr Recce Pl NGUYEN U BUE
 - (11) MO PHAN THACH QUANG

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b. C9

(1)	CO	NONG DUC THANG
(2)	PO	PHAM CHI LUU
(3)	APO	PHUONG
(4)	XO (possibly 2IC)	LEI MAI CUONG
(5)	XO	PHAM QUANG TIEN
(6)	XO	NGUYEN VAN THANH
(7)	Pl Ldr	NONG HOANG AU
(8)	Pl Ldr	BE VAN BOI
(9)	Pl Ldr	LUM XUAN THUONG

c. C10

(1)	CO	NONG VAN TIEN
(2)	DO	DANG VAN NHAN
(3)	APO	PHAM VAN THO
(4)	APO	DO THANH DE
(5)	XO	NGUYEN XUAN
(6)	Chief of RS	DANG TRONG NGUC
(7)	2IC	TRAN VAN PHIEN
(8)	2IC	NGUYEN VAN NGU
(9)	Adjt	DANG VAN TINH
(10)	Pl Ldr	TRAN VAN CHUYEN
(11)	Pl Ldr	DOAN VAN DIEM
(12)	Pl Ldr	PHAN DUC GIA

d. C11

(1)	CO	NGUYEN THAI LIEM
(2)	PO	HOANG VAN KHANH
(3)	APO	PHAM MINH THUY
(4)	APO	NGO TRI DOAN
(5)	XO	HA VAN DUONG
(6)	XO	PHAM XUAN DAM
(7)	Pl Ldr	BUI DUC HAM

e. C12

(1)	CO	BUI VAN HIEN aka MINH
(2)	PO	HA XUAN THANH
(3)	APO	NGUYEN CAO GIANG
(4)	2IC	LAI XUAN BINH
(5)	2IC	NGUYEN BA DAT
(6)	XO	TUYEN BA VAT

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Sp Coys

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5. Sp Coys

a. C16

(1)	CO	DONG NGOC HUAN
(2)	PO	NGO VAN GIANG
(3)	PO	NGUYEN HOANG LONG
(4)	APO	NGUYEN VAN AN
(5)	2IC	LE VAN HINH
(6)	Adjt	HOANG VAN DAM

b. C19 PCS (possibly PO) MAI HONG LUYEN

c. C20

(1)	CO	DINH VAN DAT
(2)	Pl Ldr	NGUYEN VAN NAI

d. C22

(1)	CO	DAO DUC SOI
(2)	PO	PHAM DINH CONG
(3)	APO	LE KE NGHINH
(4)	2IC	TRUONG VAN NHUNG
(5)	Adjt	PHAM HONG HAI
(6)	Pl Ldr	NGUYEN XUAN CHIEU
(7)	Pl Ldr	NGUYEN CONG DAT
(8)	Pl Ldr	SAM VAN SON

e. C24

(1)	PO	BA VAN LUONG
(2)	Pl Ldr	TINH
(3)	Pl Ldr	TUONG
(4)	Pl Ldr	HA VAN HIEN

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COVER DESIGNATORS FOR 33 REGT

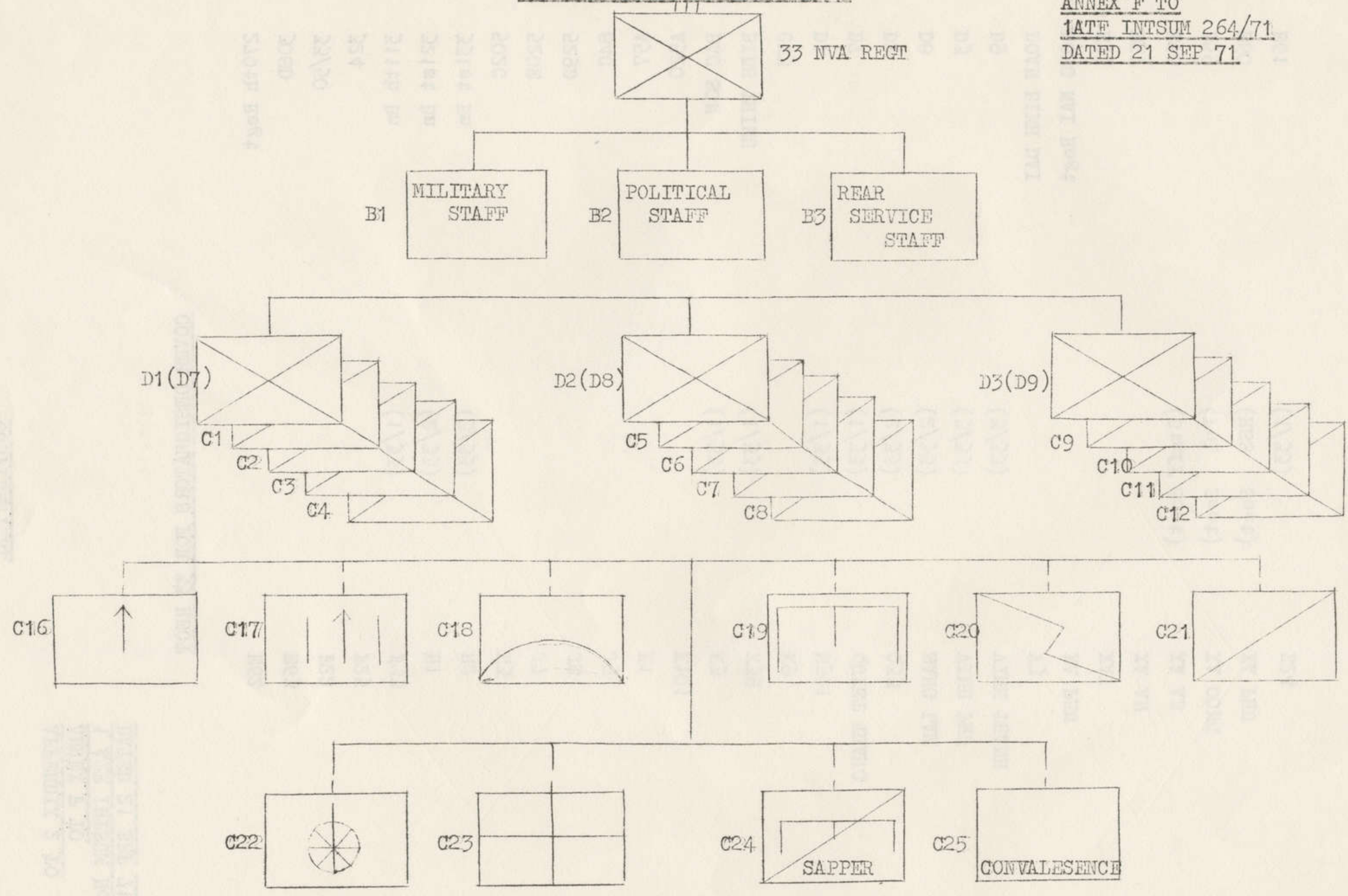
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33/50		F22	
324		F25	
311th Bn	(1/33)	F33	
321st Bn	(2/33)	H1	(1/33)
331st Bn	(3/33)	H2	(2/33)
502C		H3	(3/33)
520E		J7	(1/33)
529D		J8	(2/33)
84C		J9	(3/33)
A57		K1	(1/33)
A520		K101	(2/33)
BAC SON	(1/33)	K3	(3/33)
BINH THIEU	(1/33)	K39	(2/33)
CT3		K9	(3/33)
D1	(1/33)	M301	(2/33)
D7	(1/33)	QUYET THANG	
D2	(2/33)	Q33	
D8	(2/33)	SANG LAM	
D3	(3/33)	VINH PHU	
D9	(3/33)	VINH THANH	(3/33)
DOAN BINH DAI		V3	
DONG NAI Regt		XA PHU	
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E58	(Staff Sect)	XA AN	(3/33)
E59	(Pol Sect)	XA CONG	(3/33)
E60	(RSS Sect)	XA PHU	(3/33)
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OUTLINE ORGANISATION 33 REGT

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(PERIOD 30 AUG - 5 SEP 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. There are now probably some MiG aircraft deployed south of the 20th parallel and as the dry season approaches it is possible that these aircraft may attempt some sort of aggressive action against US reconnaissance aircraft operating over LAOS, similar to the attempts made in Apr and May of this year.

LAOS

2. Truck movement through the Panhandle lines of communications, as indicated by sensor string activations, increased during the week. There were 50 activations recorded as compared with 12 the previous week. This total is low when compared to last year's 118. This low level of activity is indicative of the unusually heavy rains and continued allied interdiction effort, as well as the enemy's concentration on preparing the lines of communications for the forthcoming dry season.

3. Reports indicate that there will be a considerable rice surplus in 1971 over the 1970 yield in the SARAVANN area. This has been brought about by a directive to plant more rice which was issued by the NVA when they had control of this area. Should the NVA regain control of SARAVANE by harvest time in Dec they will acquire between 750 and 2,000 metric tons of rice. This is sufficient to feed 5,000 troops for six months to a year. On 27 Aug irregulars found a cache of 11 tons of rice that had been destroyed earlier in the day by a Cambodian airstrike.

4. On 30 Aug two irregular battalions attempted to seize NVA strong points along Route 23 near PAKSONG (XB2572). Result of the contact was eight friendlies killed and 33 wounded to 25 enemy killed. Between 27 and 29 Aug NVA units launched a series of large scale attacks against friendly positions on high ground near PHOU SAN overlooking the northern edge of the Plain of Jars. After three days of fighting the friendlies withdrew. Both sides suffered considerable casualties. The loss of this high ground gives the NVA control of the northern edge of the Plain of Jars and leaves the way open for an attempt by the NVA to recapture the Plain. At present General VANG PAO has 17 irregular battalions occupying the Plain.

CAMBODIA

5. On 30 Aug ARVN forces near KREK (WU958085) engaged an enemy company. Results were 13 enemy killed to no friendly losses.

6. In mid Aug documents identifying the members of the resupply committee for Cambodian Communists and VC in the ANG SNOUL area were captured. Within four days of the contents being made public by the local commander, 100 Cambodian Communists had rallied to ANG SNOUL (VT6968).

7. On 3 Sep a boat convoy moving up the MEKONG suffered two attacks near NEAK LUONG (WT280580). 12.7mm, small arms and 18 B-40 rounds were fired at the convoy

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but no damage was inflicted. The convoy was supported by US helicopter gunships and tactical air.

SOUTH VIETNAM

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8. Enemy initiated activity decreased slightly, but enemy harassing fire continued on FSBs in northern QUANG TRI Province and locations in MR5.

9. On 29 Aug ARVN elements engaged possibly elements of 27 NVA Regt near FSB FULLER. Results were two friendlies missing, 20 enemy killed and 50 hand grenades, 100 blocks of TNT, 40 B-40 rounds and five weapons captured.

MR2

10. During the past week, activity returned to a reduced level following the GVN lower house elections.

11. In the B-3 Front, major enemy units continue to avoid contact; however on 2 Sep ARVN elements in the area of FSB 5 (YB984146) engaged an estimated enemy platoon. Results were two friendlies killed and four wounded to 11 enemy killed.

12. On 28 Aug, US tactical air engaged an estimated 40 bunkers, 10 foxholes, and 50 enemy in the open, west of PLEIKU City (ZAO50529). The contact resulted in 13 enemy killed by air. Also on 28 Aug, two Km SW of THANH AN District HQ (ZAO95285), RF and PF elements received harassing fire followed by a ground attack resulting in 15 enemy killed to no known friendly losses.

MR4

13. Enemy activity continued at a low level, with a daily average of two incidents of enemy harassing fire. The slight increase in activity which began in the preceding week continued through to election day, but has since dropped off.

14. In BINH TUONG Province on 1 Sep near CAI LAY (XS185470) ARVN elements on an air mobile operation and accompanied by Kit Carson scouts engaged an enemy platoon, with VNAF helicopter support. Results were three friendlies wounded to a reported 21 enemy killed.

15. Information from the debriefing of a Hoi Chanh and a recently captured document conforms with many recent reports that the VC influence and morale in the Delta is declining.

16. In PHONG DINH Province on 30 Aug, 22 Km WSW of CAN THO (WS660020), US helicopter gunships engaged an enemy force occupying freshly dug bunkers. Results were 27 enemy reported killed.

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17. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level during the week and there was only one terrorist incident in SAIGON in which a terrorist on a motor cycle threw a fire bomb at a US vehicle. There were no casualties and the truck was moderately damaged.

18. On 2 Sep, BIEN HOA air base received harassing fire of five 122mm rockets. Four of the rockets impacted between 300 and 1,000 metres north of the runway and one round impacted on the southern edge of the runway. The enemy unit involved was probably 74 NVA Rocket Regt.

19. TRAC have assessed that the enemy is likely to increase his activity later this month, as the Presidential election approaches (scheduled for 3 Oct). Some forces, particularly sapper units, will probably be moved back into MR3 from CAMBODIA in an effort to achieve a "high point" prior to the election. However despite many recent enemy activities which are similar to those which took place prior to Tet 1968, TRAC do not foresee any similar performance during the coming period. The enemy has the capacity to embarrass allied forces anywhere in MR3 but has neither the forces nor the logistical base for major sustained combat operations

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General

20. There were two ground contacts involving 1 ATF troops during the week, with no result. Sector forces were involved in two contacts, resulting in three VC killed and one captured. RUNG SAT Special Zone troops had one contact inside PHUOC TUY (YS230657) resulting in two VC killed.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

21. D445

- a. On 31 Aug an estimated 20 enemy were observed in a base camp west of XUYEN MOC (at YS608654). The camp was engaged by air strikes and artillery but the enemy group escaped. A search revealed documents which identified C2 Coy of D445, with elements of the Signals Platoon and possibly members of other elements of the battalion.
- b. The main body of D445 is possibly in the MAY TAO area with elements remaining in XUYEN MOC District. C1 Coy is believed to remain in the LONG HAI's.

22. 33 NVA Regt

- a. Since 1 Sep, in the SONG RAI area north of NUI HOT (centre of mass YS6296) elements of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) have engaged from the air at least four small enemy groups, killing two enemy. One further enemy was killed in a ground contact. Seven aircraft have been fired at, and one US helicopter crashed following an incident of

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ground fire; two Americans were killed. Two bunker complexes have been found, in each of which there were signs of recent use by 20-30 enemy (YS635963, YS622966). In one of these (YS635963) 400 lbs of flour and 100 lbs of rice were found, and documents which identified C21 Recce Coy and also the Medical Coy of 33 Regt. In the same area 15 82mm mortar rounds and 500 51 cal rounds were found. 1,000 metres to the north of this bunker system a cache of five 122mm rockets in good condition was found.

- b. A heavy east-west track was found in the area of these incidents and it is believed that elements of the Headquarters of the Regiment, together with 3 Bn and probably 1 Bn are located further to the west and in the area of the TRAC Special AO. Maximum sniffer readings suggest that a group from the Regt may be east of NUI LE (area YS5388).
- c. On 31 Aug 3 Bde troops found documents north of XUAN LOC (at YT489162) which identified an element of 1 Bn 33 Regt. However as 1 Bn normally acts as the security unit for HQ 33 Regt it is thought that the bulk of the unit is probably with the Headquarters of the Regiment east of BLACKHORSE.

23. 274 VC Main Force Regt

- a. No further confirmed contact has been made with 274 Regt elements. The Headquarters of the Regiment probably remains in the area of the ONG QUE Rubber Plantation (centre of mass YS3997); while 1 Bn is probably in north-western PHUOC TUY. 2 Bn remains in the XUAN LOC area and 3 Bn is in south-eastern BIEN HOA.
- b. On 1 Sep south of BINH SON (at YS220885) Thai troops lost one killed and three wounded in two contacts during which a US helicopter was shot down with only slight injuries to the crew. Two enemy were killed. The enemy were not able to be identified but were probably members of 3 Bn 274 Regt.

24. Military Region 7. On 27 Aug troops of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) killed two enemy in a contact north of NUI BE (at YS832955). They were identified as members of B5B Medical Supply Depot of J85 Transportation Bn of MR7. B5B's function is to transport and maintain medical supplies for the dispensary of K76 Hospital in NUI BE.

25. LONG DAT. On 30 Aug RF forces engaged six or seven VC who were leaving a house in LONG DIEN (at YS424604). Two VC were killed and one was captured. One of the KIA was identified as the newly-appointed VC Village Chief of LONG DIEN while the PW was found to be a former PSDF who had been abducted in May from LONG DIEN. He has been given Hoi Chanh status.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

26. A second report has been received which suggests that an element of D10 Sapper Bn may be in the RACH BAN THACH area of the RUNG SAT (centre of mass YS2267; see INTSUM 247/71 para 11.d.(4)) which they declare to local fishermen to be a prohibited area. RUNG SAT Special Zone troops killed two VC in this area on 2 Sep (YS230657) but no identification of the bodies has been made. There have

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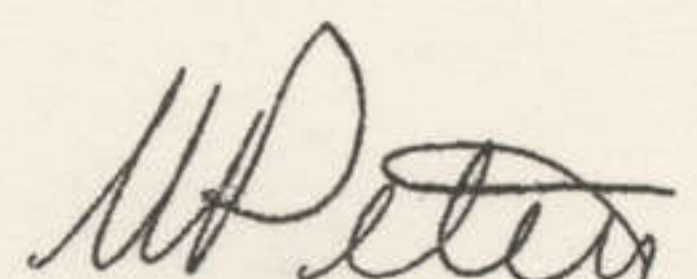
also been two reports that a transportation element of D10 is located further north (YS207728) near the location in which a large weapons cache was found on 19 Jul (YS203709). This group may be receiving supplies from the PHU MY and THAI THIEN areas. These reports of D10 locations are **unconfirmed** as yet but are believed quite possibly to be true.

27. A PW from C41 Concentrated Coy of CHAU DUC (INTSUM 244/71 Annex A) has confirmed that CHAU DUC elements are at present receiving supplies from THAI THIEN in southern BIEN HOA (YS2274). The PW stated that his group of eight members of C41 who were located in the NUI DINHs sent a party four times a month to the THAI THIEN area where they received supplies which had been obtained from the village by CHAU DUC Rear Service elements.

28. A document captured by 3 RAR on 1 Sep indicates that the writer, who is a member of D445 in the LONG HAIIs, and his comrades have been on a ration scale of approximately 1.7 lbs of rice per man per day, which is twice the normal scale for those not carrying out strenuous activities. The writer commented that luxury items are available because of constant resupplies from an unstated hamlet. Earlier information (SUPINTREP 33/71 para 22) shows that enemy groups in the LONG HAIIs infiltrate PHUOC THANH (YS486596), PHUOC THO (YS4959) and HOI MY (YS507550) on a basis of one infiltration every five or six days, and that infiltration continues into other centres on a reasonably regular basis.

29. On 5 Sep the Chairman of the BINH BA Village Council was assassinated at BINH BA (YS4474). This is the first assassination in PHUOC TUY since 13 Jun when a Deputy Hamlet Chief was killed at XUYEN MOC. There have been ten assassinations in the Province this year. Three of the victims have held government official status. By comparison, in neighbouring XUAN LOC District of LONG KHANH Province five officials have been assassinated in the period since 8 May, and on 24 Jul two THAI THIEN (southern BIEN HOA) village officials and a farmer were murdered. While information received in May shows that BA LONG Province has stressed the importance of assassination as a means of attacking the Pacification Programme the prevalence of assassinations of officials does not seem to be as great in PHUOC TUY as in surrounding areas.

30. It seems likely that enemy activity will increase later in the month, as the Presidential election draws closer. The main threat in the TAOI is posed in DUC THANH and XUAN LOC Districts by the Headquarters group and 3 Bn and probably 1 Bn of 33 Regt, and the Headquarters, 1 Bn and 2 Bn of 274 Regt. Previous information (SUPINTREPs 34/71 paras 26-27 and 35/71 paras 28-30) shows that missions have been given to some enemy units, but these missions may include as much a propaganda as a military element. The threat of a rocket attack in PHUOC TUY is present (VAN KIEP has been mentioned as a target) and the discovery of rockets (YS634974) in a 33 Regt area suggests that small elements of 74 Rocket Regt may be detached with this formation as well as probably with 274 Regt elements. Should a high point occur the most likely form of enemy attacks will be harassing fire and sapper probes. While 10 Sep has been suggested from documents as a date for possible attacks, past experience has shown that such specific dates can be taken as approximate only.


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(PERIOD 6 SEP - 12 SEP 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. Aerial photography revealed the presence of armour in Route Package One (en route to the south) when five T-54 tanks were sighted near BAT LAKE (XE764044) 17 miles north of the western DMZ. There are probably some MiG aircraft deployed south of the 20th parallel, possibly at BAI THUONG. These aircraft could be used to harass US reconnaissance over LAOS.

LAOS

2. Truck movement through the LAOS Panhandle as indicated by sensor string activations remained at a low level during the week. There were 47 activations recorded, as compared with 50 the previous week. Heavy rains, allied interdiction and the enemy's attempts to repair the lines of communication probably remain the prime reason for this low level of infiltration.

3. The heavy flooding in the rice growing area of NORTH VIETNAM could severely affect the amount of rice available to be sent to NVA units operating outside NORTH VIETNAM and therefore rear service groups maintaining the pipeline may be forced to become self sufficient. If this is the case they may be required to depend upon the large rice surplus expected in the SARAVANE area for their dry season supplies.

4. On 7 Sep, irregular forces operating on the western Plain of Jars uncovered a large cache containing 40 cases of 12.7mm machine gun ammunition, 37 cases of 82mm mortar rounds and 100 cases of assorted food. Early in the week irregular forces occupying the northern Plain of Jars were attacked by a 20 man NVA force which crawled to within 20m of the friendly position before being detected. The enemy used 57mm recoilless/rifle and B40 fire, killing two friendlies and wounding 11. Enemy losses are unknown.

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5. On 7 Sep ARVN forces near MIMOT (XT521987) discovered a cache containing what was reported as three 480mm, three 240mm and 20 122mm rockets; six anti-tank mines; and four cases of 82mm mortar primers. The report concerning 480mm and 240mm rockets in CAMBODIA is suspect. However over-calibre 122mm rockets measuring 240mm have been in MR3 RVN since 1968.

6. In PHNOM PENH on 7 Sep a terrorist attempted to assassinate the US Ambassador by pushing a bicycle loaded with 15 lbs of plastic explosives into the path of his car. The charge failed to explode and the terrorist escaped

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MR1

7. Activity was at a very low level. In the B-5 Front, enemy forces have generally avoided contact with ARVN in western QUANG TRI Province. In the eastern DMZ area, the level of enemy activity decreased during the past week. So far, there has been no significant enemy reaction to LAMSON 810.

MR2

8. Activity continued at a reduced level. In the B-3 Front enemy units continue to avoid contact. In BINH THUAN Province on 6 Sep 20 Km north of PHAN THIET (AN871282), RF elements received an attack from an estimated enemy company using small arms, automatic weapons, B40 and mortar fire. Results were one friendly killed and four wounded to a reported 25 enemy killed and one detained.

MR4

9. Activity continued at a low level, with a daily average of one incident of enemy harassing fire.

10. Two OPs were overrun during the week. In AN XUYEN Province on 6 Sep, 16 Km SW of CA MAU (VQ900900) a PF post received 15 60mm mortar rounds and a ground attack. In BAC LIEU Province on 9 Sep, 14 Km NW of THANH TRI (WR703490) an RF OP was attacked. Both of these OPs were overrun probably by LF infantry companies which had received information from sympathisers. Cumulative results were 18 friendlies killed, 16 wounded and nine missing, and 45 weapons and three radios lost.

11. In the U MINH campaign during the week, ARVN elements engaged enemy forces in six significant contacts. In KIEN GIANG Province on 6 Sep elements possibly of 18B NVA Regt were engaged 20 Km WSW of KIEN AN (VR887750). In AN XUYEN Province on 4, 5, 6 and 8 Sep, 37 Km WNW of CA MAU ARVN infantry engaged elements of 95 NVA Regt. US and VNAF gunships and artillery supported these operations. Cumulative results were 19 friendlies killed and 25 wounded to a reported 92 enemy killed, including 33 killed by air, and 13 detained.

MR3

12. Activity remained at a low level with only a few scattered incidents of harassment by fire and isolated ground probes.

13. In TAY NINH Province documents captured on 7 Aug by ARVN Rangers 19 Km ESE of KATUM (XT506810) included a letter of instructions for Sapper Command HQ and its subordinate support elements to redeploy from CAMBODIA into GVN MR3 by late Sep or early Oct. The majority of Sapper Command battalions and independent

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companies are already in MR3. However the relocation of the Headquarters itself indicates an attempt to effect closer command and control of sapper forces. This move may indicate that HQ SVNLA intends to utilise its Sapper Command to increase offensive operations during Oct possibly in conjunction with the Presidential elections.

14. In SR5 on 6 Sep an element of the BIEN HOA Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) supported by US gunships engaged a platoon sized enemy force three Km SSW of BINH MY (XT890277). Results were three friendlies wounded to 19 enemy killed, four weapons and 880 lbs of rice captured, and 15 B40 rounds, 25 mines and 16 bunkers destroyed.

15. There was one fire bomb incident in SAIGON involving a US vehicle which was slightly damaged.

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General

16. There were four contacts involving 1 ATF troops during the week. Three enemy were killed and one was wounded. Sector forces were involved in three contacts in which three enemy were killed. One RF soldier was killed and two were wounded. In addition one RF soldier was killed and six were wounded in mine incidents.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

17. D445. No further positive information has been received on the location of the main body of D445. C1 Coy probably remains in the LONG HAI's.

18. 274 VC Main Force Regt

a. On 11 Sep troops of C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an occupied bunker system near the SUOI SOC (YS403899), which was engaged by artillery and bushrangers. Documents later found in the system tentatively identified a rear service element of 274 Regt, and possibly an element of K76 C Hospital which usually operates in support of 274 Regt.

b. The Headquarters of the Regiment is believed to remain in the ONG QUE Rubber area just north west of the TRAC Special AO. 1 Bn remains in north western PHUOC TUY; 2 Bn is believed to be west of XUAN LOC; and 3 Bn remains in south eastern BIEN HOA (centre of mass YS2288).

19. 33 NVA Regt

a. On 8 Sep troops of 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) found a camp of 30 bunkers on the SUOI LUC (at YS563934). An estimated 25 enemy were believed to have been in the area during the previous day. Further to the east, in the SONG RAI area north of NUI HOT (centre of mass YS6396) 3 Bde troops found further signs of enemy presence

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including tracks and two recently-used bunker systems (for report of earlier activity in this area see previous SUPINTREP). There was one contact with the enemy in which one American was wounded. In view of recent activity in this area as well as identification of C21 Recce Coy of 33 Regt (SUPINTREP 36/71) it is believed that the main Headquarters element of 33 Regt may be in the NUI HOT area.

- b. On 9 Sep north west of MAY TAO (at YS687988) 3 Bde troops found 15 bunkers with signs that an estimated 40-50 enemy had moved south in the previous two days. This may also have been a 33 Regt group.
- c. 3 Bn of 33 Regt are thought to remain east of BLACKHORSE. 2 Bn remains north east of XUAN LOC. 1 Bn's location is uncertain; the main group may be located north east of XUAN LOC (in area YT4816) where recent documents have identified the unit, or may be with the Regimental Headquarters for which it usually forms the security element.

20. CHAU DUC

- a. On 11 Sep the Tracker Pl of 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted four VC who were moving north on the eastern edge of the COURTENAY Plantation (at YS483907). Three VC were killed and a blood trail indicated that the fourth was wounded. Documents identified the party as members of CHAU DUC District Unit, who may have been acting as couriers. The enemy carried a sketch map of 945 RF Coy Post at SUOI NGHE (YS436717). The sketch was possibly an old one, and no attack plan was indicated.
- b. There are probably groups of CHAU DUC east of THAI THIEN or in the CHAU PHA Valley; in the NUI DINHS; and in the Route 2 area.

21. LONG DAT. On 9 Sep RF troops ambushed a group of VC north of LONG DIEN (YS437604), killing three enemy who were identified as the Party Chapter Secretary LONG DIEN Rural, the Acting Party Chapter Secretary LONG DIEN Village and the Youth Association Cadre Chief of LONG DIEN.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

22. Reliable information from a rubber plantation in DUC THANH District indicates that about 60 lbs of rice is paid monthly to the VC in taxation. Plantation workers pay further tax in the form of rice. It is stated that these payments are typical for plantations in the area. It is known that plantations in the Route 2 area pay substantial taxes to the VC (see also SUPINTREP 35/71 para 27).

23. During Aug two ralliers stated that the enemy had combined the two VC Districts of LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC. According to an agent report the name of the new District is "LONG XUYEN". The amalgamation of LONG DAT which was until Jul 70 D445's main base area, with XUYEN MOC, in whose territory D445 has been forced largely to operate during the past year, will probably result in the domination of the new "LONG XUYEN" District organisation by competent cadres from LONG DAT who have proved their value to D445. Further information will be sought regarding the probable formation of "LONG XUYEN" District.

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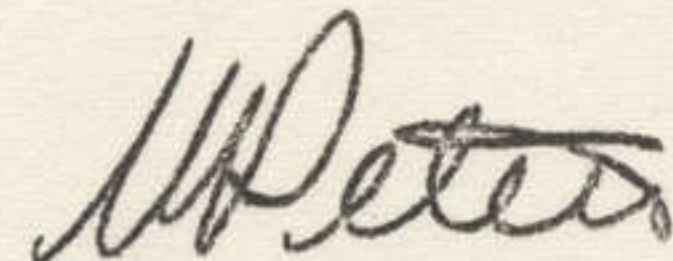
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24. On 4 Sep on the coast west of the SONG RAI mouth (YS553554) a 161 (Indep) Recce Flt rotary wing aircraft flew low to observe a youth who was lying unconscious on the beach and seemed to have been beaten. As the pilot checked the area an explosion occurred. A second aircraft later received ground fire and RAAF aircraft suppressed the area with rocket and minigun fire. Two persons were detained by RF troops but no useful information was obtained from them. On 12 Sep in the same general area (YS543557, YS540554) RF troops detonated two mines, resulting in one RF killed and six wounded; and contacted a squad-sized VC group who used a B40 (YS545563). One RF was killed and two were wounded in the contact, during which RAAF helicopters provided support and detained one person who has since been released. Two agent reports have been received this month of an enemy group in the area, one of which does not name the enemy while the other claims that they are D445 members. Firm identification of the enemy can not be made at this stage but the nature of the incident involving the 161 (Indep) Recce Flt aircraft on 4 Sep, which is believed to have been an ambush attempt, suggests that the enemy are members of LONG DAT. LONG DAT is known to have used camps in this area in the past.

25. Documents captured by 3 RAR on 1 Sep (SUPINTREP 36/71 para 28) included letters written in Aug by members of D445 who are in the LONG HAIs, one of whom may be MUOI GIAI, the Adjutant. The writers stated that allied shelling and bombing in the LONG HAIs has slackened recently and that whenever an aircraft approaches all VC in the area make a concerted effort to shoot it down. This situation is claimed to be different from that which prevailed in 1970. It is stated that VC enter hamlets almost every day to procure fresh food and that ample food is available, the situation being claimed by the writer to be similar to that of peace time. Some members had married recently. Two of the writers were North Vietnamese members of the Signals Platoon who had been transferred from D440 upon the disbandment of that unit in Aug 70. They indicate that North Vietnamese members of D445 suffer from poor morale because of homesickness. There is ample evidence that the enemy in the LONG HAIs follow a deliberate policy of firing at aircraft. One aircraft has been shot down in the area this year and two others have been forced to land. Three friendlies have been killed and six have been wounded in these incidents (see SUPINTREPs 14/71 para 16 and 16/71 para 17). Reports are often received which indicate that infiltrations into hamlets continue regularly. Former members of D440 who are North Vietnamese and therefore presumably suffer morale problems include C3 Coy which was transferred to D445 in toto, and a proportion of the Headquarters group.

26. It seems likely that enemy activity will increase in coming weeks as the Presidential election draws closer.



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1 ATF SUPINTREP 38/71

(PERIOD 13 SEP - 19 SEP 71)

LAOS

1. Truck movement through the LAOS Panhandle, indicated by sensor string activations, increased slightly this week with 61 activations as compared with 47 the previous week.
2. On 11 Sep, elements of a four battalion task force were inserted by helicopter nine miles east of PAKSONG (XB4073). They received small arms and mortar fire during infiltration resulting in seven friendly wounded and one helicopter damaged. On 12 Sep irregular forces captured the PHOU THEVADA feature (XB3676) 4 km east of PAKSONG, resulting in five friendlies killed and 12 wounded. The irregulars captured 1 75mm field gun and 2 12.7 HMGs. On 13 Sep three irregular battalions launched a combined attack on PAKSONG and enemy forces counter attacked with mortar fire and a ground assault that was broken up by artillery and airstrikes. Results were friendlies five killed and 13 wounded with reportedly 110 enemy killed. On 14 Sep irregular elements contacted an estimated two enemy battalions on the eastern edge of PAKSONG resulting in a further four friendlies killed and over 100 enemy reported killed. On 15 Sep the irregulars entered PAKSONG and had cleared the town by 16 Sep.

CAMBODIA

3. Activity remained at a low level in the Route 75 and Route 7 area although major elements of 7 NVA Div remain located in the area.
4. On 11 Sep the PREY PCHOEK Bridge (VT6260) was destroyed by a mine, resulting in 11 friendlies killed. The enemy involved were possibly elements of 52 NVA Regt.
5. USAF FACs have reported a new road extending from a point on the MEKONG River (XV006C) more than 70 km to KOMPONG TRABEK (WY3247). The road is in good condition and has been supporting extensive truck movement. Further reports indicate an enemy supply route extending from the upper MEKONG River overland to western and south western CAMBODIA which would provide additional flexibility to the enemy logistic system in CAMBODIA.

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6. Throughout MR 1, enemy initiated activity increased slightly but still remains at a low level. In the B-5 Front enemy forces have avoided any contact in LAMSON 810 in western QUANG TRI Province. There was a slight increase in the number of incidents of enemy harassing fire. Enemy equipment captured or destroyed in western QUANG TRI Province, which exceeded 185 tons, included four 122mm field guns, three ZIL 151 trucks and one ATS 59 artillery prime mover. In the central DMZ area, ARVN forces also uncovered three enemy caches of approximately 1.5 tons each including 562 82mm mortar rounds.
7. In southern QUE SON District on 13 Sep ARVN troops near QUE SON (AT917314) reportedly received harassing fire of 530 rounds followed by a ground attack. US gunships supported the friendlies. Results were one friendly killed and nine wounded to 50 enemy reportedly killed, including 30 killed by air.

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8. Activity continued at a reduced level. In KHANH HOA Province, interrogation of two PWs reveals that they are members of the C-5 Sea Reconnaissance Unit, Naval Forces HQ, NORTH VIETNAM and their 35 man unit has the mission of reporting on RVN naval activities and coastal defences in northern KHANH HOA Province. The unit also performs reconnaissance of potential landing zones for infiltration ships. In July the unit was instructed to prepare for the arrival of a weapons transport ship from NORTH VIETNAM off the KHANH HOA coast (CP149776). Due to the presence of ARVN forces in the area the landing was aborted. The unit was then instructed to prepare for another attempted landing.

MR 4

9. Activity continued at a low level and there were only two incidents of enemy harassing fire.

10. Elements of the 2 VC Regt are believed to have been the enemy forces contacted in ARVN airmobile operations in contacts in KIEN GIANG Province on 13 and 15 Sep. US and VNAF helicopter gunships and ARVN artillery provided support for both actions. In the 15 Sep contact, seven aircraft were forced down. Cumulative results were five friendlies killed, 17 wounded and 24 missing. 28 enemy were killed.

11. Interrogation of a PW has revealed a plan for the re-organization of VC MR 3. He said that COSVN intended to assign two new Main Force units and 95 NVA Regt to VC MR 3 in the near future. Four thousand infiltrators would also be sent to the region to provide reinforcement for local units. Regiments would be subordinated to province headquarters and the regimental command staffs would be assigned to province unit command committees. Local force battalions would be disbanded and their troops used to reinforce district units. This was to be completed by Sep 71 but was dependant on the arrival of the troops from COSVN; without the troops, the plan would be postponed.

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12. Activity remained at a low level. In TAY NINH Province on 13 Sep a US helicopter on visual reconnaissance received ground fire 23 km west of TAY NINH City (WT970490), resulting in one US killed and one wounded and moderate damage to the helicopter. Later, ARVN elements were inserted into the area and discovered a bunker complex containing a number of 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds and 122mm rockets. ARVN elements 22 km west of TAY NINH City (WT975502) also discovered a cache containing two tons of wheat.

13. During the past week six firebombing and one terrorist incident were reported in the SAIGON area. The fire bomb incidents are believed to be the result of student dissidence rather than enemy initiated activity. The terrorist incident occurred on 15 Sep when a bomb containing an estimated 10-15 lbs of C4 explosive detonated in a TU DO Street nightclub. The explosion resulted in one US civilian killed, seven US military personnel wounded, 14 Vietnamese killed and 50 wounded.

14. A petrol bomb was thrown at an Australian vehicle in CHOLON, SAIGON at 1920 hrs Sun 19 Sep. The bomb was thrown by a masked student but failed to explode. There had been student riots in the area and a National Police vehicle had been burnt earlier that day.

15. An ARVN vehicle was ambushed near TRI TAM (XT5143) on 16 Sep 71. Two RF companies led by the Province Chief reacted in support and were ambushed themselves 500m from the original ambush site. The results were 29 friendlies killed (3 US),

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25 wounded (one US) and 4 missing. 23 enemy were killed.

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16. There were three contacts involving 1 ATF troops during the week, resulting in one enemy killed. Sector forces were involved in eleven contacts. Three enemy were killed, three were believed wounded and one was captured; while eight GVN soldiers were killed (one of whom died of wounds) and eight others were wounded.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

17. D445. There is still no specific information on the location of the main elements of this unit. C 1 Coy probably remains in the LONG HAIS.

18. 274 VC Main Force Regt. No confirmed contact has been made with 274 Regt elements. The Headquarters probably remains in the ONG QUE Rubber Plantation area just north west of the TRAC Special AO. The main group of 1 Bn is probably in the Route 2 area of the Province border, while a company may be near NGAI GIAO. 2 Bn remains west of XUAN LOC, and 3 Bn remains in south eastern BIEN HOA.

19. LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC

- a. On 15 Sep near LO GOM (at YS510543) RF troops engaged an estimated 8-10 enemy who were returning to their base after a resupply mission. Three VC were killed including a former PSDF member who had been kidnapped by the VC from LONG DIEN in May 71. The two other VC were identified as members of LONG DAT District.
- b. On 14 Sep near GO CAT (at YS604636) RF troops contacted three VC and captured a VC supplier.

20. 33 NVA Regt.

- a. In the BE BAC - NUI HOT area (centre of mass YS6396) where contacts with 33 Regt elements have occurred regularly in the past (SUPINIREP 37/71 para 19. a.), elements of 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) engaged the enemy from the ground or air in seven separate incidents between 12 and 16 Sep. Six enemy were killed in these contacts and documents were found which identified elements of the Headquarters of the Regiment, C17 Recoilless Rifle Coy, C20 Signals Coy, C22 Transport Coy, C23 Dispensary, C24 Sapper Coy and T300 Ordnance Factory of J95 Rear Service Bn of MR 7. This is the same area as that in which C21 Recce Coy was identified on 1 Sep. In addition a cache (YS636965) of 13 82mm mortar bombs with nine charges and 12 fuzes, all in good condition, and a cache (YS639945) of 5000 rounds of AK 47 ammunition were found. This brings to 28 the number of 82mm mortar bombs found by 3 Bde troops in the area this month, together with five 122mm rockets. In addition on 14 Sep north-east of NUI HOT (at YS674965) over 70 enemy who were moving west were engaged by 3 Bde troops. The enemy dispersed.
- b. Most of these incidents are believed to have involved 33 Regt troops. However since 16 Sep there has been a falling off in incidents in the NUI HOT area, and reconnaissance pilots have reported a number of tracks in the SUOI RAN and SUOI LE area suggesting strongly that 33 Regt elements have been moving south, both from the NUI HOT area and from the SUOI NHAC where 3 Bn of 33 Regt is believed to have been (centre of mass YS5193).

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- c. It is believed that 3 Bn of 33 Regt are now located in the NUI SAO area (centre of mass YS5184), while the Headquarters elements of the Regiment are probably east of Route 2 in the KA BANG area (see incidents reported below in paras 25-26). C 17 Recoilless Rifle Coy is clearly in the area. It is not at this stage known how many of the other regimental support companies are located with the Headquarters in PHUOC TUY or whether elements of 1 Bn, which often moves with the Headquarters, is also present (the support companies are the Mortar, Recoilless Rifle, AAMG, Engineer, Signals, Reconnaissance, Transport, Medical, Sapper and Convalescence Coys. The estimated strengths of 33 Regt elements are Headquarters and support companies 375; 1 Bn 250; and 3 Bn 300. 2 Bn, which is believed to be north of XUAN LOC, has an estimated strength of 270). Some elements of the Headquarters group could be located further east in the TAM BO area (centre of mass YS5482) where maximum sniffer readings were recorded earlier in the month.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

21. There has been an increase in enemy initiated activity in the TAOI during the week. In the XUAN LOC area a grenade was thrown into a picture theatre resulting in four Vietnamese killed and 21 wounded; on 14 Sep BLACKHORSE (YS4296) received six 107mm rockets with no damage or casualties; and on 16 Sep DINH QUAN District Headquarters (YT567383) LONG KHANH, received 15-20 rounds of 82mm mortar and 107mm rockets resulting in one RF killed and two wounded.
22. LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC District Forces have also shown increased aggressiveness. On 13 Sep an ARVN vehicle travelling towards XUYEN MOC on Route 23 was ambushed by three VC who used a claymore (YS650664). There were no casualties. On 16 Sep FSB CARMEN in LONG DIEN (YS439590) received twelve 60mm mortar rounds. One civilian was wounded and the enemy group are reported to have been members of C 25 Concentrated Coy, LONG DAT. On 17 Sep RF troops mounted in a vehicle were ambushed on Route 44 near LO GOM (YS509545). Eight RF were killed (one of whom died of wounds) and five others were wounded. One enemy was possibly wounded. The enemy were reported to be HOI MY Party Chapter and sappers from LONG DAT. Some reports have been received that an attack is to take place upon DAT DO.
23. On 16 Sep a PF platoon detonated a booby trapped 105mm round which had been placed under a dirt road block on Route 15 in BIEN HOA Province (YS153892). Two other 105mm rounds and dummy mines had also been placed in the road block. One PF soldier was killed and two were wounded. This is the first known death in an incident on Route 15 for at least a year and can probably be attributed to 3 Bn 274 Regt which is known to have been told to carry out attacks in the Route 15 area following training which was to be provided by the Engineer Coy of 274 Regt (SUPINTREP 34/71 para 26). The mortar attack on 28 Aug in the Route 15 area (YS2182) was also probably carried out by 3 Bn 274 Regt (SUPINTREP 35/71 para 30).
24. At 0315 hrs on 19 Sep a small group of enemy entered NGAI GIAO village (YS463794), remaining in the village for over an hour. A blast grenade or similar charge was thrown onto the roof of a school which is sometimes used by GVN elements at night, causing no casualties. The enemy were then contacted by PF elements, with no known result, and withdrew. The enemy group may well have been an element of 1 Bn 274 Regt, since documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol on 18 Aug showed that this unit were to be given the task of "occupying" NGAI GIAO (SUPINTREP 35/71 para 29). Since instructions known from recent documents to have been given to 1 Bn and 3 Bn of 274 Regt seem now to have been carried out, it seems possible that HUNG NGHIA (YT301095) will be attacked by 2 Bn 274 Regt; and that a harassing fire attack may be conducted against VAN KIEP National Trg Centre (YS4060; see SUPINTREP 35/71 paras 28-30).

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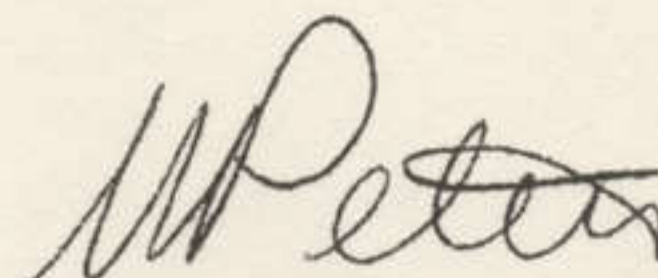
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25. At 0230 hrs on 19 Sep 626 RF Coy post at XA BANG (YS461834) received a harassing fire attack of six 75mm recoilless rifle rounds of which several impacted inside the post. Three RF were wounded. The use of 75mm recoilless rifle rounds indicates the presence of C 17 Recoilless Rifle Coy of 33 Regt.

26. At 0700 hrs on 20 Sep a group of approximately twenty enemy who were dug in beside Route 2 south of XA BANG (at YS461821) engaged four APCs of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt who were moving north. Six RPGs were fired including at least one RPG 7. One enemy was killed. He carried 174 rounds of AK 47 ammunition which is greater than the normal first line of ammunition carried. He carried no identifying documents which is characteristic of 33 Regt.

27. The move of 33 Regt elements into PHUOC TUY may be in response to pressure from 3 Bde (Sep)1 Cav Div, combined with a belief that a vacuum may have been created because of the future withdrawal of 1 ATF troops. The reports this week indicating increased enemy interdiction of roads conforms with the present general pattern throughout MR 3 (see SUPINTREP 33/71 para 25). The general increase in activity may be related to the coming Presidential election and is likely to continue.



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27 Sep 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 39/71
(PERIOD 20 SEP - 26 SEP 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. Adverse weather conditions in southern NORTH VIETNAM hampered the flow of supplies south from DONG HOI and QUANG KHE during the week. SLAR detected a daily average of only 47 tons being trucked south, compared to the daily average of 69 tons for the past 30 days.

LAOS

2. The decrease in truck movement was also reflected as sensor string activations decreased to 39 compared to 61 the previous week. The flooding in NORTH VIETNAM has greatly affected food production. The decrease in truck activity in LAOS may be as much due to unavailability of food as to interdiction of the lines of communication.

CAMBODIA

4. Activity increased slightly. On 21 and 22 Sep a Cambodian infantry battalion was attacked 11 km SE of KOMPONG TRABEK (WT6123) resulting in 32 friendlies killed and 118 wounded. Enemy losses are unknown. On 18 Sep the SIEM REAP airfield received enemy 82mm mortar and 75mm recoilless rifle fire resulting in two friendlies killed and 10 wounded and a DC-4 aircraft damaged. On 24 Sep a Cambodian Navy convoy was ambushed on the STOENG SEN River near KOMPONG THOM (VV673010). Results were 59 friendlies wounded, and one vessel sunk and two damaged.

5. On 20 Sep two large commercial POL storage areas in PHNOM PENH received a mortar and B-40 attack accompanied by a sapper attack which resulted in 1, 257, 000 gallons of POL lost and eight storage tanks destroyed and six damaged.

SOUTH VIETNAM

MR 1

6. Activity generally remained at a low level with a slight increase in QUANG TIN Province on the night of 20-21 Sep.

7. In the B-5 Front, LAMSON 810 terminated in western QUANG TRI Province on 19 Sep. Throughout the operation enemy forces generally avoided contact. A total of 125 enemy were reported killed, the majority being killed by air.

8. On the night of 20-21 Sep there were sporadic small attacks against PF positions (BT098325, BT120350) and a refugee camp (AT906238).

MR 2

9. Activity continued at a reduced level. In the B-3 Front an enemy Regimental Headquarters remained in the vicinity of Base Areas 609 and 701. Major enemy units throughout the B-3 Front continue to avoid contact. In enemy MR-5 activity was at a low level as major enemy units avoided contact and engaged in refitting and resupply.

10. On 19 Sep 24 km WSW of NINH HOA (BP740770), ROK operation BAK JUE was

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terminated. The operation had commenced on 10 Sep. Cumulative results were a reported one friendly killed and one wounded to 43 enemy killed. On 19 Sep 37 km west of NHA TRANG (BP670560) a further ROK operation was terminated. The operation began on 10 Sep and resulted in one friendly wounded and a reported 52 enemy killed.

MR 4

11. The level of activity remained low, with only a small increase in the number of enemy initiated incidents. There was an average of three incidents of enemy harassing fire per day.

12. In KIEN HOA Province on 18 Sep, 11 km SSE of BEN TRE (XS578222), ARVN troops engaged an enemy force with small arms and automatic weapons. There were no friendly casualties and ten enemy were killed.

13. In KIEN PHONG Province on 21 Sep 7 km north of HONG NGU (WT357009) a PF post received a ground attack and was overrun. Results were seven friendlies killed, 11 wounded and 11 missing. The enemy lost three killed. Later in the day, three km SW of the post US helicopter gunships engaged an enemy force resulting in 14 enemy killed by air.

14. In the U MINH campaign ARVN troops engaged enemy forces in ten significant contacts. The contacts were supported by ARVN artillery, US helicopter gunships, and USN and VNAF tactical air. Cumulative results were 20 friendlies killed and 32 wounded to a reported 248 enemy killed (110 killed by air). The enemy forces involved were 18B and 95 NVA Regts. The period from 3 to 24 Sep has been the longest period of sustained contact by VC/NVA units in MR 4 since the U MINH campaign began in December 70. Previously the enemy has taken deliberate measures to avoid contact with ARVN forces. The primary purpose of the enemy's change in tactics is reportedly to protect his base areas.

15. In CHUONG THIEN Province on 21 Sep, 18 km south of VI THANH (WR510630) an RF company engaged an enemy force resulting in one friendly killed and one wounded to a reported 17 enemy killed.

MR 3

16. Activity increased, no doubt for reasons associated with the elections. However the level of activity is still not high.

17. In TAY NINH Province on 20 Sep the ARVN TRANG LON base camp in TAY NINH City West received enemy fire of 50 rounds of 82mm mortar, 107mm and 122mm rockets, in conjunction with a sapper attack, resulting in 21 friendlies killed and 63 wounded. A building and a truck were destroyed and two helicopters were damaged. 52 enemy were killed and seven were captured. The enemy unit involved was 13 NVA Sapper Bn, Sapper Command. Acting on information supplied by one of the PWs ARVN forces to the north of TAY NINH City contacted an enemy force, resulting in 12 friendlies wounded to 20 enemy killed. The contact was supported by artillery and gunships.

18. There were six firebomb incidents in SAIGON including a total of five on 18 Sep. Students at VANH HANH University occupied the Student Union building and two National Police motorcycles were destroyed in this incident. Two US civilian vehicles and a Thai jeep were also firebombed. Students threw a firebomb into an occupied National Police jeep, destroying the jeep and seriously burning the two occupants. Also in SAIGON area on 19 Sep enemy sappers infiltrated 531 ARVN Ammunition Depot 3 km ENE of TAN SON NHUT airbase and destroyed 340 tons of ammunition. On 21 Sep a bomb containing five pounds of explosive detonated outside a SAIGON building. The building sustained moderate damage but no casualties were reported.

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19. On 25 Sep BIEN HOA airbase received four 122mm rockets without damage.

1 ATF TAOI

General

20. There were 12 contacts involving 1 ATF troops. Twelve enemy were confirmed killed in ground attacks while another two were possibly killed. A further nine enemy were confirmed killed by air. There were an unknown number of other enemy casualties. Five Australians were killed and 26 were wounded. Another four

Australians were wounded in a mine incident. There were two Sector contacts in which one enemy was wounded.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

21. D445. There is still no firm indication regarding the location of the main element of this unit. C 1 Coy probably remains in the LONG HAI.

22. 33 NVA Regt.

a. Headquarters of the Regiment, some support companies and 3 Bn (YS513857) were located northeast of DUC THANH during the week, where they were contacted heavily. The main elements are now thought to have moved north into the 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) TAOR while an element possibly still remains in the SUOI YOUERT and SUOI TAM BO area (centre of mass YS5381).

b. On 16 Sep following a contact, documents were captured in LONG KHANH Province (at YT567104) which identified elements of 1 Bn. 2 Bn is thought to remain north of XUAN LOC.

23. 274 VC Main Force Regt. The Headquarters of the Regiment is believed to remain northwest of COURTENAY in the area of the TRAC Special AO. 1 Bn is believed to have elements north of CAM MY and possibly in the SUOI SOC area (YS3887) as indicated by sniffer, and in northwestern DUC THANH. 2 Bn remains west of XUAN LOC and 3 Bn in southeastern BIEN HOA.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

24. On 25 Sep mine incidents occurred east of COURTENAY (YS490895 and YS486895) which resulted in four Australians wounded and extensive damage to two APCs. Since mid-Dec 70 there have been 13 mine incidents in this general area (YS47 - 49, N 88 - 89) and the mining has been characteristic of the former D 65 Engr Bn. An element of this unit is known to have been detached to BA LONG upon the disbandment of the unit in Aug 70. The switches could have been emplaced by local guerillas. There are no doubt more mines in the area.

25. In the past week in southern DAT DO District there has been an increase in the number of agent reports concerning groups of enemy close to the populated areas and an increase in the number of reported infiltrations into hamlets to obtain supplies and to spread propaganda. It is possible that D445 elements additional to C 1 Coy are in the area and that the increase in reports could suggest a coming enemy effort prior to the election. The theft of 300 lbs of C 4 explosive from the installation on the HORSESHOE feature (YS4961) on 23 Sep will increase the enemy's offensive capability.

26. On 24 Sep the secretary of a village office in DAT DO was assassinated by VC while visiting gardens in the LONG TAN area (YS478657). This follows an assassination near BINH BA on 5 Sep and is the eleventh assassination in the Province this year. Information in May showed that the enemy has stressed

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assassination and sapper attacks as important means by which to attack the Pacification Programme (SUPINTREP 36/71 para 29).

27. At 0730 hrs on 20 Sep a group of approximately twenty enemy who were dug in beside Route 2 south of XA BANG (at YS461821) engaged four APCs of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt who were moving north. Six RPGs were fired including at least one RPG 7. One enemy was killed and one Australian was slightly wounded. The enemy KIA carried 174 rounds of AK 47 ammunition which is greater than the normal first line ammunition carried. He carried no identifying documents but the enemy group are strongly believed to have been members of 33 Regt. (This incident was reported in last weeks SUPINTREP but is repeated because it occurred within the reporting period of the present SUPINTREP).

28. At 1330 hrs on 20 Sep D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged an enemy force in excess of 15 north of NUI SAO (at YS511856). Two NVA were killed. No documents were captured but there is no doubt that the enemy were members of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

29. On 21 Sep D Coy followed up from this contact and at 0900 hrs (YS513857) contacted a large enemy force who engaged with RPG and small arms fire. Contacts continued throughout the day, during which D Coy attacked what was later found to be a very new well-prepared bunker system with cut fire lanes and telephone line linking the bunkers from which intensive automatic, small arms and RPG fire was received. The enemy fire generally searched out the automatic weapons within the company. D Coy withdrew and at 1830 hrs were contacted again on the edge of another occupied bunker system, possibly by a group which had followed up from the bunker system which was assaulted during the day. There were several enemy probes during the night. Artillery and RAAF and US aircraft supported throughout the day, and there were at least 32 incidents reported of ground to air fire. Bomb damage assessments of air strikes revealed many bunkers, trenches and fighting pits in the general area (YS5085, YS5086), and many enemy were seen from the air to be moving out of the area. In the area of the D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacts during the day 16 enemy were confirmed killed, of whom nine were killed by air. Two others were possibly killed and there were an unknown number of other enemy casualties. Five Australians were killed and nine were wounded. No documents were able to be obtained from the enemy bodies but there is no doubt that the enemy were members of 3 Bn of 33 NVA Regt.

30. While the D Coy contacts of 21 Sep were in progress, B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted two enemy to the south (YS487833), killing one who was identified as a member of C9 Coy of 3 Bn 33 Regt. A further contact was made with an enemy who was coiling telephone wire, and the company later received 60mm mortar fire which wounded 16 men. Major enemy tracks have since been found in this area by B Coy, including some used by groups of over 100 (YS4983, YS5083, YS5084, YS4984), and the presence of clearly blazed tracks over which small groups have moved suggests that preparation was being made for night movement. It is believed that the enemy in the B Coy area were Headquarters 33 Regt, some of the support weapons companies and elements of 3 Bn of the Regt.

31. A further contact occurred on 21 Sep when elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt killed one enemy north of THUA TICH (at YS637873). He is believed from documents to have been a member of 33 Regt, although this cannot be positively confirmed. He was carrying 40 lbs of flour which may have been obtained from the MAY TAO area. A further contact occurred in this area on 23 Sep (YS635877) with no results, and recent tracks have been found (YS6184, YS6487, YS6787), over which regular east-west movement has taken place. The enemy may have been obtaining some supplies from the MAY TAO/NUI BE area and may contemplate using hospital facilities in that area for his wounded.

32. Since the contacts of 21 Sep some tracks have been found leading south from the

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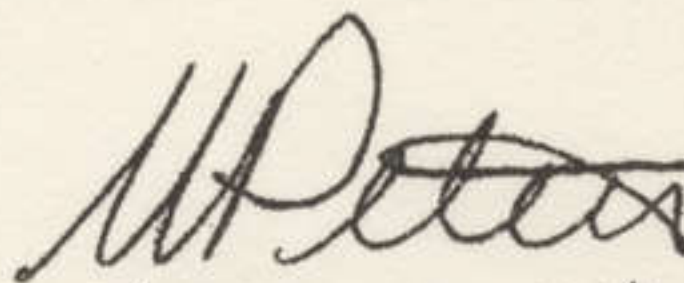
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D Coy contact area and generally southeast from that of B Coy. Other tracks leading northeast have been found by 3 BAR (area YS5588). On 24 Sep troops of 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) reported heavy recent activity north of SUOI LUC (YS5698, YS5898) and it is now thought that the main element of 3 Bn 33 Regt and possibly of HQ 33 Regt has moved north into the 3 Bde AO. However an element of 33 Regt may well still remain in the SUOI YOUERT and SUOI TAM BO area (centre of mass YS5381) which has not yet been searched on the ground.

33. An increase in enemy activity occurred during the week in the TAOI. A XUAN LOC US Navy compound (YT459082) received three B40 rounds on 25 Sep, resulting in one US wounded. BLACKHORSE received 12 82mm mortar rounds on 21 Sep with no casualties; and GIA RAY (YT5614) received three harassing fire attacks resulting in two killed (one US) and eleven wounded (two US). There were several incidents near CAM MY (YS4692) resulting in three friendly killed, 12 wounded and one missing; and there have been several enemy - initiated actions in the Province which have already been mentioned. It is believed that the enemy has entered a pre-election phase of increased activity which will probably continue during the coming week.

34. It is believed that 33 Regt elements probably moved into the Province in response to pressure from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) and in the belief that there would be little reaction from 1 ATF because of the coming withdrawal. The harassing fire attack on XA BANG (YS461834 on 19 Sep) and the attempted ambush on 20 Sep (para 27 above) were probably related to the elections. 33 Regt would no doubt have remained north east of DUC THANH had it not been for losses sustained on 21 Sep and will quite likely return if the threat to them in this area is thought to diminish. In the meanwhile some elements may have remained in PHUOC TUY, quite possibly with troops of 74 NVA Rocket Regt attached (five 122mm rockets were found in a 33 Regt area, YS6397, on 5 Sep) and there is a possibility of further harassing fire attacks in the coming week. Amongst the targets which are obviously available, VAN KIEP (YS4060) has been mentioned in documents (SUPINTREP 35/71 paras 28-30).



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104 SIG SQN

547 SIG TP

1 AUST CA UNIT

INFO : 1 ALSG

RECCE OF ACCOMMODATION VUNG TAU AREA (.) ADDRESSEES ARE TO SEND REPS TO ALSG FOR
RECCE OF PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION AT VUNG TAU DURING WITHDRAWAL AS FOLLOWS (.)

MON 11 SEP - 1 AUST CA UNIT

TUES 12 SEP - 1 FD SQN CMM 1 FD SQN WKSP AND 21 ENGR SP TP

WED 13 SEP - A SQN 3 CAV REGT

THUR 14 SEP - 104 SIGS AND 547 SIG TP

DATE TO BE ADVISED - 12 FD REGT (.)

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12 Sep 71

ACCOMMODATION PLANVUNG TAUSEP 71 - DEC 71

(Figures are approximate only)

Serial (a)	Unit (b)	Mov to VUNG TAU (c)	Strength				ETD RTA (h)	Method (i)	Remarks (i)
			Offr (d)	WO/Sgt (e)	OR (f)	Total (g)			
1	547 Sig Tp	15 Sep 71		2	3	5			Advance Party. (1)
		29 Sep 71			6	6			Advance Party. (2)
		30 Sep 71	1	6	15	22			Main Body.
		15 Oct 71		2	2	4			Rear Party. (1)
		16 Oct 71	1		1	2			Rear Party. (2)
			2	10	27	39			
2	21 EST	16 Sep 71			9	9			Advance Party.
		30 Sep 71	1	5	49	55			Main Body to be phased down to VUNG TAU
		16 Oct 71		1	16	17			16-30 Sep 71.
		Oct 71			5	5			
			1	6	79	86			
3	12 Fd Regt (-)	9 Oct 71	8	18	99	125	6 Nov 71	SEA	Advance Party to VUNG TAU.
		16 Oct 71	13	17	115	145			Main Body. Rear Party.
			21	35	214	270			Includes NSM 1/70 - 68, 2/70 - 22
4	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)	16 Oct 71	12	13	121	146	6 Nov 71	SEA	Advance Party TBA Approx 25 pers.
			12	13	121	146			
5	1 Fd Sqn RAE	16 Oct 71	8	7	130	145	6 Nov 71	SEA	
					28	28			
6	1 Fd Sqn Wksp	16 Oct 71	8	7	158	173			NSM 1/70 - 28
			1	5	22	28	6 Nov 71	SEA	
					7	7			
7	104 Sig Sqn Attached to 110 Sig Sqn	12 Oct 71	1	5	29	35			NSM 1/70 - 7
			3	11	74	88	6 Nov 71		
			1	2	28	31			Accn 110 Sig Sqn
			4	13	102	119			
8	161 (Indep) Recce Flt	13 Sep 71	1	1	12	14			Advance Party
		10 Oct 71	15	15	47	77			Main Party
		15 Oct 71	1	1	6	8			Rear Party
			17	17	65	99			Accommodation arranged.

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9	1 Aust CA Unit	1-7 Oct 71	5	7	27	39			Subject to Planned activities, prior mov of 15 pers Sep 71. Phase out from VUNG TAU Oct-Nov 71.
			5	7	27	39			
10	17 Const Sqn	9-30 Sep 71	4	7	60	71			M/O - 21 Oct 0-4-49
		30 Sep 71	1	0	98	99			M/O 28 Oct 0-0-5
		21 Oct 71	5	7	88	100			
		M/O 21 Oct 71		4	54	58			
	STR	V/T 28 Oct	0	10	192	212			
11	8 Fd Amb (incl Dent Sect) Dent Sect 4 RAR	15 Oct 71	4	1	20	25			1 Aust Fd Hosp
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			5	1	22	28			
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			43	60	702	805			
13	104 Fd Bty	Oct 71	1	3	20	24	Dec 71		
		Nov 71	9	13	90	112			
			10	16	110	136			
14	Tp Fd Sqn	Oct 71					Dec 71		
		Nov 71							
			1	1	15	17			
15	Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	Oct 71					Dec 71		
		Nov 71	4	7	48	59			
			4	7	48	59			
16	HQ 1 ATF	10 Oct 71							
		16 Oct 71							

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D.T.G. Floyd
(D.T.G. FLOYD)
Capt
GS03 (SD and Trg)

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Headquarters
1st Australian Task Force
NUI DAT

R553-1-10

22 Sep 71


HQ AFV
HQ RAAF VT

ACCOMMODATION OF RESIDUAL ELEMENTS
161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT

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Capt
For Comd

Enclosure: 1. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt R553-1-5.

For Information:

161 (Indep) Recce Flt

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MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE

120600Z SEP 71

FROM: 1 ATF

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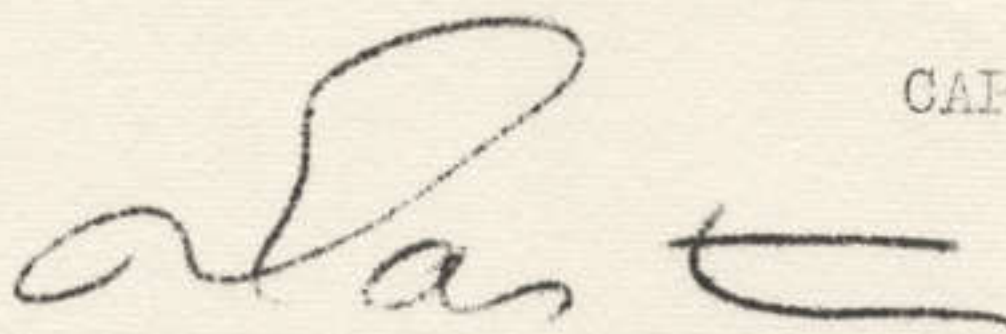
TO: LIST A (LESS SERIALS 4, 25-31)

A 1306

PETER BADCOE CLUB BEACH ANNEX (.) REF 1 ATF R179-1-2 DATED 11 JUL 71 (.)
ONE (.) ON COMPLETION OF SERIAL 25 OF REF (7 OCT 71) THE BADCOE CLUB
WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR STANDDOWN BY COMPANY GROUPS
IT IS ANTICIPATED THOUGH THAT THE CLUB AMENITIES (POOL cmm
BARBEQUE AREAS ETC) WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ON A DAILY BASIS
FOR 1 ATF UNITS (.)
TWO (.) SERIALS 21 AND 23 OF REF HAVE BEEN HANDED BACK cmm AND ARE
AVAILABLE FOR ANY UNIT THAT REQUIRES THEM (.) BIDS SHOULD
BE PHONED THROUGH TO EBONY 8

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HQ 1 ATF
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13 Sep 71

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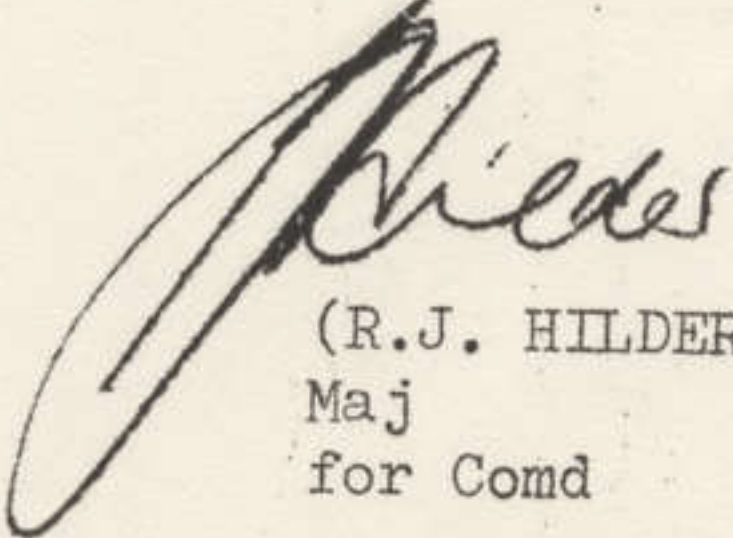
1 ALSG (10)

PLAN INTERFUZE
ALLOCATION OF ACCOMMODATION
AT VUNG TAU

Reference: A. 553/1/10 of 12 Sep 71 - gives further details.

1. On withdrawal of 1 ATF units from Nui Dat, accommodation will be provided by fostering units in 1 ALSG/Vung Tau area. Attached at Annex A is the proposed allocation.
2. Arrangements have been made for reconnaissance to be made of the proposed area as follows:-
 - a. Tues 14 Sep - 1. 1 Fd Sqn, 1 Fd Sqn Wksp and 17 Const Sqn.
2. 21 Engr Sp Tp, Det176 AD Coy.
 - b. Wed 15 Sep - 1. 104 Sig Sqn and 1 Aust CA Unit
2. Det 104 Sig Sqn and 547 Sig Tp.
 - c. Thu 16 Sep - 1. 8 Fd Amb and Det 1 Fd Hyg Coy.
2. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 12 Fd Regt.
 - d. As required - 1. HQ Coy 1 ATF.
3. Unit reps should report to the DAA&QMG HQ 1 ALSG at 0930 hrs on the date of the recce and be prepared to discuss all aspects of their requirements for working and living accommodation and use of facilities. It should be appreciated that accommodation will be crowded and certain facilities will be overtaxed. Cooperation between units and minimum requests are essential.
4. Units in the 4 RAR Gp have not been included. Accommodation for these units will be advised later. Approximate strengths will be:-

4 RAR	-	805
104 Sig Sqn	-	136
Tp A Sqn 3 Cav	-	57
Tp 11 Fd Sqn	-	17


(R.J. HILDER)
Maj
for Comd

ANNEX A TO
† ATF 553-1-10
DATED 13 SEP 71

Serial No	Unit of TF	Str to be catered for	Accn Allotted	Remarks
1	HQ † ATF	170	HQ † ALSG	a. Str of both HQ is 320 approx. b. Str of new HQ 170 approx. c. Redundant pers to be RTA ASAP.
2	A Sqn 3 Cav less tp and LAD	146	"Camp 500"	This is the camp allotted outside ALSG area.
3	12 Fd Rept less Bty and LAD	270	"Camp 500"	
4	1 Fd Sqn and Wksp	208	17 Const	
5	21 EST	86	5 Coy RAASC	
6	17 Const Sqn and Wksp	270	17 Const	Includes Det at Vung Tau
7	104 Sig Sqn	31 88	110 Sig Sqn PBC	Det under Comd 110 Sig Sqn Preparing for RTA
8	547 Sig Tp	39	110 Sig Sqn	
9	161 Recce Flt	99	AOD	Phased in from 13 Sep
10	Det 176 AD Coy	30	5 Coy RAASC	
11	8 Fd Amb and Dets Dental Sect	28	1 Aust Fd Hosp	
12	Det † Fd Hyg Coy	7	1 Aust Fd Hosp	
13	FRG	35	102 Fd Wksp	
14	† Aust CA Unit	39	PBC	

MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE ROUTINE

130344Z SEP 71

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A 1310

FROM : 1 ATF
TO : LIST A (LESS SERIALS 4, 25-31)
LIST C

R AND R LEAVE .

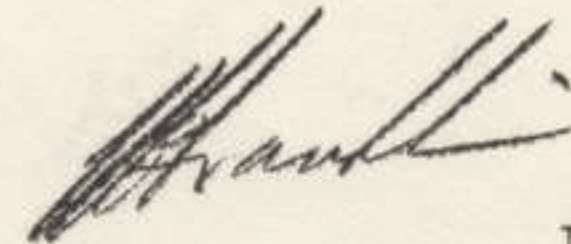
APPROVAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR CREDIT OF FIVE DAYS R AND R CMM TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY ON RTA CMM TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMY IN VIETNAM WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE MONTHS SERVICE IN THEATRE AND WHO HAVE BEEN PRECLUDED FROM TAKING R AND R WHILST IN THEATRE . ARL AT CREDIT MAY BE TAKEN FOLLOWING R AND R . AUTHORITY TO BE QUOTED ON LEAVE RECORDS IS AHQ DAG 51403 OF 10 SEP 71

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MAJOR

MESSAGE FORM

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TO: List A (has serials 4, 201-32)			SECRET/CLASSIFICATION
INFO: RUSG			Unclass
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			Q 2113

MAIN INTERESTS

Allocation of Accommodation at VUNG TAY. OUR 553 1/10 OF 13 Sep Reconn. Annex A TO READ

SERIAL 2 1504 3CAV REGT ALLOCATED PETER BADCOE CLUB NOT CAMP 500

SERIAL 7 104 SIG 504 ALLOCATED RAD C CENTRE

AND NOT PETER BADCOE CLUB. ERICAT W/OUT DET 110 SIG SQ

SERIAL 14 1AUST CA UNIT ALSO ALLOCATED RAD C CENTRE

AND NOT PETER BADCOE CLUB

12 FA REGT LESS 104 AND 104 NOT HAVE CAMP 500

PHONE

No change to Recce Allocation

CLASS. BY: 101	CLASS. TO: No	CLASSIFIED BY: H. G. J.	CLASS. DATE: Q	REF. NO.: 52
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ROUTINE

1900130Z SEP 71

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FROM : 1 ATF

TO : LIST A (LESS 4, 24 - 32)

Q2138

INTERFUSE (.) RTA VEHS AND STORES TO FOSTER/PARENT UNITS (.) ONE (.) STORES
RTA BEFORE ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTIES WILL BE RETAINED IN SEALED CONTAINERS
UNTIL HANDED OVER ON ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTIES (.) ADVANCE PARTIES ARE TO
EMPTY CONTAINERS AND RETURN THEM TO MOVEMENT CONTROL AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE (.)
TWO (.) INVENTORIES OF VEHICLES AND STORES FWD BEFORE ADVANCE PARTIES ARE TO BE
SENT TO FOSTER/PARENT UNITS TO ARRIVE BEFORE CONSIGNMENTS (.) IN VIEW OF PARA
ONE IT IS SUFFICIENT TO LIST DETAIL OF CONTAINERS AND STORES NOT IN CONTAINERS (.)
THREE (.) RECEIVING COMD HQ AND FOSTER/PARENT UNITS ARE TO BE WARNED OF THE ARRIVAL
OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS (.) IF NOT ALREADY ADVISED CMM DETAILS OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS
ALREADY DISPATCHED ARE TO BE FWD ASP

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18 SEP 71

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ROUTINE		220320Z SEP 71	
FROM:	1AFIF		PRIOR
TO:	HRAR WZ (ANZAC) BN		GR
INFO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			RESTRICTED
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			S 1646
INTERFUSE () DISPOSAL OF TRACKER DOGS ()			
CURRENT EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATES ARE			
REQUIRED BY 29 SEP 71 () POSSIBLE			
RELEASE DATES ARE ALSO TO BE			
ADVISED			
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FILE REFERENCE	CLASSIFIED		
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			RANK
			PAF

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Headquarters
1st Australian Task Force
NUI DAT

R553-1-10

22 Sep 71

HQ ATF
HQ RAAF VT

ACCOMMODATION OF RESIDUAL ELEMENTS
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For Comd

Enclosure: 1. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt R553-1-5.

For Information:

161 (Indep) Recce Flt

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FROM: 1 ATF		PREFIX	
TO: 1 ALSG ; 17 CONST SQN ; Q		OR	
INFO: 12 FD REGT ; SD		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	
		RESTD	
		CALCULATOR'S NUMBER	
		Q. 1641	

INTERFUSE @ ACCN AT VUNG TAU @ REF 1 ALSG COMD 1799
 OF 19 SEP AND DISCUSSION COMD 1 ALSG / D COMD IATE @
 ONE @ Q TO COOP WITH 1 ALSG ON PROVISION OF STOVES
 REFRIGERATION AND COOKING EQPT @ 12 FD REGT TO
 PROVIDE UTENSILS @ TWO @ Q TO PROVIDE SIX WATER
 TANKS AND ONE IMMERSION HEATER FOR KITCHEN @
 ALSG HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE TANK STANDS @ THREE @
 AS AN EMERGENCY 12 FD REGT IS TO PROVIDE SHOWER
 BUCKETS AS ARRANGED BY @ @ EVEN IF BUCKETS
 ARE NOT REQUIRED CMM SHOWER ROSES WILL BE
 NEEDED @ FOUR @ THREE WATER TANKERS HAVE BEEN

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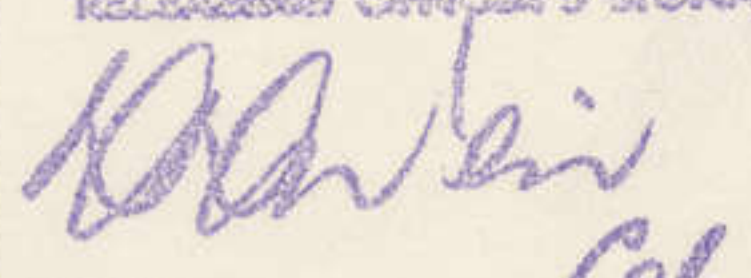
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FROM :			PREFIX
TO :			GR
INFO :			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

ARRANGED BY IATF (C) (D) TO ADVISE DATE OF HANDOVER
 (C) UNDERSTAND DVRS WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ALSG RIAASCO
 FIVE (C) COMMENCING 10 OCT 17 CONST SQN IS TO PROVIDE
 SECURITY FOR CAMP 500 AS FOLS CLN ALFA (C)
 ERECT SECURITY FENCE AROUND CAMP CMM ESTIMATE
 10 MEN FOR THREE DAYS (C) BRAVO (C) PROVIDE A
 LIVING IN PIQUET FOR SECURITY FROM 1 TO 9 OCT
 WHEN ADV PARTY 12 FD REGT WILL TAKE OVER (C)
 SIX (C) (D) IS TO ARRANGE FOR 12 FD REGT TO PROVIDE
 ALL NECESSARY DOMESTIC ACCN STORES

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ROUTINE

240830Z SEP 71

FROM: 1 ATF

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TO : LIST A (LESS SERIALS 4, 25-31)

A 1376

FOR CO/OCS .

IN CONFIDENCE . PREVENTATIVE MEASURES CMM VD . REF OUR R515/1/1 DATED 7 JUL 71 .
WITH WITHDRAWAL OF UNITS THROUGH VUNG TAU CMM SOME MEMBERS MAY COME IN CONTACT
WITH VD SOURCES DURING PERIODS OF LOCAL LEAVE . UNIT COMDS ARE REMINDED OF THE
AVAL OF CONDOMS AND NO SWEAT PILLS FOR THOSE PERS REQUIRING THEM . IMPORTANCE
OF BLOOD TESTS TO DETECT SYPHILIS IS STRESSED AND UNIT COMDS ASKED TO INCL
THIS IN RTA PROCEDURES

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MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE

250300Z SEP 71

FROM: 1 ATF

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TO : LIST A (LESS SERIALS 4, 25-31)
LIST C

A 1380

FOLLOWING IS A TEXT OF AFV PS 14129 DATED 24 SEP 71 (.) QUOTE
R AND R LEAVE TO HONG KONG .
US R AND R FLIGHTS ARE NO LONGER SERVING HONG KONG AS AN R AND R CENTRE .
LAST FLIGHT TO HONG KONG WILL DEPART TSN 30 SEP AND RETURN 7 OCT .
WEF 1 OCT 71 ALL FLIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR HONG KONG WILL GO TO TAIPEI .
ALL ADDRESSEES ARE REMINDED THAT PASSPORTS AND VISAS ARE REQUIRED
FOR TRAVEL TO TAIPEI . SUBMITTED AT LEAST 4 WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE
DATE . THOSE MEMBERS NOT WISHING TO TRAVEL TO TAIPEI AS AN ALTERNATIVE
TO HONG KONG MAY BE WAITLISTED FOR SPACE AVAILABLE FLIGHTS TO BANGKOK
OR SYDNEY . HONGKONG REMAINS A LEAVE CENTRE AND MEMBERS MAY VISIT
HONG KONG BY APPLYING FOR ARL OVERSEAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFV (ARMY
COMPONENT) SOPS CHAP 2 ANNEX E TO SECT 3 . TRAVEL EXPENSES IN SUCH
A CASE MUST BE BORNE BY THE MEMBER . RETURN ECONOMY AIR FARE IS APPROX
DOLLARS ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY EIGHT . THOSE MEMBERS NOT WISHING
TO TRAVEL TO TAIPEI SHOULD CONTACT THEIR R AND R REPS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE . THOSE MEMBERS WHO WERE TO VISIT HONG KONG AND WHO NOW WISH TO
VISIT TAIPEI SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS AND VISAS NOW(.)
UNQUOTE

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PRIORITY

260200Z SEP 71

FROM: 1 ATF

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TO: LIST A(LESS SERIALS 4,25-31)

A 1388

LEAVE VUNG TAU . REF 1 ATF OPS 1663 OF 25 SEP 71 .

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FROM 24 SEP UNTIL AT LEAST 4 OCT 71 .

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SHOP IN VUNG TAU OR BARIA DURING THIS PERIOD .

THREE . LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS TO BE ADVISED

PRIORITY

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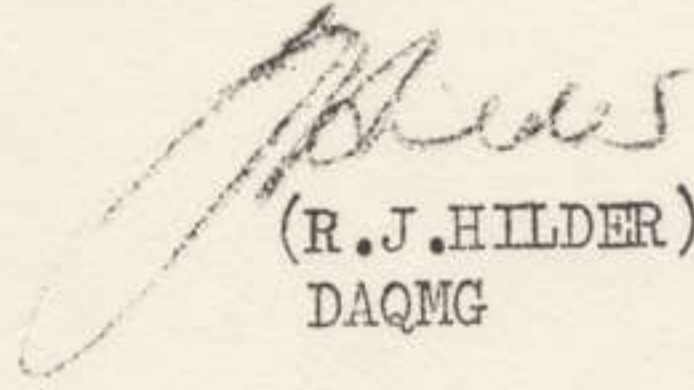
28 Sep 71

TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

4 Oct - 16 Oct 71

PLAN INTERFUSE

1. To facilitate planning at this HQ, Units are to complete ANNEX "A" detailing all known transport requirements for the above period. Completed forms are to be returned to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF by 0900 hrs 3 Oct 71.
2. It is emphasised that unit forecasts must be confirmed by a unit representative on the preceding day at the Q Branch Daily Maintenance Conference at 1330 hrs.


(R.J.HILDER)
DAQMG

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List "A"(less serials 4,24-32)

ANNEX "A" Transport Requirements

TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

ANNEX "A" to
1 ATF 553-1-10
dated 28 Sep 71

UNIT

PLAN INTERFUSE

SERIAL	DATE	NUMBER OF VEHS	TYPE OF VEHS (SEE NOTE "A")	LOAD (SEE NOTE "B")	TIME OF REPORTING	REPORT TO	DESTINATION	ESTIMATED TIME OF RELEASE	REMARKS (SEE NOTE "C")

- NOTES
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 - "B" Number of PAX, pallets,boxes,conex etc.
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TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

ANNEX "A" to

1 ATF 553-1-10

dated 28 Sep 71

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PRECEDENCE ACTION <i>ROUTINE</i>	PRECEDENCE INFO <i>ROUTINE</i>	DATE-TIME GROUP <i>30 0830 Z</i>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM: <i>1A7E</i>			REF: <i>CR</i>
TO: <i>List A (less Ser 4, 15, 24-32)</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>RESTRICTED</i>
INFO: <i>1A156</i>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>Q 230 is</i>

INTERFUSE @ LAUNDRY CONTRACTORS VUNG TAU @
 ONE @ FOR IS ALLOCATION OF UNITS TO EXISTING
 LAUNDRY CONTRACTORS AT VUNG TAU @
 ALL @ UNITS FOSTERED BY UNITS AT 1A156 ARE
 TO USE SAME CONTRACTOR AS FOSTER UNIT @
 BAO @ UNITS ACCM AT PETER BADEGE CLUB CHAM
 AN PHONG LAUNDRY @
 CHARLIE @ UNITS ACCM AT R AND C CENTRE CHAM
 KIM LAN LAUNDRY @
 TWO @ FURTHER QUERIES ARE TO BE DIRECTED
 TO SC @ HQ 1A156

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES		SENDER TO MESSAGE <i>No</i>	SENDER'S NAME <i>Box</i>	UNIT NO. <i>509</i>	YES NO. <i>EGONY</i>
REFERENCE <i>486/1/1</i>		CLASSIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			<i>78</i>
FOR OPERATIONS USE				RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
DATE	TIME	SYSTEM OPERATOR	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM OPERATOR

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SEP 71

PRIORITY ACTION

REFERENCE INFO

DATE-TIME GROUP

MESSAGE DIRECTION

ROUTINE

30 0910 Z

FROM: IRTF

FROM

OR

TO: LIST A (less SER 4, 15, 24-32)

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

INFO:

RESTRICTED

DISPATCH NUMBER

92307

INTERFUSE @ Mov OF UNITS TO NEW LOC
AT VUNG TAY @ THIS HQ IS TO BE
NOTIFIED 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF INTENDED
MOV OF PERS TO NEW LOC

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DATE REFERENCE 553/1/10	CLASSIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	FOR 09133700-5 238		
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REP. FORM 57

ANNEX L TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 TO 8

COMMANDER'S POLICY AND DEMI-OFFICIAL LETTERS

R544/1/12

2 Sep 71

Maj Glenn A. Lane
Commanding Officer
36 USARV IEB

PROVISION OF ENGINEER SUPPORT
TO 36 USARV IEB

1. Due to the very restricted time frame given for the withdrawal of 1 ATF from South Vietnam it will unfortunately not be possible to provide further assistance to 36 USARV IEB by way of engineer works.
2. Immediate preparation of plant for return to Australia or other disposal has been necessary thus reducing the resources available to complete current tasks.
3. It is hoped that you will understand the position as one over which 1 ATF has little control.

D.D. Weir

(D.D. WEIR)
Col
For Comd

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3 Sep 71

Headquarters
RAAF Contingent
VUNG TAU

For Information:

G302 (Air)
TFAC Rep
LO BARIA

RAAF GUNSHIP OPERATIONS - LONG BINH ISLAND

Reference: A. HQ RAAF Contingent VF 95/23/3 Air (4) dated 2 Sep 71.

1. The 1 ATF Liaison Officer at Phuoc Tay Sector HQ, Maj R.J. FERRIER, has been instructed to investigate ways and means of implementing your plan in conjunction with Sector HQ, RF/PF Advisor Maj R.V. HUGHES, TFAC Representative at 1 ATF HQ and G302 (Ops).
2. Liaison directly between these parties as suggested as the best and quickest means of quickly reaching a satisfactory conclusion and your concurrence is requested in this matter.
3. Progress will be reported directly to TFAC Representative by Maj FERRIER in the meantime.



(S.W. McFARLANE)
Major
for Acting Commander

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3 Sep 71

Lt Col NGUYEN VAN TU
Province Chief
PHUOC TUY

SUSPICIOUS BOAT ACTIVITY

Reference: A. 3rd Coastal Zone 3CZIO/EAL : 1r Ser: 027-71 dated
22 Aug 71 (copy to S3 Phuoc Tuy Sector).

1. Since receiving a copy of reference A, a study has been conducted into the matter, a copy of which is enclosed.
2. As suggested in the study, it is recommended that Vietnamese Naval patrols be employed to search for and interdict this activity.
3. 1 ATF will have some capacity to provide night time illumination and air reconnaissance for some time yet and could cooperate in this matter when requested by Naval patrols through Sector HQ.

B.A. McDonald
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(B.A. McDONALD)
Brigadier
Commander

Enclosure: 1. Study of Suspicious Boat Activity.

For Information:

PSA Phuoc Tuy

3rd Coastal Zone Intelligence Office
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96291 (In Country)

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3 Sep 71

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

For Information:

G302 (Int)

DISPOSAL OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

Reference: A. Discussions 2IC C Sqn / G302 (Ops) of 3 Sep.

Disposal of Files

1. Disposal as shown below is to be taken for files which are of no historic value or have become irrelevant or by their nature no longer required, to be classified **SECRET**:


- a. 1 ATF SD1348 of 240010Z Oct 70. Downgrade to **RESTRICTED**.
- b. 1 ATF R675/1/2 dated 20 Jun 69. May either be downgraded to **RESTRICTED** or destroyed.
- c. 1 ATF SD641 of 240400Z May 69. Destroy.
- d. Files related to HUI DAF Base Defence. Destroy.
- e. Files related to DUBBLE BAG Targets. Destroy.
- f. Files related to Minefields in PHUOC TUY. Destroy.

Certificate of Destruction

2. AAF-A54 Certificates of Destruction for classified Documents are to be submitted to HQ 1 ATF as appropriate.

Carriage of Classified Files to Australia

3. Maj P.W. BOURKE, OC C Sqn 1 Armd Regt is authorised to carry classified documents to Australia for inclusion in the Official Files of 1 Armd Regt.


(B.W. McFARLANE)
Maj
G302 (Ops)

RESTRICTED

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5
5 Sep 71

HQ AFV (for C of S)

DISPOSAL OF AMENITIES SWIMMING POOLS

Reference: A. Telecom C of S/D Comd of 3 Sep 71.

1. Two types of pools are held in 1 ATF. The large (60'x40'x6') area pool and the smaller plastic pool held by units.
2. Some of the smaller pools are sufficiently serviceable for resiting and further use, and one could be made available.
3. The area pool poses larger problems and pertinent points are:
 - a. It is in poor condition and unsightly. The frame is of welded steel piping, now badly rusted, and the pool is of rubberised fabric which is barely serviceable. Experience has shown that the fabric cracks quickly after drying out and cannot successfully be folded or rolled for transportation.
 - b. The filtration plant works off 240 volts. It is workable but in need of overhaul. The plant requires constant and frequent maintenance by a skilled operator with access to spares.
 - c. Dismantling of the pool would require a labour force of 10 men for at least 3 - 4 days.
 - d. A pre-requisite at the selected re-erection site is a concrete slab covered by some 12 inches of sand as a base. Subsequent work for re-erection would occupy 6 men for 3 - 4 days, assuming the material they use is in good condition.
4. Though a smaller pool could be made available from 1 ATF for subsequent use, the re-erection of the large pool would be uneconomical at best and maybe impossible. Subsequent maintenance would pose a problem and its appearance would hardly enhance the area chosen for its future use.

B.A. McDonald
for (B.A. McDONALD)
Brig
Comd

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14 Sep 71

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

MACV PRESENTATION TO RVNAF COMMAND
AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE - 18 NOV 71

1. In May 71, Maj Petersen and Capt Hoskin of 2 RAR took part in a MACV presentation to the RVNAF Command and General Staff College, Dalat. The 2 RAR contribution was a coverage of the AFV's combat experience in Phuoc Tuy Province.
2. MACV propose to conduct a similar presentation on 18 Nov 71 and Comd 1 ATF has agreed that 1 ATF will participate once again.
3. It is requested, if he could see his way clear, that Lt Col Hughes be the officer to lead a small 4 RAR team for this activity, once again presenting a comprehensive coverage of Australian activities in Phuoc Tuy.
4. Your advice in due course would be appreciated.



(B.W. McFARLANE)
Maj
For Comd

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15 Sep 71

Task Force Air Commander
HQ RAAF
VUNG TAU

DUSTOFF PROCEDURES

1. Due to the decreasing number of RAFS deployed with Vietnamese Territorial Forces the language barrier when conducting DUSTOFF operations is becoming a difficulty.
2. It is proposed to establish a small group of ARVN Interpreters for duty with DUSTOFF, one to be on duty at a time. These personnel by their association with the duty crews and on the spot training should be of valuable assistance when dealing with non-English speaking groups on the ground.
3. For your concurrence please.



(B.A. McDONALD)
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Comd

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CSOC (Air)
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19 Sep 71

HQ AFV

DESTRUCTION OF ARCHIVED FILES

1. Attached as Annex A is a list of files which are currently located in the Archives Section of HQ 1 ATF Registry.
2. The files have been examined and marked for destruction by the AFV Historians and approval to destroy is now requested.



(D.T.G. FLOYD)
Capt
For Comd

File No	Heading
R68-W-43	1733082 Pte G.J. WALCHER
R68-W-57	3179750 Pte M.T. WOOD
R68-Y-4	5715194 Pte R.J. YATES
R6-1-1	Accn - Transit Camp 1 ALSG
R6-1-2	Accn - For Holiday Resorts
R7-1-1	Accn - Caravan Trailers
R15-1-1	Accn - Hutted and Tented General
R15-1-2	Accn - Hutted and Tented RAAF
R17-1-1	Accn - Office Furniture
R37-1-1	Accounting - Modified Fd Accounting
R37-1-2	Accounting - 1 Armd Sqn Wksp Stores Sect
R38-1-3	Stocktakes - 4 Fd Regt/12 Fd Regt
R38-1-7	Stocktakes - 1 RAR
R38-1-11	Stocktakes - 1 ARU
R38-1-20	Stocktakes - 105 Fd Bty
R38-1-22	Stocktakes - 3 RAR
R38-1-23	Stocktakes - 2 RAR
R38-1-25	Stocktakes - C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
R38-1-29	Stocktakes - 1 Aust CA Unit
R38-67-1	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - 1 Fd Regt
R38-67-7	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - 3 SAS/1 SAS
R38-67-21	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - AFPO 4
R38-67-28	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - 1 Armd Sqn Wksp
R38-67-29	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - 1 ATF Det 1 Div Cash Office
R38-67-30	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - 52 Sup Pl RAASC
R38-67-31	Handover/Takeover Stocktakes - 106 Fd Wksp Stores Sect
R39-1-2	Accounting - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
R39-7-1	Write Offs Policy
R39-7-10	Write Offs - 1 Div Int Unit
R39-7-19	Write Offs - 1 Fd Sqn Wksp RAEME
R39-7-21	Write Offs - 1 Armd Sqn Wksp
R39-7-24	Write Offs - 85 Tpt Pl RAASC
R40-2-1	Accounting - Responsibilities for Discrepancies in Transit
R45-1-1	Accounting - Reimbursement - ice purchases
R45-1-2	Accounting - Unit Trust Accounts
R45-1-4	Stamp Accounts General
R45-1-5	Accounts - Clubs/Messes
R45-1-7	Entertainment Expenses Concerts
R45-1-8(2)	Claims - SVN Civilians General
R45-1-9	Inspections of Unit Accounting
R45-1-10	Accounts - Civil Contracts for Australian Check Points
R45-1-12	Purchasing Account - US Class 1 Store
R45-1-13	Unit Stores Accounting
R45-1-14	US Class 1 Account - Coy RAASC
R45-2-1	Allotment/Closure Unit Accounts
R51-1-1	Accreditation Policy
R52-1-1	VN Road Law
R52-4-1	DFRB General
R54-1-1	Overnight Stays - SAIGON
R54-1-2	Admin Returns - Policy/Procedure
R54-1-3	Staff Changes - Procedures
R54-1-4	Admin of RVNAF Bulletin
R54-1-5	US Admin Publications
R54-1-6	Admin General EME

File No	Heading
R54-1-8	Admin - PHUOC TUY District/Village
R54-1-9	D Comd's Admin Inspections
R54-1-10	Personnel Management - Infantry Corps
R59-1-6	Air Head Inspections
R64-1-1	Alliances General
R65-1-5	Allowances - Skill at Arms Prizes
R65-1-8	Official Entertainment Allowance
R65-8-2	HDA - 1 ATF
R65-8-7	HDA - 103 Sig Sqn
R65-8-14	HDA - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
R76-1-1	Appeals - TET Aggression Relief Project
R76-2-1	Appeals Charities General
R77-1-2	Appointment Changes General
R78-1-1	Appointments ARVN Officers
R79-1-1	Appointments Civil Affairs
R79-1-3	Appointments - Unit Fire Officers
R79-2-3	Appointments - Particulars of Commission
R79-2-4	Appointments - Education Requirements
R79-3-5(2)	NCO Qualifications
R79-3-6	NCO Promotion Exams
R79-3-6(1)	NCO Promotion Exams
R79-3-6(2)	NCO Promotion Exams
R82-1-2	Appointments - National Service
R93-1-2	Out of Bounds Areas - US Army
R98-2-1	Duty Officers Roster
R104-2-20	Audit Reports 'A' 9 RAR
R111-1-1	Bands, Uniforms - 2 RAR/5 RAR
R111-1-2	Bands, Provision of
R142-1-12	Infestation of Buildings
R153-1-4	Canteen Rebates
R153-3-1	Outstanding Canteen accounts HQ 1 ATF OR Club
R153-3-2	Non-payment of Canteen accounts General
R153-3-3	Canteens, 104 Sig Sqn Investigation
R153-3-4	ASCO Services General
R160-1-1	Catering General
R170-3-1	Charters - QANTAS Flights
R173-1-11	Circulars - Information Guidance Policy Statements (US)
R177-1-1	Theatre Cleaning facilities - Stores
R179-1-1	Clubs - RSL
R179-1-3	Clubs Adoption of Units by Rotary Clubs
R198-1-3	Telephone Procedures General
R198-1-6	Telephones - Switchboard and Telephone Survey
R198-1-7	Telephone Switchboard Manual
R198-1-8	Telephones - Long Distance Calls
R198-2-1	Telephone Directories
R203-1-1	Furniture - VIP Hut 1 ATF
R206-1-1	Compensation - Claims for Sandbag Area HOA LONG and 1 ATF Area
R206-1-3	Compensation - Property 1 ATF Base Area
R206-1-4	Compensation - Property TRANG BON
R206-1-5	Compensation - Damage to Civilian Property at THAI TIEN Village 19/20 Jul 68
R206-1-6	Compensation Claim Landowners on Route 2

FILES DESTROYED 1 ATF

6-1-1	Accomadation - General	45-1-7	Accounts General
6-1-2	" "	45-1-8	" "
7-1-1	Accomadation & Quartering	45-1-9	" "
8-2-1	" "	45-1-10	" "
14-1-1	" "	45-1-12	" "
15-1-1	" "	45-1-13	" "
15-1-2	" "	45-1-14	" "
17-1-1	" "	45-1-15	" "
37-1-1	Accounting Procedures	45-2-1	" "
37-1-2	" "	51-1-1	Accreditation
38-1-3	Accounting Stocktakes	52-1-1	Acts and Regs/Ord
38-1-7	" "	54-1-1	Admin
38-1-11	" "	54-1-2	"
38-1-20	" "	54-1-3	"
38-1-22	" "	54-1-4	"
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38-1-27	" "	54-1-9	"
38-1-29	Accounting General	54-1-10	"
38-1-36	" "	57-1-1	Aides - De - Camp
38-67-1	Accounting Stocktakes	58-67-18	Accounting
38-67-7	" "	59-1-6	Airfields General
45-1-15	Accounts General	59-1-7	" "
38-67-21	Accounting Stocktakes	64-1-1	Alliances
38-67-28	" "	65-1-1	Allowances
38-67-29	" "	65-1-5	"
38-67-30	" "	65-1-6	"
38-67-31	" "	65-1-8	"
39-1-2	" "	65-8-2	"
39-7-1	" " write offs	65-8-7	"
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39-7-24	" " " "	66-1-3	Amenties
40-2-1	" " " "	66-1-8	"
45-1-1	Accounts General	66-1-11	Concert Parties
45-1-2	Accounts General	66-1-16	Amenties
45-1-4	Accounts General	66-1-26	"
45-1-5	Accounts General	68-W-43	Personal

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68-W-57	Personal	198-1-7	Communications - Telephone
68-Y-4	"	198-1-8	" "
76-1-1	Appeals	198-2-1	" "
76-2-1	"	203-1-1	Furniture - General
77-1-2	Appointment Changes	206-1-1	Compensation - Property
78-1-1	" "	206-1-3	" "
78-2-1	" "	206-1-4	" "
78-2-4	Appointments & Promotions	206-1-5	" "
79-1-1	" "	206-1-6	" "
79-1-2	" "	206-1-2	Compensation - General
79-1-3	" "	211-1-3	Competitions & Trophies
79-2-3	" "	232-1-1	Contracts & Tenders General
79-2-4	" "	237-1-2	Correspondence - General
79-3-5	" "	237-1-5	" "
79-3-6	" "	237-2-1	" "
79-3-8	" "	241-1-5	Courier Service General
82-1-2	" "	242-1-1	Courts Civil General
93-1-2	Areas	243-1-5	Courts Martial General
98-2-1	Attendance	243-1-12	" "
104-2-2	Audit Reports	243-5-1	Courts Martial Procedures
104-2-3	" "	257-1-3	Delegation General
104-2-6	" "	274-2-3	Displays & Demonstrations
104-2-20	" "	274-2-4	" "
104-2-23	" "	274-3-8	" "
104-2-25	" "	274-3-16	Displays
111-1-1	Bands	274-3-17	"
111-1-2		274-5-1	"
142-1-12	Camps	274-5-2	"
153-3-2	Canteens	274-5-3	"
153-3-3	"	201-3-1	Dumps General
153-3-4	"	284-1-1	Education General
160-1-1	Catering	284-1-2	" "
169-1-1	Census	284-1-4	" "
170-3-1	Charters	284-2-4	Education
173-1-1	Circulars - TAG	284-2-5	Education General
173-1-11	" "	288-1-6	Elections General
177-1-1	Cleaning Services	288-1-8	" "
179-1-1	Clubs RSL	288-1-10	" "
179-1-1(2)	"	288-2-1	" "
179-1-3	Clubs General	288-6-1	" "
198-1-3	Communication - Telephone	295-1-1	Enlistment General
198-1-6	" "	295-2-2	" "

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310-1-36	Establishments Strengths General	490-1-2	Legal General
310-1-37	" " "	490-1-3	"
343-1-1	Examinations General	490-1-4	"
343-4-2	" "	490-1-5	"
343-4-3	" "	490-1-7	"
343-5-1	" "	490-1-8	"
343-5-5	" "	490-1-9	"
343-5-11	" "	490-1-10	"
357-1-17	Finance General	493-1-1	Library General
357-1-14B	" "	494-1-2	Lighting & Power
357-2-1	Finance	494-1-3	"
357-5-1	Finance Funds	495-1-5	lists General
357-5-10	Finance General	495-1-8	Lists General
357-5-11	Finance General	499-1-7	Mail & Postal General
361-1-1	Finance Delegations	499-1-8	Mail & Postal
357-5-13A	Loss of Postal Stationary	499-1-9	Mail & Postal
357-5-16	Finance Funds	499-2-2	Mail & Postal
357-5-17	" "	499-2-4	Mail & Postal
357-9-1	Finance	535-1-3	Messing General
444-1-2	Holidays General	535-1-4	"
454-1-6	Hygiene & Sanitation General	535-1-5	"
478-1-6	Investigations General	535-1-6	"
478-1-9	" "	535-1-7	"
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478-1-41	" "	545-1-10	Ministerial General
478-1-43	" "	545-1-13	"
478-1-44	" "	553-1-3	Movements General
478-1-45	" "	553-2-1	Movements Air
478-1-50	" "	553-2-3	"
478-1-51	" "	553-4-1	Movement Road
478-1-54	" "	559-1-1	Navigation General
478-1-60	" "	564-2-1	Numbering Military Personal
478-1-84	" "	571-1-20	Orders & Instructions General
478-1-85	" "	571-1-21	" "
478-1-80	" "	571-1-23	" "
478-1-89	" "	571-1-27	" "
478-1-106	" "	571-2-19	" "
478-1-128	" "	571-2-20	" administrative
487-11-3	Leave Military	571-2-21	" "

571-2-22	Orders & Instructions	Administrative			
571-2-23	"	"	"	654-1-18	Personal Military General
571-2-24	"	"	"	654-1-19	" " "
571-2-25	"	"	"	654-1-20	" " "
571-7-1	"	"	Finance	654-1-21	" " "
571-10-1	"	"	"	654-1-22	" " "
571-10-3	"	"	"	654-1-23	" " "
574-10-4	"	"	"	654-1-24	" " "
572-1-4	Standing Orders			654-1-25	" " "
572-1-12	Orders & Instructions	General		654-1-26	" " "
572-1-15	Orders & Instructions	SO		654-1-27	" " "
572-1-16	"	"	"	654-1-28	" " "
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579-1-16	Organization	General		654-1-30	" " "
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579-1-18	"	"		654-1-32	" " "
579-1-19	"	"		654-1-45	" " "
519-1-20	"	"		654-16-1	Personal Officers
579-1-23	"	"		655-5-1	Philanthropic Org
579-1-33	"	"		664-67-2A	Postings General
579-1-42	"	"		666-70-3	Postings ORs' General
579-1-44	"	"		666-69-6	" "
579-1-45	"	"		666-68-6	" "
579-1-48	"	"		646-68-11	" "
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612-1-1	Seniority	General		666-69-16	" "
615-1-1	"	"		666-68-17	" "
615-1-Part2	"	"		681-1-2	" "
615-1-3	"	"		681-1-3	" "
654-1-39	Personal	General		684-1-1	Property Damages
617-1-8	Patrols	General		684-1-2	" "
617-1-10	"	"		684-2-1	" "
622-1-2	Pay & Allotments	General		684-2-2	" "
632-1-1	Penfriends	General		684-2-3	" "
654-1-14	Personal Military	General		696-1-2	Publications Military
654-1-15	"	"		696-1-3	" "
654-1-16	"	"		696-1-4	" "
654-1-17	"	"		696-1-5	" "
654-1-18	"	"		696-1-6	" "

696-1-7	Publications Military	751-1-2	Security General
699-1-1	Quarantine General	772-1-2	Targets General
701-1-1	Radiation General	793-1-1	Loss theft general
702-1-1	Railways General	to	
706-1-1	Records General	793-1-775	Loss theft general
707-1-4	" "	815-1-7	Training Courses
711-1-1	Recruiting General	815-1-3	" "
713-1-1	Red Cross General	815-1-4	" "
719-1-2	Religion General	815-1-5	" "
720-1-1	Removal & Storage General	815-1-6	" "
722-1-2	Replacement Relief	815-1-8	" "
722-1-3	Replacement Relief	815-1-9	" "
722-1-8	" "	828-1-1	Training
722-1-10	" "	828-1-2	"
723-1-26	Reports General	829-1-1	"
723-1-37	" "	834-1-1	"
723-1-45	Catering Reports	835-1-1	"
723-1-46	" "	843-1-3	"
781-1-1	Statements equipment	841-1-4	"
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788-1-1	Survey General	845-1-1	"
788-1-3	" "	845-1-4	"
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789-1-1	Titles General	983-1-4	Stores & Equipment
791-1-2	Taxation General	845-8-1	Training
791-1-1	Terminology General	845-8-2	"
791-1-2	" "	845-68-1	"
792-2-1	" "	846-8-1	"
798-2-2	Training	849-70-1	"
733-1-1	Returns General	850-1-1	"
733-1-3	Returns General	850-1-2	"
733-1-5	Returns General	850-1-3	"
733-1-9	Returns General	852-1-2	"
733-1-10	Returns General	852-1-3	"
739-1-1	Roads & Bridges	852-1-5	"
746-2-1	Safety	852-1-7	"
746-2-2	Safety	852-1-8	"
750-1-13	Theft of Cameras	852-1-9	"
750-1-14	Security General	852-1-10	"
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855-43-1	Training	980-300-18	Stores & Eqpt
856-1-1	Transfer & Retensions	980-300-19	" "
861-1-2	Transportation General	980-300-20	" "
861-1-3	Transportation General	980-300-21	" "
861-1-4	Transportation General	980-300-22	" "
861-1-5	Transportation General	980-300-23	" "
810-1-18	Training General	980-300-24	" "
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810-4-2	" "	980-300-27	" "
810-4-3	" "	980-300-28	" "
810-4-5	" "	980-300-29	" "
901-1-4	Works General	980-300-30	" "
980-1-6	Stores Eqpt	980-300-31	" "
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980-1-25	"	980-300-44	" "
980-1-31	"	980-300-45	" "
980-1-50	"	980-300-46	" "
980-90-8	"	980-300-47	" "
980-90-9	"	980-300-48	" "
980-90-11	"	980-300-49	" "
980-182-1	"	980-300-50	" "
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980-500-64	" "	983-1-14	" "
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981-1-2	" "	983-1-21	" "
992-1-3	RAASC Supplies	983-1-22	" "
981-1-3	Stores & Equipment	983-1-23	" "
981-1-4	" "	983-1-7	" "
981-1-8	" "	983-1-10	" "
981-1-30	" "	985-1-8	Equipment Tables General
981-1-31	" "	985-1-11	" "
981-1-32	" "	985-1-33	" "
981-1-36	" "	986-1-1	" "
981-1-46	" "	990-1-2	RAASC Supplies
981-2-1	" "	990-1-3	" "
			Stores & Equipment

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980-500-1	" "	2300-3-5	Motor Vehicles
901-1-6	Works General	2320-7-1	Trucks Tractors
1000-5-3	Weapons	2320-9-1	Trucks Tractors
1000-11-5	Weapons	2320-11-2	Trucks Tractors
1005-60-6	Small Arms	2320-11-3	Trucks Tractors
1005-60-3	Small Arms	2320-41-4	Trucks Tractors
1005-60-4	Small Arms	2320-61-2	Trucks Tractors
1015-1-2	Guns	2320-61-3	Trucks Tractors
1015-1-3	Guns	3439-1-1	Misc Welding
1300-6-1	Ammunition & Explosives	3720-2-1	Harvesting Equipment
1370-1-2	Flares Aircraft	4320-8-1	Power and Hand Pumps
1377-7-3	Pyro Technics	4500-1-1	Plumbing & Hand Pumps
1375-26-3	Explosives	5820-136-2	Radio Equipment
2300-3-4	Motor Vehicles	5820-130-4	Radio Equipment
5840-21-4	Radar Equipment	6920-5-1	Armament Trg Devices
5840-21-8	Radar Equipment	7310-1-1	" "
6115-2-5	Generators	7310-2-2	" "
6500-1-1	Medical Stores	7430-4-1	Typewriters & Equipment
6605-4-2	Navigational Instruments	7530-43-2	Stationery & Record forms
6620-2-1	Electrical Prop	7610-1-1	Books and Pamphlets
6650-2-1	Optical Intruments	7610-1-5	" "
6665-12-1	Hazard Detecting Instruments	8400-1-1	Clothing & Indiv Equipment
6665-12-1	" " "	8400-1-4	" " "
6730-1-1	Photographic Equipment	8400-1-8	" " "
6730-4-1	Projecting Equipment	8415-4-1	Clothing
6690-1-1	Training aids & Devices	8415-1-5	Clothing
		9150-2-1	Lubricating

ANNEX N TO COMMANDER'S DIARY HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 TO 15

OTHER PAPERS, EG MAPS AND DIAGRAMS, AIR

PHOTOS, REPORTS FROM SUB UNITS

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

BRIGADIER B.A. McDONALD OBE, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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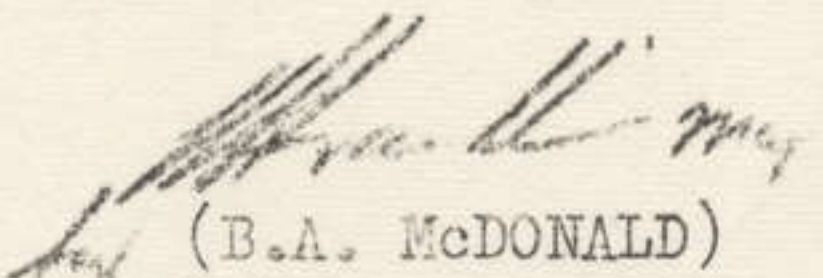
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ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

168. ADMINISTRATION OF COMMAND - 1 ATF

During the absence of Brig B.A. McDonald, OBE, MC, from 2000 hours 3 Sep 71 to 1730 hours 10 Sep 71, command of 1 ATF is to be administered by 1120 Col D.D. Weir, MBE.


(B.A. McDONALD)
Brig
Comd 1 ATF

NOTICES

MAIL AND POSTAL-GENERAL
DISTRIBUTION AND DESPATCH OF MAIL - SEPTEMBER 1971

1. The following is a list of mail delivery and departure timings for Sep 71.

<u>Date Airmail delivered to Unit</u>	<u>Date Airmail despatched to Sydney - ex Saigon</u>
Wed 1 Sep PM	Thu 22 Sep Charter
Thu 2 Sep PM	Fri 3 Sep
Sat 4 Sep	Sat 4 Sep
Sun 5 Sep	Mon 6 Sep
Mon 6 Sep PM	Thu 9 Sep Charter
Tue 7 Sep	Fri 10 Sep
Wed 8 Sep PM	Sat 11 Sep
Thu 9 Sep PM	Mon 13 Sep
Sat 11 Sep	Thu 16 Sep Charter
Sun 12 Sep	Fri 17 Sep
Mon 13 Sep PM	Sat 18 Sep
Tue 14 Sep	Mon 20 Sep
Wed 15 Sep PM	Thu 23 Sep Charter
Thu 16 Sep PM	Fri 24 Sep
Sat 18 Sep	Sat 25 Sep
Sun 19 Sep	Mon 27 Sep
Mon 20 Sep PM	Thu 30 Sep Charter
Tue 21 Sep	
Wed 22 Sep PM	...
Thu 23 Sep PM	.../ <u>Date Airmail delivered....</u>
Fri 24 Sep	
Sat 25 Sep	
Sun 26 Sep	
Mon 27 Sep	
Tue 28 Sep	
Wed 29 Sep	
Thu 30 Sep	

Date Airmail
delivered to Unit (cont)

Tue 21 Sep
Wed 22 Sep PM
Thu 23 Sep PM
Sat 25 Sep
Sun 26 Sep
Mon 27 Sep PM
Tue 28 Sep
Wed 29 Sep PM
Thu 30 Sep PM

2. Mail will not be despatched to Australia via Da Nang on Tuesday nights. This despatch has had to be cancelled as a result of revised flight schedules between Saigon and Da Nang. However, incoming mail from Australia will still move through Da Nang on both Sunday and Tuesday nights. It is expected that this mail will be delivered to units on Mondays and Wednesdays respectively.

3. This notice is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

GOLDFINGER TOURS

Goldfinger Tours previously conducted by 1 Aust CA Unit are now cancelled with effect from 27 Aug 71.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY -
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

COLONEL D.D. WEIR, MBE

ADMINISTERING COMMAND 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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Number 169

ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

169.

DISPOSAL OF UNIFORM CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

1. No member of 1 ATF is to dispose of any article of uniform clothing or equipment to any person who is not a member of AFV.
2. The expression "dispose of" includes passing over to another person by way of sale, gift, exchange, pledge, deposit, issue or mere discard where the reject article may be readily acquired by unauthorised persons.
3. Items of clothing and equipment authorised to be written off must be first be rendered unadaptable for any kind of future service use.
4. This order is to be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.

D.D. Weir
(D.D. WEIR)
Col
Admin Comd 1 ATF

NOTICE

DAMAGE TO CASSETTE VOICE TAPES DURING TRANSMISSION BY POST

1. Personnel are reminded that Cassette Voice Tapes are liable to damage when being date stamped by members of the Army Postal Service or by PMG Australia. All possible care is to be taken by these personnel when handling such articles. However, instances where the fragile outer case is being broken during transit are still being reported.
2. The sender has the responsibility to correctly pack his or her article to ensure that the contents are not damaged during transit. Therefore the following are guidelines that should be observed when packing cassette tapes.
 - a. Enclose the cassette in a strong box or container, or
 - b. Wrap several layers of corrugated board around the cassette before final wrapping, or
 - c. Attach a tie-on label to the package. If a tie-on label is used, the name and address of the addressee should also appear on the article.

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BY

BRIGADIER B.A. McDONALD OBE. MC
COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

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Number 170

11 SEP 71

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

170.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT - 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

The results of examination in Subject A, B and C for promotion to the rank of Sergeant, held at 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on 31 Jul 71, are given at Annex A.

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(B.A. McDONALD)
Brig
Comd

RESULTS OF ARA EXAMINATION IN SUBJECTS A, B, C FOR PROMOTION
TO SGT (RA INF) CONDUCTED BY 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN
NUI DAT SOUTH VIETNAM ON 31 JUL 71

(P= Pass)

(N= Fail)

Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Corps	Results		
					A	B	C
15578	Sgt	E.A. Chapman	4 RAR/NZ	RAAMC	P	-	-
54227	Sgt	B.L. Culling	"	RA Inf	-	P	-
1200691	Sgt	L.G. Clem	"	RAEME	P	-	-
37004	Sgt	J.C. Hall	"	AACC	-	P	-
441053	Sgt	D.A. Jenkin	"	RA Inf	-	P	-
217394	Sgt	J.C. Jensen	"	RA Inf	-	-	P
38794	Sgt	J.C. Ryan	"	AACC	-	P	-
216472	Sgt	R.P. Vikuokis	"	RA Inf	-	P	-
39338	Cpl	J.A. Bonifaoe	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
16983	Cpl	J.R. Darlington	"	RA Inf	-	P	P
54342	Cpl	P. Howieson	"	RA Inf	P	-	P
5713892	Cpl	H.J. Mathews	"	RA Inf	-	P	P
54696	Cpl	W.D. Mawmill	"	RA Inf	P	-	P
214148	Cpl	J.E. McKinley	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
217392	Cpl	C.R. McKenzie	"	RA Inf	P	-	P
1200179	Cpl	R. McGregor	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
1731469	Cpl	R.V. Gahan	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
16200	Cpl	W.J. Porter	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
1200090	Cpl	L.R. Raisin	"	RA Inf	-	P	-
47738	Cpl	B.J. Rush	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
217423	Cpl	H.R. Soelberg	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
1732535	Cpl	G.A. Spiers	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
1202914	WO2	D.A. Thoreson	"	RA Inf	-	P	-
5713990	Cpl	J.M. Williams	"	RA Inf	P	P	-
2192218	Cpl	T.J. Willoughby	"	RA Inf	P	P	P
215079	Cpl	A.L. Wilkes	"	RA Inf	P	-	P

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BRIGADIER B.A. McDONALD OBE, MC

COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT

Serial 55
Number 171

20 SEP 71

ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

171. POLICY ON EXTENSION OF SERVICE - ARAS (NS)

Application for Extension

1. NSM who wish to extend their service in the ARAS (NS) are to apply to their COs on the form at Annex B to MBI 154-1.
2. Where members of NS Intakes 4/69, 1/70, 2/70, and 3/70 apply for extension which makes their total service in excess of 27 months, they are to sign part 5 of Annex B to MBI 154-1, as amended by ARO 128/70. It should be noted that for service exceeding 27 months the contract of employment and NS moratorium will be forfeit
3. COs may approve extensions for Corporals and below. Sergeants and above require approval by HQ AFV.

Cancellations of Extensions already Approved

4. Because of the reduction in the period of National Service, some NSM who have previously applied for an extension and had it approved, may now wish to apply for cancellation of such an extension. The procedure to be followed is:
 - a. A formal written request to cancel, is to be forwarded to HQ AFV through normal channels.
 - b. If the member has not commenced to serve such period of extension and he can be RTA 4 weeks before he so commences, his extension may be cancelled by HQ AFV.
 - c. If the member has commenced to serve his extension or he cannot RTA 4 weeks before so commencing, he may apply for discharge at his own request. Such applications will be considered on their merits and, where recommended at HQ AFV, will be forwarded to AHQ for decision.

B.A. McDonald
for (B.A. McDONALD)
Brig
Comd

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COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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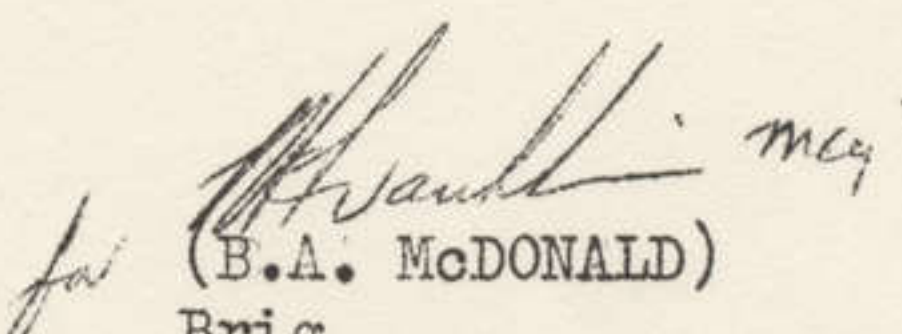
ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

172. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS - CHLOROQUINE/PRIMAQUINE COURSE

1. Because some members have their date for return to Australia postponed or brought forward sometime during their Chloroquine/Primaquine Course (Happy Pills), they either complete their course before return to Australia or complete it after arrival in Australia. In these instances, the following is to be done:

- a. For those that return to Australia before completing the course, the course **is to be continued to completion after arrival in Australia.**
- b. Those that complete their course before returning to Australia are to revert to taking two Paludrine tablets daily until they return to Australia. Dapsone is not to be taken in this case.

2. The taking of the Chloroquine/Primaquine tablets is to be supervised and recorded in a similar way to the taking of Paludrine tablets.

for  *mcg*
(B.A. McDONALD)
Brig
Comd

NOTICE

TROPICAL DISEASES AFTER RTA.

1. Very occasionally, tropical diseases and illnesses can occur several months after personnel return to a temperate climate from the tropics. The symptoms of these tropical diseases and illnesses cannot always be found during the routine RTA medical examination.
2. All members are to be advised that if, after they return to Australia, they become sick enough to consult a doctor, then they should inform him that they have recently returned from a tour of duty in South Vietnam. This will make the doctor aware that the symptoms displayed by the member may be those of a tropical disease or illness not normally experienced in Australia.
3. The substance of this notice is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders and promulgated to all ranks.

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RESTRICTED
AUSTRALIAN ARMY
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY
BRIGADIER B.A. McDONALD OBE, MC
COMMANDER 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

NUI DAT
27 SEP 71

Serial: 57
Number: 173-175

ADJUTANT GENERALS BRANCH

173. DISCIPLINE - GAMBLING

Reference: AMR & O 322.

1. No member is to gamble in any camp or other military premises or on any ship or aircraft carrying troops. Gambling includes bookmaking and acting as an agent for a bookmaker.
2. Disciplinary action is to be taken where breaches of this order are detected.
3. This routine order is to be republished in Unit routine orders in Oct 71.
4. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 No 95 dated 27 Apr 71 is cancelled.

174. DISCIPLINE - INTOXICATING LIQUOR

Reference: A. AFV (Army Component) Routine Order Part 1 No 221, dated 23 Sep 71.
B. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 No 165 dated 21 Aug 71.

1. The attention of all ranks is to be directed to the requirements of Reference B with regard to the sale, consumption and possession of intoxicating liquor by members of 1 ATF.

175. DRESS FOR 1 ATF

Reference: A. AFV (Army Component) Routine Orders Part 1 No 22 dated 23 Sep 71.
B. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 No 149 dated 7 Aug 71.

1. The attention of all ranks is to be directed to the requirements of Reference B with regard to dress within 1 ATF.
2. Members of 1 ATF are not to wear beads, necklaces, headbands or other 'HIPPIE' items of clothing or adornment.
3. This Routine Order is to be republished in Unit Routine Orders in Oct 71.

B.A. McDonald
for (B.A. McDONALD)
Brig
Comd

RESTRICTED

NOTICE

MAIL AND POSTAL - GENERAL
DISTRIBUTION AND DISPATCH OF MAIL - OCTOBER 1971

The following is a list of mail delivery and departure timings for October 71:

<u>Date Airmail</u> <u>delivered to Unit</u>	<u>Date Airmail despatched</u> <u>to Sydney - ex Saigon/Da Nang</u>
Sat 2 Oct	Sat 2 Oct
Sun 3 Oct	Sun 3 Oct Via Da Nang
Mon 4 Oct PM	Mon 4 Oct
Tue 5 Oct	Wed 6 Oct
Wed 6 Oct PM	Thu 7 Oct Charter
Thu 7 Oct PM	Sat 9 Oct
Sun 10 Oct	Sun 10 Oct Via Da Nang
Mon 11 Oct PM	Mon 11 Oct
Tue 12 Oct	Wed 13 Oct
Thu 14 Oct AM	Thu 14 Oct Charter
Thu 14 Oct PM	Sat 16 Oct
Sun 17 Oct	Sun 17 Oct Via Da Nang
Mon 18 Oct PM	Mon 18 Oct
Tue 19 Oct	Wed 20 Oct
Thu 21 Oct AM	Thu 21 Oct Charter
Thu 21 Oct PM	Sun 24 Oct Via Da Nang
Sun 24 Oct	Mon 25 Oct
Mon 25 Oct PM	Wed 27 Oct
Tue 26 Oct	Thu 28 Oct Charter
Thu 28 Oct AM	
Thu 28 Oct PM	

MESSAGE FORM

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FOR COMMUNICATIONS USE

PRECEDENCE-ACTION <i>ROUTINE</i>	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP <i>20300 Z</i>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS <i>(SEPT)</i>
FROM: <i>1 ATG</i>			PROFIL <i>GR</i>
TO: <i>AUST-ORCE VIETNAM</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>CONFIDENTIAL</i>
INFO:			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>SD 1509</i>

VISIT BY MAJ R CLARK J10 DEPT OF DEFENCE (.) YOUR SD 12878 OF 310440Z AUG REFERS (.) VISIT CONVENIENT (.) RECEPTION AND ACCN ARRANGED


PAGE <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> PAGE	REFERS TO MESSAGE <i>SD 12878</i>	DRAFTER'S NAME <i>MUNRO</i>	OFFICE <i>CS03 (UNT) EBONT 30</i>	TEL. NO.
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FOR OPERATOR'S USE				
R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR
				<i>D</i>

MY FORM 53

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE - INFO ROUTINE	DATE-TIME GROUP 04 0700Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS (SEP 71)
FROM: IAF		PRIORITY CR	
TO: AUSTALIA VIETNAM		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED	
INFO: AUSTEMBA.		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER SD 1529	

VISIT ROFE AND LANGTRY @ ORIGINAL ACCEPTANCE OF VISIT IN TELEPHONE DISCUSSION DCOMD AND MIL ATTACHE CMM WAS CONDITIONAL ON AVAILABILITY OF MACV HEL TO OVERFLY TAOR AND DELIVER PAX TO ST KILDAD IF MACV HEL IS NOT AVAILABLE CMM AIR RECCO OF TAOR IS NOT ON THOUGH MOV OF VISITORS BY RAAF HEL TO ALSO WILL STILL BE OK

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES	REFERS TO MESSAGE	DRAFTER'S NAME WEIR	OFFICE A/COMD	TEL. NO. EB49
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Headquarters
1st Australian Task Force
NUI DAT

4 Sep 71


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List C
Aust Liaison Officer TRAC LBN SVN (2)

ITINERARY
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G4 TRAC
COL L.D. PRATHER
8 SEP 71

Serial (a)	Time (b)	Activity (c)	Remarks (d)
1	1500	Land KANGA	Met by LO to D Comd, 2Lt J. MUIR.
2	1505	Arrive HQ 1 ATF	Coffee/Cold drinks served in briefing room. Officers Mess to provide.
3	1510	Ops briefing	GS03 (Ops) Capt E.P.M. ESMONDE.
4	1520	Log briefing	DAQMG Maj R.J. HILDER.
5	1545	Tour NUI DAT	Maj HILDER to accompany. Tour to include wash point, packaging activities and other points of interest depending on time available. LO to task Tpt.
6	1630	Board aircraft at KANGA	

Note: Aust Liaison Officer TRAC is requested to advise number of persons in party as soon as this is known.


(B.W. McFARLANE)

Maj
GS02 (Ops)

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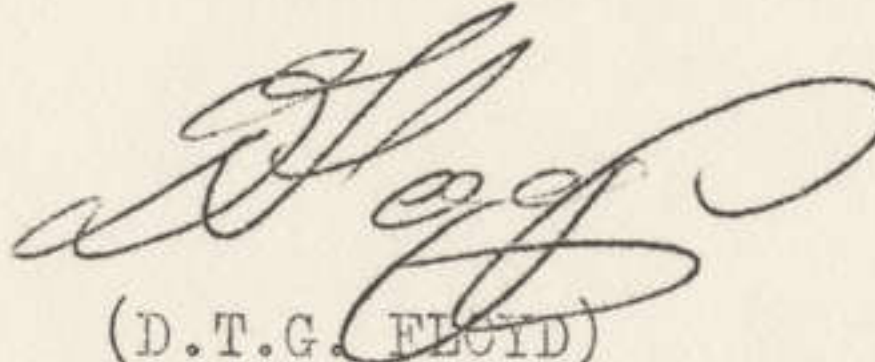
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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
COL A.W.F. ROPE & COL J. LANGTRY
13 SEP 71

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	Event (c)	Remarks (d)
1	131000H	Arrive KANGA MACV hel.	1. Met by Capt D.T.G. FLOYD. 2. Tpt at flags 0945 hrs. 3. VIP veh to be provided.
2	131005H- 131045H	Discussions with D Comd.	4. Tpt at flags 09 35 hrs.
3	131045H- 131130H	Tour of NUI DAT area.	5. Escorted by Capt G.R.A. DODDS.
4	131130H	Tour of Province MACV hel.	6. Overfly areas of interest only.


(D.T.G. FLOYD)
Capt
For A/Comd

Distribution:

HQ Coy 1 ATF
List C

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MESSAGE FORM

THE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

PRECEDENCE	MESSAGE NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	MESSAGE REFERENCES
ROUTINE		00005Z SEP 71	
FROM:	IAAF		OR
TO:	USMC FORCE VIETNAM		SECRET CLASSIFICATION
INFO:			RESTRICTED
			OPERATORS USE ONLY
			S 1546

VISIT TO IAAF BY COMD 28 AVIATION BDE
 SINGAPORE COM BRIG WASH (1) REF YEAR
 SB 12995 OF 030030Z SEP 71 (1) VISIT
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9 Sep 71

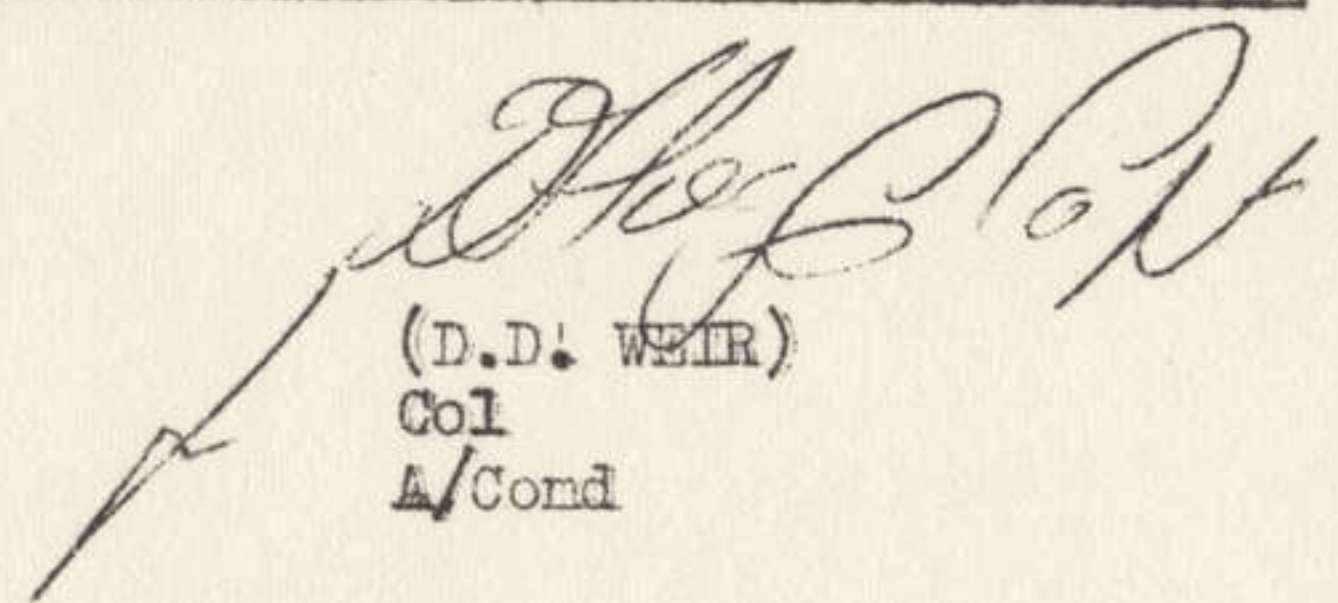
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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MAJ GEN G.F.T. RICHARDSON
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
11 SEP - 12 SEP 71

See Distribution List

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	111600H	Depart St KILDA, accompanied by Col J.G. HOOTON	1. GS02(Air) to task heli 2. Comd veh with 2 star plate and pennant at flags at 1555 hrs
2.	111610H	Arrive KANGA	3. Met by Comd
3.	111615H-111700H	Discussions with Comd 1 ATF	
4.	111700H-111730H	Comds Conference	
5.	111730H-120845H	Dinner and Remain overnight	4. QMG's Acom with D Comd. Col J.G. HOOTON with CD 12 Fd Regt RAA.
6.	120845H-121000H	Ops/Int Briefing and Withdrawal Planning Brief	5. Capt E.P. ESMONDE briefing Offr. 6. DAQMG and DAAG to attend 7. Coffee for IO to be at LO's office at 0900 hrs 8. Tpt at flags at 0945 hrs
7.	121005H-121020H	Enroute to HQ 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	9. GS02(Air) to task heli 10. Tpt released until 1145 hrs.
8.	121020H-121100H	Visit HQ 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	11. Met by Lt Col J.C. HUGHES 12. Briefing on OP SIT required
9.	121105H-121115H	Enroute to FSB ROBIN	

10.	121115H-121145H	Visit FSB ROBIN	13. Met by Rep 12 Fd Regt RAA
11.	121145H-121200H	Enroute to KANGA	14. Tpt at KANGA at 1145 hrs
12.	121205H-121330H	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Offrs: Mess	15. Tpt at flags at 1330 hrs
13.	121335H-121350H	Visit veh wash point	16. DAQMG to be present
14.	121350H-121400H	Enroute to 3 RAR	
15.	121400H-121445H	Visit 3 RAR	17. Met by Lt Col F.P. SCOTT 18. Briefing on OP SIT required
16.	121445H-121450H	Enroute to Packaging Sect TEMA	19. DAQMG to be present
17.	121450H-121500H	Visit Packaging Sect	19. DAQMG to be present
18.	121500H-121510H	Enroute to JWTC	
19.	121510H-121600H	Visit JWTC	20. Met by Cond JWTC and Senior Aust Advisor Lt Col K.H. KIRKLAND
20.	121600H	Depart JWTC by MACW Hel	


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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
ADMIRAL SIR VICTOR SMITH CB, CBE, DSC
CHAIRMAN OF THE CHIEF'S OF STAFF COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE CANBERRA

Serial (a)	Date Time (b)	Event (c)	Remarks (d)
1.	240930H	Arrive Kanga by MACV Hel accompanied by COMAFV and ADC.	1. Met by Comd. 2. Tpt required at flags at 0915hr. 3. Comds veh with 4 star plate and one VIP veh required. 4. Provost traffic control in position by 0920hr.
2.	240935H 241020H	Briefing and discussion with Comd on Ops, Int and Wdr plans.	5. Briefing Offr Capt E.P. Esmonde. 6. CO 12 Fd Regt RAA to be present. 7. Provost released until 1010hr. 8. Tpt released until 1005hr. 9. Coffee/Tea to be served in LO's office by 0930hr.
3.	241025H 241040H	En Route to Courtenay.	10. GS02 (AIR) to task Hel (Chase aircraft required).
4.	241040H 241115H	Visit HQ 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn.	11. Met by Lt Col J.C. Hughes. 12. Briefing on OPSIT required.
5.	241115H 241130H	Enroute to Yen Bai.	13. Tpt to report to Yen Bai at 1115hr.

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6.	241130H 241200H	Visit JWTC	14. As arranged by JWTC 15. Provost traffic control in position by 1150hr.
7.	241215H 241345H	Lunch HQ 1ATF Offrs' Mess	16. Met by PMC. 17. Lt Col F.P. Scott, Mess guest 18. Tpt at flags at 1340hr. 19. Provost traffic control in position by 1345hr.
8.	241400H	Depart by 1ATF hel for St Kilda	20. GS02 (Air) to task hel (chase aircraft required). 21. CO AATTV to accompany CCS.



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Capt
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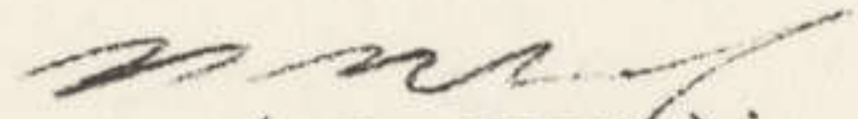
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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MAJ GEN LAM QUANG THO
22 SEP 71

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	221400H	Arrive KANGA	1. Met by Comd. 2. Tpt at flags 1345hrs.
2	221405H-221420H	Discussion with Comd	
3	221420H-221500H	Brief on situation and visit CP and G (Int)	1. Briefing Officer Capt E.P. Esmonde. 4. Prep of briefing room: GSO 3 (Int).
4	221505H	Depart KANGA	5. Tpt at Flags 1455hrs.


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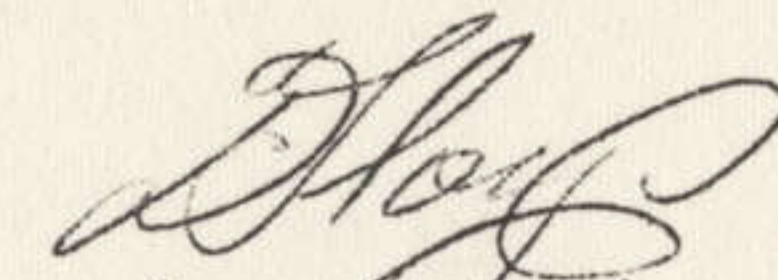
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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
MR P. LUCOCK MP
23 SEP 71

15 Sep 71

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	230930H	Arrive KANGA by MACV hel.	1. Met by D Comd. 2. Tpt at Flags 0915 hrs.
2	230935H- 231030H	Brief on situation and visit CP and Air Cell	3. Briefing offr Capt E.P. ESMONDE. 4. Preparation of briefing room : GS03 (Int) 5. Tpt at Flags 1020 hrs.
3	231035H- 231210H	Tour of Province.	6. Accompanied by Comd/D Comd. 7. Route and Timings: a. COURTENAY - 1050-1130 hrs. b. FSB ROBIN - 1140-1200 hrs. 8. Tpt at KANGA 1200 hrs.
4	231210H- 231330H	Lunch HQ 1 ATF Offrs' Mess.	9. PMC.
5	231335H- 231530H	GOLDFINGER Tour	10. As arranged by CO 1 Aust CA Unit. 11. Tpt provided by HQ 1 ATF.
6	231530H- 231555H	Discussions with D Comd.	
7	231600H	Depart KANGA for StKILDA.	12. GS02 (Air) to task ALBATROSS.



(D.T.G. FLOYD)
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VISIT TO 1 ATF BY
LT GEN SIR LEONARD THORNTON KCB, CBE
CHIEF OF NZ DEFENCE STAFF
4 OCT 71

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	Event (c)	Remarks (d)
1.	041400H	Arrive KANGA by MACV hel. Accompanied by Col M. M. Kennedy MBE, Lt Col V.B. Brown, Capt Hornbrock and PR Offr.	1. Met by Comd and Maj D.S. McIVER. 2. Tpt required, two VIP vehicles, one with three star plate. 3. Tpt at FLAGS 1345 hrs. 4. Provost Traffic Control in position 1350 hrs.
2.	041405H-- 041425H	Discussions with Comd 1 ATF	5. Briefing room to be prepared by Int.
3.	041425H-- 041440H	Discussions with Offrs of NZ elm of TF at HQ 1 ATF Officers' mess.	6. Offrs as nominated by Maj D.S. McIVER to attend. 7. Tea/Coffee to be available at 1420 hrs. PMC responsible.
4.	041445H	Depart KANGA by MACV hel.	8. Tpt at FLAGS 1430 hrs. 9. Provost Traffic Control in position by 1435 hrs.

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(D.T.G. FLOYD)
Capt
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