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Annex E-N

[1-31 Dec 1967]

ANNEX E TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 67 TO 31 DEC 67

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2 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
010001H to 012400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt complete 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 149 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Bty RAA, FSPB ALPHA YS3974; 108 Bty RAA, YS495620; Remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 2035H at YS558588 10/D Coy contacted 2 or 3 VC with no known result. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS553630; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS514665; D Coy YS573613; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 2110H at YS393745 A Coy contacted 2 VC, results are unknown. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB ALPHA YS3974; B Coy YS324717; C Coy YS342745; D Coy YS329739.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant air strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1755H	YS666786	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 military structure destroyed 2 military structures damaged 30 metres trench uncovered
0906H	YS666766	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 foxholes damaged, 50 metres trench exposed
1225H	YS337776	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 small secondary explosion with white smoke to 200 ft

(g) 1 Aust CA Unit conducted MEDCAPS at ONG TRINH YS268669 and PHU MY YS254745.

(h) Psy Ops period 25 Nov 67 - 1 Dec 67

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1 Five leaflet drops were made in the NUI DINH/NUI THI VAI area centre of mass YS310680 in support of 7 RAR contacts.

2 Nine Voice missions were flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

9 villages in the Province.

a Rice denial tapes were played over

YS254745.

b A MEDCAP tape was played over PHU MY

c Four different tapes were played over the NUI DINH/NUI THI VAI area centre of mass YS310680 including one made by a rallier from D445 Battalion.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

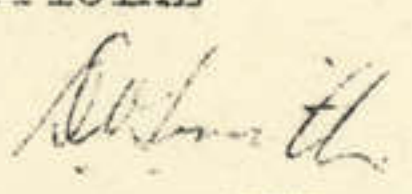
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3 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
020001H to 022400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt complete 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 139 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA FSPB ALPHA YS3974; 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; Remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1030H at YS579593 12/D Coy contacted 6 VC resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA and 3 weapons captured. At 1950H at YS485619 V Coy contacted 5 VC with unknown result. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS553629; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS514665; D Coy YS574606; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At YS324714 B Coy found a coy size VC camp. In the area they found 1 shotgun, 1 SMG and some CHICOM stick grenades. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSPB ALPHA YS3974; B Coy YS324716; C Coy YS342745; D Coy YS325755.

(e) Air Support: Significant air strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1555H	YS669753	VC Base camp	3 bunkers uncovered 5 metres of trench opened up.

1 AUST LOSSES:

- a Personnel: Nil
- b Material: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

- a Personnel: 4 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC WIA
- b Material: 3 weapons
1 shotgun
1 SMG

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

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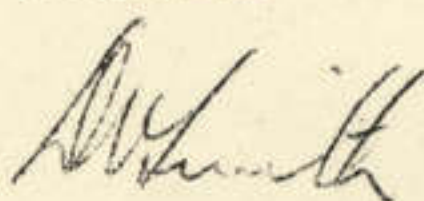
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4 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
030001H to 032400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. 3 Tp is Op Con 2 RAR for Operation CANUNGRA. Locations: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp XA HOY MY YS5056.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. At 1122H at YS548557 a group of 50 - 80 suspected VC were engaged with Artillery. Investigation showed there was approximately 1 Pl of VC. The remainder of the group were civilians. Three civilians were killed and three civilians wounded. VC casualties unknown. At 1600H A Bty 1/83 Arty US engaged a suspected VC Base Camp at YS403810. There were two secondary explosions. 135 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA FSB ALPHA YS3974; 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1700H at YS551648 HQ A Coy contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and two plastic gas masks and a quantity of ammunition were captured. At 1840H 2 RAR deployed a TAC HQ, B Coy and Sp elements by APCs and two Pls of V Coy by AMC on Operation CANUNGRA in XA HOY MY YS5056. The cordon went according to plan. Three suspects have been detained. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; TAC HQ YS502561; A Coy YS551648; B Coy YS502561; C Coy YS494668; D Coy YS574606; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1100H at YS315755 11 Pl D Coy contacted 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and one AK47 captured. At 1600H at YS315755 Fire Assault Pl contacted 2-3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and one AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSB ALPHA YS3974; B Coy YS321730; C Coy YS339774; D Coy YS324754.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0850H	YS401813	VC Base Camp	4 Bunkers destroyed, 10 metres of trench destroyed, 60 metres of trench uncovered.
0940H	YS666828	VC Base Camp	3 fighting positions destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed.
1156H	YS350796	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers uncovered, 20 metres of trench uncovered.
1505H	YS568732	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
1753H	YS666786	VC Base Camp	50 metres of trench destroyed, 50 metres of trench uncovered, 2 military structures destroyed, 2 fighting positions destroyed, 2 fighting positions uncovered, 7 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.

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1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 3 VC KIA (BC)
2 VC WIA

b Material: 2 AK47
2 plastic gas masks

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b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST and Operation CANUNGRA

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SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
040001H to 042400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. 3 Tp remained Op Con 2 RAR until 1400H for Operation CANUNGRA. Location: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 183 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA FSB ALPHA YS3974; 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Operation CANUNGRA was conducted according to plan. A total of 29 people were detained. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS576604; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSB ALPHA YS3974; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS341772; D Coy YS328788.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: There were no significant airstrikes in the reporting period.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

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6 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
050001H to 052400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 127 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA FSB ALPHA YS3974; 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1259H at YS559671 8/C Coy contacted three VC resulting in one VC KIA, one VC WIA and two weapons and one grenade being captured. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS573604; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSB ALPHA YS3974; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS350790; D Coy YS339806.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrike was:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0915H	YS350796	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers uncovered, 100 metres of trench uncovered.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA
1 VC WIA

b Materiel: 1 M1 carbine
1 Mosin-nagant
1 M26 grenade

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b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues and Operation ALDERLEY commences.

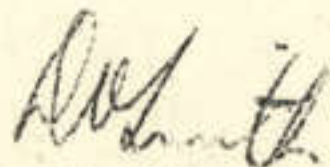
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7 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
060001H to 062400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 118 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA, FSB ALPHA YS3874; 108 Fd Bty RAA, YS495620; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Operation ALDERLY was cancelled. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS573604; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy FSB ALPHA YS3974; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS345798; D Coy YS343808.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
060735H	YS667787	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed, 100 metres of trench destroyed, 3 weapon pits damaged.
061647H	YS666828	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed, 100 metres of trench exposed and damaged, 3 fighting positions exposed, 2 bunkers exposed.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 2 Chicom grenades.

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b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.


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8 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
070001H to 072400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. 3 Tp provided security for the establishment of FSB BRAVO YS2570. Locations: 3 Tp YS251718, remainder 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 166 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA, FSB BRAVO YS2570; 108 Fd Bty RAA, YS495620; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS550670; B Coy YS573604; C Coy YS553667; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS299733; B Coy YS309722; C Coy YS312738; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
071150H	YS666828	VC base camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.
071217H	YS666787	VC base camp	3 bunkers exposed and damaged, 2 fighting positions exposed.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Material: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Material: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
070001H to 072000H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVF30

(S) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

General

(1) I-ATF continued Operation FOREST without contact.

(a) 4 Bn 3 Coy Rpt continued Operation FOREST without contact. 3 Tp provided security for the establishment of 1 Bn BRAVO 182570. Locations: 3 Tp 182571B, remainder 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force artillery continued to support Operation FOREST. 100 H and 1 missile were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 100 H Bn 182570, 100 H Bn 182570, 100 H Bn 182570, remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 Bn continued Operation FOREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 182570; B Coy 182570; C Coy 182570; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy 182570.

(d) 1 Bn continued Operation FOREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 182570; B Coy 182570; C Coy 182570; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 Bn 2nd has two ERPs deployed.

(f) Air Support. Significant strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
071501H 182570B	VC base camp	VC base camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.
071517H 182570B	VC base camp	VC base camp	3 bunkers exposed and damaged, 2 fighting positions exposed.

1. AUST LOSSES:

a. Personnel: Nil

b. Material: Nil

2. ARMY LOSSES:

a. Personnel: Nil

b. Material: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FOREST continues.

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9 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
080001H to 082400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without Contact.
Locations: A Sqn (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB BRAVO, YS253709.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST.
129 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations no change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1513H at YS574603 B Coy contacted six VC resulting in, one VC KIA, one AK47, 100 rounds and one pack captured. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS544672; B Coy YS573604; C Coy YS514665; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 0740H at YS300734, A Coy contacted one VC resulting in one VC WIA. At 1140H at YS299736 A Coy located a VC base camp containing, six 5 oz blocks of TNT, eight electric detonators and leads, ten UK detonators, one M18 A1 claymore mine, twenty chicom grenades, one flare, some documents and tools. At 1645H at YS311746 C Coy located one small hut containing four gallon tins of salad oil and 610 lbs of rice. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS300736; B Coy YS306718; C Coy YS307754; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(f) Air Support: At 1700H at YS402747 one H13 helicopter received ground fire resulting in, pilot WIA and no damage to helicopter. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
081320H	YS366790	VC base camp	2 fighting positions destroyed.
081530H	YS401813	VC base camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed, 80 metres of trench destroyed, 50 metres of trench uncovered.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 WIA

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC WIA

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- b Materiel:
- One AK47
 - 100 rounds ammunition
 - Six 5 oz blocks TNT
 - Eight electric detonators
 - Ten UK detonators
 - One M18 A1 claymore mine
 - Twenty Chicom grenades
 - Some documents
 - Some tools
 - Four gallons of salad oil
 - 610 lbs of rice

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

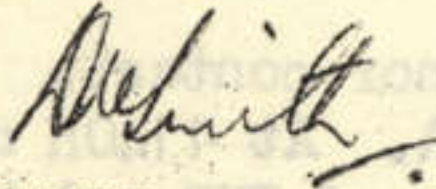
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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Both Damage Assessment
081300H	130600N	VC base camp	2 fighting positions destroyed.
081300H	130181N	VC base camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed, 80 metres of trench destroyed, 50 metres of trench uncovered.

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10 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
090001H to 092400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 0730H 2 Tp escorted A Bty 1/83rd (US) Arty from 1 ATF Base to FSPB BRAVO, YS253710. Locations: A Sqn HQ and 1 Tp, 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp and 3 Tp FSPB BRAVO, YS253710.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. At 0730H A Bty 1/83rd (US) Arty moved from 1 ATF Base to FSPB BRAVO, YS253710. 117 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change except A Bty 1/83rd (US) Arty, YS253710.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1750H at YS573601 B Coy contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 140 rounds of ammunition captured. The VC was carrying a wallet which contained a photo. The photo showed the dead VC in uniform with a gorget patch and 2 stars on his collar. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS554674; B Coy YS576604; C Coy YS514665; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. B Coy located at YS304714 a cache containing various metal castings, some machined, others drop forged. At YS304713 one badly decomposed black clad body. At YS306710 1 electric generator in pieces, 60 small bombs (unidentified) in pieces, 2 mortar bombs in pieces, 25 unused welding rods, all items were old. At YS301717 an old camp which contained 3 old rifles (1 possibly a Winchester), 14 mortar rounds, 3 x 75mm RCL rounds, 3 engineer vices, 3 hand operated drills, 12 electric detonators, 4 radio valves, numerous mortar and artillery shells stripped of fuzes and 6 skeletons in an exposed grave. Search of the areas is not complete. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS297732; B Coy YS306718; C Coy YS295751; D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: At 1800H at YS4277 a ground observer reported possible air bursts in the vicinity of a Phantom Fighter. The report is not conclusive and is still being investigated. Significant airstrike was:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
091457H	YS334668	VC base camp	3 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers exposed.

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(g) PSY OPS period 2 Dec 67 - 8 Dec 67. There were six leaflet drops and nine voice missions.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)

b Materiel:

(1) Captured: 1 AK47
3 rifles

(2) Destroyed: 60 small bombs (unidentified)
One M36 grenade
Three 75mm RCL rounds
16 mortar bombs
12 electric detonators
Various mortar and artillery shells
stripped of fuzes
4 radio valves
1 electric generator
25 welding rods
3 hand operated drills

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

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11 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
100001H to 102400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
11 Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor cont.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 0915H 2 Tp escorted a convoy from FSPB BRAVO, YS2571 to BARIA, YS3860 returning to FSPB BRAVO at 1000H. At 1500H 3 Tp escorted A Bty 1/83 (US) ARTY from FSPB BRAVO, YS2571 to 1 ATF base. Locations: A Sqn(-) 1 ATF base; 2 Tp YS253709.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 2000H at FSPB BRAVO, YS252709 106 Fd Bty RAA, one incoming unidentified explosion resulted in 1 DOW. At 1500H A Bty 1/83 (US) ARTY returned from FSPB BRAVO YS2571 to 1 ATF base. Locations: No change except A Bty 1/83 (US) ARTY 1 ATF base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 1550H at YS544571 V Coy sighted 5 Armed VC. Contact not initiated; area engaged with Artillery without result. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF base; A Coy YS555674; B Coy 577603; C Coy YS486676; D Coy 1 ATF base; V Coy YS4962.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF base; A Coy YS268744; B Coy YS302712; C Coy YS283751; D Coy 1 ATF base.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has two MRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: 161 Recce continued to support Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1645H at YS538572 one H13 received ground fire. The area was engaged by Artillery without result. At 1815H at YS616822 one H13 received 10 rounds of ground fire. The area was engaged by Artillery without result. At 2000H at YS335660 a voice aircraft sighted a light. The area was engaged by artillery, further lights appeared which dispersed then disappeared. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
100822H	YS334668	VC Base Camp	1 large mil structure destroyed. 2 small mil structures damaged. 2 firing posns destroyed.
100944H	YS553704	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 5 metres trench uncovered.

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1 AUST LOSSES

a Personnel: 1 DOW

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Assessment
1000Z	1000Z	1 large mi structure destroyed, 2 small structures damaged, 2 large tanks destroyed.	1 large mi structure destroyed, 2 small structures damaged, 2 large tanks destroyed.
1000Z	1000Z	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 mortar trench uncovered.	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 mortar trench uncovered.

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12 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
110001H to 112400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 1315H A Sqn(-) moved from 1 ATF Base to FSPB BRAVO. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB BRAVO YS252709; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1350H at YS565678 A Coy contacted 5 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA, 1 WIA, 3 weapons and 7 packs captured. The packs contained a quantity of food. At YS503673 C Coy found 50 lbs of rice, inside an earthenware jar. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS555674; B Coy YS581605; C Coy YS486676; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 1430H D Coy moved from 1 ATF Base to FSPB BRAVO in preparation for the cordon and search of PHU MY, YS2574. By 2245H A Coy, C Coy and D Coy had completed the cordon of PHU MY. At 2210H C Coy detained 3 men and 3 ox carts entering PHU MY. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy, C Coy and D Coy PHU MY; B Coy YS290725.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 111000H at YS619591 a LRRP contacted 6 VC resulting in 1 VC WIA. At 111115H the LRRP was extracted and returned to 1 ATF Base. Four LRRPs are currently deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
110822H	YS343808	VC base camp	1 tunnel collapsed, 80 metres of trench uncovered and damaged, 6 fighting positions uncovered, 2 bunkers destroyed.
111546H	YS615782	VC base camp	1 military structure destroyed, 1 secondary explosion with white smoke to 150 feet.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Material: Nil

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2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 2 VC KIA (BC)
2 VC WIA

b Materiel:

(1) Captured: 1 Thompson SMG
1 Chicom 7.62 rifle
1 Remington rifle 1917
7 packs

(2) Destroyed: 50 lbs of rice

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

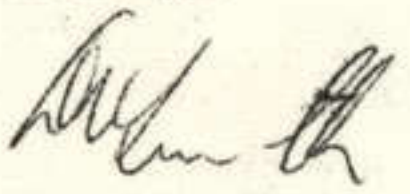
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13 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
120001H to 122400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. One tp of A Sqn were under op con of 7 RAR from 0600H to 1625H for Operation SHEPPARTON. Locations: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST without contact. 244 H and I missions were fired in the period 100001H to 112400H. 117 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At YS536654 C Coy located a 6 month old camp containing 4 bunkers. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS555674; B Coy YS581605; C Coy YS486676; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 0920H at YS282723 B Coy located 3 M16 mines. At 1620H Operation SHEPPARTON, the cordon and search of PHU MY YS2574, concluded. A total of 26 people were detained for further interrogation. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS264685; B Coy YS279710; C Coy YS250708; D Coy YS264690.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1500H at YS546792 a LRRP contacted 7 VC, resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC) and 3 weapons captured. Three LRRPs are currently deployed.

(f) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
120953H	YS667766	VC base camp	4 bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers uncovered 5 metres of trench destroyed 10 metres of trench uncovered 2 fighting positions uncovered
121530H	YS503817	VC base camp	7 bunkers destroyed 15 metres of trench destroyed 5 metres of trench uncovered 4 fighting positions uncovered

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1 AUST LOSSES

a Personnel: Nil.

b Materiel: Nil.

2 ENEMY LOSSES

a Personnel: 7 VC KIA(BC).

b Materiel:

- (1) Captured: 1 Chicom 7.62 rifle
- 1 M (1944) carbine
- 1 (US) M1 rifle

- (2) Destroyed: 3 M16 mines
- 4 bunkers

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

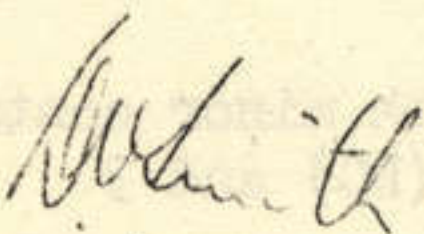
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14 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
130001H to 132400H Dec 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 134 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS555674; B Coy YS582603; C Coy YS486676; D Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST and commenced Operation DIMBOOLA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS268668; B Coy YS276695; C Coy YS250708; D Coy YS260683.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn continued Operation FORREST without contact. 2 LRRPs are currently deployed. Reference report of contact in SITREP 120001H Dec 67 to 122400H Dec 67, at 121500H at YS546792. Delete all detail insert. At 121500H at YS546787 a LRRP contacted 8 VC resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (Poss) 1xM1 carbine and 1x7.62mm CHICOM carbine captured.

(f) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1051H	YS697813	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 8 bunkers uncovered 5 metres of trench destroyed 60 metres of trench uncovered
1218H	YS615782	VC Base Camp	2 military structures destroyed 1 secondary fire
1237H	YS347785	VC Base Camp	8 bunkers destroyed 100 metres of trench destroyed 50 metres of trench uncovered

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1318H	YS328657	VC Base Camp	1 military structure destroyed 1 military structure damaged 1 cave entrance uncovered and damaged 1 secondary fire with white smoke
1646H	YS553704	VC Base Camp	2 large bunkers destroyed 3 bunkers uncovered 3 foxholes uncovered

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues. Operation DIMBOOLA will terminate at approximately 141500H.


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15 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
140001H to 142400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: no change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 123 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: no change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 0710H at YS592600 5/B Coy contacted 2VC, results are unknown. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS582-603; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS557677; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS252708; B Coy YS292680; C Coy YS252708; D Coy YS312652.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn continued Operation FORREST without contact. Two LRRPs are currently deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0805H	YS666828	VC Base camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 3 bunkers uncovered. 2 secondary explosions with white smoke to 1000 ft. 150 metres of trench exposed. 6 fighting positions exposed. 1 trail cut.
0810H	YS347642	VC Base camp	2 large military structures destroyed. 5 military structures damaged.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

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b. Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation FORREST
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

16 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
150001H to 152400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.
Operation MELBOURNE a cordon and search of PHUOC HOA YS2863 commenced.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST
without contact. Locations: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support
Operation FORREST. 121 H and I missions were fired in the reporting
period. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact.
Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS592600; C Coy
1 ATF Base; D Coy YS557677; V Coy YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact.
Reference SITREP 140001H to 142400H. Insert Operation DIMBOOLA
terminated at 141252H, 15 suspects were detained. Locations: Bn HQ
1 ATF Base; A Coy YS316671; B Coy YS292680; C Coy YS284631; D Coy
YS286627.

(e) 1 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0721H	YS352788	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 3 weapon pits destroyed. 2 weapon pits uncovered.
0830H	YS697813	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 4 bunkers damaged. 10 metres of trench destroyed. 20 metres of trench uncovered.
1147H	YS553704	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed. 4 fighting positions destroyed. 10 metres of tunnel destroyed. 15 metres of trench uncovered.
1835H	YS539786	Rice mats near jungle edge.	LFT under FAC control opened up 2 trench lines each 10-12 metres long. Destroyed 1 rice mat. Started several small grass fires.

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(g) 1 Aust CA Unit during the period 9 Dec 67 to 15 Dec 67 assisted in Cordon and Search Operations, construction of two dispensaries at PHAN RANG, construction of a model bunker at HOI MY YS5055 and animal husbandry at AP SUOI NGHE YS4271. Civil Affairs teams continued the following projects:

1 Construction of concrete aprons around 8 wells and the dispensary at AP SUOI NGHE.

2 Construction of an extension to the market at HOA LONG YS420640.

3 Water reticulation to HOA LONG community buildings.

4 17 Medcaps were conducted and 739 patients treated in the reporting period.

5 A hygiene and sanitation survey at selected schools in the Province.

6 Education assistance to province authorities and English classes.

1. AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2. ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel : Nil

b. Plans for the next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues. Operation MELBOURNE continues.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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17 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
160001H to 162400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. Operation MELBOURNE terminated at 1305H. 17 suspects were detained.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS295623; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 95 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty RAA 1 ATF Base; 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; 161 Fd Bty RNZA YS295623; A Bty 1/83 Artillery (US) 1 ATF Base.

(c) 1 Fd Sqn assisted 4/48 ARVN to repair the minefield fence between DAT DO YS4960 and PHUOC HAI YS5153. At 0945H at YS497580 an ARVN soldier stepped on a mine resulting in 2 Aust WIA, 1 ARVN KIA, 4 ARVN WIA.

(d) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. C Coy 2 RAR became op con 7 RAR at 161430H. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS578582; D Coy YS557677.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 161430H C Coy 2 RAR was placed op con 7 RAR. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS329691; B Coy YS321686; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy 2 RAR YS362702.

(f) 1 SAS Sqn continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 1715H at YS661814 a patrol contacted 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). 2 LRRPs are currently deployed.

(g) Air Support

(1) 161 Recce Flt. At 1430H at YS574840 a fixed wing aircraft sighted 7 VC. The area was engaged with rockets, the LFT and artillery resulting in 1 VC WIA.

(2) Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
160845H	YS731855	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 6 military structures damaged.
161800H	YS660812	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 2 possible KBA. No further BDA due to smoke and darkness in the target area.

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(h) Psy-Ops period 10-16 Dec 67.

1 Leaflets.

a There were three leaflet drops in the area of YS3467 and YS3071. These drops were made on en camps indicated by rallier from the Chau Duc Company.

b Approx 1200 leaflets were handed out during three cordon and search operations. Leaflets explained reason for search and also gave directions to people on actions to be taken prior to moving to screening centre. In addition to house leaflets, magazines, newspapers, rice denial leaflets, rally booklets and safe conduct passes were handed out. APT and VIS were also involved after cordon and search of villages.

2 Voice Ac

a Eighteen voice msns were flown with 15 hours of aerial broadcasting. Messages included:

i Rice denial msg from Province Chief to people of Phuoc Tuy.

ii Msg to Chau Duc Coy by rallier Tam Chan.

iii Msg to people of PHU MY, ONG TRINH and PHUOC HOA prior to commencement of cordon and search.

iv Warning to civilians not to enter prohibited areas.

1 Aust Losses:

a Personnel: 2 Aust WIA

b Materiel: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA.

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for the next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

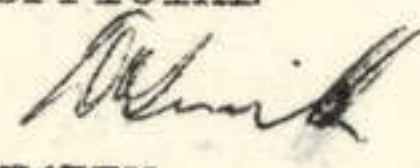
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NUI DAT

18 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
170001H to 172400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 153 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change.

(c) 1 Fd Sqn returned to the area of the minefield fence at YS515545 to complete repairs to the fence. The party returned to 1 ATF Base at 1300H.

(d) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS584587; D Coy YS588677; V Coy YS495620.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS334695; B Coy YS321687; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy 2 RAR YS346698.

(f) Air Support: Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
171130H	YS660812	VC base camp	2 military structures destroyed. 4 metres of trench destroyed. 15 metres of trench uncovered.
171212H	YS662827	VC base camp	1 military structure destroyed. 50 metres trench destroyed. 50 metres trench uncovered.
171710H	YS336679	Suspected occupied VC base camp	1 tunnel collapsed, 2 possible KBA. No further damage assessment due to Artillery follow up.

1 Aust Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for the next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

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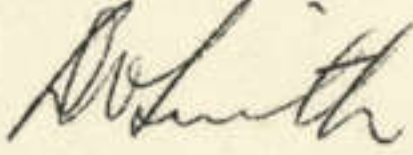
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19 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
180001H to 182400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact.
Locations: A Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS295623.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST.
128 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 108 Bty RAA
YS495620; 161 Bty RNZA YS295623; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact.
Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS557672;
V Coy YS495620; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operations FORREST and LORNE without contact.
Locations: Bn HQ YS348645; A Coy YS336696; B Coy YS321686; C Coy YS337664; D Coy
YS341674; C Coy 2 RAR YS346699.

(e) 1 SAS has two LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: There were no significant airstrikes.

1 Aust Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operations FORREST and LORNE continue.

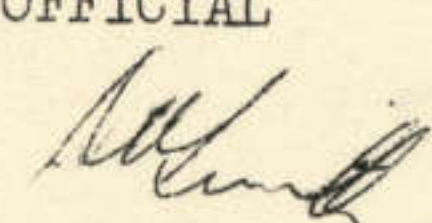
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20 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
190001H to 192400H December 1967

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS295623.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 98 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 108 Bty RAA YS495620; 161 Bty RNZA YS295623; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS558672; V Coy YS495620; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(d) At 1004H at YS454654 a 3 RAR Advance Party patrol contacted 2 VC with no results. Location: 3 RAR Advance Party 1 ATF Base.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operations FORREST and LORNE with minor contact. At 1635H at YS337679 C Coy contacted 2-3 VC on the perimeter of a camp resulting in 1 Aust WIA. A number of documents were found in the camp. Location: Bn HQ YS338675; A Coy YS335696; B Coy YS321686; C Coy YS337680; D Coy YS343683; C Coy 2 RAR YS347698.

(f) 1 SAS has two LRRPs deployed.

(g) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0924H	YS6170	VC Harvesting area	1 Harvest area destroyed
1130H	YS645759	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 2 fighting positions uncovered
1350H	YS563707	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary explosion with grey smoke

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 Aust WIA

b Materiel: Nil

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2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operations FORREST and LORNE continue.

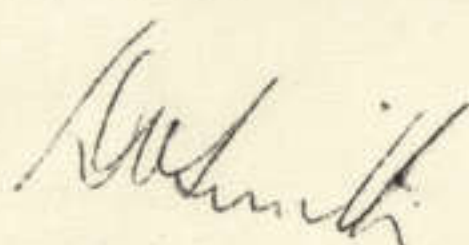
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21 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
200001H to 202400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS295623.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 93 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; 161 Fd Bty RNZA YS295623; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy 1 ATF Base; B Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS558672; V Coy YS495620; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST and LORNE with minor contact. At YS337679 C Coy found the bodies of 2 VC killed in the contact at 191635H at YS337679. At 1000H at YS336695 A Coy contacted 3 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) and 3 weapons captured. At YS337649 C Coy found a camp containing 4 rifles, 1 x DIO claymore and 2 chicom grenades. At YS346685 D Coy found a cache containing 37 rifles and some ammunition. Locations: Bn HQ YS338675; A Coy YS335696; B Coy YS321686; C Coy YS336686; D Coy YS343683; C Coy 2 RAR YS347698.

(e) 1 SAS has two LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0918H	YS489819	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged. 1 secondary explosion with black smoke to 1000 feet.

1 Aust Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

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2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 5 VC KIA (BC)

b Materiel : 2 M1 carbines

- 1 Mosin Nagant
- 11 rifles unknown manufacture
- 23 Eddystone rifles
- 3 Springfield rifles
- 3 Pump-Action shotguns
- 1 .303 rifle
- 2 Land mines
- 2 60mm mortar bombs
- 1 81mm mortar bomb
- 2 Chicom grenades
- 1 DIO claymore
- 1 75mm AP shell
- 5 flares
- 200 rounds .5 ammunition

b. Plans for the next 24 hours: Operations FO·REST and LORNE continue.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Base Damage Assessment
0715	104-10N 106-10E	VO Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 secondary explosion with black smoke to 1000 feet

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22 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
210001H to 212400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 138 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 108 Fd Bty RAA YS495620; remainder 1 AFT Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: V Coy YS495620; remainder 1 AFT Base.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST and concluded Operation LORNE with minor contact. At 0910H at YS333694 B Coy. contacted 5 VC with no results. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 SAS has two LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1443H	YS662824	Occupied VC Base Camp	40 metres of trench uncovered

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

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b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues and Operation LAWLEY commences.

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23 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
220001H to 222400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST and commenced Operation LAWLEY without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST and commenced Operation LAWLEY without contact. Locations: A Sqn (-) YS461780; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 139 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 108 Bty RAA YS495620; 106 Bty RAA YS444715; remainder 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST and commenced Operation LAWLEY without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YS465791; A Coy YS444715; B Coy YS462796; C Coy YS462792; D Coy YS467794; V Coy YS495620; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST and commenced Operation LAWLEY without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YS461773; A Coy YS468778; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS467772; D Coy YS461772.

(e) 1 SAS has no LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0850H	YS672753	VC Base Camp	20 metres of trench uncovered

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues and Operation LAWLEY concludes.

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24 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
230001H to 232400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact. Operation LAWLEY concluded, resulting in 1218 civilians screened of which 43 were detained for ID Card irregularities and a further 50 suspects evacuated for further investigation by Provincial Agencies.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST and concluded Operation LAWLEY without contact. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 106 Bty RAA and 108 Bty RAA returned to 1 ATF Base. 138 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST and concluded Operation LAWLEY without contact. Location: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy, YS495620.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST and concluded Operation LAWLEY without contact. Location: 7 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 SAS has no LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
231150H	YS759763	VC Base Camp	8 military structures destroyed, 30 metres of trench uncovered.
231255H	YS563707	VC Base Camp	2 foxholes destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged.

(g) 1 Aust CA Unit during the period 16 Dec 67 to 22 Dec 67 assisted in cordon and search operations, conducted 15 medcaps, conducted educational classes on hygiene and sanitation in selected schools, provided education assistance to Province Authorities and provided assistance in animal husbandry at AP SUOI NGHE YS4371. Construction continued on the following projects:

- 1 Concrete aprons around eight wells and the dispensary at AP SUOI NGHE.
- 2 Extension to the market at HOA LONG YS4264.
- 3 Water reticulation to HOA LONG community buildings.
- 4 Blackboards for DAT DO school YS4960.
- 5 Repairs to the school and dispensary at XUYEN MOC YS6568.

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- 1 AUST LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: Nil
 - b Materiel: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: Nil
 - b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for the next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
231500Z	138500N 107500E	VC Base Camp	8 military structures destroyed, 30 meters of trench uncovered.
231520Z	138500N 107500E	VC Base Camp	2 foxholes destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged.

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25 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
240001H to 242400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST and patrolling of the TAOR without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. In the period 240001H to 241800H, 99 H and I missions were fired. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: No change.

(d) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: No change.

(e) 1 SAS has no LRRPs deployed.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0931H	YS660769	VC Base Camp	3 foxholes destroyed. No further damage assessment due to smoke and foliage in the target area.
1305H	YS662814	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed. 6 bunkers damaged.
1315H	YS662824	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 1 military structure destroyed. 50 metres of trench uncovered.

(g) Psy Ops during the period 17 Dec 67 to 23 Dec 67 conducted four leaflet drops on suspected trail and camp sites of 274 Regt, hand delivered 3000 leaflets during Cordon and Search Operations and conducted eleven hours of aerial broadcasting on subjects, rice denial and Cordon and Search.

1. Aust Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2. Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0931H	Y866076	V8 Base Camp	3 foxholes destroyed. No further damage assessment due to smoke and foliage in the target area.
1305H	Y866214	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed. 3 bunkers damaged.
1315H	Y866284	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 1 military structure destroyed. 50 metres of trench uncovered.

(g) Pay Ops during the period 17 Dec 67 to 23 Dec 67 conducted four leaflet drops on suspected trail and camp sites of 274 Regt, hand delivered 3000 leaflets during Gordon and Search Operations and conducted eleven hours of aerial broadcasting on subjects, rice denial and Gordon and Search.

- 1 Leaflet losses:
- a Personnel: Nil
- b Material: Nil
- 2 Enemy losses:
- a Personnel: Nil
- b Material: Nil

Plans for next 24 hours: Operation FOREST continues.

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26 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
250001H to 252400H December 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST and patrolling of the TAOR with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. In the period 251800H to 260001H, 53 H and I missions were fired. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: No change.

(d) 3 RAR (-) continued development of its Base location. At 251829H a clearing patrol at YS443657 contacted two armed VC with unknown result.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: No change.

(f) 1 SAS has no LRRPs deployed.

(g) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes in the reporting period.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

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27 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
260001H to 262400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. 1 Tp escorted an element of A Bty 1/83rd (US) Arty from LONG BINH to 1 ATF Base. Location: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 94 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: No change.

(d) 3 RAR (-) continued development of its Base location.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: No change.

(f) 1 SAS has one LRRP deployed.

(g) Air Support: The significant airstrike was:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
261712H	YS662824	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 50 metres of trench destroyed

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans for next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

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28 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
270001H to 272400H December 1967.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. 2 Tp assisted A Coy 2 RAR in securing FSPB RINGO YS5365 returning to 1 ATF Base at 1620H. 1 Tp patrolled in vicinity AP SUOI NGHE YS4271. Location: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. At 1355H 108 Bty RAA moved from 1 ATF Base to FSPB RINGO YS5365. 113 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change except 108 Bty RAA YS533655.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. At 0645H A Coy moved from 1 ATF Base to secure FSPB RINGO. At 1545H C Coy and D Coy were inserted into a LZ at YS585693. Locations: No change except A Coy FSPB RINGO; C Coy YS580696 and D Coy YS593696.

(d) 3 RAR are now complete in 1 ATF location. 3 RAR continued development of its Base Location.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. A Coy moved from 1 ATF Base to YS419739. Locations: No change except A Coy.

(f) 1 SAS continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 0940H at YS287725 a LRRP during insertion contacted 2 VC without result. At 1366H at YS762678 a LRRP during insertion contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 Aust WIA. Both LRRPs were extracted and returned to 1 ATF Base Location. Two LRRPs are currently deployed.

(g) Air Support. At 261200H a LFT during an armed reconnaissance engaged 3 VC at YS619828 resulting in 3 VC KBA (BC). The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
271010H	YS286725	Troops in contact (LRRP)	2 possible KBA.
271420H	YS757682	Troops in contact (LRRP)	2 possible KBA.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 WIA

b Material: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 3 KBA (BC)
4 KBA (POSS)

b Material: Nil

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b. Plans for the next 24 hours: Operation FORREST continues.

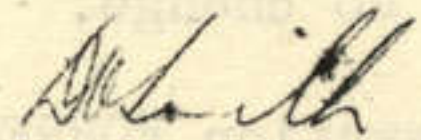
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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
2300Z	13 25 00N 108 00 00E	Target in contact	2 possible ERA
2315Z	13 25 00N 108 00 00E	Target in contact	2 possible ERA

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29 December 1967

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
280001H to 282400H December 67.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Location: No change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 79 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. W Coy relieved V Coy at the HORSESHOE YS495620. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS532657; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS574712; D Coy YS593700; V Coy YS540590; W Coy YS495620.

(d) 3 RAR continued development of the base area and patrolling of the TAOR. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS424737; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS357664.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
280830H	YS631797	VC supply area	4 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1 KBA (BC), 3 KBA possible.
281031H	YS660769	VC base camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 7 fighting positions damaged.
281315H	YS631797	VC base camp	1 military structure destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered, 3 fighting positions uncovered.

1 AUST LOSSES

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KBA (BC)
3 VC KBA (poss)

b Materiel: Nil

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b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

c. Small Unit Actions

- (1) AUST: Six.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs currently deployed.
- (3) NIL.
- (4) Results: NIL.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Target Damage Assessment
280300Z	YB63777	VC supply area	4 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1 KIA (PO), 3 KIA possible.
281000Z	YB60069	VC base camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 7 fighting positions damaged.
281700Z	YB63797	VC base camp	1 military structure destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered, 3 fighting positions uncovered.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
290001H to 292400H December 1967.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: no change.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 97 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: no change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS533655; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS554714; D Coy YS593700; V Coy YS551589; W Coy YS495620.

(d) 3 RAR continued development of the base area and patrolling of the TAOR. Locations: 1 ATF Base.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS424737; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS359677.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0109H	YS59708145	VC Base Camp	4 weapon pits damaged; 2 weapon pits uncovered.
1145H	YS330704	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 2 fighting positions destroyed

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

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c. Small Unit Actions

- (1) AUST: Six.
- (2) At 1215H at YS659617 a patrol was contacted by an unknown number of VC. There were no known results. 1 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.
- (3) There was one small unit contact in the reporting period.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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Time	Location	Target Description	Remarks
0700H	YS37081AS	VC Base Camp	A section of VC base destroyed. Weapons also destroyed.
1130H	YS33070C	VC Base Camp	A bunker destroyed. Fighting positions destroyed.

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31 December 67

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
300001H to 302400H December 67.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST with minor contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS495620.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 152 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: No change.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST with minor contact. At 0710H at YS562575 V Coy contacted 4 VC, with no known result. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS533655; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS558688; D Coy YS593700; V Coy YS553579; W Coy YS495620.

(d) 3 RAR continued development of the base area and patrolling of the TAOR. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: Bn HQ 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS424737; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS367671.

(f) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
301348H	YS664814	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered.

(g) PSYOPS. Three leaflet missions were flown in the NORTH EASTERN area of the TAOR. 7 Voice Aircraft missions were flown to broadcast rice denial messages to the people of the Phuoc Tuy Province.

(h) 1 Aust CA Unit:

1 Construction of the following projects continued;

- a The AP SUOI NGHE YS4371 dispensary.
- b Concrete surrounds for the wells at AP SUOI NGHE.
- c Extension to the HOA LONG YS4163 market.
- d Water reticulation to HOA LONG community centre.

2 The following projects were completed.

a Repairs to schools and the dispensary at XUYEN MOC YS6568.

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b Provision of black boards for schools at DAT DO YS4859.

3 Health and Hygiene.

a 15 medcaps were conducted.

b Hygiene and sanitation project in the schools continued.

4 Assistance was provided for the following activities.

a Education and teaching of english.

b Practical animal husbandry at AP SUOI NGHE.

5 A sewing course of three months duration commenced at AP SUOI NGHE.

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST continues.

c. Small Unit Actions

(1) AUST: Six.

(2) 1 SAS has 2 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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FOI DAT

1 January 1968

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
310001H to 312400H December 67.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 1ATF continued Operation FORREST without contact.

(a) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt complete 1 ATF Base.

(b) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation FORREST. 135 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 106 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 108 Fd Bty YS495620; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; A Bty 1/83 Artillery (US) 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2 RAR continued Operation FORREST without contact. Locations: 2 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS554579; W Coy YS495620.

(d) 3 RAR continued construction of their base defences and patrolling of the TAOR. Location: 1 ATF Base.

(e) 7 RAR continued Operation Forrest without contact. Locations: 7 RAR complete 1 ATF Base.

(f) Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
310825H	YS405825	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered, 4 large (semi circular) AW pits uncovered.
311302H	YS399810	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 25 metres of trench damaged.
311405H	YS576844	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered. NO further damage assessment due to smoke and foliage in the target area.

1 AUST LOSSES

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: Nil

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b. Plans Summary: Operation FORREST will continue when the New Year Truce terminates.

c. Small Unit Actions

- (1) AUST: Six.
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.
- (3) NIL.
- (4) Results: NIL.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
310855H	1240582S	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered, 4 large (sand) circular AW pits uncovered.
311205H	12399810	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 25 metres of trench damaged.
311405H	1237684A	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered, NO further damage assessment due to smoke and foliage in the target area.

1. AUST LOSSES:
 a. Personnel: NIL
 b. Material: NIL

2. ENEMY LOSSES:
 a. Personnel: NIL
 b. Material: NIL

ANNEX G TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

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INTELLIGENCE REVIEW No 15.

PERIOD COVERED: From 312400H Oct 67 to 302400H Nov 67.

References: Map 1:50,000, Series L701.

1. GENERAL ENEMY SITUATION. There has been little evidence of VC main force units in PHUOC TUY Province. 1 ATF participation in large-scale operations (SANTA FE) has allowed continuation of the destruction and denial of VC logistic base areas and further damage has been caused to the VC resupply system, already seriously disrupted. Towards the end of the period there was a sudden resurgence of VC Provincial and local force activity in and around the population centres of the SOUTH. While main force activity has been negligible it appears that local forces have been urged to increase their activity against GVN installations to reassert their presence and hinder any further spread of GVN influence and control. At the same time procurement agencies of the VC BA BIEN Province have been instructed to get forward and make the most of the harvest season to try to replenish serious food deficiencies throughout the VC local area of operations.
2. ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS. There have been two types of incidents worthy of note as far as enemy tactics and future intentions are concerned.
 - a. The VC have shown considerable boldness in penetrating defensive positions during our own search and destroy operations to engage small sub-units with claymore type mines. Also allied units advancing into occupied VC base camps have been subjected to brief but intense RPG-type rocket fire.
 - b. The sudden upsurge of VC activity around BARIA in the last week of November has followed the usual pattern of raids on GVN installations (ARVN positions, police posts, VIS and RD cadre locations), assassination and intimidation of village officials and personnel.
3. CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY.
 - a. Op SANTA FE This search and destroy operation around the area of THUA TICH (YS6081) confirmed the presence of elements of D445 Bn, logistic support units of Group 84 and assorted elements of BA BIEN Province Committees and cells. Many camps were destroyed and 37 VC KIA (BC) including the adjutant of BA BIEN Forward Supply Council. This destruction of the VC support effort in the areas around THUA TICH has further postponed main force offensive action in and around PHUOC TUY.
 - b. Op FORREST This is a protracted rice denial operation which already in its early stages has brought contact with the CHAU DUC District Coy (C41) and uncovered the main base camp of this district unit.
 - c. Patrols. Patrol activity during the month has been active and widespread in an effort to determine VC patterns in preparation for rice denial operations. Results of these patrols have included the initial discovery of the camp mentioned in sub-para b. above, some useful ambushes in known base camps and continuous indicators of VC movement and areas of interest.

4. ORDER OF BATTLE.

- a. HQ 5 VC Div It appears that HQ 5 VC Div has moved NORTH out of the MAY TAO area and well up into LONG KHANH Province. Its future disposition remains in question. It may move further NORTH to Military Region 10 where 275 VC Regt has already been identified in action around SONG BE. It could leave a residual element in LONG KHANH to co-ordinate resupply and rehabilitation of logistic effort after SANTA FE and maintain some control over 274 VC Regt.
- b. 274 VC Regt This regiment remains located in the HAT DICH but still shows no readiness to mount offensive action. A recent rallier from the RUNG SAT area has stated a possible subordination of 274 VC Regt to the VC T10 organization in the RSSZ. This is a possibility but its confirmation will rest largely on the final disposition of HQ 5 VC Div. The only practical aspect in all this is that 274 VC Regt remains in the southern HAT DICH and will probably continue to lay up in this base area.
- c. 275 VC Regt (See Int Review No 13, para 4b) No evidence can be found to identify elements of 275 VC Regt in the MAY TAO region. In view of this and the fact that 275 VC Regt is now operating in MR10 it is considered most likely that the regiment is complete in MR10. 275 VC Regt therefore will be dropped from "Strengths and Locations" (Annex A) because of the complete lack of any positive indication of the continued presence of any of its elements in or near PHUOC TUY Province.
- d. D445 Bn Evidence of occupation of the northern SONG RAI river camps by elements of D445 Bn was found on Operation SANTA FE. However little contact was made with this unit. The information provided by a PW captured after a VC raid on the western outskirts of BARIA on the night 26/27 Nov identified C3/D445 Bn as the main attack force. This may be a pointer to the future (See para 8). Other elements of D445 Bn are reported (by the same PW) to be engaged in the transport of new weapons from the DONG NAI River area SOUTH to BA BIEN Province headquarters.
- e. D440 Bn It appears that this unit is the same as the KET NGHIA or BAC NINH Bn. It is an additional battalion available to BA BIEN Province headquarters and, although presently believed located to the north-east of XUAN LOC, could be redeployed further SOUTH to assist D445 Bn.
- f. Group 84 Operation SANTA FE confirmed the existence of elements of Group 84 around THUA TICH and further EAST towards the MAY TAO. The operation has forced the VC formerly in the area to move NORTH to the vicinity of NUI HOT(YS6292). The decision for the VC now is whether to return in strength to THUA TICH or set up another base further NORTH. It is likely that there will be a gradual reoccupation and rehabilitation of the THUA TICH base camps.
- g. C41 Operation FORREST has brought early clashes between 7 RAR and the CHAU DUC District Company. These contacts early in the operation have confirmed quite extensive camps EAST of the THI VAI Hills in squares YS3270 and YS3370. This is a traditional area of operations for C41 and documents identify the continued presence of that unit around the northern THI VAI. It is hoped that the denial and destruction of these camps will hinder C41's early plans for forward movement in connection with rice procurement and possibly raids against posts.

5. VC LOSSES

a. VC personnel losses for the period were:-

(1) KIA (BC)	48
(2) KIA (POSS)	1
(3) WIA	5
(4) KBA (POSS)	15
(5) KB Arty	3
(6) PW	2

b. VC ralliers throughout PHUOC TUY Province numbered '7 during November 1967.

6. OTHER INTELLIGENCE FACTORS

Mines and Booby-Traps There has been an increase during the period in the number of incidents & casualties from mines and booby-traps. During the rice denial operations many VC camps will be searched and every one must be approached and searched carefully. It could well be that, lacking readily available main force support, and unable to maintain concerted provincial and local force operations the VC will seek all the more to obstruct, delay and deter by the employment of mines and booby-traps.

7. ENEMY STRENGTHS AND LOCATIONS

Current estimates of VC strengths and locations are shown at Annex 'A'.

8. VC INTENTIONS

a. While there are some good indications that 5 VC Division has turned its attention more fully to MR10, judging by the extent of commitment of 275 VC Regt, it does not appear that 274 VC Regt is yet preparing to go the same way. In this situation the theory of a possible resubordination of 274 Regt to T10, and hence the emergence of a new division structure, is attractive but as yet unacceptable. In any case it appears that the VC are not yet ready to move all main force units from BA BIEN Province. Such a course of action would constitute an admission of weakness that could have serious ill-effects on the morale of the provincial and district units. It is likely that the VC will attempt to rehabilitate 274 VC Regt in the HAT DICH base and reliven its activity from there.

b. The VC still need a lot of food and they must show their teeth if they are to influence the people. BA BIEN Province Forward Supply Council has already been busy and will continue to attempt further procurement during the harvest season. Other sections of BA BIEN Province will assist, and have already been identified in small patrol clashes (Security Section, Finance and Economy Section, Military Proselytizing and Propaganda Sections). At the same time D445 Bn and the District Companies will attempt to lend strength to the overall procurement mission by raids to collect materiel, to demoralize GVN officials and re-emphasize VC presence and capability in and around PHUOC TUY.

9. CONCLUSIONS

5th VC Division will continue to operate at a much reduced level in the southern III Corps area. It is possible that 5th VC Division staff may become so committed to planning in MR10 that some new subordinations and/or command changes may be carried out by the VC to make best use of residual main force elements in VC BA BIEN Province.

With no early main force reinforcement in sight, some increase in Provincial and District force effort must be anticipated, in an attempt to offset the reduced availability of main force units.

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Annex A to

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Dated 2 Dec 67.

ENEMY STRENGTHS AND LOCATIONS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
HQ 5 VC Div	100	Central LONG KHANH vic YT5724
274 VC Regt	1200	Southern HAT DICH
50 Trg Bn	150	YS7589
D445 Bn	400	Northern PHUOC TUY *
D440 Bn	400	North-East XUAN LOC vic YT5724.
C41	60	Northern THI VAI vic YS3272
C23	30	XUYEN MOC Area
C25	60	LONG HAI Hills
Gp 84	900	NUI HOT Area vic YS6292

* HQ D445 Bn probably located northern SONG RAI area YS5785. C3 presently WEST of Route 2 in THI VAI/NUI DINH area intending to return to D445 base location. Further deployment of coy groups SOUTH from main base area is likely.

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Section 1 III Corps(A) Enemy Activity.

1. Overall contact with enemy forces during the reporting period was sporadic. There was almost a complete absence of enemy-initiated activity in northern MR10, but a sharp increase in LONG AN Province and northern War Zone 'C'. There were two known contacts with enemy Main Forces, both with elements of 7th NVA Div. The most significant actions of the week were characterized by battalion and company-sized ground attacks, accompanied by suppressing mortar fire. There was a decrease in enemy-initiated activity during the week from 129 incidents to 97. There were 36 mortar attacks compared to 48 last week.

2. The main enemy-initiated incidents for the week were:-

a) At 100200H the A/1-18th of 1st US Inf Div NDP, vic XT 744825, received an estimated 170 rounds of 120mm, 82mm and 60mm mortar, 30 rounds of RPG and 75mm fire as well as SA and AW fire from an estimated 2 VC Bns. This was followed by a ground attack which penetrated the perimeter on three sides with bangalore torpedoes and claymores. Fire was returned with organic weapons and supported by artillery, LFT, TAC air sorties and flare ships. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA, 19 US WIA; enemy losses were 143 VC KIA (BC), 62 VC KIA (Poss), 2 VC PW, 35 AK-47 rifles, 11 RPG-2 launchers, 5 RPG-7 launchers and various small arms and ammunition, equipment and documents captured. Initial readout of the documents and PW interrogation indicates that the attacks were carried out by elements of 165th NVA Regt. Simultaneously with the above attack mortar attacks were made against D/1-18th at XT 763891 and A/1-16th of 1st US Inf Div at XT 767785, obviously in an attempt to prevent reinforcements for A/1-18th.

b) At 100350H, XS 6667, B/2-60th Inf, 9th US Inf Div at AN NHUT TAN received SA, AW, RPG and possibly 75mm RR fire from an estimated VC Bn. This was followed by a ground attack which occupied 2 bunkers on the perimeter. Artillery, gunships, Spooky and airstrikes supported the defending force. Results 14 VC KIA (BC); 6 US KIA, 33 US WIA. Initial readout of captured docs indicates that the VC force was elements of 2nd Independent Bn, LONG AN Province. At 0407H 2-60th Inf base camp at TAN TRU (XS 6763), and the base camp at RACH KIEN (XS 7467) were attacked by mortars and/or RR fire.

c) At 120210H, XT 534221, 1-27th Inf of 25th US Inf Div base camp was attacked by 200 rounds of 60/82mm mortar and SA and AW fire from an unknown sized enemy force. Fire was returned and supported by LFT. Results 11 US WIA; 39 VC KIA (BC), 30 VC KIA (Poss), 4 AK-50 rifles, 1 AK-47 rifle, 3 RPG-2 launchers and other SA, and a quantity of documents captured. A large quantity of assorted ammunition was destroyed. Initial readout of the documents identifies the VC force as 1st Bn, 101st NVA Regt.

d) The Special Forces Camp at THIEN NGON (XT 085815) received attacks by mortars, SA, AW and RPGs on 10, 11, 12, 13, 16th Dec. Enemy losses are unknown and friendly losses very light.

3. Enemy Losses (9-15 Dec). During the reporting period there were 333 VC KIA (BC), 17 VC PW, 115 individual weapons and 33 crew-served weapons captured by US OPCON units; 86 VC KIA (BC), 7 VC PW, 46 individual and 3 crew-served weapons captured by ARVN III Corps units. Combined totals are 419 VC KIA (BC), 24 VC PW, 161 individual and 36 crew-served weapons captured. There were 45 HOI CHANH and 249.5 tons of rice captured. Of this rice 240 tons was reported in TIS 73 Para 15.

4. 5th VC Division. HQ 5th VC Div remains split with an element now located in PHUOC LONG Province controlling 88th NVA Regt and 275th VC Regt. 274th VC Regt remains in the HAT DICH bases with its elements dispersed throughout this base area and the northern RSSZ and NGON TRACH District. 2nd Bn, 274th VC Regt

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with local units supporting, launched a mortar and ground attack against a company element of RTAVR at YS 1480 on the night of 20/21 Dec 67 with simultaneous harassing mortar attacks against another company location and their FSPB. Results of the attack were 54 VC KIA (BC), 17 AK-47 rifles, 5 Chicom LMG and 5 RPG-2 launchers captured; 4 THAI KIA, 13 THAI WIA. The initial attack lasted 45 minutes and was followed by two mortar attacks to allow the VC to clear the battlefield. From 0100H to 0600H the company was subjected to continued spasmodic mortar harassment. This action is the first involving elements of 274th VC Regt for some time and indicates they are prepared to concentrate in battalion strength to attack selected targets when they think it worthwhile. The presence of elements of 274th VC Regt in the RSSZ adds weight to the possibility of co-ordination between 274th and DOAN 10 (Group 10) - the VC formation responsible for operations in the RUNG SAT Special Zone.

5. VC BA BIEN Province. Captured documents and PW reports continue to indicate the success of Allied operations in southern VC BA BIEN Province to deny the movement of rice into the VC base areas. Such friendly operations will continue to have an adverse effect on enemy capability to develop an offensive posture in the Province.

6. 7th NVA Division. HQ 7th NVA Div with support elements remains located in the vicinity of the "FISH HOOK" (vic XT 5993).

7. 165th NVA Regt remains located in southern BINH LONG Province SOUTH of AN LOC. Elements of the Regt were identified as participating in an assault against the Night Defence Position (NDP) of A/1/18th Inf, 1st US Inf Div on 10 Dec, 6 km SOUTH of AN LOC (XT 744825).

8. There has been no known contact with 141st NVA Regt during the week. Elements of the Regt were last identified in contact vic XT 766737 on 3 Dec, 10 km NORTH of CHON THANH on Route 13. The Regt remains unlocated, but is believed to be in central or southern BINH LONG Province.

9. 101st NVA Regt remains located SOUTH of the MICHELIN Plantation in the TRAPEZOID area, vic XT 5743. However, elements of the Regt were identified in an assault against 1/27th Inf 5 km NORTHEAST of TRANG BANG (vic XT 5322) on 12 Dec. The Regt also was probably responsible for the mortaring of 3rd Bde, 25th UC Inf Div CP at DAU TIENG (XT 4946) on 14 Dec.

10. The commitment of the 7th NVA Div Regts in southern BINH LONG Province and SOUTH of the MICHELIN has greatly lessened the threat of attack by Main Force elements in War Zone 'C'. During the week, the enemy reacted to the presence of Allied troops in War Zone 'C' by shelling friendly NDP and attacking the new CIDG Camp at THIEN NGON (XT 0882) on 5 days (Dec 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16). The camp, at the junction of Routes 20 and 22, endangers VC supply lines which pass through the area. The units responsible for the action are believed to be composed of COSVN Base Security units possibly supported by Local Forces.

11. 9th VC Division. HQ 9th VC Div and support elements remains in northwestern PHUOC LONG Province. 271st, 272nd and 273rd VC Regts avoided contact during the past week. All three regiments are unlocated, but are believed to remain in northwestern PHUOC LONG Province. All regiments were last contacted in the BU DOP - BO DUC Area.

(B) Friendly Activity.

12. The number of Allied large unit operations in III CTZ for the week was approximately the same as for last week. Contact was mainly light and sporadic. In Operation YELLOWSTONE in TAY NINH Province, elements of 25th US Inf Div found a cache at XT 445737 which contained 15,000 new hand grenades.

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(G) Other Information

13. Use of Time Fuze Shells in 82mm Mortar by VC. A document captured on 24 Nov in TAY NINH Province by 2/22nd Inf (M) provides information on 82mm mortar time fuze shells. The document, dated 26 Sep 67 and classified Top Secret, was prepared by the staff section of HQ 69th Artillery Command and distributed to all battalions and companies. The 82mm mortar time shell is a modified shell equipped with a chemical delay fuze, and fired from Chicom or Russian type 82mm mortars. The delay varies from 2 hours to 8 hours. This ammunition is used, according to the document, to attack Allied barracks, airfields, depots and installations to cause limited destruction and mainly for harassment purposes. Although there are no indications that this ammunition has been used, an obvious danger would result from handling these rounds as if they were duds.

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14. Characteristics of RPG-7 Anti-tank Grenade Launcher. A recent series of firing tests were conducted by CMFC with the RPG-7 to determine various characteristics of the weapon and penetration capabilities against a typical bunker configuration. The results were derived from the firing of 20 RPG-7 rounds and are summarized below.

1) The following weapons characteristics are in addition to those previously disseminated about the RPG-7:-

- a) Rocket motor cut-in 11 metres
- b) Maximum Range (limited by self-destruct feature) 920 metres
- c) Self-destruct time: 4.7 seconds
- d) Air burst altitude (at 45 degrees elevation) 700 metres
- e) Colour of Air Burst: yellow/orange followed by grey/black smoke
- f) Average velocity over initial 100m: 215 mps
- g) Maximum Effective range (stationary target) : 500m
- h) Maximum Effective Range (moving target): unknown

2) The following information is the result of test firings against a typical sandbag bunker (4 feet thick backed by 2 x 6 inch planks)

- a) Standoff distance: varied between 4 and 10 feet
- b) Effect of varying standoff distance: penetration the same
- c) Average penetration into bunker: 36 inches
- d) Effects of Chainlink on the Round: In about 65% of firings the nose fuze of the round passes through one of the openings in the chainlink fence and the fuze is not initiated. Continued passage of the round through the fence deforms the round and thus causes the electric circuit to short out and the round does not detonate when striking the bunker.

3) Without standoff penetration was complete with a 6" entrance hole and a 2-5" exit hole. Maximum penetration was found to be 67" in a separate test.

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15. Due to the failure of certain publications to arrive in HQ 1 ATF it will not be possible to give details of enemy and friendly activity outside III CTZ. There was, country wide, a decrease in the number of enemy initiated incidents. For the week there were 1735 enemy KIA compared with 1898 for the previous week.

THE 1968 TET CAMPAIGNINTRODUCTION

1. The word TET literally means the beginning of the Lunar New Year. The TET holiday period runs from 30 Jan 68 to 2 Feb 68 for most Vietnamese although it does extend in some cases for 7 days. It is the most sacred and important holiday of the year for the majority of Vietnamese regardless of religion. This is the time when every member of the family group endeavours to be with the family. It is the traditional time of returning to earlier memories, the family and family gatherings where old ties are renewed.
2. Although TET is still some weeks away, many Vietnamese are already preparing for it. Some women will have started making dresses for themselves and for their children to wear during the holiday period. In some cases, houses will be undergoing repairs and painting to make them look as new as possible in order to start the New Year in favourable circumstances. At this time also, family altars and graves of ancestors will be specially tended to get them in the best of condition for TET.
3. With the gathering of the family, special feasts are prepared using recipes especially for the holiday period. Wines and spirits are drunk at the parties and feasts, often in greater quantities than during other festivals.
4. On the first day of TET it is customary for all children of the family not living with their parents to visit them to wish them good luck, health, happiness and prosperity for the New Year. Gifts are always given to the parents on New Years Eve and often from younger members of the family to older members. The gift is purely symbolic and therefore it is always made no matter how poor the circumstances of the family. The gift may only be a small packet of tea or a similar item, but custom dictates that it be given no matter what the cost.
5. The TET holiday period is a time for forgiveness. It is a time when old quarrels should be forgotten even though they may be revived after the holiday. The use of harsh words or profane language is not encouraged, the belief being that in general, as you behave during TET, so you will behave during the rest of the year.

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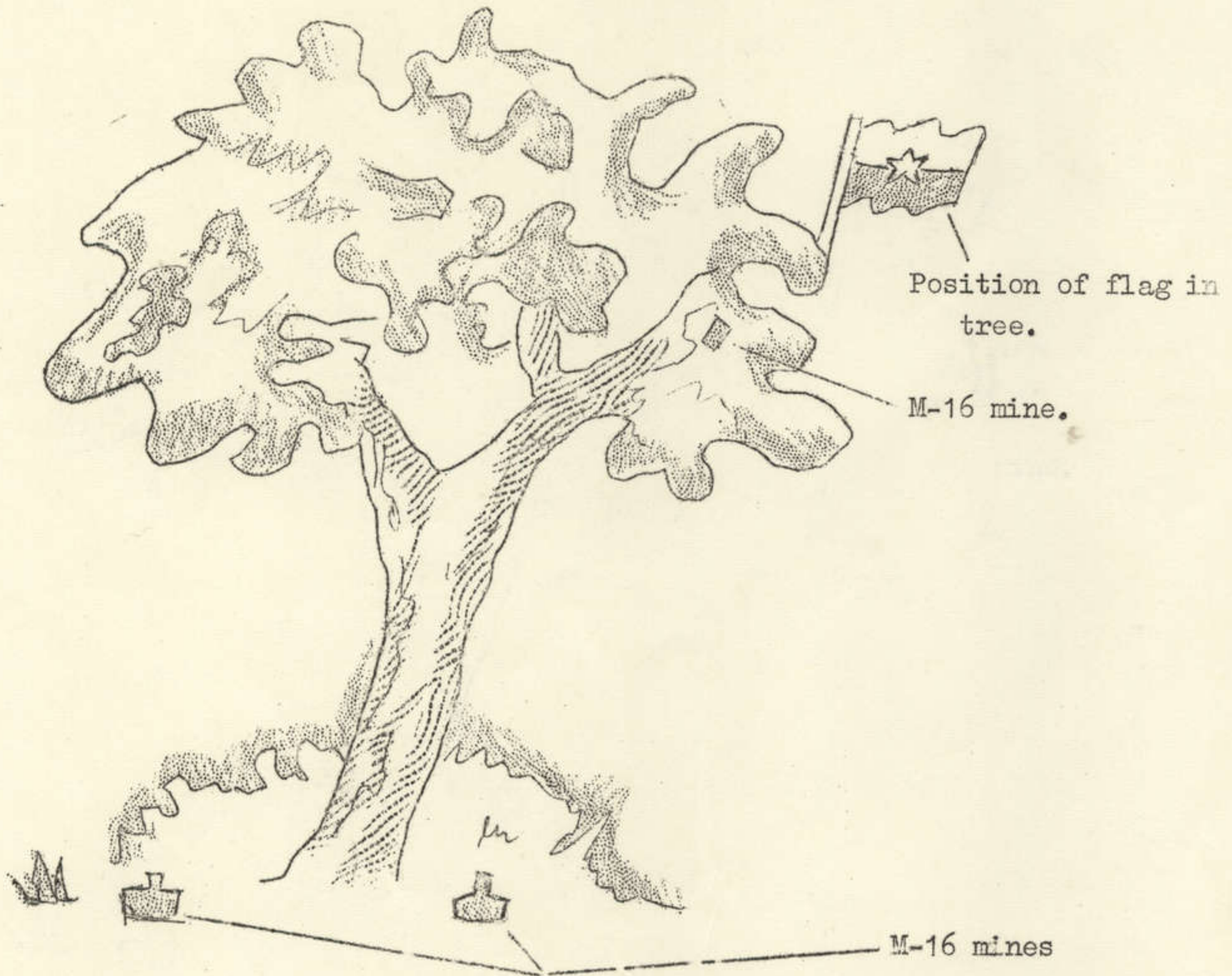
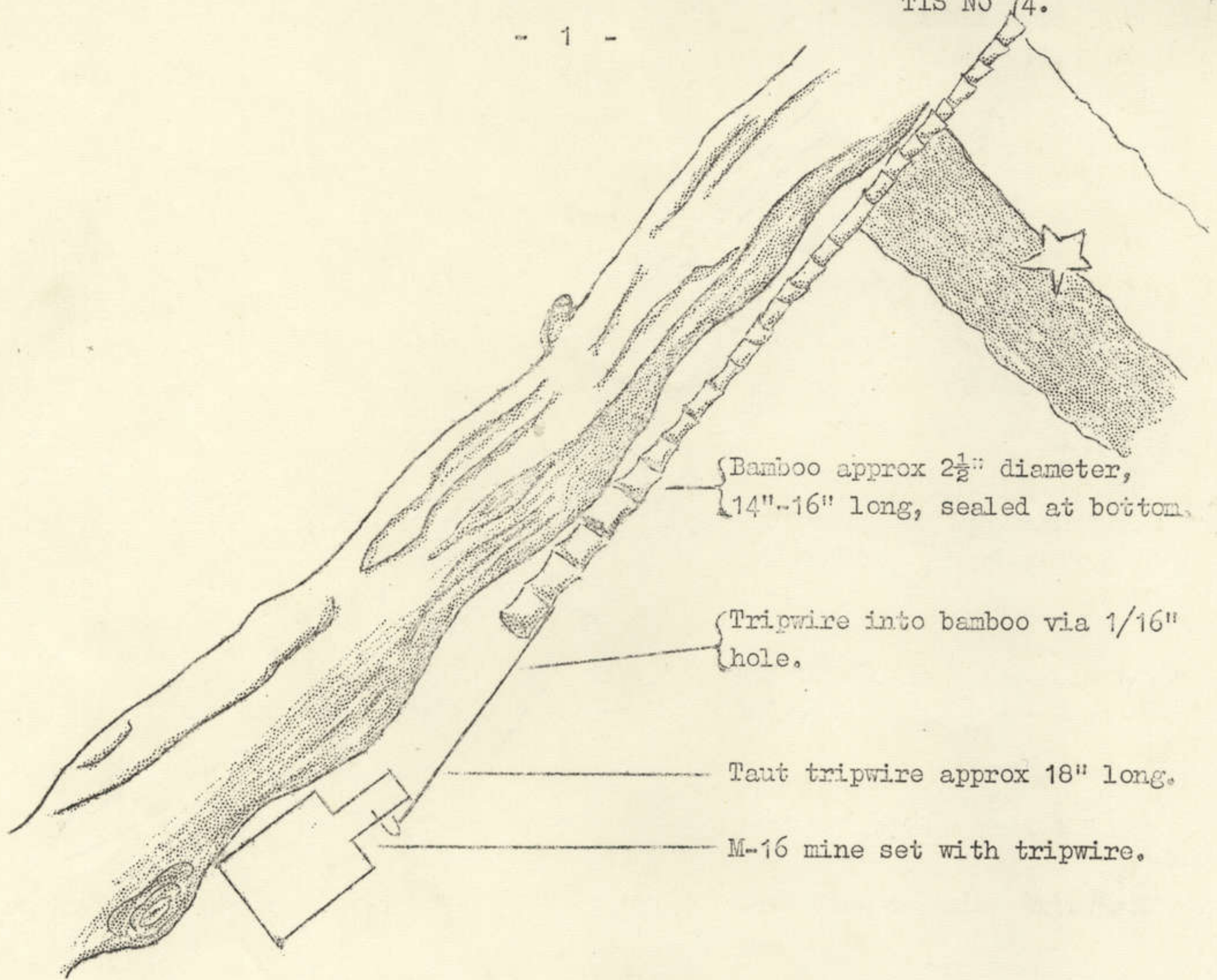
6. Because TET is traditionally a time when all Vietnamese families make every effort to be together, it is recognized as the best opportunity to persuade VC to rally. It is well known that during the TET period many members of the VC return to their families either with or without permission from the VC Cadre. Since one of the factors confronting a member of the VC who wishes to rally is the problem of getting away from his unit, and also of getting a pass to travel, the relaxation of restrictions during TET and the partial cessation of hostilities, eases this problem.
7. The TET campaign will commence on 1 Jan 68 and continue through until 21 Mar 68. The aim of the campaign is to persuade VC to return home for TET, and once at home, to rally to the GVN.
8. To assist in achieving this aim, massive leaflet drops will be made in known VC areas in all CTZ in conjunction with special taped messages for aerial delivery. It is hoped that during the weeks of the campaign that the majority of the VC will either hear or see the TET message and that this will induce or sway a higher than normal proportion to return home for TET and subsequently to rally.
9. In conjunction with the programme in VC jungle areas, civilian orientated leaflets, banners, posters, ground and aerial loudspeakers, TV and radio broadcasts will all be used to convince the civilian population that they should use their influence on any VC who come home for TET in an effort to persuade them to rally. Visits will also be made by Armed Propaganda Teams or other GVN officials to known relatives of the VC in an attempt to convince them that the VC are losing the war. Every effort will be made to indoctrinate the civilian population

so that they will of their own accord attempt to persuade and VC at home during the TET period that life as a civilian under the present government and system is preferable to life with the VC.

10. The face-to-face confrontation by APT or other GVN officials with relatives of the VC is known to be the most effective method of inducing VC to rally. A high proportion of ralliers (66%) visit either a relative or a friend prior to making the final decision to rally, in order to determine whether the relatives can give positive information on the CHIEU HOI programme and the GVN treatment of ralliers. It follows therefore that if the civilian population as a whole are convinced that GVN promises to ralliers will be kept, there is every possibility that VC who have felt the need to come home for TET will be subjected to several days of persuasion by relatives or friends not to return to the jungle after the TET period. This could have the effect of finally deciding a waverer, or of convincing a previously undecided VC that rallying is the best choice.

11. During the period mid January to mid March of 1967, the rallier rate in most areas rose by 100%. This is likely to happen again, it is suggested that all ranks in 1 ATF are thoroughly briefed on the likelihood of VC attempting to rally at this time and of the possibility of doing so in groups. Any accidental shooting of persons attempting to rally would have a detrimental effect on the CHIEU HOI Programme and would cast grave doubts amongst the VC about the veracity of government promises and statements.

Ends.



The above diagram shows how the M-16 mines were located when found by 8/C/2RAR at YS 503647 on 29 Nov 67. For full details see the accompanying article.

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VC USE OF M16 MINES.

1. On 29 Nov 67, vic YS 503647, 8/C/2RAR found 3 M16 mines in and around a tree. Two of the mines were part buried at the base of the tree and the third was in the tree.
2. The two mines which were part buried had approximately 5 inches of the mine under the ground and 2 inches above ground. Both these mines were set for trip wires but no trip wire was attached. Engineer elements disarmed one of the mines but the second had an anti-lift device which ignited the M16.
3. The M16 which was mounted in the tree was attached to a VC flag in the form of a booby trap. The flag was fitted to a bamboo approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and 14-16" long. There was a hole about $\frac{1}{16}$ " diameter in the bottom of the bamboo and the trip wire went from this hole to the M16. The trip wire was about 18" long. The Engineer element "pulled" the mine attached to the booby trap in case of a "double bluff".
4. No casualties or loss of equipment was sustained.

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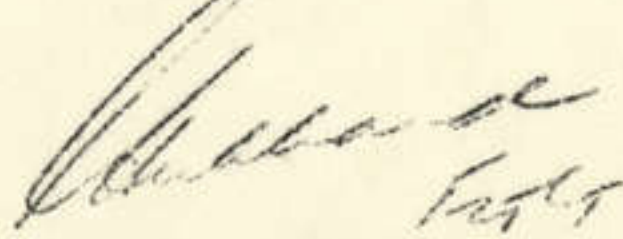
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Section 1 III Corps.

(A) Enemy Activity.

1. With the exception of a significant increase in enemy attacks by fire in northern PHUOC LONG Province, and two heavy contacts in VC THU DAU MOT Province, the number of enemy-initiated incidents in the II FFORCEV Tactical Area of Interest (TAOI) decreased from last week. There were two apparent changes in Main Force dispositions in central BINH LONG and northern PHUOC LONG Provinces. The enemy continues attempts to assert his dominance in MR10, and appears determined to achieve a major victory. Activities throughout the remainder of III CTZ reflect a continuation of enemy winter-spring operations. There were 129 VC-initiated incidents for the week compared to 149 last week; however there were 48 mortar attacks compared to 29 last week.
2. Enemy Losses (2 Dec-8 Dec). During the period there were 280 VC KIA (BC), 5 VC PW, 82 individual and 6 crew-served weapons captured by US OPCON units and 96 VC KIA (BC), 15 VC PW and 29 individual weapons captured by ARVN III Corps units to give combined totals of 376 VC KIA (BC), 20 VC PW, 111 individual and 6 crew-served weapons captured. There were 52 HOI CHANH and 173.4 tons of rice was captured or destroyed.
3. 5th VC Division (CT5). Elements subordinate to 5th VC Div remain scattered throughout VC BA BIEN Province and MR10. Although no contact was made with elements of 88th NVA Regt and 275th VC Regt in the SONG BE area, reliable agent reports continue to indicate their presence in that area. 274th VC Regt remains dispersed in the HAT DICH bases and continues to avoid contact with Allied forces. Such activity is not unusual at this time of the year as main force elements devote manpower to the collection of supplies and use the time for rehabilitation.
4. 5th VC Div HQ remains unlocated and appears to be split with an element possibly moving to control their Main Force units in the SONG BE area and a residual HQ controlling the remainder of the division in VC BA BIEN Province.
5. 7th NVA Division (CT7). HQ 7th NVA Div remains located in the "FISH HOOK" (vic XT 5993) together with support elements.
6. Although 101st NVA Regt remains in the TRAPEZOID area, SOUTH of the MICHELIN Plantation, there was no contact with it during the reporting period. (The TRAPEZOID area is bounded on the NORTH by the MICHELIN, on the SOUTH by the IRON TRIANGLE, on the EAST by the THI TINH River and on the WEST by the SAIGON River. Approx centre of mass XT 5545).
7. 165th NVA Regt remains in central and southern BINH LONG Province. There has been no known contacts with the Regt since its attacks against 1st US Inf Div elements on 24 Nov near Route 13, SOUTH of AN LOC (vic XT 7776 and XT 7084).
8. 1st Bn, 141st NVA Regt was identified in contact with 1st US Inf Div on 3 Dec, vic XT 766737, 10Km NORTH of CHON THANH. The current location of the Regt is unknown, however, a rallier has stated that the bulk of it is in eastern War Zone 'C'.
9. 9th VC Division (CT9). HQ 9th VC Div remains in northwestern PHUOC LONG Province, vic XU 8622.
10. 271st VC Regt was identified through PW and documents as participating in the attack against 1/28th US Inf on 29 Nov near BU DOP, vic XU 975289.
11. The last contact with 272nd VC Regt was at BO DUC, (vic XU 9825) also on 29 Nov. There was no known contact with the Regt during the week.
12. In the BU DOP - BO DUC area, there were sporadic, but intense, ground contacts during the week, and harassing fires placed almost nightly on Allied night defensive positions (NDP). The heaviest contact occurred on 8 Dec as the

enemy launched a mortar attack and followed by an unsuccessful ground assault against Allied positions (vic BU DOP XU 9728). It was also reported that 5 rockets of unknown calibre were fired against the BU DOP camp (XU 999299). Initial interrogation of PW indicated that 3rd Bn, 273rd VC Regt participated in the attack. It is possible that elements of 273rd, which had not been contacted since the LOC NINH battle, have been committed to a reinforcing role at BU DOP; however, the Regt is believed to be only marginally combat effective and the commitment of the remainder of it at BU DOP has not been determined.

13. Main Enemy Initiated Incidents. The main enemy initiated incidents in III CTZ for the week were:

- a) BU DOP/BO DUC Area. During the period 2 Dec - 9 Dec there was a total of 9 enemy initiated mortar and/or ground attacks against Allied forces and installations in the BU DOP/BO DUC area. The heaviest attack was at 080105H, vic XU 992258, when 1/2nd US Inf received 60 rounds of 60mm mortar which was followed by a heavy ground attack. The ground attack lasted until 0300H before it was finally repulsed. US losses were 4 KIA and 14 WIA; enemy losses were 49 VC KIA, 5 VC PW, and 96 VC KIA (POSS); 4 CHICOM lmg, 16 AK-47s, 3 pistols, 2 RPG-2 and 1 RPG-7 rocket launchers, 1 radio and 1 telephone were captured. Preliminary interrogation of the PW indicated that the VC force was elements of 3rd Bn, 273rd VC Regt. Simultaneous mortar attacks were made against 1/28th US Inf at XU 974293 and these were followed by a rocket attack at 0559H. In all over 100 rounds of 60mm mortar, 80 rounds of 82mm mortar and 5 122mm rockets were received in the area of 1/28th.
- b) At 050005H, vic YU 185120, an estimated VC Coy attacked the DAK SON hamlet which was defended by 2 PF Platoons and 1 RD team. The attack commenced with mortars and was followed by a ground attack which overran the northeastern portion of the hamlet. The VC began to withdraw at 0215 but launched another mortar attack at 0435H. All VC had left the area by daylight. The majority of casualties were civilians who had suffocated when the VC used flamethrowers on the bunkers they were sheltering in. Friendly casualties were 67 KIA (4 RD, 2 RF, 61 civ) and 39 WIA; equipment losses were 11 M1 carbines, 11 shotguns, 4 SMGs, 3 BARs, 1 .45 cal pistol and 1 PRC-10 radio captured, 72 houses destroyed. Enemy losses were 5 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s captured.
- c) At 030035H, XT 766737, an estimated 2 VC Coys launched a mortar, RPG and SA attack against 1/18th US Inf. The attack lasted until 0420H. Fire was returned using artillery, mortars and supported by LFT, FAC, Arty AO, flare ship and airstrikes. Friendly casualties were 7 US KIA and 20 US WIA; enemy losses were 27 VC KIA, 35 VC KIA (Poss); 1 60mm mortar, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 8 AK-47s and quantities of ammunition and personal items captured. Initial readout of documents identifies elements of 141st NVA Regt.

14. Summary. The move of elements of 141st NVA Regt to south-central BINH LONG Province, and the possible move of 273rd VC Regt to northern PHUOC LONG Province has altered the overall disposition of enemy Main Forces in III CTZ. Probable areas of threat are:

- a) The possible commitment of 141st NVA Regt to an offensive role in the same area as 165th NVA Regt presents a two regiment threat in BINH LONG Province. In the event that the the entire 141st NVA Regt has moved to BINH LONG then the threat in War Zone 'C' is reduced considerably and any Allied offensive in the area would meet only scattered resistance from security battalions and service troops. 101st NVA Regt

remains in the area of the MICHELIN plantation and poses a threat to smaller Allied posts in TAY NINH and western BINH DUONG Provinces. It may also be used to reinforce or be reinforced by 141st and 165th NVA Regts.

- b) The major threat continues to be in northern PHUOC LONG Province. The enemy appears determined to gain some measure of success. However, his attempts so far continue to indicate a lack of staying power in combat, and a lack of trained and experienced combat leadership. Despite these weaknesses, the enemy threat at BO DUC and BU DOP from 271st and 272nd VC Regts, with possible elements of 273rd VC Regt in a supporting or reinforcing role, remains. The threat at SONG BE consists of 88th NVA Regt and 275th VC Regt which could be supported or reinforced by the 3 regiments in the BO DUC/BU DOP area. The present threat to LOC NINH remains unchanged.
- c) In VC BA BIEN Province, the possibility of increased enemy activity exists with expanded operations by D445 and D440 Battalions. However, a major threat is not discernable for the present time, unless Allied forces present the VC with an exploitable weakness. The 274th VC Regt continues to threaten with its capability to regroup and conduct limited objective attacks.
- d) The concentration of seven NVA/VC regiments in MR10 places heavy emphasis on the importance of this area to the enemy. However, the continued importance of VC THU DAU MOT Province and western War Zone 'D' to enemy activities in central III CTZ cannot be ignored. The threat in this area consists of the DONG NAI Regt plus LF elements. The DONG NAI Regt probably still retains a 122mm rocket capability from elements of 84A NVA Arty Regt which did not return NORTH earlier in the year. With this capability the Regt poses a threat to the BIEN HOA - LONG BINH complex. In addition, the VC forces in this area could be possibly reinforced by elements from 274th VC Regt.
- e) The enemy continues to possess the capability to conduct attacks by fire on Allied HQ and logistics installations throughout III CTZ. In view of the approaching major VC holidays on 20 & 22 Dec, local security forces should be particularly alert; all personnel should be aware of active and passive defensive measures to be taken in the event of enemy attacks by fire.

(B) Friendly Activity.

15. US/FW Forces carried out 15 large unit operations in III CTZ for the week with only major contact in Operation STRIKE/UNIONTOWN in BIEN HOA Province where elements of 199th US Inf Bde (Sep) (Lt) with one battalion from both 9th and 25th US Inf Divs had 81 enemy KIA. In Operation YELLOWSTONE in TAY NINH Province A/4/9 of 25th US Inf Div found a cache of 140 tons of rice at XT 287942 (part of the amount reported in para 2) and found another cache of 240 tons of rice on the following day, 9 Dec, at XT 289938. This total of 380 tons of rice would be probably sufficient to feed one VC regiment for 12 months. ARVN Forces carried out 17 large unit operations with mainly light and sporadic contact, however in Operation RANG DONG in GIA DINH Province 30th, 32nd and 38th Ranger Bns had 50 enemy KIA.

(C) Other Information.

16. Famine in BAU LAM Village, BA BIEN Province. A report, dated 18 Aug 67, and addressed to the Executive Committee of the Province Farmers' Association, discusses the agricultural status of BAU LAM Village (YS 612820). According to

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the report there is a famine in BAU LAM Village. Of 118 families in the area, one had provisions for three years, 14 had provisions for 4 months, 9 families had enough food for 2 months, and 92 other families were starving. The report warned that the situation would be worse in 1968 due to damage caused to agricultural production by Allied activities and natural disasters during 1967.

(II FFORCEV Perintrep 49-67)

16. Liberation Radio Broadcasts VC Truce Period. On 29 Nov 67, vic XT 3538, C/1/5th Inf, 25th US Inf Div captured a notebook with entries dated Oct 67 by an unidentified individual. One entry contains notes on a VC truce, as broadcasted by "Liberation Radio". Time periods for the truce were:

Christmas: three days, from 232200H to 262400H Dec 67

New Year : three days, from 292400H Dec 67 to 022400H Jan 68

1968 TET : seven days from 0001H on the 28th day of the 12th month on the 1967 Lunar Calendar through the 6th day of the 1st month of the 1968 Lunar Calendar.

(II FFORCEV Comment: This is a possible indication that the VC will attempt to effect a truce during the periods of time listed above. It is interesting to note that several low-level reports have stated that 19-22 Dec 67 will be a period of increased activity immediately preceding the truce period in the hope that a truce period would serve as a sanctuary against Allied reaction.)

(II FFORCEV Perintrep 49-67)

(1ATF Comment: Since the above it has been announced that GVN will accept a truce of 1 day at Christmas, 1 day at New Year and 2 days at TET.)

17. VC Personal Protection Against Defoliants. Interrogation of a PW has given details of measures taken by VC personnel to provide personal protection against defoliants. When defoliation material was spread over areas occupied by VC troops in GIA DINH and BIEN HOA Provinces the troops covered their heads with nylon packs, put on face masks or covered their mouths and noses with towels soaked in eucalyptus oil, and moved out of the area against the wind direction. Masks were made by the individual soldiers by soaking two thin pieces of thin cloth with eucalyptus oil and carbon powder. Troops were not to drink water flowing in areas that had been defoliated but they were permitted to drink water from wells. Food had to be covered to protect it from the defoliant. The chemical agent in the defoliant caused a headache, dizziness and a runny nose; but this was only temporary. Troops moved as soon as possible to an area that had not been defoliated. The VC took no direct action against defoliation aircraft and were not permitted to fire at them for fear of disclosing the VC position. (NIC Report 1289/67 dated 2 Nov 67)

18. Sick VC Treated in PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA. A personal letter written in PHNOM PENH, and dated 22 Jun 67, was captured by elements of 9th US Inf Div vic XT 5969. Signed by TU HA and addressed to members of the MY BINH Village Party Chapter (XS 600688), TAN TRU District, LONG AN Province, the letter reveals that HA has almost recovered from his sickness after 3 months of medical treatment in a "friendly country". HA also states that he was not able to make a long trip by boat, and would therefore wait for a "ship which would bring him home". (II FFORCEV Comment: This document indicates the continued use of CAMBODIA by the VC as a sanctuary for the treatment of sick and wounded personnel. However, this is the first known instance in which the treatment was being given in PHNOM PENH itself as opposed to one of several VC hospitals located along the RVN/Cambodian border.)

(II FFORCEV Perintrep 49-67)

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III Corps) and North Vietnam.

(A) Enemy Activity.

19. Country wide both the number of enemy-initiated incidents and attacks/

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ambushes increased this week. There were 15 attacks in I CTZ, 10 attacks and 4 ambushes in II CTZ and 29 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity.

20. The number of large unit operations country wide decreased from 126 to 106 and the number with contact decreased from 73 to 68. The number of enemy KIA increased from 1450 (update) to 1898.

I Corps.

21. US/FW Forces carried out 8 large unit operations in I CTZ for the week. Contact was made in all operations but the only heavy contact was in Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA in QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Provinces where the US AMERICAL Div had 227 enemy KIA. ARVN Forces carried out 14 large unit operations for the week and contact was mainly light and sporadic. In Operation LAM SON 156 in QUANG TRI Province elements of 1st ARVN Inf Div had 44 enemy KIA.

II Corps.

22. The main contact in II Corps for the week was in the BONG SON Area (BR 8594) of BINH DINH Province. There was heavy contact on 2-3 days between elements of US 1st Cav Div (Air Mbl) and elements of 2nd VC Regt and 22nd NVA Regt both of 3 NVA Div. Enemy losses were 269 KIA, 87 PW and various weapons captured; friendly casualties 19 KIA, 118 WIA. Including Operation PERSHING above, US/FW Forces carried out 5 large unit operations in II CTZ for the week but in other operations contact was light to moderate only. ARVN Forces carried out 13 large unit operations with negligible contact.

IV Corps.

23. US/FW FORCES carried out 2 large unit operations and ARVN Forces carried out 32 large unit operations in IV CTZ for the week. In Operation CORONADO IX in DINH TUONG Province, elements of 9th US Inf Div and 5th Bn, VNMC operating as a Mobile Riverine Force had a running battle with elements of 267th VC Main Force and 502nd VC Local Force Bns in the area WS 9140 to WS 9546. The fighting took place between 040750H and 042250H. Results of the contacts were 235 VC KIA and 5 VC PW; 13 US KIA, 41 VNM KIA, 136 US WIA, 99 VNM WIA and 2 US MIA. Of the enemy KIA 154 are credited to 5th Bn VNMC and the remainder to US Forces. On 8 and 9 December in CHUONG THIEN and PHONG DINH Provinces 2/31st and 3/31st of ARVN 21st Inf Div together with 42nd, 43rd and 44th ARVN Ranger Bns surrounded a VC force thought to consist of U MINH 10 VC Inf Bn and another unidentified battalion. During fighting on 8 Dec the ARVN Forces accounted for 365 enemy KIA which is the highest daily tally of enemy KIA ever recorded for ARVN Forces. Fighting continued on 9 Dec to give the following figures for the operation, Operation DAN CHI 315, 439 enemy KIA, 10 VC PW, various arms and ammunition captured; friendly losses were 65 ARVN KIA, 154 ARVN WIA. Up to the time of these contacts U MINH 10 VC Bn had been considered to be a most effective VC unit, but, if in fact it was involved in this action then it can now only be considered marginally combat effective. In other operations in IV CTZ contact was light to negligible.

(C) Other Activity.

24. Appearance of New Infantry Rifle. US 173rd Abn Bde captured two AKM rifles during the fighting in the vicinity of DAK TO in KONTUM Province. This is believed to be the first report that enemy units in II CTZ possessed AKM rifles. The AKM is basically the same as the AK-47; however it has a stamped receiver and a rate regulator. By producing weapons with stamped receivers,

enemy arms manufacturers can produce the weapon faster and more economically. The addition of a rate regulator to a weapon slows down the cyclic rate, thereby reducing ammunition consumption. (I FFORCEV Perintrep 48-67).

Section 3 Discussion Point

Rice Denial Operations - Operation FORREST

25. This operation was planned to follow on after earlier operations (AINSLIE, KENMORE and SANTA FE) had caused considerable damage to the VC logistic system. It will be some time before information (in the form of ralliers and documents) is obtained that will tell us how successful the operation has been. However, after three weeks the following points are clear:

- a) Contacts. The frequency and nature of contacts have been such as to prevent the majority of VC parties from infiltrating the populated areas. So far there have been 29 VC KIA, 1 VC KIA (POSS) and 7 VC WIA. If the interception of these small groups (which are generally about section strength) continues it is doubtful that much rice will go out to the VC. It is possible that he might try a larger-scale raid against a village if he is desperate for food. Most of the villages now have a lot of rice bagged or spread around the houses.
- b) Rice. Some rice is getting out and this is happening in the northern part of the TAOR where VC movement by small groups is heavy. Recent successful ambushes, airstrikes and artillery fire should slow down the VC activity in this area.
- c) Cordon and Search. These are unspectacular and tiring operations for everyone but they allow GVN officials, with 1 ATF assistance, to screen all the inhabitants of a village. Wanted lists of various types are used to apprehend suspects. ARVN intelligence sections are interested in catching up with military members of the VC infrastructure and suppliers and liaison members. National Police look out for VC civilian sympathizers and ordinary Vietnamese criminals. So far over 300 suspects have been detained. Most of these are "illegal residents", that is, they are not permanent dwellers in the houses or with the families where they were found. Most of them are subsequently cleared as visitors or relatives and released. Some of the suspects turn out to be sympathizers with the VC, members of the VC, draft dodgers, deserters or criminals. According to each case they are handed over to the Army or National Police for further processing. At the moment the facilities in BARIA are getting a bit crowded and many of the suspects are waiting to be questioned in detail.

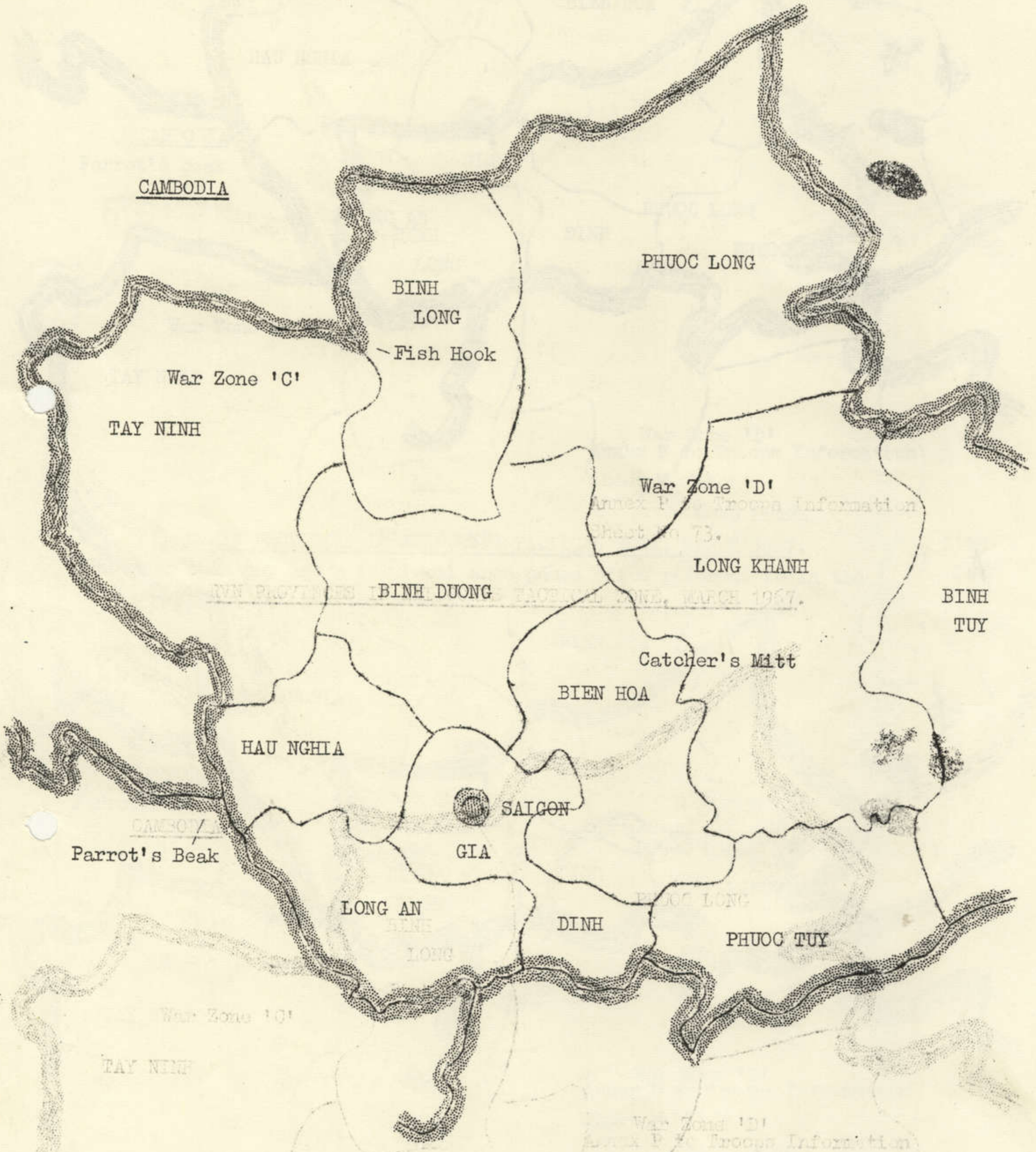
26. It is difficult to gauge the success of an operation while it is still in progress but it is safe to say that Operation FORREST has so far achieved the following:

- a) Detected and intercepted infiltration groups on several of the known VC approach routes.
- b) Found and destroyed important forward staging and lay-up areas.
- c) Allowed the apprehension of some confirmed VC members and sympathizers (exact number not known but at least 20 VC and some 50 more VC suspects awaiting detailed processing).
- d) Brought 1 rallier from C41 (CHAU DUC District Co) to the combined check point at HOA LONG who has provided some useful information.

27. With further pressure it is to be hoped that more VC will realize their future is going to get harder and harder and that they also will rally. In any case it seems certain that Op FORREST is not going to make life easier for the VC in

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RVN PROVINCES IN III CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, MARCH 1967.



Shown on this map are a few local area names often referred to in the
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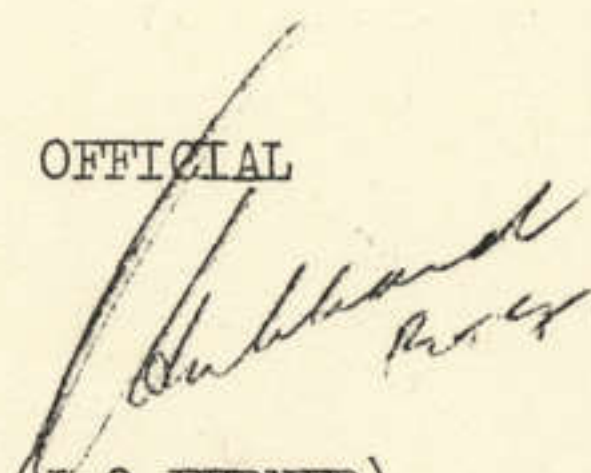
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Section 1 III Corps

(A) Enemy Activity.

1. Enemy activity throughout the II FFORCEV Tactical Area of Interest (TAOI) remained generally at the same increased level of last week. The intensity of contacts was relatively light except for the heavy actions in the BO DUC - BU DOP area in northern PHUOC LONG Province and the attack at XUAN LOC in LONG KHANH Province. The enemy continues to attempt to assert his dominance in the MR 10 area. Activities throughout the remainder of III CTZ appear to be a continuation of his winter-spring operations. There were 149 VC-initiated incidents during the week compared to 121 the previous week and there were 29 mortar attacks as compared to 34 last week.

2. The main enemy initiated incidents for the week in III CTZ were:-

- a) At 290001H, vic YT471081, 181st ARVN Arty and the airfield to the WEST received SA, AW, RPG-2 and mortar fire from an unknown size VC force. The ammo dump at the airfield received 60mm mortar fire but there was no damage. The XUAN LOC Interrogation Centre, CHIEU HOI Centre and 410th Admin and Log Co also received SA and mortar fire. Four hamlets in the general area of XUAN LOC also received ground ground attacks or mortar fire. Enemy casualties are unknown; friendly casualties were 5 KIA, 31 WIA.
- b) At 290030H the BO DUC District HQ, vic XU968253, was attacked by an estimated VC battalion. Simultaneously the USSF Camp at BU DOP, vic XU9929, was attacked with mortars. The action lasted until 0435H. Enemy losses were 39 KIA, 1 PW; friendly losses were 15 KIA, 58 WIA. Weapons captured were 7 individual and 5 crew-served weapons. Enemy units involved in the attack were elements of 2nd and 3rd Bns, 273rd VC Regt, 9th VC Div.
- c) At 291240H, vic YU020305, elements from BU DOP SF camp were attacked by an estimated VC coy. Artillery and airstrikes were called in. The enemy broke contact and the SF troops pursued them and contacted further enemy forces at XU 985295. The SF troops then divided into small groups to return to camp. One group consisting of 1 USSF and approximately 40 CIDG troops is missing. Enemy losses were 40 KIA; friendly losses (apart from those missing) were 19 KIA, 15 WIA and a number of SA lost. A search for the MIA was to be carried out on 30 Nov but to date no result of this search has been received.
- d) At 292202H, vic XU 973292, US 1/28th Inf, 1st Div, received 125 rounds of 60mm/82mm mortar and 20 to 25 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. At 2226H a ground attack was launched from the EAST and at 2235H one was launched from the NORTH. At 2257H all incoming fire ceased. The defence was supported by LFT, artillery, air strikes and a flare ship. A sweep was made of the battle area the following day and 31 VC KIA were located. In addition a combat patrol made contact with VC who were carrying bodies, resulting in 2 VC KIA. A readout of captured documents indicates that the enemy force was elements of 271st VC Regt.
- e) At 021855H, and 022135H, vic XU 9729, elements of 1/28th Inf, US 1st Inf Div received approx 250 rounds of assorted mortar fire. At 021856H the BU DOP SF Camp, vic XU 9929, received 30 rounds of 82mm mortar which destroyed 2 155mm howitzers, a 155mm ammunition dump and all electrical generators at the location.

3. 5th VC Division. 5th VC Div remains dispersed with the HQ not firmly located but apparently moving NORTH from the MAY TAO base where Operation SANTA FE has had practically no contact. 274th VC Regt remains dispersed in the HAT

DICH bases and continues to avoid contact. However the presence of a Main Force Regiment in this area continues to give the VC the ability to attack opportunity targets and weak RF PF and Police outposts on Routes 1, 15 and 2. 275th VC Regt was contacted by 3/9th ARVN and 31st ARVN Rangers SOUTHEAST of SONG BE on 25 Nov 67.

4. VC BA BIEN Province. VC activity within VC BA BIEN Province has increased sharply with the majority of incidents being initiated by district or provincial forces and being directed against PF and National Police posts and aimed at intimidating the people and discrediting the GVN image.

5. 7th NVA Division. 7th NVA Div HQ with support elements remains located in the "FISH HOOK" (vic XT5993).

6. 141st NVA Regt remains unlocated but is presumed to be in central and eastern War Zone 'C'.

7. There has been no known contact with 101st NVA Regt since elements of the Regt were engaged SOUTH of the MICHELIN Plantation on 24 Nov (vic XT 5741). The intensity of sporadic contacts in the vicinity of the Plantation during the week indicate the continued presence of 101st NVA Regt in the area.

8. 165th NVA Regt remains in central and southern BINH LONG Province. The Regt has avoided contact since its attacks against 1st US Div elements on 24 Nov near Route 13, SOUTH of AN LOC (vic XT 7776 and XT 7084).

9. 9th VC Division. 9th VC Div HQ remains in northwestern PHUOC LONG Province vic XU 8622.

10. 271st VC Regt is unlocated, but may have rejoined 9th VC Div in MR10. Elements of 271st VC Regt were identified during the week in contacts at BO DUC - BU DOP. Interrogation of prisoners and evaluation of captured documents continues, in order to determine the extent of the participation of the Regt in these attacks.

11. 273rd VC Regt probably remains WEST of LOC NINH along the Cambodian border where it continues to reconstitute forces and recover its combat posture.

12. 272nd VC Regt, possibly supported by elements of 271st VC Regt, is currently located in the vicinity of BU DOP-BO DUC, after conducting a series of assaults against Allied units in the area. There was evidence that elements of 84A NVA Arty Regt also participated in the action.

13. CIDG elements, operating EAST of the BU DOP Camp made sporadic contacts on 26 and 28 Nov, vic YU 0930 and YU 0632, indicating the presence of VC forces. At 0030H 29 Nov an unsuccessful attack of at least battalion-size was made against the District HQ at BO DUC (XU 9025). Initial reports from PW and documents identified 2nd and 3rd Bns of 272nd VC Regt. At 2200H, 29 Nov a reaction force from 1/28th Inf, US 1st Inf Div which had been despatched earlier in the day to BU DOP repulsed a coordinated ground and mortar attack vic XU 975289, and received 20-25 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. In addition to 272nd VC Regt, elements of 271st VC Regt were also identified through document readout. An unusual aspect of the attack was that the VC used smoke to screen the removal of their dead and wounded from the battlefield, and also used flares as signals.

14. 88th NVA Regt and 275th VC Regt. On 25 Nov, southeast of SONG BE, vic YU 219045, 3/9th ARVN and 31st ARVN Rangers were contacted by an estimated two VC companies of 275th VC Regt. The attacking force, which was repulsed, left behind a large amount of weapons, including two portable flame throwers. Since that action, occasional harassing mortar attacks were the only significant activity activity around SONG BE. Agents continue to report the presence of a third regiment NORTH of SONG BE; however, intelligence confirms only the 275th and 88th Regts as being in the immediate area. The subordination of 88th NVA Regt remains unknown as does the status of 275th VC Regt.

15. Enemy Losses (Period 25 Nov-1 Dec). During the period there were 189 VC KIA (BC), 17 VC PW, 95 individual weapons and 24 crew-served weapons captured by USOFCON units and 235 VC KIA (BC), 12 VC PW, 87 individual and 26 crew-served weapons captured by ARVN III Corps units, to give combined totals of 424 VC KIA (BC), 29 VC PW, 182 individual and 50 crew-served weapons captured. In addition there were 52 HOI CHANH and 127 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

16. Possible Future Action. In VC BA BIEN Province the possibility of increased enemy activity exists with expanded operations by D445 and D440 Battalions. However, a major threat is not discernable for the present time, unless Allied forces present the VC with a distinct weakness which can be exploited. 274th VC Regt continues to threaten with its capability to regroup and conduct small-scale, limited-objective attacks.

(B) Friendly Activity.

17. US/FW Forces carried out 13 large unit operations in III CTZ but contact was moderate to light in all operations. ARVN Forces carried out 22 large unit operations but without any major contact.

(C) Other Information.

18. On 29 Nov, 16Km WEST-NORTH-WEST of HIEP HOA in western HAU NGHIA Province (XT 2913), a FAC reported that a high performance aircraft, believed to be a MIG, crossed the border from CAMBODIA to SVN. The aircraft reportedly flew into SVN airspace, turned SOUTH for 2 to 3 miles, then WEST into CAMBODIA. On 30 Nov, 38Km NORTH-NORTH-EAST of TAY NINH City in northern TAY NINH Province (XT 3389), another FAC reported seeing an unidentified high performance aircraft enter SVN from CAMBODIA on a southerly heading at an altitude of 4000 feet. The aircraft circled the FAC twice at an altitude of 3000 feet, then turned NORTH, returning to CAMBODIA. On 1 Dec, another FAC reported sighting a MIG aircraft in the same location in western HAU NGHIA Province as the 29 Nov sighting. The aircraft reportedly flew into SVN airspace from CAMBODIA at an altitude of 800 feet. The aircraft flew southward and reentered CAMBODIA at a point approximately 18Km WEST-SOUTH-WEST of HIEP HOA (XT 2607). The aircraft was described as having swept wings with a droop nose and high tail. CAMBODIA has seven MIG15/17s in its aircraft inventory. (MACV DISUM 337-67).

19. An enemy agent report, evaluated possibly true, provides information on enemy rice procurement activities in BINH DUONG Province. According to the report, rice is bought by civilians at a BINH DUONG market and transported by bicycle to the VC rice purchasing station at MOI NUOC (XT 8028). Each bicycle carries 40 litres of rice in 2 bags. At the station the rice is re-packed in 50 litre bags which are then transported by motor bike to storage and distribution points. The civilians who deliver the rice purchase it at the BINH DUONG market at the rate of 145P for 10 litres and re-sell it to the VC at 225P for 10 litres. The VC pay a bonus of 100P to anyone who will deliver 100 litres of rice or more in one day. According to the agent, the VC purchase approximately 5000 litres of rice a day in this manner. (MACV DISUM 333-67)

20. A VC death notice was found near the BINH HOA Village Office, CONG THANH District, BIEN HOA Province. The note was discovered following a 5 Nov attack on a nearby ARVN RF outpost. The notice concerned a Vietnamese informant of a VC agency who was kidnapped by the VC on 11 Oct and was found dead 2 days later. The notice warned that "any Vietnamese who remained obstinate and continued to work for the GVN as an informant, investigator or spy to extend the suffering of the people, would be seriously punished". On 31 Oct the USAF Office of Special Investigations reported that a captured VC document revealed the VC as having initiated a policy to select cadre for assassination of persons known or

suspected to be informants for RVN or Allied forces. Under this new programme, the assassins would receive 3 days leave and 3000P (\$25.42) prior to departing on his mission; following a successful killing, he would receive an additional 3000P and a medal.

21. The murder of the RVN informant and the death notice may be the beginning of the new programme. The events clearly show VC increasing concern over the effectiveness of RVN and Allied intelligence and counter-intelligence efforts. (USARV Weekly Intelligence and Security Review of 5 Dec 67).

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III Corps) and North Vietnam.

(A) Enemy Activity.

22. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased for the week while the number of attacks/ambushes increased; there were 5 attacks and 4 ambushes in I CTZ, 7 attacks and 2 ambushes in II CTZ and 32 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity.

23. The number of large unit operations throughout the country increased from 109 to 126 and the number with contact increased from 72 to 73, however, the number of enemy KIA decreased from 1822 (adjusted) to 1358.

I Corps.

24. US/FW Forces carried out 8 large unit operations in I CTZ for the week; in Operation KENTUCKY in QUANG TRI Province elements of US 3rd Marine Div had 82 enemy KIA and in Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA in QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Provinces elements of US AMERICAN Div had 96 enemy KIA; otherwise contact was light and sporadic only. ARVN Forces carried out 13 large unit operations in the CTZ but contact was light to negligible.

II Corps.

25. The main activity in the DAK TO area of the B-3 NVA Front for the week consisted of mortar attacks against Allied positions. Ground fighting was much reduced from previous weeks. During the fighting in the DAK TO area it is estimated that an additional 2000 to 3000 enemy were KIA in addition to the official figures of 1379 KIA (BC) by US Forces and 393 KIA (BC) by ARVN Forces. Of interest is the intensity of air support during the DAK TO fighting; in all there were 38 B-52 strikes and over 2000 other airstrikes. In II CTZ US/FW Forces carried out 7 large unit operations but only in Operation PERSHING was there any major contact. In this operation in BINH DINH and QUANG NGAI Provinces elements of US 1st Cav Div (Air Mbl) had 69 enemy KIA. Operation KLAMATH FALLS has commenced in LAM DONG, BINH THUAN and BINH TUY Provinces, in this operation US 101st Abn Bde elements are supported by 1 Bn from US 1st Cav Div (Air Mbl). Until the commencement of this operation 101st Abn Bde had been operating in I CTZ as part of the US AMERICAN Div; to date the operation has had only minor contacts. ARVN Forces carried out 14 large unit operations in II CTZ but only had major contact in Operation KHAM ZEI 182 in northern-central KONUM Province where ARVN 2nd, 3rd and 7th Abn Bns had 189 enemy KIA.

IV Corps.

26. US Forces carried out 2 large unit operations and ARVN Forces carried out 46 large unit operations for the week in IV CTZ but contact was light to negligible in all cases.

(C) Other Information.

27. From 1 Oct 67 to 25 Nov 67 friendly forces in IV CTZ have confiscated a substantial amount of enemy equipment. A preliminary compilation reveals that the following material has been captured: 61,615 rounds of SA ammunition, 520 individual weapons, 653 mortar rounds (60mm, 81mm and 82mm), 80 B-40 rocket launchers and 182 rounds of ammunition, 1772 grenades, 24 cases of TNT, 41 crew-served weapons, 342 mines and 8.2 tons of rice captured or destroyed. With the enemy moving his equipment from relatively secure base areas into less secure operational areas, probably in preparation for his winter spring campaign, his caches have probably become more vulnerable to friendly sweep operations.

MACV DISUM 332-67)

28. WOULD YOU SHOOT A WOMAN? An agent report on VC monsoon campaign plans in QUANG TRI Province also provides information concerning the VC manpower problem. In the past, female cadre have been used in supply, com-mo-liaison, and other "rear-service" type units to free able-bodied men for combat. However, they are now reportedly being placed in fighting units as well. This may place friendly troops, some day, in the embarrassing position of being fired upon by some sweet young thing.

29. The report went on to relate that VC and NVA units in QUANG TRI Province are leaving their base areas and moving closer to GVN-controlled areas. They hope, by doing this, to find more adequate food supplies and escape the constant bombardment they have been suffering. Their objectives in the monsoon campaign are:

- 1) Destruction of US and GVN forces and installations
- 2) Destruction of the GVN pacification programme
- 3) Interdiction of lines of communication
- 4) Use of local political and religious frictions to foster propaganda favourable to the VC.

(Weekly Combat Intelligence and Security Review (USARV) 5 Dec 67)

30. VC DRAFT RULES. Difficulties in replacing battle losses have caused the VC to again lower their "draft" age in BA XUYEN Province. An agent report discloses that in one of the villages in BA XUYEN, the VC announced that all youths 15 years of age and older would be expected to serve 3 years with the VC forces. A "one-at-a-time" rule applies to families with two sons in the vulnerable age bracket. The villagers were reported to be unhappy with this new policy, however, and some have said they would rather send their children away to live in the city. Further evidence of youthful recruiting in the BA XUYEN area was provided when a 13-years-old com-mo-liaison cadre member was captured on 26 Oct by a PF unit.

(Weekly Combat Intelligence and Security Review 5 Dec 67).

Section 3 Discussion Point.

AUSTRALIAN STORES AND RATIONS IN USE BY VC.

31. On 27 Nov 67 a 1 ATF patrol investigated a camp at YS 648618 and found 1 belt of 7.62mm link ammunition, 2 yellow smoke grenades, a bundle of approx 100 AUSTRALIAN sandbags and about 25-30 tins of margarine. The camp appeared to have been in use only a few days before. The camp itself consisted of 5 huts and 5 bunkers, 3 of which were under the huts.

32. This example serves to show how the VC are quick to scavenge around our operational areas and put to use any items left behind by us. The items mentioned above were no doubt left behind after Operation KENMORE. It is important that all base areas be left clean on our departure and that no useable items

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of any type be left to the VC. Not only is it making life a bit easier for him but it encourages him to remain in areas he may otherwise have left.

33. If the VC gets the idea that Australian base areas offer good pickings he will lurk around our Fire Support and Patrol Bases and may even become more daring in his penetration attempts. The concept of complete denial is not only a planning factor at Task Force and Battalion level but must be considered right down to platoon and section positions.

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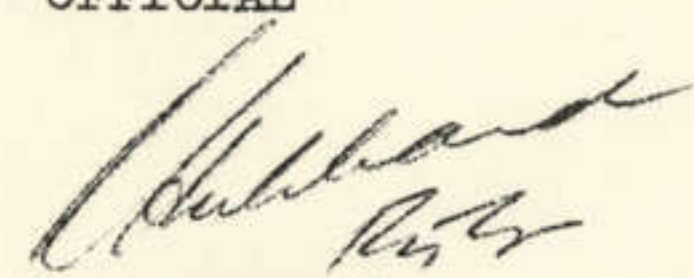
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Section 1 III Corps

(A) Enemy Activity.

1. There has been an increase in enemy-initiated activity during the reporting period, particularly in VC THU DAU MOT Province and northern MR4. This increase in activity may indicate a continuation of enemy winter-spring operations, but also could be a reaction against Allied operations being conducted in the area. There were 121 VC-initiated incidents compared to 95 last week. There were 34 mortar attacks compared to 29 last week. Confirmed contacts with Main Force units during the period were made with 165th NVA Regt vic XT7776, and with 101st NVA Regt vic XT 5741.

2. 5th VC Division. Elements of HQ 5th VC Div remain located in VC BA BIEN Province northeast of the MAY TAO Mtn base area, vic YS8094.

3. Documents captured by 11th ACR vic YS7390 indicated that a support element of 274th VC Regt was also located in the vic of HQ 5th VC Div. A prisoner captured in the vicinity of MAY TAO mountain on 18 Nov stated that he was a member of 1st Co, 3rd Bn, 274th VC Regt. The PW, who was convalescing at a hospital, said he believed that elements of his regt had moved out of the HAT DICH to avoid Allied operations; however, later he had been instructed to rejoin his unit in the HAT DICH. This, along with other usually reliable intelligence reports, indicates that 274th VC Regt remains in the HAT DICH, possibly with elements located EAST of Route 2, but probably still dispersed and avoiding Allied operations. The presence of the Regt in the HAT DICH continues the Main Force threat in the area.

4. VC BA BIEN Province. There was a flare-up of activity around the southern towns during the early morning of 27 Nov. The following incidents all occurred between 0045 and 0130 hours:-

a) At 0045H the LOA LONG Police Post and the Sub-Sector (YS 422636) both received 2 or 3 rounds of rocket fire from the NORTH-WEST near the rice mill. Fragments of one rocket were definitely identified as from a PG7 (anti-tank) rocket, the other rockets used are thought to be B-40s. Total casualties were 1 female killed, Police chief, 2 policemen and 1 ARVN sergeant WIA.

b) At 0100H the PHUOC HOA Post (YS 282639) received small arms fire and possible 60mm mortar fire. The rounds fell outside the perimeter and there were no friendly casualties.

c) At 0100H an estimated VC Coy launched a three-pronged attack in LUONG HUONG on the Police Check Point (YS 371611), the Bank (YS 373611) and the ARVN MP Complex (YS 375601). The attack was launched from the NORTH through WEST to SOUTH and used RPG-2s and RPG-7s, AK-47s and lasted for approximately 30 mins. Friendly losses were 8 KIA, approx 20 WIA; 1 Jeep hit by rocket and motor destroyed, 1 PRC-10, 1 US Carbine, 250,000 piastres captured and all the bank records destroyed. VC casualties 1 PW. Interrogation of the PW reveals that he was from C3/D445 and that unit had carried out the attacks.

5. 7th NVA Division. HQ 7th NVA Div with support elements remains located in the "FISH HOOK" area vic XT 5993.

6. 141st NVA Regt remains unlocated but is presumed to be in eastern and central War Zone 'C'.

7. Documents captured by 25th US Inf Div on 24 Nov during contacts with the VC vic XT 5741, have confirmed the presence of 101st NVA Regt in the area SOUTH of the MICHELIN Plantation. Contacts developed in Operation ATLANTA and the IRON TRIANGLE have been sporadic but intense, and only with small units. The reinforcement of this area by 101st NVA Regt indicates the enemy is placing importance on maintaining the security of his base camps and supplies, particularly in view of his recent losses in the LONG NGUYEN Secret Zone.

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8. 165th NVA Regt remains in central and southern BINH LONG Province. On 24 Nov the enemy attacked 1/18th Inf SOUTH of AN LOC, vic XT 7776, and simultaneously placed suppressing fires on other US 1st Div elements in the area. Later the same day, 1/16th Inf made contact with an unknown sized VC force southwest of AN LOC vic XT 7084. 165th NVA Regt was identified in both contacts through interrogation of PW. The last major contact with this regt was on 7 Aug at TONG LE CHON.
9. 9th VC Division. HQ 9th VC Div remains in northwestern PHUOC LONG Province (XU 8622).
10. Agent reports continue to indicate 271st VC Regt is located in eastern War Zone 'C' - "FISH HOOK" area. The Regt's combat posture makes it capable of conducting operations in northeastern TAY NINH Province or in BINH LONG Province.
11. 272nd VC Regt is unlocated but is believed to remain in its former base area EAST of the SONG BE, vic XU 9313.
12. 273rd VC Regt remains WEST of LOC NINH along the Cambodian border, where it continues to reconstitute its forces and regain a combat posture.
13. 88th NVA Regiment. Activity in northern PHUOC LONG Province was light during most of the week; however, on 25 Nov, an estimated enemy battalion conducted a ground and mortar attack against elements of 3/9th ARVN near SONG BE (YU 219045), while placing suppressing mortar fire on friendly elements in SONG BE. This attack coincides with a large number of low-level agent reports which mentioned a large build-up of enemy forces in the area. The reports also said that SONG BE would be subjected to attacks from 25 Nov to 7 Dec. Enemy units known to be in central PHUOC LONG Province are 88th NVA Regt and 275th VC Regt, in addition to local force units and irregulars.
14. RUNG SAT Special Zone. The most significant activity in the RUNG SAT was on 22 Nov when the SS President BUCHANAN was attacked by elements of Group 10, RSSZ, with 57mm and 75mm RR fire at YS 116655. There were negative friendly casualties and operations by friendly reaction forces accounted for 23 VC KIA. Captured documents found on the body of one VC KIA indicated he was a member of DOI7 of DOAN10 (Group 10). A rallier also identified the attacking unit as Group 10.
15. Other Information. The overall disposition of enemy forces except for 101st NVA Regt remains basically unchanged. The move of elements of 101st from War Zone 'C' emphasizes the importance of eastern VC THU DAU MOT Province to the enemy, and his desire to retain a Main Force unit in this area, not only to counter Allied probes into his bases, but possibly to conduct limited offensive operations as well. 101st NVA Regt in this area presents a renewed threat to DAU TIENG. In northern War Zone 'C', 141st NVA Regt and 271st VC Regt are capable of offensive actions against SOU DA and the CIDG camps at TRAI BI and PREK KLOK. These two Regts constitute a reinforcing capability for 101st NVA Regt in the MICHELIN area. 165th NVA Regt poses a threat to Allied units deployed along Route 13, and other installations such as the CIDG Camps at TONG LE CHON and MINH THANH. The willingness of the enemy to commit forces to Route 13 areas is further evidence of the importance he places on this line of communication. The Regt appears to be committed to an offensive role, and could conceivably be used in a coordinated attack against AN LOC - QUAN LOI. A two-regt threat exists at TONG LE CHON as both 165th NVA Regt and 271st VC Regt are within striking distance of the camp. The threat in the LOC NINH area has been diminished with the movement of 273rd VC Regt to the Cambodian border for reconstituting and refitting, and the probable movement of 272nd VC Regt to its old base area EAST of the SONG BE. However, small, limited-objective attacks, and attacks by fire by possible battalion-sized elements of 272nd Regt from locations WEST of the SONG BE can be

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expected against LOC NINH and other installations in northern BINH LONG Province. 275th VC Regt and 88th NVA Regt continue the threat to SONG BE, with 272nd VC Regt capable of reinforcing the area. These Regts possibly may take advantage of the current increase in activity throughout III CTZ, and strike at SONG BE, BO DUC and BU DOP.

16. Possible Future Action.

a) In VC BA BIEN Province the possibility of increased enemy activity exists with expanded operations by D445 Battalion or other local force elements. However, a major threat is not discernable for the present time, unless Allied forces present the VC with a distinct weakness which can be exploited.

b) The enemy threat in the southwestern part of III CTZ remains unchanged. In VC LONG AN Province, the enemy will continue to interdict lines of communication and to attack lightly-defended GVN outposts, while operating in company-sized and smaller elements. In VC MY THO Province, the capability of the enemy to conduct battalion-sized operations can also be expected to continue.

c) Increased enemy activity in the VC THU DAU MOT and northern MR4 area will probably remain at the same level. This continuance of planned operations will further VC attempts to regain control of larger segments of the land and population, and to counter friendly gains made through tactical operations and RD activities.

d) The recent harassing fires placed on Allied positions and installations indicate the VC capability to conduct these attacks on Allied installations throughout III CTZ.

17. Enemy Losses. During the period 19-24 Nov there were 199 VC KIA (BC), 8 VC PW, 158 individual and 20 crew-served weapons captured by US OPCON units and 38 VC KIA (BC), 14 VC PW, 28 individual and 1 crew-served weapon captured by ARVN III Corps units. Total enemy losses were 237 VC KIA (BC), 22 VC PW, 186 individual and 21 crew-served weapons captured; there were 47 HOI CHANH and 29.8 tons of rice was either captured or destroyed.

18. Late Report. At 250020H enemy forces launched 6 simultaneous attacks in the general area of SONG BE (YU 145075) and at 250245H and 250050H attacks were launched on 2 further targets in the area. The majority of the attacks were attacks by fire, however there were 2 ground attacks. In one attack (YU 209048) an estimated two VC companies launched an attack at 250020H against an OP which was manned by 11th Co, 3/9 ARVN. The attack was repulsed. Friendly casualties were 6 KIA, 22 WIA, 4 MIA; VC losses were 100 KIA (BC), 2 PW, 43 individual weapons and 21 crew-served weapons captured. It is considered probable that the enemy unit involved was elements of 275th VC Regt.

(B) Friendly Activity.

19. US/FW Forces carried out 14 large unit operations without any major contacts. During the week Operation SHEWANDOAH II concluded in TAY NINH, BINH LONG and BINH DUONG Provinces. In this operation elements of US 1st Inf Div had a cumulative total of 956 enemy KIA compared to 107 US KIA. ARVN Forces carried out 17 large unit operations but contact was light only.

(C) Other Information.

20. Possible Reorganization of RUNG SAT Special Zone. On , rallied to Allied forces patrolling the LONG TAU River. was a soldier in . During interrogation he stated that he had heard from his friends that Col LUONG VAN NHAN (currently CO of DOAN 10) has been promoted to the position of Division Commander, and the division which he is forming is to be made up of DOAN 10 and a regt now called the "4th Regt". One regt (DOAN 10), commanded by NUOI THA (currently Chief of Staff, DOAN 10), is

supposed to remain in the RUNG SAT. The 4th Regt, which comes from the BA RIA - LONG KHANH area, is to have an AO to the EAST of Route 15. (IIFFORCEV Comment: The 4th Regt is an AKA for 274th VC Inf Regt/5th VC Div. Col NHA is the former XO of 5th VC Div. This is the first indication of a reorganization of DOAN 10 and 274th VC Regr into a new division.) (II FFORCEV PERINTREP 47-67).

21. Possible Use of Airfield by Aircraft Not Belonging to the Allies. An 18 Nov FAC report indicates recent use of an airfield at BU GIA MAP (YU 3437). A series of reflecting panels commonly used for night landings was sighted, and further observation of the airfield indicated that it had been used sometime on the night 17-18 Nov by both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. The FAC report further states that no friendly aircraft used the airfield during the stated time period. Recent unevaluated agent reports indicate enemy troop units have been sighted along the PILOC LONG/CAMBODIA border and in the BU GIA MAP area.

(MACV DISUM 327-67)

22. Effects of Defoliation Missions in BIEN HOA Province. [REDACTED] who rallied in GIA DINH Province on [REDACTED] has given information on the effects of defoliation missions which he observed. From Oct 65 to the time he rallied KHOI was in charge of the Security Section of TAN DONG HIEP Village, DI AN District, BIEN HOA Province, and observed the results of two defoliation missions in Dec 66 and Feb 67. A great deal of agricultural produce and small vegetation was destroyed. The larger trees survived but most of the leaves withered. The soldiers had masks for protection but approximately 50% of the local inhabitants became ill. The local poultry was seriously affected by the defoliants. Although these missions did not cause any morale problems among the VC cadre, the young guerillas were afraid. The local people became discouraged because of loss of crops and blamed the Americans even though they were promised compensation from the GVN by local authorities.

(NIC Report 1128/67 of 10 Oct 67).

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III Corps) and North Vietnam.

(A) Enemy Activity.

23. Country wide the number of enemy-initiated incidents and attacks/ambushes increased for this week. There were 4 attacks and 2 ambushes in I CTZ, 7 attacks in II CTZ and 22 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity.

24. The number of large unit operations country wide decreased from 119 to 109 and the number with contact decreased from 76 to 72; however the number of enemy KIA increased from 1419 (adjusted) to 1826.

I Corps.

25. Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA continued in QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Provinces with 11 battalions of infantry and 4 battalions of cavalry/armour of the US AMERICAL Division participating. For the week there were 294 enemy KIA compared with 10 US KIA. Cumulative totals for the operation are 236 US KIA and 2390 enemy KIA; 363 small arms and 64 crew-served weapons captured. In Operation FOSTER, also in QUANG NAM Province, 2 battalions of US 1st Marine Div had 89 enemy KIA. Apart from the above US/FW Forces carried out a further 7 large unit operations but contact was light to moderate only. ARVN Forces carried out 10 large unit operations in I CTZ for the week but with negligible contact.

II Corps

26. Main activity in II CTZ for the week was once again in the B-3 NVA Front

in and around the DAK TO area, (vic ZB 0520). In this area, US elements from 4th Inf Div, 173rd Abn Bde and 1st Cav Div (Air Mbl) in Operation MAC ARTHUR had contacts with elements of 1st NVA Regt, 33rd NVA Regt, 66th NVA Regt, 174th NVA Regt and 19th Engineer Co. Enemy losses for the week were 495 KIA, 43 PW, 52 SA and 14 CSW captured, while US losses were 149 KIA, 350 WIA and 9 MIA. In Operation KHAM ZEI 180 which was carried out by ARVN Forces in KONTUM Province as a back-up to Operation MAC ARTHUR, elements of 42nd ARVN Regt, 2nd, 3rd and 7th ARVN Abn Bns and 22nd ARVN Ranger Bn had 143 enemy KIA compared with ARVN losses of 23 KIA. The cumulative figures for Operations MAC ARTHUR and KHAM ZEI 180 are enemy 1093 KIA; friendly 165 KIA. Apart from the operation above the only other major contact by US forces was in Operation PERSHING in BINH DINH and QUANG NGAI Provinces where elements of US 1st Cav Div had 81 enemy KIA. In all US/FW Forces carried out 6 large unit operations in II CTZ but in the remaining operations contact was light only. ARVN Forces carried out a total of 11 large unit operations for the week but generally contact was light and sporadic only.

IV Corps.

27. Contact was generally light and sporadic only throughout IV CTZ for the week. US/FW Forces carried out 3 large unit operations and ARVN Forces carried out 38 large unit operations for the reporting period. In Operation CUU LONG 69 in DINH TUONG Province, elements of ARVN 7th Inf Div supported by RF and CIDG troops had 58 enemy KIA, for the only major contact in the CTZ.

(C) Other Information.

28. LAOS. On 21 Nov, a friendly guerilla team operating in Base Area 609 (YB 480280) reported finding and destroying 50-75 tons of rice, 5 tons of salt, and 1000 rounds of 75mm RCL ammunition. The rice and salt were cached alongside of the road, while the ammunition was found in pits. Tunnels and caves were noted but not explored. The team estimated the area to be a major truck delivery point and storage facility. (MACV DISUM 327-67)

29. COSVN. An undated enemy document, originated by the Forward Supply Council of COSVN and captured on 1 Nov, provides information concerning enemy logistical problems resulting from Allied operations. The document states that destruction of supply depots by Allied Forces has prevented the secure storage of provisions for future employment. The purchase and transportation of provisions has been limited considerably by intense Allied efforts to block entry and exit points and to tighten control of lines of communication. The document further stated that as a result of Allied activities, the VC would have to depend upon the local population to a much greater extent for their provisions. Particular emphasis should be placed on the purchase of provisions from GVN controlled areas. Transportation of provisions should preferably be accomplished by people living legally in both GVN controlled and disputed areas. Previous reports have indicated that greater emphasis is, in fact, being placed on the purchase of provisions from GVN controlled areas.

(MACV DISUM 330-67)

Section 3 Discussion Point.

30. The following is an extract of a VC training document titled "A Number of VC Experiences in Countersweep Operations in the Delta Area of Military Region 2". VC MR 2 encompasses the northern tier of the MEKONG Delta and the southeastern tip of III CTZ. The document is undated and unsigned but appears to have been prepared in late 1966 or 1967. It contains an evaluation of US sweep operations and VC methods of countering them. The original carries the VC classification of SECRET.

VC Countersweep Operations.

I. Observations on the Enemy Tactics.

1. Prior to sweep operations:

A number of activities normally precede an Allied sweep. Listed specifically are an increase in "spy activities" and recce aircraft which were used to "photograph our terrain and to follow and detect our troops. These activities were conducted 1 to 3 days prior to the sweep operation."

2. Preparation of fire power:

An increase in artillery fire and occasionally air strikes at irregular intervals was detected the evening before the sweep. "Enemy bombardments and shellings were conducted over a large area but violently focussed on those points the enemy intended to attack. Before the operation, the enemy perpetrated brief air and artillery attacks on areas he thought were the defensive forward edge of our battle area."

3. Troop landings and assaults:

The VC noted the use of a screening force - usually one platoon - which moved ahead of the main body. The screen was usually pulled back on contact. The document author chronicled use of deception tactics by the Allies and found them effective. "The American and puppet troops have attached importance to deception. They have directed fire power on false landing zones. A group of helicopters would feign a landing, then take off immediately. Though enemy helicopters were numerous, they carried few troops. The few troops who were landed fired at random for about 15 minutes after which they were retrieved. In summary, enemy deception has made it difficult for us to discover his true intentions, The enemy withdraws, and then returns to sweep the next day."

II. Practical Steps During Countersweep Operations.

1. Formations:

VC forces are instructed to employ simple and direct tactics such as:

- a) Concentrate fire and troop superiority in one primary direction.
- b) Conduct mutual reinforcement.
- c) Attack the enemy's flank; encircle and divide.
- d) Do not let the enemy encircle or divide our formation.
- d) Try to remain close to the enemy at all times.

2. Small units (local/district forces);

Low-level forces, usually not larger than a company, are enjoined to remain together and operate only from strong positions. "These troops must be concentrated in the direction in which they can best annihilate the enemy." In open terrain, the guerillas are advised that there must be a plan to attack from many directions. In all terrain, a small element of the force may be sent out as a decoy.

3. Concentrated battalions:

The author's advice to regulars concerns night defensive positions. A battalion, he says, "must not be bivouaced in a single group but divided into 2 or 3 groups which can support each other. These groups should not deploy in a 'box-like' formation."

The battalion's elements are cautioned to pick positions where they can reinforce one another, co-ordinate raids on the enemy, disperse to prevent destruction by air or artillery strikes, and move frequently to escape detection.

4. Combat:

One tactic emphasized more than all others is the raid. VC forces are told to be prepared to conduct raids at all times but particularly at night after Allied forces return to a defensive position. In addition, battles in late afternoon are encouraged because of problems the Allies have in utilizing air and artillery power after dark.

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Co-Ordination with gureilla forces is considered desirable. It is particularly desirable to employ them in a harassment role against friendly units near their base camps or to observe and report Allied movement and activities.

5. Small-unit searches:

When Allied platoons search an area, either independently or as a screening force, the VC are expected to avoid contact except for sniper fire unless the platoon can be drawn into a prepared position. "In designated cases (especially when our units have made combat preparations), we should assign a force to annihilate the enemy as soon as we are about to make contact."

VC soldiers are cautioned to concentrate on close-range fire. "We usually start to fire when the enemy is about 20 or 30 metres away."

6. Night operations:

The night is to be used for two purposes i.e. raids and surveillance. However, raids and attacks should be completed early "so that the commander may assess the enemy situation and judge the intensity of the next day's fighting." Proper assessment is considered a very important condition for victory. Because of that, "our units should maintain surveillance and stay close to the enemy from the beginning of the action."

III. Remarks

The author summarizes the lesson on countersweep tactics with a rule the communists have used since VO NGUYEN GIAP organized the first guerilla bands for HO CHI MINH's VIET MINH: "When the enemy sweeps our areas accurately, we should avoid him initially. Later, we should strengthen our troops to test the enemy." He omits the final element of Vietnamese Communist strategy: Pursue when the enemy falls back; attack when he retreats.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No335-67.
2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There TWO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(012034H). D/2RAR engaged 2-3 VC who approached their rear at YS558588. They were engaged with MG fire and groaning was heard from the area of movement. Area was checked with Neg results.
 - (2)(012120H). 106/4 Fd Regt reported movement of 2 people to their front at YS3974. Area was engaged with claymores and the area was searched with Neg results.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(010438H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS 305718. It was on target and had Neg BDA.
 - (2)(010806H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS 343753. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. Neg BDA.
 - (3)(010906H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS 666766. It was 70% on target and had 40% coverage. Three foxholes damaged, 50m trench exposed and 2 bunkers destroyed.
 - (4)(011225H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS 337776. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Two bunkers destroyed and 2 damaged. There was a small secondary explosion with white smoke.
 - (5)(011315H). FAC reported a VC camp NO TH of the garden area at YS350795. There were 3 new bunkers with OHP and 30m new trench.
 - (6)(011410H). FAC reported 5 weapon pits in a clearing under some bamboo at YS401813. There is a possible bunker under construction in the area.
 - (7)(011510H). AO sighted an occupied bunker at YS283838. It was engaged with arty and 3 bunkers were destroyed.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Secondary Explosions

(1) Friendly aircraft	(2) 8 x Mk117s
(3) ONE	(4) 200ft
(5) White	(6) Unknown.
 - g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.

AMENDMENTS:-

Correction to Intsum No333-67.

The mines reported in Para3h(1) were all M16 not Russian.

The assassination reported in para 3h(8) resulted in the death of an equipment operator not the assistant managed as reported previously

Correction to Intsum No334-67.

Reference Para 3h(1):- should read empty arty shell casing not butterfly bomb.

 - (1)(010754H). 8/C/2RAR found 3x2man bunkers and a cooking area at 584664. They appear to have had no recent use.
 - (2)(011010H). 1/V/2RAR found a hut at YS497628.
 - (3)(011129H). 1/A/2RAR found 7 bags of polished rice(490 lbs) at YS568647. A CHICOM grenade rigged as a booby trap was found in the rice.
 - (4)(011145H). 7RAR reported a suspected VC escape route with tunnel openings near it at YS3071.
 - (5)(011330H). 9/C/2RAR reported 1VC dressed in light uniform at YS 528658. He was talking to people in the area and is suspected to be a VC Tax Collector. He fled SOUTH WEST.

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(6)(011735H). D/7RAR reported a track at YS329739 running NORTH/
SOUTH.

(7)(012035H). 7RAR reported a claymore was removed from FSPB ALPHA
at YS3974. The lead had been cut.

4. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(021030H) 12/D/2RAR contacted 6 VC moving NE to SW at YS579593. Results 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and 1xM1 Garand, 1 NVN type 50 7.62 SMG and 1 Chicom type 43 SMG captured. A blood trail to NE was followed by the tracking team but was lost at the river at YS598608. A document taken from one of the KIA, dated 23 Oct 67, revealed he was VO VAN PHUNG, comd of the XUYEN MOC District platoon.
 - (2)(021920H) Five VC firing at the Horseshoe were engaged by arty at YS486619. An M16 mine exploded at YS510597, with no cas.
 - (3)(022214H) An element of 7RAR at NUI NGHE (YS397722) heard movement to their front and engaged with MG fire. Neg results.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(020331H) An airstrike was conducted on a suspected VC base camp at YS288723. It was on target and 1 tunnel entrance was exposed.
 - (2)(020800H) VR reported that all the cardboard boxes on the beach between YS7461 and YS9875 were removed. There were fresh footprints on the beach. It appeared as if the boxes had been buried in the area.
 - (3)(021030H) VR reported rice paddies at YS562666 and YS555665 were probably harvested the night 1/2 Dec.
 - (4)(021555H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS669753. It was 45% on target and had 25% coverage. Three bunkers were uncovered and 5m of trench opened up.
 - (5)(021630H) VR reported a garden at YS496797 just NE of the tree line running back under the trees. Foot tracks ran NORTH and WEST from the area.
 - (6)(021750H) VR reported a person at YS432683, directly off the WEST end of Luscombe Field at the second row of wire. A deer was sighted on the other side of the wire. The person had disappeared on the second pass.
 - (7)(021827H) VR reported:-
 - (a) recent footprints in a crater on an EAST-WEST track in grid square YS3465.
 - (b) large numbers of recently made footprints and several bridges across the creeks in YS3680, YS3780, YS3681 and YS3781.
 - (c) Newly turned earth in vic YS365753.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(LATE ENTRY 011730H) A 1 ATF patrol was sighted by 20 VC at YS648614. They were extracted on 2 Dec.
 - (2)(021330H) 3/A/2RAR while apprehending 2 persons with an oxcart at YS547630, sighted a third person who ran away and was not apprehended. The two persons were interrogated and released as innocent civilians.
 - (3)(021408H) B/7RAR found a boy size camp at YS324714, with communication trenches around it. Found in the camp was 1 shotgun, 1 SMG and some Chicom stick grenades. The camp was well built and had been used in the previous week.

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(4)(021455H) A patrol of 7RAR found and destroyed a 4 gal drum of rice at YS406666.

(5)(021545H) C/7RAR found 2 skeltons wearing sandals at YS348744. Parts of a B40 rocket and an SLR magazine were also found.

(6)(021657H) C/7RAR found a completely bombed out camp at YS342753.

4. Enemy Personell and Equipment Losses.

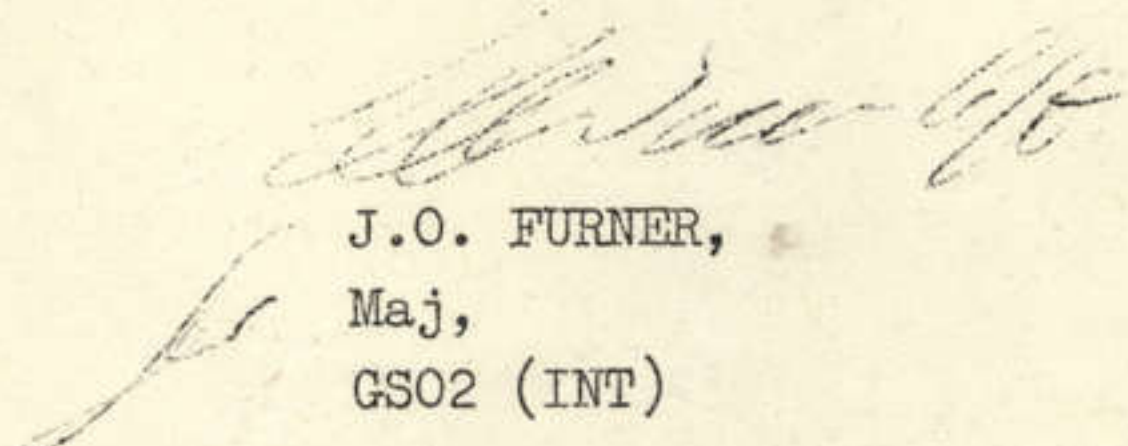
a. KIA by	CONFIRMED	WIA
Ground forces	4	1
b. Returnees and Detainees Report for period 24Nov to 30Nov 67.		
(1) (a)	2	
(b)	2	
(c)-(f)	Omitted	
(2)-(5)	Omitted	
c. Omitted.		
d. Equipment Captured.		
(a) M1 Garand	(a) Type 50 7.67 SMG	(a) Type 43 SMG
(b) ONE	(b) ONE	(b) ONE
(c) USA	(c) NVN	(c) CHINA
(d) YS648614	(d) YS648614	(d) YS648614
(e) XUYEN MOC Dist Pl	(e) XUYEN MOC Dist Pl	(e) XUYEN MOC Dist Pl
(a) Shotgun	(a) SMG	
(b) ONE	(b) ONE	
(c) UNKNOWN	(c) UNKNOWN	
(d) YS324714	(d) YS324714	
(e) UNKNOWN	(e) UNKNOWN	

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.

12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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- 2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H December 67.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1)(031100H) 11/D/7RAR contacted 3 VC dressed in black pyjamas and without weapons at YS315755. Results of contact 1VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA. The 7RAR dog team was sent to the position to follow a blood trail. No further results.
- (2)(031122H) AO sighted 50-80 people at YS548557 and engaged with arty, resulting in 3 KIA and 3 WIA. The casualties were civilians who were thought to be making contact with VC in an unauthorized area. Interrogation continues at Sector.
- (3)(031550H) Fire Asslt/7RAR contacted 2-3 VC wearing fawn trousers, faded blue shirts and HO CHI MINH sandals at YS315755. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and 1xAK 47 captured.
- (4)(031709H) A/2RAR contacted 2 VC at YS551648. Resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 pack, 1 water bottle, some .30 cal and 7.62 ammo, 1 mag, 2 plastic gas masks, 2 detonators, 1 US pattern web belt, quantity of rice, documents and civilian clothing were captured. The VC were unarmed.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

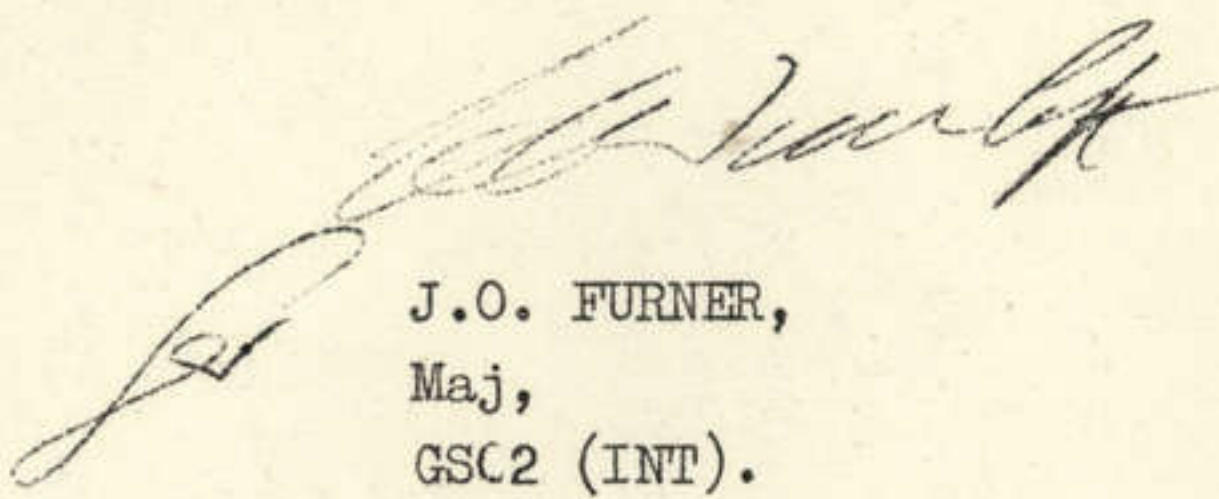
- (1)(030850H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666828. It was 100% on target and had 20% coverage. Three fighting positions, 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 military structure destroyed.
- (2)(030900H) VR sighted fresh foot tracks at:-
 - (a) YS797671 NE along the beach to YS826698.
 - (b) YS583583, leaving the beach heading NW and disappearing at YS519591.
 - (c) YS750623.
- (3)(030900H) VR sighted a small lean-to on the sand at YS797675.
- (4)(030940H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666828. It was 100% on target and had 20% coverage. Three fighting positions destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 military structure destroyed.
- (5)(031100H) LFT reported:-
 - (a) well used track from YS637595 to beach line at YS634581. They parted into individual tracks on the beach.
 - (b) approx 10-12 baskets placed at intervals along the beach between YS687587 and YS674579.
- (6)(031156H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS350796. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. Two bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers uncovered and 20m trench uncovered.
- (7)(031505H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS568732. It was 90% on target and had 20% coverage. Two bunkers destroyed.
- (8)(031644H) VR sighted 1 possibly 2 VC in area YS680580.
- (9)(031753H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666786. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. Fifty metres of trench destroyed, 50m trench uncovered, 2 military structures destroyed, 2 fighting positions destroyed, 2 foxholes uncovered, 7 bunkers destroyed and 1 bunker damaged.

e. Omitted.

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- f. Secondary Explosions.
(1) Friendly Artillery
(2) 10x175mm
(3) TWO
(4) -
(5) UNKNOWN
(6) UNKNOWN
- g. Omitted.
- h. Other Activity.
(1)(030940H) 11/D/2RAR heard voices and chickens at YS537638.
(2)(031140H) 1/A/7RAR investigated an area where they heard voices at YS388746. The search revealed nothing.
(3)(031715H) Arty engaged a base camp at YS403810. One bunker destroyed, foxholes uncovered and 2 secondary explosions.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
- | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----|
| a. KIA by | CONFIRMED | WIA |
| Ground troops | 3 | 2 |
- b-c. Omitted
- d. Equipment Captured.
(a) AK47
(b) ONE
(c) UNKNOWN
(d) YS315755
(e) UNKNOWN
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
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2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(040750H) VR sighted 8-9 boats 400m off-shore between the mouth of the Song Rai and the wire, at approx YS5556. They were dragging nets behind them and appeared to be fishing.
 - (2)(041140H) An airstrike was conducted for LZ preparation at YS334796. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. One large bunker was uncovered.
 - (3)(041240H) VR sighted two small garden plots. One at YS471816 and the other at YS471814.
 - (4)(041300H) At YS346796 VR sighted an excavation 10ft x 4ft and 4-5ft deep. At the Eastern edge of the clearing there appears to be trenches and diggings indicating a possible camp area.
 - (5)(041750H) VR reported:-
 - (a) grass mats with rice spread on top to dry in area between YS542777 and YS539786. There were also sacks under the trees and four well used tracks in the area.
 - (b) approx 15 old bunkers in the area with 3 rice mats near them.
 - (6)(041905H) VR sighted approx 12 wooden boxes stacked under a bush in a clearing at YS572829. The target was engaged with rockets and the clearing was burning when the ac left the area.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(040157H) At YS395745 A/7RAR fired a claymore at suspected movement on their perimeter.
 - (2)(040558H) 12/D/2RAR heard movement 150m to the NORTH of their location at YS579592. They were unable to determine whether the movement was hostile or friendly.
4. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
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- 2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H December 67.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(051255H) A/2RAR contacted at least 3VC in a creek bed at YS559671. Result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA, 1xM1, 1 Mosin Nagant, 1xM26 grenade and 5 haversacks of rice were captured. The VC were dressed in a mixture of black and green. The tracking team and 8Pl found a blood trail at YS566672 and followed it to a well used trail running E to a camp at YS563669. The track went through the camp to 12 bunkers at YS566671 with OHC of 2-3 ft which appeared to have been recently occupied. The search continues.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1)(050915H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS350796. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Four bunkers were destroyed, 4 bunkers and 100m of trench were uncovered.

(2)(050940H) FAC reported:-

(a) 2 men on bicycles and a man walking on the beach at EASTING 54. All had baskets and were carrying SVN flags.

(b) a lone fisherman at YS5656 with a SVN flag.

(c) a person gathering fish at YS563567. All appeared to be from LANG PHUOC HAI.

(3)(051014H) An airstrike as an LZ preparation was conducted on YS300740. It was 70% on target and had 30% coverage. One military structure was destroyed.

(4)(051025H) FAC sighted a sampan partially hidden by foliage at YS590579. An airstrike was conducted on it and it was damaged.

(5)(051200H) VR received one round of SA fire from an area where rice mats had previously been destroyed at YS542778. The ac was flying at 100ft, speed 60 knots. A hut with a corrugated iron roof was sighted in the area.

(6)(051520H) VR reported numerous rice drying mats in a clearing at YS638665. The nearest paddies were 300 to 400m away from this area.

(7)(051800H) VR reported fresh foot trails through craters at YS300740. The trails came from the NORTH and joined an EAST-WEST road uncovered by airstrike. Several other trails in the area showed signs of recent foot and oxcart traffic.

e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

(1)(LATE ENTRY 041335H) In a cordon and search of HOI MY (YS5055), 1 ATF elements and Sector authorities screened 86 residents. Of these 57 were released, 24 detained at DAT DO Sub-Sector and 5 at Sector BARIA for further questioning.

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(2)(051245H) 3/A/2RAR found a camp with two huts and another 2 under construction at YS553660. There were also 3 bunkers with 18ins OHP and a 3ft well under construction. The camp had been evacuated approx 5 days previously. The camp was destroyed.

(3)(051835H) D/2RAR found tracks of 2-3 men, freshly cut timber and some plastic at YS340809. Recce parties found more tracks and heard noises but could not find a base camp.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. KIA by	CONFIRMED	WIA
Ground Forces	1	1

b-c. Omitted

d. Captured Weapons.

(1) (a) Mosin Nagant	(2) (a) M1
(b) ONE	(b) ONE
(c) USSR	(c) USA
(d) YS559671	(d) YS559671
(e) UNKNOWN	(e) UNKNOWN

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.

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2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1)(060030H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS288722. It was 150m WEST of target. Neg BDA.
- (2)(060730H) VR reported a mat with vegetables on it at YS571796. A similar mat was sighted 20m away.
- (3)(060735H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS667787. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Five bunkers and 100m trench destroyed and 3 weapon pits damaged.
- (4)(060930H) VR reported 4 oxcarts with people loading wood at YS300662. At YS304664 there were 2 empty oxcarts with people in the area.
- (5)(061005H) VR reported oxcart tracks on Route 328. One track ran between Route 23 and a blown bridge at YS629654. Planking on the steel girders was used to allow traffic to cross.
- (6)(061040H) VR reported tracks of a loaded oxcart which turned EAST on a known track at YS606776. It continued NORTH across a clearing to the top of the lake at YS627774.
- (7)(061130H) VR sighted 6 rice mats at YS539786.
- (8)(061215H) VR sighted a person on a bicycle heading towards XUYEN MOC at YS679669. He dropped a bag of rice. The bag was retrieved by Sector troops and the man apprehended.
- (9)(061230H) VR sighted several foot trails made in the previous 24 hours, running parallel to NORTH edge of the creek line at YS405715. They disappeared into the trees. There were also many foot trails along the branch of the river at YS405708.
- (10)(061250H) FAC sighted 30 people with 3 boats filled with rice or some other grain crop at YS510565. Thirty other people were sighted at YS513563 preparing to load oxcarts which were seen at YS503557 possibly waiting for the return of the boats.
- (11)(061335H) LFT reported:-
 - (a) rice mats at YS541773.
 - (b) wooden box lids or mats at YS535777.
 - (c) freshly worked garden at YS546777.
 - (d) heavy foot trail activity in BAU NON area YS6781.
 - (e) a man in rice paddy at YS622612.
 - (f) fresh tracks seen in a mud hole at YS658591.
- (12)(061355H) LFT reported 2 persons at YS541773. They were working in a rice paddy. They returned to BINH GIA when smoke was dropped and warning shots fired.
- (13)(061704H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666828. It was 100% on target and had 40% coverage. 100m trench, 3 fighting positions and 2 bunkers exposed and 5 bunkers damaged.
- (14)(061750H) VR reported:-
 - (a) footprints along the beach from 62 to 75 EASTINGS.
 - (b) a sampan at YS792669, tied to a tree.

e-g. Omitted

h. Other Activity.

- (1)(061445H) D/7RAR found a small camp at YS340809. It was 1-2 years old and showed no recent signs of use.
- (2)(061940H) D/7RAR reported an old camp at YS343808. They found 2 Chicom grenades and a magazine for an American .45 SMG. Pits and bunkers were in a poor state of repair.
- (3)(062005H) V/2RAR engaged suspected movement at YS501619 with mortars.

4. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No. 167-67.

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- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11. No change to Intsum No. 300-67.
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- 2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H December 67.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1)(070910H) VR reported 12 rice mats at YS540779.
- (2)(070930H) Arty and RAAF reported a possible minefield at BAU HAM Lake (YS6783). During investigation the LFT engaged a party of VC at YS671859 with rockets and MG fire, with unknown results.
- (3)(071130H) RAAF reported 20 baskets along the beach from YS684584 to YS670582. No tracks were seen in the area.
- (4)(071150H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666828. It was 90% on target and had 50% coverage. Results 4 bunkers destroyed and 2 bunkers damaged.
- (5)(071217H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666787. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Three bunkers exposed and damaged and 2 fighting positions exposed.
- (6)(071245H) VR sighted rice mats at YS638665 in a clearing, a similar sighting was made in this area on 6 Dec 67.
- (7)(071530H) VR reported a clearing with extensive cutting of either wild rice or grass between YS490740 and YS490730.
- (8)(071530H) VR sighted a cave area under an overhanging rock at YS356642. It contained domestic equipment, tables, chairs etc. Later VR at 1700 hrs saw 2 people in the area one of whom was armed.
- (9)(071650H) FAC sighted numerous footprints at YS677580, suggesting presence of about 20 people. Foot trails lead NE from this area.

e-h. Omitted.

4. a. Omitted

b Returnees and Detainees Report for period 1 Dec to 7 Dec 67.

- (1) (a) 6
- (b) 1
- (c) NIL
- (d) NIL
- (e) NIL
- (f) 5
- (2)-(5) Omitted.

c-d. Omitted.

- 5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
- 12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 342-67.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1) (080740H) A/7RAR contacted 1 VC at YS000734. Result 1 VC WIA. The VC was dressed in black and moving SSW. A heavy blood trail to the NNE was followed which led to a camp at YS299736, the wounded VC had received medical aid and was then moved NORTH. A search of the camp revealed a kitchen with 610 lbs of rice, 13 bunkers 6 months old and 3 atap huts orientated N-S along a creek line. The following arms and equipment were found; 6x5oz blocks of TNT, 8 electric detonators and leads, 1 claymore hand set and lead, 10 British detonators, 20 Chicom grenades, 1 M18 A1 Claymore mine, 1 flare, some documents and tools. Documents indicated G58 (Transportation unit) and G56 (Equipment storage unit) of Gp 84.
- (2)(081513H) A/2RAR contacted 6 VC at YS574603. Result 1 VC KIA (BC), and 1xAK47 plus 100 rounds and 1 pack captured. The VC were dressed in black and wearing packs. They were moving EAST to WEST in single file, the remainder fled to the SOUTH and possibly SOUTH WEST.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1)(080930H) A suspected camp at YS676866 was engaged with rockets, there were no signs of movement. The camp contained 1 bunker on the SOUTH side of a creek, the bunker had no OHC and appeared to be still in process of construction. The camp could extend NORTH of the creek.
- (2)(081000H) VR reported a hut in grid square YS6987, it could not be relocated on subsequent runs.
- (3)(081000H) VR reported 2 rice mats at YS539786, the mats were sighted in the same location 2 days ago.
- (4)(081115H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS358803. It was 100% on target and had 10% coverage. One bunker was damaged.
- (5)(081320H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS366790. It was 75% on target and had 25% coverage. Two fighting positions were destroyed.
- (6)(081700H) A VR ac pilot received a minor shrapnel wound to the cheek at YS402747, the flying height and speed of the ac was unknown.

e-g. Omitted

h. Other Activity.

- (1)(080815H) Arty was fired on a suspected occupied VC base camp at YS299743.
- (2)(080825H) C/2RAR found a small camp at YS525666, it was very old and decayed and did not require destruction.

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(3)(080935H) C/7RAR found 2 bunkers at YS309749, there were also several ox cart tracks in the area, and also at YS307752.

(4)(081035H) Arty engaged and destroyed a fishing net at YS633619.

(5)(081645H) 6/B/2RAR found a very old installation which was no longer usable at YS307725. There was a track running EAST-WEST which had had considerable use.

(6)(081645H) 9/C/2RAR found a small hut at YS311746. It contained 4x1 gallon tins of salad oil, 200lb of polished rice, 2lb of salt, 2lb of unknown substance(possibly explosive). An area of the floor of the hut 3ft 6ins x 2ft 6ins was covered to a depth of 18 ins by unpolished rice.

(7)(081645H) 1/A/7RAR found fresh foot tracks at YS291758. An ambush was laid in the area with no results during the period.

(8)(081930H) 2 RAR sighted 2 people at YS501615 and engaged them with mortars. The people appeared to move SOUTH.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. KIA by	CONFIRMED	WIA
Ground Forces	1	1

b-c. Omitted.

d. Captured Weapons.

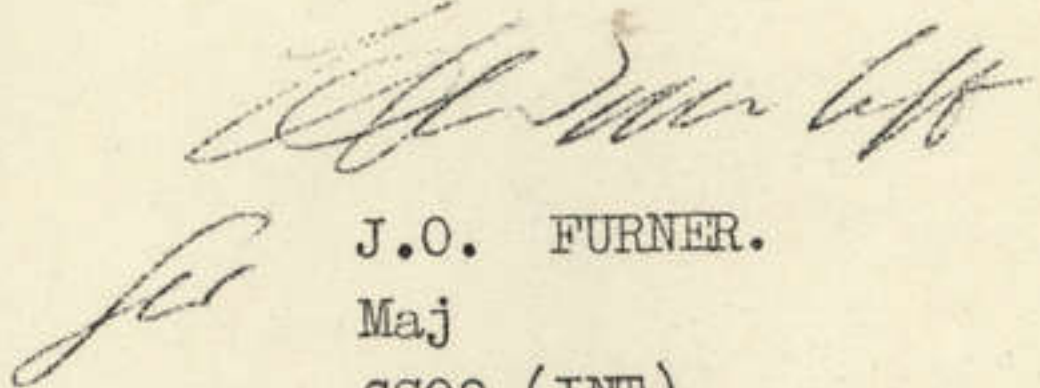
- (1) (a) AK 47
- (b) One
- (c) USSR
- (d) YS574603
- (e) Unknown

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.

12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No. 343-67.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) (090935H). A Sqn sighted 4 people dressed in black in a creek at YS263755. They disappeared immediately.
 - (2) (091750H). Coy HQ B/2RAR contacted 2 VC at YS573601. A further contact with 2 VC was made by 6/B/2RAR at YS573596. Result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 with 140 rds of ammo captured. The VC who were dressed in black shirts and grey trousers were moving EAST to WEST and withdrew SOUTH. A photograph taken from the body showed the VC KIA in the uniform of an engineer, private first class, NVA. No further unit identity but it is possible he belonged to C5/D445 (Sapper/Recon Coy).
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1) (091045H). A RAAF ac engaged 2 VC at YS598817 with neg results. The VC hid in bushes.
 - (2) (091255H). LFT destroyed 2 huts and damaged another at YS330670.
 - (3) (091357H). VR engaged a new fish trap in a creek at YS667865 with neg results.
 - (4) (091457H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS334668. It was 70% on target and had 25% coverage. Three bunkers were destroyed and 3 exposed.
 - (5) (091552H). VR sighted the ruin of a hut with a possible charcoal kiln nearby at YS666869. It appeared to be the centre of a camp 200mx200m containing bunkers and trenches. Well used tracks were sighted in the area but the bunkers and pits appeared to be unused.
 - (6) (091552H). VR reported rice mats still at YS539786.
 - (7) (091716H). A ground observer at YS3972 reported what appeared to be airbursts behind a Phantom fighter. There is no confirmation the ac was engaged by ground fire.
 - (8) (091730H). LFT reported:-
 - (a) 25 graves at YS667597 with old and fresh tracks near them.
 - (b) 10-12 rice mats resting on poles at YS539786 and YS538795. Carrying baskets filled with rice were also sighted in the vicinity. Numerous trails led from the area to the jungle.
 - (9) (091732H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS357663. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. Neg BDA due to foliage.
 - (10) (091810H). VR sighted a base camp at YS49957141 which had been hit by arty. There were numerous bunkers, 6-8 trenches and fighting positions.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1) (091030H). 7/C/7RAR found a recently used track which led to a camp at YS300754. The camp had been recently occupied and contained 12 sleeping bunkers, 6'x4' with 2'OHC. Torch batteries were found in the camp and sandal tracks were sighted.
 - (2) (091445H). V/2RAR found an old tunnel with no signs of use at YS499607. Parts of it had collapsed and camouflage had been pulled away.

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(3) (091515H). Sector reported that in the cordon and search of BINH BA 26 male and 31 female suspects were detained and 9 female and 7 male VC were captured.

(4) (091600H). B/7RAR reported the following finds:-

(a) a collapsed camp at YS298711 with no sign of recent use.

(b) a possible reloading point at YS299709. 1000 assorted cartridge cases were found in the area.

(c) area at YS305718 showing signs of use by 3 people 3 months ago.

(d) a cache of various metal castings, some machined others drop forged, at YS304714.

(e) a body in black clothing, 12 months old, at YS304713.

(f) at YS306710 an electric generator in pieces, 60 small unidentified bombs in pieces, 2 mortar bombs in pieces, 25 unused welding rods and a roll of electrical wire. All the items were old.

(g) a very old camp at YS301717 with 4 huts 10'x8'. The camp covered 20,000 sq metres with a panji and bamboo fence 4' high. Found in the camp were 3 old rifles (1 poss a Winchester), 14 mortar rounds, 3 75mm RCL rounds, 3 engines vices, 3 hand operated drills, 12 electric detonators, 4 radio valves, numerous mortar and artillery shells stripped of fuses and 6 skeletons in an exposed grave

The area is to be searched further.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. KIA by CONFIRMED
Ground forces 1

b-c. Omitted.

d. Captured Weapons.

- (1) (a) AK47
- (b) ONE
- (c) CHINA
- (d) YS573601
- (e) UNK

5. No change to Intsum No. 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to Intsum No. 300-67.

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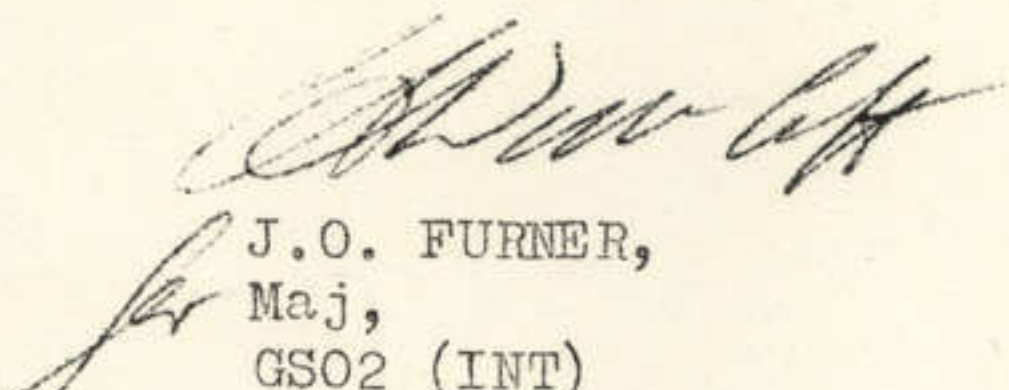
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 344-67.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - (1)(102000H) FSPB at YS253710 received one unidentified round resulting in 1 AUST DOW (change from telegraphic Intsum No 344-67). The round may have been grenade or mortar. Investigation is continuing.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. (1)(100845H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS334668. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Two small military structures were damaged and 2 fighting positions destroyed.
 - (2)(101015H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS553704. It was 90% on target and had 40% coverage. Two bunkers were destroyed and 50m trench uncovered.
 - (3)(101200H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS387824. There was neg BDA as strike fell 300m to SOUTH of target.
 - (4)(101311H) VR reported:-
 - (a) a light rubber raft in grid square YS9173.
 - (b) a sampan on the beach in grid square YS9676.
 - (c) rice being harvested in the area of grid square YS7568.
 - (5)(101650H) VR reported 3 packages at YS537789. They were on a sheet of corrugated iron and appeared to be wrapped in canvas.
 - (6)(101650H) VR ac received ground fire at YS538572. The area was engaged by arty. Flying height and speed of ac unknown.
 - (7)(101825H) A VR ac received ground fire from YS616822. The ac was flying at 100ft and at 90 knots, when a black clad figure leapt out of the bushes and started firing. The area was engaged with arty.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(100835H) C/7RAR found a bombed out camp SOUTH of their posn at YS292744. They did not investigate.
 - (2)(100840H) 1/A/7RAR located some pits which they believe are early warning pits for a possible camp, in area of YS293732.
 - (3)(101022H) 9/C/7RAR found a track running WEST, used by 2 or 3 oxcarts and possibly 70 people at YS290741.
 - (4)(101615H) 3/V/2RAR sighted 5 armed VC at YS545571. Arty engaged the area and a well used track was discovered at YS537574, running NORTH across the SONG BA.
 4. Omitted
 5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
 - 6-10. Omitted.
 11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
 12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 345-67.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were THREE contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(111100H) A 1 ATF patrol contacted 6 VC at YS617593, armed with 1xM1 carbine and 1 SKS. The patrol was fired on with either an LMG or BAR. Result of contact was 1 VC KIA (Poss). The patrol was extracted.
 - (2)(111350H) 1/A/2RAR contacted 4-5 VC at YS565678, dressed in black and wearing packs. Resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA. One Thompson SMG, 1 Chicom 7.62 rifle, 1 Remington rifle (1917) and 7 packs containing mostly food were captured. A note book had the following LBN's in it; HT61142/VT, HT60606/VT and HT16/4300A, however no unit identification was possible. One of the VC was identified as VO VAN TAI who was carrying an ID card and 3 Chieu Hoi leaflets.
 - (3)(111545H) A/7RAR contacted 4 VC in a camp at YS265744. The VC withdrew NW with unknown casualties.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(110833H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS343808. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. One tunnel collapsed, 80m trench and 6 fighting positions uncovered and damaged and 2 bunkers destroyed.
 - (2)(111055H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS647767. It was 90% on target and had 25% coverage. One fighting position exposed.
 - (3)(111115H) VR sighted rice mats and 3 boxes in an open paddi at YS577776 and a small lean-to on the jungle edge. Arty later engaged the area resulting in 3 mats destroyed, 2 damaged and the lean-to damaged.
 - (4)(111546H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS615782. One military structure destroyed and one secondary explosion with white smoke.
 - (5)(111745H) VR sighted fresh oxcart tracks and foot prints heading SE out of YS523842.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Secondary Explosions.
 - (1) Friendly aircraft
 - (2) 18 Mk 82 HD.
 - (3) ONE
 - (4) UNKNOWN
 - (5) WHITE
 - (6) UNKNOWN
 - g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(110732H) A/7RAR sighted 5 VC moving down a trail at YS263742. They were dressed in black, wearing bush hats and carrying 1 LMG and 4xAK47's. The area was engaged with arty and the VC were seen to move off the track. Unknown Enemy casualties.

- (2)(110950H) 3/A/2RAR investigated 3 old bunkers and tunnels at YS514603, with negative results.
- (3)(111030H) 2RAR found a camp approx 25x35m which appeared to be about 6 months old at YS533584. It consisted of 5 weapon pits.
- (4)(111200H) VR reported a VC camp at YS328656, consisting of a sleeping platform and hootchie area. The area showed signs of recent occupation. Foot trails at YS326653, near a ruined house, showed signs of recent use. Three coils of rope plus building materials were found in the vicinity.
- (5)(111210H) 8/2RAR found a hut at YS536638, with a well nearby. A track from the hut headed towards the SONG RAI. Signs of occupation in the last two weeks were found.
- (6)(111236H) Surveillance on arty mission at YS347795 showed 3 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed, 10m of trench uncovered and a small structure destroyed.
- (7)(111442H) Arty engaged YS347795 with neg results. YS367785 was also engaged resulting in 3 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed, 10m trench destroyed and 1 small military structure destroyed. Also YS328657 was engaged resulting in 2 cave entrances uncovered and 1 wood framework building destroyed.
- (8)(111530H) 9/C/2RAR found and destroyed a large earthen jar containing 50lbs of husked rice at YS503673.
- (9)(111730H) A/7RAR located a minefield at YS265744. Mines were clearly visible. The field was not lifted.
- (10)(112325H) B/2RAR engaged 2 figures in the bush at YS551605, with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. KIA by	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE	WIA
Ground forces	2	1	1

b-c. Omitted.

d. Captured Weapons.

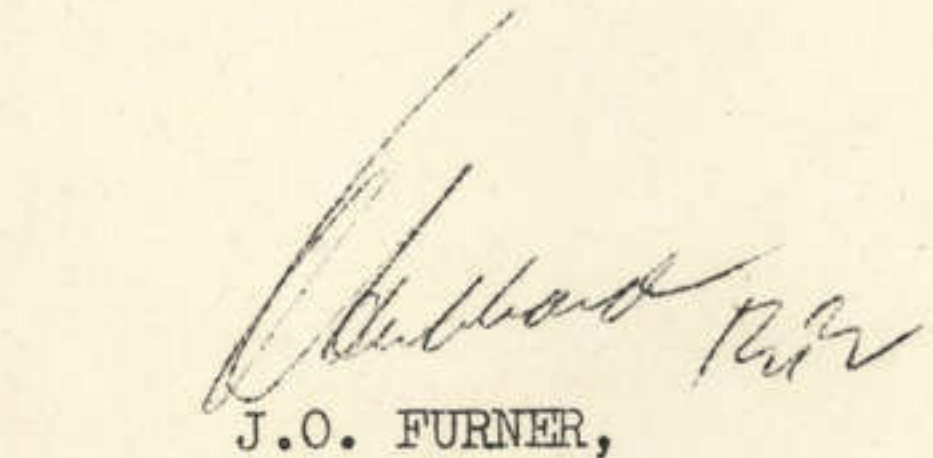
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| (1) (a) Thompson SMG | (2) (a) 7.62 rifle |
| (b) ONE | (b) ONE |
| (c) USA | (c) RED CHINA |
| (d) YS565678 | (d) YS565678 |
| (e) UNKNOWN | (e) UNKNOWN |
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|--------------------------------|
| (3) (a) Remington rifle (1917) |
| (b) ONE |
| (c) USA |
| (d) YS565678 |
| (e) UNKNOWN |

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 346-67.
- 2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H December 67.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(121550H) A LRRP from 1 ATF contacted 7 VC at YS546787. Result 7 VC KIA (BC), and 3 weapons captured. The VC were dressed in mixed dress and carrying a large amount of food. There were 5 males and 2 females. The weapons captured were 1xChicom 7.62 rifle 1xM1944 Carbine, 1 US M1 .30 rifle, there were no documents.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1)(121010H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS667766. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Four bunkers and 5m of trench were destroyed, 3 bunkers, 2 fighting positions and 10m of trench uncovered.

(2)(121100H) LFT reported trail activity between log foot bridge over SONG XOAI at YS381808 and log foot bridge over creek at YS378785.

(3)(121123H) An airstrike was conducted on a suspected VC base camp at YS335660. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was negative BDA.

(4)(121920H) VR reported 3 new mats in the open at YS540787, 6 sets of oxcart tracks to the EAST of YS612776 were also sighted and 2 new gardens on the EAST side of a creek at YS598824 and YS599826 were seen.

(5)(121945H) VR engaged previously reported packages at YS535781 with arty. During the engagement profuse smoke was seen to come from about half way up a tree. One package was destroyed and 2 badly damaged. Similar packages and a lean-to were exposed by arty in the trees. It is possible the original packages have been rigged for mines against low flying aircraft.

e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

(1)(120900H) The patrol commander of a LRRP sighted 6 VC at YS546746, all the VC were wearing green and heading NORTH, the sixth VC was wearing a red scarf.

(2)(120920H) 4/B/7RAR found 2xM16 mines at YS282723. It is suspected that there is more mines in the area.

(3)(121004H) 8/C/7RAR found a camp approx 6 months old, in good condition at YS536654. It contained 4 bunkers with 2ft6"- 3ft OHP and a capacity of 12 men. The bunkers were destroyed. A small cooking fire one to two weeks old and 3 rusty M1 magazines were also found.

(4)(121042H) 6/B/7RAR found an old unused camp at YS290717.

(5)(121512H) 7RAR detained 26 suspects in the cordon and search of PHU MY village at YS2574.

(6)(121555H) 8/C/2RAR found a well defined and well used foot track running NE-SW at YS536678. It is approx 2 weeks old.

(7)(122220H) Sector troops exchanged SA fire with an unknown size VC force in vic AP SUOI NGHE (YS4272). Results 1 VC KIA.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a. KIA by CONFIRMED
Ground forces 7

b-c. Omitted

d. Captured Weapons.

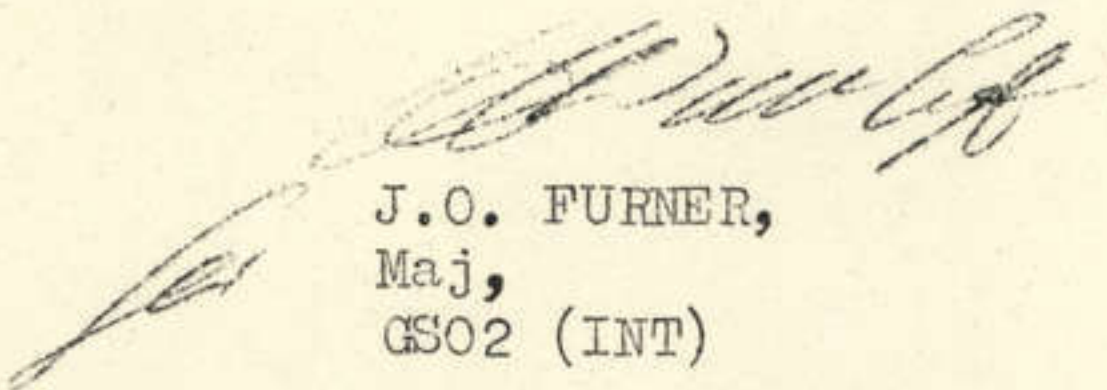
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| | (b) | ONE | | (b) | ONE |
| | (c) | RED CHINA | | (c) | RED CHINA |
| | (d) | YS543797 | | (d) | YS543797 |
| | (e) | UNKNOWN | | (e) | UNKNOWN |

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- (3) (a) M1 Carbine
(b) ONE
(c) USA
(d) YS543797
(e) UNKNOWN

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
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2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1) (131051H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS697813. It was 80% on target and had 10% coverage. Two bunkers and 5m of trench were destroyed and 60m of trench and 8 bunkers uncovered.
 - (2) (131218H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS615782. It was 95% on target and had 60% coverage. Two mil structures were destroyed and there was 1 secondary fire.
 - (3) (131237H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS347785. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Eight bunkers and 100m of trench were destroyed and 50m of trench uncovered.
 - (4) (131318H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS328657. It was 95% on target and had 100% coverage. One cave entrance was uncovered and damaged, 1 structure destroyed and another damaged.
 - (5) (131340H). LFT reported:-
 - (a) a well used trail from YS715640 to YS729665.
 - (b) a bunker near a bomb crater adjacent to a damaged trench line at YS702628.
 - (c) numerous footprints in all directions at YS703617. A grass hut was seen 200m NORTH.
 - (6) (131626H). FAC reported a new camp at YS645759 containing 6 bunkers. It was in a thin strip of woods just NORTH of an old camp
 - (7) (131626H). FAC reported 5 huts, 5 bunkers and 100m of trench in a new camp at YS731855.
 - (8) (131646H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS553704. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Two large bunkers were destroyed, 3 bunkers and 3 foxholes were uncovered.
 - (9) (131740H). VR reported:-
 - (a) 12 rice mats with grain on them in the open at YS555766. Foot tracks were sighted in the area.
 - (b) two oxcart tracks from YS633862 to Route 328. The tracks did not go SOUTH of THUA TICH.
 - (10) (131935H). VR reported a small fire near a small creek on the WEST side of the village at YS420718. A large fire was sighted nearby.
 - (11) (131948H). VR reported rice mats and a rice area at YS593785. Lights in the area were extinguished when the ac flow over.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1) (130400H). B/2RAR heard movement on their perimeter at YS581605. A recce at first light revealed sandal prints of 2-3 people.
 - (2) (131055H). A/7RAF described mines found in a minefield in the area of YS2574 as: "Black, circular, 6" in diameter with silver spikes protruding horizontally around the circumference. In the centre of the top was a bronze coloured bolt." Six of these mines were found in a triangular pattern with 6' between mines. One mine protruded 1½" above ground level. The mines had not been in situ long.
 - (3) (131100H). 8/C/2RAR found a well used oxcart track running NORTH at YS503692.

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- (4) (131421H). 5/B/2RAR found an old camp at YS591599.
- (5) (131530H). 5/B/2RAR found a camp with 4 new bunkers at YS592600. A small cache of mines were found in the camp. The mines were 3" in diameter, 9" high with a galvanized body and a soldered top. They were sitting on a plate 4" square with a hole in the bottom which is believed to hold a detonator or similar device. There were no markings on the outside and the solder appeared new. The possible mines were found in a hole with an 18" false bottom. Also found in the camp was a sampan loading site and empty penicillin and field dressing cases indicating a wounded man may have been in the camp recently.
- (6) (132015H). Sector troops ambushed a VC platoon at YS467794. Result 2 VC KIA (BC). The VC counter attacked forcing the friendly troops to withdraw. Arty was fired on escape routes.

- 4. Nil.
- 5. No change to Intsum No. 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11. No change to Intsum No. 300-67.
- 12. No change to Intsum No. 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 348-67.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(140710H) A water party from 5/B/2RAR was fired on by 2 VC at YS592600. The weapon used was an AK47. There were no casualties and the VC withdrew SW.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(140712H) VR sighted 2 persons moving on a track at YS282667, when sighted they ran for cover. Another 5 persons were sighted at YS296645 heading SOUTH. At 140750H odd groups of people and oxcarts were sighted heading NORTH and SOUTH in the area.
 - (2)(140805H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS666828. It was 100% on target and had 75% coverage. Results were 3 bunkers destroyed, three bunkers were uncovered, 6 fighting positions uncovered and 1 trail cut. There were two secondary explosions.
 - (3)(140845H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS347642. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Results were 2 large structures destroyed and 5 structures damaged.
 - (4)(141100H) LFT reports the framework of a hut which appears to be being re-built at YS771681.
 - (5)(141104H) LFT reports extensive trench system and bright red clay at YS686605. It appeared as though it had been hit by arty but had not been significantly damaged. LFT also sighted a bridge, formerly demolished but replanked for foot traffic at YS637628. It was engaged but not destroyed. Farming was sighted in grid square YS7170.
 - (6)(141218H) VR reported 6 rice mats in bomb craters at YS650610.
 - (7)(141350H) VR sighted a trench running N-S and also bunkers with signs of recent use at YS662827.
 - (8)(141640H) LFT armed recce reported:-
 - (a) Open areas in grid squares YS6261, YS6361 and YS6362 are on fire as a result of a previous engagement of a bridge. Red smoke was seen in grid square YS6361 to EAST of Route 328, probably fire ignited cannister. The creek line of SONG HOA appears to be preventing fire heading towards RF posts. Also in general area fire has destroyed 2 huts and exposed several holes which appear to be wells or foxholes.
 - (b) Rice mats previously reported at YS650610 could not be found.

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(c) In vicinity of YS782673 there were secondary explosions when previously reported graves were engaged with rockets.

(d) A trail running NE/SW in grid square YS7767 and YS7867 was sighted. Grave like mounds were seen on the NW side of the track, some of them were open. Appears as though they could be VC caches.

(e) In general areas of AP BINH CHAU and AP THANH BINH (YS7968) numerous foot and oxcart tracks leading along and from the beach.

e. Omitted.

f. Secondary Explosions.

(1) Friendly ac	(1) LFT
(2) 12x1000 lb bombs	(2) 2.75 in rockets
(3) TWO	(3) UNKNOWN
(4) 1000 ft	(4) UNKNOWN
(5) WHITE	(5) UNKNOWN
(6) UNKNOWN	(6) UNKNOWN

g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

(1)(140916H) 3/V Coy sighted a group of civilians at YS546572. Artillery was used in YS536566 to scare civilians back into authorised area.

(2)(141120H) 7/C/2RAR found numerous tracks running N-S at YS428722.

(3)(141415H) 6/B/2RAR found 2 old bunkers and an overgrown track running E-W with no sign of recent use at YS590618.

(4)(141515H) 6/B/2RAR found an old oxcart track running E-W (some recent use) and a foot track running due SOUTH (no recent use) at YS586619.

(5)(141535H) 6/B/2RAR found a small hut and a track crossing a stream at YS586619. Nets were set up in the stream and signs of recent activity suggests it was used within the last 24 hours.

(6)(14 Dec 67) The cordon and search of ONG TRINH (YS2568) revealed no significant findings. 15 suspects were detained.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

Amendment to Intsum No 346-67.

Intsum should read 7VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA (Poss).

Delete M1944 carbine.

b. Returnees and Detainees Report for period 8 Dec to 15 Dec 67.

(a) 1

(b) 1

(c)-(f) NIL

1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 349-67.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(151915H) 1/1ARU engaged movement at YS449653. The area was checked with negative results.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(150721H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS352788. It was 95% on target and had 20% coverage. One bunker and 3 weapon pits were destroyed and 2 weapon pits uncovered.
 - (2)(150830H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS697813. It was 100% on target and had 95% coverage. Three bunkers and 10m of trench were destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged and 20m trench uncovered.
 - (3)(151147H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS553704. Six bunkers, four fighting positions and 10m of tunnel were destroyed and 15m of trench uncovered.
 - (4)(151200H) VR reported:-
 - (a) 3 rice mats spread on the ground and several more rolled up at YS539786.
 - (b) approx 5 mats at YS536786.
 - (c) a stand with 3 mats on it at YS545774.
 - (d) approx 20 mats at YS554765.
 - (e) an old camp at YS544785 with serviceable bunkers and pits in it. A well used track ran from the camp at YS546778.
 - (f) a well used EAST to WEST foot track across Route 330 at YS619832.
 - (g) recent use of a foot track running EAST from YS625819.
 - (h) recent oxcart tracks on Route 23 between YS679669 and YS699672.The VR could not locate where the oxcarts left the road.
 - (5)(151330H) VR received AW from YS5556 while investigating a report from 3/V/2RAR of AW fire in the area. The area was engaged with arty and rockets with unknown results. The ac was flying at 10ft and travelling at 105 knots.
 - (6)(151435H) RAAF reported a man at YS573773. The area was engaged with arty with unknown results.
 - (7)(151500H) LFT reported:-
 - (a) numerous grave shaped mounds, some with turned sand still damp and some with headstones. The area was engaged with rockets with negative results.
 - (b) fresh foot tracks between YS802678 and YS796687.
 - (c) well used foot trails running SW-NE at XA NHU LAM (YS7167) possibly leading to the farming area at YS7170.
 - (d) cement slab on pillars with thatch on top of it at YS787683, which could provide shelter. The area around it had been well used.
 - (8)(151800H) VR reported 20 or more rice mats at YS554765 and YS554776. The area was engaged with arty destroying or damaging 7. A lean-to and a large box approx 6ft x 3ft x 3ft were exposed in the jungle near the mats.
 - (9)(151830H) VR sighted 6-7 55 gallon drums on the EASTERN edge of a clearing in the middle of a trail at YS573856.

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(10)(151835H) LFT engaged area of YS539786 opening up 2x10m trenches, destroyed a rice mat and started some fires. A VR had originally reported 3 rice mats in the vicinity.

(11)(151920H) FAC engaged signal fires at YS676580, with arty.

e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

(1)(151205H) B/2RAR found a minefield at YS588602, with warning signs reading "Caution dead area very dangerous". Two drums of CS gas and an UXB were also found.

(2)(151229H) 108 Bty destroyed a bunker in a suspect VC base camp at YS555705.

(3)(151247H) 6/B/2RAR found 2 pits, one 12ft x 12ft x 4ft, the other 12ft x 8ft x 3ft, at YS590616. They could have been rice caches or animal traps. Both were destroyed.

(4)(151340H) 10/D/2RAR found 3 CBU's, 1 set as a booby trap at YS566687. 10 Pl buried the mines.

4. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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2. Period covered from I6000IH to I62400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(I)(I6I800H) A I ATF LRRP contacted 3 VC at YS66I8I4, resulting in I VC KIA (BC). A LFT in support of the LRRP sighted more VC in the area and engaged them with unknown results, LFT reported I large bunker and a possible tunnel complex at YS6588II, it was freshly dug in a bombed out area. An ox cart was also sighted near the LZ.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(I)(I60830H) ALO reported a camouflaged sampan on a river bank at YS590579.

(2)(I60845H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS73I855. It was 95% on target and had 30% coverage. Three bunkers were destroyed and six structures were damaged.

(3)(I6II40H) Four airstrikes were conducted at YS34766C for an LZ preparation.

(4)(I6I4I0H) VR sighted 6 VC in the open at YS573840. The enemy were engaged with LFT and arty, resulting in I VC WIA.

(5)(I6I5I0H) FAC sighted several sets of cart tracks at YS497794. The tracks disappear into the jungle at YS507795.

(6)(I6I553H) VR sighted a track running from YS593826 to YS576842. Heavy recent foot tracks were seen at YS576842, the track heads NORTH EAST and disappears into thick foliage at YS58I848.

(7)(I6I602H) VR sighted new rice mats to the WEST of a small hut at YS537780. In the same location there was 2 small lean-to huts made from PSP, the rice mats were later collected between I530 to I750H.

(8)(I6I8I5H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS6608I2. It was I00% on target and had 95% coverage. Two bunkers were destroyed and 2 KBA(poss).

(9)(I6I828H) VR engaged some rolled up rice mats at YS549775 with a WP rocket and started a grass fire.

e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

(I)(I52300H) (Late Entry) A VC force of unknown size engaged the area of the AP SUOI NGHE post with SA and AW fire. Arty engaged targets to the SW and NE of the hamlet with unknown results. I RF soldier was WIA during the contact. 7/C/RAR swept through the area with negative results.

(2)(I6I025H) Sector reported that a vehicle containing 7 persons including 2 Aust advisors was ambushed by an unknown size VC force at YS45575I at approximately 0845H. It is thought that the VC used only small arms in the ambush, and that IxThompson SMG was included. Result 2 Aust KIA, 4 ARVN KIA and I ARVN WIA. Two pistols and two M1 carbines were lost. The VC may have been dressed in ARVN uniforms. Civilians in the area reported that the fire fight had lasted for I5 minutes.

(3)(I6II00H) Provost reported that a US Provost Sgt attached to IATF received 3 rounds SA while driving through HOA LONG at YS4I9640, near the rice mill. The vehicle was not hit and there were no casualties.

(3)(I6I320H) B/2RAR reported fresh tracks of 3 men at YS590590. The tracks were leading SOUTH. At the above loc old tracks of one man were found, heading NORTH. A well defined track following the line of the SONG RAI river was also found in the vicinity. This track disappeared into the swamp.

(4)(I6I8I5H) 2/V/2RAR sighted two males heading in a NE direction at YS532580. They moved out of sight into the jungle.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a. KIA by Ground Forces. CONFIRMED I
- WIA by Army Aviation. CONFIRMED - POSSIBLE I
- KBA. 2
- b-d. Omitted.

5. No change to Intsum No I67-67.

6-10. Omitted.

II. No change to Intsum No 300-67.

I2. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 351-67.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(171112H) AO 1/83 Arty sighted 12-14 people at YS6170 - YS6270. Arty engaged the area with unknown results.
 - (2)(171130H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS660812. It was 80% on target and had 50% coverage. 2 military structures destroyed, 15m trench uncovered and 4m trench destroyed.
 - (3)(171212H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS662827. It was 80% on target and had 40% coverage. 50m trench destroyed, 50m trench uncovered and 1 military structure destroyed.
 - (4)(171340H) VR sighted a foot bridge at YS376732.
 - (5)(171515H) FAC sighted 5 people walking towards Route 2 at YS465826 and 2 oxen and oxcarts at YS464823.
 - (6)(171710H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS336679. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. 1 tunnel collapsed and 2 KBA (Poss)
 - (7)(171739H) FAC sighted fresh tracks of 10-12 men on the beach at YS7562.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(LATE ENTRY 162130H) An estimated VC Platoon attacked the RF Post at LO GOM (YS514546), with AW, SA and grenades. The VC were engaged from the post and the escape routes were engaged with arty. Contact was broken at 162130H with 2 RF WIA. VC casualties unknown.
 - (2)(170845H) An APC supporting Engr at YS5145, detonated 2xM16 mines on the EAST side of the fence. No damage to the APC and negative casualties resulted. Another M16 mine was found on the Western side of the fence.
 - (3)(170900H) 5/B/2RAR found 3 sets of fresh tracks at YS574581.
 - (4)(170936H) 6/B/2RAR sighted 3-4 VC at YS583583, who disappeared into the grass. Tracks were found heading EAST.
 - (5)(170955H) 6/B/2RAR found fresh tracks of one man heading EAST at YS583584.
 - (6)(171008H) A Plt from B/7RAR HQ, found tracks of 6 people heading SOUTH at above loc. They appeared to come from YS318688 and are less than 12 hours old.
 - (7)(171045H) B/2RAR HQ, 6 Plt and the dog team followed a track which lead through a camp at YS584586. The camp was searched with negative results.
 - (8)(171230H) A patrol from 3 RAR sighted 3 men dressed in greens, wearing baseball hats and without weapons at YS448652. They fled towards HOA LONG (YS4264) when the patrol approached.
 - (9)(172050H) Elements from 18 ARVN Div ambushed 5 VC inside the fence at YS496586. Resulting in 3 VC KIA (Poss), 2xM1 carbines and 1 AK 50 mag found. 2 ARVN WIA while searching the area when grenaded by the VC.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. KBA. POSSIBLE
2
 - b-d. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 352-67.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(181910H) A 1 ATF patrol was sighted by 1-2 VC at YS642807. The patrol had been fired on in this location previously. On extraction the LFT received ground fire.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(181112H) An airstrike was conducted on a suspected VC location at YS365670. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Neg BDA.
 - (2)(181325H) VR dropped a smoke grenade near a person at YS515554, carrying a bundle on his shoulder. He then moved to YS510560 where there was a group of people and oxen.
 - (3)(181440H) FAC reported stacks of timber 6inches in diameter and 12ft long at YS342676 and YS341673. They may have been cut for bunkers.
 - (4)(181500H) VR sighted a foot bridge at YS574843.
 - (5)(181545H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS544785. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Neg BDA.
 - (6)(181745H) VR reported:-
 - (a) three large areas of cut grass in grid square YS7061, which were set alight with rockets.
 - (b) a large amount of freshly turned earth on Route 328 at YS602765.
 - (c) fresh garden cultivation in vic YS597826.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(181915H) 7RAR reported tracks:-
 - (a) at YS332693 used by a large number of troops in the previous 48 hours.
 - (b) at YS336695 used by small parties in the previous 5-6 days.
 - (c) at YS318682 a track marked on the map used by a large party in the previous 48 hours. A small party of 5-10 people had used it in the previous 24 hours.
4. Nil.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 353-67.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(191100H) Plt/ARU contacted 2 VC moving SE to NW at YS454654 at a range of 100 - 150m. The VC were dressed in black and one carried 2 weapons while the other carried a sack on his shoulders. The VC fled SW. The tracking team followed up but lost the trail. Neg cas.
(2)(191635H) C/7RAR contacted 3 VC who appeared to be sentries on the edge of a base camp at YS337679, the VC opened fire with AW fire and withdrew NW. The camp & escape routes were engaged with grenades and artillery. Result 1 Aust WIA, unknown VC casualties. The camp was found to contain 4 sleeping bunkers for 4-5 persons, and rock caverns which had been developed as shelters. A quantity of docs were captured.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1)(181300H, LATE ENTRY) VR sighted a VC base camp at YS336656 with at least 6 bunkers and a cleared grass area under trees. Several sheets of galvanised iron were piled in the area.
(2)(190630H) VR sighted smoke rising from a clump of bushes, 100m from BINH BA rubber plantation at YS429769. It appeared to be a cooking fire. Tracks were seen in the area.
(3)(190630H) VR reported rice paddy at YS518683 which show signs of night harvesting.
(4)(190850H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS545786. It was 70% on target and had 20% coverage. Neg BDA.
(5)(190924H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC harvesting area at YS6170. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. The harvest area was destroyed.
(6)(190935H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS568732. It was 90% on target and had 20% coverage. Neg BDA due to smoke and foliage.
(7)(191005H) VR reported a blue and red VC flag in the fence at YS514545 apparently placed there the night of 18/19 Dec. There was a well used trail leading to it.
(8)(191035H) AO sighted a dam surrounded by a dyke at YS366755. A suspected VC supply point was engaged with arty with neg results.
(9)(191130H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS645759. It was 80% on target and had 30% coverage. Three bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged and 2 fighting positions uncovered.
(10)(191130H) VR reported 6 huts in the jungle at YS755765. Arty engaged destroying 1 hut.
(11)(191350H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS563707. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Five bunkers destroyed and one secondary explosion with grey smoke.
(12)(191400H) An airstrike was conducted on a military structure at YS568732. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. One military structure destroyed.
(13)(191525H) FAC sighted 6 military structures at YS759763. Two were partially destroyed by arty.

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(14)(191604H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS352788. It was 90% on target and had 10% coverage. One possible fighting position uncovered.

(15)(191722H) VR sighted rice mats at YS554767. Also suspects VC in area. Rice mats were engaged with rockets. Arty engaged areas YS5477 and 5478 with unknown results.

(16)(191730H) VR reports:-

(a) a river crossing with hand lines at YS373744. Tracks in area of ford.

(b) another river crossing at YS376746 with hand lines. Tracks were sighted in the area.

(c) a pit with fresh earth was sighted at YS381743. Further surveillance difficult because of canopy.

e-f. Omitted.

- g. (1) Friendly ac
(2) 2x750 lb and 8x500 lb bombs.
(3) ONE
(4) 1000 ft
(5) GREY
(6) UNKNOWN

h. Other Activity.

(1)(191850H) 1 ARU clearing patrol sighted 5-6 persons 500m to SW at YS433656. No further detail due to failing light.

4. Nil
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
6-10 Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsun No 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 354-67.
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(201000H) 2/A/7RAR contacted 3 VC at YS336695. The VC were heading S to N when contacted, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC DOW, 2xM1 carbines and 1 Mosin Na,ant rifle were captured. The VC each carried 20 rounds of ammo.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1)(200800H) VR sighted an oxcart moving SOUTH on Route 329 at YS671715. Also 3 rice bags on the side of Route 329 at YS672737, these were engaged and damaged by LFT.

(2)(200918H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS489819. It was 100% on target and had 80% coverage. Five bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged and 1 secondary explosion with black smoke.

(3)(200955H) VR sighted red smoke at YS395685.

(4)(201152H) FAC sighted:-

(a) E-W trail coming from the tree line through recently burned field at YS639618. The trail has had heavy use in the last 24 hours.

(b) new bunker and fighting position on Western bank of the creek at YS660769.

(c) extension to E-W trench line at YS727753.

(5)(201200H) FAC sighted fresh tracks of many people on the beach between 73 - 77 Eastings. The tracks were less than 24 hours old.

(6)(201515H) VR reported rice has been harvested in grid square YS5887. Also rice mats at YS582878.

(7)(201540H) VR sighted an armed VC in the area of 4-5 small rice crops at YS520686. Many converging tracks in the area.

(8)(201600H) VR reported:-

(a) a log across the SONG RAI at YS592714, the log had mud on it and appeared to have been used as a bridge, Another log in the area had wire or rope across it.

(b) logs across the river at YS593716, YS586723 and YS573683.

(c) many tracks and possibly bunkers at YS582702.

(d) small areas of rice in process of being harvested at YS516682, YS522683, YS530678 and YS532685.

(9)(201630H) LFT reported:-

(a) foot prints on both sides of creek in grid square YS5168. NE/SW trails in the same area.

(b) a creek crossing position at YS516685.

e-f. Omitted

- g.
- (1) Friendly ac
 - (2) 12xMk 117
 - (3) ONE
 - (4) 1000 ft
 - (5) BLACK
 - (6) UNKNOWN

h. Other Activity.

- (1)(200752H) Sector troops contacted a reported 2 VC platoons at YS510533. Contact was broken and the VC withdrew to the EAST. The area was engaged with arty with unknown results.
- (2)(200820H) C/7RAR located 2 VC b: dies at YS337679, resulting from contact in the same area at 191635H. Four rifles, 2 armalite mags, 1xDH10 claymore and 2 Chicom grenades were found in the camp area.
- (3)(200955H) 10/D/7RAR located a VC base camp which had been occupied in the last 24 hours at YS346687.
- (4)(201718H) 12/D/7RAR found a cache at YS346685, containing 23x.30 cal US M1917 rifles, 3 Springfield rifles, 3 pump action shotguns, 1x.303 rifle, 2 land mines, 2x60mm mortar bombs, 1x81mm mortar bomb, 1x75mm AP shell, 5 hand held flares and 200 rounds of .5 ammunition. The cache was in a thatched hut and most of the weapons are in good condition.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a KIA by CONFIRMED
Ground forces 5

b-c. Omitted.

d. Captured Weapons.


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) (a) M1 Carbine (b) TWO (c) USA (d) YS336695 (e) UNKNOWN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) (a) Mosin Nagant (b) ONE (c) RUSSIA (d) YS336695 (e) UNKNOWN |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (3) (a) Rifles (b) FOUR (c) UNKNOWN (d) YS337679 (e) UNKNOWN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (4) (a) .30 cal rifles (b) 23 (c) USA (d) YS346685 (e) CACHE |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (5) (a) SPRINGFIELD Rifle (b) THREE (c) USA (d) YS346685 (e) CACHE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (6) (a) SHOTGUN (b) THREE (c) UNKNOWN (d) YS346685 (e) CACHE |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (7) (a) .303 Rifle (b) ONE (c) UK (d) YS346685 (e) CACHE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (8) (a) Rifles (b) SEVEN (c) UNKNOWN (d) YS346685 (e) CACHE |

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.

12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.



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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 355-67.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(210910H) 6/B/7RAR fired on 1 VC at YS333694 and were engaged by approximately 5 VC with SA, M79 and MG fire. The VC headed NORTH after the contact. One was dressed in black and carried a bandolier of ammunition and a new rifle. At YS334696 one jerry can and a lantern were found. The area was thought to be the overnight location of the VC. There were no known casualties.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(210743H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS662827. It was 80% on target and had 20% coverage. Neg BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (2)(210850H) VR reported fresh, shoe imprints coming from the scrub and heading EAST along the beach at YS742615.
 - (3)(211100) VR reported an extension of an old camp at YS405825. There were trenches and bunkers under bamboo cover.
 - (4)(211130H) VR reported a recently used permanent trail running NORTH-SOUTH and entering the tree line at YS479817.
 - (5)(211130H) LFT reported:-
 - (a) an E-W trail from YS461828 to THUA TICH. There were signs of oxcart activity on the trail.
 - (b) fresh foot prints running through an open field at YS574842. The foot prints headed NE-SW to a nearby track crossing the SONG RAI.
 - (6)(211300H) VR reported a VC base camp with 4-5 large bunkers near the edge of the clearing at YS552675.
 - (7)(211415H) VR reported:-
 - (a) a bunker system at YS553675. Three of the bunkers had OHC.
 - (b) a drum camouflaged with hay at YS551677.
 - (8)(211443H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS662824. It was 80% on target and had 20% cover. Forty metres of trench were uncovered.
 - (9)(211645H) VR reported:-
 - (a) new and destroyed bunkers at YS337705.
 - (b) a camp consisting of 2 huts, at YS334706. One hut had an iron roof the other an atap roof.
 - (10)(211911H) VR reported a hut in good condition at YS331707. Two hundred metres SOUTH of the hut was a recently, half dug trench.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1)(210100H) Sector troops contacted approximately half a squad of VC at YS437598. A heavy blood trail was found leading from the area of contact. The 2RAR Tracking Team were called to follow the trail. At 211112H, 2RAR reported that after following the trail NORTH it headed SOUTH towards LONG DIEN where it was lost.
 - (2)(211100H) D/7RAR located an old resting place and 2 recent graves at YS359683.

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- (3)(211100H) Arty engaged a bunker with fresh tracks around it at YS588656. Two people were sighted 1000m WEST of this area.
- (4)(211226H) D/7RAR found a well used track at YS355683. There was a fresh blood trail on the track.
- (5)(211450H) Sector reported that a LCM was fired on and hit by a rocket at YS343598. The I and R platoon was deployed and contacted an unknown size VC force at YS348594. The contact was broken shortly after but was resumed at YS211510H and was finally broken at 211610H when the I and R platoon returned to the boats. There were 4 friendly WIA. VC casualties are unknown.
- (6)(211740H) 2/V/2RAR found an arms cache at YS548573. The cache contained 5 homemade bombs, 4 of which were destroyed and 1 was returned to 1 ATF base.
- (7)(212000H) DUC THANH Sub Sector reported XA BANG post (YS4584) received 30 rounds of mortar fire. No rounds fell inside the compound and there was no friendly casualties. A suspected VC position at YS477831 was engaged by arty with unknown results.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. Returnees and Detainees Report for period 15 Dec to 22 Dec 67.

- (1) (a) 1
(b) 1
(c)-(f) Omitted.

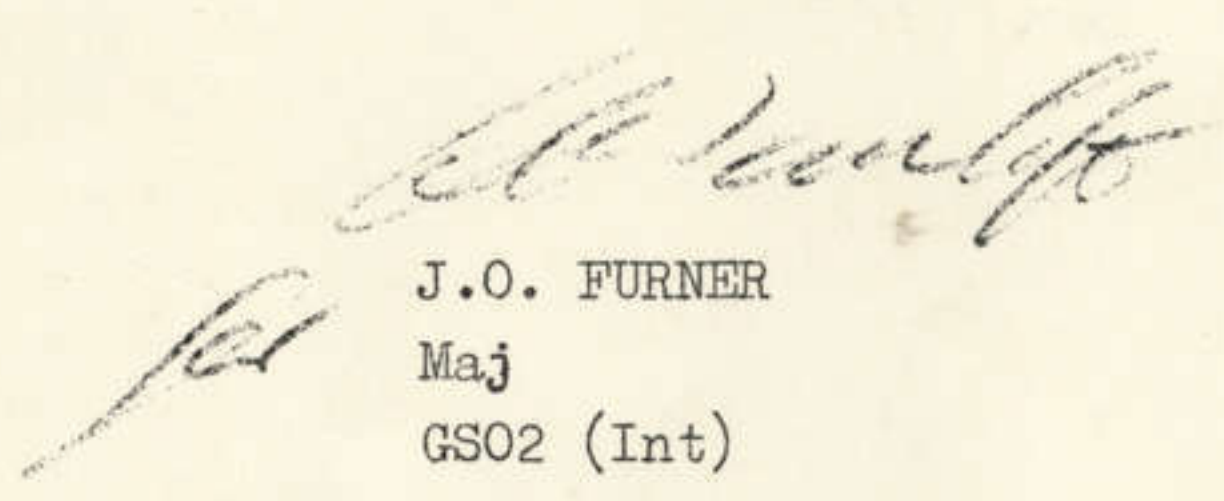
(2) (5) Omitted.

5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.

12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 356-67.
- 2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H December 67.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1)(221055H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS672753. It was 70% on target and had 15% coverage. Twenty metres of trench were uncovered.

(2)(221055H) LFT engaged area where red smoke was sighted at YS621603.

(3)(221204H) VR engaged rice mats at YS585879 with WP grenades with neg results.

(4)(221300H) VR reported mats with rice and vegetables on them at YS539786, YS536785, YS546775, YS586885, YS584880 and YS582880.

(5)(221500H) FAC sighted fresh diggings with heavy OHC at YS660824.

(6)(221500H) FAC sighted 6 new bunkers and 3 new pits with good OHC at YS664814.

(7)(221845H) VR reported a person harvesting rice at YS585880.

Considerable progress was reported in the harvest area since 221400H.

e-h. Omitted.

- 4. Nil
- 5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
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- 12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 357-67. 928
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1) (221130H) (Late Entry) VR sighted mats with vegetables and rice at YS539786, YS536785 and YS546775.
- (2) (221130H) (Late Entry) VR sighted mats with grass, rice, nuts and vegetables at YS586885, YS584880 and YS582880.
- (3) (230002H) Firefly Gunship received light ground fire while investigating a camp fire at YS609629. Fire was not returned.
- (4) (230025H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC staging area at YS563763. A fighting position was uncovered on a trench line.
- (5) (230800H) VR sighted a wooden plough and 55 gal drum at YS579872. The plough was damaged by LFT.
- (6) (231040H) VR reported a rice mat lying in a bomb crater at YS650610.
- (7) (231045H) VR reports fishing nets hanging along a stream at YS636624 which runs NORTH-EAST - SOUTH-WEST.
- (8) (231150H) An airstrike was conducted on VC structures at YS759763. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. 8 military structures were destroyed and 30 metres trench uncovered.
- (9) (231255H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS563707. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. 2 fox-holes were destroyed and 3 bunkers damaged.
- (10) (231330H) VR reports a hut with galvanised iron and aluminium sheeting on roof approximately 18 feet x 12 feet with dead branches partly covering roof at YS331704. Area was engaged by artillery.
- (11) (231445H) VR sighted food drying on mats 3ft off the ground at YS552773.
- (12) (231505) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS 489819. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was neg BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- (13) (231505H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS562764. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. There was neg BDA due to smoke and foliage.

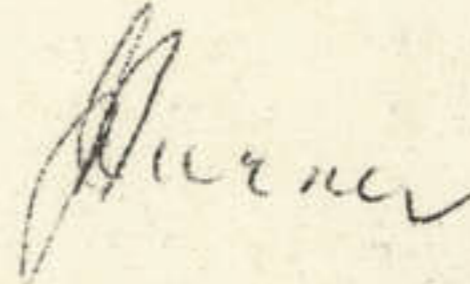
e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

- (1) (230055H) Sector reported that a culvert was blown at YS442598. AW & SA fire was also reported and tele wires were cut at vic YS447598.
- (2) (231250) 3/A/3 CAV found an old hut with 4x4 gal water cans & tools used in the last week at YS465837. 25m SW there is a track which is frequently used running E-W.
- (3) (231200H) Results of cord on & search at NGAI GIAO (YS4678). A total of 1218 civilians were screened. 13 were detained by Sub Sector

for minor irregularities and another 50 were detained and evacuated to Sector authorities for further processing.

4. Nil.
5. No change to Intsum 167-67
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- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum 308-67.



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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 358-67.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1)(241150H) VR reported rice mats at YS585876.
- (2)(241200H) VR reported:-
 - (a) recent harvesting at YS761683.
 - (b) a well used foot track which runs from YS751678 to YS757680 to YS758687 to YS754692.
 - (c) rice mats at YS537784, YS543770 and YS582774.
- (3)(241212H) FAC reported:-
 - (a) a trail running NCrTH to SOUTH at YS533783 which has had recent heavy traffic.
 - (b) a trail running NORTH to SOUTH at YS531783 which has had recent heavy traffic.
- (4)(241310H) FAC sighted 4 rice mats in a clearing at YS535784.
- (5)(241300H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS662814. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Four bunkers were destroyed and 6 bunkers damaged.
- (6)(241323H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS662824. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. One bunker and 1 military structure were destroyed and 50m trench uncovered.
- (7)(241355H) VR reported:-
 - (a) a small hut at YS302704 which has been constructed since yesterday. Artillery fired into the area exposed some bunkers and trenches.
 - (b) a framework of branches, 6ft x 3ft, on a boulder at YS343687. It was destroyed by artillery.
- (8)(241410H) FAC sighted a new VC base camp with a bunker at YS330704.
- (9)(241509H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS480819. It was 100% on target and had 25% coverage. Neg BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- (10)(241600H) LFT reported:-
 - (a) it was unable to destroy the rice mats at YS585876, reported by VR, as the rice would not burn.
 - (b) extensive tunnels, bunkers and recent diggings in grid square YS6880. A fresh track showing signs of recent use heading NE-SW at YS678813.
 - (c) heavy oxcart tracks from the rice growing area around NUI DAT at YS6470. The tracks lead NORTH into the jungle edge.
 - (d) heavy oxcart tracks along the NORTH - SOUTH track at YS6275.

Other Activity.

- (1)(LATE ENTRY 232140H) Sector troops ambushed a house at YS424634. Five to six VC withdrew SW. The 2RAR tracking team followed tracks to YS420630 where they had broken up into three parties.
- (2)(240705H) Artillery engaged an area at YS5888, where a number of people appeared to be harvesting rice.
- (3)(241250H) 6/B/2RAR found an old house and a 100ft deep well at YS476674.

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-/4. Nil

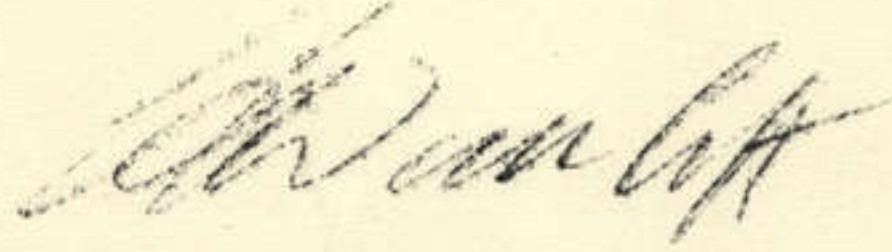
- 4. Nil
- 5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
- 12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No. 359-67.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) (251829H). A 3RAR patrol contacted 2 armed VC at YS443657. The VC were dressed in black shorts and 1 wore a white shirt. The VC fled to the SOUTH with neg casualties.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1) (251020H). FAC sighted fresh cart tracks leading to 4 graves at YS 535559. There were fresh footprints around 1 of the graves.
 - (2) (251425H). VR sighted 2 persons cutting grass at YS695673. Half the area had been cut indicating more people had been active in the area.
 - (3) (251500H). VR reported:-
 - (a) footprints in the sand from YS535545 to YS573568.
 - (b) 2 people working in a creek at YS769684. One was a youth.
 - (c) harvesting at YS778683 continuing.
 - (d) a fish trap at YS576874 with a well used foot track running from it to YS579869.
 - (4) (251620H). FAC sighted a possible camp fire at YS334675.
 - e-h. Omitted.
4. Nil.
5. No change to Intsum No. 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No. 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No. 308-67.



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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 360-67.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was CNE contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1)(261943H) 3RAR engaged a person after a trip flare was set off with unknown results.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1)(261200H) The LFT engaged 3 VC at YS619828. Result 3 VC KBA (BC). There was possibly a rifle with the bodies.
 - (2)(261200H) LFT sighted a well used bunker near the entrance to a field at YS624826. Foot trails ran to the bunker.
 - (3)(261200H) Rubber tyre tracks of unknown age were sighted on Route 328 NORTH of THUA TICH.
 - (4)(261203H) VR sighted people moving from EAST to WEST at YS258705. They were carrying loads and moved to the side of the road on the pass of the ac.
 - (5)(261630H) The LFT received 4 rounds of AW fire from YS621833. The ac was at tree top level flying NORTH at 80 knots. Fire was returned with unknown results.
 - (6)(261630H) Recent vehicle tracks were sighted on Route 329 between XUYEN MOC and 86 NORTHING by the LFT. The tracks disappeared EAST into the scrub at YS737820.
 - (7)(261712H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS662824. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Two bunkers and 50m of trench were destroyed.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

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5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No. 361-67.
- 2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H December 67.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were TWO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1) (270940H). A 1 ATF patrol sighted 2 VC on insertion at YS285725. The VC were armed and dressed in black. The patrol fired on the VC with neg VC cas and were extracted. At 1020H an airstrike was conducted on the area resulting in 2 VC KBA (POSS).
- (2) (271405H). A 1 ATF patrol contacted 2 VC on insertion at YS 762677. The patrol fired on the VC with neg VC cas and were extracted. At 1428H an airstrike was conducted on the area resulting in 2 VC KBA (POSS).

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1) (LATE ENTRY) (261817H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS405824. It was 100% on target and had 20% coverage. Neg BDA due to smoke and darkness.
- (2) (271110H). FAC reported smoke rising from YS334670.
- (3) (271200H). FAC sighted a person walking NORTH at YS472827.
- (4) (271920H). VR reported a camp fire at YS330650. The area was engaged with arty with unknown results.

e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

- (1) (LATE ENTRY) (262100H). Sector troops contacted a suspected VC platoon at YS251719 resulting in neg friendly cas and 3 VC KIA reported.
- (2) (271545H). D/2RAR reported a camp with bunkers less than 24hrs old at YS587697.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. KIA by	POSS
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b-d. Omitted.

5. No change to Intsum No. 167-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to Intsum No. 300-67.

12. No change to Intsum No. 308-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No. 362-67.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was NO contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1) (280840H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC supply base at YS631797. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Four bunkers were destroyed and 3 damaged. One VC KBA (CB) and 3 VC KBA (POSS).
- (2) (281000H). VR reported:-
 - (a) a bunker at YS683791.
 - (b) recent foot and oxcart traffic between YS574875 and YS575870.
 - (c) a recently constructed thatched hut (12'x15'x10') with no walls or floorboards at YS580864.
- (3) (281017H). FAC sighted 14 boats offshore at the mouth of the RACH SONG CAI at YS5857.
- (4) (281051H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS660769. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. Three bunkers were destroyed, 1 uncovered and 7 fighting pits damaged.
- (5) (281323H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS631797. It was 100% on target and had 90% coverage. One mil structure was destroyed and 1 bunker and 3 fighting positions were uncovered.
- (6) (281332H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS621825. It was 100% on target and had 50% coverage. Neg BDA.
- (7) (281545H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS664814. It was 100% on target and had 30% coverage. Two foxholes were uncovered.
- (8) (281804H). VR reported rice harvesting, possibly by night, at the following locs:- YS526669, YS522676, YS538667 and YS 537677.

e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

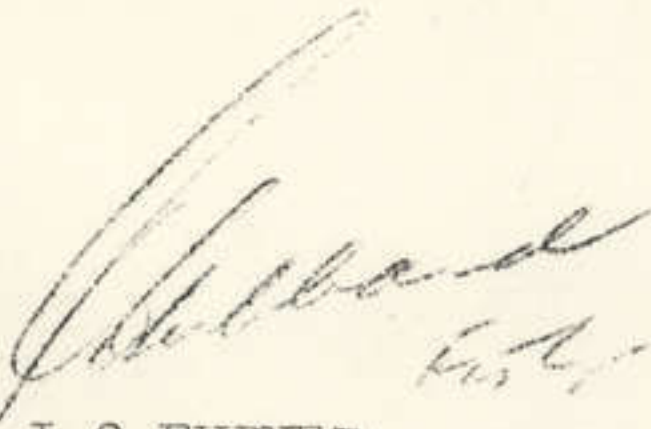
- (1) (LATE ENTRY) (272300H). Anti Tk pl/2RAR heard sounds of a heavily loaded oxcart in the vic of YS452706. The direction of the oxcart was not known and no action was taken.
- (2) (280825H). 108 Bty engaged 5 oxcarts and people in a suspected VC base camp at YS588665 with harassing fire. There was no surveillance.
- (3) (280840H). Arty engaged a VC supply base at YS631797 after an airstrike had been conducted on the base. Two bunkers were destroyed and 2 tunnels uncovered.
- (4) (280940H). 8/C/2RAR found the ruin of a hut and an old rice cache at YS574698. Neither appeared to have been used for several months.
- (5) (281026H). C/2RAR found a hut and bunker at YS578701.
- (6) (281028H). A/7RAR found an old booby trap consisting of a grenade in a tin connected to a trip wire at YS428739. The booby trap was destroyed.
- (7) (281135H). 9/B/2RAR found a well used track heading NW at YS589709. The track was possibly used by 2 oxen and a man in the previous few hours.
- (8) (281601H). 1/A/7RAR found an old platoon size base camp at YS414731.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
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- b-d. Omitted.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
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3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was ONE contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) (291215H). A 1 ATF LRIP was fired on by an unknown number of VC at YS659617. There were no known casualties and the LRIP withdrew from the area.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1) (290109H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS59708145. Four weapon pits were damaged and uncovered.
 - (2) (291200H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS330704. It was 100% on target and had 60% coverage. Two bunkers and 2 fighting positions were destroyed.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1) (290925H). 2RAR sighted signs of freshly harvested rice at YS520678 and YS538670.
 - (2) (291220H). A clearing patrol from the LO GOM RF post was fired on from the WEST of the road at YS507543 by an estimated VC pl. The VC withdrew SW. Escape routes were engaged with arty and mortars with unknown results.
 - (3) (291250H). D/7RAR found a pl size camp at YS352674. It had been used by 2 people in the previous 2 days.
 - (4) (291455H). D/7RAR found an old building at YS357671 which had been used as a rice cache. It was approx 16'x20' with a galvanized iron roof and a metal floor. It did not appear to have been used for a considerable time.
 - (5) (291515H). 9/D/2RAR found a hole 4'x4'x9' deep at YS555712. It had a 5' long tunnel leading out of it and a ladder going down into it. The hole was covered with planks. It was destroyed.
 - (6) (291610H). 7RAR found an EAST to WEST track at YS359676. The track which was not heavily used had been used by 6 people in the previous 48hrs.
 - (8) (291910H). 3RAR sighted a person in the vic of YS4465. The person was wearing black and heading SOUTH.
4. Nil.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.


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List A
SA HQ 18 ARVN Div XUAN LOC
Sector S2 (11)
3 TAC Fighter Wing BIEN HOA
A Coy 5SFCA BIEN HOA
199 Inf Bde.

1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 364-67.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Dec 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1)(300704H) 3/V/2RAR engaged 2 VC walking along a track at YS562575 with SA and claymores. The VC who were dressed in tiger suits escaped back down the track to the SE. While sweeping the area a further 2 VC in black pyjamas were sighted. They also fled SE along a track.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1)(301217H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS645759. It was 90% on target and had 75% coverage. Neg BDA due to smoke and dust.

(2)(301358H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS664814. It was 80% on target and had 80% coverage. Two bunkers were uncovered.

(3)(301415H) VR engaged water buffalo in the CU MY gardens at YS5787 with neg results.

(4)(301600H) VR reported:-

(a) Well worn foot tracks running NORTH to SOUTH across Route 23 at YS720673.

(b) Oxcart tracks coming off Route 23 at YS690674 heading SOUTH into the jungle.

(c) Many fresh foot tracks in the sand in a clearing at YS700650.

(5)(301700H) FAC sighted EAST to WEST trail at YS638778 with signs of use by wheeled traffic in the previous 24 hours.

(6)(301700H) FAC reported rebuilding of an old base camp at YS637782. A partially completed hut and a partially completed bunker were sighted. A trail running along the creek in the vicinity showed signs of recent foot and wheeled traffic.

(7)(301705H) FAC sighted a small hut and a fresh trail heading from the EAST at YS646759.

e-g Omitted.

h. Other Activity.

(1)(LATE ENTRY)(291524H) D&E/HQ 1 ATF found a camp at YS773651 with a camouflaged 5'x10' atap hut in a clearing 12' in dia. Three water bowls, a new table, stained chairs and 4 sleeping mats hanging in trees were found in the camp. About 20m from the camp 4 sandbags were found containing fishing tackle and rice cake. A camouflaged track used by 10 men in the previous 7 days ran NE to the camp and headed SE from it. The camp is thought to be a fishing hamlet under VC control and possibly acting as a production cell.

(2)(300930H) PF troops from BINH GIA contacted an estimated VC Pl at YS505764. The VC had been contacting farmers in the area. The VC fled SOUTH and the area was engaged with arty. The area was swept with neg results.

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(3)(301000H) 12/D/2RAR found a cache at YS584691 containing 20x20mm rds, 1x30cal rd, 1xM79 rd and 1x44 gal drum approx 1/3rd full of unpolished rice.

(4)(301215H) 10/D/2RAR found 9x2" mortar bombs at YS595671 and a tin with 20 detonators in it. One of the bombs had TNT written on it.

Seven of the bombs were destroyed and the others returned to 1 ATF.

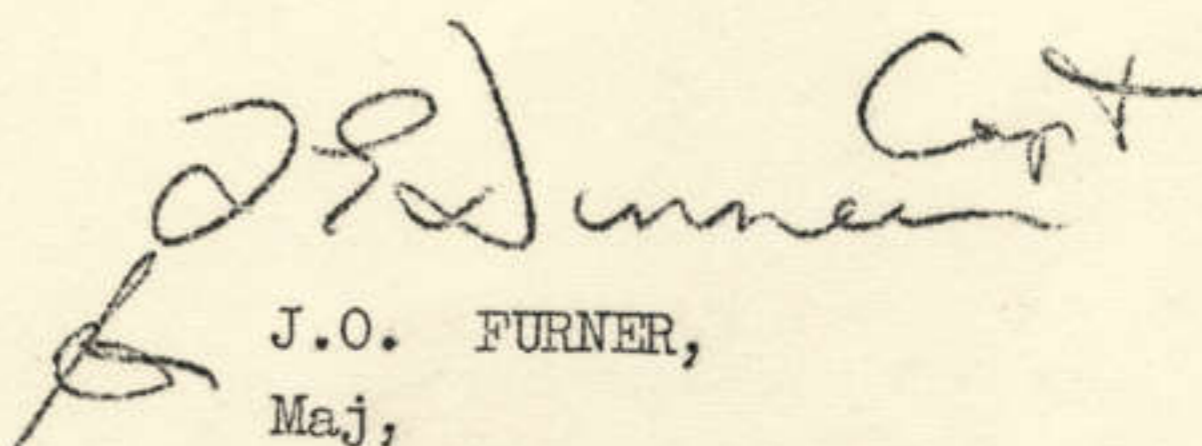
(5)(301245H) Sector troops fired SA at a squad of VC at YS508548 who had fired a mortar round at them. The VC withdrew WEST and Sector arty engaged escape routes. Neg friendly cas and unknown VC cas.

(6)(301312H) 7/C/2RAR found a well used track heading EAST to WEST at YS556700. It showed no signs of recent use.

(7)(301443H) C/2RAR found a very old camp with 6x2 man bunkers at YS556691.

(8)(301935H) Sector reported that the post at BINH BA received 20 rds of SA fire.

4. Nil
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67


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A Coy 5SFGA BIEN HOA.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 365-67.
2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H December 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity.
 - (1) (310825H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS405825. It was 90% on target and had 70% coverage. One bunker was destroyed, a tunnel entrance was uncovered and 4 large semi-circular weapon pits were uncovered.
 - (2) (310855H). FAC sighted a trench line and a bunker SOUTH of a clearing at YS399810.
 - (3) (311100H). VR reported signs of freshly cut rice at YS520678 and YS538670.
 - (4) (311130H). VR reported:-
 - (a) foot and oxcart traffic along Route 328 in YS6076.
 - (b) gardens at YS598826 with signs of overnight work. More plots were being prepared in the vic.
 - (5) (311302H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS399810. It was 90% on target and had 20% coverage. Three bunkers were destroyed and 25m of trench damaged.
 - (6) (311405H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS576844. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage. Two bunkers were uncovered. Neg further BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (7) (311540H). FAC sighted 2 oxen and a cart at YS271712. The area was engaged with arty with unknown results.
 - (8) (311627H). VR sighted an area of grass being cut for thatch at YS617692.
 - (9) (311830H). LFT reported gardens being developed and a cleared area under the trees at YS 605885.
 - e-g. Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1) (310525H). A sentry of B/3RAR sighted 1 or poss 2 people moving to his front at YS4463. They disappeared before the sentry could engage them.
 - (2) (310940H). 1/V/2RAR sighted 4 people at YS558526. They were not engaged.
 - (3) (311352H). 12/D/7RAR found a track with signs of recent use at YS386673.
 - (4) (311436H). 1 Tp/A Sqn found an old bunker in good condition in a creek at YS392662.
 - (5) (311535H). 3RAR found indications of a number of people having been in the area of their perimeter during the night of 30/31 Dec. Lights sighted during this time had been carried on poles to inhibit effective engagement with SA.
4. Nil.
5. No change to Intsum No 167-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 300-67.
12. No change to Intsum No 308-67.

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IS* No original to Bureau No 308-01
II* No original to Bureau No 300-01
E-10* Original
2* No original to Bureau No 101-01
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- 3 TAC Fighter Wing BIEN HOA
- A Coy 53FGA BIEN HOA
- 199 Inf Bde

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ANNEX H TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 67 TO 31 DEC 67

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R1/1/17

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
3 Dec 67

Distribution: See below

'A' INSTRUCTION NO 14/67
OPERATIONAL CASUALTY STUDY

Reference: A. AFV R1/1/2 dated 25 Nov 67.

General

1. In connection with studies being conducted at AHQ (SAO) on operational casualties, the Operational Casualty Study Proforma is being reintroduced. An example of the proforma is attached as Annex A.

Scope of Study

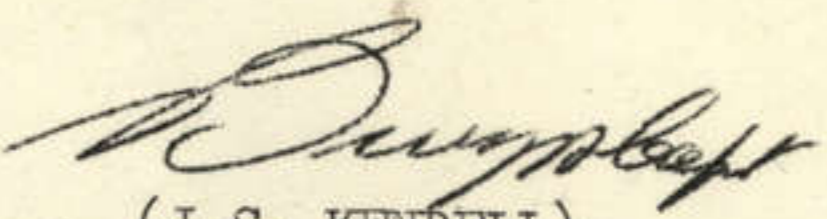
2. A Study Proforma is to be completed for all Australian Battle Casualties admitted for treatment to medical installations in the Vung Tau area.

Procedures

3. When a casualty, subject to the conditions of para 2 of this instruction occurs, the following procedure for submission of a Study Proforma is to apply:
- a. Two copies of Annex A will be completed by 8Fd Amb (with the exception of para 2), and immediately forwarded to the members unit, through HQ 1 ATF.
 - b. The unit concerned is to complete para 2 and forward the two completed copies to HQ 1 ATF, for onforwarding to HQ AFV. (Attention FORS).

Conclusion

4. Prompt and accurate submissions are essential to provide the maximum assistance in the above mentioned study programme. The requirements of this instruction are in addition to Unit NOTICAS responsibilities.


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C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(5)	6 OFF	(6)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(5)	1 (Indep) Armd Wksp	(3)
4 Fd Regt	(12)	HQ Coy 1 ATF	
1 Fd Sqn	(4)	1 Aust CA Unit	
Det 11 MC Gp			
104 Sig Sqn	(3)	1 ALSG	
2 RAR	(10)	HQ AFV	
3 RAR	(8)	D Comd	
7 RAR	(8)	G	
1 SAS Sqn	(3)	A	
161 (Indep) Recce Plt	(3)	Q	
1 ARU		Spare	(10-held by A Branch)
Det 1 Div Int Unit		Float	
Det 1 Topo Svy Unit		File	
HQ 26 Coy RAASC			

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

ANNEX A TO
R1-1-2
DATED NOV 67

OPERATIONAL CASUALTY STUDY REPORT

Number.....Rank.....Name.....Unit.....

Wounded at (location).....Date.....Time.....

1. REPORT BY MEDICAL OFFICER

- a. Wound (see chart reverse side)
- b. Estimate of cause of injury from examination of casualty.....

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c. Casualty *Survived, *Died of wounds *Instantly
*.....Minutes later

General condition *Good
*Satisfactory
*Serious

Time elapsed before casualty reached medical facility.....

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d. Remarks.....

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Signature(Rank)Appointment

2. REPORT BY OC/CO OF MEMBER'S UNIT

At time of wounding casualty was:

a. *Standing upright, *Walking, *Running, *crouching, *Lying, *Other
(specify).....

b. *In the open/behind cover (specify).....

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c. Projectile came from *Above, *Below, *Level, *Behind, *Left, * Right,
*Centre, *Unknown.

d. Cause of casualty - *Bullet (calibre.....), *Shrapnel, *Mine,
*Explosion, *Bayonet, *Other (specify).....

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e. Other comments.....

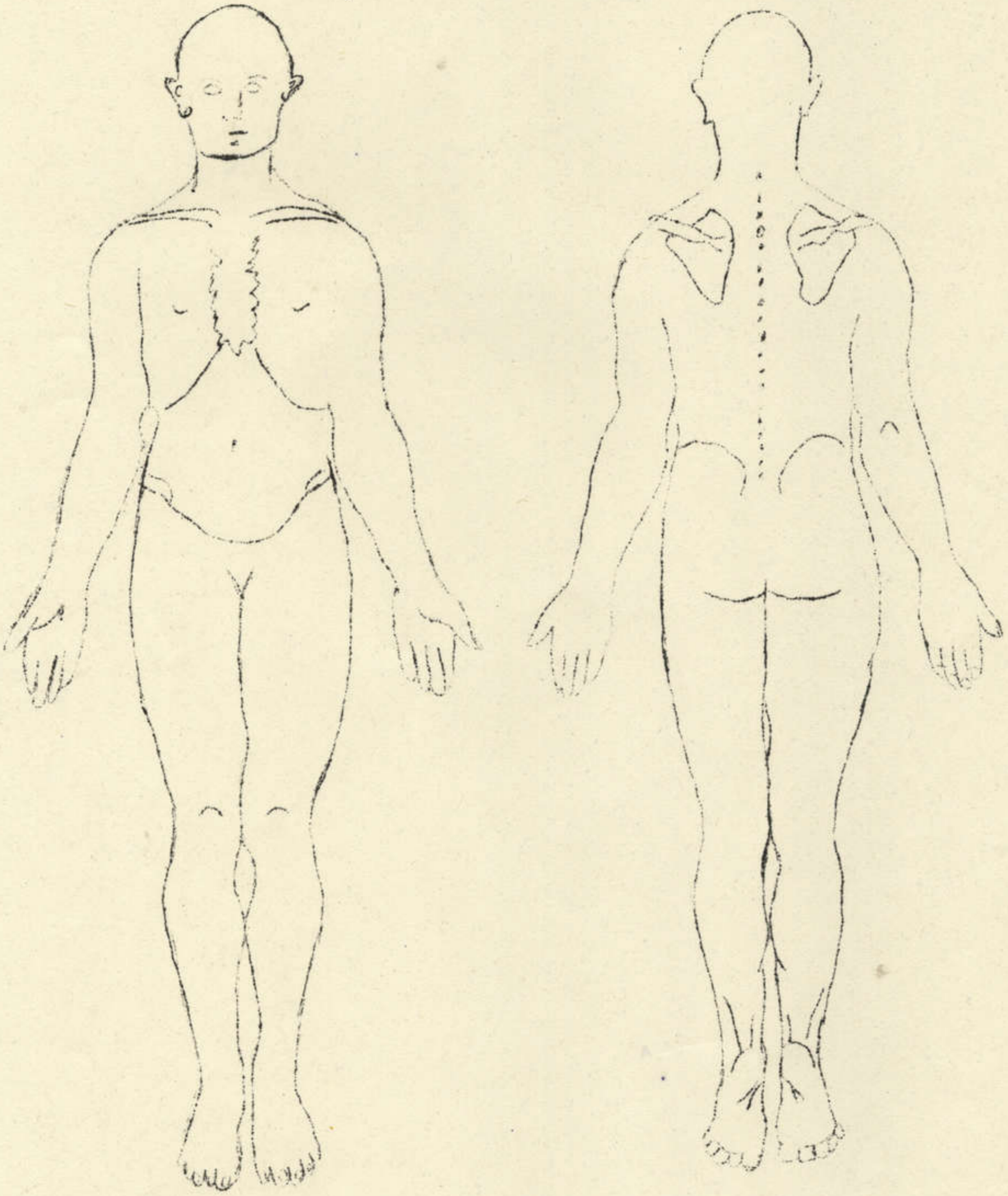
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*Strike out where not applicable.

Signature(Rank)Appointment

(SHOW LOCATION OF ENTRY ONLY)



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R571-1-10

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

Distribution: See below

27 Dec 67

Q INSTRUCTION NUMBER 5/67 (REVISED)
RAEME INSPECTION REPAIR AND RECOVERY

Reference A AFV Administrative Instruction 19/67

Aim

1. The aim of this instruction is to detail those RAEME aspects which affect units of 1 ATF.

General

2. Q Instruction 5/67 dated 13 Sep 67 is cancelled and is to be destroyed.

Inspection

3. Inspection within 1 ATF is performed by both the unit and RAEME. RAEME will perform technical inspections and units will perform non technical inspections.

4. If a unit has any doubt as to the servicability of equipment, a technical inspection may be requested by submission of a repair requisition, AFG 1045, to EME HQ 1 ATF.

Repair Agencies

5. First line repair will be carried out by the RAEME element allocated to the unit, as detailed in Annex A. Second line repair will normally be performed by the field workshop in ALSG, but in some cases by attached unit workshops. These unit workshops are detailed in Annex B.

6. Procedure. First line repair will be arranged by direct liaison between units and the allocated first line repair agency. Second line repair at the field workshop will be arranged by submission of a repair requisition, AFG 1045, to EME HQ 1 ATF. All repair Requisitions must be processed through HQ 1 ATF for registration and endorsement of priorities. Second line repair procedure, for units with integral second line workshops, will be by local arrangements within the unit.

7. Field Repairs by Unit Repair Agencies. Field repairs by RAEME Attached or LADs may be performed with permission from EME HQ 1 ATF, on a one time basis. Where possible, a Forward Repair Team will be made available to perform these tasks.

Recovery

8. General. The recovery co-ordinating officer within 1 ATF is OC HQ 1 ATF LAD. Units requiring recovery beyond unit resources should contact HQ 1 ATF LAD, telephone EBONY 163.

9. Recovery Outside the Base Area. 1 ATF is responsible for recovery within the TAOR and in addition;

- a. SOUTH on ROUTE 15 to the NORTH side of the bridge at YS ~~379547~~. 379574
- b. ROUTE 23, for AUSTRALIAN vehicles, from BARIA to XUYEN MOC.
- c. ROUTE 2, for AUSTRALIAN vehicles, NORTH to the XA BANG Outpost.

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10. Route Classifications. When recovery is to be performed on other than GREEN routes, the recovery team is to be escorted by a protection party consisting of a fighting patrol NOT less than section strength. This protection party is to be arranged by HQ 1 ATF Command Post. Route classifications are notified by HQ 1 ATF.

11. Recovery After 1700 hrs. All recovery operations after 1700 hrs, are to be considered as recovery on RED routes. These operations will be carried out as in paragraph 10 above.

12. Information Required. The following information is required before the recovery team sets out:

- a. Exact location of the casualty, with an accurate grid reference.
- b. Type of equipment and registered number.
- c. Damage or ditching details.
- d. Type of load. (Ammunition and other dangerous stores must be offloaded before recovery can commence.)
- e. Location of the crew. (If the casualty has been abandoned, it could be booby trapped.)
- f. Enemy threat in the area.
- g. Any other relevant details.

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ANNEXES: A. UNIT REPAIR AGENCIES.
B. FIELD REPAIR AGENCIES.

Distribution;

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(5)	1 ALSG
1 Indep Armd Sqn Wksp		HQ AFV
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(3)	D Comd
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt LAD		G
4 Fd Regt	(5)	G (Air)
4 Fd Regt LAD		A
131 Div Loc Bty		Q (5)
131 Div Loc Bty Wksp		Spare (10-held by Q Branch)
1 Fd Sqn	(3)	Float
1 Fd Sqn Wksp		File
21 Engr Sp Tp		
Det 11 MC Gp		
104 Sig Sqn	(3)	
547 Sig Tp		
2 RAR	(5)	
3 RAR	(5)	
7 RAR	(5)	
1 SAS Sqn	(3)	
161(Indep) Recce Flt	(3)	
161(Indep) Recce Flt Wksp		
1 ARU	(3)	
Det 1 Div Int Unit		
Det 1 Topo Svy		
Adv TFMA	(1)	
HQ Coy HQ 1 ATF	(6)	
HQ 1 ATF LAD		
1 Aust CA Unit		

UNIT REPAIR AGENCIES

SERIAL	UNIT	UNIT REPAIR AGENCY	REMARKS
1.	HQ 1 ATF	HQ 1 ATF LAD	
2.	C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	1 Indep Armd Sqn Wksp	
3.	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt LAD	
4.	4 Fd Regt	4 Fd Regt LAD	
5.	Det 131 Div Loc Bty	Det 131 Div Loc Bty Wksp	
6.	1 Fd Sqn	1 Fd Sqn Wksp	
7.	Det 11 MC Gp	HQ 1 ATF LAD	
8.	198 Wks Sect.	HQ 1 ATF LAD	
9.	104 Sig Sqn	HQ 1 ATF LAD	NOT for radio and line.
10.	547 Sig Tp	HQ 1 ATF LAD	NOT for radio and line.
11.	2 RAR	RAEME Att 2 RAR	
12.	3 RAR	RAEME Att 3 RAR	
13.	7 RAR	RAEME Att 7 RAR	
14.	1 SAS Sqn	RAEME Att 1 SAS Sqn HQ 1 ATF LAD	For SA only. For all other equipment.
15.	161 (Indep) Recce Flt	161 (Indep) Recce Flt Wksp	HQ 1 ATF LAD to assist.
16.	1 ARU	HQ 1 ATF LAD	
17.	Det 1 Div Int Unit	HQ 1 ATF LAD	
18.	A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp	HQ 1 ATF LAD	Det 131 Div Loc Bty Wksp for Tellulometers.
19.	6 OFF	HQ 1 ATF LAD	
20.	HQ 26 Coy	Det 5 Coy Wksp	
21.	Det 85 Tpt Pl	Det 5 Coy Wksp	

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22.	Det 52 Sup 11	Det 5 Coy Wksp
23.	Det 176 AD Coy	Det 5 Coy Wksp
24.	Det 8 Pet Pl	Det 5 Coy Wksp
25.	Det ASCO	HQ 1 ATF LAD
26.	Det 1 Div Postal Unit	HQ 1 ATF LAD
27.	1 Det (TF) AFV Cash Office	HQ 1 ATF LAD
28.	1 ATF RAL	HQ 1 ATF LAD
29.	Let 33 Dental Unit	HQ 1 ATF LAD
30.	1 ATF Det AFV Pro Unit	HQ 1 ATF LAD
31.	1 Aust CA Unit	HQ 1 ATF LAD
32.	RAAF Ops	HQ 1 ATF LAD
33.	Attached US Forces	HQ 1 ATF LAD

Vehicles Only.

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Annex B to HQ 1 ATF
Q Instruction 5/67 dated 27 Dec 67.

AUTHORISED FIELD REPAIR AGENCIES

SERIAL	FD REPAIR AGENCY	RESPONSIBILITIES
1.	1 Indep Armd Sqn Wksp	A Vehicles and associated equipment of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Vehicles of the Fwd Del Tp.
2.	1 Fd Sqn Wksp	C Vehicles and Plant of 1 Fd Sqn Gp.
3.	131 Div Loc Bty Wksp	Radar and Tellurometers of Det 131 Div Loc Bty. Tellurometers of A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp.
4.	161 (Indep) Recce Flt Wksp	Fixed and Rotary wing aircraft and all associated equipment.
5.	102 Fd Wksp	All equipments less those listed above.
6.	Special cases, any first line agency.	When permission granted from EME HQ 1 ATF and spares are available.
7.	Forward Repair Teams	When available. Normally work will be carried out on vehicles at HQ 1 ATF LAD. Radio and line equipment may be repaired In Situ by Radio and Line Forward Repair Team.

ANNEX J TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 67 TO 31 DEC 67

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND BULLETINS -
AMMUNITION RETURNS - FIELD STRENGTH RETURNS

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1300-1-7

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ROUTINE

020600Z (DEC)

TABULATE

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Q 2614

FROM HQ 1 ATF

TO LIST C LESS SERIAL 3

AMMUNITION SUSPENSIONS/RELEASES (.)

FIRST (.) THE FOLLOWING LOTS ARE SUSPENDED FROM ISSUE AND USE EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY COMBAT (.)

ALFA (.) 1315-C225 CART 81MM HE M43A1 W/FUZE PD M525 LOT KOP-9-166F DUE TO SHORT ROUNDS AND MISFIRES (.)

BRAVO (.) 1315-C246 CART 81MM HE M374 W/FUZE PD M524A5 LOT LS-16-8 AND MA-11-64 DUE TO MUZZLE PREMATURE (.) LOT MA-17-3 DUE TO SHORT ROUND (.)

CHARLIE (.) 1315-C253 CART 81MM HE M374 W/FUZE PD XM716 LOT MA-62-6 DUE TO SHORT ROUND (.)

DELTA (.) 1315-C445 CART 105MM HE M1 W/OUT FUZE LOT LS-105-25 (.)

ECHO (.) 1315-C704 CART 4 POINT 2 INCH HE M329 W/FUZE PD M51A5 LOT LOP-100-19 (.)

FOXTROT (.) 1315-C708 CART 4 POINT 2 INCH SMK WP M328A1 W/FUZE PD M521 LOT LS-12-1 DUE TO SHORT ROUND (.)

GOLF (.) 1390-N319 FUZE PD M51A5 LOT KN-4-35 (.) LOT KN-5-171 PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED FROM USE (.)

SECOND (.) THE FOLLOWING LOT IS RELEASED FOR UNRESTRICTED ISSUE AND USE (.)

ALFA (.) 1305-A071 CART 5 POINT 56MM BALL M193 LOT LC-12279 (.)

THIRD (.) UNITS TO REPORT ANY STOCKS OF ABOVE SUSPENDED AMMO TO ATO 2 COMP ORD DEPOT ASP (.) NIL RETURNS NOT REQUIRED

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ROUTINE

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Q 2679

FROM HQ 1 ATF
TO LIST C

AMMUNITION SUSPENSIONS/RELEASES (.)

FIRST (.) THE FOLLOWING LOTS ARE SUSPENDED FROM ISSUE AND USE
EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY COMBAT (.)

ALFA (.) 1305-A128 CART 7 POINT 62MM BALL M80
LOT FC-1880 (.)

BRAVO (.) 1315-C246 CART 81MM HE M374 W/FUZE PD
M524A5 LOT MA-14-41 DUE TO SHORT ROUND (.)

CHARLIE (.) 1315-C454 CART 105MM SMK WP M66 W/FUZE
PD M51A5 LOT RD-32-183 (.)

DELTA (.) 1315-C708 CART 4 POINT 2 INCH SMK WP
M2A1 W/FUZE PD M8 LOT RD-2-10A DUE TO
SHORT ROUND (.)

ECHO (.) 1320-D541 CHARGE PROPELLING 155MM M4A1
LOT IA-B-36945 (.)

FOXTROT (.) 1320-D544 PROJ 155MM HE M107 LOT
RVA-6-94 (.)

GOLF (.) 1390-N275 FUZE MTSQ M500 LOT FA-1-3 (.)

HOTEL (.) 1390-N319 FUZE PD M51A5 LOT KN-4-27 CMM
KN-4-30 (.) LOT KN-5-96 DUE TO
PREMATURE (.)

SECOND (.) THE FOLLOWING LOTS ARE RELEASED FOR UNRESTRICTED
ISSUE AND USE (.)

ALFA (.) 1315-C230 CART 81MM SMK WP M57 W/FUZE
PD M525 LOT LS-24-16 (.)

BRAVO (.) 1390-N280 FUZE MTSQ M520A1 LOT JA-5-22A (.)

THIRD (.) UNITS ARE TO REPORT ANY STOCKS ON HAND OF ABOVE SUSPENDED
AMMUNITION TO ATO 2 COMP ORD DEPOT (.) NIL RETURNS NOT
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FIRST (.) FOL LOTS ARE SUSPENDED FROM ISSUE AND USE EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY COMBAT (.)

ALFA (.) 1310-B572 CART 40MM HE M384 LOT MA-92-9 (.)

BRAVO (.) 1340-H555 ROCKET HE 66MM AT M72 LOTS LS-26-57 CMM LS-26-58 DUE TO REAR TUBE BLOWING BACK FROM LAUNCHER (.)

CHARLIE (.) 1315-C660 CART 106MM A/PERS SM581 W/FUZE XM529 E1 LOTS MA-1-20 CMM MA-1-21 CMM MA-1-23 (.)

DELTA (.) 1390-FUZE MT XM529E1 LOT HAM-1-5 (.)

SECOND (.) FOL LOT RESTRICTED AND TO BE FIRED ONLY WITH M2 FLASH REDUCER (.) 1320-D541 CHARGE PROPELLING 155MM M4A1 LOT IA-B-36945 (.)

THIRD (.) FOL LOTS ARE RELEASED FROM SUSPENSION FOR ISSUE AND U

ALFA (.) 1315-C452 CART 105MM HC SMK M84B1 LOT WCD-500-12X AND 1390-N276 FUZE MTSQ 501 LOT UST-3-115 (.)

FOURTH (.) UNITS ARE TO REPORT ANY STOCKS ON HAND OF THE ABOVE SUSPENDED AMMO TO ST OFFICER HQ 1 ATF (.)
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ALFA (.) 1315-G253 CART 81MM HE M374 w/FUZE XM 716 LOT MA-62-2 (.)
BRAVO (.) 1330-G872 FUZE GRENADE HAND M206A2 LOT OPI-2-20 (.)
CHARLIE (.) 1315-G246 CART 81MM HE M374 w/FUZE PD M524A5 LOT MA-14-59 (.)

THE FOLLOWING LOTS ARE RELEASED FROM SUSPENSION FOR ISSUE AND USE AND
ARE RESTRICTED FROM OVERHEAD FIRING DURING TRAINING (.)

1390-N278 FUZE MTSQ M564 LOTS ING-1-75 CMM WTX-1-10 (.)

OUR Q2766 OF 160100Z (.) AMEND LOT MA-36A TO READ MA-2-36A (.)

OUR Q2754 OF 140400Z (.) AMEND LOT NUMBER TO READ KOP-9-238C (.)

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ANNEX M TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 DEC 67 TO 31 DEC 67

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

19 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
Attention AC of S. G3.

COPIES TO: HQ AFV (7)
HQ NZ Force Vietnam (2)
HQ 1 ALSG
HQ 6 Task Force (3)
HQ 10 Task Force (3)
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1. Reference is made to maps VIETNAM 1:25,000 Series L8015 Edition 2 AMS Sheets 6430 II SE, 6530 III SW, 6429 I NE, HO TRAM Special 1:50,000.

2. Name and Type of Operation: Operation KENMORE - a Search and Destroy operation.

3. Dates of Operation: The operation was conducted over the period 29 Sep 67 to 11 Oct 67.

4. Command Headquarters: HQ 1 ATF.

5. Reporting Officer: Brigadier S.C. GRAHAM, OBE, MC.

6. Location. HO TRAM Cape SE PHUOC TUY Province (YS6758).

7. Task Organisation.

2 RAR (-)
7 RAR
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)
4 Fd Regt (-)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt

8. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery.

(1) Allotment.

(a) 106 and 108 Fd Btys RAA remained in direct support, respectively, of 7 RAR and 2 RAR; 161 Fd Bty RNZA was allotted to the close support of the base area and remained at NUI DAT.

(b) A Bty 1/83 Arty (US) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) remained in general support reinforcing 1 ATF throughout the operation.

(2) Extent of Employment and Effectiveness.

(a) 106 and 108 Fd Btys, Regt HQ and Tac HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA were flown into AO WATTLE (YS6758) and were employed in the close support of the operations of the cavalry squadron and the infantry battalions; they were employed also on harassing fire tasks.

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(b) A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) was deployed to the HORSESHOE on D - 1 to support the early operations of the Cavalry Squadron and to cover the crossing of the SONG RAI. The battery returned to NUI DAT on D Day.

(c) A Bty 1/83 Arty (US) remained at NUI DAT throughout the operation.

(d) Artillery support throughout was prompt and effective.

b. Australian Aviation.

(1) Two Combat Skyspot missions were flown by RAAF Canberras in support of Operation KENMORE. 100% of the ordnance fell in the target area.

(2) On Call No 9 Sqn RAAF (UHID, UHIB).

(3) Extent of Employment and Effectiveness.

(a) RAAF Helicopters were used with US Airmobile Companies in all troop moves by air.

(b) Effective support for the following activities was provided:

- i. Resupply.
- ii. Evacuation of captured rice.
- iii. Command liaison.
- iv. Visual reconnaissance.

c. US Army Aviation. Participation during Operation KENMORE involved three phases of support.

(1) Phase I. (Insertion of troops, artillery, and supplies 30 Sep)

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
UH-1D	92	644	0
CH-47	61	429	173 tons
CH-54	11	0	17 tons

(2) Phase II. (General Support. 1 Oct - 10 Oct 67)

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
UH-1D	0	0	0
CH-47	25	30	88.5 tons
CH-54	10	0	67.3 tons

(3) Phase III. (Extraction of troops, artillery, and supplies. 11 Oct 67)

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
UH-1D	144	1004	0
CH-47	37	65	122.5 tons
CH-54	0	0	0
TOTAL All Phases	380	2172	468.3 tons

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d. USAF. Three airstrikes were flown in support of Operation KENMORE. Of these, two were for LZ preparation, one was on a VC base camp. 100% of ordnance fell in the target area.

9. Intelligence.

a. The area SOUTH of Route 23 to the coast, between the SONG RAI and BINH CHAU (YS7868), has been reported over a long period, by various sources, as an important VC supply area. It includes the HO TRAM Cape (YS6758), a name always linked with two other supply areas - Slope 30 and BAO BINH which are the three major centres of VC resupply in 5 VC Div area of operations. For nearly a year HO TRAM and the beaches EAST and WEST of it have been used by the VC for seaborne resupply. The full scale of this over-the-beach effort has never been clearly determined and no ground operation had ever been conducted into the area to ascertain the nature and extent of VC installations.

b. Indications of current VC activity in the area came from air and ground reconnaissance of base camps, results of airstrikes, track activity both inland and on the beach and reports from ralliers and refugees. Annex A shows what was known about the area and where air strikes have been put on known or suspected VC base camps. It will be seen that the two main areas of known VC activity are EAST of the NUI KHO hills (YS6562) and up to 2000 metres in from the eastern beach. The first area was suspected to be a possible alternate depot area for the former SONG RAI caches, the latter was the most likely area in which storage, liaison and/or transshipment camps would be located.

c. Much valuable intelligence information was gained during the operation. This included:

(1) Confirmation of most of the suspected base areas.

(2) Identification of those VC units presently operating in the coastal area. Some units had been replaced and others had changed their unit designations. Documents captured provided timely updating of our enemy ORBAT to keep abreast of such changes.

(3) Indications of VC policy and planning in relation to XUYEN MOC District over the next six months were gained. Important cadres of the VC Ba Bien Province organization were killed and this will further disrupt VC plans and target dates.

(4) Extensive recovery of VC letter box numbers was achieved. This will provide a useful key to future development of VC operating procedures throughout the province.

10. Mission. 1 ATF is to search and destroy in the area SOUTH of Route 23 and between the SONG RAI YS5958 and BINH CHAU YS7868.

11. Concept of Operations.

a. General Outline.

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) with in support one coy 2 RAR move from NUI DAT on 29 Sep, harbour on the EAST of the SONG RAI on night 29/30 Sep and then secure a FSPB and LZ in AO WATTLE by 300900H. A Sqn is supported by 108 Fd Bty RAA from XUYEN MOC YS6668.

(2) On 30 Sep 2 RAR and 7 RAR fly into their AOs and conduct search and destroy operations until 13 Oct.

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b. 2 RAR.

(1) By 291200H Sep place one coy and a section of mortars in support A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Their task will be to help A Sqn secure the FSPB and LZ in AO WATTLE.

(2) At 300900H Sep fly into LZ YS674587.

(3) When in location commence search and destroy operations in AO WARATAH co-ordinating movement of coys for mutual support. Movement of coys is to be controlled by use of coy patrol bases. The search and destroy operation is to begin with priority on areas close to the beach to establish track patterns.

(4) Apprehend all civilians in AO WARATAH.

(5) On 3 Oct be prepared to move to the HQ to NUI KHO YS6562 or NUI DUA YS6562.

c. 7 RAR.

(1) At 301130H Sep move one coy by air from LUSCOMBE FIELD to LZ at YS686586. At 301345H this coy with in support one troop A Sqn 3 Cav Regt will move from YS686586 via the beach to vic YS762630. The Cav troop is to be released when communications have been established between 1 ATF and 7 RAR.

(2) At 301345H Sep fly into LZ YS735642.

(3) When in location commence search and destroy operations in AO BANKSIA co-ordinating movement of coys for mutual support. Movement of coys is to be controlled by use of coy patrol bases. The search and destroy operation is to begin with priority on areas close to the beach to establish track patterns.

(4) Apprehend all civilians in AO BANKSIA.

(5) On 1 Oct be prepared to move battalion headquarters to YS7363.

d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) At 291200H Sep A Sqn less one troop with in support one coy 2 RAR is to move to a harbour position vic YS5857, crossing the SONG RAI at approximately 1630H. A ZODIAC plus a quantity of life jackets are to be carried by A Sqn. When crossing the SONG RAI all personnel are to have their equipment off.

(2) At 300730H move from the SONG RAI harbour position and secure the HO TRAM Cape YS6758 and in particular the FSPB area vic YS675584 and the LZ at YS674587.

(3) Maintain the security of the HO TRAM Cape area until after the fly in of HQ 1 ATF at approximately 301130H Sep.

(4) At approximately 301330H Sep release one troop in support of one coy 7 RAR in vic YS686586. Their task will be to move in support of the infantry coy to vic YS762630. The troop will be released when communications are established after the fly in of 7 RAR.

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(5) Be prepared to assist in the protection of the FSPB.

(6) Be prepared to operate in support of 2 RAR and 7 RAR for such tasks as beach reconnaissance, transporting infantry, VC suspects and cache produce.

e. Artillery.

(1) 108 Fd Bty remains in direct support of 2 RAR and occupies a temporary gun position on XUYEN MOC Airfield YS6668 commencing 300645H and moves to AO WATTLE FSPB on 30 Sep on order from 4 Fd Regt.

(2) 106 Fd Bty is placed in direct support of 7 RAR from 300600H Sep. Observation is to be supplied by 161 Fd Bty RNZA. Commencing 300920H Sep, the bty moves to AO WATTLE FSPB.

(3) 161 Fd Bty RNZA is placed in general support from 300600H Sep. FOs remain in direct support of 7 RAR.

(4) 1/83 Arty (US).

(a) Remains in general support reinforcing 1 ATF.

(b) Is requested to deploy 1 Bty 2/35 Arty (US) to the HORSESHOE (YS4962) at 291000H to 010800H Oct to cover the deployment of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-).

f. 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) Provide a sgt and 13 ORs under command HQ 1 ATF at 300800H Sep.

(2) At 301200H position 2 dozers at KANGAROO Pad YS435667 for move by Sky Crane to vic YS683582. The dozers will be under command HQ Coy 1 ATF from 300800H Sep.

(3) At 011000H Oct carry out a reconnaissance of HO TRAM Cape to select beaching areas for the LSM.

(4) On 4 Oct be responsible for the supervision of the beach exits from the LSM.

(5) Be prepared to assist in the preparation of the FSPB, roads, tracks and clearing.

(6) Hold at 1 ATF Base two combat engineer teams on 30 minutes notice to move.

g. 1 SAS Sqn. From 2 Oct be prepared to operate in areas to the NORTH of AO BANKSIA.

h. 1 ARU. At 281700H Sep provide one platoon under command HQ Coy 1 ATF and be prepared to commence close TAOR patrolling of 1 ATF Base area.

i. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

(1) At 300800H Sep provide two H13s at AO WATTLE in support 1 ATF.

(2) Provide one H13 for SDS run at 0950H daily from NG'I DAT.

(3) Provide sigs and signals equipment for man offshoot of 1 ATF AWCC in AO WATTLE.

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j. 1 Aust CA Unit.

- (1) Be prepared to accept refugees from the operational area.
- (2) Maintain a quantity of corn sacks and be prepared to accept rice from the operational area.

k. HQ Coy 1 ATF.

- (1) Be responsible for the layout of the HQ 1 ATF area in AO WATTLE to include an LZ for 7 helicopters.
- (2) Command and organise the local protection of the FSPB and HQ 1 ATF area in AO WATTLE.
- (3) Unload and load LSM when it arrives in AO WATTLE.

l. Psy Ops. From 2 Oct be prepared to broadcast prepared tapes and drop leaflets over the AOs and BINH CHAU village (YS7868).

12. Execution. Operation KEMMORE commenced on 29 Sep 67 after orders had been issued on 25 Sep 67. See Sequence of Events below.

13. Sequence of Events.

a. D - 1 (29 Sep 67). A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) with under command B Coy 2 RAR and reconnaissance parties from HQ 1 ATF and 4 Fd Regt crossed the mouth of the SONG RAI YS5756 at 1630H and harboured on the EASTERN bank for the night 29/30 Sep. A Bty 2/35 Arty deployed at the HORSESHOE (YS495620).

b. D Day (30 Sep 67).

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) secured the FSPB in AO WATTLE. 2 Tp transported A Coy 7 RAR to YS763621.

(2) 108 Fd Bty moved to a temporary FSB at XUYEN MOC YS6668 and then when 106 Fd Bty was established in AO WATTLE moved to that location.

(3) 2 RAR at 0900H flew into an LZ at YS674587 and commenced Search and Destroy operations in AO WARATAH. Coy AOs were allotted as follows:

- (a) A Coy - TULIP.
- (b) B Coy - ROSE.
- (c) V Coy - VIOLET.

(4) A Coy 7 RAR flew into LZ YS686586 and then moved with 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to AO PUMA. 7 RAR (-) assembled at XUYEN MOC YS6568 and then flew into an unsecured LZ at YS735642 and deployed to search AO BANKSIA. Coy AOs were allotted as follows:

- (a) A Coy - PUMA.
- (b) B Coy - LYNX.
- (c) C Coy - OCELOT.
- (d) D Coy - LEOPARD.

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c. D + 1 (1 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued search and destroy operations in AO WARATAH.

(2) 7 RAR continued search and destroy operations in AO BANKSIA. At YS739617 A Coy contacted 3 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA, 1 pistol, 7 packs, 1 magazine of .30 cal ammunition and documents captured. The dogs and Tracker team followed up but torrential rain washed away the scent. Also in this location an enemy camp was found consisting of 8 fighting pits, 4 bunkers and 1 kitchen.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt assisted in the security of AO WATTLE. An APC was drowned in an attempt to find a suitable crossing across the SONG RAI River YS5756 for the ACV.

(4) Psy Ops. The area of A Coy contact was over flown with the voice aircraft.

d. D + 2 (2 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH. At YS647608 V Coy found an old camp believed to have been occupied recently by four to six people. One ton of rice, 12 CBUs and two 44 gallon drums were found in the camp. At YS663608 B Coy found a booby trap.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA. At YS705619 D Coy found a hut 10 ft x 10 ft with a metal roof and sawn timber sides. At YS753617 A Coy found a recently used camp capable of holding 25 people.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to secure AO WATTLE.

(4) Psy Ops voice aircraft operated over AO BANKSIA before and after an artillery barrage on suspected VC areas.

e. D + 3 (3 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH. At 0755H at YS649608 V Coy contacted 3 VC with no result. At YS649609 V Coy found 1 x 44 gallon drum of rice and 40 lb of salt. At YS662608 B Coy found 2 booby traps. At YS672625 A Coy found a hut containing three 3.5 inch RL practice rockets. At YS646613 V Coy found 700 lbs of rice. At YS653613 1 Pl V Coy found 40 lbs of TNT and 3 CBUs.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA. New areas of search were allotted as follows:

(a) A Coy - JAGUAR.

(b) B Coy - TIGER.

(c) C Coy - PANTHER.

(d) D Coy - COUGAR.

(3) 1 SAS Sqn. Two long range reconnaissance patrols (LRRPs) were deployed in support of Operation KENMORE.

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(4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to secure AO WATTLE.

(5) Psy Ops. A voice aircraft operated in the area EAST of the 71 Easting and SOUTH of Route 23.

f. D + 4 (4 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH. At 1130H at YS663629, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR contacted 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 rifle and 28 rounds of 7.62 ammunition captured. At 1452H at YS668625 A Coy 2 RAR contacted 4 VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA, 3 weapons captured. At YS653613 V Coy found 7000 lbs of padi rice. At YS651611 V Coy found 1000 lbs of rice and 24 x 7.62 short rounds. At YS663618 B Coy found 550 lbs of rice.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA. A Coy searched AO CHEETAH. D Coy searched AO LION. At YS739618 the Fire Aslt Pl found 400 lbs of rice.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to secure AO WATTLE.

g. D + 5 (5 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH. At YS667627 A Coy found a VC camp containing 1750 lbs of rice, 50 rounds SA ammunition, 3 x M26 grenades, 1 CHICOM stick grenade, fishing nets, tools, farming implements, rice mills, galvanised iron and cooking utensils.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA. At 1040H at YS686645 A Coy contacted 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). 2 rifles, 2 packs and a quantity of documents were captured.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to secure AO WATTLE.

h. D + 6 (6 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH. At YS643626 V Coy found 1000 lb of rice.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA.

(3) A Sqn continued to secure AO WATTLE and the beach between AO WATTLE and the SONG RAI YS5756 was patrolled in daylight hours. The drowned APC was recovered from the water.

j. D + 7 (7 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH. At 1157H at YS643616 V Coy found one ton of polished rice.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search in AO BANKSIA. At 1555H at YS689647 A Coy 7 RAR contacted four VC. Result, 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA; 4 packs, 5,865 piastres and 2 weapons were recovered. The Tracker Team was directly responsible for one of the VC KIA. D Coy commenced to search AOs WALNUT and PEPPER.

(3) 1 SAS Sqn. Two LRRPs were extracted.

(4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to secure AO WATTLE. The drowned APC was back loaded to VUNG TAU YS280440 on a Landing Craft Universal (LCU).

(5) USAF. At 1610H at YS650865, an airstrike on a VC camp had 1 VC KBA.

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k. D + 8 (8 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA. In addition the Battalion area of operations was extended to include AOs WALNUT, PEPPER, HIBISCUS and KARRI. At 0815H at YS706653 C Coy contacted 1 VC. Result - 1 VC KIA (BC) and a bag of documents. This VC was almost certainly the VC WIA who escaped from A Coy on D + 7 as he had 2 wounds no more than 24 hours old. At 1508H at YS685646 A Coy contacted 1 VC. Result 1 VC WIA captured and a bag of documents. B Coy searched AO KARRI.

(3) 1 SAS Sqn. Two LRRPs were deployed in support of Operation KENMORE.

(4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to search and destroy in AOs GUM and WILLOW. At YS739615 a hospital area was found, consisting of 4 weapon pits, 2 bunkers and some medical supplies.

(5) 4 Fd Regt continued to support 2 RAR and 7 RAR. 106 Bty established a new FSPB named CAT at YS762629.

l. D + 9 (9 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in AOs BANKSIA, HIBISCUS and KARRI. In addition the battalion area of operations was extended to include AOs YEW and GUM and the area bounded by AOs PEPPER, YEW, HIBISCUS and SOUTH of 69 Northing. C Coy searched this area and AO HIBISCUS.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt searched AO WILLOW SOUTH of the creek from YS751665 to YS747657.

m. D + 10 (10 Oct 67).

(1) 2 RAR continued to search and destroy in AO WARATAH without contact. 2 RAR were allotted a further area SOUTH of Route 23 and EAST of the SONG RAI River to allow B Coy to search the village at YS605636 and the heavily wooded area, centre of mass YS609629.

(2) 7 RAR continued to search and destroy in allocated AOs without contact.

(3) 1 SAS Sqn at YS643755 contacted 2 VC. Result - 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 weapons captured. At YS646795 the second patrol contacted 4 VC. Result - 2 VC KIA (BC). Both patrols were extracted.

(4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to secure FSPB CAT and AO WATTLE.

(5) At 1145H at YS638799, the Light Fire Team contacted an unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

n. D + 11 (11 Oct 67). All units returned to 1 ATF base, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl returned along the beach across the mouth of the SONG RAI and by road from PHUOC HAI YS5153. All other units were lifted out by air.

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14. Results.

Australian Losses

Nil

VC Losses

16 KIA (BC)
2 KBA (1 possible)
3 WIA
1 WIA (PW)
1 Pistol
11 Rifles
5 SA magazines
Quantity of SA ammunition
10 M16 mines
3 ATK mines
3 CHICOM Claymores
40 lbs of TNT
3 x 3.5 inch practice RL rockets
28 CBU
5 grenades
120 lbs of salt
12½ tons of rice
Large quantity of documents
7 packs
1 Blood transfusion kit
2 x 44 gallon drums
5 fishing nets
Rice mills
Farming implements
Tools
Chickens
230 bunkers
300 weapon pits
74 military structures

15. Administration.

a. Due to the lack of a road to the area of operations, an unusually heavy fly in of stores was required. This included two bulldozers which were stripped of their blades and rippers and flown in. It required 2 Flying Crane loads and 1 Chinook (CH-47) load.

b. Confusion arose during the initial fly in of stores and some loads were dropped in the wrong area. It is felt that all aircraft flying to the same general area should be on the one frequency with a Central Control on the ground directing aircraft and the ground parties at the individual LZs.

c. Operation KENMORE was unusual in that administration by road would not have been possible if it had been required. For this reason resupply by helicopter was supplemented by an air drop and the landings of supplies by LSM. Both methods were successful. Unfortunately the LSM was structurally damaged due to being beached from high tide to high tide during its first landing. On the second landing the LSM beached when the tide was between high and low water level. This avoided any further damage to the vessel. By use of long hoses resupply of diesel and water to the beach was carried out successfully. Loading or unloading of stores while the vessel is in this position is only possible by APC or similar amphibious vehicles.

d. An American LCU was used to back load the drowned APC from the mouth of the SONG RAI to VUNG TAU. These craft could also have been used for over the beach resupply if required.

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- e. Recovery of the drowned APC from the water was not possible with unit resources. It was necessary to get RAN assistance in the form of a tug which successfully raised the vehicle and moved it to where it could be towed to shore. It seems that the task should have been given to RAEME recovery experts earlier than was the case.
- f. The drowning of the APC was at first attributed to driver and commander inexperience. However more sober assessment, observation and examination revealed that the pivot steering on most of the vehicles is ineffective due to lack of spare parts. The pivot steers are very important when an APC has to swim in a current.
- g. Difficulties arose when both battalions required resupply on the second day. A more even flow of supplies was obtained by resupplying battalions on different days and by building up limited stocks of rations at the forward location.

16. Lessons Learned.

- a. The VC still cache their valuables in the places that have been taught to all Australian soldiers and outlined in the village search lessons at the Jungle Training Centre and in Infantry Pamphlets.
- b. Rice caches are usually booby trapped.
- c. The VC did not booby trap paths, but placed booby traps 10 to 15 feet from them.
- d. More training in navigation in close country is required.
- e. The use of Coy bases to allow patrolling without packs greatly increases the area a Coy can search in a day.
- f. M113 APCs can readily move along the beaches in the operational area and almost certainly considerably further to the EAST.
- g. The VC seldom use compasses and usually move along tracks. Only one compass was found on the VC bodies captured and most VC were found on tracks.
- h. The VC will visit our old camps and dig up all buried trash. Nothing of value should be left behind.
- i. Over the beach resupply is feasible as a primary or alternate means of resupply when operating along the coast in this area.
- j. An armoured unit needs some vehicles of superior performance to its basic vehicle. These would enable vehicles in difficulty while swimming to be recovered and also facilitate the recovery of bogged vehicles. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt difficulties in this regard could be solved by the provision of M113 Track Load Carriers which when unladen have superior cross country and swimming ability to the basic M113 APC.
- k. The use of Tracker Teams again proved to be the best method of following up VC after contact.
- l. A simple and effective means of destroying rice is still needed.

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17. Commanders Comments.

- a. This is the second time Task Force Headquarters has been deployed in the field on a major operation. There were no difficulties in the field. However the running of the NUI DAT base whilst the Task Force is deployed still presents a problem and it is not feasible to deploy both battalions for extended periods. It is considered that the Base elements are unable to carry out the dual task of patrolling, base protection and maintenance for much longer than two weeks.
- b. The fact that the Task Force suffered no personnel losses on the operation is significant.
- c. This operation revealed that the Task Force has now reached a high operational and administrative standard and is capable of undertaking difficult operations in PHUOC TUY Province.



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219. 1 ATF SOP

- 1. The 1 ATF SOP have been produced and are to be issued shortly. The old SOP are to be destroyed.
- 2. The SOP are serially numbered and should be handed on from unit to unit or from Staff Officer to Staff Officer. Spare copies are held at 1 ATF and can be released to individuals on application to and approval by the GS03 (Ops and SD).
- 3. It is most important that the SOP be read thoroughly as some procedures, returns and proformas have been changed, and units will have to make corresponding adjustments to their own SOP etc.
- 4. Suggested amendments corrections should be submitted to the GS03 (Ops and SD).
- 5. It is planned that amendments will be issued on a quarterly basis.

220. AFV EDUCATION COURSES

- 1. The following are the courses scheduled for the period Dec 67 - Apr 68

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13	SGCE Seminar	17-24 Dec 67	For candidates nominated for April examination.
14	AACE 2	14-28 Jan 68	2 RAR and 7 RAR excluded from serials 14, 15, 16.
15.	AACE 2	4-18 Feb 68	One of these serials may be designated AACE 3 depending on demand.
16	AACE 2	25 Feb-10 Mar 68	
17	SGCE Seminar	17-24 Mar 68	As in serial 13.
18	AACE 1	31 Mar-12 May 68	

2. Joining Instruction

a. All students are to bring their paybook and AAB 83, including Adm and 'Q' and AFB 122. All educational qualifications are to be authorised and up to date. Writing instruments are required.

b. Students living in are to bring mosquito net, blankets and eating utensils and are to march in to HQ Coy 1 ALSG on the first day of a course (ie. Sunday). Units can expect students to march out on the last day of the course (ie. Sunday).

3. Nominations

a. 1 ATF nominations are to be made to HQ 1 ATF.

b. Nominations close 13 days prior to the commencement of a course.

c. Members nominated for AACE 1 should have completed all AACE 2 subjects.

d. Members nominated for AACE 2 should have completed all AACE 3 subjects.

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221. ROAD TO 106 FD BTY - RESTRICTED USE

1. The road to 106 Fd Bty, known as ENOGGLA ROAD is out of bounds to all non artillery traffic, and is not to be used as a short cut to the Nui Dat feature.

222. POSTAL ADDRESS - PERSONAL MAIL TO 1 ATF

1. Sorting delays are occurring with personal mail because approximately forty per cent of all letters sent from Australia have some variation to the correct address.

2. Units are to direct attention to the correct address which is :

No Rank Name
Sub Unit/ Unit
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3. To be repeated in unit Routine Orders at six weekly intervals.

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AMENDMENT

1 ATF Routine Order No 216 is amended as follows :

- a. In paragraph 2.a. after " movement control" insert ",SDS,".

NOTICES

1. CIVIL AFFAIRS LECTURES

1. Lecturers are available from 1 Aust CA Unit to lecture to unit personnel on civil affairs activities.
2. Units requiring lecturers should contact the 2IC 1 Aust CA Unit at least 24 hours prior to proposed time for lecture and make the necessary arrangements.

2. MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

The following message of appreciation was received from AHQ CANBERRA concerning the recent visit of the ABC TV Careers Film Team. QUOTE. " Assistance of Comd and staff of 1 ATF and units in the sponsorship of ABC Team and making of the film much appreciated. Efforts will be made to obtain a print of this film for your information after it has been screened by ABC. " UNQUOTE.

3. OFFICER PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS 1968 - CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. The form of the examination in Current Affairs and the topics chosen are being promulgated in Army Routine Orders.
2. A copy of the proposed ARO is given below for early information.

DRAFT ARO

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS 1968 - CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. ARO 4/67 is cancelled.
2. For 1968 one Current Affairs examination will be held for both ARA and CMF officers.
3. The examination will be set in accordance with Annex A to this order.
4. The topics selected for 1968 are shown below. References for each topic have not been included, this being the student's own responsibility to research and select suitable reference material. A guide to study is given at Annex B.

Subject 2P- Promotion to Captain.

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5. Communist Revolution in China. A study of the Communist revolution in China since 1949, with particular reference to:
- The theory of the cultural revolution and the reasons for it.
 - The position of the Army in the cultural revolution.
 - Red Guards and their opponents.
6. Development of Australia. A study of the development of Australia since 1950, including a consideration of factors hindering and helping economic growth, and an assessment of Australia's economic future. Factors to be studied include:
- Sources of capital.
 - Natural resources.
 - Immigration and its importance to the country's economy.
 - Trade, with particular reference to changed patterns and the related reasons for the changes.
 - Development of the NORTH and WEST.
7. Indonesia. A study of Indonesia since the Sep/Oct 65 revolt examining in particular, the political developments which have taken place, the economic crisis and the changes in Indonesia's relations with Australia and other nations.
8. The Re-emergence of Japan. A study of Japan's history since the Second World War covering:
- Industry.
 - Political Developments.
 - Foreign Policy.
 - Trade, with particular reference to Australia.
9. Papua/New Guinea - The Present and the Future. A study of these Australian Territories covering their geography, economic and political development, problems facing them and Australia in their progress towards independence.

Subject 3F - Promotion to Major.

10. Withdrawal of the British Forces from the Far East. - A study of the proposed withdrawal of the British Forces from the Far East, with consideration of the extent of the withdrawal, the reasons for it, the repercussions for the countries involved and its possible implications for Australia.
11. Arab/Israeli Conflict. A study of Arab/Israeli relations since the establishment of Israel covering:
- The three Arab/Israeli wars.
 - Reasons for conflict.
 - The situation as at the time of the examination.
 - Possible future developments.

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12. India. A study of India covering in particular:
- a. India as an example of democracy in action in Asia - its failures and successes in this field, and its importance for Asia.
 - b. India foreign policy in SE Asia.
 - c. India's relations with China and USSR.
 - d. Economic development.
13. European Common Market. A study of the history of the Common Market and the progress made in the political and economic fields. Consideration of the British application for entry to the market, and possible effects for Australia.
14. Problems of National Unity in Newly Independent States. A study of the problems facing newly emerged independent states as they attempt to establish their places in the world. Countries to be studied are:-
- a. Nigeria.
 - b. Algeria.
 - c. Kenya.
 - d. Congo.
 - e. Ghana.
 - f. Malawi.

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SUBJECT F - CURRENT AFFAIRS

General

1. There are two examinations in this subject:
 - a. 2F - for promotion to captain.
 - b. 3F - for promotion to major and entrance to Staff College.
2. These examinations are common to all officers, AR and GMF, requiring subjects 2F and 3F for promotion, and/or entrance to Staff College.

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3. To test the candidates ability to evaluate information, think logically, and express himself clearly and concisely.

Form of Examination

4. Five topics for each examination are designated. From those five topics, candidates are to select three topics for their own study. The examination is to consist of five, equally valued questions, one from each of the designated topics. Candidates will be required to answer three questions, one on each of the topics they have studied.
5. Time allowed - 3 hrs.

Allocation of Marks

6. Total marks allotted are 1000, each question being allotted 333 marks. A candidate must obtain at least 500 marks overall to pass.

Text Books Allowed

7. No text books or notes are allowed.

Syllabus

8. There are no set syllabuses for this subject, but preparation requires a comprehensive study of the selected topics. The topics chosen:
 - a. For Subject 2F, have particular reference to the Commonwealth of Australia, Australia's Dependant Territories and the South East Asian area.
 - b. For Subject 3F, have been selected from a wide field of current world affairs.

References

9. Study references will not be prescribed for Current Affairs. Research and selection of suitable material are essential parts of the candidate's preparation for the examination. Candidates should note that in addition to acquiring background knowledge of the topics, it is necessary to keep up to date with current developments as reported by the normal news media.
10. Likely sources of reference material include:
 - Command Education Libraries.
 - United Service Institution Libraries.

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Public Libraries.

Current Affairs Bulletins.

Australian and overseas periodicals.

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THE STUDY OF CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR PROMOTION

1. In a revised version of the Promotion Manual - now in course of preparation- the aim of examinations in Current Affairs is given as " To test the candidate's ability to evaluate the information, think logically and express himself clearly and concisely".
2. The reasons for the statement of this aim are the need to:
 - a. Direct candidates to read widely with a view to making up their own minds on the origins, development and possible trend of national/international events.
 - b. Eliminate the need to accumulate large numbers of reference books which, in a short time, are out of date no matter how significant when introduced (eg. Street With Out Joy).
 - c. Preclude the anomaly of encouraging reasoned thinking at the tactical level while prescribing or recommending acceptance of restricted views at the strategic level.
 - d. Ensure that the candidate is able to express himself capably.
3. In the past it has been the custom to prescribe reference books for topics, but this practice tends to militate against the stated aim. A capable officer can demonstrate his ability in this regard by reading intelligently, the daily press and selected periodicals, with other reading for background at his own discernment.
4. Instructions and guidance given to examiners in future will ensure that they are directed to pass students whose answers:
 - a. State salient facts,
 - b. Make logical hypotheses from these facts, and
 - c. Are expressed in clear concise English.

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CLN ONE (.) WATER COURSES INCL DEPTH OF WATER WIDTH SLOPE OF BANKS SPEED AND DIRECTION OF FLOW (.) TWO (.) TRACK SYSTEMS INCL DETAILED LOCATIONS DEGREE OF USEAGE TYPES OF VEHICLES USING THE TRAIL (.) THREE (.) TRAFFICABILITY OF TERRAIN TO VEHICLE AND FOOT MOVEMENT IN TERMS OF SLOPE VEGETATION ETC (.) FOUR (.) VEGETATION AND CANOPY INCL ANY LZ'S OR GUN OR MOR POSITIONS (.) THESE ASPECTS ARE NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND ANY DATA CONSIDERED RELEVANT BY GROUND TROOPS WILL BE USEFUL (.) IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE REPORTING OF THIS DATA SHOULD BE DONE WHILE SUB UNITS ARE MOVING OR IN CONTACT HOWEVER AN EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RECORD THIS INFO AT THE TIME IT IS OBSERVED AND REPORTS BE SUBMITTED WHEN PRACTICABLE

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VISITS BY CMF OFFICERS TO VIETNAMGeneral

1. Approval has been given for groups of five CMF officers to visit Vietnam on attachment as observers to an Australian unit of their corps for a period of two weeks. Each group will normally include one lieutenant colonel, artillery or infantry.

2. Officers selected are to remain with the appointed unit for the duration of the visit and are not to proceed on an orientation tour of the operational area.

Movement

3. Movement to and from Vietnam will be by RAAF courier aircraft between RICHMOND NSW and VUNG TAU Vietnam or by existing charter aircraft where applicable.

4. On arrival at VUNG TAU, 1 ALSG will arrange for the officers to be met, briefed on the function of 1 ALSG and, after lunch, moved by road transport from VUNG TAU to 1 ATF. Should late arrival of RAAF courier preclude briefing at 1 ALSG, the officers are to be moved by WALLABY THREE courier to NUI DAT and OIC Visits HQ 1 ATF notified.

5. The visiting officers are to arrive at HQ 1 ATF not later than 1540 hours, the day of arrival at VUNG TAU.

Briefing

6. On arrival, the party will be met and given a general orientation brief by OIC visits followed by an operational briefing by the Deputy Commander 1 ATF in the HQ 1 ATF Briefing Room. On completion of this briefing, approximately 1630 hours, units are to collect the visiting officers from the HQ 1 ATF Briefing Room.

Itinerary

7. Each unit to which officers are allocated is responsible to arrange the itinerary of the allocated officer. The officers may be sent on patrol under command of the patrol commander. A tour of the Task Force base area is to be included in the itinerary.

8. At 1355 hours on the day prior to departure of the party all visiting officers are to report to HQ 1 ATF Briefing Room for discussions on the visit with the Deputy Commander. OIC visits is to coordinate.

9. There is no requirement for these officers to visit HQ AFV SAIGON prior to RTA.

Personal Clothing and Equipment

10. All officers will arrive in the theatre self-sufficient except for weapons, ammunition and rations.

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Pay and Allowances

11. Visiting officers are to be instructed to change US dollars for MPC immediately on arrival. Before departure units are to arrange for all MPC to be converted to US dollars. HQ 1 ATF Cash Office will be open between 0830 - 0900 hours on day of RTA for purpose of converting MPC.

12. All officers are placed on continuous full time duty military service for the period of the visit.

Acclimatisation and Training

13. Time for acclimatisation in Australia is necessarily short and individual officers have been instructed to achieve as high a standard of physical fitness as possible before departure for Vietnam.

14. All officers have been instructed they must be proficient in the handling of personal weapons.

Security Clearance

15. AHQ has directed that all visiting officers are to be security cleared to SECRET level before departure from Australia.

RTA Documentation

16. Documentation for RTA of all visiting officers is to be prepared by HQ Coy 1 ATF. All officers are to report to HQ Coy Orderly Room three days prior to RTA date.

Return Movement to VUNG TAU

17. Q Branch 1 ATF is responsible to:

- a. Arrange movement from 1 ATF to VUNG TAU for RTA.
- b. Confirm bookings for RTA with Det 11 MC Gp VUNG TAU.

Coordination

18. All coordination for these visits is to be the responsibility of OIC Visits 1 ATF.

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223. R AND R - R AND C

1. No member of 1 ATF is to take R and R or R and C during the first three months after arriving in theatre, or during the month preceding his return to Australia.

224. LEAVE - PERSONNEL ARRIVING/DEPARTING THEATRE

1. No officer or soldier is to be granted leave outside 1 ATF base area during the first three weeks following his arrival in South Vietnam or during the last four weeks preceding his RTA.

2. This routine order is to be reproduced in unit routine orders at three monthly intervals.

3. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 Number 194/67 is cancelled.

225. OUT OF BOUNDS - HOA LONG

The establishment known as Kangaroo Corner, Route 2, on the northern end of HOA LONG is out of bounds at all times to all members of 1 ATF, and the US units under administrative command of 1 ATF.

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226. OUT OF BOUNDS - VUNG TAU

1. All eating establishments are out of bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces at all times, with the following exceptions:

- a. GRAND HOTEL.
- b. CYRNOS RESTAURANT.
- c. NEPTUNE RESTAURANT.
- d. AU FAVORI RESTAURANT.

2. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1 Number 157/67 paragraph 3.d. is cancelled.

227. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONVOY COMMANDERS AND INDIVIDUAL DRIVERS

1. Convoy Commanders and individual drivers in control of vehicles are reminded of their responsibilities with regard to obeying local traffic rules and also the instructions of local Police Traffic Controllers.

2. In many cases the poor driving and non compliance with these rules has had the effect of destroying some of the good will that has been built up by the allies from other activities.


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NOTICES

1. ARMS - ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA

1. Pte Tierney of 2 RAR bought a long barreled Colt .38 pistol from an American serviceman for a price rumoured to exceed \$100.00.

2. On arrival at Mascot, the Customs Department confiscated the pistol and charged Pte Tierney. As a result, he was fined \$75.00 and ordered to pay \$11.00 costs.

3. There must be an easier and more pleasurable way of spending \$200.00. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 Numbers 98/67 and 199/67 refer.

2. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. The following is a copy of a letter of appreciation received from Maj Gen G.G. O'Connor, Comd 9 Inf Div (US):

"1. I would like to extend my appreciation to you and the men of the 1st Australian Task Force for your coordination and cooperation on Operation Santa Fe.

2. The association of the 1st Australian Task Force with the 9th Infantry Division has been professionally rewarding and personally gratifying. The record of your unit during Operation Santa Fe has been noteworthy and indicates the high degree of competence which prevails within the Australian Military Forces.

3. Congratulations on the outstanding manner in which you performed your mission. Please extend the best wishes of the officers and men of the 9th Division to those of your command for continued success in future operations."

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR POLICYGeneral

1. No Christmas or New Year policy statements have been received from HQ AFV or II Field Force Vietnam (II FFORCE V) to date. In order that planning for the period can commence, orders are being issued by HQ 1 ATF.
2. Already various media such as Australian newspapers and Radio Australia have announced that truce periods may occur. However, troops should be warned that until an official directive is received operations will continue as planned.
3. During the Christmas and New Year period it will be necessary to take all precautions and be ready to:
 - a. Counter VC/NVA initiated attacks with a reaction force of all arms.
 - b. Ensure the safety of all friendly forces.
 - c. Minimize VC/NVA military exploitation of any curtailment of operations.

Mission

4. 1 ATF is to implement II FFORCE V orders covering the Christmas and New Year periods when received.

Possible Concept of Operations

5. The concept of operations used during Christmas 1966 and New Year 1967 was:

"No offensive ground or offensive air operations are to be carried out except in response to enemy initiatives endangering the safety of Aust/NZ/US/RVN/other FWMA forces.

If any unit, sub-unit or patrol is in contact with the enemy, do not break contact unless the enemy's effort to withdraw is clearly evident or until the contact is otherwise concluded. Artillery and air support of ground troops in contact is to be continued as necessary for the security of the ground troops.

Examples of enemy initiatives are:

- a. Enemy attack.
- b. Movement of armed combat elements towards 1 ATF base, friendly forces or friendly villages.
- c. Massing of unfriendly people into groups of larger than 40 to 50 persons.
- d. Establishment of supply caches or installations within mortar range of 1 ATF base i.e. line ALFA.
- e. Raids or armed intimidation of friendly villages or installations.
- f. Violation of curfews.

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No H and I targets are to be fired.

No preplanned airstrikes are to be made."

6. If a truce period is declared a similar concept can be expected.

Execution

7. General Outline.
- a. 1 ATF units are to maintain standby forces and continue operations as shown below regardless of whether a truce is declared or not.
 - b. The period for Christmas will be 240800H - 261800H Dec, both dates inclusive. The New Year period will be defined later.
 - c. Units less the elements nominated for reaction may stand down during the period.
 - d. Command posts, duty rooms and signal centres are to continue operating.
8. 2 RAR.
- a. Maintain one rifle coy plus essential supporting elements (e.g. aslt pnrs, sigs, medical orderly and FO party) and one mortar section on 30 minutes notice to move as reaction force.
 - b. Maintain a minimum of two pl patrols in current AO out to line ALPHA.
9. 3 RAR. Maintain minimum of one pl patrol by day and night in current patrol AO.
10. 7 RAR. As for 2 RAR, para 8.a. and b.
11. 1 ARU. Maintain one pl on 30 minutes notice to operate in HOA LONG or AP SUOI NGHE areas.
12. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Maintain one troop and two mortar APCs on 30 minutes notice to move as reaction force.
13. Artillery.
- a. 108 Fd Bty is to return to 1 ATF Base on 23 Dec 67.
 - b. Two fd btys are to be maintained in DS throughout the period 24 - 26 Dec.
 - c. A Bty 1/83 US Artillery remains in general support reinforcing.
14. 1 Fd Sqn. Maintain two combat engineer teams on 30 minutes notice to move as reaction force.
15. 1 SAS Sqn. Orders issued separately.
16. Aviation.
- a. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - (1) Continue surveillance of TAOR by day and night. Tasks issued separately.
 - (2) Provide one H13 on standby at all times.

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b. US Army Aviation. Provide one LFT daily on standby at KANGAROO.

c. RAAF.

(1) Provide two Iroquois daily on standby at KANGAROO.

(2) One of above aircraft is to cover DUSTOFF if required.

(3) One crew is to be held at 15 minutes notice to move at VUNG TAU.

d. USAF. FAC surveillance of the TAOR is to continue by day and night.

17. Coordination Instructions.

a. Timings.

(1) Christmas - Stand down 240800H - 261800H.

(2) New Year - To be issued.

b. Rules of Engagement. See 1 ATF SOP Chapter 1 Section 3 para 69-70. Any changes necessary for a truce period will be issued later.

18. Administration and Logistics. No change.

19. Command and Signal.

a. Normal communications are to be maintained.

b. SDS. One run daily at 1100 hrs.

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228. HEALTH MEASURES - WITHDRAWAL OF COMBAT DRESS TROPICAL

1. It is AFV policy that no member is to wear the new issue combat dress tropical on operations. However, until it is withdrawn it may be worn in 1 ATF Base or when travelling to and from 1 ALSG by air or road, when on duty.

2. The reason is that the combination of tight trousers and thin material offers greater opportunity for insects to bite soldiers wearing this dress.

229. PERIOD OF MOURNING FOR THE LATE PRIME MINISTER

The official mourning period is from 20 to 22 Dec 67, inclusive. During this time the Australian national flag is to be flown at half mast between sunrise and sunset.


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NOTICE

1. HOURS - DET AFV CASH OFFICE - CHRISTMAS DAY

Det AFV Cash Office will open from 0700 to 0900 hrs 25 Dec 67 to pay R and R currency. It will be closed the remainder of that day.

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230. FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- 1. The following fire restrictions are to apply from the 14 Nov 67.
 - a. Open fires are to be lit only between 0700 and 0900 hours.
 - b. Fires are not to be lit upwind of nearby tentage.
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0930 - 1200
1300 - 1800
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1300 - 1600
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Brigadier R.L. HUGHES, DSO

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22 Dec 67

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Distribution below

MINUTES OF THE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
HELD AT NUI DAT AT 1030 HRS ON 21 DEC 67

Present:	Brig	R.L. Hughes	Chairman
	Col	J.F. White	
	Lt Col	E.H. Smith	
	Lt Col	J.F. McDonagh	
	Lt Col	J.J. Shelton	
	Lt Col	R.J. Gardner	
	Lt Col	N.R. Charlesworth	
	Maj	A.D. Wells	
	Maj	G.J. Lawrence	
	Maj	D.V. Smith	
	Maj	J.S. Kendall	
	Maj	G.J. Murphy	
	Maj	N.C. Anderson	
	Maj	J.H. Kemp	
	Maj	G.A. Constable	
	Maj	W.N. Lunn	
	Maj	G.J. Christopherson	
	Capt	G.W. Boscoe	
	Capt	A.W. Laing	
	Capt	D. Levenspiel	
	Capt	R.J. Brockett	
	2lt	J.A. Fitzsimon	Secretary

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ITEM 1 - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR POLICY

1. The Commander instructed units to carry out the policy outlined in the 1 ATF instruction, R569-1-2 dated 18 Dec 67. All units.

ITEM 2 - PARTICIPATION OF TROOPS ON OPERATIONS
IN LAST MONTH BEFORE RTA

2. It is apparent that troops had the attitude that they were immune from operations one month before RTA. The Commander directed that if the operational requirement arose troops would remain on operations right up until the last minute.

ITEM 3 - DISCIPLINE

3. The Commander stated that the number of offences has increased lately and he considered this was due to the fact that officers and NCO's are not doing their job thoroughly. They are not supervising their troops as most of the offences are due to drunkenness or excess of drinking and some relate to stealing vehicles. The Commander directed that officers and NCO's would spend more time with their troops and units would carry out regular checks on unit canteens to stop excessive drinking. Orderly officers are to remove soldiers

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from unit canteens who looked like getting drunk. The Commander also directed that every vehicle not in use is to be kept in unit transport lines and a picquet mounted every night.

4. The Commander told units to note that previous Australian units who had been in this theatre showed a rise in crime after six months. The Commander then directed a warning to all units with approximately six months service in South Vietnam to keep a close watch.

ITEM 4 - DEFENCE OF FSB

5. The Commander stated that there is always an officer appointed to command the FSB. This officer is responsible for the coordination of the defence of the FSB and it is up to him to supervise all units in the FSPB. Task Force SOP, pages 306 - 308 refer to the setting up of a FSB. In future the commander of the FSB will carry out the duties prescribed.

ITEM 5 - DIGGING POLICY

6. The Commander was not satisfied that all units took adequate security precautions outside the 1 ATF base area. The Commander directed that in future everyone outside the base area will dig in each night unless the member sleeps in an armoured vehicle.

7. Within the FSB, all ranks will have a slit trench and will sleep below ground level. This is to include mortar crews carried in APC's.

8. All units are to halt each afternoon in time to dig in for the night and prepare a defensive position with adjusted DF' possible. This does not prevent commanders moving troops into late night ambushes.

ITEM 6 - ARMoured VESTS AND STEEL HELMETS

9. The Commander reminded CO's and OC's that in certain cases armoured vests and steel helmets could be very valuable in saving lives or preventing serious injury. The Commander directed that all air crew of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt, crew commanders of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, soldiers driving on AMBER routes and shotgun parties would wear armoured vests. Those working in or near minefields and booby traps would wear both : armoured vests and steel helmets if possible.

161 (Indep) Recce Flt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

10. CO's and OC's are to order the use of armoured vests and steel helmets when their use will save lives or reduce injury without significantly reducing the combat effectiveness of the soldier.

All units.

ITEM 7 - HYGIENE

11. The Commander stated that the hygiene reports were not satisfactory.

12. Every officer is responsible for the supervision of his troops in all matters of hygiene including water supply, anti-miting, malarial precautions etc.

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13. The Commander stated that if any case of deliberate disregard of instructions or sheer laziness regarding hygiene or medical matters was found in future the officer concerned would be removed.

ITEM 8 - REGIMENTAL FUND CANTEENS MESSES

14. The Commander stated that he required all unit commanders, before the next conference (20 Jan 68 approximately), to personally review all their unit regimental, canteen and mess funds and to report to the Commander that they are in order and being properly conducted.

All units.

15. The Commander referred to MBI 15-2 (Prov) as a guide to what to look for.

16. The Commander directed that the report would contain assurances that:

- a. Suitable supervising officers have been appointed and are carrying out their duties efficiently,
- b. All accounting records are in existence and are in order.
- c. Accounts are audited.
- d. Regimental audit board members are competent.
- e. Stores security is adequate.

ITEM 9 - UNAUTHORISED DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS

17. The Commander stated there are two forms of discharge of weapons:

- a. Accidental.
- b. Intentional.

18. In future the term AD (accidental discharge) is to be referred to as UD (unauthorised discharge).

19. Because of the two types of discharge it is recommended that two forms of charge be used, one for each category. Units are to contact DADLS when unauthorised discharge results in injury to member.

20. To date there has been no punishment awarded for an unauthorised discharge. However, punishment for an accidental discharge varies from 14 days field punishment plus 14 days forfeiture of pay to 21 days field punishment plus 21 days forfeiture of pay for first offence to 28 days field punishment plus 28 days forfeiture of pay for second offence.

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ITEM 10 - RULES OF CONDUCT

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22. The Deputy Commander stated that these had been delayed in their issue to 1 ATF but 15,000 were expected from AFV in the next few weeks.

ITEM 11 - BUNKERS

23. The Deputy Commander stated that the Infantry Centre and the School of Military Engineering had produced a bunker design which had been modified by 1 ATF. 3 RAR would build one of these bunkers for the Commander's inspection and a decision whether to continue building them would then be made. 3 RAR

ITEM 12 - DEFOLIATION

24. HQ 1 ATF would provide the team for the defoliation of the western area. 2 RAR and 7 RAR would provide a team of one NCO and 5 ORs for training before the team did their areas. 3 RAR would also provide a team.

ITEM 13 - BASE AREAS AND DEFENCE

25. On 13 Jan 68 ARU would move into Coy 4 area of 3 RAR. A Construction troop would move into the ARU area.

26. 3 RAR would be responsible for the defence of the area. ARU and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt would be included in this sector which would be known as sector 11.

27. Because of the additional Company area to be built, the planned date of completion would be put back seven days.

28. Now that the searchlight course has finished all the searchlights are to be placed back in position and tested at night.

ITEM 14 - SECOND R & Rs

29. The DAAG stated the new policy on R & R. People on a 12 month tour are entitled to one R & R, not to be taken in the first three months or during the last month of the tour. Bids for second R & R must be sent to A Branch separately from normal unit nominations. A Instr 8/67 paragraph 11 refers.

ITEM 15 - SHIRTS OFF

30. OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt requested that members other than gunners be allowed shirts off if they are working in a FSB.

Decision: The Commander stated that if they are working in the open this is acceptable if they are in the jungle, however, shirts will be on.

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ITEM 16 - CANTEEN TRADING HOURS

31. OC 104 Sig Sqn put forward the suggestion that canteen hours be extended over the stand down period of 24-25-26 Dec 67.

Decision: The Commander agreed to this providing the hours were between 1100 - 1500 hours and the movement of troops between units was policed.

32. CO 2 RAR said that he would have at least one 2 RAR Company on stand down for three days after the recognised period and would notify 1 ATF CP of the dates.

33. CO 7 RAR said he would do the same as 2 RAR and 7 RAR also notify 1 ATF CP.

34. OC ARU said he would have a platoon on stand down ARU at a different time and would notify 1 ATF CP.

35. The Commander concluded the conference by wishing all assembled the compliments of the Season and A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. Fitzsimon
2Lt
Secretary

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COMMANDER 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

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232. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- 1. Australian servicemen on special service are allowed certain customs concessions in relation to goods sent or taken into Australia. These concessions are described in the Department of Customs and Excise leaflet "Customs Concessions to members of the Australian Defence Force on Special Service Overseas".
- 2. These Customs concessions are divided into two categories:
 - a. Goods sent to Australia.
 - b. Goods brought in by servicemen returning to Australia.
- 3. The concessions relating to each category are described in the leaflet mentioned in paragraph one. In addition to the items listed in the leaflet, members returning to Australia (as distinct from those proceeding on R and R) may bring in free of duty one half gallon (previously three reputed quarts) of spirituous liquor.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 5 below, personnel returning to Australia (as distinct from R and R) may import certain privately owned firearms and ammunition provided the conditions of Force (Army Component) RO 136/67 are fulfilled.

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R and R Customs Restrictions

5. The following customs restrictions apply to all R and R personnel proceeding to Australia and is agreed inter governmental policy. Importation of any of these items is prohibited:

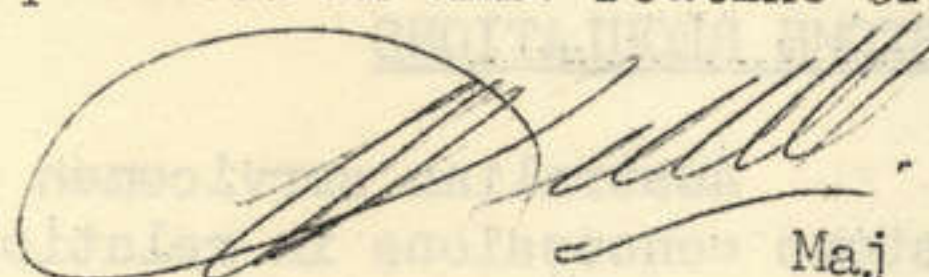
- a. Narcotics.
- b. Marihuana.
- c. Explosives.
- d. Ammunition.
- e. Fireworks.
- f. Knives.
- g. Firearms.
- h. Vietnamese currency in excess of 500 piastres.
- j. Gold or silver bullion.
- k. Articles produced in Communist China.
- l. More than one bottle of unopened alcoholic beverage.
- m. More than one carton of cigarettes.

6. This order is to be reproduced in unit Routine Orders Part 1.

233. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION SAIGON/CHOLON AREA

1. Temporary accommodation in CHOLON area has reached a critical state for all ranks. Visits requiring overnight stays are to be kept to a minimum.

2. This order is to be reproduced in unit routine orders.



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NOTICES

1. PRIME MINISTERS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

For the Australian people, I thank all in the services for your devotion to the stern tasks of the year that is ending. You are serving your country with great distinction. You have earned the respect and admiration of us all. Many of you have been engaged in operations of war for the first time. You have done superbly well and maintained the high standards of steadiness and valor set by earlier generations of Australians. We are proud of all in our Armed Forces. May the efforts of all forces at home and abroad be crowned with the victory of peace in the coming year. May you soon be re-united with your families and loved ones. To you all my warmest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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2. LOST PROPERTY

1. A member of 106 Fd Bty has lost a Conan 578 Auto Zoom Movie Camera. This item was misplaced during resupply Operation FORREST.
2. Any person finding this camera is requested to contact 106 Fd Bty.

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