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1 - 29 FEBRUARY 1968

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ANNEX C TO COMMANDER'S DIARY OF HQ 1 ATF

FROM 1 Feb 68 TO 29 Feb 68

OPERATION ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 050800H FEB TO 120800H FEB 68

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A.	Patrol Serial No	2 RAR 2176/68	2177/68	2178/68	2179/68
B.	Sub Unit to Provide	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details
C.	Callsign and Frequency	38.40 95E	38.40 95F	38.40 95E	38.40 95F
D.	Controlled by	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP
E.	Task	Search MAGGIE, LINDA and JUNE. Establish OP at YS392659.	Ambush crossing at YS395655.	Patrol GAYE and PENNY. Establish OP at YS392642.	Ambush gaps in wire at HOA LONG Vic YS409645.
F.	Strength	7	15	7	15
G.	Date/Time Out	051300H	051730H	061400H	061630H
H.	Date/Time In	060830H	060730H	070830H	070830H
J.	Route	Issued Separately	Issued Separately	Issued Separately	Issued Separately
K.	LZ	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	1. Tpt arranged by CP. 2. Ptl to carry starlight scope.	As for 2176/68.	As for 2176/68.	As for 2176/68.

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A.	2180/68	2181/68
B.	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details
C.	38.40 95E	38.40 95F
D.	2 RAR Rear CP	2 RAR Rear CP
E.	Ptl Water Course flowing East West in NAN. Establish OP YS404660.	Ambush gaps in wire at HOA LONG Vic YS409645.
F.	7	15
G.	071200H	071630H
H.	080900H	080900H
J.	Issued Separately	Issued Separately
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.	As for 2176/68.	As for 2176/68.

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A.	W Coy 2 RAR 58/68	W 59/68	W 60/68	W 61/68	W 62/68
B.	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy
C.	72	73	71A	72A	72B
D.	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF
E.	Search and Ambush WENDY.	Search and Ambush MAY and GUSSIE.	Recce and ID Check WENDY and VERONICA.	Recce MAY.	Ambush JEAN.
F.	Pl (-)	Pl	Sect (+)	Sect (+)	Pl (-)
G.	041600H	061900H	080930H	090600H	091800H
H.	070730H	091100H	081930H	091700H	100900H
J.	Out NE Gap) In WEST Gap) Direct	Direct	Out WEST Gap) In Main Gate) Direct	Out NE Gap) In SE Gap) Direct	Out SE Gap) In NE Gap) Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.		Patrol through SALLY on return route.	ID Check to be conducted at SW corner of VERONICA from 1700-1900 hrs.		

NOTE: All patrolling restricted to within range of 81mm mor unless arty sp becomes available.

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A.	W 63/68	W 64/68
B.	W Coy	W Coy
C.	72A	71
D.	1 ATF	1 ATF
E.	Ambush VERONICA YS488632.	Ambush SALLY.
F.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Pl	Pl
G.	102000H	101930H
H.	110630H	110700H
J.	Out NE Gap) In WEST Gap) Direct	Direct
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.	Co-ord with 3 RAR.	Co-ord with Sub Sector.

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A.	3 RAR 3132/68	3133/68	3134/68	3135/68	3136/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10B 33.60	20B 33.60	30B 33.60	40B 33.60	10B 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS446650 in PAUL.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS460666 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS453645 in SEAN.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS459657 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS461654 in SEAN.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	051745H	051800H	061745H	061815H	071800H
H.	060745H	060800H	070800H	070830H	080745H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

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A.	3137/68	3138/68	3139/68	3140/68	3141/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20B 33.60	30B 33.60	40B 33.60	10B 33.60	20B 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS461654 in SEAN.	Obsn of SOUTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS448646 in PAUL.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS461663 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS458650 in SEAN.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS463659 in JACK.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	071815H	081800H	081815H	091745H	091800H
H.	080815H	090830H	090900H	100800H	100830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
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A.	3142/68	3143/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30B 33.60	40B 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS458661 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS454652 near SEAN.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	101800H	101815H
H.	110800H	110830H
J.	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		

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A.	7 RAR 763/68	764/68	765/68	766/68	767/68
B.	7 RAR Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details
C.	95B 43.20	95C 43.20	95B 43.20	95C 43.20	95B 43.20
D.	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP
E.	Recce in IRENE.	Recce in KEN.	Recce in JOHN.	Recce in PERCY.	Recce in BARRY.
F.	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3
G.	051630H	051600H	061630H	061700H	071530H
H.	060730H	060830H	070800H	070730H	080900H
J.					
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

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A.	768/68	769/68	770/68	771/68	772/68
B.	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details
C.	95C 43.20	95B 43.20	95C 43.20	95B 43.20	95C 43.20
D.	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP
E.	Recce in JAN.	Recce in KEITH.	Recce in PERCY.	Recce in JOHN.	Recce in ROD.
F.	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3
G.	071700H	081630H	081700H	091630H	091700H
H.	080730H	090800H	090730H	100830H	100800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
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A.	773/68	774/68
B.	Rear Details	Rear Details
C.	95B 43.20	95C 43.20
D.	Admin CP	Admin CP
E.	Recce in IRENE.	Recce in ROD.*
F.	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3
G.	101600H	101630H
H.	110830H	110830H
J.	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		

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A.	1 ARU A001/68	A002/68	A003/68
B.	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
C.	13 57.80	13 57.80	11 57.80
D.	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E.	Patrol in ARU A0.	Patrol in ARU A0.	Patrol and Ambush in ARU A0.
F.	12	12	Sgt : 30
G.	050830H	071300H	091330H
H.	051200H	071630H	100830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.			Starlight scope to be carried.

J. Wilkinson Capt
for (D.V. SMITH)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)
5 Feb 68

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt 1
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt 2
4 Fd Regt 3-7
1/83 Arty 8
1 Fd Sqn 9
2 RAR 10-35
3 RAR 36-46
7 RAR 47-57
1 SAS Sqn 58
HORSESHOE Coy 59-63
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Tac HQ 1 ATF
TRANG BINH

082300H Feb 68

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FragO 1 to OpO 4/68 (Op COBURG)

Reference: A, HQ 1 ATF OPS133 dated 231200H Jan 68.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL

1. Situation
 - a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.
 - b. Friendly Forces. Trace has been issued showing new left flank formations and new AOs, vide HQ 1 ATF R92-1-1 dated 8 Feb 68.
2. Mission. To redeploy elements of 1 ATF for the continuation of Op COBURG.
3. Execution.
 - a. Findings and Sequence of Events. Annex B.
 - b. 2 RAR
 - (1) Continue operations in AO STIMPSON.
 - (2) On 11 Feb complete changeover of HORSESHOE HILL Coy - C Coy relieves W Coy.
 - (3) Commencing 090930H Feb relieve D Coy at FSPB ANDERSEN. Place V Coy under command A Bn 3 Cav Regt (-) for local defence FSPB ANDERSEN.
 - c. 3 RAR
 - (1) On 10 Feb move by air to vic FSPB HARRISON. See Annex B and C.
 - (2) Commence operations in AO AYRE on arrival.
 - (3) Place one mortar sect under command 4 Fd Regt (-) at FSPB HARRISON for local defence.
 - d. 7 RAR
 - (1) Bn less A Coy is to be relieved by 3 RAR.

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(2) On 10 Feb place A Coy under comd 4 Fd Regt for local defence FSPB HARRISON.

(3) Bn less A Coy to return to NUI DAT by air 10 Feb.

e. Artillery.

(1) Commencing 110730H Feb 161 Fd Bty is to move by air to relieve 106 Fd Bty at FSPB HARRISON.

(2) 106 Fd Bty is to move by air to NUI DAT.

f. 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) 2 Tp is being relieved by 3 Tp on 9 Feb.

(2) Deploy two combat engr teams to sp 3 RAR.

(3) Combat engr teams deployed with 7 RAR are to move with 7 RAR to NUI DAT.

g. Co-ordinating Instructions.

(1) Timings. See Annex B and C.

(2) Direct liaison is authorised.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General Outline.

(1) 3 RAR fwd ech is to take over all ~~accommodation~~ stores and other non-controlled items held by 7 RAR fwd ech at FSPB ANDERSEN.

(2) All controlled stores such as rifles, radio sets, chain saws held at 7 RAR fwd ech are to be returned to NUI DAT. 3 RAR is to bring fwd own controlled stores required for operation of fwd ech.

(3) 7 RAR vchs at FSPB ANDERSEN are to be FI(a) to 3 RAR for duration of op.

(4) Changeover 106 Bty/ 161 Bty. Btys are to move complete with guns, stores, vchs and first line ammo.

b. Materiel and Services.

(1) Armo.

(a) Max Armo. 3 RAR is to move with 100 rds per tube. 7 RAR is to leave all max armo at FSPB HARRISON. This armo and stocks held by 7 RAR fwd ech are to be taken over by 3 RAR. CONFIDENTIAL

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- (b) Small Arms. 3 RAR to carry first line on the man. Stocks in 7 RAR fwd ech to be taken over by 3 RAR fwd ech.
- (2) Rations. 3 RAR to carry three days on the man.
- (3) RAASC Expense Sups. Seven days stock is to be moved fwd by 3 RAR. As stocks are depleted maintdems are to be placed on Fwd TMA to replenish stocks.
- (4) Ord Items. Seven days maint scaling is to be carried by 3 RAR fwd ech. As stocks are depleted the fwd ech is to maintdem on 3 RAR base ech at MUI DAT for replacement. Base ech is to arrange mov fwd of demanded items through the TMA.

Ack Instructions: Ack EBONY forward.

(R.L. HUGHES)
Brig
Comd

Authentication:


(D.V. SMITH)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)

Annexes: A. Enemy Forces.
B. Timings and Sequence of Events.
C. Air Task Table (Issued separately).
P. Topographical and Enemy Information.

Distribution:

List Z less Serials 8, 22, 29, 37.
plus B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 101 (AB) Div.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF FRAGO 1
DATED 082300H FEB 68
OP COBURG

EN SITUATION

General

1. Enemy forces in AO COLUMBUS consist of main force units or elements from 5 VC Div and its two subordinate infantry regiments, 274 and 275 VC Regiments; together with existing units/coys of the VC U.I. Province.

Weapons

2. These forces are well armed with new, modern infantry weapons, normally CHICOM copies of Soviet design. In particular enemy troops are well supplied with AK 47 assault rifles, RPG 2 (B40) rocket launchers and RP LMGs. Heavier weapons such as RPG 7 (B41) rocket launchers, and a 75 mm RCL, have been captured in the last few days. The VC are also well supplied with ammunition, grenades and explosives.

3. VC encountered so far have been wearing an assortment of clothing, but green uniforms, blue/grey uniforms and black shorts are the most common. Enemy troops captured have been short of food but substantial caches of rice have also been captured. The VC are moving in small groups, often accompanied by LF or guerilla guides.

4. A high percentage of main force troops killed or captured so far have been identified as NVA serving in VC units.

Base Camps

5. Numerous, well constructed, large base camps have been located and destroyed. Most of these have contained bunkers or fighting pits with connecting communication trenches. One camp contained an advanced surgical and dressing station, another contained elements of a regimental medical company.

6. A major enemy base area is located in the centre of AO COLUMBUS which appears to be the U.I. Province HQ installation. However, due to heavy air and artillery bombardment there are indications that elements of this HQ have moved further to the WEST.

Movements

7. Enemy movements in the overall area are being constantly reported. At least four crossing places have been reported over the Dong Nai River and it appears that traffic is crossing every night in both directions despite air and artillery interdiction. Enemy troops appear to use trail systems running WEST - EAST and reverse within AO COLUMBUS above the 19 Northing. Below this line enemy troops travel in a SW/NE direction or reverse. There are some indications that VC moving WEST and SW are LF or guerilla guides moving out to guide main force elements into an area. A major enemy trail system runs along the eastern boundary of AO COLUMBUS to the major river crossing point at YT256277.

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Identifications

8. Main Force Units/Sub Units

a. 274 VC Regt

- (1) C3 Coy 1st Bn.
- (2) C11, C13 and C14 Coys 3rd Bn.
- (3) C23 Med Coy.
- (4) C20 Sigs Coy.

b. 275 VC Regt

- (1) C1 and C3 Coys 1st Bn.
- (2) Unk coy 2nd Bn.
- (3) C19 Engr Coy.
- (4) C21 Sapper/Recce Coy.
- (5) C22 Tpt Coy.
- (6) C92 A Tk Coy (allotted from 5 VC Div).

c. Combined Arty Gp

C1 Coy D24 Bn (AAMG).

Locations

9. Details of enemy track systems, suspected base areas, river crossing points in Annex P.

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THINGS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
OF COBURG

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF BRAGO 1
DATED 082300H Feb 68
OF COBURG

Serial (a)	Date/ Time (b)	Event (c)	Co-ordination (d)	Remarks (e)
1	090700H	C0s party 3 RAR moves to FSPB ANDERSEN thence HQ 7 RAR	1. RAAF Inoquois 2. Op & Int briefings at FSPB ANDERSEN	GS03 (Ops) to co-ord move forward
2	091030H	Mor Pl 7 RAR moves ^{to} FSPB HARRISON	RAAF Inoquois	14 Sorties
3	090900H 091130H	D Coy 2 RAR relieves V Coy 2 RAR	RAAF Inoquois	
3	091400H	Adv party 3 RAR moves by CH47 from KAPYONG NUI DAT to ANDERSEN.	RAAF Inoquois	<i>Further</i> Other movement forward by RAAF Inoquois.
3	091400H	Bn HQ 7 RAR extracts from YT160224 and moves to YT168183	RAAF Inoquois	21 Sorties
4	091130H	2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn is relieved by 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn	a. Two combat engr teams now att 7 RAR return to NUI DAT with 7 RAR 10 Feb. b. Two combat engr teams to be att to 3 RAR from 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn before 3 RAR moves forward to HARRISON	20 personnel) 500lbs stores) to NUIDAT 26 personnel) 400lbs stores) to FSPB ANDERSEN
5	AM 9 Feb	W Coy 2 RAR prepares for handover of HORSESHOE HILL on 10/11 Feb.	GS03 (Ops) to prepare new Op Instr for OC C Coy 2 RAR and bid for helicopter sp an 11 job for changeover. W Coy to stage through NUI DAT 11 Feb and move fwd to IZ, YT223149 on 12 Feb 68.	

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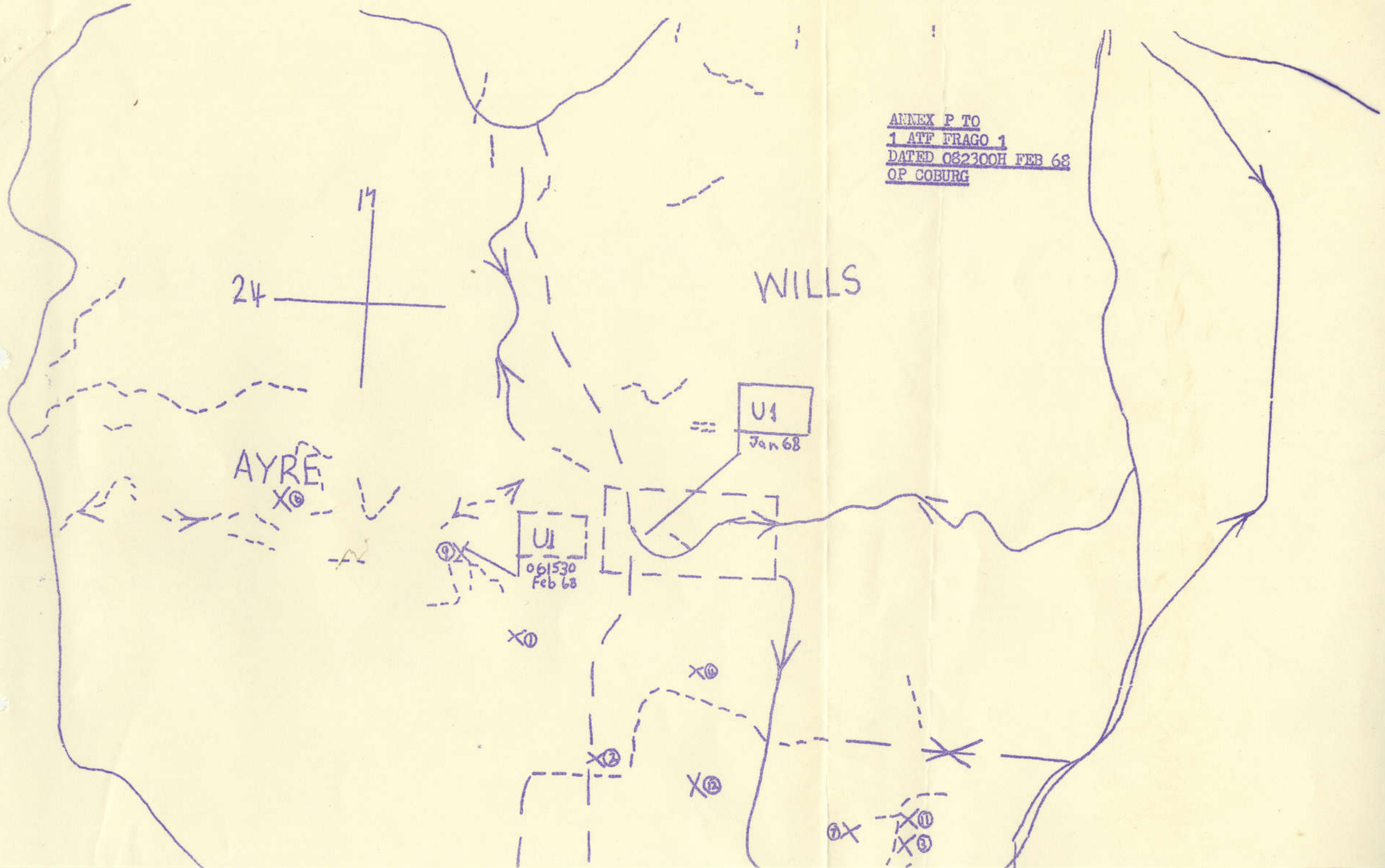
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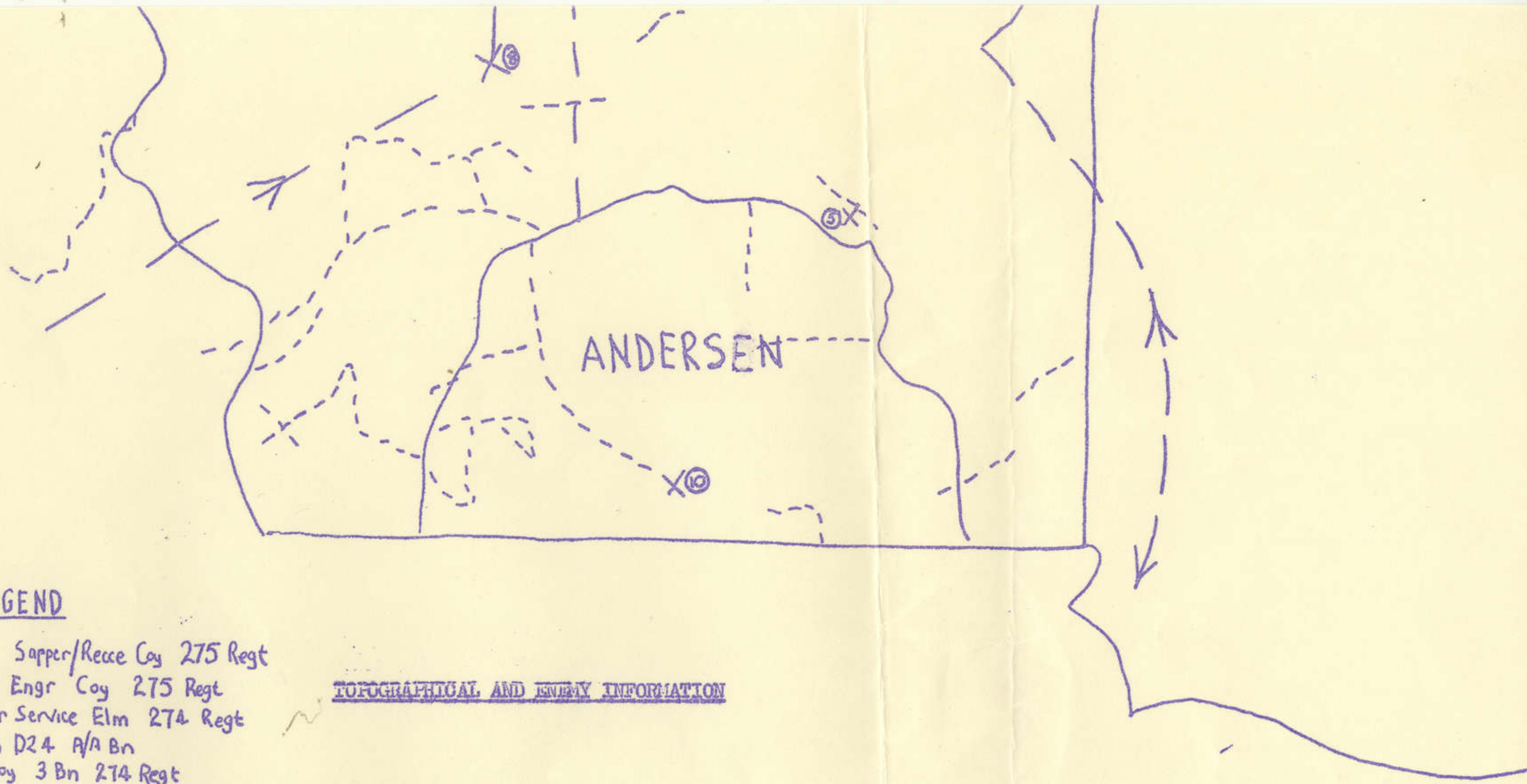
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
6	100730H	C Coy 2 RAR extracts from YT223149 to NUI DAT. Stages through NUI DAT 10 Feb and relieves W Coy 2 RAR at HORSESHOE HILL on 11 Feb 68.		See Annex C
7	100730H	a. 3 RAR less C Coy commences move to FSPB HARRISON and relieves 7 RAR less A Coy. LUSCOMBE is DZ/LZ at NUI DAT. b. 7 RAR less A Coy returns to NUI DAT. c. A Coy 7 RAR moves to FSPB HARRISON and comes under comd 4 Fd Regt(-) for local defence. d. C Coy 3 RAR is released from under comd 4 Fd Regt(-) FSPB HARRISON on arrival A Coy 7 RAR.	a. Mor sect 3 RAR under comd 7 RAR Rear is released back to 3 RAR. b. 7 RAR is to place one sect Mor Pl 7 RAR under comd 3 RAR Rear for defence NUI DAT Base. c. 3 RAR is to place one sect Mor Pl under comd 4 Fd Regt(-) at FSPB HARRISON for local defence.	See Annex C. A Coy 7 RAR is to have ech elm at FSPB ANDERSEN with 3 RAR Ech.
8	110730H	a. 161 Fd Bty moves by air to FSPB HARRISON and relieves 106 Fd Bty which returns to NUI DAT. b. C Coy 2 RAR moves to HORSESHOE HILL. c. W Coy 2 RAR moves to NUI DAT.		See Annex C for exact timings.
9	120730H	W Coy moves by air from NUI DAT to YT223149.		

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ANNEX P TO
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LEGEND

- ① 28 Jan B21 Sapper/Rece Coy 275 Regt
- ② 30 Jan B19 Engr Coy 275 Regt
- ③ 30 Jan Rear Service Elm 274 Regt
- ④ 3 Feb 1 Coy D24 A/A Bn
- ⑤ 2 Feb C11 Coy 3 Bn 274 Regt
- ⑥ 5 Feb C31 Coy D4 Bn 5 Div
- ⑦ 6 Feb 3 Coy 1 Bn 275 Regt
- ⑧ 6 Feb 3 Coy 1 Bn 274 Regt
- ⑨ 6 Feb 1 Coy 1 Bn 275 Regt
- ⑩ 6 Feb C11 Coy 3 Bn 274 Regt
- ⑪ 7 Feb C11, C13, C14 Coys 3 Bn 274 Regt
- ⑫ 7 Feb + 8 Feb B21 Spr Rece Coy 275 Regt
and UNK Coy 2 Bn 275 Regt

TOPOGRAPHICAL AND ENEMY INFORMATION

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B.	Sub unit to provide	2 RAR Rear	2 RAR Rear	2 RAR Rear	2 RAR Rear
C.	Callsign and Frequency	95E 38.40	95F 38.40	95E 38.40	95F 38.40
D.	Controlled by	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Task	Patrol MAGGIE, LINDA, JUNE. Estbalish night OP vic YS391673	Ambush vic YS399639	Patrol creek line from YS387679 to YS394658. Establish OP at vic YS395655	Ambush in vic YS408637
F.	Strength	10	10	10	10
G.	Date/Time out	081300H	081600H	091200H	091730H
H.	Date/Time in	090830H	090830H	100900H	100800H
J.	Route	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks (to incl any bids for hel or APC lift)	1. Carry starlight scope 2. Tpt arranged by CP	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68

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C.	95E 38.40	95F 38.40	95E 38.40	95F 38.40	95E 38.40
D.	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Patrol SONG DINH from YS390640 to YS382629. Night ambush vic YS389639	Ambush vic YS403647	Search thick scrub vic YS405645 and creek line SOUTH to YS399639. Ambush YS399639	Search SONG CAU from YS419672 to YS408661. Ambush YS408667	Patrol LINDA, ambush at YS398669
F.	10	10	10	10	10
G.	101100H	101730H	111200H	111200H	121330H
H.	110900H	110730H	120900H	120900H	130830H
J.	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68

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C.	95F 38.40	95E 38.40	95F 38.40
D.	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Ambush crossings at YS393643	Patrol PAT, NAN, KAREN and GAYE. Ambush YS395655	ambush YS404647
F.	10	10	10
G.	121600H	131300H	131730H
H.	130900H	140900H	140800H
J.	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68	As for 2182/68

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A.	W Coy 2 RAR 64/68	65/68	66/68	67/68	68/68
B.	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy
C.	71 57.10	72A 57.10	73A 57.10	72 57.10	73 57.10
D.	Ambush SALLY.	Recce MAY.	Recce JEAN.	Ambush and Search MAY.	Fighting Patrol SALLY.
E.	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF
F.	Pl	Sect	Sect	Pl	Pl (-)
G.	101930H	110600H	120900H	131400H	140700H
H.	131600H	111500H	121930H	161700H	141730H
J.	Direct	OUT - NE Gap IN - SE Gap	OUT - SE Gap IN - NE Gap	OUT - WEST Gap IN - NE Gap	OUT - SE Gap IN - EASTERN Check Point, Main Gate
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	This is an extension of Serial W64/68 in previous programme. Co ord with Sector. Search area of Western bdy on return journey.				

NOTE: Patrols will be restricted to Mor range if arty sp not aval.

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A.	69/68	70/68	71/68
B.	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy
C.	72A 57.10	71 57.10	71 57.10
D.	ID Check VERONICA WEST.	Ambush and Search JEAN.	Recce GUSSIE and SALLY.
E.	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF
F.	Sect	Pl	Pl
G.	150500H	161700H	170645H
H.	152000H	181100H	171900H
J.	OUT - NE Gap IN - WEST Gap	OUT - NE Gap IN - SE Gap	OUT - SE Gap IN - SE Gap
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.	Patrol will return this loc for period 0900-1500 hrs.		

NOTE: Patrols will be restricted to Mor range if arty sp not aval.

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	3 RAR 3144/68	3145/68	3146/68	3147/68	3148/68
A.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 33.60	20C 33.60	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS458654 near Route 52.	Obsn of SOUTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS447650 in PAUL.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS460663 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS451650 near SEAN.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS461671 in JACK.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	111745H	111815H	121730H	121800H	131730H
H.	120730H	120800H	130730H	130800H	140800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
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A.	3149/68	3150/68	3151/68	3152/68	3153/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 33.60	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS443650 in PAUL.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS453669 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS462658 in JACK.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS459668 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS461654 in SEAN.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	131800H	141730H	141800H	151730H	151800H
H.	140830H	150800H	150830H	160730H	160800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.				1 ARU ni firing 15/16 Feb.	1 ARU ni firing 15/16 Feb.

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A.	3154/68	3155/68	3156/68	3157/68	3158/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60	30C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS442646 in PAUL.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS457655.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS457665 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS453646 in SEAN.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS460660 in JACK.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	161745H	161815H	171745H	171800H	181815H
H.	170815H	170730H	180800H	180815H	190730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
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A.	3159/68
B.	3 RAR Rear
C.	40C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS454652
F.	1 : 3
G.	181745H
H.	190800H
J.	Direct
K.	-
L.	-
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A.	7 RAR 775/68	776/68	777/68	778/68	779/68
B.	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details
C.	95B 43.20	95C 43.20	95B 43.20	95C 43.20	95B 43.20
D.	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP
E.	Recce in JOHN.	Recce in IRENE.	Recce in JAN.	Recce in ROD.	Recce in KEN.
F.	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3	1 NCO and 3
G.	111730H	111715H	121800H	121700H	131700H
H.	120815H	120800H	130730H	130800H	140800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
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A.	7 RAR 777/68	778/68	779/68	780/68	781/68
B.	C Coy	C Coy	C Coy	C Coy	B Coy
C.	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and Ambush in JAN.	Recce and Ambush in ROD.	Recce and Ambush in KEN.	Recce and Ambush in JOHN vic YS458715.	Recce and Ambush in KEITH vic YS469705.
F.	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15
G.	121800H	121700H	131630H	131700H	141630H
H.	130800H	130830H	140830H	140800H	150730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.			Return via D Coy.	Return via B Coy.	

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A.	782/68	783/68	784/68	785/68	786/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy
C.	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and Ambush in BARRY.	Recce and Ambush in IRENE.	Recce and Ambush in KEN.	Recce and Ambush in PERCY.	Recce and Ambush in KEITH.
F.	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15
G.	141600H	151800H	151630H	161700H	161730H
H.	150900H	160800H	160930H	170800H	170830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
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A.	787/68	788/68	789/68	790/68	791/68
B.	C Coy	C Coy	C Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy
C.	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80	61 55.80
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and Ambush in ADAM south of 73 NORTHING.	Recce and Ambush in BARRY.	Recce and Ambush in JAN.	Recce and Ambush in KEN.	Ambush in KEITH vic YS461705.
F.	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15	1 offr/sgt and 15
G.	170930H	171530H /	181800H	181730H	181800H
H.	181200H	180900H	190800H	190930H	190800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Tpt as arranged by Coy.				

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A.	1 ARU A004/68	A005/68	A006/68
B.	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
C.	11 57.80	12 57.80	11 57.80
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Ptl in JACK, MIKE and PETER.	Patrol and Ambush in ARU AO.	Ptl in JACK, MIKE and CLAUDE and Ambush in vic YS487666.
F.	Sgt : 15	Sgt : 30	Sgt : 15
G.	150730H	161330H	171300H
H.	151800H	170830H	181300H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
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Op Instr 5/68 (HORSESHOE HILL)

To: Maj G.E. Williams OC C Coy 2 RAR.

References: A. Vietnam, 1:25,000.
B. 1 ATF and Unit Patrol A0, Map Overprint, 1:25,000.

Time zone used throughout this instruction: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. Verbal briefing by OC W Coy on handover and IO 2 RAR.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.

2. Mission. You are to defend and maintain the HORSESHOE HILL (YS4962) defence locality.

3. Execution.

a. Grouping. C Coy group 2 RAR:

Under comd from 110800H Feb	two LPs Det 131 Div Loc Bty
	two sects 81mm mortars 2 RAR
	two M108 SP Hows
Under comd from 110800H Feb	radio Det 104 Sig Sqn
In location	one radar AN/KPQ1 Det 131 Div Loc Bty

b. Tasks.

- (1) Maintain the permanent company group defence locality on HORSESHOE HILL (YS4962) in accordance with the master plan.
- (2) Patrolling. Dominate the HORSESHOE Patrol A0. A minimum of one pl is to be deployed on patrolling at all times. In patrol zones GUSSIE, GERT, EDNA and SALLY patrols are to be of pl strength. When a patrol is operating in these zones a recce ptl is to be deployed in the zones NORTH of Route 23. Patrols are to be limited to mor range when 105mm arty sp is not aval.
- (3) Maintain supervision over and assistance to Sector check points on Route 23 and Route 52. See 1 ATF GS Instruction 1/67 dated 12 Dec 67.
- (4) Act as radio control for all engineer groups, protection parties etc in area of fence from your location to PHUOC HAI YS5153. These groups will be instructed to join your company net.
- (5) Maintain a log of all movement on Route 52. The following information is required in the log:
 - (a) Time of movement.
 - (b) Type of movement, i.e. vehicles, persons.
 - (c) Type of load.

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- (d) Number of persons involved.
- (e) Direction of movement and any other relevant information.

The log is to be examined regularly and any unusual activity patterns are to be reported to HQ 1 ATF.

(6) When operations are carried out in vicinity of the fence to the SOUTH of DAT DO, you are to provide by day a LO not below the rank of sergeant to sub-sector DAT DO for coordination.

(7) Defence Works.

- (a) Maintain existing defence installations.
- (b) Continue work on the existing communication trenches.

(8) Movement to Check Points. Every effort is required to vary this movement. Timings, routes and types of transport should be varied. Deception should also be employed.

(9) Survey.

(a) The location and dominance of HORSESHOE HILL gives 1 ATF the opportunity, along with OPs on NUI DAT, to report rapidly on incidents within sight or sound, and to establish patterns of local movement and activity. All tps must therefore be made aware of the importance of this aspect, particularly those manning check points and OPs/LPs.

(b) A priority task is the early reporting of any unusual events in the area of the VN outposts on Route 23 or Route 44. Specifically any SA fire, mortar fire, (a MORTREP is required), flares and explosions.

(10) Patrol Base. You are to be prepared to foster elements of other units in transit when they have been instructed to use the locality as a patrol base.

c. Restrictions.

- (1) When engaging targets with guns or mortars, care is to be taken not to fire on our own fence or minefield.
- (2) Under no circumstances are members to be allowed to enter DAT DO except as an organised body on an authorised mission.
- (3) No Vietnamese, civilian or military, are to be allowed into the HORSESHOE HILL locality.
- (4) No photography of HORSESHOE HILL is allowed from the air.
- (5) Dispersion. As it is almost certain that sooner or later the HORSESHOE will be subjected to heavy mortar/RCL attack without warning, dispersion of troops must therefore be kept constantly in mind.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) The HORSESHOE Patrol AO is shown on reference B.

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(2) 2 RAR will rotate rifle coys through HORSESHOE HILL, approximately every six weeks. HQ 1 ATF is to be informed one week before the advance party of the relief coy moves to HORSESHOE HILL.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General. C Coy is to remain under comd of 2 RAR.

b. Material and Supplies.

(1) Ammunition.

(a) Three first lines of small arms ammunition and mortar ammunition are to be maintained. See Q Instr 8/67.

(b) Artillery ammunition is the responsibility of 4 Fd Regt.

(2) Rations.

(a) Three days combat ration reserve is to be maintained.

(b) Fresh rations will be resupplied as decided by 2 RAR.

(3) Water. WP in location.

(4) Engineer Stores. Normal.

(5) Medical.

(a) RMO 2 RAR is to visit at least twice per week.

(b) CASEVAC by helicopter.

c. Resupply.

(1) Resupply may be by road or air. Road movement is not to be used more than six times per week.

(2) Movement timings for road mov are to be constantly varied.

(3) Maximum use is to be made of road convoys for backloading to 2 RAR.

5. Command and Signal.

a. C Coy 2 RAR: Under op con 1 ATF wef 110800H Feb 68.

b. Wef 110800H Feb 68, C Coy is to maintain 24 hr listening watch on 1 ATF net.

c. C Coy is to maintain 24 hr listening watch on Sector net.

d. Two interpreters are to be provided for C Coy from 2 RAR resources. They are to be employed one at each check point.

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Frag 2 to Op 4/68 (Op COBURG)

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL

1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces. Annexes A and Q.
- b. Friendly Forces. Annex P shows new AOs and flanking formations.

2. Mission. To redeploy certain elements of 1 ATF for the continuation of Op COBURG and to withdraw other elements to 1 ATF base NUI DAT.3. Extraction.

a. Timings, Groupings and Sequence of Events. Annex B.

b. 2 RAR

- (1) Bn less D, V and W Coys extracts to NUI DAT on 14 Feb 68.
- (2) D and W Coys are to operate op con 3 RAR :
 - (a) D Coy wef arrival D Coy FSPB ANDERSEN.
 - (b) W Coy wef 121200H.
- (3) V Coy and one sect mor pl 2 RAR are to move by APC to NUI DAT under op con A Sqn 3 Cav Regt on 14 Feb.

c. 3 RAR(1) Grouping 3 RAR Gp:

Under comd from 141200H

161 Fd Bty
3 Tp 1 Fd SqnOp con
(See Annex B for timings)D and W Coys 2 RAR,
One tp and two mor APCs
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (plus
one engr mini team).

In DS remaining

One H13 161 (Indep) Recce
FltOn call for general sp
reinforcing

B Bty 2/35 Arty (US)

(2) Tasks

- (a) Commence ops in AO NULLARBOR on 14 Feb.
- (b) At 130800H relieve A Coy 7 RAR at FSPB HARRISON with one rifle coy and maintain this coy at the FSPB until all elements 4 Fd Regt have been extracted.
- (c) At 140730H commence relief of V Coy 2 RAR at FSPB ANDERSEN.
- (d) Maintain one coy and one mor sect at FSPB ANDERSEN from 140930H for local def FSPB.

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d. A Sqn 3 Coy Regt

- (1) Complete tasks as shown in Annex B.
- (2) Place one tp and two mor APCs op con 3 RAR on 14 Feb.
- (3) Provide one APC as AWCC.

e. Artillery

- (1) At 130830H extract 161 Fd Bty and one radar Det 131 Div Loc Bty to FSPB ANDERSEN.
- (2) Commencing 140800H extract all remaining elements 4 Fd Regt from FSPB HARRISON to NUI DAT.
- (3) AWCC Det 161 (Indep) Recce Flt continues ops from FSPB ANDERSEN as BIEN HOA Forward.

f. 1 Fd Sqn

- (1) Extract all elements excl:
3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
One D4 Dozer
Vehs and WP (as agreed GS02 Ops/OC 1 Fd Sqn)

to NUI DAT on 14 Feb.

- (2) Be prepared to assist road convoy on 14 Feb by rapid repair of culverts and bridges, by the provision of bypasses and the checking of suspect mined areas.

g. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt

- (1) Continue to provide one FW for VR in op area.
- (2) AWCC continues ops.
- (3) Provide one H13 for OC A Sqn for convoy control from 141200H.

h. HQ Coy 1 ATF Extracts to NUI DAT less elements ordered to remain by GS02 (Ops).

i. Coord Instructions

- (1) AOs and Boundaries - Annex P changed ref 131200H.
- (2) FSPB ANDERSEN
 - (a) Elements 3 RAR take over from 1 ATF HQ. Existing bunkers and other facilities to be used wherever possible.
 - (b) Comd - 2IC 3 RAR assumes comd of all tps in the FSPB for local def.

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(3) FSPB HARRISON To be cleared and rehabilitated AM
14 Feb.

(4) Air

(a) (i) No 9 Sqn(RAAF) Continues sp of ops by
employing two Iroquois to FSPB ANDERSEN daily
from 15 Feb.

(ii) Continues DUSTOFF backup.

(b) Army Aviation

(i) Air Task Table is to be issued as Annex D
to this order.

(ii) Provide DUSTOFF from LONG BINH as required.

(iii) One LFT is to be on standby at FSPB
ANDERSEN daily.

(c) USAF No change.

(5) Liaison LO teams are to continue at 18 ARVN and HQ
101 AB Div. LO teams may be rotated. Details later.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General Outline. Resupply of 3 RAR gp will be from NUI DAT
through the echelon system. Any resupply requirement beyond the
capability of 3 RAR rear echelon is to be referred to Q Branch 1 ATF.

b. Material and Services.

(1) Gun Ammo. 3 RAR ech to place demand on HQ 1 ATF for resupply.

(2) SA and Mor Ammo. Echelon responsibility.

(3) Rations

(a) All units are to draw rations up to evening meal
on 14 Feb by 131230H from Fwd TFMA.

(b) Units are to ration elements remaining with 3 RAR
gp up to breakfast 16 Feb.

(c) From breakfast on 16 Feb 3 RAR ech responsibility.

(4) POL. Fwd TFMA is to continue to provide AVGAS, MOGAS and
DIESO pts.

(5) Ord Items. Echelon responsibility.

(6) Trk.

(a) 4 x 5 ton vehs from 26 Coy RAASC are to remain at
FSPB ANDERSEN with 3 RAR.

(b) 1 x Landrover from 7 RAR is to be transferred on F 1
(a) to 3 RAR for duration of the op.

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(7) Water. 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn is to continue to operate the water point.

(8) Repair and Recovery. Recovery team from 102 Fd Wksps to travel with convoy to NUI DAT on 14 Feb. Recover forward to NUI DAT.

(9) Medical. 3 RAR to take over existing RAP at FSPB ANDERSEN.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Command. Reduced Tac HQ 1 ATF remains FSPB ANDERSEN.

b. Signal Instruction is to be issued A1 13 Feb.

Ack Instructions: Ack to EBONY FORWARD.

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- Annexes:
- A. Enemy Situation.
 - B. Sequence of Events and Timings.
 - C. Road Movement Table.
 - D. Air Task Table.
 - P. AOs, Boundaries and Flanking Formations.
 - Q. Enemy locations, camps and tracks.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF FRAGO 2
DATED 122300H FEB 68
OP COBURG

EN SITUATION

General

1. Enemy forces in AO COLUMBUS have now apparently moved to the North, to the South East and South West, in order to avoid 1 ATF operations. The lack of contact with enemy elements over the last two days tends to confirm this assumption.
2. It is possible that sizeable enemy forces (company/platoon groups) are now located to the West of AO COLUMBUS in the new AO NULLARBOR. During the period 22 Jan - 6 Feb 68 numerous reports have been received from friendly formations of contacts with, and sightings of, enemy forces in this area.
3. At this stage little detailed Intelligence is available on current enemy strengths or locations adjoining 1 ATF Western boundary. However, it can be expected that a mixture of VC mainforce, local force and guerilla elements, similar to those already encountered in AO COLUMBUS, could be met.
4. Unevaluated friendly reports have been received of enemy HQ elements, possible 122mm rocket sites, base camps and movement by enemy groups. Information received at 121300H Feb 68 indicates that VC elements may be located in the following grid squares: YI1216, YI1316, YI1417, YI1416, YI1415, YI1414 and YI1514. Attempts are to be made during the night 12/13 Feb 68 to confirm and clarify these reports.

Locations

5. Details of enemy track systems, suspected base areas, weapon pits and caches are shown in Annex Q.

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF FRAGO 2
DATED 122300H FEB 68
OF COBURG

Serial	Date/Timings	Event	Grouping	Remarks/Coordination
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	121200H	W Coy 2 RAR moves to under comd 3 RAR and commences operations.	FO Party = no change.	AO COLOMBUS is extended WEST see Annex P.
2	130745H	D Coy 2 RAR moves from LZ YT245175 to FSPB ANDERSEN. CO 3 RAR meets OC D Coy 2 RAR at FSPB ANDERSEN.	D Coy 2 RAR op con 3 RAR on arrival FSPB.	
3	130830H	a. 161 Fd Bty (incl spare ammo) moves by air to FSPB ANDERSEN. b. Det 131 Div Loc Bty (Radar) moves by air to FSPB ANDERSEN.	161 Fd Bty under comd for local defence OC A Sqn until 141200H.	
4	131200H	C Coy 3 RAR) 1 Tp A Sqn)	RV with LRRP from 101 AB Div at YT137128.	1 Tp A Sqn op con 3 RAR from 130730H.
5	131300H	2 RAR (A, B Coys and Bn HQ) extracts to FSPB ANDERSEN by AHC and thence NUI DAT by CH47.	One mor sect Mor Pl 2 RAR now located FSPB ANDERSEN to move with road convoy 14 Feb.	PZg. Bn HQ YT223149 A, B Coys YT233174.
6	130800H	D Coy 3 RAR commences relief A Coy 7 RAR at FSPB HARRISON as FSPB def coy. Completed by 130930H.		
7	130930H	A Coy 7 RAR moves by air to NUI DAT (CH47).		
8	AM 13 Feb	Recce of Route 15 for going and state of bridges, culverts by engr recce offr in H13.		OC 1 Fd Sqn to coord

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
9	140730H	One Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and one Pl V Coy 2 RAR move to LONG BINH and escort Adv ALSG veh convoy to FSPB ANDERSEN. No of vehs excluding escort = 18 vehicles approx (includes 1 x MP veh and one gun veh), one tk tptr, recovery veh and one x 2 1/2 ton 110 Sig Sqn. (Fork lift LONG BINH to VUNG TAU will require CH54 or tk tptr).		1. RV LONG BINH - YTO71130 (junc routes 1 and 316) 2. Approx no of vehs remaining LONG BINH for move with road convoy to NUI DAT, 2 x 5 ton vehs, 1 x 2 1/2 ton veh, 7 x Landrovers.
10	140730H	Bn HQ, A Coy and Mor Pl 3 RAR move by air from FSPB HARRISON to FSPB ANDERSEN a. 2IC 3 RAR is nominated as Comd FSPB ANDERSEN from 141200H. b. A Coy 3 RAR is allotted as def Coy FSPB ANDERSEN.	a. Two mor APCs A Sqn 3 Cav Regt are allotted op con 3 RAR from 140730H. b. One sect mor pl 3 RAR is to remain in FSPB ANDERSEN for local def at all times.	OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to hand over to 2IC 3 RAR comd local def FSPB ANDERSEN on 14 Feb. See Annex D.
11	140930H approx	V Coy 2 RAR is released from def coy FSPB ANDERSEN. Coy to marry up with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and prepare for road mov to NUI DAT.	V Coy op con OC A Sqn for road mov V Coy strength = 104 personnel. to NUI DAT.	
12	Commencing 140800H	a. 4 Fd Regt less 106 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty extracts by air (CH47) from FSPB HARRISON to NUI DAT. b. D Coy 3 RAR released from def coy FSPB HARRISON when extraction complete.	D Coy 3 RAR reverts to under comd 3 RAR.	WP to be moved in same lift. See Annex D.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
13	To be advised	Special equipment lift: D4 dozer is to be lifted from FSPB HARRISON to FSPB ANDERSEN for move by road to NUI DAT.		
14	140830H	TF HQ - FSPB ANDERSEN. HQ less Tac HQ extracts to NUI DAT by air and road. Air Movement to NUI DAT. (1) TF HQ (2) Engrs (3) Sigs (4) HQ Coy. OC HQ Coy to coord PZ, hel sorties incl priority of movement.		See Annex D
15	141200H	Road convoy to NUI DAT. (1) Adv TFMA (2) 2 RAR and 7 RAR echs (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less two tps (4) 1 Fd Sqn (-), 3 Tp is to remain in AO COLUMBUS to sp 3 RAR (5) TF HQ vehicles	A Sqn less two tps: Cp con V Coy 2 RAR mor sect 2 RAR one mini team 1 Fd Sqn one combat Engr team 1 Fd Sqn In sp: LFT One H13 Under comd for mov: Adv TFMA (incl Dn echs), Arty, Engr and Sig vehs, TF HQ vehs, Adv HQ 1 LASG vehs after RV at LONG BINH	See Annex C

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF FRAGO 2
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ROAD MOVEMENT TABLE

1. Average Speed 20 MPH.
2. Density 40 metres between vehicles.
3. Halts Nil
4. Route
 - a. QL 1
 - b. QL 15
 - c. LTL 2
 - d. Engr bypass rd from HOA LONG to NUI DAT
5. Critical Pts
 - a. SP Bridge en rd to KA TRANG BOM YT205118
 - b. Rel Pt West end LUSCOMBE airstrip
6. Timings
 - a. Convoy formed up in order of serials by 141200H
 - b. Convoy passes SP at 141220H.
7. Coordination Elms Adv HQ 1 ALSG RV's with convoy at YT056084 and moves to BARIA with convoy.

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Serial	Unit	No of vehs			Pers to move	Coord Instrs	Remarks
		Landrovers	Larger vehs	Total			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	A Sqn less two tps plus two mor APCs (mor sect 2 RAR)	-	17	17	N/A		V Coy 2 RAR moves with Tp A Sqn. A Sqn (-) dispersed through convoy as ordered by OC A Sqn
2	MP vehs	2		2			
3	1 Fd Sqn (-)	3	2 tippers, 7 1 x 5 ton, 1 x tk tptr (1 x D4 dozer)		One combat engr team plus 12 personnel	1 x 5 ton and Michigan fork lift and front end 1 x tk tptr loader on 5 ton veh. (RAASC) incl 1 x Landrover 1 x tipper 1 x tilting trailer 1 x D4 Dozer	} Remain FSPB ANDERSEN
4	HQ Coy	2	1	3	13	1 x 5 ton RAASC incl	
5	4 Fd Regt	1		1	2		
6	Inf Bn Echs 2 RAR 7 RAR		3 3			1 x 5 ton RAASC incl 1 x 5 ton RAASC incl	1 Landrover handed over to 3 RAR
7	Adv TFMA	4	4	8			One 1/4 ton is gun veh. 2 x 5 ton vehs remain with 3 RAR

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
8	104 Sig Sqn	2	1	3	4		Incl 1 x 2½ ton 110 Sig Sqn veh. 1 x Landrover (104 Sig Sqn) remains FSPB ANDERSEN
9	TFMA RAEME Recovery Vehicle		2 1	2 1			Spare vehs.

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ANNEX C TO 1
1 ATF BRAGO 2
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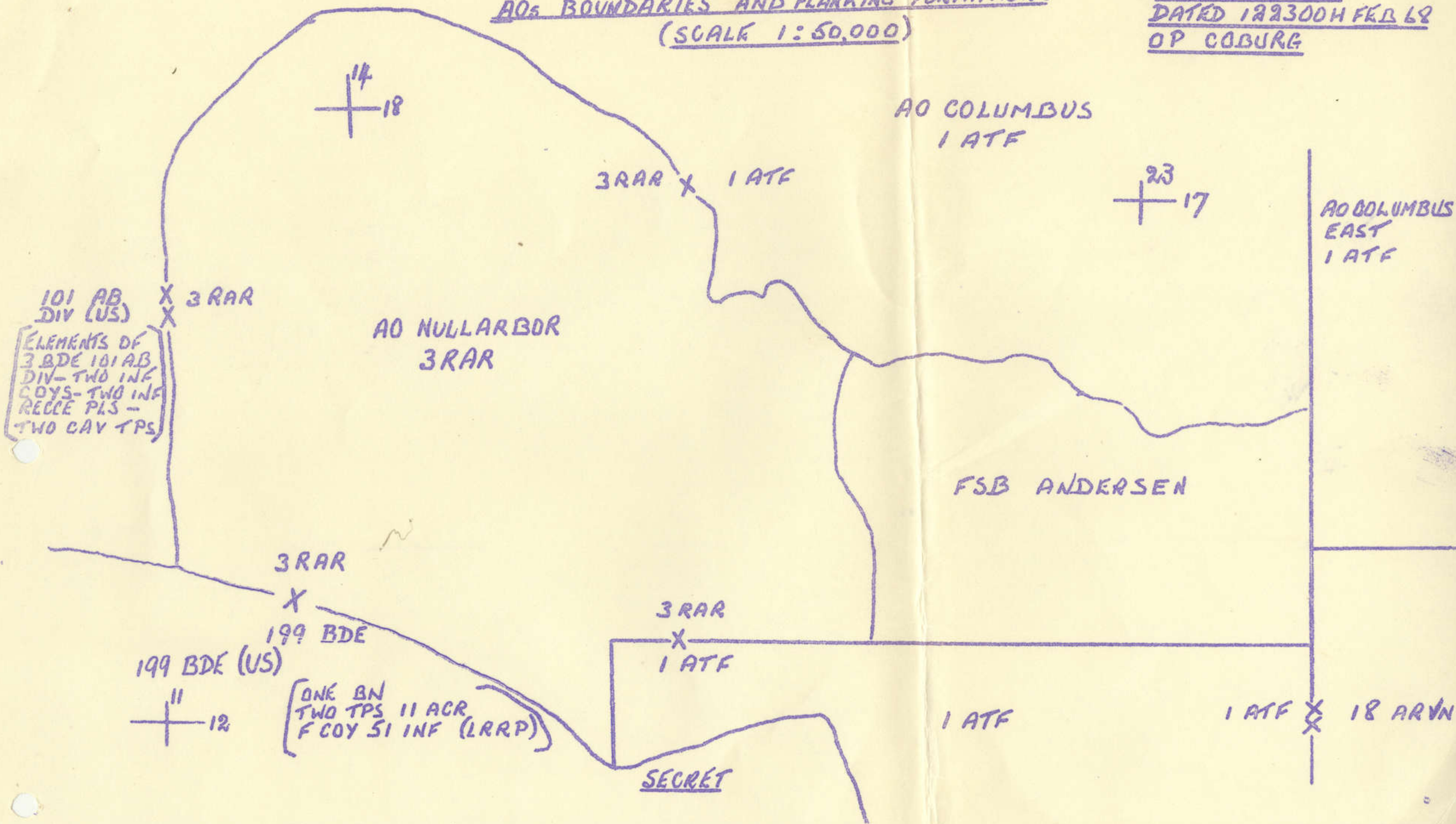
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4.	YS253744	CLUB FOOT
5.	YS228795	BACK ACHE
6.	YS190855	CUT LEG
7.	YS152891	BITTEN TONGUE
8.	YS131935	WEAK HEART
9.	YS123971	BROKEN ARM
10.	YT092025	BAD TEETH
11.	YT062075	STIFF NECK
12.	YT045097	SHORT VISION
13.	YT073130	VERICOSE VEIN
14.	YT119124	SWOLLEN HEAD
15.	YT183110	TENNIS ELBOW

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AOs BOUNDARIES AND FLANKING FORMATIONS
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ANNEX P TO
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↑ - AA/AW POSITION
A - AA FIRE
■ - BUNKER
□ - BASE CAMP
□ - FOXHOLE
▭ - TRENCH

• - CONTACT
X - DESTROYED
⌂ - HUT
T - TUNNEL
⊕ - TRAINING AREA
□ - VC INSTALLATION

⊠ - FORT RECTANGULAR
O - OCCUPIED
U - UNOCCUPIED
⊗ - MINEFIELD
☼ - STRONG POINT

--- FOOT TRACKS NOT ON MAP
——— CART TRAILS NOT ON MAP

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The HQ 1 ATF
TRANG BOM

131200H Feb 68

SIG INSTR 3/68 (OP GOBURG)

Reference: A. 1 ATF OPSO15 dated 122300H Feb 68.

Time Zone used throughout this instr: HOTEL.

General

1. This instruction details the revised communication facilities covering the redeployment of 1 ATF elements.

Radio

2. TF Comd Net
 - a. Control reverts to HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT at 141000H.
 - b. The LCPs at XUAN LOC and at 199 Bde are to remain on the TF Comd Net.
3. TF Comd Net Rear. This net is to close at 141000H.
4. Air Task Net. (EAGLE HEIGHTS) The Air Task Net at FSPB ANDERSEN is to continue.
5. HF RTT/Voice Link. A HF Circuit is to be established between FSPB ANDERSEN and Sigcen HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT at 132200H. On line encryption will be provided on this circuit.
6. VHF Re-transmission. Aerial Re-transmission facilities may be requested by 3 RAR Gp through GSO2 (Air) at FSPB ANDERSEN.

RR

7. RR facilities provided by 53 rd US Sig Bn will continue. Following are channel allocations:-

Channel 1.	PLANTATION	TO	3 RAR SWBD
2.	3 RAR SUBD	TO	EBONY SUBD
3.	3 RAR CP	TO	EBONY CP
4.	3 RAR SWBD	TO	HURRICANE TOC
5.	3 RAR CP	TO	HURRICANE TOC
6.	Comd ROVER Gp	TO	HURRICANE TOC
7.	GSO2 (Air) FSPB ANDERSEN	TO	HURRICANE TOC
10.	161 Fd Bty	TO	HURRICANE TOC

Subd and Line

8. EBONY Fwd Subd and line system will become 3 RAR Subd from 141000H.

Sigcen

9. A small sigcen will remain at FSPB ANDERSEN employing HF RTT. (See para 8).

DB

10. Existing aerial despatch service is to continue.

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NUI DAT

142300H Feb 68

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OpO 6/68 (Op OAKLEIGH)

References: A. HOA LONG Sketch Map, Enlarged from 1 : 5,000, Field Revised Nov 67.
B. HOA LONG (SPECIAL), 1 : 5,000.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) During their TET offensive the VC activity in HOA LONG (YS4264) has consisted of harassment of the sub sector post, contacts with PF and RF patrols within the village and harassment of the Police Field Force post. The VC have used small arms, grenades, RPGs and claymores in their attack. There have also been reports of mortar fire though these are not confirmed. The reported strength of VC forces within the village has been up to 30.

(2) The trails leading into the village from the WEST have been active and patrol contacts and sightings have occurred in the vicinity of the SONG CAU.

(3) It appears that at present there is a number of VC living within HOA LONG probably with their own families and that there is resupply activity being carried on between the village and the VC base camps in the NORTH NUI DINH hills area.

b. Friendly Forces. No change.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Under op con	National Police
from 160800H	Police Field Force
	Women Police
	Interpreters

Numbers to be based on two police (or GVN personnel) per search team, one interpreter per pl, two police per checkpoint plus personnel for holding, screening and disposal areas.

(2) Under comd	eight TCVs
from 151800H	26 Coy RAASC

2. Mission. To cordon and search the village of HOA LONG YS4264 on 15 - 16 Feb.

3. Execution.

a. General outline. 1 ATF is to cordon HOA LONG by 152200H. The village is to be searched and all inhabitants screened on 16 Feb. Suspect persons are to be moved to Sector for further investigation by GVN personnel. The operation is to be conducted in 7 Phases. The 7 RAR Coy ambush operation west of HOA LONG will continue on the night 15/16 Feb as a preliminary operation.

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- (1) Phase 1 7 RAR cordons HOA LONG.
- (2) Phase 2 Establishment of holding, screening disposal areas by elements of 2 RAR.
- (3) Phase 3 Movement of all civilians to the holding areas vic SW Checkpoint.
- (4) Phase 4 2 RAR sweeps HOA LONG from North to South.
- (5) Phase 5 2 RAR searches the area of HOA LONG.
- (6) Phase 6 Maintenance of cordon overnight 16/17 Feb and continuation of search on 17 Feb.
 (if ordered)
- (7) Phase 7 Extraction of 1 ATF to NUI DAT.

b. Groupings. Annex A.

c. 2 RAR.

(1) Task Organization.

- A Coy
- B Coy
- V Coy
- 1 SAS Sqn after release from 7 RAR
- Other grouping Annex A.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) At 160645H establish central holding, screening and disposals areas for all inhabitants of HOA LONG vic SW Checkpoint.
- (b) At 160730H commence sweeping HOA LONG from NORTH to SOUTH ensuring all inhabitants except bedridden move to holding area.
- (c) On completion of sweep and after collection of sector police and interpreters, commence detailed search of HOA LONG.
- (d) Maintain one sect mor pl in base loc.

d. 3 RAR Rear.

- (1) Maintain base defs.
- (2) Restrict patrolling to East of 46 easting within Unit Patrol AO.

e. 7 RAR.

(1) Task Organization.

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- 1 SAS Sqn until completion Phase 4
- 1 ARU incl Def Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF
- Other grouping Annex A.

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(2) Tasks.

- (a) Deploy one coy to ambush West of HOA LONG vic SONG CAU. Ambush sites to be occupied by 151915H.
- (b) Cordon village of HOA LONG moving on foot from NUI DAT base.
- (c) Maintain cordon throughout 16 Feb whilst village is swept and searched.
- (d) Be prepared to maintain cordon ni 16/17 Feb and on 17 Feb if ordered.
- (e) Extract to NUI DAT by TCV on order HQ 1 ATF.
- (f) Maintain Mor Pl in base.

f. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (1) Deploy one tp op con 2 RAR from 160630H.
- (2) Place two mor APCs under comd 2 RAR from 151600H.
- (3) Move one coy 7 RAR from ambush loc West of HOA LONG to NUI DAT AM 16 Feb.
- (4) Be prepared to take over sections of the cordon from 7 RAR if ordered. Possible areas are NW and SW of HOA LONG.
- (5) Provide one tp as TF reserve see para

g. 1 SAS Sqn.

- (1) Sqn is op con 2 RAR and 7 RAR as shown in Annex A.
- (2) Tasks will include:
 - (a) 7 RAR - Cordon.
 - (b) 2 RAR - Searching.

h. Arty.

- (1) Allotment. No change.
- (2) Fire Plan. DFs are to be planned outside cordon position. DFs are to be adjusted when cordon is in position.

i. 1 Fd Sqn.

- (1) Provide combat engr teams as shown in Annex A.
- (2) Tunnel search equipment is to be on standby.
- (3) Erect in conjunction with 2 RAR all barbed wire perimeter fences in holding, screening and disposal areas. Allot tippers and provide wire required.
- (4) Clear a vehicular track inside the village perimeter wire as discussed with Comd 1 ATF/GSO2 (Ops) previously. Task not to be commenced before Phase 5 commences.

j. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

- (1) Provide one H13 under comd 2 RAR.

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- (2) Provide one H13 on standby for TF HQ under GSO2's control.
- (3) Maintain VR by starlight scope ni 15/16 Feb and by day 16 Feb out to 2000m from HOA LONG.

k. Det 1 Div Int Unit.

- (1) Organize following support:

National Police
Police Field Force
Women Police
Interpreters
Ranger Pl

Other elements for Screening Area as discussed with D Comd, SA Phuoc Tuy Province and OC Det 1 Div Int Unit.

- (2) Collect GVN personnel and organize movement to HOA LONG. Allot to 2 RAR; moves elements for search teams to Market Place.

l. 1 Aust CA Unit.

- (1) Effect liaison between Bn HQ 2 RAR and District and Village Officials.
- (2) Conduct MEDCAP and DENTCAP.
- (3) Assist 2 RAR where necessary in population control.

m. Psy Ops.

- (1) Provide voice ac to op from 160600H as ordered.
- (2) Provide vehicle mounted PA system in conjunction with 104 Sig Sqn.
- (3) Provide leaflets to be handed to householders and to be left in houses searched.
- (4) Organize VIS team.
- (5) Prepare broadcast (material to state how VC can rally if in holding areas.

n. Det AFV Pro Unit. Provide three MPs under comd 2 RAR for checkpoint and traffic control duties.

o. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Boundaries.

(a) 7 RAR is to operate outside the village perimeter fence.

(b) 2 RAR and 1 Fd Sqn are to operate inside the perimeter fence except for operations in vic SW Checkpoint.

(2) Timings. Annex B.

(3) Holding, screening, disposal area. 2 RAR are responsible.

(4) Liaison. Maj Chutter is the US Advisor to the district LONG LE (HOA LONG village is part of this district). He will ensure all RF/PF/RD Cadre remain in compounds throughout the operation.

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(5) Cordon and Search Techniques.

(a) Cordon is to be prepared for encounters with up to 30 VC. Section posts should be used and small parties avoided.

(b) All inhabitants are to be moved to central holding area and the village swept before searching commences.

(c) No one is to be released from the disposal area until orders are issued by HQ 1 ATF.

(d) 1 ATF Search Pro Forma are to be used. Annex C.

(e) Suspects will be cleared to Sector at regular intervals.

(f) Persons found bedridden or sick are to be left in their houses and RMO 2 RAR is to verify their condition. Due to the duration of operation, these personnel may require evacuation. 1 Aust CA Unit to assist 2 RAR in this matter.

(g) All troops are to be warned of the dangers of mines and booby traps especially in culverts, near bunds and fences.

(e) All civilian property and gardens are to be safeguarded especially as all householders will not be present during search - Phase 5.

(6) Air.

(a) Army Aviation. LFT is required from 160700H to 161200H on standby at KANGAROO.

(7) TF Reserve.

(a) Night 15/16 Feb (Coy 2 RAR
(Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
on 30 minutes notice to move.

(b) From 160715H (Coy 7 RAR
(Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
on 15 minutes notice to move.

(8) Base Defence. All base defence positions are to be maintained throughout this operation. Minimum standards are normal rear element strengths.

(9) Ground Clearance. Ground clearance for all areas in HOA LONG and for 1000m from the perimeter fence has been applied for.

(10) Riot Control Agent.

(a) Will be available for use. Details to be issued later.

(b) All tps participating are to carry respirators.

(11) Check Points.

(a) 2 RAR is establish Check Points at the North and South exits to the village.

(b) Normal Checkpoints SW and E are to be established. 2 RAR to coordinate deployment.

(12) Official Passes. CO 1 Aust CA Unit in conjunction with OC Det 1 Div Int Unit is to provide official passes for Province, Sector, District and Village Officials.

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4. Administration and Logistics.

a. 2 RAR is to provide:

- (1) Rations all attached GVN personnel for lunch 16 Feb.
- (2) Emergency rations for holding area.
- (3) Water for holding, screening and disposal areas.
- (4) Tentage, accommodation, etc., stores for central control area.
Ensure adequate tent fly type cover available for women and children.

b. All bids for assistance are to be forwarded to DAQMG HQ 1 ATF by 150900H.

5. Command and Signal.


a. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.

b. Codeword for operation: OAKLEIGH.

Ack Instructions: Ack by telephone to EBONY 50.

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- Annexes:
- A. Groupings.
 - B. Timings and Sequence of Events.
 - C. 1 ATF Search Pro Forma.

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GROUPING - OP OAKLEIGH

Annex A to
1 ATF OpO 6/68
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Serial	Status	2 RAR	7 RAR	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	4 Fd Regt	1 Fd Sqn
1	Under Comd	Four Combat engr teams. 1 Fd Sqn from 151800H. one voice ac)161 one H13 (Indep) Recce Flt. two mor APCs A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 151600H. Three MP Det AFV Pro Unit from 151800H.	One combat engr team. 1 Fd Sqn from 151800H until 160830H.	Two mini teams from 151500H.		
2.	Op con	One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 160630H. Det 1 Div Int Unit. Det 1 Aust CA Unit. National Police, PFF, Women Police and ARVN tps. 1 SAS Sqn from 160830H.	1 ARU incl Def Pl HQ 1 ATF and 1 SAS Sqn from 151500H.			
3	Remaining in DS	108 Fd Bty	106 Fd Bty			

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TIMINGS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
OP OAKLEIGH

Annex B to
1 ATF OpO 6/68
Dated 142300H Feb 68
Op OAKLEIGH

Serial	Date/Timings	Event	Coordination	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	By 151915H	Coy 7 RAR is to occupy ambush positions West of HOA LONG vic SONG CAU.		Coy to be dug in.
2	152200H	Phase 1 complete. 7 RAR Gp cordon in position.	No more outside 1 ATF base perimeter before 151915H.	
3	160600H	Voice aircraft warns HOA LONG population that village is cordoned. Prepare food for one day. Other details will be broadcast later. Do not leave houses.	GS03 (Psy Ops).	
4	160630H	Phase 3 commences. Voice aircraft orders population to move to assembly area vic SW Check Point. Broadcast covers leave houses open, tether animals, reminder re food.	Ac to remain in area and continue broadcasting until all houses are cleared.	
5	160645H	Phase 2. Establishment of holding, screening and disposal areas by 2 RAR in vic SW Check Point.	a. Route from NUI DAT is via Engr Bypass Rd. b. One tp A Sqn escorts convoy and remains in screening area.	
6	160730H	Phase 4 commences. 2 RAR to ferry coys forward to area 1/83 Arty (US) by vehicle. Movement forward of this area by foot. Sweep from North to South.		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
7	160830H	1 Aust CA Unit organizes district and village officials for introduction to CO 2 RAR.		
8	160830H	1 SAS Sqn moves op con 2 RAR for Phase 5.		
9	160845H	a. Sector convoy moves to SW Check Point on order. b. OC Det 1 Div Int Unit organizes grouping and allocation to units of Sector personnel. c. 2 RAR ready to commence Phase 5 after National Police and Interpreters allocated.	Convoy to be on standby from 160830H and to move forward on order.	Police and interpreters for 2 RAR search coys are to be moved to Market Place for marrying up with 2 RAR coys.
10	160900H	Phase 5 is to commence as soon as possible after completion of Phase 4 and marry up with Sector elements.		
11	160900H	On commencement Phase 5, 1 Fd Sqn is to clear circular strip inside perimeter fence of HOA LONG.		
12	161600H	Decision made on Phase 6. If Phase 6 is ordered, wire fences in holding area are to be left intact. Other stores to be removed.		
13	To be advised	a. Extraction to NUI DAT base. b. Order of move 7 RAR Gp, Sector convoy 2 RAR Gp.		
14	161830H	If Phase 6 not implemented, Phase 7 is to be completed by this time.		

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1 ATF SEARCH PRO FORMA

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Annex C to
1 ATF OpO 6/68
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Serial	Sub Unit	Location	Householder's Name	ID Card No	Items incl Quantity	Remarks

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

16 Feb 68

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME 180800H TO 250800H FEB 68

1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the above dates.
2. 2 RAR Programme will be issued separately.



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C.	33A 36.80	32 36.80	31A 36.80	33 36.80	31A 36.80
D.	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF
E.	Recce WENDY.	Ambush and search MAY.	Recce JEAN.	Fighting ptl SALLY.	ID check WENDY WEST.
F.	Sect	Pl	Sect	Pl (-)	Sect
G.	190645H	191300H	200700H	210630H	220630H
H.	191900H	221400H	201830H	211730H	221800H
J.	Out - WEST gap In - NORTH-EAST gap	Out - SOUTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap	Out - NORTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap	Out - SOUTH-EAST gap In - EASTERN checkpoint, Main gate	Out - WEST gap In - WEST gap
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Ptl's will be restricted to mor range if arty sp not aval.				Ptl to return to HORSESHOE for period 0830-1500 hrs.

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B.	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR
C.	32A 36.80	31 36.80	32A 36.80	33A 36.80
D.	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF
E.	Recce JEAN.	Ambush and search SALLY NORTH and GUSSY WEST.	Recce MAY WEST.	Recce WENDY.
F.	Sect	Pl	Sect	Sect
G.	230645H	231900H	240630H	250700H
H.	231845H	260900H	241830H	251900H
J.	Out - NORTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap	Out - Direct to vic YS5362 then SOUTH. In - EAST checkpoint, Main gate	Out - NORTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap	Out - WEST gap In - NORTH-EAST gap
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Coord with Sector.			
----- Ptls will be restricted to mor range if arty sp not aval -----				

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A.	3 RAR 3160/68	3161/68	3162/68	3163/68	3164/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 33.60	20C 33.60	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS456671 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS455653 near SEAN.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS456662 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS450649 in PAUL.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS460663 in JACK.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	191745H	191815H	201730H	201800H	211730H
H.	200800H	200730H	210730H	210800H	220800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

A.	3165/68	3166/68	3167/68	3168/68	3169/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 33.60	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS444650 in PAUL.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS457668 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS452652 in SEAN.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS458659 in JACK.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS458666 in JACK.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	211800H	221745H	221815H	231730H	231800H
H.	220830H	230730H	230800H	240745H	240800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

A.	3170/68	3171/68	3172/68	3173/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS448650 in PAUL.	Obsn of NORTH WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS454667 in JACK.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS458654 near SEAN.	Obsn of NORTH EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS457664 in JACK.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	241730H	241745H	251745H	251815H
H.	250730H	250800H	260745H	260800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
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A.	7 RAR 792/68	793/68	794/68	795/68	796/68
B.	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy	A Coy
C.	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Ambush in IRENE vic YS420705.	Ambush in JOHN at YS470715.	Recce and ambush in ADAM SOUTH of 73 Northing.	Recce and ambush in ROD.	Recce and ambush in ADAM NORTH of 73 Northing.
F.	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15
G.	191730H	191500H	200900H	201630H	211000H
H.	200800H	200830H	211030H	210730H	221700H
J.	Through JAN	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	PORKY 7	-	YS486730
L.	-	-	YS486730	-	PORKY 7
M.			1. Ptl comd to recce and secure an LZ in vic YS486730 for fly in of Ptl 796/68. Return on same hel. 2. Infil by veh as arranged by coy.		1. LZ secured by Ptl 794/68. 2. Returns by veh as arranged by coy.

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A.	797/68	798/68	799/68	7100/68	7101/68
B.	A Coy	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy
C.	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80	55.80
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Ambush in BARRY vic YS480686.	Recce and ambush in KEN.	Recce and ambush in JAN.	Recce and ambush in BERT NORTH of 71 Northing.	Ambush in KEITH vic YS469710.
F.	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15
G.	211330H	221300H	221730H	230730H	231630H
H.	221200H	231230H	230730H	241700H	240830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	To be coordinated with 3 RAR.	Emphasis to be placed on SUOI DA BANG.	Ambush to be loc on engr rd.	Infil/exfil by veh as arranged by coy.	

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A.	7102/68	7103/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy
C.	55.80	55.80
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and ambush in BERT SOUTH of 71 Northing.	Recce and ambush in PERCY.
F.	1 Offr/Sgt and 15	1 Offr/Sgt and 15
G.	240730H	241630H
H.	251700H	251100H
J.	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		1. To be coordinated with 3 RAR. 2. Emphasis on SUOI DA BANG.

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A.	1 ARU A007/68	A008/68
B.	1 ARU	1 ARU
C.	12 57.80	11 57.80
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Ptl in MIKE, PETER, BILL and CLAUDE.	Ptl in COLIN, CECIL, BOB, CLAUDE and DON.
F.	Sgt : 30	Sgt : 30
G.	191300H	221300H
H.	211200H	241200H
J.	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 190800H TO 260800H FEB 68

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A.	2 RAR 2194/68	2195/68	2196/68	2197/68
B.	Anti Tank Pl	Aslt Pnr Pl	A Coy	To be advised
C.	61 59.40	62 59.40	1 59.40	To be advised 59.40
D.	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Ambush in vicinity YS392640 ni 18/19, 19/20.	Ambush in vicinity YS396666 ni 18/19, 19/20.	Search and ambush BERYL and CARMEL.	Search and ambush CLARE, DORIS and DENISE.
F.	15	15	Coy	Coy
G.	181630H	181630H	200800H	250800H
H.	200900H	200900H	241600H	281630H
J.	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	1. Ptl to lie up by day vicinity YS381651. 2. Coy to arrange tpt. 3. Starlight scope to be carried.	1. Ptl to lie up by day vicinity YS403675. 2. Coy to arrange tpt. 3. Starlight scope to be carried.	1. 2 RAR CP to arrange tpt to AP SUOI NGHE and pick up on completion. 2. Extraction to be arranged by 2 RAR CP by APC or hel.	1. Tpt to be arranged by 2 RAR CP. 2. Amended areas CLARE, DORIS, DENISE to be issued by trace.

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ANNEX B TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 190800H TO 260800H FEB 68

A.	2 RAR 2196A/68	2197A/68	2198A/68	2199A/68
B.	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details	2 RAR Rear Details
C.	95E 38.40	95F 38.40	95F 38.40	95E 38.40
D.	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Patrol creek line from YS398639 to YS387644. Establish OP at vic YS389640.	Patrol PAT and establish an OP in vic YS404647.	Patrol PAT establish OP vic of YS399639.	PH NAN establish OP vic of YS395654.
F.	10	10	10	10
G.	201400H	201600H	211500H	211500H
H.	210900H	210800H	220900H	220900H
J.	Issued separately.	Issued separately.	Issued separately.	Issued Separately
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	1. Tpt arranged by CP. 2. Starlight scope to be carried.	As for 2196A/68.	As for 2196A/68	As for 2196A/68

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 180800H TO 250800H FEB 68

A.	7 RAR 794A/68	795A/68	796A/68	797A/68	798A/68
B.	7 RAR Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details	Rear Details
C.	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20
D.	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP	Admin CP
E.	Recce in IRENE SOUTH of 702 NORTHING.	Recce in KEITH.	Recce in ROD.	Recce in JAN.	Recce in PERCY.
F.	1 NCO and 4	1 NCO and 4	1 NCO and 4	1 NCO and 4	1 NCO and 4
G.	201730H	201800H	211700H	211800H	221630H
H.	210730H	210800H	220730H	220800H	230830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.				Ptl to observe Engr Rd.	To be coordinated with 3 RAR.

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A.	799A/68
B.	Rear Details
C.	43.20
D.	Admin CP
E.	Recce in JOHN.
F.	1 NCO and 4
G.	221700H
H.	230800H
J.	Direct
K.	-
L.	-
M.	Return by veh as arranged by Coy.

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ANNEX D TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 180800H TO 250800H FEB 68

A.	2 RAR 2200/68	2201/68	2202/68	2203/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy	A Coy	A Coy
C.	To be advised 59.40	To be advised 59.40	To be advised 59.40	To be advised 59.40
D.	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Search in area PENNY and ambush in vicinity YS381643.	Search in area NAN and ambush in vicinity YS394648.	Search and ambush in WIIMA, LINDA and JUNE.	Search and ambush in PAT, NAN and GAY.
F.	15	15	15	15
G.	221200H	221200H	230900H	231200H
H.	231000H	231000H	250900H	251000H
J.	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	1. Coy to arrange tpt. 2. Starlight scope to be carried.	As for Serial 2200/68.	1. Coy to arrange tpt. 2. Ambush ni 23/24 vicinity YS384673. 3. Ambush ni 24/25 vicinity YS397664.	1. Coy to arrange tpt. 2. Ambush ni 23/24 vicinity YS392642. 3. Lie up 24 Feb vicinity YS381651. 4. Ambush ni 24/25 Feb vicinity YS384652.

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION

DATE-TIME-GROUP

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171415Z Feb 68

From 1 ATF

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To LIST Z LESS SERIALS 8,
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REACTION COY (.) ONE (.) PERIOD 180600H - 250600H (.) 2 RAR IS
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2 RAR AND 7 RAR TO ACK (.)

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

190415Z FEB 68

From: 1 ATF

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To: LIST Z LESS SERIALS 8, 24, 25,
30, 31, 32

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WNG O . OP CLAYTON . 1 ATF (-) IS TO CORDON AND SEARCH VILLAGE OF
 LONG DIEN YS4259 ON 20 - 21 FEB 68 . NO MOVE BEFORE 201400H . OPO
 TO BE ISSUED PM 19 FEB 68 . NO O GP WILL BE HELD AS ALL DETAILS HAVE BEEN
 COVERED AT PLANNING CONFERENCE 190900H . ORBAT . 2 RAR GP (2 RAR (-) CMM
 1 SAS SQN CMM 1 ARU CMM DEF PL 1 ALSG CMM A SQN 3 CAV REGT (-)) . 7 RAR .
 4 FD REGT (-) . 1 FD SQN (-) . DET PRO . DET 1 DIV INT UNIT .
 1 AUST CA UNIT . 2 RAR AND 7 RAR TO REDUCE PATROLLING TO OUT OF BASE
 STRENGTH UNTIL OP COMPLETED . ADMIN . ALL TPS TO CARRY TWO DAYS RAT .
 ACK BY PHONE TO EBONY 50

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191600H Feb 68

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OpO 8/68 (Op CLAYTON)

References: A. L8015 Sheets 6429-IV-NE, 6429-I-NW, 6430-III-SE, 6430-II-SW,
Edition 2 AMS 1:25,000.
B. Sketch Map XA LONG DIEN and XA AN NGAI.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) GVN posts are located as follows:

- RF (20 - 30 tps) YS427605
- PF (70 tps) YS432596 (Main Compound)
- RF (20 - 30 tps) YS425590
- RF (20 - 30 tps) YS423573
- RF (20 - 30 tps) YS436593
- PF (11 tps) Br YS447597

(2) Minefields. Annex P.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Op con from 210730H

- National Police
- Police Field Force
- Women Police
- Interpreters
- Other Sector personnel
- MSS, S2

(2) In sp from 201500H until 2 AHC
released and from 211500H until
released.

2. Mission. To cordon and search the village of LONG DIEN YS4259 excluding hamlets AP CONG LIEN, AP LONG TRUOC, AP HOA LOI, AP CHO BEN on 20/21 Feb 68.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. 1 ATF is to cordon XA LONG DIEN by 201830H. Commencing first light 21 Feb the population is to move to the screening area YS4360. 7 RAR is then to sweep the village from SOUTH to NORTH. 7 RAR and elements of 2 RAR then search the village working NORTH to SOUTH. Simultaneously the inhabitants will be screened. If ordered, the cordon is to be held overnight. On completion of the search and screening 1 ATF will extract to NUI DAT. The operation is to be conducted in six phases:

Phase 1. Insertion of cordon forces by AHC, APC and TCVs - 2 RAR Gp.

Phase 2. Insertion of blocking forces - 7 RAR.

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Phase 3. Population moves to screening area. Sweep of LONG DIEN, SOUTH to NORTH, by 7 RAR.

Establishment of holding, screening and disposal areas by 7 RAR.

Phase 4. Search of LONG DIEN by 2 RAR and 7 RAR.

Screening of population.

Phase 5. Holding cordon in position overnight and population in screening area (if ordered).

Phase 6. Extraction of 1 ATF to NUI DAT base.

b. Groupings. Annex B.

c. 2 RAR Tasks:

- (1) Responsible for cordon.
- (2) Establish four road blocks, one on each main approach to LONG DIEN.
- (3) Op con two coys to 7 RAR for search - Phase 4.
- (4) Be prepared to execute Phase 5 if ordered.
- (5) Extract to NUI DAT on orders HQ 1 ATF.

d. 7 RAR.

- (1) Insert by AHC a blocking force of ~~two~~ coys EAST and SOUTH-EAST of cordon but contiguous with the cordon to deny en operations against the cordon and the village ni 20/21 Feb.
- (2) Cordon refugee camp at YS456596 ni 20/21 Feb.
- (3) Commencing 210730H sweep LONG DIEN from SOUTH to NORTH moving all population to holding area.
- (4) On order HQ 1 ATF commence search of LONG DIEN from NORTH to SOUTH. Two coys 2 RAR op con 7 RAR for this Phase.
- (5) By 210815H establish in conjunction with 1 Fd Sqn (-) holding, screening and disposal areas vic YS435605.
- (6) Be prepared to execute Phase 5 if ordered.
- (7) Extract to NUI DAT on order.
- (8) Provide one coy op con 2 RAR for cordon from 201400H to 210700H.

e. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (1) Deploy Sqn HQ, one tp and two sects op con 2 RAR.
- (2) Deploy two mor APCs op con 7 RAR.

f. Artillery.

- (1) Allotment. No change.
- (2) Fire Plan. DFs are to be planned outside cordon position. DFs are to be adjusted when cordon is in position on order HQ 1 ATF.

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g. 1 Fd Sqn.

- (1) Provide combat engr teams as shown in Annex B.
- (2) Remainder of Sqn op con 7 RAR for tasks in holding, disposal areas.
- (3) Tunnel search equipment is to be on standby.

h. A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp. Conduct survey work, but after coordination with 7 RAR.

i. 1 SAS Sqn.

- (1) Sqn (-) is op con 2 RAR.
- (2) Tasks - As allotted by 2 RAR.

j. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

- (1) Provide ac as shown in Annex B.
- (2) Maintain VR by starlightscope ni 20/21 Feb and by day 21 Feb out to 2,000 metres from LONG DIEN.

k. Det 1 Div Int Unit.

- (1) Organize GVN elements as discussed with Comd.
- (2) Collect personnel and organize movement to LONG DIEN.
- (3) Allot National Police and Interpreters to 2 RAR and 7 RAR for search - Phase 4.
- (4) Provide recognition passes for cleared officials.

l. 1 Aust CA Unit.

- (1) Effect liaison between HQ 7 RAR and Province, District and village officials.
- (2) Provide med facilities as agreed.
- (3) Assist 7 RAR by provision of tentage for cover in holding and disposal areas.

m. HQ Coy HQ 1 ATF. Provide Def Pl op con 7 RAR for op.

n. Psy Ops.

- (1) Provide in conjunction with 161 (Indep) Recce Flt voice ac from 210600H.
- (2) Provide vehicle mounted PA system.
- (3) Provide leaflets to be handed to householders and to be left in houses searched.
- (4) Organize VIS Team.
- (5) Prepare broadcast material suitable for use against surrounded VC.

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o. Det AFV Pro Unit. Provide six MP for check point duty with 2 RAR.
p. 1 ALSG. Has agreed to provide Def Pl 1 ALSG for op. RV 1 SAS Sqn by 201400H.

q. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Boundaries, cordon positions etc - Annex Q.

(2) Timings - Annex C.

(3) Holding, screening and disposal areas. 7 RAR is responsible.

(4) Liaison.

(a) Capt C RULE (Aust) is the Advisor to the LONG DIEN District.

(b) All RF/PF/RD Cadre will be ordered to remain in posts from time cordon in position until ordered otherwise. 7 RAR to organize picquets on all posts during 21 Feb 68 to prevent armed personnel moving out during search phase. 7 RAR to liaise with GS02 (Ops) on posts outside cordon area.

(c) LO team from 2 RAR is to be inserted by hel after cordon in position. LZ YS438597 secured by Capt RULE on request by HQ 1 ATF via Sector net. Team is to be located at main compound YS432596. No other teams will be deployed due to security and other problems. LO team to be on 2 RAR Comd net and prepared to flick to TF Comd Net if necessary.

(5) Cordon and Search Techniques.

(a) Cordon is to be prepared for encounters with up to 30 VC. Section posts should be used and small parties avoided.

(b) All inhabitants are to be moved to central holding area and the village swept before searching commences.

(c) No one is to be released from the disposal area until orders are issued by HQ 1 ATF.

(d) 1 ATF Search Pro Forma are to be used. Annex D.

(e) Suspects will be cleared to Sector at regular intervals.

(f) Persons found bedridden or sick are to be left in their houses and RMO 7 RAR is to verify their condition. Due to the duration of operation, these personnel may require evacuation. 1 Aust CA Unit to assist 7 RAR in this matter.

(g) All troops are to be warned of the dangers of mines and booby traps especially in culverts, near bunds, fences and RF/PF posts. NOTE: Minefields on Annex P.

(h) All civilian property and gardens are to be safeguarded especially as all householders will not be present during search - Phase 4.

(6) Air.

(a) LFT is required from 210700H until released.

(b) 2 AHC are required in sp from 201500H and from 211500H until released.

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(7) TF Reserve Orders issued separately.

(8) Base Defence. All base defence positions are to be maintained throughout this operation. Minimum standards are normal rear element strengths.

(9) Ground Clearance. Ground clearance for all areas in LONG DIEN and for 1000m from the perimeter has been applied for.

(10) Tfc Control. 2 RAR is to establish road blocks as ordered. NO traffic is to enter or leave LONG DIEN from time of establishment until op concluded. National Police are required to assist in manning.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. General. No change from SOP.

b. Materiel and Svcs.

(1) Ammc. In accordance with SOP.

(2) Rats. Units carry two days.

(3) POL. As per SOP.

(4) Water. One 400 gal water truck from HQ 26 Coy RAASC will be avail at screening area. 7 RAR to site and protect.

(5) Tpt. Six TCVs and four stores vehs avail. Two stores vehs allotted to 1 Aust CA Unit. Reporting arrangements to be advised. Unit bids to Capt ST 1 ATF.

(6) Repair, Recovery and Backloading. All veh cas evac to 1 ATF Base. Units bid on EME 1 ATF as required. Recovery resources held centrally at 1 ATF Base.

c. Med.

(1) Units to provide own med resources.

(2) Aeromed evac. Requests through HQ 1 ATF.

5. Command and Signal.

a. HQ 1 ATF Main remains NUI DAT.

b. 2 RAR LO team LONG DIEN to join 1 ATF Comd Net as c/s 13 if ordered.

c. Codeword for the operation: CLAYTON.

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Ack Instructions: Ack by telephone to EBONY 50.

(R.L. HUGHES)
Brig
Comd

Authentication:

[Signature]
(D.V. SMITH)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

- Annexes:
- A. Enemy Forces.
 - B. Groupings.
 - C. Sequence of Events.
 - D. 1 ATF Search Pro Forma.
 - P. Location of known Minefields around LONG DIEN.
 - Q. Boundaries and other locations.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OPO 8/68
DATED 191600H FEB 68

ENEMY FORCES - OP CLAYTON

1. LONG DIEN is the capital of LONG DIEN DISTRICT and the HQ of LONG DIEN Sub Sector. It is the economic hub of PHUOC TUY PROVINCE and usually has population of some 14,000 persons although presently the population is thought to be about 8,000, concentrated mainly to the north of Route 23.
2. Since the commencement of the TET offensive the VC have harassed the town and occupied and demolished some government installations, particularly to the South of Route 23. Two ARVN battalions and 1 ATF elements had cleared the town by about 10 Feb 67. The last ARVN battalion withdrew from the town on 18 Feb 67. Light contact and harassing is continuing in the southern portion of the village. VC have used AK45s, RPG 2s, RPG 7s and other light automatic and semi auto weapons.
3. Present estimates place about 120 - 150 VC in the area of the northern LONG HAI mountains. The principal fighting units are thought to be C1/D445 with a strength of 20 to 30 armed with AK47s and B40s, and C25 (LONG DAT DIST Coy) with a strength of about 50 to 60.
4. Almost nightly since early Feb 68 there have been squad to platoon size contacts in the area of the RF/PF posts to the south of Route 23. These contacts are thought to be probes against GVN defences or groups of VC entering LONG DIEN in search of supplies.
5. It is most likely that if VC are contacted it will be in the Southern part of the village. This area suffered extensive damage as a result of Allied airstrikes and artillery and was also looted by ARVN units moving in the area. The population is, consequently, a little hostile.
6. Most recent contacts have been:
 - a. 180610H at YS434586
Squad sized VC group contacted by 52 ARVN Rangers. 3 x AK47 magazines captured. Documents identify group as 1st Pl, C1 Coy, D445 Bn.
 - b. 190820H at YS438588
6 VC seen, moving south to north, wearing green uniforms and blue scarves. Moved off to south east.
7. A recent agent states that a group of 130 VC were located at YS460568 at 151600H Feb 68. Some 40 of these were reported to be wearing ARVN uniforms. This report cannot be confirmed.

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OP CLAYTON - GROUPINGS

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF OPO 8/68
DATED 191600H FEB 68

Serial	Status	HQ 1 ATF	2 RAR	7 RAR	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Under Comd		Six MP Det AFV Pro Unit Six TCVs from 201400H		
2	Op Con		1 SAS Sqn 1 ARU Def Pl ALSG from 201400H Two combat engr teams 1 Fd Sqn from 201400H A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) (Sqn HQ, one tp and two sects) from 201400H One coy 7 RAR from 201400H to 210700H	Three combat engr teams 1 Fd Sqn from 201400H Two mor APCs from 201200H (released from op con 1 ATF) Two coys 2 RAR on order HQ 1 ATF for Phase 4 Def Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF from 201400H	Two mini teams 1 Fd Sqn
3	In DS	One H13 from 210700H	108 Fd Bty One H13 from 201400H	106 Fd Bty One H13 from 201500H	
4	In Sp		A Bty 1/83 Arty (US) - GSR (remaining) Two AHC from 201500H	A Bty 1/83 Arty (US) - GSR (remaining) Two AHC from release by 2 RAR until released	
5	GVN personnel NP, PFF, Women Police, Interpreters, etc as allocated by OC Det 1 Div Int Unit.				

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF OPO 8/68
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Serial	Date/Timings	Event	Coordination	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	201400H	Def Pl 1 ALSG reports to 1 SAS Sqn.	Pl Comd reports OC 1 SAS Sqn 201000H.	
2	201540H	<u>Phase 1.</u> 2 RAR road convoy (APCs and TCVs) departs 1 ATF via BARIA for LONG DIEN.	a. 7 RAR and Engr vehs to move with this convoy in rear as separate serial. b. 2 RAR controls convoy movement.	CO 2 RAR to amend timings for serials 2 and 3 if required.
3	201605H	2 RAR AHC lift departs LUSCOMBE.		
4	201615H	<u>Phase 1.</u> 2 RAR cordon arrives at LONG DIEN by AHC, APC and TCVs.	Voice ac on call PZ LUSCOMBE.	
5	201650H	<u>Phase 2.</u> 7 RAR commences fly in of four coys.	PZ LUSCOMBE. LZs secured by 2 RAR.	
6	201730H	7 RAR fly in completed.		
7	201830H	All tps in cordon and blocking positions and dug in.		
8	20/21 Feb	Cordon and blocks remain in loc overnight.		
9	210600H	Voice aircraft commences broadcasting. Further broadcasts at 210630H and then on call to 7 RAR. Population to commence moving at first light.	GS03 (Psy Ops) prepare tapes and check with GS02 (Ops).	/2.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
10	210730H	<u>Phase 3.</u> a. 7 RAR sweeps LONG DIEN from South to North. b. Holding, screening and disposal areas established by 7 RAR.	LFT on standby at KANGAROO from 210700H.	
11	210815H	a. Sector convoy arrives from VAN KEIP. b. Det 1 Aust CA Unit moves by RAAF Iroquois to screening area.	1 x UH1B required.	
12	210830H	<u>Phase 4.</u> Screening commences.		
13	On order HQ 1 ATF	<u>Phase 4.</u> Search of LONG DIEN by 7 RAR and two coys 2 RAR commences.	a. On completion of sweep. b. Two coys 2 RAR.	
14	Ni 21/22 Feb 68	<u>Phase 5.</u> If ordered, cordon remains in position overnight and population in screening area.		
15	PM 21 Feb	<u>Phase 6.</u> Extraction 1 ATF to NUI DAT base.	See FragO 1 - to be issued AM 20 Feb 68.	

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1 ATF SEARCH PRO FORMA

UNIT _____

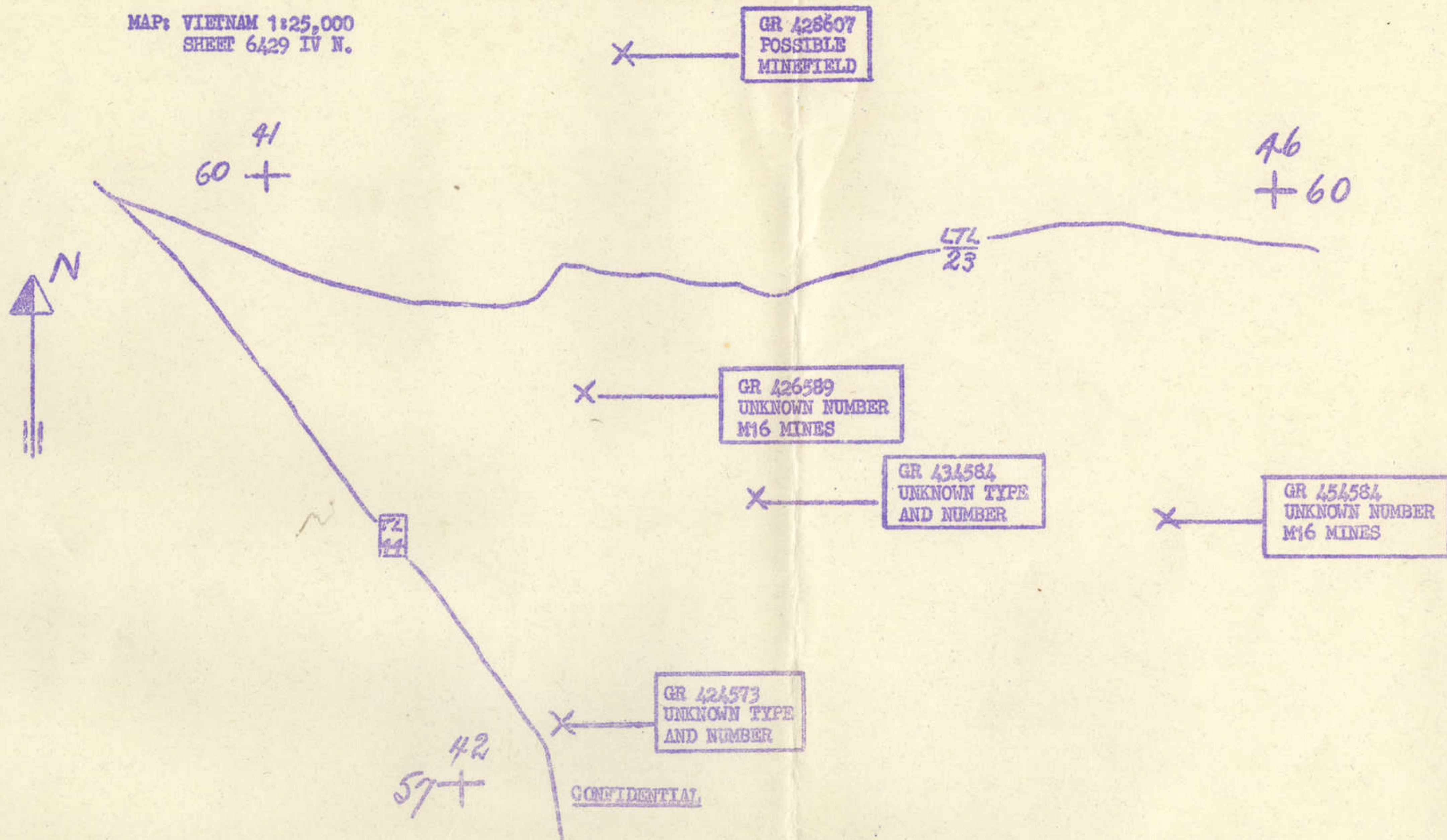
Serial	Sub Unit	Location	Householder's Name	ID Card No	Items incl Quantity	Remarks

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ANNEX P TO
1 ATF OPO 8/68
DATED 191600H FEB 68

LOCATION OF KNOWN MINEFIELDS AROUND LONG DIEN

MAP: VIETNAM 1:25,000
SHEET 6429 IV N.

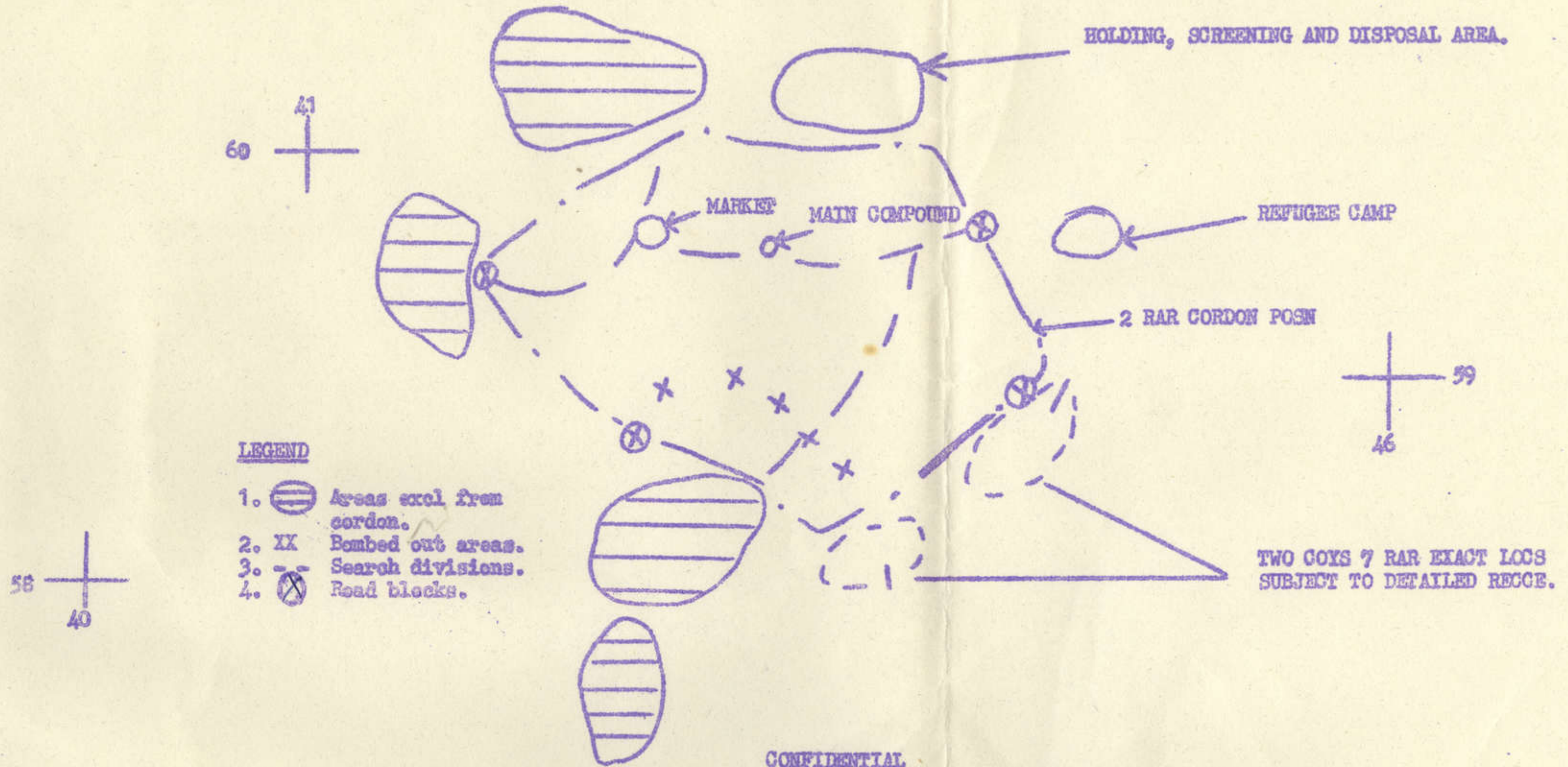


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ANNEX Q TO
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BOUNDARIES AND OTHER LOCATIONS
OF CLAYTON

References: A. L8015 Sheets 6429-IV-NE, 6429-1-NW, 6430-III-SE and 6430-II-SW, Edition 2 AMS 1:25,000.



LEGEND

- 1.  Areas excl from cordon.
- 2. XX Bombed out areas.
- 3.  Search divisions.
- 4.  Road blocks.

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF OPO 8/68
DATED 191600H FEB 68

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF ORIGIN
OF CLAYTON

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Point of Origin</u>
1	YS410590	821 - 830
2	YS420610	871 - 880
3	YS430590	851 - 860
4	YS450650	831 - 840

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

220200Z FEB 68

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From: 1 ATF

OPS314

To: LIST Z LESS SERIALS 8, 10, 12, 18,
23, 24, 30, 31, 32, 50

REDEPLOYMENT ORDERS .

2 RAR . ONE . D COY 2 RAR IS TO BE RELIEVED BY COY 7 RAR ON 23 FEB .
TWO . W COY 2 RAR IS TO BE RELIEVED BY ONE COY 7 RAR ON 24 FEB .
THREE . REACTION COY . 2 RAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR REACTION COY
CEASES 230600H .

7 RAR . ONE . 7 RAR IS TO DEPLOY ONE COY TO RELIEVE D COY 2 RAR AT BARIA
ON 23 FEB .

- A . MISSION NO CHANGE .
- B . OC RELIEVING COY TO REPORT TO GSO2 (OPS) FOR
BRIEFING PM 22 FEB AND THEN LIAISE WITH OC D COY 2 RAR AT
COY LOC .
- C . TIMINGS . COY 7 RAR DEPARTS NUI DAT AT 231300H .
- D . MOVE BY APC INCL MORS .
- E . RELIEF TO BE IN PLACE .

TWO . 7 RAR IS TO DEPLOY ONE COY TO RELIEVE W COY 2 RAR AT
PRESENT OP CON 3 RAR ON 24 FEB .

- A . COY IS OP CON 3 RAR FROM TIME ARRIVAL FSPB
ANDERSEN .
- B . MOVE BY AIR .
- C . TIMINGS AND MOVEMENT DETAILS TO FOLLOW .

THREE . MOR SECTS . 7 RAR IS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE MOR
SECT IN LOC 3 RAR BASE LOC UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS .

FOUR . REACTION COY . 7 RAR IS TO PROVIDE REACTION COY WEF
230600H UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE . 1 ATF G292 OF 180520Z FEB 68 AND
G286 OF 171415Z FEB 68 ARE CANCELLED WEF 230600H .

A SQN 3 CAV REGT .

ONE . TP NOW DEPLOYED WITH D COY 2 RAR CAN BE RELIEVED IF NECESSARY .
CONTACT GSO2 (OPS) FOR COORDINATION OF MOVEMENT OF RIFLE COYS .

SECRET

PRIORITY

ARTY AND ENGRS . REGROUP ELMS AS NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE
ORDERS .
PATROLLING . SEPARATE INSTRS BEING ISSUED

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY 230400Z Feb 68

FROM: 1 ATF

TO: 2 RAR 7 RAR

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INFO: C SQN 1 ARMD REGT A SQN 3 CAV REGT
4 FD REGT 1/83 ARTY 1 FD SQN
1 SAS SQN HORSESHOE COY 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT
1 ARU HQ COY ARTY TAC CP FATOC

PATROLLING UNIT AND 1 ATF PATROL ZONES . 1 ATF G283 OF 170240Z FEB 68 IS
CANCELLED .

2 RAR . NO ALLOCATION OF ZONES IN THE 1 ATF PATROL AO WILL BE MADE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE . PATROLLING OF UNIT AO CONTINUES AS PER SOP .

7 RAR . IN ADDITION TO UNIT AO THE FOLLOWING PATROL TASK IS ALLOCATED .
ONE . COMMENCING AM 27 FEB MOVE ONE COY TO VIC YS3663 AND
OPERATE AS FOLLOWS CLN

ALPHA . PHASE 1 AMBUSH IN GENERAL AREA YS3663 FOR PERIOD
OF TWO DAYS .

BRAVO . PHASE 2 CLEAR EASTERN AND NORTH-EASTERN SLOPES
OF NUI DINH FEATURE CMM CENTRE OF MASS YS3465 CMM FROM SOUTH
TO NORTH BETWEEN THE TOP LIP OF THE SLOPES AND THE RIVER LINE
SUOI CHAU PHA CMM SONG SAI CMM SONG DINH . LIMIT OF
EXPLOITATION AREA YS3469 . THIS PHASE TO BE COORDINATED
WITH 2 RAR OPERATIONS (SEE 1 ATF OP INSTR 9/68 AND AO ANNEX
Q FOR COORDINATION OF BOUNDARIES) . COY CLEARING OF IS
TO KEEP AHEAD OF THE 2 RAR RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE ON TOP OF
THE NUI DINH FEATURE . 2 RAR WILL REMAIN ON TOP OF
FEATURE .

CHARLIE . PHASE 3 EXTRACT FROM AREA YS3469 AFTER PERIOD
6 - 7 DAYS APPROX

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 250800H FEB TO 030800H MAR 68

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A.	Patrol Serial No	2 RAR 2204/68	2205/68	2206/68	2207/68
B.	Sub Unit to Provide	B Coy	B Coy	2 RAR	2 RAR
C.	Callsign and Frequency	To be advised 59.40	To be advised 59.40	95E 38.40	95F 38.40
D.	Controlled by	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Task	Search areas JOYCE, HEDY and WIIMA.	Search and ambush in GAY and PENNY.	Patrol in PAT and establish OP vic YS404646.	Patrol in MAGGIE and LINDA and establish ni OPs vic YS397665.
F.	Strength	15	15	10	10
G.	Date/Time Out	250800H	251200H	271400H	271400H
H.	Date/Time In	281600H	271300H	280800H	290900H
J.	Route	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Coy to arrange tpt.	1. As for Serial 2204/68. 2. Ambush ni 25/26 vic YS392642. 3. Ambush ni 26/27 vic YS380640. 4. Ptl to be EAST of SONG DINH by 270800H. 5. Coord with 7 RAR.	1. Tpt to be arranged by CP. 2. Starlight scopes to be carried.	

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A.	'2208/68	2209/68	2210/68	2211/68	2212/68
B.	2 RAR	2 RAR	2 RAR	2 RAR	2 RAR
C.	95E 38.40	95E 38.40	95F 38.40	95E 38.40	95E 38.40
D.	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP	2 RAR CP
E.	Patrol SOUTHERN area of PAT, establish OP vic YS408645.	Patrol SOUTHERN area of PAT, establish OP in vic YS399639.	Patrol in WILMA and establish OPs ni 29/01 YS391673 ni 01/02 YS398665.	Establish OP vic YS404647.	Establish OP vic YS416655.
F.	10	10	10	10	10
G.	281700H	291400H	291100H	011600H	021730H
H.	290830H	010830H	020930H	020730H	030800H
J.	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately	Issued separately
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	<u>All Patrols.</u> 1. Tpt arranged by CP. 2. Starlight scopes to be carried.				

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A.	2213/68
B.	2 RAR
C.	95F 38.40
D.	2 RAR CP
E.	Establish OP vic YS408637.
F.	10
G.	021730H
H.	030800H
J.	Issued separately
K.	-
L.	-
M.	1. Tpt arranged by CP. 2. Starlight scopes to be carried.

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A.	2 RAR C Coy C 10/68	C 11/68	C 12/68	C 13/68	C 14/68
B.	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR
C.	31A 36.80	32 36.80	31A 36.80	33A 36.80	31 36.80
D.	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF	1 ATF
E.	Recce and ID Card check VERONICA.	Ambush in areas SALLY and GUSSY WEST.	Recce area JEAN.	Fighting ptl in area MAY WEST.	Ambush in JEAN SOUTH and MAY WEST in vic Route 23.
F.	Sect	Pl	Sect	Half pl	Pl
G.	260730H	261730H	270700H	280715H	291000H
H.	261830H	291100H	271900H	281845H	031400H
J.	Out - WEST gap In - NORTH-EAST gap	Out - SOUTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap	Out - SOUTH-EAST gap In - NORTH-EAST gap	Out - NORTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap	Out - SOUTH-EAST gap In - SOUTH-EAST gap
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.		Ptl to ambush by ni and lay up by day.			Ambush by ni, lay up by day.
Ptls will be restricted to mor range if arty sp not available					

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A.	C 15/68	C 16/68
B.	C Coy 2 RAR	C Coy 2 RAR
C.	33A 36.80	32 36.80
D.	1 ATF	1 ATF
E.	Recce WENDY.	Fighting ptl into SALLY.
F.	Sect	Pl
G.	010700H	020730H
H.	011730H	021730H
J.	OUT - NW Gap IN - NE Gap	OUT - SE Gap IN - EASTERN CHECK POINT, MAIN GATE
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		~

PtIs will be restd to mor range if arty sp not aval.

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A.	3 RAR 3172/68	3173/68	3174/68	3175/68	3176/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 33.60	20C 33.60	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Recce in JACK.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS462653 in SEAN.	Obsn of NORTH-EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS460664 in JACK.	Search in MIKE, WEST of 48 Easting.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS465659 in MIKE.
F.	1 : 8	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 Offr/Sgt : 15	1 : 3
G.	2510COH	251745H	251815H	260930H	261800H
H.	251600H	260745H	260800H	261700H	270800H
J.	Out - B Coy In - A Coy	Direct	Direct	Out - A Coy In - B Coy	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

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A.	3177/68	3178/68	3179/68	3180/68	3181/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 33.60	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS448646 in PAUL.	Recce MIKE and PETER. Ambush vic YS482683.	Obsn of NORTH-EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS462663 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH-EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS452647 in SEAN.	Obsn of SOUTH-EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base in vic YS464660 in MIKE.
F.	1 : 3	1 Offr/Sgt : 15	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	261730H	271100H	271745H	271815H	281730H
H.	270730H	281500H	280800H	280830H	290730H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

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A.	3182/68	3183/68	3184/68	3185/68	3186/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 33.60	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60	30C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of SOUTH-WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS445647 in PAUL.	Search in CECIL, COLIN, DON and SEAN.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS462665 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH-EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS452647 in SEAN.	Recce and ambush in PETER and MIKE.
F.	1 : 3	1 Offr/Sgt : 15	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 Offr/Sgt : 15
G.	281800H	290900H	291745H	291815H	011100H
H.	290800H	291600H	010815H	010830H	021500H
J.	Direct	Out - By APC/Air to YS487658. In - D Coy.	Direct	Direct	Out - By air to YS487682. In - B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	YS487682
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.					

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A.	3187/68	3188/68	3189/68	3190/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	40C 33.60	10C 33.60	20C 33.60	30C 33.60
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Obsn of NORTH-EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS459667 in JACK.	Obsn of SOUTH-WESTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS442648 in PAUL.	Obsn of EASTERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS467663 in MIKE.	Obsn of SOUTHERN approaches to 3 RAR Base from vic YS448646 in PAUL.
F.	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3	1 : 3
G.	011730H	011815H	021745H	021815H
H.	020745H	020830H	030730H	030800H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.				

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A.	7 RAR 7104/68	7105/68	7106/68	7107/68	7108/68
B.	C Coy	Pnr Pl	Fire Aslt Pl	Pnr Pl	Sp Coy
C.	55.10	62A 55.10	61A 55.10	62A 55.10	64 55.10
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and Ambush in ADAM.	Recce and Ambush in KEN.	Recce and Ambush in IRENE.	Recce and Ambush in JAN.	Recce and Ambush in KEITH.
F.	Pl	Sect	Sect	Sect	Sect
G.	250830H	250930H	261700H	270800H	271700H
H.	261200H	271700H	270800H	280800H	280730H
J.					
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Out and In by APC.	Out by APC. In on foot through ROD.		Ambush to be loc on Engr Rd.	

A.	7109/68	7110/68	7111/68	7112/68	7113/68
B.	Tracking Team	A Coy	A Coy	Fire Aslt Pl	Pnr Pl
C.	63 55.10	55.10	55.10	61a 55.10	62 55.10
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and Ambush in PERCY.	Ambush Junct Engr Rd - Route 2 vic YS438698.	Recce and Ambush in ADAM along WESTERN boundary.	Recce and Ambush in KEN.	Recce and Ambush in BERT.
F.	Sect	Sect	Pl	Sect	Pl
G.	280830H	281830H	291700H	290930H	C10900H
H.	290900H	290700H	010800H	010900H	030900H
J.					
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	1. To be coordinated with 3 RAR. 2. To pay particular attention to SUOI DA BANG.	Ambush to lift at 0630 hrs.	Out and In by APC.		Out and In by APC.

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A.	7114/68	7115/68
B.	A Coy	Bn HQ
C.	55.10	55.10
D.	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E.	Recce and Ambush in IRENE.	Recce and Ambush in ROD.
F.	PI	PI
G.	011700H	021500H
H.	020830H	030900H
J.		
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		

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A.	1 ARU A009/68	A010/68
B.	1 ARU	1 ARU
C.	11 57.80	12 57.80
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Patrol and Ambush in ARU A0.	Patrol and Ambush in ARU A0.
F.	Sgt : 30	Sgt : 30
G.	011200H	020830H
H.	021200H	030830H
J.	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.		

Distribution:

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From: 1 ATF

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To: 2 RAR 7 RAR A SQN 3 CAV REGT 4 FD REGT
1 FD SQN 104 SIG SQN 1 SAS SQN GSO2(OPS)
GSO2(INT) GSO2(AIR) US ARMY AVN LO USAF LO
NO 9 SQN RAAF LO DAAG DAQMG SMO

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INFO: COMD D COMD

OP MACKAY (.) PLANNING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN 1 ATF CONFERENCE ROOM AT
251500H (.) ALL COs OR OCs AND OTHER ADDRESSEES TO ATTEND (.) ACK

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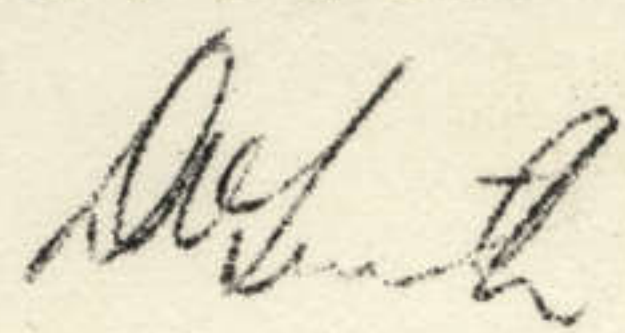
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NUI DAT

252100H Feb 68

Op Instr 9/68 (Op MACKAY)

To: Lt Col N.R. CHARLESWORTH, CO 2 RAR

Reference: A. Vietnam series L7014 sheets 6430, I - IV, Edition 1,
1 : 50,000

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex A - Enemy Forces.
- (2) See Annex P - Enemy Installations 1 Jun 67 - 20 Feb 68.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3 RAR continues Op COBURG.
- (2) 7 RAR is deploying one coy to AO WHEAT to operate as follows:

(a) Phase 1. Ambush in general area YS3663 for 2 days approx. Exact location to be decided after liaison with Sector on range programme.

(b) Phase 2. Clear the eastern and NE slopes of NUI DINH feature centre of mass YS3465 from South to North between the top lip of the slopes and the river line SUOI CHAU PHA, SONG SAI, SONG DINH. Limit of exploitation area YS3469. This phase is to be coordinated with 2 RAR operations. Coy clearing operation is to keep ahead of the 2 RAR reconnaissance in force on top of the NUI DINH feature. 2 RAR will remain on top of the feature and lip is inclusive to 2 RAR.

(c) Phase 3. Extract from area YS3469 after period 6 - 7 days.

(3) B Coy 7 RAR continues to operate from the defensive locality YS373611.

(4) ARVN/RF/PF posts are located as follows:

PHU MY	YS237772	RF and 2 x 105mm guns
PHU MY	YS253745	RF
	YS252712	RF
ONG TRINH	YS259680	RF
ONG TRINH	YS269667	RF
	YS282639	RF
	YS300614	RF
	YS307610	RF
	YS326612	RF
	YS330613	RF
LONG HUONG	YS357614	RF
	YS361618	RF

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(5) Known minefields exist at:

YS238771
YS253745, YS254748
YS254710
YS262678
YS282640
YS293640
YS363616
YS378623

Some of these are sited in conjunction with RF posts. The perimeters of all RF/PF posts should be avoided as many mines have been laid without recording.

(6) ARVN training ranges and training programme will be issued separately.

(7) 2 SAS Sqn has a patrol on standby to secure an LZ in the NUI DINH area for fly in of elements of 2 RAR. Orders issued separately.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

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| (1) Under comd from 271800H | three combat engr teams 1 Fd Sqn |
| (2) Op con from 280700H | two tps A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus two mor APCs |

Note: One tp to be released when FSPB Coy arrives at FSPB. Other tp plus mors to return to B Coy 7 RAR def loc at night.

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| (3) Op con from 0700H to 1800H daily from 28 Feb mor sect Mor Pl 7 RAR | |
| (4) Remaining in DS | 108 Fd Bty
4 Fd Regt |
| (5) In DS from 280700H | one H13 161 (Indep)
Recece Flt |
| (6) In sp from 291300H ^{281300H} until released and from 291300H ^{011300H} Mar until released | six Iroquois ac No 9 Sqn RAAF |
| (7) In sp of FSPB HERRING YS3670 from NUI DAT base | 106 Fd Bty
4 Fd Regt |
| (8) On standby at NUI DAT base for retransmission duties from VC HILL, VUNG TAU | radio det 104 Sig Sqn |

2. Mission. You are to conduct a reconnaissance in force into AO BARLEY commencing 28 Feb 68.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. You are to develop your operation as outlined in the following Phases:

(1) Phase 1.

(a) Establish a FSPB in area YS3670 and deploy one coy for close protection.

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(b) Clear Route 15 as far West as Easting 30 approx. Clearing to include North and South of Route 15 to high ground and mangrove respectively.

(c) Timing - 1½ to 2 days.

(2) Phase 2. Clear the NUI DINH feature centre of mass YS3465 but exclusive of AO WHEAT. Timing - 4 days.

b. Restrictions.

(1) One mor sect is to remain in base location NUI DAT.

(2) Coy operations along Route 15 are to be adequately covered by 81mm mor support when outside 105mm gun range.

~~(3) One mor sect is to be deployed at FSPB.~~

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AOs and boundaries - Annex Q.

(2) LO teams from 2 RAR are to be deployed at ARVN/RF/PF outposts whenever troops are operating in close proximity to these posts. Teams are to consist of Officer/Senior NCO, radio operator and interpreter.

(3) An AO astride Route 15 has been applied for from Sector to facilitate ground clearance during Phase 1.

(4) Coy Comd of Coy deployed at FSPB for close protection is to be nominated FSPB Comd.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. 2 RAR is responsible for administration.

b. Be prepared to backload rice if found in large quantities. ADE and cornsacks to be on standby.

c. Bids for additional sp to DAQMG by 261200H.

5. Command and Signal.

a. HQ 1 ATF remains present location.

b. Retransmission station is to be established at VC HILL if required.

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Ack Instructions: Ack by telephone to EBONY 50.

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Authentication:


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Maj
GS02 (Ops)

- Annexes: A. Enemy Forces.
App 1. VC Resupply Routes.
App 2. Chau Duc District Coy.
P. Enemy Installations 1 Jun 67 - 20 Feb 68.
App 1. LZ Information.
Q. AOs and Boundaries.

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ENEMY FORCES

CHAU DUC DISTRICT Coy (C41)

1. Latest reports indicate that C41 was not active during the TET offensive and is therefore still expected to have an approximate strength of 60.
2. ARVN reports indicate that at least two platoons are located on the Western edge (low ground) of the NUI DINH YS3365. This is substantiated by a PW, captured in HOA LONG on 16 Feb 68, who stated that C41 (strength 60) was at YS318652 and the cadre was at YS322675.
3. ARVN sources believe the Coy is still located in this area as there have been no sign of them moving, except to re-supply.
4. VR reports indicate signs of recent movement in this area.
5. The camps mentioned consist of bunkers and are near water, and it is believed the VC approach via trails some distance from the camps and make their final approach in the water, thereby concealing all movement.
6. The VC are suspected to be using two re-supply routes into HOA LONG YS4264 and LANG PHUOC HOA YS2863. 2 RAR sighted 45 VC on a track heading to HOA LONG on 14 Feb 68 and another 15 VC at 0730H on 24 Feb 68.
7. A trace of the suspected re-supply trails is attached - App 1.
8. Outline org of C41 is attached - App 2. Although the outline organization is the normal one it is believed that the Coy is divided at this stage into three pls with two squads in each.

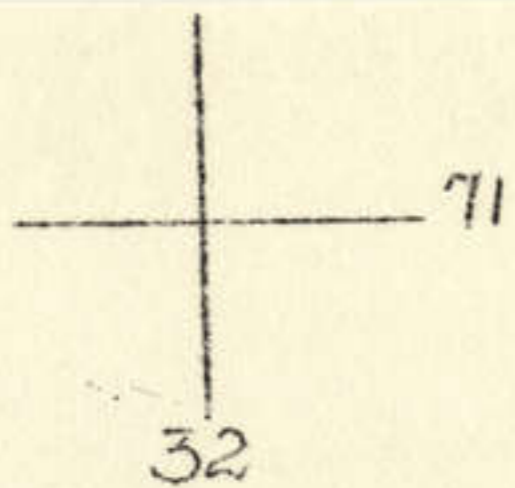
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VC RE-SUPPLY ROUTES

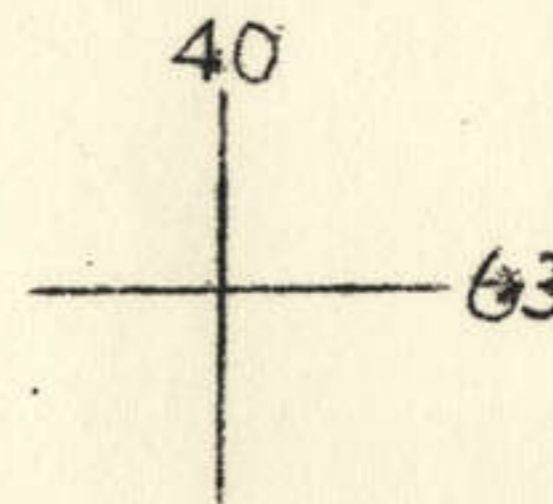
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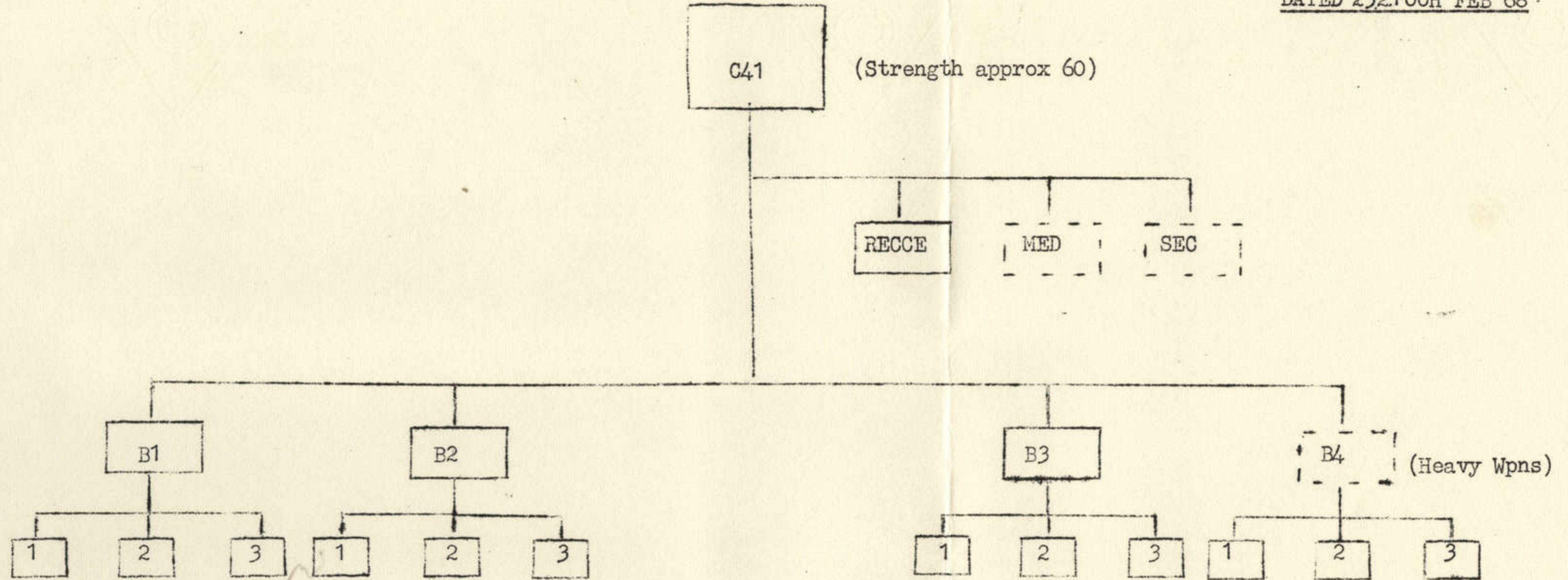


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CHAU DUC DISTRICT COY

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KNOWN WEAPONS

- 60mm Mortar
- LMGs
- RPG2s
- Various SMGs
- Various rifles
- Possibly some AK47s

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LANDING ZONES

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Serial	Grid Reference	Dimensions (metres)	Ac Capacity	Vegetation in LZ	Surrounding Vegetation	Recommended Approach (Ac)	Date of info on LZ
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	YS277735	150 x 400	-	Rice paddies with scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
2	YS287633	1900 x 100	-	Scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
3	YS284720	800 x 400	20	Open field with scattered brush	Forest all around	E - W	July 67
4	YS285635	-	20+	Open field with scattered brush - along Route 15	Swamp W Village S Forest N - E	NW - SE	July 67
5	YS296648	450 x 200		Scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
6	YS297632	6200 x 1500	20+	Scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
7	YS290725	200 x 200	-	-	-	-	July 67
8	YS298723	300 x 100	-	Scattered brush	-	-	July 67
9	YS303645	200 x 150	6	1 tree in centre with low scattered scrub	Low scrub all around	Any	Feb 68
10	YS316690	70 x 13	1	Low scrub (along track)	Forest all around	N - S	Feb 68

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
11	YS338675	-	1	-	-	-	Jan 68
12	YS331655	-	1	Scattered trees, an old building and large rocks	Medium height trees all around	-	Jan 68
13	YS345716	200 x 75	2	Low grass	Forest all around	NE	Nov 67
14	YS349719	240 x 80	3 - 5	Clear area	Forest all around	N	Nov 67
15	YS347645	85 x 70	3	Low scrub and possible graves	-	-	Feb 68
16	YS347660	-	1	Bombed out base camp	Forest all around	-	Feb 68
17	YS342672	80 x 60	1	Clear area on hill top	-	-	Jan 68
18	YS347665	-	1	-	-	-	Jan 68
19	YS348643	40 x 30	1	Clear area with 2 buildings, scattered trees on North edge and bomb craters	Forest all around	-	Jan 68
20	YS343637	-	1	-	-	-	Jan 68
21	YS354714	1070 x 1000	20+	Rice paddies with scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
22	YS355732	600 x 400	-	Rice paddies with scattered trees	-	-	July 67
23	YS355625	900 x 500	6 - 8	Scattered trees and scrub	Low trees and scrub all around	-	Feb 68

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
24	YS363720	300 x 100	6 - 8	Paddie Fields	Forest all around	E - W	July 67
25	YS366705	3000 x 1000	20+	Paddie Field with scattered trees and scrub	Medium to tall trees all around	N - S	Nov 67
26	YS369710	400 x 150	8 - 10	Paddie Fields	Forest all around	N - S	Nov 67
27	YS362660	-	1	On top of feature 504	-	-	Feb 68
28	YS375623	-	15	-	-	-	July 67
29	YS379630	800 x 300	-	Rice paddies with scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
30	YS377720	300 x 200	-	Scattered trees	-	-	July 67
31	YS377736	1900 x 1600	20+	Rice paddies with scattered trees and brush	-	-	July 67
32	YS374737	-	20+	Scattered trees and scrub	Forest all around	Any	Nov 67
33	YS380683	500 x 500	10 - 12	Rice Paddies	River E	N - S	Nov 67
34	YS389714	-	4	Open field	Forest all around	E - W	Nov 67
35	YS390624	-	15	-	-	-	July 67
36	YS390650	6000 x 1000	20+	Rice paddies with scattered scrub	Low to medium height scrub all around	Any	Nov 67
37	YS395664	1000 x 700	15	Paddie field with scattered scrub	Low to medium height scrub all around	Any	Nov 67

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ANNEX C TO
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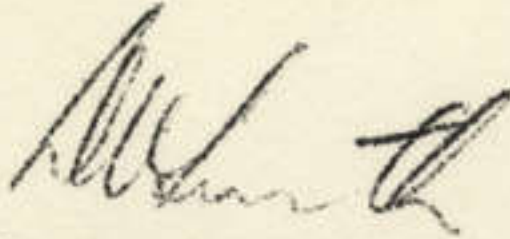
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1. Mission. To extract 3 RAR Gp to NUI DAT base on 1 Mar 68 and conclude Op COBURG.
2. Execution.
 - a. Sequence of Events including Timings and Groupings - Annex A.
 - b. Road Movement Table - Annex B.
 - c. Air Movement Table - to be issued by 3 RAR in conjunction with GSO 2 (Air).
 - d. Preliminary move. D Coy 3 RAR is to extract to NUI DAT on 29 Feb 68 by CH47.
 - e. FSPB ANDERSEN.
 - (1) FSPB is to be rehabilitated to the maximum extent.
 - (2) All material of value e.g. PSP, timber etc within capacity of tpt avail, to be removed to NUI DAT.
 - (3) Other materials to be handed over to SVN forces in TRANG BOM or destroyed.
3. Administration and Logistics.
 - a. Orders issued verbally by DAQMG during visit FSPB ANDERSEN 28 Feb 68.
4. Command and Signal.
 - a. RTT link from FSPB ANDERSEN to NUI DAT closes 010700H Mar.
 - b. RR Circuits to HURRICANE TOC and EBONY close 010700H Mar.

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- Annexes: A. Sequence of Events, Timings, Groupings.
B. Road Movement Table.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF FRAGO 3
DATED 282200H FEB 68
OP COBURG

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS INCLUDING
TIMINGS AND GROUPINGS

Serial	Date/Timings	Event	Grouping	Remarks/Coordination
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	010645H Mar	A Sqn (-) escorts convoy to FSPB ANDERSEN. Convoy to consist of: a. Def Pl HQ Coy HQ 1 ATF. b. 10 x 5 ton vehs for gun towing 161 Fd Bty. 5 Coy RAASC vehs. c. 10 x 5 ton vehs for carriage of stores ex FSPB ANDERSEN. d. One tk tptr for mov of engr plant. e. One sect 1 Fd Sqn. One tipper with tilt bed trailer and Case front end loader with backhoe. f. One RAEME Recovery veh. 102 Fd Wksps.	A Sqn (-) with under comd: Def Pl HQ Coy HQ 1 ATF FO one sect 1 Fd Sqn plus: one mini team. Other elements listed in column c. In DS one H13 In sp LFT	5 Coy RAASC vehs to be at NUI DAT by 291800H. Tipper to be loaded with fill.
2	010900H - 011200H Mar	The following elements extract by air from FSPB ANDERSEN to NUI DAT: B Coy 3 RAR Elements HQ 1 ATF (Sigs etc) Bn HQ, Sp Coy 3 RAR including two sects Mor Pl 3 RAR C Coy 3 RAR D Coy 7 RAR Tp (-) 1 Fd Sqn	One AHC 4 CH47s	PZ - North of HOTEL pad at FSPB ANDERSEN. 3 RAR responsible for organization and control.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
3	011200H Mar approx	Tac HQ 3 RAR USAF LO GS02 (Air) RAAF pers	two RAAF Iroquois	
4	011200H Mar	Radar Det, Det 131 Div Loc Bty Sig Van RR Det 110 Sig Sqn (Slung load)	3 CH47s	Radar to NUI DAT. Sig Van to VUNG TAU.
5	No later than 011400H	Road convoy departs FSPB ANDERSEN for NUI DAT via Route 15. Vehicles, plant etc to move: a. A Sqn (-) b. 161 Fd Bty c. Engr vehs and plant. Elements from forward convoy plus 2 x D4 dozers and 1 tipper. d. Sigs vehs 2 L/Rs e. A Coy 3 RAR f. Mor sect 3 RAR Mor Fl g. Ech vehs 3 RAR) 14 large vehs including Adv TFMA vehs) Michigan fork lift 4 small vehs h. USAF LO veh i. RR det US Army Sigs	A Sqn (-) with Under A Coy 3 RAR comd Def Fl HQ Coy Mor sect 3 RAR two mini teams 1 Fd Sqn one sect 1 Fd Sqn In DS one H13 In sp LFT Under comd for mov 161 Fd Bty other elements listed in column c.	a. See Annex B. Road Movement Table. b. Retransmission det 104 Sig Sqn to join convoy at BEARCAT for move to NUI DAT. RV to be coordinated by OC 104 Sig Sqn with OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. c. LFT. On call from NUI DAT. d. RR Det (US) moves with convoy as far as LONG BINH.
6	011500H Mar	LO teams from HQ 18 ARVN Div and HQ 3rd Bde 101 AB Div return to NUI DAT.		GS02 (Air) to task RAAF Iroquois. RV and timings from GS02 (Ops).

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ROAD MOVEMENT TABLE

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF FRAGO 3
DATED 282200H FEB 68
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1.	<u>Average Speed.</u>	20 MPH.
2.	<u>Density.</u>	40 metres between vehicles.
3.	<u>Halts.</u>	Nil.
4.	<u>Route.</u>	a. Engr bypass-rd. to HOA LONG. b. LTL 2. c. QL 15. d. QL 1. e. Return via same route.
5.	<u>Critical Pts.</u>	a. SP (Forward convoy) Junction LTL 2 and West end LUSCOMBE. b. SP (Return convoy) Br on rd to XA TRANG BOM YT205118. c. Rel Pt (Return convoy). West end LUSCOMBE.
6.	<u>Timings.</u>	a. Forward convoy formed up in order of serials by 010630H Mar. Convoy passes SP at 010645H Mar. b. Return convoy formed up in order of serials no later than 011340H Mar. OC A Sqn can advance timings if necessary. Convoy passes SP no later than 011400H Mar.
7.	<u>Coordination.</u>	a. Retransmission det 104 Sig Sqn joins convoy on Route 15 at BEARCAT. b. 4 Fd Regt to coordinate artillery cover throughout convoy route. c. LFT on call from KANGAROO. d. OC A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to issue list of report lines for convoy movement.

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PART 1. FORWARD CONVOY.

Serial	Unit	No of vehs			Pers to move	Coord Instrs	Remarks
		L/Rs	Larger vehs	Total			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	A Sqn less two tps	-	14	14	N/A		A Sqn (-) dispersed through convoy as ordered by OC A Sqn. Def Pl to move with A Sqn.
2	Sect 1 Fd Sqn	-	1	1			Tows tilt bed trlr with case front end loader.
3	5 Coy RAASC 1 tk tptr	-	10) 1)	11			For towing 161 Fd Bty guns. One addl tk tptr may be sent.
4	26 Coy RAASC 102 Fd Wksp 1 Recovery veh	-	10) 1)	11			

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PART II. Return Convoy.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	A Sqn less one tp	-	26	26	N/A		A Coy 3 RAR and Def Pl HQ Coy move with A Sqn. A Sqn (-) dispersed through convoy as ordered by OC A Sqn.
2	1 Fd Sqn (-)	-	3	3	Sect 1 Fd Sqn		Incls 2 tippers and one tk tptr.
3	161 Fd Bty	-	10	10			
4	Adv TFMA incls 3 RAR ech Sigs USAF LO	1 2 1	14 - -	18			TFMA. Michigan fork lift included on tilt bed tlr.
5	RR Det (US) Sigs	-	2	2			To LONG BINH only.
6	RAEME Recovery veh		1	1			

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