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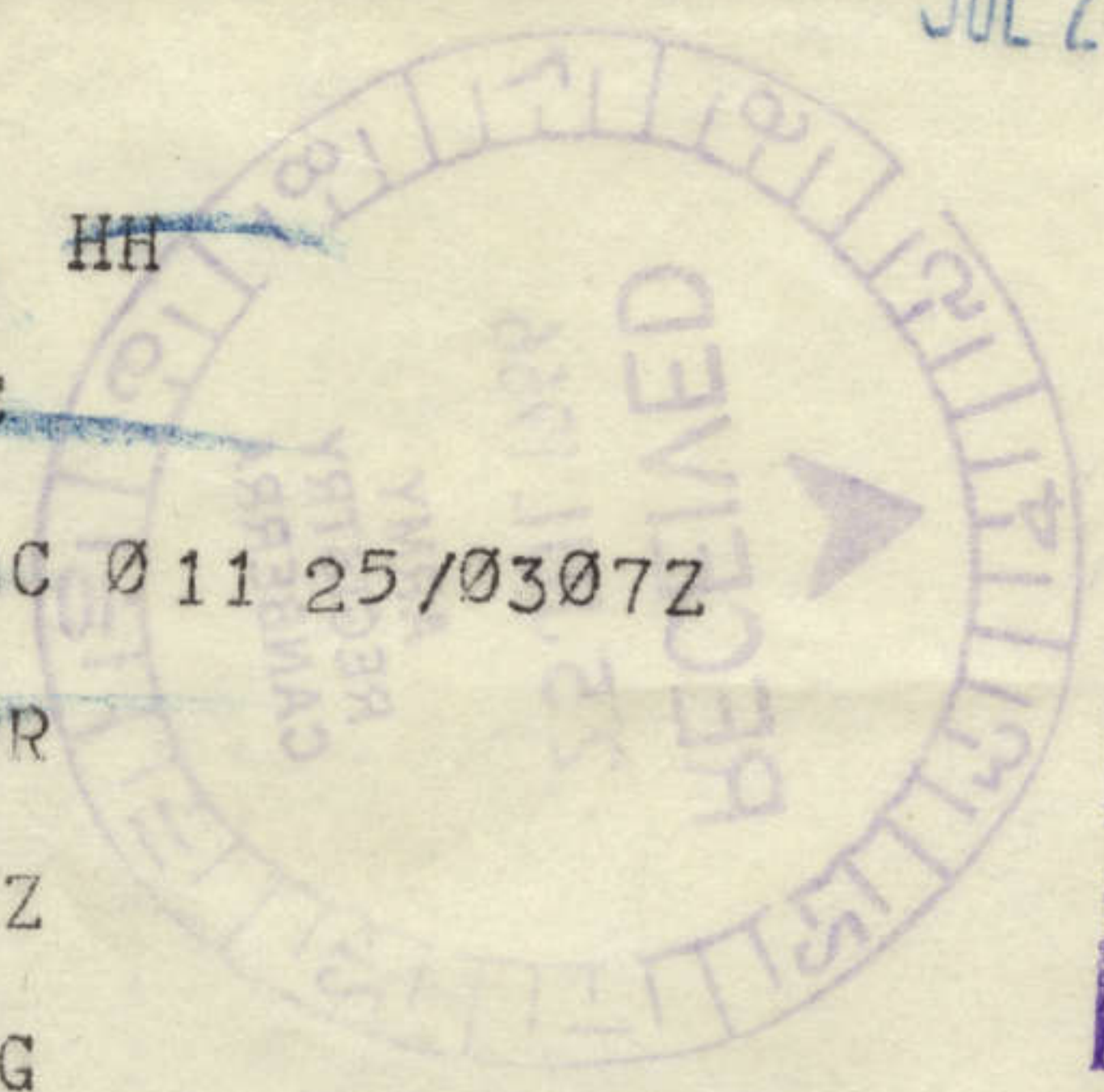
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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation HQ 1 Australian Logistic Support Group

From 20 Apr 66

To 31 May 66

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## COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

### GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)", Chapter 2, Section 12.

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

#### During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
  - a. Commanders of all formations.
  - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
  - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
  - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
  - e. Unit commanders.
  - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

### COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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COMMANDER'S DIARIES

DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.



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MONTH AND YEAR APR 66

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION HQ 1 ALSG

COMMANDING OFFICER LtCol DL ROUSE

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GENERAL COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Practically no stores had been prepositioned in the area to cater for the arrival of the force, this lack was especially evident in tentage, refrigeration and kitchen stores, and engineer stores for the construction of latrines and ablutions, and pumps for the operation of water points. The decision by Comd AFV to go onto fresh rations further complicated this situation.</p> <p>There was no rain during the month and temperatures were over 90°F in the shade during the day with night temperatures averaging 80°F. An added heat hazard during daylight hours was the reflection of sunlight off the sand creating temperatures of well over 100°F. This combined with a continuous requirement for work to establish the area, with the added lack of proper accommodation and washing facilities plus US rations to which the troops had to get used, caused considerable hardship to all troops, and in some cases exhaustion.</p> <p>The lack of spare parts and maintenance facilities for vehicles and especially engineer plant combined with the shortage of construction material slowed down development work in the base area considerably.</p>	



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			<p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL COMMENTS cont</p> <p>The staging of 1 ATF units was a problem in so far as these units were also affected by and in fact aggravated the shortage of accommodation etc stores mentioned above.</p> <p>Some stores began dribbling in from BIEN HOA, but it was soon discovered that the assurances of US supply given to the AHQ recce party were almost worthless.</p>	



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Saigon	20	0925	All but two OR of HQ 1 ALSG arrived at TON SAN NHUT Airfield and moved to billets at the Meyerkord Hotel (Offrs and WOs ) and the Mercury Hotel (OR )	
Saigon	20	1445	All personnel present attended a briefing at HQ AAFV	
Saigon	21	0930	IO made liaison visit to G2 HQ USARV	
Saigon	21	1315	Comd, GSO2 and CA Offr visited VUNG TAU, returned 1845 hrs DAA&QMG visited 1 ALSC at BIEN HOA, returned 1700 hrs	
Saigon	22	1100	Comd, GSO2 and CA Offr visited 1 ALSC and 1 RAR at BIEN HOA, IO made liaison visit to J2 (ORBAT) MACV 1	
Saigon	23	0725	IO left SAIGON for VUNG TAU with personal luggage for HQ Group	
		0930	GSO2, DAA&QMG, Chief Clerk and one interpreter arrived VUNG TAU to stay, Comd on visit	
		1100	Layout of area and allocation of unit areas finalized	
		1100	HQ 1 ALSG opened at Grid Ref YS 296444	SITREP No 1
Vung Tau	24		1 ARU established at Grid Ref YS 390444	SITREP No 2
		1200	Sp and Admin Coy Comds of 5 RAR visited to discuss Trg, Acc and Sup facilities for staging period. Comd completed staff discussions HQ AAFV	



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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col D. L. ROUSE

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Vung Tau	25	1145	CA/LO Offr and Int Sgt arrived from SAIGON	
		1330	CA/LO Offr took RAA Pro Det to VUNG TAU and arranged with US Pro Marshal for joint ptls.	
			USPM agreed to billet RAA Pro pers in his lines until further notice.	
		1415	Comd arrived from SAIGON	
		1500	Comd called on US Area Comd Col HEMPLING	
		1700	Comd called on OC RAAF VUNG TAU	
		1900	Comd's Conf attended by representatives from units present in the area	Conference Notes
				RO Part 1 Serial
				VT 1
Vung Tau	26	1400	Comd and CA/LO called on Lt Col DUNN CO 46 Engr Bn and US CE VUNG TAU Area to discuss exact position of location of 1 ALSG and discussed possibility of use of transshipment area	
		1030	Comd and CA/LO called on US Area Comd Col HEMPLING and his deputy Lt Col ROTHMAN to discuss mutual policy on discipline etc	
		1130	Comd and CA/LO called on Mayor of VUNG TAU Col QUANG accompanied by his US Advisor Lt Col L A LAND	SITREP No. 4
		1515	Comd and CA/LO visited US Pro Marshal Lt VAUGHAN to tie up details of combined ptls and practical	



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			and practical aspects of town discipline. In view of discussion COMAAAFV Maj GRAY,	
			CA Offr/LO, to carry out functions of Pro Marshal Aust Forces Vietnam	SITREP No 3
Vung Tau	27	0830	Conference (see attached notes)	Conference Notes
		1030	RAAF Comd A U M HEALEY visited 1 ALSG for discussion. It was decided to subject RAAF	
			pers in the VUNG TAU Area to the control of RAA Pro for disciplinary purposes	
		1110	GSO2 visited Aust Advisor to National Rural Construction Centre Trg Centre, WO1 E. B	
			OSTARA	
		1300	CA Offr/LO visited US PM and allocated extra RAA Pro pers to joint ptls. It was agreed	
			that until further notice the Aust component for combined ptls for the VUNG TAU	
			township be limited to 1 Sgt and 8 Cpls	SITREP No 4
Vung Tau	28	0830	Conference (see attached notes)	Conference Notes
		0945	DCGS visited 1 ALSG and discussed problems with Comd, departed 1030 hrs	
		1145	CA Offr/LO and IO visited the S2 USASCVT, Maj GLENN, and discussed Intelligence,	
			Security and Civil action matters. Maj GLENN suggested that the IO accompany him	
			on a visit to the G2 at BARIA	



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Vung Tau	28	1500	GSO2 visited WO I/C AATTY VUNG TAU (WO1 OSTARA) and made arrangements for the use of trg areas and ranges by staging units and ALSG units	SITREP No5
		1500	Comd visited VUNG TAU Airfield to discuss location of 161 Recce Flt and 176 Air Despatch Company. Maj LIPSCOMBE and Sqn Ldr GUTHRIE accompanied. Accommodation problem for 161 Recce Flt was resolved Maj LIPSCOMBE to complete details on 29 Apr. A reconaissance was made of the airfield area by the US Army Comd and Comd 1 ALSG. A possible site for 176 AD Coy was found on the North West area of the airfield which area is subject to further discussions and confertations.	
		1500	Maj HARRIS DAQMG HQ AFV visited for discussions on shortages of accommodation stores refrigeration and generators.	
Vung Tau	28	1340	SC attended conf on the unloading of HMAS SYDNEY on arrival 4 May	
Vung Tau	29	0830	Comd's conf (see att notes)	Conference Notes
		0930	Comd, GSO2 and CA Offr/IO visited transshipment area and it was decided that unless extreme urgency of unloading of lack of transport required it, the stores would be shipped directly from the hard to ALSG.	
	0945	0945	Lt Col MURPHY, Chief Finance Offr AFV, visited ALSG to discuss local purchase arrangements, financial delegations and other finance matters.	



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Vung Tau	29	1245	Draft of 114 pers arrived from Australia	
		1300	CA Offr/LO visited US PM and with Col HEMPLING, Comd USACVT, inspected Pro billets.	
			Also called on Maj GLENN and US Padre and discussed possible scope of civil action for 1 ALSG. No conclusions reached but a proposition for our guidance is expected in the near future	
		1500	Report received from the SMO, Lt Col ROGERS, that the water supply in the ALSG Area is not fit for consumption.	
		1840	LCU arrived from BIEN HOA with Engr and Ord Stores for 1 ALSG. Unloading was completed at 2010 hrs	SITREP No6
Vung Tau	30	0830	Comd's Conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1000	CO 5 BAR called on Comd to discuss trg etc facilities and staging arrangements	
		1400	GSO2 AFV called on Comd	
Vung Tau	30	1530	Courier plane from Australia arrived with Ord stores	



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VUNG TAU			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GENERAL COMMENTS</u></p> <p>The shortage of stores, especially tentage, engineer stores and spare parts, continued to be acute. Although some refrigeration and generating equipment and other stores arrived by HMAS SYDNEY and courier planes from Australia, the requirement set by the build up of troops in the area far outstripped the facilities made available by these means. The lack of spare parts and maintenance facilities became more acute during the later part of the month when vehicles were required to assist in maintaining 5 RAR in the field.</p> <p>There was little relief from heat during the month although some rain fell. Work continued on a seven days a week basis and units stood down personnel if and when the work requirement permitted. Two days during the month were general stand down days for all personnel except those engaged on essential duties. The general physical condition of troops appears to be remarkably good considering that there was no period of planned acclimatization due to work pressure. Some cases of heat exhaustion still occur.</p> <p>US shortages of class 1 supplies continue to embarrass us. We appear to</p>	







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VUNG TAU	1	0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1430	Draft of 94 pers with unit stores arrived by air from Australia. A quantity of Engr Stores arrived by air from Bien Hoa.	SITREP 8
			So far no reports on en activity or friendly ops have been received from any but local sources, a request for reports has been made to HQ AFV.	
VUNG TAU	2	0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1100	Low flying Vietnamese ac buzzed the Staging Area. Complaints to the airfd comd revealed that the ac cannot be contacted on the VUNG TAU tower freq but that complaints by the airfd comd have been fwd to SAIGON.	SITREP 9
		1400	A US liaison officer, Maj INGALLS, arrived in the area and will remain until HMAS SYDNEY has been unloaded.	
VUNG TAU	3	0800	IO visited Sector HQ BARIA on int liaison.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1100	GS02 and IO visited Sector HQ VUNG TAU to discuss trg areas for 5 RAR. Arrangements were made to use the hills south of VUNG TAU for patrolling and the tank hulls along the eastern beach for atk wpn firing.	
		1400	Final recce and inspection of transshipment area was carried out by Comd, GS02 and MC rep.	



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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	3 cont	1700	Det of 11 MC Gp estb in the transshipment area in preparation to receive stores from HMAS SYDNEY.	SITREP 10
VUNG TAU	4	0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		0930	CA Offr left for SAIGON on liaison visit.	
		1000	Stores and vehs commenced to be discharged from HMAS SYDNEY	
		1200	Comd left for HMAS SYDNEY to lunch with Ship's Capt, Gen WESTMORELAND, Gen MACKAY, Brig JACKSON and a number of US general officers.	
		1400	Maj Gen MACKAY and Brig JACKSON visited 1 ALSG.	
		2255	A US naval rating was shot at and wounded near CAT LO, approx 600 yds north of the LST slip area.	SITREP 11
VUNG TAU	5		HMAS SYDNEY cont to discharge stores.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1130	Aust advisor to National Trg Centre reported that he had received info that BARIA may be attacked by VC during next few days.	
		1300	IO visits Sector HQ VUNG TAU to cfm above info; no cfm avail.	
		1400	Maj HARRIS, DAQMG AFV, visited 1 ALSG.	
VUNG TAU	6	0600	ISM VERNON STURDEE and AS JOHN MONASH arrived with stores and vehs from Australia.	SITREP 12



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VUNG TAU	6 (cont.)	0730	HMAS SYDNEY sailed for Australia.	Conf Notes
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	
		0900	IO attended briefing at Sector HQ. Still no cfm of info received 5 May.	
		1000	GS02 visited National Trg Centre to finalise trg facilities for 5 RAR.	
		1100	Maj BINNEY, SORE AFV, visited 1 ALSG.	
		1330	Conf on engr wks in 1 ALSG area to lay down priorities.	
		1400	Comd and Maj HARRIS visited transshipment area and LST slip.	
		1500	Unloading of JOHN MONASH commenced.	
		1630	Unloading of LSM commenced.	
		2010	Four unident pers seen running into Sigs area. Ptl from 1 ARU found nothing.	
	2230	Two soldiers on leave in VUNG TAU questioned and attacked by two Vietnamese civs; no injuries.		
VUNG TAU	7	0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
			Total effective str in ALSG area 1079 all ranks.	
		1000	IO visited Sector HQ, MSS VUNG TAU and HQ USASCVT to obtain info and effect liaison on security matters.	
	1630	US CIC Det VUNG TAU interviewed soldiers involved in incident on 6 May		

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	8		Effective str 1 ALSG area 1079 all ranks.	
		0800	60 mph winds caused damage to tents and marquees.	SITREP 14
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1500	DADOS AFV, Maj PHILLIPS, arrived in 1 ALSG area and will remain until further notice.	
		1930	5 RAR fired mor flares in preparation to provide sp for the def of 1 ALSG area.	
VUNG TAU	9		Effective str 1 ALSG area 1111 all ranks.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1030	IO visited airfd comd and made arrangements for the siting of 176 AD Coy on the airfd. Some engr work will be required before the area can be occupied.	
		1200	DADLS AFV called on Comd to discuss powers of CO/OCs, Det Comds etc.	
		1530	Comd stopped 5 RAR mors firing because of insufficient safety measures.	SITREP 15
		1545	Lt Col ROTHMAN, Deputy Comd USASCVT, was contacted ref the provision of shotguns for in line picquets in 1 ALSG area. He was info that the immediate requirement is 30 and the ultimate requirement 80.	



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VUNG TAU	9 (cont)	1640	Maj ALLEN, S-4 HQ USASCVT, arrived to discuss the provision of shotguns. He agreed to provide 40 shotguns ASP and 40 at a later date.	
VUNG TAU	10		Effective str 1 ALSG area 1127 all ranks.	
		0930	Maj Gen MACKAY and Brig JACKSON arrived and were briefed by IO on current situ, GS02 on def plans and trg, DAA&QMG on A and Q matters, OC 1 Coy RAASC on tpt, sup and POL matters, OC 55 AESS on state of engr stores, DADOS on ord stores state, and CA Offr on CA and Pro matters.	
		1030	Comd accompanied Gen MACKAY and Brig JACKSON on visit to 5 RAR and 1 Fd Regt.	
		1300	CA Offr attended conf on CA at HQ USASCVT. The meeting was called to co-ord the CA effort of all units in the VUNG TAU area.	
		1430	Lt Col MURPHY, Financial Advisor HQ AFV, and Maj BINNEY called.	
		1530	Advisory Team 79 agreed that no popular forces will patrol north of the rd YS 293428 to YS 288430.	SITREP 16
VUNG TAU	11		Effective str 1 ALSG area 1127 all ranks.	
		0800	IO attended briefing at Sector HQ BARIA.	
		0830	Comd's Conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		0915	Re-establishing of HQ 1 ALSG commenced.	

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VUNG TAU	11	1100	IO visited laundry contractor and discovered and he is in possession of unit designations and some names of unit pers listed on his ledgers. A background check of the contractor was initiated, and a new system of laundry marking was implemented.	SITREP 17
VUNG TAU	12	1330	Maj Gen EIFEL, GC 1 Sp Comd, visited 1 ALSG.	
			Effective str 1 ALSG area 1241 all ranks.	
		0030	Fire destroyed four accn tents and personal effects of 20 soldiers of 145 and 103 Sig Sqns. Fire fighting was impossible due to the explosions of SAA in fire.	SITREP 18
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes) Re-establishing of HQ 1 ALSG cont.	Conf Notes
		1330	CA Offr contacted the headman of Buddhist Temple Village to the west of 1 ALSG area and at length discussed civic action programs. The village is not fostered by any other unit. The headman was very anxious to co-op in any project.	
		1805	145 Sig Sqn reported five shots being fired over their area from approx 100 yds in front of their lines. 5 RAR was alerted to provide a small clearing ptl. Advisory Team contacted but reported no known friendly (cont)	



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VUNG TAU	12(cont)		tps in area.	
		1840	101 Fd Wksp reported two figures seen moving north into National Trg Centre area. 5 RAR advised that ptl no longer required. 145 Sig Sqn advised. Shots were probably fired by pers from political school.	
		2330	Two soldiers returning from VUNG TAU to the Aust R&C Centre were attacked by local civs.	
VUNG TAU	13		Effective str 1 ALSG area 1245 all ranks.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1000	CA Offr and SMO carried out a recce of VUNG TAU with the aim of implementing effective measures to cut down the VD incident rate. The possibility of initiating civic action MEDCAP activities was considered also.	SITREP 19
		1100	Comd 1 ATF, Brig JACKSON, visited the area.	
		1400	CA Offr visited US Pro Marshall to discuss means to prevent attacks on allied tps by local civs.	



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VUNG.TAU.....	13.....	1430.....	CA Offr visited cmd USASCVT and made representations about the dumping of rubbish by ROK and civil authorities in the area west of 1 ALSG.	
		1500.....	IQ attended a conf of CIC and MSS pers to discuss gen security aspects in VUNG.TAU, especially safety of pers	
		1530.....	GS02 attended a trg co-ord conf at National Trg Centre.	
VUNG.TAU.....	14.....	0830.....	Cmd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1000.....	IQ attended a security conf at HQ USASCVT. The fol info was obtained at the conf:-	SITREP 20
			a. VC are expected to lie low until after national elections, but are expected to create incidents between their own members dressed in ARVN uniforms and members of Free World Forces;	
			b. the number of Buddhists living on Petit Massif has increased over the last month from 5 to approx 35.	
			Further info (see SITREP) on en was received during	



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VUNG TAU.....	4. (cont)		discussion with US CIC. In addition the gen working and employment of CI pers in the theater was discussed.	
		1000	GC. III Corps, Maj. Gen. TRI, visited 1 ALSG.	
		1400	Conf held at HQ. 1. ALSG with reps from AFV and 1 ATF to discuss anticipated maint problems and estb problems.	
VUNG TAU.....	15.		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1658 all ranks.	
		0830	Comd's conf. (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
			Setting up of HQ, incl def wiring, cont.	
		0930	Comd., GS02 and CA Offr called on Col COLLINS, senior US Special Forces Advisor.	
		1000	Lt Col MURPHY and Lt Col BARKER, DFW, visited 1 ALSG.	
		1325	SD Conf to discuss staff requirements and to submit increase to HQ estb.	
		2000	Info received that VC will step up activities on 19 and 21 May (Ho Chi Minh's Birthday and Liberation Day) and that incidents can be expected.	SITREP 22



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VUNG TAU	16		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1772 all ranks:	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1030	IO and OC 1 Coy RAASC conducted rd recce VUNG TAU to BARIA and conferred with US advisory staff BARIA on rd conditions north of BARIA, and gen int matters.	
		1500	IO called on US Advisory Team 79 and National Trg Centre to arrange for a Free Fire Zone for counter mor action.	
		1600	VUNG TAU put out of bounds.	
		1900	Daily Stand to procedure initiated.	
VUNG TAU	17		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1772 all ranks.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		0900	Maj Gen MACKAY visited 1 ALSG.	SITREP 23
		1500	IO visited Sector HQ and arranged for 5 RAR ptl on Grand Massif for 18 May. Also visited CIC. No info aval anywhere.	



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VUNG TAU	18		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1772 all ranks.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		0900	CA Offr went on liaison visit to SAIGON with SMO to discuss MEDCAP activities.	
		1000	IO went to BARIA to obtain info on 173 AB Bde op.	
		1400	GSQ2 visited HQ USASCVT and Advisory Team 79 to discuss trg areas.	
VUNG TAU	19		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1772 all ranks.	
		0830	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
			Maj NICOL, DAAG AFV, visited 1 ALSG to discuss A problems.	
		1030	IO visited Sector HQ, CIC and MSS to obtain info, also tried to liaise for Free Fire Area.	
			CA Offr visited senior US Advisor and village chief ref civic action program. No progress made.	SITREP 25
VUNG TAU	20		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1802 all ranks.	
		0800	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1000	GSQ2 and IO visited Sector HQ and National Trg Centre to arrange	



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VDNG TAU	20	(cont)		for Free Fire Area. Area obtained and info passed to 1 Fd. Regt.		
		1000		CA Offr called on Vietnamese security chief and village chief and made preliminary arrangements for a dispensary.		SITREP 26
		1300		IQ and OC 103 Fd. Bty. visited airfd. cmd. and HQ USASCVT ref Free Fire Area. Cleared with both.		
		1630		IQ visited Sector HQ ref Free Fire Area. Area cannot be used as ARVN are patrolling in the area.		
				Col COLLINS USMC from US Cbt. Development Cmd. Vietnam visited 1 ALSG.		
		1700		Sgt L. LA MOTTE, Sgt Clerk HQ 1 ALSG, marched in.		
VDNG TAU	21			Effective str in 1 ALSG area. 1802 all ranks		
		0800		Cmd's conf (see conf notes)		Conf Notes
				DADOS went on liaison visit to SAIGON		
		1000		IQ attended security conf at US CIC. Info obtained in SITREP		SITREP 27
				CA Offr discussed civic action matters with US CA Offr, Capt SHAFER, and estb a gen pattern of co-op and co-ord.		



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VUNG TAU	21	1500	Comd and GSO2 attended rd opening ceremony (rd through 1 ALSG area) conducted by Air Marshal KY.	
		1800	Comd and GSO2 attended reception for Air Marshal KY given by Mayor.	
		1900	Comd, GSO2, CA Offr and IO attended passing out ceremony at the National Trg Centre.	
VUNG TAU	22		A gen rest day for 1 ALSG units.	
		1100	Lt Col MURPHY visited 1 ALSG.	
		1600	8 Vietnamese, one with M1 carbine, detained near ALSG area and after ident check and questioning warned not to shoot in the area and released.	SITREP 28
VUNG TAU	23		Effective str 1 ALSG area 1869 all ranks.	
		0800	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
			A week long trg course for wpns instrs conducted by 1 ARU began.	
		1300	CA Offr negotiated with local authorities for the allocation of land for a dispensary.	SITREP 29
VUNG TAU	24		Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1869 all ranks	



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... WUNG TAU .....	.. 24 .....	.. 0800 .....	.. Comd's conf (see conf notes) .....	.. Conf Notes .....
.....	.....	.. 0830 .....	.. 5 PAR moved out to op area .....	.....
.....	.....	.. 0900 .....	.. NZ Ambassador and parliamentary party visited 1 ALSG .....	.. SITREP 30 .....
.....	.....	.. 1430 .....	.. A gp of three Australian entertainers performed in the ALSG area .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.. to approx 300 tps .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.. Lt Col MURPHY visited 1 ALSG .....	.....
.....	.....	.. 1500 .....	.. CA Offr distributed 300 tins of assorted food to families of .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.. Popular Forces members .....	.....
... WUNG TAU .....	.. 25 .....	.....	.. Effective str in 1 ALSG area 1099 all ranks .....	.....
.....	.....	.. 0800 .....	.. Comd's conf (see conf notes) .....	.. Conf Notes .....
.....	.....	.. 1100 .....	.. Maj HARRIS visited 1 ALSG .....	.....
.....	.....	.. 1400 .....	.. MEDCAP scheme initiated and approx 40 people treated .....	.. SITREP 31 .....
... WUNG TAU .....	.. 26 .....	.....	.. Effective str 1 ALSG units 659 all ranks .....	.....
.....	.....	.. 0800 .....	.. Comd's conf (see conf notes) .....	.. Conf Notes .....
.....	.....	.. 1100 .....	.. Maj JOSHUA, GSO2 AFV, visited 1 ALSG .....	.....
.....	.....	.. 1145 .....	.. Col SIMKIN, DDMP AHQ, visited 1 ALSG .....	.....



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VUNG TAU	26	1400	CA Offr gave 81 lbs pork to a local orphanage	SITREP 32
		1600	Gen WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV, addressed staff offr and unit comds of 1 ALSG and 1 ATF at 1 ATF. Pro Marshal arranged escort and bodygd for COMUSMACV.	
VUNG TAU	27		Effective str 1 ALSG units 659 all ranks.	
		0800	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1100	Maj BINNEY visited 1 ALSG.	SITREP 33
VUNG TAU	28		Effective str 1 ALSG units 659 all ranks.	
		0800	Comd's conf (see conf notes)	Conf Notes
		1230	Maj HARRIS visited 1 ALSG for discussion on maint of 1 ATF	
		1400	2 Fd Amb and 33 Dent Unit treated 60 Vietnamese under the current MEDCAP and DENTCAP scheme.	
		1400	The weekly int conf attended by various US int agencies and IO	
			1 ALSG was held at HQ 1 ALSG. Discussed were the result of the interrogation of the PW taken by 5 RAR and the problem of ARVN	
			tps going on leave in VUNG TAU armed. HQ USASCVT was asked to	



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VUNG TAU	28	(cont)	make representations to SAIGON on this matter. It was also decided to hold the conf twice weekly, Weds and Sats.	
VUNG TAU	29		Effective str 1 ALSG units 659 all ranks. It being the last Sunday before 1 ATF will require resup etc. 1 ALSG units were standing down.	
		1030	Majs JOSHUA, MEIBUSCH and DERMODY visited 1 ALSG and discussed G and Int matters with the GSO2 and IO.	SITREP 35
VUNG TAU	30		Effective str 1 ALSG units 866 all ranks.	
		0800	Comd's conf	Conf Notes
			4 task vehs and 1 landrover from 1 Coy RAASC took stores fwd to 5 RAR as part of 173 AB Bde resup convoy. Vehs returned 1330 hrs	SITREP 36
		1345	Comd AFV visited 1 ALSG. The deployment of units having elms with both 1 ATF and 1 ALSG was discussed.	
		1400	CA Offr made final arrangements with the Deputy Mayor of VUNG TAU for the selection of a contractor to build a dispensary for MEDCAP. The cost ceiling of \$A 4000 will probably have to be exceeded to	SITREP 37



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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	30 (cont)		meet the standards that are being insisted upon.	
		1500	GA Offr distributed food to 38 families of ARVN soldiers.	
VUNG TAU	31		Effective str 1. ALSG units 874 all ranks.	
		0800	Comd's conf.	Conf. Notes
			GA Offr went to SAIGON to procure medical sups for MEDCAP.	
			There is still an acute shortage of some engr and ord stores,	SITREP 37
			especially cable for power sup to 2 Comp Ord Depot.	
			Task vehs from 1 Coy are now used daily to assist 5 BAR to carry	
			stores fwd.	
			The charter flt from Australia did not arrive as scheduled and is	
			now due to arrive tomorrow.	
		1630	The Australian Red Cross Rep, Miss ZINNER, arrived to take up	
			residence in VUNG TAU.	



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Info			<del>SECRET</del>	
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	
			G1000	

**REP No 1 (.) Period 221700 H to 231700 H (.) HQ ALSG opened at 231100 H at grid ref YB 296444**

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<b>To</b>	<b>HQ AFV</b>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>SECRET</b>
<b>Info</b>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>01001</b>

**SECRET No 2 (.) period 231700 H to 241700 H (.) 1 ARV at grid reference YS 300444**

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From <i>1 ALSG</i>			PREFIX GR
To <i>HQ AFV</i>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Info			<b>SECRET</b>
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			<i>61002</i>

SEPREP No 3 (.) Period 241700 H to 261700 H (.) In (.) MTR (.) Own tps (.) Unit  
 Advance parties have been established in the fol areas (.) 17 Const Sqn and 55 AESS  
 at grid ref YS 296442 (.) 1 Coy RAASC at grid ref YS 297443 (.) 1 Div Postal Unit with  
 HQ 1 ALSG (.) Admin (.) MTR (.) Gen (.) Quantities of UXB have been found in 2 Camp  
 hosp area grid ref YS 298445

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Routine				270930	
From	1 ALSG	PREFIX			GR
To	HQ AFV	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			
		SECRET			
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER			
		G 1004			

Info

SITREP NO 4 (.) Period 261700 H to 271700 H (.) One (.) (.) En (.) NR (.) Two (.)  
 (.) Alpha (.) Adv parties 5 BAR and 1 Div Int Unit loc staging area grid ref  
 YS300445 (.) Dot 2 Fd Amb loc grid ref YS298445 (.) Bravo (.) Def developments (.)  
 Results of liaison with local US and VN authorities as follows (.) 1 ALSG area is to be  
 delineated by signs by local authorities (.) Rd bisecting the area is to be closed to  
 Civ t/c during hrs of darkness and check pts to be jointly manned with national police (.)  
 Authority has been obtained from local civ admin to eject all unauthorized civs from area  
 (.) US Comd desires check pt gds to be armed with shot guns own investigating (.) A  
 curfew exists in Vung Tau for servicemen from 0001hrs to 0600 hrs Mon to Sat and 0100hrs  
 to 0600 hrs Sun (.) this HQ conforming (.) Agreement has been given to limited trg  
 Exs outside 1 ALSG area (.) details are to be arranged jointly by this HQ and local VN  
 authorities (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Pers (.) Draft of 106 pers  
 arrived PM with small quantities of unit stores incl one water pump and filter (.)  
 Bravo (.) Ord stores (.) Acute shortage of tentage and M37 stoves (complete) and  
 emersion heaters and associated drums (.) Charlie (.) Engr stores (.) refrigeration  
 should arrive by noon 28Apr or G Rats have to be issued to large proportion of firm on  
 29 Apr and appropriate fresh Rats cancelled (.) Delta (.) Pro (.) Aust det on joint  
 pts with US MP in Vung Tau (.) Arrangements have been made with local RAAF authorities  
 for disciplinary powers of Pro over RAAF pers

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To <b>HQ AFV</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>SECRET</b>
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>G1005</b>

SITREP No 5 (.) Period 271700 H to 281700 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
 Over tps (.) Alfa (.) Loss (.) adjusted loc of 1 ANU grid ref YS100443 (.) Bravo (.)  
 Def developments (.) Wire issued to 5 RAR to commence const of perimeter fence at staging  
 area (.) Charlie (.) Trg (.) Liaison effected with WO in charge AAFV Vung Tau ~~ref~~  
 ref trg areas use of ranges etc for incoming Bns and for Inf trg of ALSG units (.) Three  
 (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engr stores (.) 100 rolls of barbed wire and 100 rolls of danner  
 wire issued to 5 RAR for const of stores compounds and perimeter fence at staging area (.)  
 Bravo (.) Engr wire (.) Filling of 1 ANU/staging area and work on 17 const sqn area cont  
 (.) Charlie (.) Engr (.) Accute shortage of tps not expected to ease until after unloading of  
 HMAS Sydney (.) Delta (.) Med (.) RAP being estn on 2 FC Amb site but not yet operating  
 (.) Echo (.) Gnd (.) No change from SITREP No 4 (.) four (.) Gen (.) Alfa (.)  
 DC visited 1 ALSG 0945 H to 1030 H (.) Bravo (.) ~~indiscriminate~~ indiscriminate pistol  
 shooting by US Pers near 17 Const Sqn Area at 271800 H (.) US Pers info of presence of tps  
 in area

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To <b>HQ AFV</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION  <b>SECRET</b>
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  <b>31006</b>

SITREP No 6 (.) Period 281700 H to 291700 H (.) One (.) Br (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
 On tps (.) Alfa (.) Less (.) Adv party 2 Comp Ord Depot at grid ref YB 301445 (.)  
 Bravo (.) More UXB found in 2 Rd Amb area and destroyed (.) Three (.) Admin (.)  
 Alfa (.) Para (.) draft of 114 para arrived 291245 with small quantity of unit stores  
 (.) Bravo (.) Rear wks (.) Work cont in 1 Adj/staging area and 17 Const Sq area (.)  
 Charlie (.) Tpt (.) no change from sitrep no 5 (.) Unloading of LCU 1556 Not  
 completed (.) Advice required in advance of detailed loadings of stores Ex Bien Hoa to  
 permit preallocation in view of shortages this area (.) Delta (.) Med (.) BAP in  
 ALSG area to commence operating 1 May

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To <b>HQ AFV</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION  <b>SECRET</b>
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  <b>G 1007</b>

SITREP No 7 (.) Period 29100H to 301700 H (.) One (.) En (.) NEB (.) Two (.)  
 n tps (.) Alfa (.) Pul visited 1 ALSG 0802 HQ AFV DADOS HQ AFV CO 5 BAR (.) Bravo  
 (.) Second recce of area conducted and outline plan timed (.) Charlie (.) Conf on  
 unloading of HMAS Sydney and recce of transshipment area conducted (.) Thruo (.) Admin  
 (.) Engz Wks (.) Work cont 1 ARU/staging area 17 Const Sqn area and SF area (.) Bravo  
 (.) Engz stores (.) received ex LCU 1556 one conax one pallet star pickets one pallet  
 demert wire 36288 lbs timber (.) Charlie (.) Ordstores (.) Received ex LCU 1556 one  
 pallet tent poles three pallets ridge and side poles two 3/4 ton landrover with sig eqpt  
 three 1/2 ton trailers two M37 stoves 350 water cans 407 bundles of tentageone 2 1/2 ton  
 International (.) Received ex courier three M37 stoves four immersion heaters one safe  
 one 1/2 ton landrover one 1/2 ton trailer (.) Four (.) Gen (.) LCU 1556 arrived 291840 H  
 loading completed by 292010 H

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Info

~~SIDREP No8 (.) Period 001700 H to 011700 H (.) (.) In (.) No reports of any nature have as yet been received from higher HQ or Allied units (.) It is requested that ant op and similar reports etc be fwd to this HQ (.) Two (.) Own ops (.) Alfa (.) UXB found in 17 Const Sqn area and destroyed (.) Bravo (.) Comms (.) It has been found that the Hot line Saigon/Vung Tau does not op after approx 1730 hrs and on Sundays (.) Charlie (.) A no of natives have been evicted from the area throughout the day (.) Delta (.) Some indiscriminate shooting still takes place to the south of AISG area (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Para (.) Draft of 94 para and unit stores arrived between 1430 hrs and 1530 hrs (.) Bravo (.) Logr also (.) work sent via ARU/staging 17 Const Sqn and ST area (.) Charlie (.) Hel (.) Work in 17 Const Sqn area was interrupted by the discovery of large nos of vipers~~

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		G1010	
Info			

~~ITREP Co 10 (.) Period 021700 H to 031700 H (.) One (.) En (.) WPR (.) Two (.)  
 Gen tps (.) Alfa (.) A final arrangements for the allocation of trg areas for staging  
 units have been made with local authorities (.) Bravo (.) Det 11 MB Cp has been estb  
 in transshipment area (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) pers (.) Draft of 114 pers  
 and unit stores arrived 1340 hrs (.) Break up of draft three to RAAP five to 17 Const  
 Sqn 106 to 5 RAR (.) Bravo (.) Ergt wks (.) work cont ARU/staging BT Sigs Ord and  
 17 Const Sqn areas~~

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Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>G1013</b>

**SIGREP No 11 (.) Period 031700 H to 051700 H (.) One (.) M (.) One US naval rating wounded by two sniper bullets at Cat Lo grid ref YB300495 at 042255 H (.) Two (.) Com (.) Alfa (.) Eng (.) 5RAR trg is to commence 6 May subject to availability of Hols at Vung Tau (.) Bravo (.) Nov (.) HMAS Sydney still discharging est time of completion 061000 H (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Pers (.) total pers off loaded from HMAS Sydney 190 (.) Draft arrived by air at 051400 H with unit stores (.) Bravo (.) Engr stores (.) 11 trucks loads of sandbags wire and star pickets arrived Ex Bien Hoa at 032100 H (.) Charlie (.) Engr wire (.) Work cont in engr Sig SF Med Ord and ABU/staging areas (.) Delta (.) Ord stores (.) Two pallets of water cans received Ex Bien Hoa at 032300 H (.) 171 vans 110 trailers six 105mm how two ambulances four front-end loaders and unit stores unloaded from HMAS Sydney (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) Gen AFV Maj Gen Mackay and Brig Jackson visited ALSG 041400 H (.) DAQMG AFV Maj Harris visited ALSG 051400Z**

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Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>01016</b>

STREP No 12 Ha (.) Period 051700 H to 061700 H (.) One (.) Ha (.) FTR (.) Two  
 (.) One tps (.) Alfa (.) IO attended briefing at sector HQ (.) Bravo (.) Further:  
 UOB found SF area (.) Charlie (.) Nov (.) LHM and AS John Monash arrived at 060600 hrs  
 (.) Unloading of John Monash commenced 1900 hrs of HX 1630 hrs (.) Unloading of HX13  
 Sydney cont during night and ship sailed at 0730 hrs (.) Three (.) Main (.) Alfa (.)  
 Engt vls (.) Work cont in Engt Sigs Wed Uni and ANU areas (.) Bravo (.) Stores (.)  
 Transfer of stores ship to shore and transshipment area to ALSG cont (.) Four (.) Can  
 (.) Visits (.) GE APV Maj Binney and DAQNG APV Maj Harris visited ALSG

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Info			<b>SECRET</b>
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			<b>01013</b>

~~SIGREP No 13 (.) Period 061700 H to 071700 H (.) Dsa (.) Dp (.) Alfa (.) at 2010 hrs~~  
~~four unidentified persons were spotted by the headlights of a truck at the southern end of~~  
~~the proposed Sigs area (.) The persons fled into the sigs area (.) 1ARU was alerted and~~  
~~despatched a Ptl through a Ptl area (.) The Ptl laid up in the Sigs area until~~  
~~illumination was provided by more from the Vung Tau aird def org and by ac from Vung Tau~~  
~~(.) Three USM fast ptl boats armed with pt 5 cal MG patrolled back beach from Cap St~~  
~~Jacques to Place Tink (.) Nothing was found and the op was called off at 2145 hrs (.)~~  
~~US ac and ptl boats returned to their bases (.) Subsequent discussion with 32 USA SCFT and~~  
~~US Advisory Team Viet Ton revealed that the four persons may well have been members of the~~  
~~RVN Regular Forces who by accident or design lost their way (.) The op revealed one or two~~  
~~minor weaknesses in the present ALSG def arrangements and although nothing was found proved~~  
~~have been an excellent Ex (.) Bravo (.) At approx 2230 hrs two Aust soldiers were~~  
~~approached and questioned by two vietnamese civs in Vung Tau (.) When the soldiers tried~~  
~~to evade the civs they were attacked by them (.) No injury (.) Investigation in progress~~  
~~(.) Charlie (.) VC dispozn (.) Report received at 070100 H indicates VC unit approx size~~  
~~size with three 120 mm mms loc at grid ref YB4455 and three sampans sighted at approx grid~~  
~~ref YB424548 (.) Delta (.) VC assassination cell team reported to have moved from Dat Do~~  
~~Grid ref YB4659 to Vung Tau during first week of May (.) Two (.) Gun tps (.) Alfa (.)~~  
~~1 ARU ptl in sigs area 2030 hrs to 2145 hrs NER (.) 5 RAR trg program commenced 7 May (.)~~

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Bravo (.) Unloading of LSM completed and of AS John Monash cont (.) Transfer of stores on transshipment area to ALSG cont (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engr wks (.) Work cont in Engr Sig Med ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) Pers (.) Draft of 114 pers arrived between 1310 hrs and 1520 hrs

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SITREP No 14 (.) Period 071700 H to 081700 H (.) One (.) In (.) NVA (.) Two (.)  
 wa tps (.) Alfa (.) Loss (.) 1 Rd Regt and det 131 Div Loc Bty loc grid ref YD 309  
 (.) Bravo (.) Mov (.) unloading of AS John Monash cont (.) Three (.) Admin (.)  
 Alfa (.) Engr who (.) work cont in Engr Sig and ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) Stores (.)  
 one oxibou with stores arrived from Dien Hoa (.) Charlie (.) Storm damage (.) 60 H  
 wind damaged 15 tents 16 by 16 and three marquis

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SITREP No 15 (.) Period 081700 H to 091700 H (.) One (.) In (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
 in type (.) Alfa (.) Trig (.) 5 BAR fired 81 mm mortar flares from base plate posn grid  
 ref YG301443 from 1930 hrs to 2130 hrs (.) 81 mm mortar HE fire from base plate posn out  
 to sea 1500 hrs to 1530 hrs (.) fire stopped by comd because of insufficient safety  
 precautions (.) Bravo (.) USASCVT was contacted ref provision of 30 shotguns now and  
 a total of 80 ultimately for arming of in line picquets (.) Three (.) Admin (.)  
 Alfa (.) Para (.) Draft of 114 para for 5 BAR arrived 1600 hrs (.) Bravo (.) Engr  
 wks (.) work cont in Engr Sig AVU areas and on site of stockade (.) Charlie (.)  
 Engr stores (.) Quantity of pap arrived 2000 hrs (.) Delta (.) Ord stores (.)  
 Tentage and tent poles in very short supply (.) 9mm ammo arrived 1600 hrs (.) Echo (.)  
 Water (.) ALSO water pt now in full op (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) DAVIS AVU  
 visited ALSO 1800 hrs

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SITREP No 16 (.) Period 091700 H to 101700 H (.) One (.) An (.) NER (.) Two (.)  
 Own tps (.) Alfa 5 BAR (.) 01 m nor illuminating trg fire 1930 hrs to 2030 hrs (.)  
 Bravo (.) RVN PF (.) Agreement made that PF will not ptl north of Rd grid ref 293428  
 to 288430 (.) Charlie (.) Nov (.) LSM Vernon Sturday and AS John Moush completed  
 unloading and departed (.) Three (.) Admin (.) NER (.) Four Gen (.) Visits (.)  
 Maj Gen Mackay Comd APV and Brig Jackson visited ALSG 0930 hrs to 1200 hrs (.) GE APV  
 and financial advisor visited ALSG 1430 hrs

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~~SITREP No 17 (.0 Period 101700 H to 11 1700 H (.)) One (.)) En (.)) NRZ (.)) Two (.))  
 on tpe (.)) Alfa (.)) Taz (.)) 5 RAR cont taz activities (.)) Bravo (.)) GI (.)) It  
 has been found that the laundry contractor through laundry marking has virtually complete  
 nominal rolls of units in this area (.)) Charlie (.)) 1 ALSG HQ has been reconstd after re-  
 location of 3 Rd Tp (.)) Three (.)) Admin (.)) Alfa (.)) Para (.)) Draft arrived 1315  
 hrs (.)) Bravo (.)) Engr wks (.)) Work carried out in HQ Engr ARU and Stockade areas (.))  
 Four (.)) Gen (.)) Visits (.)) Maj Gen Rifel CG 1 SF Comd visited ALSG 1330 hrs to 1500  
 hrs~~

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To <b>HQ 1 AAFV</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>SECRET</b>
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SITREP No 18 (.) Period 111700 H to 121700 H (.) One (.) Pa (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
 Own tps (.) Alfa (.) Two (.) Coy 5 RAR patrolled grand mass F (.) Bravo (.)  
 Nov (.) Vernon Sturdee departed 0800 hrs (.) Charlie (.) Gen (.) Work cont on the  
 setting up of HQ 1 ALSG area and development of unit areas (.) Delta (.) CA (.)  
 Contacted headman of buddhist temple village to west of ALSG area and discussed at length  
 civic action program (.) This village not SP by any other unit (.) Headman anxious to  
 co-op in any program (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engr wks (.) Work cont Sig  
 Engr Ord and AHU areas (.) Bravo (.) Gen (.) Fire at 0015 hrs destroyed four tents in  
 145 Sig Sqn area (.) No injuries but several wps and personal effects destroyed

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**SUMREP No 19 (.) Period 121700 H to 131700 H (.) One (.) In (.) Alfa (.) Ident (.)**  
**15 Bu reported in gen area grid ref YB 5568 to cd VC Province Chief Nguyen Van Kiem (.)**  
**Bravo (.) Lee (.) A VC Regional Regt reports have moved from NH 1 to Long Phuoc grid**  
**ref YB4454 (.) Two (.) Com typ (.) Alfa (.) Eng (.) Coy 5 RAR patrolled ground near**  
**(.) 3802 attended co-ord conf at seminary camp (.) Bravo (.) CA (.) CA offr accompan**  
**SHO with view to cut down VD incident rate (.) Recce with SHO for possible civic action**  
**medevac activities (.) Liaised with UN PM with view to prevent attacks on aillie typ by**  
**civ in Vung Tau (.) Visited cont USADSVT to report on rubbish dumping west of ALSG area**  
**by ROK Army and Vietnamese civ authorities (.) Charlie (.) Indiscriminate shots fired**  
**over sig area at 1805 hrs probably by pers from political school (.) Two Aust soldiers**  
**assaulted in Vung Tau at approx 2330 hrs (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engrs (.**  
**Wks (.) Work cont Ord Sigs and ARU areas (.) Nov (.) LSM arrived 1630 hrs (.) Bravo**  
**(.) Ord (.) Acute shortage of tents in theatre cont (.) First of stores from Bien Hoa**  
**det arrived this area for 2 Comp Ord Depot (.) Two ac to cont transfer of stores Bien Ho**  
**to Vung Tau (.) Charlie (.) Pers (.) Draft arrived 1330 hrs (.) Four (.) Gen (.)**  
**Visits (.) Brig Jackson visited ALSG 1100 hrs**

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SYRME No 20 (.) Period 131700 hrs to 141700 H (.) Cms (.) Bn (.) ALG (.) Lcs  
 (.) 94 Dong Hai Regt reported to be at Binh Ba grid ref YB 450740 with two Bn lcs on  
 the (.) Between 75 and 100 labourers have been moved into the area of Kien La Van  
 grid ref YB3973 (.) An unidentified VC coy reported on Hai Dat grid ref YB 4367 (.) 300  
 regional tps reported in Long Phouc grid ref YB 4464 (.) Two coys of B445 Bn reported  
 in area grid ref YB 4953 (.) 61 Bn reported in area grid ref YB 4548 (.) The VC e  
 coy reported in area grid ref YB 4455 on 7 May is reported to have moved to grid ref  
 YB447532 (.) Bravo (.) Ste (.) Reported str of VC units as at Mar 66 (.) B445 Bn  
 500 (.) 020 Coy 90 (.) 0300 Coy 140 (.) 0610 Pl 30 (.) 01 Pl 30 30 (.) 5 Regt  
 1500 (.) 94 Regt 2000 (.) 0240 Coy 65 (.) 265 Bn 600 (.) 1300 Regt not known  
 (.) Charlie (.) Personalities (.) VC Chief of Phouc Tay province is Nguyen Van Kiem  
 (.) Comd 94 Regt is U Ming (.) Delta (.) GI (.) VC have received info that Aust US  
 AND ROK tps are to move into gen area of Long Phouc and Long Kien (.) Reported that VC  
 will come in Vung Tau on creating discord between ARVN and Allied tps through minor  
 incidents and attacks on allied soldiers on leave by VC dressed in ARVN uniforms (.)  
 The number of buddhists living on petit massif has increased during last month from five  
 to approx 35 com HNH believed to be to org civ lab on Vung Tau aird (.) Population  
 of Ding gia grid ref YB 4077 consisting mainly of north vietnamese catholics is said to  
 be very anti VC although at present under VC domination (.) Two (.) Com tps (.)

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Trg (.) 5 RAR conducted heli trg (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Gen (.)  
 All units engaged in estb and developing their areas (.) Bravo (.) Engr wks (.)  
 Work cont ARU and staging areas (.) Charlie (.) HC (.) Transfer of stores Bien Hoa  
 to Vung Tau by air cont (.) LHM arrived at 1640 hrs (.) Delta (.) SF (.) shortage  
 of Avnsts for 161 Eeccc Flt (.) Seven task vehs to depart for Saigon on LHM (.) Echo  
 (.) Ond (.) Additional idgy contract let to cater for increased tp str (.) Four (.)  
 Gen (.) Visits (.) 303 Corps Maj Gen Tri visited ALSC Area 1000 hrs

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		<b>61029</b>	

STREP No 21 (.) Period 141700 H to 151700 H (.) One (.) In (.) MR (.) Two (.)  
 Gen (.) 5 PAR hold try cont (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Also (.) Engt vln (.)  
 work cont sig and INI areas (.) Bravo (.) BU (.) Draft of 112 para for HQ 1 AF 17  
 Const Gen Wap AF IAB 103 Sig Reg 2 FA sub and RAAP with 8398 lbs stores arrived 1300 hrs  
 (.) Transfer of stores Binn Hoa to Fung Tan by air cont (.) Charlie (.) Gen (.)  
 Setting up of HQ 1 ALSG cont (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) Lt Col Murphy and Maj  
 Binney AFV and Lt Col Ranker MW visited ALSG

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**STEEL 22 (.) Period 151700 H to 161700 H (.) One (.) Br (.) Alfa (.) Vung Tau (.)**  
**(.) Loss of ammunition train of six in Vung Tau cda (.) Expected VC will create incid-**  
**ents in Vung Tau during 15/21 May holiday period (.) Vung Tau placed out of bound until**  
**further notice (.) Bravo (.) Phase Try (.) Eastern part of Binh Ba seized dug up by**  
**VD (.) Friendly air action against VC at Binh Ba 15 May result not known (.) VC cut E**  
**Provincial Highway Two vicinity Qui Det grid ref YB 4367 (.) Two (.) Own ops (.) Def**  
**of ALSG area further developed (.) Sentries placed on both exits of main rd through**  
**ALSG area (.) Pro pol in Vung Tau increased by six pers (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa**  
**(.) Rgr wks (.) Work cont Sig and ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) Ord (.) Acute shortage**  
**of com stores particularly tentage still persists and will increase with more tp arrivals**  
**(.) Four (.) Gen (.) Yosets (.) Brig Jackson visited ALSG area**

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>61035</b>	

SITREP No 23 (.) Period 161700 H to 171700 H (.) One (.) In (.) RTR (.) TWO (.)  
 Our top (.) Development of def cont (.) Sig and Cal areas (.) Bravo (.) 10 (.) 16  
 May 4 Flts Bion Has to Vung Tau with 20000 lbs Aviat ammo and Cal stores (.) Charlie (.)  
 Ord (.) quantity unavail (.) tentage obtained as interim measure until more tentage avail  
 (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) Maj Gen Mackey Comd AFV visited 1600 0900 hrs

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PRECEDENCE — ACTION <b>PRIORITY</b>	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP <b>181030 H</b>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From <b>1 ALSO</b>		PREFIX GR	
To <b>AUSEFORCE VIETNAM</b>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>01041</b>	

**SITREP No 24 (.) Period 171700 H to 181700 H (.) One (.) In (.) Approx 300 VC  
 reported moving from area grid ref YD 2159 towards Long Son YD 2956 (.) VC reported well a  
 armed but presence of by was not known (.) Two (.) Own type (.) Development of defn  
 cont (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Beta (.) Work cont Sig Gen and  
 stocks (.) Bravo (.) Exd (.) Small qty tentage arrived from Aust (.) Pri  
 for stores now being sent to Yang Kou also tentage for 1 IV (.) Charlie (.) Gen (.)  
 Public at AIGC area closed for three days to prepare for rd opening ceremony by 15th Air  
 Marshal by subsequent clear up in area development**

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To <b>AUSEFORCE VIETNAM</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>SECRET</b>
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>01043</b>

**STREP No 25 (.) Period 181700 H to 191700 H (.) One (.) En (.) Phuoc Tay (.) A second regt reported in gen area of Binh Ba (.) Two (.) Own type Alfa (.) Def development cont (.) Bravo (.) GA Ofcr contacted senior advisor and village chief ref civic action program (.) No progress (.) Three (.) Admin (.) MU (.) Draft of 101 pass and 7475 lbs unit Engz and Ord stores arrived (.) five caribou shuttle flts carried 20000 lbs High Hoc to Saigon (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visita (.) Maj Nicol DAAG AFV visited ALSG 0830 hrs**

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Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>G 1049</b>

STATED NO 07 (.) PERIOD 201700 H TO 211700 H (.) CEN (.) EN (.) ALSG (.) VIETNAM (.)  
 BELIEVED BEING 201700 H AT 210940Z APPROVED BY SOME ARVN SOLDIERS DECIDED NOT TO  
 TAKE PART IN OPERATING AIR MARSHAL 101 AND WERE BEING HELD IN PRISON AGAINST  
 PROXY GOVERNMENT (.) SHALL TO ESTABLISH PARTY OF FIVE REPORTED IN GUY (.) BRAVO (.)  
 REGO 101 (.) INFO INDICATED THAT VC REPLACED THREE CANNONS AT YB463490 (.) TO GOY  
 WITH 81MM MGR AND 140 MGR REPORTED AT YB326640 (.) TWO VC PIA REPORTED MOVING FROM  
 YB24665 TOWARDS BEN DA YB2450 (.) TWO (.) CEN TMS (.) CA (.) REASON AND COORD  
 USED WITH US CA OPER (.) THREE (.) ARVN (.) ALSG (.) ENGR WYE (.) WORE HQ 1 ALSG  
 AND 55 ARVN AREA (.) BRAVO (.) NG (.) 110 PERS AND 7050 LBS STORES ARRIVED 1400 HRS (.)  
 12 TRUCK LOADS ENGR STORES ARRIVED BY 15H (.) FOUR (.) CEN (.) VIETNAM (.) 0800 14V  
 VISITED ALSO 1600 HRS

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			<b>G1050</b>

Info

~~UTREP No 28 (.) Period 211700 H to 221700 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)~~  
~~Alpha (.) Out of bounds restriction of Vung Tau lifted 1300 hrs (.) Bravo~~  
~~(.) 22 May gen rest day (.) Three (.) Admin (.) NTR (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Alfa~~  
~~(.) Eight vietnamese shooting birds close to ALSG area detained and after ident check and~~  
~~questioning released with wng (.) Visits (.) Lt Col Murphy visited ALSG~~

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Number 30

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<b>PRIORITY</b>		<b>241125Z</b>	
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			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			<b>G1058</b>

Info **1 ATF**

~~SITREP No 30 (.) Period 231700 H to 241700 H (.) One (.) En (.) One USN swift boat  
(.) by 57 mm RR fire off Long Son YS 2953 early am 23 May (.) One US rating KIA boat beached  
(.) Cive at Cat Lo naval base on strike (.) Two (.) Own tps (.) GA (.) 300 tins  
assorted food distributed to families of PF members (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.)  
Engr who (.) Work cont HQ AESS Sigs Ord and ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) MC (.) 4 Caribon  
flts with 16000 lbs stores arrived from Bien Hoa (.) Charlie (.) Amen (.) Aust  
entertainment gp performed in ALSG area 1430 hrs (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.)  
NZ ambassador and parliamentary party visited ALSG 0830 hrs (.) Lt Col Murphy visited  
ALSG 1430 hrs~~

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Info <b>1 AFF</b>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>61060</b>

SITREP No 31 (.) Period 241700 H to 251700 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
Own tps (.) CA (.) 40 patients treated by medcap pm 25 May (.) Three (.) Admin (.)  
Alfa (.) Engr wks (.) Work cont HQ Sig Ord and ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) MC (.)  
Draft of 112 pers and approx 7000 lbs of stores arrived 1300 hrs (.) LSM arrived 1205 hrs  
with 4 semi trailer one five ton truck and six trucks of stores (.) Four caribou flts  
with 20980 lns arrived from Bien Hoa (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) Mak Harris v  
visiting ALSG (.) Miss Zinner visited ALSG (.) Col Clark did not arrive

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Info 1 ATF			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  G 1063

SITREP NO 32 (.) PERIOD 251700H TO 261700H (.) ONE (.) EN (.) NTR (.) TWO (.) OWN  
 TPS (.) ALFA (:) CA (.) DONATED 81 LBS OF PORK TO LOCAL ORPHANAGE (.) BRAVO (.)  
 PRO (.) PROVIDED ESCORT AND BODYGD FOR GEN WESTMORELAND (.) THREE (.) ADMIN (.)  
 ALFA (.) ENGR WKS (.) WORK CONT HQ SIG AND ARU AREAS (.) BRAVO (.) MC (.) FIVE  
 CARIBOU FLTS WITH 26777 LBS STORES ARRIVED FROM BIEN HOA (.) FOUR (.) GEN (.)  
 MAJ JOSHUA VISITED 1 ALSG 1100 HRS (.) GEN WESTMORELAND VISITED AREA 1600 HRS

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<b>PRIORITY</b>		<b>270953Z</b>	
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			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			<b>G1065</b>

Info

~~SITREP No 33 (.) Period 261700 H to 271700 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
Own tps (.) NTR (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engr gks (.) Work in Sig  
ord EME and ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) MC (.) Draft of 113 pers and 7129 lbs stores  
arrived 1400 hrs (.) LSM arrived 1530 hrs with ten pallets one conex and 17 bundles  
Ord stores (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) Maj Binney visited 1 ALSG 1100 hrs~~

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Info <b>1 ATF</b>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  <b>G1073</b>

SITREP No 35 (.) Period 281700 H to 291200 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
Own tps (.) CA (.) Ref SITREP 34 para two (.) Total No treated 40 MEDCAP 20  
DENTCAP (.) Three (.) Admin (.) MC (.) ETA of LSM 291500 (.) Four (.) Gen (.)  
Visits (.) Majs Dermody Joshua and Meibusch visited 1 ALSG 1030 hrs

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Info <b>1 ATF</b>		<b>CONF</b>	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	
		<b>G1078</b>	

SITREP No 36 (.) period 291200 H to 301200 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
Own tps (.) Four task vehs and one landrover from 1 Coy RAASC left with 5 RAR resup  
convoy 0800 hrs (.) Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engr wks (.) Work cont Sig Ord  
EME and ARU areas (.) Bravo (.) MC (.) 291400 H two C130 Flts with 107 tps and  
6139 lbs stores arrived (.) LSM arrived 1530 hrs with four semi trailer loads Ord stores  
five trucks with Engr stores one Conex and four landrovers and trailers (.) Caribou  
shuttle svc Bien Hoa to Vunt tau resumed approx 0800 hrs (.) Charlie (.) Ord (.)  
No vehs aval in depot (.) Posn of spare parts critical

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<b>From 1 ALSG</b>			PREFIX <b>GR</b>
<b>To AUSTFORCE VIETNAM</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION  <b>CONF</b>
<b>Info 1 ATF</b>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  <b>G1080</b>

SITREP No 37 (.) Period 301200 H to 311200 H (.) One (.) En (.) NTR (.) Two (.)  
Own tps (.) Alfa (.) Two task vehs from 1 Coy RAASC left with 5 RAR resup convoy  
0800 hrs (.) Bravo (.) CA (.) Final arrangements for the selection of a contractor  
for building a dispensary made (.) Difficulty in keeping cost below \$A4000 because  
of standards insisted upon (.) distributed food to 38 families of ARVN Soldiers (.)  
Three (.) Admin (.) Alfa (.) Engr wksp (.) Work cont in Sig Ord EME and ARU areas  
(.) Bravo (.) MC (.) Five Caribou flts with 15337 lbs stores and one landrover and  
trailer arrived from BIEN HOA 30 May (.) Charlie (.) Engr stores (.) accute shortage  
of three core PVC cable in area (.) Cable was supposed th have come on courier AC from  
Aust 28 May but was not loaded (.) Four (.) Gen (.) Visits (.) Comd AFV visited  
ALSG 1345 hrs

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1 ALSG INTSUM 1/66

To 26 May 66

5 RAR OP IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

1. En activity


- a. 250913H D Coy sighted 1 VC at grid ref 439662.
- b. 250930H C Coy sighted 1 VC at grid ref 442685.
- c. 251210H D Coy found one claymore mine at grid ref 439667.
- d. 251555H C Coy contacted 3 VC at grid ref 457664. VC withdrew east.
- e. 251610H B Coy contacted 2 VC armed with automatic wpns in area grid ref 4568.
- f. 251700H B Coy contacted 4 VC near a hut at grid ref 457684. VC withdrew. Hut searched and destroyed. Also found in area a fox hole and tunnel system. Tunnels searched and two booby trapped grenades found.
- g. 260905H C Coy sighted 4 VC armed with rifles at grid ref 448683.
- h. 260915H B Coy sighted 2 possibly 3 VC armed with rifles at grid ref 457680.
- j. 260930H A Coy found VC posn for est coy at grid ref 452583. Posn not occupied. 16 bunkers and several empty ammo boxes destroyed.
- k. 261210H 2 VC contacted at grid ref 461683. Blood trail followed without result. Possibly 1 VC KIA.
- l. 261415H A Coy searched and destroyed house at grid ref 453678.

2. Disposn of own tps.

a. 5 RAR

Bn HQ and C Coy grid ref 439685  
A Coy grid ref 457674  
B Coy grid ref 461683  
D Coy grid ref 433674

b. 105 Fd Bty RAA grid ref 395626.

  
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1 ALSG INTSUM 2/66

To 27 May 66

5 RAR OP IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

1. En activity

- a. 261440H B Coy loc bunker at grid ref 463687. Bunker destroyed. Also found 2 black uniforms, 8 arrows and 1 groundsheet.
- b. 270925H B Coy sighted 4 VC at grid ref 458678.
- c. 271000H A Coy searched a house at grid ref 461675 and fired on 4 VC armed with rifles. 1 VC KIA, others withdrew South.
- d. 271215H B Coy sighted 5 VC leaving tunnel at grid ref 467690. 1 VC WIA and captured. Found 1000 lbs rice and destroyed. Captured 1 automatic wpn and 2 rifles.
- e. 271232H A Coy found 2 caches of rice containing total of 13000 lbs at grid ref 461668. Destroyed.
- f. 1 VC KIA at grid ref 466694. Captured 2 rifles and 2 grenades.
- g. 271811 H B Coy contacted 1 VC at grid ref 467685. Possibly WIA, VC dressed in green shirt and khaki shorts.

b. Addendum to INTSUM 1/66

a. Para 1 j. Complex contained approx 60 pits and 9 shelters spread over 8000 sq yds. Wpn pits faced East and West and were approx 4-5 days old. Ammo boxes were for 5.6 and 40mm ammo.

b. Corrigendum, Para 1 j. Amend grid ref to read 452683.

3. Disposn of own tps.

a. 5 RAR

Bn HQ grid ref 441686  
A Coy grid ref 449674  
B Coy grid ref 464692  
C Coy grid ref 445685  
D Coy grid ref 435676

b. 105 Fd Bty no change.

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1 ALSG INTSUM 3/66

To 28 May 66

5 RAR OP IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

1. En activity

a. 281100H A Coy contacted 13 VC at grid ref 458674. A cache containing 12 tons of rice and 4 gals kerosine located at same grid ref and destroyed.

b. 281110H A Coy in same loc fired on 3 VC dressed in black. 1 VC KIA, others withdrew south.

c. 281625H B Coy contacted 5 VC at grid ref 478693. En withdrew south leaving blood trail which was followed for 300 meters. Result of contact 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 1 rifle and 1 SMG magazine captured.

d. 281800H C Coy searched a VC village at grid ref 469668. A quantity of propaganda material found.

2. Disposn of own tps.

a. 5 RAR

Bn HQ and Coys no change  
A Ech grid ref 441686

b. 105 Fd Bty no change.

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1 ALSG INTSUM 4/66

To 31 May 66

1. 5 RAR OP

a. En activity

(1) 311145H D Coy contacted 3 VC at grid ref 465674. Possibly 2 VC WIA. 2 VC fled north 1 south followed for 200 yds. Nothing to report.

(2) 311520H C Coy contacted 4 VC dressed in camouflage uniforms at grid ref 474682. 1 VC armed with bolt action rifle. VC yelled out "UC DAI LOI watch out". VC fled east; possibly 1 WIA.

(3) 311750H A Coy contacted 3 VC at grid ref 454677. 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA captured.

b. Disposn of own tps no change.

2. 173 ABN BDE OP

a. 260810H D/16 Armour found wpn pits at grid ref 434680.

b. 260845H 173 MP fired upon by 2 automatic and two rifles at grid ref 428657.


c. 260847H PWIH reported 5 VC engaged by ARVN forces at grid ref 413652. No results known.

d. 261045H A/2/503 found large house with 19 Vietnamese at grid ref 445657. Another group of Vietnamese also found in vicinity. Total of 8 persons of military age detained.

e. 261630H 2/503 fired on by 2 VC in grey uniforms at grid ref 426669. Fire returned, results not known. Later 20 rds 7.62 CHICOM ammo found at same location.

f. 31 May 2/503 contacted 10 VC at grid ref 386718. 1 VC KIA, 1 Mk3 SMG and 1 automatic recovered.

g. 310901H 1/503 contacted 4 VC at grid ref 498739. Results not known.

  
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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lieutenant Colonel D.L. ROUSE

Commanding

First Australian Logistic Support Group

25 Apr 66

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1. OC TROOPS

Maj A.M. SALTER, GSO 2 HQ 1 ALSG, is appointed OC Troops for HQ 1 ALSG and attached units.

2. EXTRA-REGIMENTAL DUTIES

Officers' Mess appointments are:

PMC 1 ALSG Officers' Mess	-	Maj A.M. SALTER
Secretary 1 ALSG Officers' Mess	-	Capt W.S. WUST
Treasurer 1 ALSG Officers' Mess	-	To be nominated

3. POSTAL ADDRESS

The correct postal address for units of 1 ALSG is:

Number, Rank, Name  
Unit  
Aust FPO 3  
c/- GPO SYDNEY  
NSW

4. DRESS

The following orders of dress are to be worn:

- a. Work dress (daylight hrs) - Boots, Socks, Shorts, Shirt (optional).
- b. Sunset to sunrise - Boots, Socks, Trousers, Shirts (sleeves down).

5. HEALTH

All ranks are warned of the dangers of sunburn and are advised not to expose themselves to direct sunlight for extensive periods.

6. DAILY SWIMMING

Duties permitting, all ranks are to avail themselves of existing bathing facilities. Transport to the beach will leave daily at 1600 hrs and return at 1700 hrs.

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by

Lieutenant Colonel D.L. ROUSECommandingFirst Australian Logistic Support Group29 Apr 66Serial No. VT 2  
Nos. 7 - 177. COMMANDER 1 ALSG CONFERENCE

A Conference will be conducted daily at 0830 hrs at the Conference Room, HQ 1 ALSG. All unit and detachment commanders are to attend.

8. CURFEW

A curfew exists in the VUNG TAU area from 2400 hrs daily except Sun when it will be 0100 hrs to 0600 hrs.

9. UNEXPLODED BOMBS

a. All personnel are warned of the extreme danger which exists in this area from unexploded bombs which have recently been found in large quantities.

b. If any actual or suspected unexploded bomb is found, the spot will be marked by forming a pyramid of sticks and the discovery notified immediately to HQ 1 ALSG. It is stressed that under no circumstances will the unexploded bomb be handled by anybody, other than qualified personnel authorised by HQ 1 ALSG.

10. SWIMMING

1 ARU is responsible for the organisation of swimming parades in the 1 ALSG area.

11. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

a. All shirt sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at the wrist during the hours of darkness.

b. Shorts will NOT be worn during the hours of darkness.

c. Bathing or showering is not permitted during the hours of darkness.

d. Mosquito nets are to be used by all personnel when sleeping during the hours of darkness, and they must be erected so that the body does not come into contact with the net.

e. Paludrine is to be issued to all OR personnel at a recognised parade. This issue is to be recorded in the Roll Book. Dosage of paludrine is 2 tablets per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Officers are responsible for taking their own paludrine and recording the fact in a Roll Book which will be located in the Officers' Mess when it is established.

f. Anti-mosquito lotion is to be applied to exposed surfaces of the body when required.

/12. DRESS



12. DRESS

Drivers and passengers proceeding outside the 1 ALSG area will be correctly dressed at all times. The correct dress will be the dress authorised for the particular duty, and this dress will be worn in an orderly fashion. It is stressed that the Australian Army is being represented by all such personnel and the type of people we are will be judged to some extent on our dress. Already there have been some unfavourable comments passed by various authorities on the standard of dress of some personnel, particularly drivers of vehicles.

13. LOCAL LEAVE

- a. Local leave may be granted by CO/OC units/dets from 1800 hrs to 2359 hrs from Mon - Fri and Sun, and 1800 hrs to 0100 hrs on Sat.
- b. Only 25% of any unit is to be out of the area at the one time. This also includes personnel absent on duty or for other reasons.
- c. Personnel are warned that they must move in groups of no less than two.
- d. A Leave Pass will be issued by HQ 1 ALSG to all personnel proceeding on leave. This Leave Pass will be handed in to the Unit Orderly Room on return from leave. Any person found on leave without a Pass in his possession may anticipate disciplinary action.

14. WATER

Both potable and non-potable water are in use in the area. All personnel are particularly warned not to drink non-potable water. Before drinking water from any container it must be smelt for the presence of chlorine. If the smell of chlorine is absent then it must be treated as non-potable and is NOT to be consumed.

15. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

All unit rubbish will be deposited in the tip in the ALSG. This tip is located on the SOUTH-WESTERN approaches to WATERPOINT HILL, and will be kept burning at all times.

16. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Any driver involved in an accident outside 1 ALSG area, which involves injury to the local populace or damage to their property, will remain at the scene of the accident until the arrival of a member of the Australian Provost Corps. The Australian Provost will normally be contacted by arranging for a passing military vehicle to give a message to the HQ US Provost Marshal in VUNG TAU, who will notify the Australian Provost.

17. MEDICAL

## a. Prevention of heat casualties:

- (1) Drink plenty of water
- (2) Take 2 or 3 salt tablets daily, preferably crushed and dissolved in water.
- (3) All consideration, where possible, to be given to allowing personnel to rest between 1400 hrs and 1600 hrs.
- (4) After each heavy task, rest for half an hour and DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.

## b. Skin Protection:

- (1) Gradually expose the skin to the sunlight.
- (2) Remove shirts whilst working inside a tent.
- (3) Use a small quantity of soap once a day only. For any subsequent showers, use water only.

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4 (4) On no account will starched clothing be worn.

(5) Report any skin infections or irritations to the RMO immediately.

c. Scrub Typhus: The Senior Medical Officer is conducting an investigation into the presence of scrub typhus in this area. If it does exist, anti mite lotion must be used. Until this is confirmed personnel working in areas of scrub must be dressed in boots, gaiters and trousers.

d. RAP: An RAP run will be made daily, leaving the TANK STAND at 0800 hrs. This system will continue until further notice.

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Commanding

First Australian Logistic Support Group

30 Apr 66

Serial No. VT 3  
Nos. 18 - 21

18. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM US FORCES

a. All units under command both operationally and for administration are reminded of the HQ AAFV instruction that HQ 1 ALSG is the only authority permitted to contact the US Forces in relation to administrative assistance.

b. Until further notice, the following persons only are authorised on behalf of HQ 1 ALSG to contact US Forces in the VUNG TAU area on matters as listed:

Engineer Stores	-	Capt A. MACGREGOR	3 Fd Tp
Transportation	-	Maj A.D.M. GLENDENNING	1 Coy RAASC
RAASC Items of Supply	-	Capt P. TUCKETT	1 Coy RAASC
Ordnance Stores	-	2lt SIMPSON	2 Comp Ord Dep

c. Any contravention of this order will be viewed with grave concern by this HQ, as Aust - US relations in this area could be placed in serious jeopardy.

19. MEDICAL

An RAP has been established by 2 Fd Amb and will open at 0700 hrs on 1 May 66. Units will appoint a senior NCO who will ensure that troops reporting sick reach the RAP by 0700 hrs daily.

20. MESS ORDERLIES

Four Mess Orderlies are required to work in the 3 Fd Tp kitchen. This duty will commence at 0515 hrs each day and will end on the completion of cleaning up after the evening meal. Units will be notified 24 hrs in advance of their committment.

21. SPEED LIMITS - VUNG TAU PENINSULA

a. Vehicle speed limits in the above area are as follows:

Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton and $\frac{3}{4}$ ton	-	25 mph
Trucks over $\frac{3}{4}$ ton	-	20 mph

b. These limits will be strictly adhered to to conform with existing Service speed limits of the area.

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3 May 66

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Nos. 22 - 30

22. SECURITY

a. All units are reminded that the unauthorised entry of all Vietnamese Nationals into the 1 ALSG area is forbidden. Any unauthorised Vietnamese National will be escorted out of the area and the matter reported to HQ 1 ALSG.

b. The identity of any visitor will be established beyond doubt before any business is conducted with him, or he is allowed freedom of movement within the Headquarters. Visitors will be escorted for the duration of their visit. A register of visitors will be maintained by units and used to record all visits. The register will contain the following information:

- (1) The date of the visit and the times of arrival and departure.
- (2) The name and appointment of the visitor.
- (3) The unit of the visitor or, in the case of a civilian, his address.
- (4) The purpose of the visit.

c. The register of visitors will be made available for inspection by the IO when required.

d. The attention of all units is drawn to HQ 1 ALSG Standing Orders for Operations 1966, Page 20, Chapter 5, Section 21, paragraph 21.

23. RATION INDENTS

A return is required to be submitted to 21 Sup Pl commencing on 3 May66 as follows:

- a. An estimate of rations for seventeen days in advance.
- b. An actual ration forecast for five days in advance.

24. ACCLIMATISATION

a. Acclimatisation is the process by which the body adjusts itself to living and working in a hot climate. Without acclimatisation heavy manual work is not compatible with health and may in fact cause serious illness or death. Complete acclimatisation takes some weeks to develop but graduated activity will not cause harm provided that the following instructions are observed:

- (1) The intake of purified water must be liberal and, as a rule, sufficient water must be consumed so that the urinal passed is a pale colour. Thirst has proved to be an unreliable indicator of the amount of water required by the body. Water should be taken regularly.
- (2) One salt tablet (US pattern) is to be taken with water three times daily during the first month in country. After this time the salt used with meals should be adequate.

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(3) It is a unit responsibility to ensure that the amount of physical work is increased gradually.

(4) During the period of acclimatisation, a daily swimming session and short exposure to the sun is recommended.

b. Sun exposure. Individual tolerance to sun exposure varies considerably. Caution should be exercised by soldiers who have a fair complexion, particularly those with red hair.

## 25. POSTAL

a. The AFPO 3 is at present operating on a restricted basis and the only facilities available are:

(1) Receipt and despatch of telegrams.

(2) Despatch of air mail letters.

(3) Sale of stamps.

b. The Post Office is located immediately behind the Signals Centre.

c. Each unit is to nominate a Postal Orderly whose name is to be submitted to the Postal Officer. Unit mail will NOT be handed to any other person. Mail can be picked up each day except Sunday, after 1000 hrs.

d. Mail for despatch is to be placed in the mail box situated in front of the Post Office, or given to the unit Postal Orderly who must have outgoing mail in the hands of the Postal Officer by 0900 hrs.

e. The mail address for personnel in the VUNG TAU area is:

No, Rank, Name.

Unit.

AFPO 3

c/- GPO SYDNEY.

f. The Post Office is out of bounds to all personnel except those of the Postal Unit.

## 26. MEDICAL

Sick Parades will now be held so that troops reporting sick will reach the RAP at 0730 hrs daily. This cancels the timing of 0700 hrs published in Routine Order No.19/66.

## 27. LAUNDRY

a. Jungle green shirts and trousers on the basis of five sets per man per week can now be laundered at public expense.

b. Units will prepare three copies of a laundry slip, which can be obtained from 2 Comp Ord Dep. One copy is to be retained as a receipt and the other two copies to be retained by the laundry.

c. On the first occasion that each unit uses the laundry, each shirt and pair of trousers will be marked with the owners name. The laundry will issue a block of numbers to the unit, except where the unit already has a block of numbers for such occasions. The laundry will mark one set per man only with a number from each unit block. This number will then have to appear on every subsequent set of greens. The unit representative must take a note of each mans number. In view of the above, only one set of greens per man will be sent on the first day. On subsequent days, three copies of laundry slips with each set of greens marked with the allocated number will suffice.

d. Every second Mon, the contractor will submit a TS 4 for payment. A blank TS 4 will be taken by the unit representative to the contractor, and help given to him to complete the form. The cost basis is V\$6.5 per shirt and V\$6.5 per pair of trousers. With the TS 4 the contractor will submit 3 copies of a consolidated laundry slip for the fortnight.

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e. The service provided will be on a 48 hrs basis, and laundry can be submitted any day of the week. Units will liaise with the laundry in order to obtain a definite time each day for the unit to take in it's dirty laundry and also to pick up it's clean laundry.

f. Any complaints on laundry will be directed to the DADOS who will be located at HQ 1 ALSG.

g. The laundry will be checked on pick up and any discrepancies brought to the notice of the contractor. If the losses cannot be rectified, the contractor will be asked to initial a discrepancy report. Units will submit a Loss and Damage Report to their unit Quartermaster, and endorse the report with "LOST IN LAUNDRY". The shirt or trousers will be replaced at Public Expense. The Loss and Damage Report must be cross referenced to the Discrepancy Report.

h. Units must maintain a record of personnel who submit laundry on each laundry slip and the quantity of shirts and trousers each submits.

i. This system will operate until further notice.

#### 28. MESSING

WO2 MILLS of 101 Inf Wksp, has been appointed Messing and Hygiene Officer of 3 Fd Tp messing and hygiene facilities.

#### 29. PAY

a. Pay documents, including accountable documents, are available at 1 Fd Cash Office.

b. The Cash Office will be open from 1600 - 1800 hrs daily for the conversion of Military Payment Certificate money into Vietnamese piastres.

#### 30. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM US FORCES

Reference RO No.18/66, "Requests for Assistance from US Forces", delete existing detail of Services, Officers and Units, and insert:

Maj G.M. BYTH  
 Capt J. MCKENZIE  
 Maj A.D.M. GLENDENNING  
 Lt M. STORY  
 Capt J. RAFTERY  
 Capt P. TUCKETT  
 2lt E. SIMPSON  
 Capt D. HEMMING

Engineer works and materials  
 Engineer materials  
 Transportation  
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 Medical Service  
 Class 1 and Class 111 supplies  
 Class 11, IV and V matters  
 Maintenance activity

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Lieutenant Colonel D.L. ROUSECommandingFirst Australian Logistic Support Group7 May 66Serial No, VT 5  
Nos. 31 - 3531. SECURITY

Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding units and detachments are warned of the very hazardous conditions existing in relation to the control and safeguarding of unit stores. This state of affairs is principally caused by difficulty in control of movement of personnel between neighbouring units, unit and depot stores which are difficult to secure completely, and the effects of blowing sands.

32. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS - DRESS

All personnel are to wear their shirt sleeves rolled down and buttoned between 1815 hrs and 0615 hrs each night.

33. BOUNDS

The following bars and establishments in the VUNG TAU area are out of bounds to all ranks at all times:

100 "P" Alley	White Snow Laundry
Turkey Farm Street	
Honeymoon Bar	
Lily's Airborne Bar	
Halfway House	
No.33 Bar	
All forms of public transport	

34. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SWIMMING - VUNG TAU AREA

Attached as Annex A to this order are swimming instructions for the VUNG TAU area.

35. CHURCH SERVICES

The following Church Services will be conducted on Sun 8 May 66 as follows:

a. Protestant Denominations

0800 hrs	-	3 Fd Tp OR Mess Tent
0900 hrs	-	Staging Area in front of 1 ARU

b. Roman Catholic

0800 hrs	-	Staging Area in front of 1 ARU.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SWIMMING - VUNG TAU AREA

GENERAL

1. This Routine Order details the conditions governing swimming by Australian troops in the VUNG TAU area. The Safety Conditions at Appx 1 are Orders, and as such they are:

- a. Applicable to all ranks stationed in the 1 ALSG and Staging Areas.
- b. To be promulgated to all troops resident in or upon entering the area. This is a unit responsibility.

ORGANIZATION OF SWIMMING

2. Facilities:

There are two areas where swimming is authorised:

a. US swimming area approximately 100 metres SOUTH of the ROK R & C Centre.

b. Australian swimming area.

3. Safety: The Safety Instructions at Appx 1 will apply.

4. Use of US Facility: Any unit wishing to use the US facility may do so when that beach is open for swimming. Personnel proceeding to the US area must possess leave passes, they may wear civilian clothing and will not be armed.

5. Australian Swimming Area: 1 ARU will arrange for provision of equipment and roster lifesavers for duty during authorised swimming periods.

6. Timings:

a. The Australian swimming area will be open from 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs daily. This may be extended as more troops become available for safety duties, or in special circumstances with the approval of the OC 1 ARU.

b. US swimming area is open from approximately 0900 hrs and is closed at 1700 hrs. Restrictions are promulgated on notices in the beach area. All Australian personnel using this beach are to conform.

7. Security:- Australian Area: Duty lifesavers will carry personal weapons and filled magazines. A duty guard is to be provided for the swimming period by the units on a roster basis. This roster is to be maintained by 1 ARU. The duty guard is to be armed with personal weapons.

8. Movement: Movement to or from the swimming area is to be by roads and NOT through other unit areas.

9. Ambulance: 2 Fd Amb is to provide a duty ambulance and driver at the swimming area. It is to remain for the full swimming period. RMO 2 Fd Amb is to brief the driver on action to be taken in the event of emergency.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

GENERAL

1. These orders apply to all ranks and are to be promulgated by units:

SAFETY

2. Swimming will not take place unless:
  - a. Two qualified lifesavers are present on duty.
  - b. An ambulance is in attendance.
  - c. Two white flags are displayed indicating the swimming area.

DUTIES OF LIFESAVERS

3. The Duty Lifesaver will check the beach area prior to the swimming period to declare the beach safe or unsafe, and:
  - a. If safe, raise two WHITE flags at the extremities of the swimming area.
  - b. If unsafe, will raise BLACK flags and will remain during the swimming period to prevent use of the beach.
  - c. Check that the ambulance is in attendance before permitting swimming
4. While swimming is in progress, one lifesaver will remain in the tower and be alert at all times for signs of distress. One lifesaver will patrol the water-front to:
  - a. Keep swimmers within the marked area.
  - b. Ensure that swimmers do not go out deeper than waist height, (or the marker buoys when installed).
  - c. Render rapid assistance to any person in difficulties.
5. The Duty Lifesaver will collect an assault boat from CQMS 1 ARU prior to swimming, and position it at the beach. The boat is to be returned after swimming each day.

DUTIES OF SECURITY GUARD

6. The Security Guard will:
  - a. Be armed with a personal weapon.
  - b. Be located in the tower.
  - c. Continuously observe the beach area.
  - d. Be prepared to give defensive fire in the event of attack upon persons swimming.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS

7. It is an individual responsibility to:
  - a. Ensure that the conditions given in para 2 above are met before entering the water.
  - b. Swim between the flags.
  - c. Go no deeper than waist height (or the marker buoys when installed)
  - d. If the member is a non-swimmer, report the fact to the beach patrol before entering the water.



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37. POWERS OF DETACHMENT COMMANDERS

29065 Capt I.G. DARLINGTON, Detachment Commander of 1 Fd Regt Detachment, has been granted the powers of an OC for the purposes of discipline and administration dating from 6 May 66.

38. POWERS OF CAMMAND

For the purposes of administration and discipline, the OCs/COs of units in 1 ALSG are shown in Annex A to this order.

39. SALVAGE

A Salvage Point has been established by 2 Comp Ord Dep for the receipt and sorting of all salvage in the 1 ALSG area. As Ordnance responsibility does not extend to the actual picking up of salvage, units are reminded it is their responsibility to deliver salvage to the Salvage Point, which is located in the 2 Comp Ord Dep area.

40. SIGNALS

The following signal addresses are now to be used:

Australian Force VIETNAM	-	AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
One Australian Logistic Support Group	-	1 ALSG
One Australian Reinforcement Unit	-	1 ARU

41. HEADQUARTER AND APPOINTMENT DESIGNATIONS

a. As from 3 May 66, Maj Gen K. MACKAY assumes command of Australian Force VIETNAM vice Brig O.D. JACKSON.

b. HQ Australian Army Force VIETNAM (HQ AAFV), is now re-designated HQ Australian Force VIETNAM (HQ AFV).

c. The Australian Force now becomes a Formation, and the Commander, Australian Force VIETNAM (COMAFV) has the powers of a formation commander.

42. WEARING OF RAINCOATS

Australian pattern issue raincoats may be worn by all members of 1 ALSG. Coats damaged through fair wear and tear are to be replaced at public expense.

43. REMITTING OF CASH TO AUSTRALIA

a. Cash may be remitted to AUSTRALIA in two ways:

(1) Remitting of Paybook credit to APAC for payment. This will take four to five weeks.

(2) Remitting of cash to CPM for payment. This will take three to four weeks.



43. LOCATION OF 1 DIV CASH OFFICE

The Cash Office is now located in the Bowl Area, next to 1 Div Postal Unit.

44. PETTY CASH ADVANCES

- a. Units requiring Petty Cash are to make application in triplicate to 1 Div Cash Office.
- b. Advances are available in MPC and Piastres. Units requiring advances should indicate such in their applications.

45. PROVOST

If any soldier is called upon by a policeman to stop, particularly a Vietnamese policeman, he must stop immediately. The Vietnamese police will normally give a blast upon a whistle when they want you to stop. If you hear this blast, stop immediately whatever you are doing, as they have been instructed to shoot if you do not.

46. STRENGTH RETURNS

- a. Strength returns from all units and detachments are required by this HQ by 0830 hrs daily.
- b. Units and detachments, other than artillery and associated detachments, which are administratively supported by 1 ARU, are to submit their strength returns to 1 ARU by 0800 hrs daily.
- c. Artillery and associated elements are to independently submit their returns to this HQ by 0830 hrs daily.
- d. Details are to show numbers of the following ranks:

Offrs : WOs : Ssgts/Sgts : Cpls : Ptes

47. RATION CONFERENCE

All rationing units are to send a representative to a catering conference to be held in the 21 Sup Pl area at 1400 hrs on ~~Mon 16~~ May '66.

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48. GPMG 60 - MODIFICATION OF RAMP ANGLE

All units are requested to submit returns to HQ 1 ALSG showing quantity of weapons to be modified. Dates for assembly of weapons into unit lots for modification will be issued at a later date.

49. REPAIR AND RECOVERY

- a. 101 Fd Wksp Det RAEME is available to undertake Field Repairs to the following equipments:
  - (1) All telecommunications equipment.
  - (2) All equipments requiring a general engineering facility, ie welding, lathe work etc.
  - (3) Limited field repairs to vehicles.
- b. All units with integral RAEME support are requested to undertake field repairs to all equipments where possible. Units without RAEME support are to contact R & I, 101 Fd Wksp Det RAEME, who will arrange inspection and call-in as labour and parts are available. Equipments beyond capability of units with RAEME support are to be actioned in the same manner.
- c. Recovery facilities are in limited quantity. Units with recovery capability are requested to carry out both 1st and 2nd line recovery. Units without recovery capability are to contact the Recovery Officer, 101 Fd Wksp Det, WO1 HORSLEY, who will arrange for recovery action.



50. INTERNATIONAL RULES OF THE ROAD - HEADLIGHTS

a. The driving of vehicles during daylight hours with headlights on is an internationally recognised signal requesting right of way. This signal is used constantly in the VUNG TAU area, particularly by vehicles carrying ammunition and heavy loads.

a. All drivers of units of 1 ALSG are ordered to give right of way to any vehicle driving during daylight hours with headlights on.



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DISCIPLINARY POWERS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>OC</u>	<u>CO</u>
HQ 1 ALSG		GSO2 HQ 1 ALSG
145 Sig Sqn	OC Det HQ 145 Sig Sqn	OC 145 Sig Sqn
Det 1 Div Pro Coy	OC Sub Unit	Pro Marshal
Det 1 Div Postal Unit	OC Sub Unit	GSO 2 HQ 1 ALSG
Det 11 MC Gp	OC Det	"
Det 176 AD Coy	OC Det	OC 1 Coy RAASC
161 Recce Flt	OC Sub Unit	OC 161 Recce Flt
67 GL Sec	OC Sec	GSO 2 HQ 1 ALSG
17 Const Sqn	-	OC 17 Const Sqn
101 Fd Wksp	-	OC 101 Fd Wksp
101 Fd Wksp Stores Sec	OC Stores Sec	"
17 Const Sqn Wksp	OC Wksp	OC 17 Const Sqn
2 Comp Ord Dep	-	OC 2 Comp Ord Dep
87 Tpt Pl	-	OC 1 Coy RAASC
21 Sup Pl	-	"
1 Coy RAASC	n -	"
2 Fd Amb	OC Sub Unit	CO 2 Fd Amb
Sec 33 Dent Unit	-	OC 33 Dent Unit
1 ARU	Coy Comd	OC 1 ARU
Det 55 AESS	OC Det	OC 17 Const Sqn
Det 1 Div Cash Office	OC Det	GSO 2 HQ 1 ALSG
Det S & T Wksp	OC Det	OC 1 Coy RAASC



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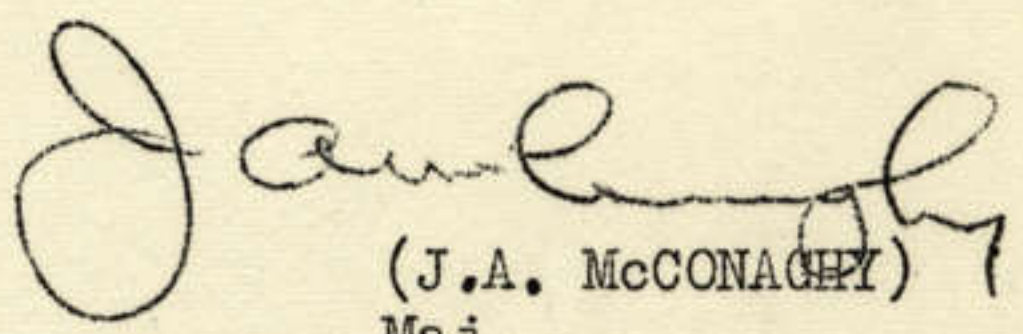
HQ  
1 ALSG  
VUNG TAU

31 May 66

HQ 1 ALSG Administrative Instruction 1/66

UNIT MONTHLY STRENGTH REPORTS

1. Re-imbusement to the US for support to AFV is based on monthly average personnel strengths, vehicle strengths, aircraft flying hours etc.
2. For the purpose of assessing charges, units are to submit Monthly Strength Reports to HQ 1 ALSG in accordance with the pro forma attached as Annex "A". Care is to be taken that returns reflect accurately the average personnel strength for the month. Averaging is to be taken to two decimal places, and shown as such in unit returns. Returns are to be checked by an officer prior to submission.
3. Hours flown per month by SIOUX aircraft are to be advised by 161 Recce Flt.
4. Reports are due at HQ 1 ALSG by the 4th day of each month.

  
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Annexes: A. Unit Strength Report Pro forma.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - VIETNAM

HQ 1 ALSG

UNIT STRENGTH REPORT FOR MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)  
          Offrs                      WOs                      OR (less WOs)
  
2. In Country R & C Average Strength (See note 2)  
          Offrs                      WOs                      OR (less WOs)
  
3. Hospitalised US Hospitals (See Note 3)  
Total Bed/days:                      WOs  
          Offrs                      WOs                      OR (less WOs)

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CO/OC/Adjt

Notes:

1. a. In arriving at Unit Average Strength:  
Include Philanthropic Representatives  
          Overnight attachments  
          Hospitalised US Hospitals  
          Day leave/duty SAIGON  
  
Exclude Overnight attachments  
          Out of Country R & R  
          In Country R & C  
          Hospitalised BUTTERWORTH or RTA
- b. AATTV Show strengths by HQ AATTV, AATTV on special duty, other AATTV
- c. Aust R & C Centre Show staff only.
  
2. For the use by Aust R & C Centre only; to show average monthly strength of members present for Rest and Convalescence.
  
3. Personal particulars and dates members hospitalised US hospitals NOT required. Show only bed/days per Offrs, OR less WOs.  
  
e.g. 2 OR in hospital 5 days  
      1 OR in hospital 7 days  
      1 Offr in hospital 8 days  
  
return would read: Offrs - 8 bed days  
                          OR     17 bed days.



NOTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD BY LT COL D.L.ROUSE, COMMANDING 1 AUST LOG SUP GP, AT 2000 HRS 25 APR 66. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT VUNG TAU. VIETNAM

COMMANDER'S INSTRUCTIONS

1. Lt Col ROUSE spoke on and issued instructions on the following subjects:

- a. Malarial Precautions: Paludrine to be issued to all OR pers at a recognised parade, and the fact that paludrine had been issued to and taken by an individual was to be recorded in the roll book. The parade to be supervised by an offr. Offrs were to take paludrine themselves and record the fact in a Roll Book to be maintained at the Offr's Mess when it was established. Dosage of paludrine to be 2 tablets per day, once in the morning and once in the evening. Mosquito netting was to be used, and all pers instructed to tuck ends under blankets. A better type mosquito net to be issued at a later date. Anti mosquito lotion to be used where needed.
- b. Leave: The town of VUNG TAU was out of bounds to all ranks. This was an instruction issued by HQ AAFV. The Commander would take steps to have this recinded, but in the meantime pers entering the VUNG TAU area would require leave passes or a similar authorisation both for recreational and duty purposes. No overnight passes to be issued.
- c. Curfew: A curfew was imposed on VUNG TAU and was to be observed by all pers.
- d. Scrub Typhus: The SMO was investigating the possibility of scrub typhus existing in the area. If this was confirmed, then anti mite lotion was to be used. In the meantime, pers working in scrub areas were to dress accordingly in boots, gaiters and trousers.
- e. CO's Conference: A conference was to be held daily at HQ 1 ASLG at 0830 hrs. The Commander spoke on the form this was to take.

INT OFFR'S BRIEF

2. The IO (Capt WUST) gave warning of training explosions that would take place in the ARVN Special Services Trg Camp that evening.

G2'S BRIEF

- 3. The G2 (Maj SALTER) gave warning to all units of the move of HQ 1 ALSG from it's present location to an adjacent area. Unit pers already billeted in that area would be reuquired to vacate by 3 May 66.
- 4. The G2 then gave a brief run down of the proposed defensive precautions to be taken in the future, and answered questions on the types of weapons to be used and the training facilities available.

DAA & QMG BRIEF

- 5. The DAA & QMG (Maj McCONAGHY) spoke on the following:
  - a. RAP: An RAP run was made daily from Tank Stand at 0800 hrs. An established RAP would be in existence by 29 Apr 66. Dental treatment for the relief of pain only could be arranged on the RAP run.
  - b. Hyg: The Hyg Offr from HQ 1 TF was available in the area.
  - c. Church Parades: Not yet finalized.
  - d. Pro: A det of Aust Pro were now quartered with the American MP's in VUNG TAU.
  - e. Engr Stores: No "Q" accountancy system held by the DAA & QMG.
  - f. Water: The production of potable water and it's distribution to units was a major problem. An effort would be made to obtain a further quantity of water jerrycans



g. Post Exchange Card: Enquiries would be made to the Americanw regarding the issue of PX Cards to Aust troops. The supply of PX items to units messes was already in hand.

ENGR REP

6. The Engr Rep for stores (WO2 LAING) gave the state of stores in the area. A return had already been submitted to the DAA & QMG.
7. Capt MCGREGOR of 3 Fd Tp asked when he could be relieved of the engr responsibility for the area, and was informed by the Commander it would be not before 20 May 66.
8. A general discussion followed on the generator owned by 3 Fd Tp which supplied all power in the area. This was to be continued later.

MOVEMENTS

9. The Commander directed that the movements pers Billeted with the RAAF report to him tomorrow (26 Apr 66) so that he could determine their role and future billeting plans.

SIGNALS

10. The Sig Rep (Lt HONEY) detailed the signal facilities available between VUNG TAU and SAIGON, and within the ALSG Gp.

ST

11. The ST Rep (Maj GLENDENNING) spoke on the following:
  - a. Rationing: There was difficulty in the American system of rationing because of the necessity to estimate figures 14 Days in advance.
  - b. POL: There was a requirement for a POL Point to be established in the area. At present POL was drawn from the Americans and the POL offr required a forecast daily.
12. Maj GLENDENNING asked when hard standing would be available for vehicles and was informed by the Commander it would be about the end of Aug.

MED

13. The Hyg Offr of 1 TF (Lt KAMENEK) stated that all his points had been covered by the Commander in his talk of malarial precautions.
14. The Commander asked if all water in the area was potable, and was told it was not. He then stated that tps would have to be clearly advised on what water was potable and what was not. Capt MCGREGOR suggested that water jerrycans be marked.
15. The Commander also asked about the disposal of rubbish, and what American facilities were available. He was informed there was an American Rubbish Point not far from the camp which could be utilised. He directed that a permanent tip capable of burning all rubbish be established in the ALSG area and that all units ensure that rubbish was dumped there daily and, in the case of wet rubbish, after each meal.

ORD

16. The Ord Rep (Sgt WILLIAMS) gave a brief run down on the ord set up in the ALSG.

EME

17. The EME Rep stated that he doubted if the area allotted to his unit was adequate. He would discuss it later with his CO when he arrived in the area.



PRO

18. The Pro Rep (Maj GRAY) asked that unit reps advise their tps of the leave restrictions imposed in the area. In the main, American MPs policed the town of VUNG TAU, and if necessary they would be used to police Australian servicemen.

19. Maj GRAY stressed the necessity for all drivers to immediately report any accident involving civil populace or property, however minor, to the MP. This was to prevent extravagant claims being made later by injured civilians or property owners. The MPs would investigate the accident on the spot with a view to protecting the interests of the soldier and his country.

20. The Commander then spoke on the need to build up the national image of Australian Troops by creating good working relations with the civil populace.

1 ARU

21. The CO of 1 ARU (Maj SINCLAIR) spoke on the following:

a. Tentage: He queried whether tentage would arrive with the incoming tps, or whether it was to be supplied from 1 ALSG.

b. Earth Moving Eqpt: He asked that all hy eqpt be removed from the ARU area when tps were being settled into the area.

c. Tpt: He urgently needed a 4x4 veh for transporting stores across the beach area.

d. Stores: He urgently needed pickets, water jerrycans and 3 man latrine cabinets.

e. Movement of Troops: He asked who would arrange the vehicles for the transport of troops from the airport at VUNG TAU to the ALSG area. He was informed this was arranged by the US Forces.

f. Toilets: There was a great deficiency in toilet facilities (latrines). After some discussion the Commander directed that 3 man cabinets be purchased locally, and the Finance pers advised at HQ AFV.

g. Water: Was there to be a basic ration of water to each man. He was informed that there was a general shortage of water occasioned by the shortage of containets and the inability of the water purifying eqpts to cope with siltage. After some discussion the DAA & QMG was advised to arrange for the supply of soda ash as an urgent requirement to increase the flow of purified water.

h. Non potable water: Could a non potable water well be made for washing purposes. Yes, when facilities available.

ROUTINE ORDERS

22. The first issue of HQ ALSG Routine Orders were issued by the DAA & QMG.

23. The conference terminated at 2120 hrs



NOTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD BY LT COL D.L.ROUSE, COMMANDING 1 AUST LOG SUP GP, AT 0935 HRS 26 APR 66. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT VUNG TAU, VIETNAM

MEMBERS PRESENT

- |    |                   |                   |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Lt Col D.L.ROUSE  | Comd 1 ALSG       |
|    | Maj A.M.SALTER    | G2, 1ALSG         |
|    | Maj J.A.McCONAGHY | DAA & QMG 1 ALSG  |
|    | Maj W.M.GRAY      | CALO 1 ALSG       |
|    | Capt W.S.WUST     | IO 1 ALSG         |
|    | Maj SINCLAIR      | 1 ARU             |
|    | Capt MOHAMMETT    | 1 Div Cash Office |
|    | Maj MILLER        | 5 RAR             |
|    | Lt HONEY          | 145 Sig Sqn       |
|    | Maj GLENDENNING   | 1 Coy RAASC       |
|    | Lt HANNELL        | 1 ALSC            |
|    | Lt KAMENER        | HQ 1 TF           |
|    | Maj BINNEY        | HQ AAFV           |
|    | 2Lt EDWARDS       | 1 Div Post Unit   |
|    | WO2 MILLS         | 101 Fd Wksp       |
|    | WO2 LAING         | 55 AESS           |
|    | Sgt WILLIAMS      | 2 Comp Ord. Dep   |

INTRODUCTION

2. The Commander welcomed all members and for the benefit of members who were not present at his last conference he explained once again the form of his conferences. The aim was to reduce the numbers of sigs and tele calls

INT OFFR'S BRIEF

3. The IO (Capt WUST) gave a resume of recent operation in the immediate area, and the disposition of enemy forces. Recent activities included an attack on an ARVN patrol, and an attack on the ARVN Special Forces Training Camp.

COMMANDERS INSTRUCTIONS

4. The Commander briefed the conference on the activities he had participated in the previous day. These were:

a. A visit to the American Area Commander (Col HEMPELLING). This resulted in a promise that US Forces would supply shotguns and ammo for use by Australian sentries. The use of high powered weapons sometimes constituted a danger to civilians and our own forces. Col HEMPELLING also spoke on the dangers and preventative measures taken against pilfering which until recently had been prevalent. As precautions he know used wire, minefields, trip flares and explosive charges coupled to trip flares, and the combination of all four seemed to be effective. The Commander also spoke on the MP problem, particularly in regard to US/Aust MPs and RAAF pers.

b. Leave to VUNG TAU. This restriction on leave to VUNG TAU had now been lifted by HQ AAFV. Units could send 25% of their strength on leave daily from 1800 hrs - 2400 hrs Sun to Fri, and from 1800 hrs - 0100 hrs for the night Sat/Sun. This was subject to units being able to maintain sufficient defensive pers in their areas. The Commander also explained the meaning of the term "curfew" as applied to VUNG TAU - this was that all pers had to be back in camp by 2400 hrs and 0100 hrs respectively. Instances of AWOL were to be treated severely by restrictions of leave privileges.

c. A visit to the Lord Mayor of VUNG TAU. The Mayor agreed that civilians were to be restricted from entering the area, but if they resist the National Police were to be called. The outer perimeter was to be marked with signs to be produced by th Mayor. The civil road through the area was to be closed to civilians from sunset to sunrise. National Police were to be provided at both entry and exit ends of the road to assist in the control of civilians. Patrols to outlying areas were approved.



- d. Mine field markers. These were to be used when mine fields were used in the defence area.
- e. Transshipment area. This area was to be used to accommodate a major unit of the ALSG to this area.
- f. Local projects. The local Mayor indicated there were a number of palms to be planted in the ALSG area, and the Commander indicated his willingness to assist in this project.

#### G2 BRIEF

- 5. The G2 (Maj SALTER) spoke on the following subjects:
  - a. HQ 1 ALSG Standing Orders. All units were to be in possession of these orders. Reference would be made to them in HQ 1 ALSG standing Orders, by para and Appx numbers.
  - b. Defence of the area. No attacks were expected in the immediate future, but pilfering could be a problem. The current defence arrangement were some GPMG 60 strong points and roving inlying piquets.
  - c. Safety precautions. Weapons were always to be carried in the camp area, unloaded but with an empty magazine on the weapon. Outside the camp area full magazines were to be placed on weapons.
  - d. Health. In this area health, because of its close association with available manpower was to be the responsibility of the G2.
  - e. Swimming. This was not being supervised by offr. To be the responsibility of the Int Offr.

#### DAA & QMG'S BRIEF

- 6. The DAA & QMG (Maj McCONAGHY) spoke on the following:
  - a. Soda Ash. Engrs would receive 200 lb of this commodity with more to follow.
  - b. Vehs, ammo and engr stores were expected to arrive in the LCU tomorrow.
  - c. Water Control Point. This was to be established in the area to control the issue mainly of water jerrycans on a one for one basis.
  - d. Strength State. A state was required by HQ 1 ALSG by 0830 hrs 28 Apr 66. All units were to submit this return.
  - e. US Op Order for Op HARDIHOOD. A brief resume of this order was passed to members present.

#### ENGR REP

- 7. The Engr Rep (WC2 LAING) explained the system of allotting priority stores. The DAA & QMG was final authority on this subject.

#### MOVEMENTS REP

- 8. The Movements Rep (Cpl MARTINSON) stated that tpt could be a problem. He was concerned about the movement of stores and personnel from VUNG TAU Airport to the ALSG area. Lt HANNELL advised that the US Forces were already briefed and would supply transport for this task.

#### SIGS REP

- 9. The Sigs Rep (Lt HONEY) stated that he was endeavouring to put in a radio/teletype service that would make the area independent of the American Sig Circuit.



ST REP

10. The ST Rep (Maj GLENDENNING) stressed the need for accurate ration returns from units for 13/14 May. Indents to be submitted to 21 Sup Pl. POL (incl oils and greases) must be forecast correctly as they were obtainable only by barge from SAIGON. The Commander pointed out that HQ AAFV had already submitted a forecast to the Americans.

MED REP

11. The Med Rep (Lt KAMENER) talked on the following:

- a. All members should consume large quantities of water.
- b. 3 salt tablets per day to be taken by members - recommended they be dissolved in a water bottle.
- c. Troops should rest between 1400 and 1600 hrs daily.
- d. After exertion, troops should rest and have a cool drink.
- e. Shirts should be removed while inside tents.
- f. Soap should be used sparingly because it removed the natural oils of the the body. This in turn reduces the bodies defence against skin rash.
- g. No starch should be used when washing clothing.
- h. Latrines to be made fly proof as soon as possible, and facilities to wash hands provided.
- i. Kitchen refuse to be removed from kitchen areas after each meal (the Commander then spoke on the use of the area tip already functioning in the area.)

ORD REP

12. The Ord Rep (Sgt WILLIAMS) spoke of the shortage of tents, but with the tentage arriving on the LCU this shortage should soon be overcome.

POSTAL REP

13. The Postal Rep (2Lt EDWARDS) advised he was now established near the Sig Centre. Stamps were in fairly short supply and there was a shortage of mail bags. He requested units return these to his unit as soon as possible

FINANCE REP

14 The Finance Rep (Capt MOHAMMETT) spoke on the payment of SAIGON Allowance and answered questions on pay generally. The Commander spoke on the hold up in the adjusting of paybooks for members arriving from Australia, particularly in reference to deletion of tax and payment of area allowance. He intended to write to higher authority suggesting that payment be made in anticipation of these adjustments. Capt MOHAMMETT spoke further on pay arrangements, and suggested that units with less than 20 on strength should bring pay books to him and he would include them on his pay sheets.

PRO REP

15. The Pro Rep (Maj GRAY) spoke on the association between American and Australian MPs. Generally, should an Australian soldier be in trouble he would be approached by an Australian MP, but at times this would not be possible.

1 ARU

16. The CO of 1 ARU (Maj SINCLAIR) spoke on the following:

- a. Messing. With the build up of the force he had insufficient cookers to cope with the troops involved.



b. Vehs. He urgently needed a Landrover and a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ton veh. Two veh from the LCU were allotted to him as first priority.

c. Latrines. There was a shortage of latrines in the ARU area. 1 x 3 man cabinet was to be allotted immediately.

d. Kitchens. He queried if 1 ARU was to provide kitchens for all units passing through. He was advised that where possible units would supply their own cooking facilities. As more than one kitchen would be involved he asked for assistance in the break up of rations. 1 Coy RAASC would supply pers to break up rations.

#### G2 BRIEF

17. The G2 (Maj SALTER) spoke on the dangers of UXB's in the area. Some had already been uncovered. If more were found they were to be marked and reported to a responsible person (either an engr or the G2).

#### DAA & QMG BRIEF

18. The DAA & QMG (Maj McCONAGHY) spoke on the difficulty of A & Q problems in the area. He asked that problems of a minor nature not effecting the actual existence of members and units be put aside till a later date. He also advised that meals for the incoming drafts would be handled by 3 Fd Tp until Fri 30 Apr.

#### 5 RAR REP

19. Major MILLER, OF 5 RAR, spoke on the following:

a. Could he be supplied with refrigeration to start a unit PX. He was advised one would be supplied when available, but not for some time

b. He requested ice for a PX but was advised that ice could only be supplied for storage of foodstuff.

c. He spoke on the payment of area allowances and taxation (see para 14).

d. Road building programme. He asked about internal roads and was advised by the Commander to submit his requirements to HQ 1 ALSG. Roads would be constructed on a priority basis.

e. Stores. What adm support would 5 RAR get from 1 ALSG before being absorbed by 1 TF. He was advised that ammo, defence stores and evac of sick and wounded would be handled by 1 ALSG. Unit repairs during op would be provided from within 5 RAR resources.

20. The conference terminated at 1030 hrs.



NOTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD BY LT COL D.L.ROUSE, COMMANDING 1 AUST LOG SUP GP, AT 0835 HRS 28 APR 66. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT VUNG TAU, VIETNAM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Lt Col D.L.ROUSE  | Comd 1 ALSG        |
|    | Maj A.M.SALTER    | G2, 1 ALSG         |
|    | Maj J.A.McCONAGHY | DAA & QMG 1 ALSG   |
|    | Maj W.M. GRAY     | CALO 1 ALSG        |
|    | Capt W.S.WUST     | IO 1 ALSG          |
|    | Capt J. NEWMAN    | SC A & Q 1 ALSG    |
|    | Maj SINCLAIR      | 1 ARU              |
|    | Maj MILLER        | 5 RAR              |
|    | Maj GLENDENNING   | 1 Coy RAASC        |
|    | Maj BYTH          | 17 Const Sqn       |
|    | Capt ATKINSON     | 2 Fd Amb           |
|    | Lt RYAN           | 2 Comp Ord Dep     |
|    | Lt HANNELL        | 1 ALSG             |
|    | Lt HONEY          | 145 Sig Sqn        |
|    | Lt KAMENEK        | HQ 1 ATF           |
|    | 2Lt EDWARDS       | 1 Div Postal Unit  |
|    | WO2 LAING         | 55 AESS            |
|    | WO2 MILLS         | 101 Fd Wksp        |
|    | Sgt WILLIAMS      | 2 Comp Ord Dep     |
|    | Cpl MARTINSON     | 10 MC Gp           |
|    | Cpl DIPPER        | HQ AFV Cash Office |

COMMANDERS INSTRUCTIONS

2. Lt Col ROUSE warned that the DCGS ( and MCO Elect ) Maj Gen C E LONG would be in the area at approx 0930 hrs, and would remain for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs.

IO BRIEF

3. En no change. Units were warned of coming training firing to be carried out by ARVN in the coming 2 weeks. This would involve 81 mm and SA ammo.

G2 BRIEF

4. The G2 (Maj SALTER), reported an incident of indiscriminate firing by three American officers adjacent to the area.
5. Movement to SAIGON was now to be controlled by the G2 at HQ ALSG.
6. A Time Check was to be given by the Sigs Officer at each conference.
7. The Pay and Mail reps were asked to arrange for mail and pay for AATTV pers in the local area.
8. The G2 closed his brief by reminding all present that the 2nd Sun in May was Mothers Day in Australia.

DAA & QMG BRIEF

9. The DAA & QMG (Maj McCONAGHY), spoke on the following:
  - a. Brake Lines for the unsvc veh would arrive to day.
  - b. 1000 Post Exchange Cards would be supplied by the Americans.
  - c. 2x300' refrigerators left SAIGON on the LCM this morning.
  - d. Latrines - 1 ARU still had insufficient latrines, but 1 was being erected today.
  - e. Shovels - there was a general shortage in the area, and the Comd directed that steps be taken to obtain 100.
  - f. 2 Fd Amb area was to be cleared for UBxs.



SC A & Q BRIEF

10. The SC (Capt NEWMAN) asked that in future before each conference, unit reps mark up their charts in the Ops Room.

ENGR REP

11. The Engr Rep (Maj BYTH) spoke on the following:
- a. Location of eng stores.
  - b. Work party on latrines.
  - c. The arrival of soda ash for the water purifying equpt.

SIGS REP

12. The Sigs Rep (Lt HONEY) reported that that 2 additional phones would be installed in the area today.

ST REP

13. The ST Rep (Maj GLENDENNING) asked could his Column 3 stores be given priority in unloading from the SYDNEY, and the stores he expected to take over from ALSC were still in situ at BIEN HOA. To be discussed later. He also asked if tentage could be made available as he would soon be commencing to break up rations and at present had no facilities to do this. Tentage could not be promised till Fri 29 Apr.

MED REP

14. The Med Rep (Capt ATKINSON) advised that an RAP had been established in the 2 Fd Amb Area.

HYG REP

15. The Hyg Rep (Lt KAMENEK) advised he would be visiting all unit areas today. The Comd asked about disposal of kitchen and general garbage, and directed that the area tip be commenced by 1200 hrs today. All garbage to be burnt at the tip.

ARU REP

16. The OC 1 ARU (Maj SINCLAIR) spoke on the following:
- a. Levelling of his area. He had been advised by the Americans that the proposed level of his area was below water level in the wet. This problem was to be examined by the Engr Rep.
  - b. Refrigeration. He asked when would refrigeration be available in the ARU area, and was advised it could not be provided until sufficient KVA's were available in the LSG area.

ENGR REP

17. The Engr Rep (Maj BYTH) asked the following questions:
- a. Was Salt or Biscuits available in rations. The ST Rep advised they could supply salt only.
  - b. Could money be exchanged for his recent draft. This would be arranged when the Pay Rep returned from SAIGON today.
  - c. Were Canteen goods available for his unit. He was advised to deal direct with the American PX.

PRO REP

18. The Pro Rep (Maj GRAY) asked all unit reps to advise their troops that the price of "Saigon Tea" had been established by the American Commander at 60 p.
19. The meeting terminated at 0900 hrs.



NOTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD BY LT COL D.L. ROUSE COMMANDING 1 AUST LOG SUP GP. AT 0830 HRS 29 APR 66. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT VUNG TAU, VIETNAM

MEMBERS PRESENT

1.	Lt Col D.L. ROUSE	1 ALSG
	Maj A.M. SALTER	"
	Maj J.A. McCONAGHY	"
	Maj W.M. GRAY	"
	Capt W.S. WUST	"
	Capt J. NEWMAN	"
	Maj SINCLAIR	1 ARU
	Maj BYTH	17 Const Sqn
	Maj GLENDENNING	1 Coy RAASC
	Capt ATKINSON	2 Fd Amb
	Capt BARTON	Aust R & C Centre
	Capt MOHAMMETT	1 Div Cash Office
	Lt HANNELL	1 ALSG
	Lt HONEY	145 Sig Sqn
	Lt RYAN	2 Comp Ord Dep
	Lt KAMENAK	HQ 1 ATF
	2lt EDWARDS	1 Div Post Unit
	WO2 LAING	55 AESS
	Sgt WILLIAMS	2 Comp Ord Dep
	Cpl MARTINSON	11 MC Gp

G2 BRIEF

2. The G2, Maj SALTER, spoke on the following.
- The instructions regarding the carrying of weapons as stipulated at previous conferences was not being adhered to. This was to be rigidly enforced.
  - Leave and Stand To - All leave personnel were to be clear of the ALSG area before Stand To each evening.
  - Dress on Leave - Long sleeved civilian shirts were to be worn at all times during leave in the VUNG TAU township.

DAA & QMG BRIEF

3. The DAA & QMG (Maj McCONAGHY) spoke on the following.
- Today's incoming drafts were to be received by Capt WUST. Details of the break up to units were given to COs.
  - The LCU with stores was due at VUNG TAU either this evening or early tomorrow.
  - PX Cards - 1000 had been received and would be distributed to units. They were to be strictly accounted for by units.
  - Kitchens - There was a general discussion on kitchens covering the next two day period which resulted in Maj BYTH being given a task to clear a hill top to provide an OR kitchen. The Comd spoke on the future of the kitchen as a future WO/Sgts Mess. Unit COs were asked to give some thought to the provision of WO/Sgts Messes in the area. For instance, did they want combined area Messes, or unit Messes.
  - Latrines - These would be erected as fast as canopies could be bought through Local Purchase.
  - Meal timings - In view of the numbers of troops being fed, meal timings would have to be rigidly enforced.

SC A & Q BRIEF

4. The SC (Capt NEWMAN) asked that future returns and states be entered by unit reps to the statistics board before each conference.



COMMANDERS INSTRUCTIONS

5. Lt Col ROUSE spoke on the disciplinary powers to be allotted to the COs/OCs of units and detachments in the ALSG. His proposal would be submitted to HQ AAFV for approval.

ENGR REP

6. The Engr Rep (Maj BYTH) spoke on the following.
- a. PX Account Numbers - He asked that HQ 1 ALSG approach the PX and arrange for unit numbers to be allotted for Messes. This was to be co-ordinated by the SC A & Q.
  - b. Canopy Latrines - 15 of these were ordered and would be delivered about 3 days hence.
  - c. Tentage - Tentage being delivered from AUSTRALIA would be without tent poles. These would have to be improvised.
  - d. LPO Accounts - These would have to be finalized in the near future for the accounts in VUNG TAU. To be referred to Capt MacKENZIE (55 AESS)
  - e. Urinals - If these were being erected by units, care should be taken that they were erected correctly.
  - f. Engr Vehs - There were some occasions when engr vehs would have to be left on the roadside in the camp area without drivers. He requested that units leave these vehicles alone, and not to use them for their own tasks.
  - g. Engr Stores - These must not be taken from Depots or Units without the approval of that Depot or unit.

SIGS REP

7. The Sigs Rep (Lt HONEY) stated that he could still not give an accurate time check. A new tele link would be put in today linking 17 Const Sqn with 3 Fd Tp, 1 ARU and HQ 1 ALSG.

ST REP

8. The ST Rep (Maj GLENDENNING) spoke on the following:
- a. Refrigeration - Although a cool room had arrived, he believed it would be about 4 days before it would be available for use.
  - b. Fresh Vegetables - There was a general shortage of these and tinned items were hard to get in lieu.

HYG REP

9. The Comd asked the Hyg Rep (Lt KAMENAK) to prepare a plan for the proper use of the hyg stores arriving on HMAS SYDNEY.

ORD REP

10. The Ord Rep (Lt RYAN) was asked to investigate the supply of methylated spirits.

POSTAL REP

11. The Postal Rep (2lt EDWARDS) asked that units pick up mail on time. An authorisation was to be provided from each unit to allow an individual to pick up his unit's mail.

PAY REP

12. The Pay Rep (Capt MOHAMMETT) stated that he could arrange for the exchange of MPC and Piastres, or the conversion of Australian money to MPC.



MOV REP

13. The Mov Rep (Cpl MARTINSON) stated that the LCU would finish loading in SAIGON about midday, and would arrive VUNG TAU about evening today or early tomorrow.

ARU REP

14. The OC of 1 ARU (Maj SINCLAIR) spoke on the following.
- a. PX Cards - Could he have an immediate allocation of 500 PX cards.
  - b. Rations - He would speak later to OC 1 Coy RAASC on rations for his incoming drafts.
  - c. Tentage - Additional tentage was still required. It would be provided if possible from the stores aboard the LCU.
  - d. Latrines - Because of the progressive build up of his unit, he would require progressive installations of latrines.

ENGR REP

15. The Engr Rep (Maj BYTH) stated that his equipment was now producing 1000 gallons of potable water daily.

16. The meeting terminated at 0920 hrs.



NOTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD BY LT COL D.L. ROUSE, COMMANDING 1 AUST LOG SUP GP, AT 0833 HRS 30 APR 66. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT VUNG TAU, VIETNAM

MEMBERS PRESENT

1.	Lt Col D.L.ROUSE	Comd 1 ALSG
	Maj A.M.SALTER	G2, 1 ALSG
	Maj J.A.McCONAGHY	DAA & QMG 1 ALSG
	Maj W.M.GRAY	CALO 1 ALSG
	Capt W.S.WUST	IO 1 ALSG
	Capt J. NEWMAN	SC A & Q 1 ALSG
	Maj SINCLAIR	CO 1 ARU
	Maj GLENDENNING	CO 1 Coy RAASC
	Maj BYTH	CO 17 Const Sqn
	Capt ATKINSON	QM 2 Fd Amb
	Capt MOHAMMETT	1 Div Cash Office
	Lt HANNELL	1 ALSG
	Lt HONEY	145 Sig Sqn
	Maj BUNTINE	2 Comp Ord Dep
	Lt KAMENEK	HQ 1 TF
	2Lt EDWARDS	1 Div Post Office'
	2Lt SIMPSON	2 Comp Ord Dep
	WO2 LAING	55 AESS
	WO2 MILLS	101 Fd Wksp
	Cpl MARTINSON	11 MC Gp

COMMANDERS INSTRUCTIONS

2. Lt Col ROUSE spoke on the following:
- a. Liaison with US Forces: Only authorised reps were to liaise with US Forces, and only on those items of stores which the Commander designated to them. All other personnel were to cease approaching US units and depots for stores immediately. This was to be rigidly enforced.
  - b. Administration and discipline: Now was the time to tighten control of discipline and administration. COs/OCs were to enforce orders of dress, leave administration, carrying of weapons etc. All personnel were to be checked both in and out on leave.
  - c. Unloading of HMAS SYDNEY: As there was no hard standing on the beach front some difficulty was expected in the unloading of the SYDNEY. The Commander directed that those members actively concerned in this operation would confer with him immediately after the conference.
  - d. Hyg: With additional manpower now available, the Commander now expected a higher standard of hyg in the area, with particular attention being paid to latrines and kitchens.
  - e. Acclimitisation: The Comd spoke on the acclimitisation of troops during their initial few weeks in the theatre. Troops were to rest as much as the situation permitted, were not to overexpose their bodies to the sun and were to commence a course of salt tablets.
  - f. Refrigeration: Refrigeration was being misused by some personnel. These units were meant for the storage of foodstuff only, and not for water, cool drinks and the like. Overuse of refrigerators meant the constant lowering of the room temperature.

IO'S BRIEF

3. The IO (Capt WUST) gave a resume of the situation for the benefits of officers new to the theatre, and warned of the constant threat of pilferage. The Comd spoke of the presence of civilians in the area, and directed that in future they be removed immediately. If they refused, then the civilian police were to be called.



G2 BRIEF

4. The G2 (Maj SALTER) spoke on the following:
- a. Wrks Set: A wrks set had been left on the plane bringing the second draft to the area. As the owner had not yet reported the loss, he was to be charged when located.
  - b. SOPs as laid down in the HQ 1 ALSG SOs were to be followed in the theatre, with the exception that the password would be given at the Comd's Conference each morning.
  - c. Liaison visits to BIEN HOA: Personnel requesting visits to BIEN HOA were to lodge their requests to HQ 1 ALSG as soon as possible.

DAA & QMG BRIEF

5. The DAA & QMG spoke on the following:
- a. Returns for Ord and Engr stores were required as soon as possible for the stores that had arrived on the LCU.
  - b. Details of Local Purchase delegations, and unit petty cash accounts were given to the conference, This included also write off delegations.
  - c. The water from the water hole was now considered unfit for drinking and would not be used until further notice.
  - d. Shorts were not to be worn outside the camp area.
  - e. The Hyg Offr was requested to mark the present location of all latrines on the Engr Map at HQ 1 ALSG. The DAA & QMG also informed all reps of the amount and type of stores needed to erect a latrine.
  - f. A vehicle state was required from all units by 1200 hrs today.
  - g. The Water Can Point was now located at 1 Coy RAASC.
  - h. Vehicles would be required at the airport to unload stores from the courier plane from AUSTRALIA and from BIFN HOA.

SC A & Q BRIEF

6. SC (Capt NEWMAN) stated that account numbers for unit canteens would be applied for today.

ENGR REP

7. The Engr Rep (Maj BYTH) stated that the water check result was still to be finalized.

SIGS REP

8. The Sigs Rep (Lt HONEY) stated that HQ 1 ALSG was now linked to the 2 Fd Amb RAP by phone. He received permission from the Comd to liaise direct with US Forces on the technical aspects only of signals operations.

ST REP

9. The ST Rep (Maj GLENDENNING) spoke on the following:
- a. Rationing: The Group was now receiving 9 cents per member to purchase fresh fruit etc.
  - b. Transport He requested that he be allotted tighter control of the the transport available to him.



MED REP

10. The Med Rep (Capt ATKINSON) stated that the 2 Fd Amb RAP was now operating.

ORD REP

11. The Ord Rep (Maj BUNTINE) stated that DADOS HQ AAFV would arrive today

EME REP

12. The EME Rep (WO2 MILLS) stated that he had a list of stores for 2Lt SIMPSON.

PRO REP

13. The Pro Rep (Maj GRAY) requested unit reps to impress on their units the necessity to keep strictly to speed limits both inside and outside the area. He also asked in his capacity as Civil Affairs Liaison Officer that all civil affairs matters be channelled through him.

PAY REP

14. The Pay Rep (Capt MOHAMMETT) spoke on the following:

- a. Pay Forms. Unit Pay Reps to liaise with him if they were short on pay forms.
- b. Trust Accounts: These should be opened for all unit canteens as soon as possible.
- c. Piastre Exchange - This was to be between 1600 and 1800 hrs daily.
- d. Pay Reps: He requested that the Staff arrange for a meeting of all unit pay reps as soon as possible

ARU REP

15. The CO of 1 ARU (Maj SINCLAIR) spoke as follows:

- a. Swimming area: A suitable swimming area had been tentatively selected, but there was a general shortage of stores such as ropes and reels. The Comd stated he would clear the use of the area with the American Area Commander.
- b. Alarm System: There was no general alarm system yet for sentries.

16. The meeting terminated at 0930 hrs.