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Monthly Report

Annexes

[1-31 Aug 1971]

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Reference No. 5

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below

(Signature)

Appointment CO 1 Aust CA Unit (OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Received 13/9/71

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1st Aust Civil Affairs Unit

From 1 Aug 71 To 31 Aug 71

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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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[17/11 Aug 71]

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EXPENDITURE ON MILITARY CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS
AS AT 31 AUG 71 PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND
VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

Reference: A. AFV OPS 5963 of 22 Apr 71.

1. Attached at Annex A is the record of expenditure on military civic action projects for FY 1971/72, as at 31 Aug 71.

2. The financial situation is summarised as follows:

a. <u>To Complete Projects Carried Forward from FY 1970/71.</u>	<u>\$ VN</u>
(1) Local purchase/contract	946,092
(2) Committed to local purchase/contract	270,000
(3) Expended on Army Stores	1,017,122
(4) Estimate of funds committed to Army Stores	282,909
(5) Total	<u>2,516,123</u>
b. <u>To Fund Projects Commenced and Completed in FY 1971/72.</u>	
(1) Local purchase/contract	309,780
(2) Total	<u>309,780</u>
c. <u>To Fund Current Projects.</u>	
(1) Local purchase/contract	2,261,436
(2) Committed to local purchase/contract	2,606,754
(3) Estimate of funds committed to Army Stores	123,032
(4) Total	<u>4,991,222</u>

3. The total of funds committed and expended in para 2a - c above is \$VN 7,817,125. The total of funds allocated per reference C is \$Aust 60,000 (\$VN 7,860,000), and the total of funds committed/expended is \$VN 42,875 within this allocation.

4. A total of \$VN 1,663,778 has been authorised for expenditure but has not been committed. Serials 17 - 20, 23, 26 and 27 of Annex A refer. With the allocation of a further \$Aust 30,000 (\$VN 3,930,000) for Sep 71 it will be possible to expend the sum of \$VN 1,663,778, if required, plus execute proposed Project 516, Maternity Services Wing at Baria Hospital (\$VN 440,000) and still remain within the allocation of funds by \$VN 1,826,222.

L.A. Wright
L.A. WRIGHT) for
Lt Col
CO 1 Aust CA Unit

Annexe: A. Record of Expenditure

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RECORD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FY 1971/72
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

ANNEX A TO 1 AUST CA UNIT
R176-1-93 DATED 1 SEP 71

Serial	Proj No	Description	Expenditure FY 71/72				Authorised but not committed	Remarks
			Expended		Committed			
			Local Pur Contract	Army Stores	Local Pur Contract	Army Stores (Est)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
<u>To Fund Projects C/F from FY 70/71</u>								
1	197	Renovations to Baria Hospital		187,661		42,182		Wait costs of Army Stores
2	251	Maintain Village Water Supplies				76,000		" " " " "
3	257	Water Supply Long Son Island		1,034		23,773		" " " " "
4	306	Drains & Soil Bau Tram School		47,318				
5	401A	Dat Do Water Supply		540,273				
6	401B	Long Huong Water Supply	646,092			40,000		Wait costs of Army Stores
7	407	Provision of Playground Eqpt		217				
8	412	Construct 1st Stage Dat Do High School	300,000					
9	421	Electrification of Tam Phuoc				25,000		Wait costs of Army Stores
10	428	Windmills and Water Supply		79,182		75,954		" " " " "
11	436	Irrigation Ap Suoi Nghe		161,437				
12	V207	Le Loi Hospital, Vung Tau			270,000			
Total			946,092	1,017,122	270,000	282,909	Nil	
<u>To Fund Projects Commenced and Completed During FY 71/72</u>								
13	503	Fence for Baria Hospital	65,000					
14	504	Fence for Old Peoples Home	145,000					
15	508	Repairs to Phuoc Loc School	64,260					
16	511	Repairs to Phuoc Le School	35,520					
Total			309,780	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
		<u>To Fund Current Projects</u>						
17	500	Windmills & Water Supplies	72,700			123,032	204,268	
18	501	Youth & Sports Activities	131,060				68,940	
19	502	RD Cadre Housing for Poor	61,688				438,312	
20	505	Repairs to Province Schools	31,388		54,000		414,612	
21	506	Classrooms Nui Dinh School	900,000		570,000			
22	507	Seed for Province Ag Service	115,000		85,000			
23	509	Support Pig Raising Programme	49,600				450,400	
24	510	Chau Van Tiep High School	900,000		1,060,000			
25	512	Duc Than Youth & Sports Centre			700,000			
26	514	Electrification Dat Do MID			99,000		66,000	
27	515	Electrification Tam Phuoc Dinh			38,754		21,246	
		Total	2,261,436	Nil	2,606,754	123,032	1,663,778	
Grand Total			3,517,308	1,017,122	2,876,754	405,941	1,663,778	

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF DETACHMENT
COMMANDERS HELD ON 6 AUG 71
TO DISCUSS CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Present:	2IC	Maj Fitzgerald
	Engr Offr	Capt Rose
	Edn Offr	Capt Leeman
	Y & S Offr	Capt Smith
	L01	Capt White
	L02	Capt Seymour
	Clerk of Works	WO2 Tanzer

Projects Completed Since Last Meeting

1. No projects were completed.

Projects Approved Since Last Meeting

2. No projects were approved

Projects Awaiting Approval

3. Project 513, Warehouse for Province Agricultural Service (\$VN944,000) is still awaiting approval by Aust Embassy.

Projects Carried Forward from FY 70/71

4. Project 401B. This project is now in the category "Work completed but awaiting costs of Army Stores".

Major Projects FY 71/72

5. Project 506, 3 Classrooms Nui Dinh School. This project is about 25% complete. Work is progressing at a satisfactory standard and rate.
6. Project 510, 4 Classrooms Chau Van Tiep High School. As for project 506.
7. Project 512, Youth and Sports Centre Duc Than District. The Province Contract Board has examined the tenders for the supply of stores to the value of \$VN500,000 and awarded the contract. Some problems have arisen with the contractor who did not read the specifications and, therefore, was unaware that he was tendering for a GVN contract. In his tender he did not allow for tax and the transporting of the stores to the project site. The problems are being investigated.
8. Project 513, Warehouse for Province Ag Service. Aust Embassy has still not indicated when this project is likely to be approved.

Minor Projects FY 71/72

9. Project 514, Electrification of Dat Do Dispensary. All stores will be collected and paid for during the period 10 - 14 Aug 71. No work will be carried out on this project until mid Oct 71.
10. Project 515, Electrification of Tam Phuoc Dinh. Stores were delivered on Mon 2 Aug 71. Payment for the stores will be made during the period 10 - 14 Aug 71 and the project then closed.

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Stores Provision Projects

11. Project 500, Windmills and Water Reticulation Systems. Sixty (60) bags of cement, at a cost of \$VN37,200, have been purchased and delivered to site at An Nhut.

12. Project 501, Youth and Sports Support. The outfitting of the Province athletic team was carried out at a cost of \$VN54,000. \$VN6,000 was donated for prizes for a bike race to celebrate the opening of Route 44. Sporting goods to the value of \$VN35,000, will be purchased during the week 9 - 14 Aug 71.

13. Project 502, RD Cadre Housing. The RD Cadre Chief has not returned to Province and there has been no further action on this project.

14. Project 505, Support for Education Service.

- a. 4 sets of ridge capping were purchased for Phuoc Loc school at a cost of \$VN2,400.
- b. Two loads of sand were delivered to Phuoc Le school. Apparently, aggregate is not required.
- c. Materials for the repair of Phuoc Hai and May Muoc schools were purchased at a cost of \$VN25,000 and delivered to the schools.

15. Project 507, Seed for Province Agricultural Service. Ag Service has requested the purchase of peanut and soy bean seeds. The purchase is approved at a cost of \$VN115,000.

16. Project 509, Support Extension to Pig Raising Programme. Purchase of cement for ten (10) pig sties is approved at a cost of about \$VN50,000.

Proposed Projects for Period Oct - Dec 71

17. Two Classrooms for An Ngai School. Letter of request has been received and validity check completed. Tenders should be returned and Contract Board convened on Thu 12 Aug 71. Project can then be raised.

18. Meeting Hall for Long Hai Village. The Village has submitted a letter of request to Province HQ who disclaim all knowledge. L02 is to check again with Province HQ on 9 Aug 71.

19. Classrooms Nam Tinh Ly School and Teachers Assembly Hall Nam Tinh Ly. Letter of request has been received and validity checks completed for both projects. The assembly hall will now be 18m x 12m, not 20m x 12m as originally requested, due to space limitations. There may be some problems in producing plans for both projects by 25 Aug because of the change in size of the buildings.

20. Renovations to Maternity Wing of Baria Hospital. Tenders have been let and should be returned by Tue 10 Aug 71 when Contracts Board will convene. Project can then be raised.

21. Mortuary at Xuyen Moc. Engr Sect has carried out a preliminary recon of the project and site plans have been completed. Letter of request has been received and validity check completed.

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22. Septic Toilet System - Bau Tram School. Letter of request has been received and validity check completed. Engr Sect is to recce the proposed site of the toilets to ascertain the amount of fill required and whether the site is a practical one.

23. Pumps for Baria Water Supply and Water Reticulation for Ap Tay Hamlet MID. No further action has been taken. State of progress is as per Annex C to 1 Aust CA Unit R176-3-265 of 19 Jul 71.

S. Fitzgerald
 (G. J. FITZGERALD)
 Maj
 2IC 1 Aust CA Unit

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11. Project 501, Youth and Sports Support. Sporting equipment to the value of \$VN 35,000 will now be purchased during the period 24 - 28 Aug 71, not 9 - 14 Aug 71 as advised in the last minutes.
12. Project 502, RD Cadre Housing. No change from last minutes.
13. Project 505, Support for Education Service.
 - a. The purchase of 3 cubic metres of gravel for Phuoc Le School is approved from Project 505 funds.
 - b. A request has been forwarded from Phuoc Hai School for the repair of the school walls. This will be investigated when request is received.
14. Project 507, Seed for Ag Service. Peanut and soy bean seed will probably be purchased on Sat 14 Aug 71. Cost is \$VN 115,000.
15. Project 509, Support Extension to Pig Raising Programme. Cement for 10 sties, value \$VN 49,600, has been purchased and delivered to the Animal Husbandry Service.

Proposed Projects For Period Oct - Dec 71

16. Two Classrooms An Ngai School. This project will be raised on Sat 14 Aug 71 and forwarded for approval.
17. Meeting Hall for Long Hai Village. Village has offered skilled and unskilled labour as its contribution to the project. LO 2 is to discuss the following proposal with the village:
 - a. 1 Aust CA Unit will:
 - (1) construct the meeting hall by local contract, less stage and internal fittings, and
 - (2) provide all materials for the stage and internal fittings.
 - b. Long Hai Village will provide skilled and unskilled labour to construct stage and internal fittings using materials provided by the unit.
18. Classrooms and Teachers Assembly Hall Nam Tinh Ly. In answer to questions raised by Edn Offr, it is agreed, if the project is approved:
 - a. The assembly hall is to have electricity connected and be provided with fluorescent lighting. 110V system is required.
 - b. Unit will provide the following furniture:
 - (1) 200 metal chairs,
 - (2) 6 sets of classroom furniture for demonstration,
 - (3) 1 blackboard and easel,
 - (4) 1 table, and
 - (5) 1 lectern.

19. Renovations to Maternity Wing Baria Hospital. Project submitted for approval on 11 Aug 71.

20. Mortuary at Xuyan Moc, Septic Toilet System at Bau Tram School and Reticulation for Ap Tay MID. No change from last minutes.

G.J. Fitzgerald

(G.J. FITZGERALD)

Maj

2IC 1 Aust CA Unit

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1 Aust CA Unit
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11 Aug 71

HQ AFV

PROPOSED MILITARY CIVIC ACTION PROJECT
PROJECT 516 - RENOVATE MATERNITY
SERVICES WING AT BARIA HOSPITAL

Reference: A. AFV (Army Component) Standing Operating Procedures, Chapter 6.

1. Attached is a project application to renovate the Maternity Services Wing at the Phan Huu Chi Hospital, Baria. The application is supported by:

- a. validity check,
- b. letter of request, and
- c. project plans.

2. On 13 Jul 71, an inspection of the hospital maternity complex was made by ADMS AFV, CO 1 Aust CA Unit, Province Health Chief, Acting Hospital Director and the MACCORDS Public Health Advisor. Following the inspection, the work required to provide a functioning complex was discussed and it was proposed that:

- a. 1 Aust CA Unit should renovate an existing ward to provide a Maternity Services Wing. The cost of the renovations is now known to be SVN 440,000.
- b. Province Ministry of Health should execute Stage Two of the construction of a twenty bed maternity ward. Stage One has been completed for about two years but funds were only made available for Stage Two in this financial year. SVN 2,000,000 have been allocated to the project but about SVN 2,500,000 will probably be required to complete the task, in which case this unit will be asked to provide the additional funds. The exact amount will be known when Vietnamese contracting procedures have been completed about mid August.

3. The Australian contribution of renovating the Maternity Services Wing will provide:

- a. a midwife's training classroom,
- b. a lecture room for family planning,
- c. an examination/waiting room with seating, and
- d. a midwife's office.

4. If approved, the project will be let to local contract at a cost of SVN 440,000 which provides for all labour and stores. Australian participation will be restricted to technical inspections prior to periodic and final contract payments.

5. It is estimated that construction can be completed within one month of being approved. A further month will be required before the retention fee is paid and the project closed.

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6. The application is recommended for the following reasons:
- a. Existing conditions for pre and post natal treatment are poor. The number of patients is increasing daily and some patients are being turned away.
 - b. A storeroom is being used as the student midwife's classroom. The project will provide facilities for training midwives and family planning instruction, which are not available now.
 - c. Whilst there is no direct SVN contribution to this project, the SVN 2,000,000 contribution to developing the whole maternity complex is considered very worthwhile.
 - d. ABMS APV agrees there is a need to improve the Province Maternity Services.
 - e. The project will further enhance the standing of the Phan Bui Chi Hospital.
7. It is recommended that the project be approved with an authorised expenditure of SVN 440,000.



(L.A. WRIGHT)
Lt Col
CO 1 Aust CA Unit

- Enclosures:
- 1. Project Application (4)
 - 2. Validity Check
 - 3. Letter of Request
 - 4. Project Plans

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NUI DAT
16 Aug 71

HQ AFV

PROPOSED MILITARY CIVIC ACTION PROJECT
PROJECT 517 - CONSTRUCT TWO FURNISHED
CLASSROOMS AT AN NGAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Reference: A. HQ AFV (Army Component) Standing Operating Procedures, Chapter 6.

1. Attached is a project application to construct two classrooms at An Ngai Elementary School. The application is supported by:
 - a. validity check,
 - b. letter of request,
 - c. project plans, and
 - d. site plans.
2. If approved, the project will be let to local contract at a cost of \$VN 910,000, which provides for all labour and stores. Australian participation will be restricted to technical inspections prior to periodic and final contract payments.
3. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within six weeks of the date of approval. A further three weeks will be required before the retention fee is paid and the project closed.
4. Although there is no direct GVN contribution to this project, this is not considered a disadvantage as:
 - a. An Ngai Village has allocated \$VN 350,000, from a total Village Self Development fund allocation of \$VN 400,000, to construct one classroom in another hamlet of the village.
 - b. A total of \$VN 5,860,000 has been allocated from GVN Ministry of Education funds to develop secondary education in the Province. This is in accordance with national and local development plans which both stress the development of secondary education facilities at the expense of primary schooling.
5. The project is recommended for the following reasons:
 - a. First and second grade classrooms are now overcrowded. With the start of the new school year in mid August, a considerable increase in the number of students in these first two grades will occur, adding further to the present accommodation problems.
 - b. The project is high on the list of Province requests for assistance and has been endorsed by both the Province Chief and Education Service Chief.
 - c. The village has already allocated almost 90% of its available VSD funds to elementary schooling.
 - d. No GVN central ministry funds are available to develop primary education facilities.
 - c. This is the first request received from An Ngai Village since late 1968.

6. It is recommended that the project be approved with an authorised expenditure of \$VN 910,000.



(L.A. WRIGHT)
Lt Col
CO 1 Aust CA Unit

- Enclosures:
1. Project Application (4)
 2. Validity Check
 3. Letter of Request
 4. Project Plans
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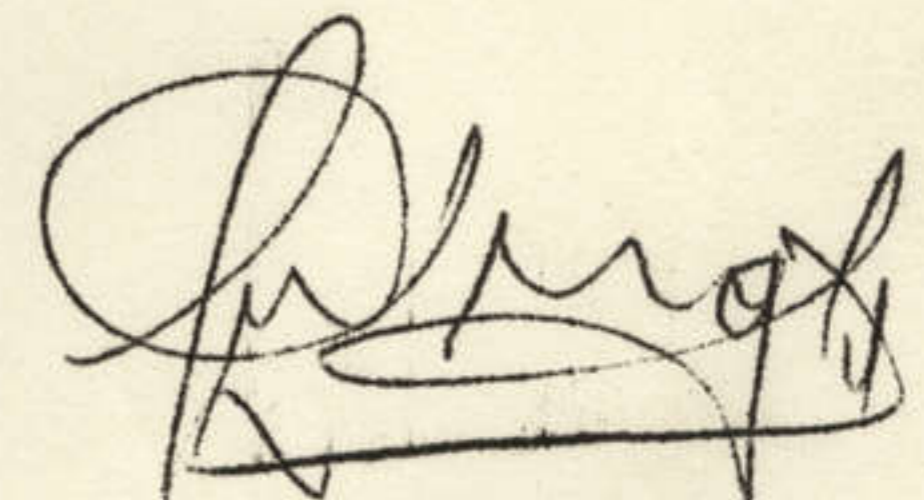
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VISIT BY D COMD ELECT 1 ATF - COL W.D. JAMIESON

- 1. The D Comd elect of 1 ATF, Col W.D. Jamieson, will visit CA projects on 21 Aug 71. Detailed itinerary is attached as Annex A. Col Jamieson will be accompanied throughout the tour by the CO 1 Aust CA Unit.
- 2. Transport will be provided by 1 Aust CA Unit (1 x LR - CO's vehicle).
- 3. The normal security precautions will apply.



(L.A. WRIGHT)

Lt Col

CO 1 Aust CA Unit

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DETAILED ITINERARY
VISIT BY COL J.D. JAMIESON

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Timings</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	1340	Depart Nui Dat	By vehicle. CO 1 Aust CA to accompany.
2.	1355	Arrive Baria - Site 10	
3.	1400	Depart Baria - Site 10	
4.	1405	Arrive Chau Van Tiep High School	Visit classrooms, new construction, library and science block.
5.	1415	Depart Chau Van Tiep High School	
6.	1420	Arrive Site 1, Project 399	
7.	1425	Depart Site 1	
8.	1430	Arrive Baria Hospital	Inspect warehouses, maternity ward, water supply
9.	1440	Depart Baria Hospital	
10.	1445	Arrive Animal Husbandry	Inspect boars
11.	1450	Depart Animal Husbandry	
12.	1500	Arrive Long Dien Youth & Sports Centre	
13.	1510	Depart Long Dien Youth & Sports Centre	
14.	1525	Arrive Tam Phuoc	Inspect dispensary, electrification, water supply, Chau Van Tiep Dinh
15.	1540	Depart Tam Phuoc	
16.	1550	Arrive Dat Do High School Dat Do water reticulation	
17.	1600	Depart Dat Do High School	
18.	1630	Arrive Nui Dat via An Nhut, Long Dien, Hoa Long	Water supply, Site 5, Bau Tram School, Market Place Hoa Long

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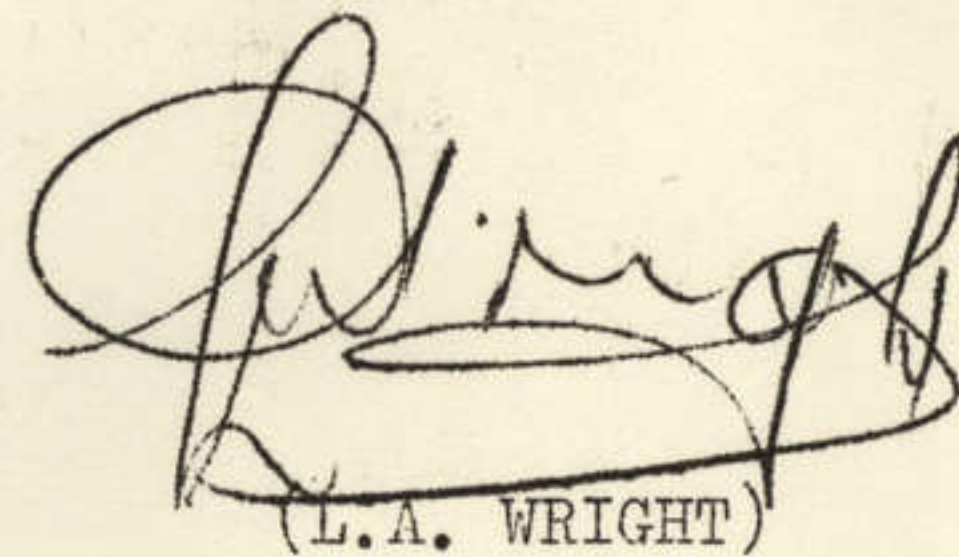
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VISIT BY MR/CAPT A.S. CONNOR

1. In his civilian capacity as a member of the Dept of Foreign Affairs, Capt Connor will tour CA Projects in Baria on 23 Aug 71. He will be accompanied by the CO 1 Aust CA Unit. Detailed itinerary is attached as Annex A.
2. 1 Aust CA Unit will provide 1 x LR (CO's vehicle) to accompany the Aust Embassy vehicle.
3. Normal security arrangements are to apply.



(L.A. WRIGHT)

Lt Col

CO 1 Aust CA Unit

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Comd's Diary (3)

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ANNEX A TO 1 AUST CA UNIT
R875-1-1 DATED 17 AUG 71

DETAILED ITINERARY
VISIT BY MR/CAPT A.S. CONNOR

Serial	Timings	Event	Remarks
1.	0930 - 1000	Discussion at 1 Aust CA with CO and 2IC 1 Aust CA Unit	
2.	1000	Depart Nui Dat	Accompanied by CO 1 Aust CA Unit
3.	1020	Arrive Baria, Site 10	
4.	1025	Depart Site 10	
5.	1030	Arrive Chau Van Tiep High School	
6.	1040	Depart Chau Van Tiep High School	
7.	1045	Arrive Baria Hospital	
8.	1050	Depart Baria Hospital	
9.	1055	Arrive Animal Husbandry	
10.	1100	Depart Animal Husbandry	
11.	1110	Arrive Long Dien Youth & Sports Centre	
12.	1115	Depart Long Dien Youth & Sports Centre	
13.	1130	Arrive Site 11	Met by LO 1 Aust CA Unit, Vung Tau

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1 AUST CA UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1. This report covers the activities of 1 Aust CA Unit in Phuoc Tuy Province and Vung Tau Special Zone for the period 1 - 31 Aug 71.

2. The announced withdrawal of Australian forces from Vietnam has, of course, radically changed the military civic action plan for the Province. Current projects will be completed but no new ones raised, and additional unit personnel have been diverted to the Military Dependant Housing project to ensure its timely completion.

3. No official advice has yet been given to Province authorities on the withdrawal of military civic action support. When a decision is made on the proposal for a residual civil aid element, and its charter, the Province Chief will be told of the situation in respect of all projects on the unit 1971/72 plan and of any alternative assistance that may be available.

4. Validation procedures are continuing on new projects so that the files may be passed on if the projects are to be processed by another body.

5. Province development plans for 1972 have begun, but as the list of requested projects total \$VN 204,000,000 against a probable budget of \$VN 70,000,000 some ruthless pruning has yet to take place. The withdrawal of Australian support will pose additional problems as projects requested of us have not been included in the 1972 plan.

6. A detailed report for Vung Tau Special Zone is attached as Annex A. All unit directed military civic action in Vung Tau Special Zone ceased on 31 Aug with the withdrawal of the 1 Aust CA Unit Liaison Officer, who will RTA on 2 Sep 71, some three months early.

7. None of the proposed 1971/72 projects for Vung Tau were undertaken due to delays, on the part of Vietnamese authorities, in finalising requests and providing plans.

8. New arrangements have been made with the PWD Chief regarding windmill maintenance, the original agreement having been abrogated by us due to the closure of the unit in the near future. A training programme will now be conducted during the month of October and all spare parts held then handed over. Maintenance spares against Project 500 have now been asked for by priority movement to meet this new schedule.

9. Advice is still awaited on the proposed Embassy funding of twelve months spare parts.

10. The Agricultural Section will cease to function on 9 Sep with the departure of the Agricultural Officer on RTA, without replacement, and the re-employment of the assistant instructors on the Military Dependant Housing project.

11. The Apprentice Training Scheme was terminated on 11 Aug with the graduation of the four remaining apprentices. The ceremony, held at 17 Const Sqn, was attended by the Province Senior Advisor and certificates and tool kits were presented to each graduate. Vung Tau Special Zone is attached as Annex A.

12. The decision to terminate the scheme was made because the closing down of RMK operations had reduced the number of jobs available and the Province Senior Advisor had withdrawn his financial support to pay apprentices wages from 11 Aug.

13. The proposed 1971/72 projects for Vung Tau were undertaken due to delays, on the part of Vietnamese authorities, in finalising requests and providing plans. Current projects will be completed but no new ones raised, and additional unit personnel have been diverted to the Military Dependant Housing project to ensure its timely completion.

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13. Route 44 was opened at an official ceremony on 7 Aug followed by a bicycle race around the Long Hai hills and a luncheon at Long Hai.

14. Two current civic action projects at Ap Souie Nghe have suffered from deliberate sabotage or vandalism:

- a. The dam constructed for the Irrigation Project, Project 436, has been partly dismantled and the impervious membrane removed. It is claimed that this was done by disgruntled farmers who were not to benefit from the pilot scheme. No action will be taken by this unit to restore the dam.
- b. Parts were removed from the well boring rig being used on the original windmill site to test the flow of the bore. It was planned, if the flow was adequate, to instal a pump to serve the existing tank and village reticulation. 17 Const Sqn have now removed their equipment and any further action on this scheme has been deferred.

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PART 2 - PROJECTS

15. Current Projects. Current projects are listed at Annex B, Part 1. One new project was raised and approved this month. This was Project 515, Electrification of Tam Phuoc Dinh, with an approved expenditure of \$VN 60,000.
16. Non Approved Projects. Project 513 - Warehouse for Province Agricultural Service (\$VN 944,000) was not approved by Australian Embassy.
17. Projects Awaiting Approval. Projects submitted to HQ AFV but which will not be approved unless funds are made available are:
- a. Project 516. Renovations to Maternity Services Wing, Baria Hospital - \$VN 440,000.
 - b. Project 517. Construction of two classrooms at An Ngai School - \$VN 910,000.
18. Completed Projects. Formal closure proceedings were completed on four projects previously awaiting stores costings. The completed projects are listed in Annex B, Part 2. No other projects were completed during the reporting period.
19. Military Dependant Housing (Project 399). A separate report is attached as Annex C.
20. Windmills and Water Supply.
- a. 17 Const Sqn Well Boring Team re-erected a windmill over the new open well at An Nhut. The system was completed and operating by 18 Aug.
 - b. Examination of a bore at Ap Suoi Nghe was commenced to establish the feasibility of providing the hamlet with a pump, to enable the existing but unusable water reticulation system to be used. A flow test conducted by 17 Const Sqn Well Boring Team showed a flow of 360 gph at 40 feet depth.
 - c. 17 Const Sqn is no longer able to assist this unit in the re-erection of the Hoi My windmill over the new bore in that village. It is hoped to undertake this task in October using the joint CA/VN team.
21. Outstanding Stores Costings. Formal closure procedures cannot be taken on the following projects until the costs of stores of Aust origin have been received:
- a. Project 251. Village water supply systems.
 - b. Project 257. Water supply Long Son Island.
 - c. Project 197. Improvements to Baria Hospital.
 - d. Project 401B. Water reticulation Long Huong.
 - e. Project 421. Electrical reticulation Tam Phuoc.
 - f. Project 428. Maintain windmills and water supply systems.
- (These projects being listed here, do not appear in Annex B).
22. AIK Funded Projects. One AIK funded project was completed - Purchase of hardware for repair of Province Warehouse - \$VN 5,280.

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23. Uncosted Projects.

- a. Phuoc Le Primary School. Supply of two loads of sand.
- b. VIP Civilian Compound Baria. Supply of one load each of blast rock and sand.
- c. Long Dien Soccer Field. Supply of eleven loads of sand.
- d. Long An Volleyball Court. Supply of two loads of sand.
- e. Baria Hospital. Supply of 200 bricks and 6 bags of cement for re-building of sewerage pipe inspection opening.
- f. Binh Gia Soccer Field. Supply of eight bags of cement to assist in replacing of power poles.
- g. Long Thanh Hamlet Roads. Supply of eight loads of blast rock.
- h. Binh Ba Piggery. Supply of one load of sand.
- i. Baria Civil Servants Housing. Supply of three loads of sand, sixteen loads of blast rock for road repair.
- j. Thu Luu Primary School. Supply of four loads each of sand and blast rock.
- k. Baria Detention Centre. Supply of forty three gallons of paint.
- l. Baria Pagoda Site. Supply of fifty loads of blast rock.

24. Commodity Distribution. One box of toys was provided for both 12 Fd Regt and 3 RAR for delivery to orphanages sponsored by those units.

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PART 3 - HEALTH

Medical

25. The general medical clinic on Thursday mornings and the ante-natal clinic on Monday mornings were conducted by the SMO 1 ATF for the first three weeks in August. The SMO was unable to attend the clinics in the last week because of involvement in a Court Martial in 1 ALSG.
26. This support will cease in early October.
27. Blood Bank.
- a. The blood bank was officially opened by Dr Khai the hospital chief, on the 11th August 1971. The opening was successful, and 23 units of blood were collected.
 - b. For the bank to remain viable a constant supply of donors as required and at present Dr Khai is working on a programme of notification of donors in the districts.
 - c. Dr Khai is also investigating the possibility of donation by the relatives of patients requiring blood.

Dental

28. There has been no change in the timings of the dental clinics from last month. They are now conducted in the new surgery even though the plumbing and other fittings have not been completed.
29. The Vietnamese dental equipment has not arrived as yet and Capt Mylne, dentist of A Sect 33 Dent Unit, has informed the Province Medical Chief that there is no likelihood of any Australian Army dental equipment being left at the hospital on withdrawal.
30. Dental statistics for the work are:
- a. Total number of patients seen for the month was 551, and
 - b. Number of extractions 629.
31. Support to the dental clinic will cease in early October.

General

32. Dr Vong has returned from his abortive election activities and leave, and has resumed duties as Province Medical Chief. Dr Khai now reverts to Director of Baria Hospital.
33. A family planning clinic has commenced at the Maternity Wing of Baria Hospital. If Project 516 is undertaken it will provide proper accommodation for these classes.

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PART 4 - EDUCATION

34. All government controlled primary schools commenced the 1971-72 school year on 16 Aug. High schools are due to re-open on 1 Sep.

35. Repairs to Schools (Project 505)

- a. Stores were delivered to Phuoc Hai and May Nuoc Primary schools for roof repairs. The Parents and Citizens Association were to do the actual repairs.
- b. Additional sand and aggregate were provided for Phuoc Le Primary school to enable the Parents and Citizens Association to continue concreting of the school grounds using the excess cement from an earlier project.
- c. Materials were provided to the Agricultural High School in Baria for the construction of a new fence. The students will build the fence as part of their project work.
- d. Sand, blast rock and fencing materials were delivered to Thu Huu Primary School to enable the Parents and Citizens Association to carry out repairs. Further assistance will be given early next month.

36. Requests not yet Actioned

- a. Phuoc Hai Primary School has asked to have repairs done to the foundations and floors in four classrooms.
- b. Nam Tinh Ly Primary School has asked for sand and cement to carry out minor repairs.

37. Current 1 Aust CA Unit Projects

- a. The construction of classrooms at Nui Dinh Primary School is progressing well and should be completed by mid-September.
- b. The four classrooms at Chau Van Tiep High School should also be completed by mid-September.

38. Dinh hamlet, Phuoc Le Village has collected \$VN 350,000 to construct a classroom for children in Classes 1 and 2 who live some considerable distance from Phuoc Le School. The money is not sufficient to construct the classroom and a verbal request was given to the Education Advisor for assistance. The Province Committee agrees with the proposal to construct the classroom and the Elementary Education Service can provide a teacher. No official request has been received yet through Province Headquarters.

39. The Vietnamese Government began a school building programme during the month. Details are as follows:

- a. Long Dien District.
 - (1) Two classrooms for a new high school
 - (2) One classroom at Long Toan Primary School.
- b. Chau Van Tiep High School. One classroom
- c. Two classrooms will be built at Duc Thanh to cater for classes 6 and 7.

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40. No further work has been done at Dat Do High School to complete the ground floor. Tenders have been called.

41. A survey of all government secondary and elementary schools has just commenced. The aim of the survey is to assess current facilities and to forecast the future needs in accommodation and equipment.

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PART - 5

YOUTH AND SPORTS

42. The weekly 1 ATF v Vietnamese volleyball games continued during the month interrupted only by the elections on 29 Aug.

43. A sports team comprising volleyball, basketball, soccer, badminton, table tennis players and athletes participated in a MR 3 carnival at Binh Duong between 15 Aug and 20 Aug. Phuoc Tuy Province gained first place in women's table tennis, singles and doubles, and men's high jump. They gained second place in the soccer. 1 Aust CA Unit assisted the team by providing shirts for the competitors.

44. The Long Dien Youth Committee requested 10 loads of sand for the Long Dien soccer field and Long An volleyball court. The sand was delivered using unit vehicles.

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PART 6

AGRICULTURE

General

45. The Ag Section will cease activities with the RTA of the Ag Officer on 9 Sep 71.
46. The Ag store has been cleared out and all useful stores given to the Ag Service.

Local Administration

47. The extension branch of the Ag Service is active in establishing demonstration sorgham plots at Phuoc Lam and Long Hai, and a mushroom plot at Soui Nghe. These Cadre show a great deal more initiative and are more outgoing than they were several months ago.
48. Mr Tu, the Ag Service Chief, is extremely keen to have a feed mill established in Phuoc Tuy.

Pig Project

49. Cement for 10 more sties has been delivered and all of these farmers have begun work on their sties.
50. The Duroc boar is extremely slow in becoming productive. Lameness, caused by a cement floor, was suspected as being the retarding factor and so a small yard has been constructed outside the pen. The boar is now showing slow improvement but it is suspected that the boar will eventually have to be replaced.
51. The Yorkshire has continued to produce well, being a source of a substantial income for the Animal Husbandry Service (AHS).
52. With the withdrawal of the Ag Section imminent, a problem has arisen regarding the disposal of the remaining funds for materials for pig sties. The AHS has only 10m³ of storage space available and a bulk purchase is not feasible as there is insufficient covered storage.

Provision of Seed (Project 507)

53. Peanut and Soybean seed to the value of \$VN 115,000 has been purchased for the Ag Service to distribute among the poor farmers of Phuoc Tuy.
54. Another \$VN 85,000 worth of assorted seed will be purchased in early September to finalise the project.

Sorghum

55. The plots at KimHai, established by the CATG Officer, are heading well and should produce a useful harvest.

General

56. Wire and pickets were delivered to the Ag Service to assist in fencing their demonstration centre at Phuoc Hoa.

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PART 7 - UNIT MATTERS

57. Unit strength as at 31 Aug 74:

	Offrs	WO/Sgt	OR	Total
Establishment	14	10	34	58
Posted	12	7	37	56
Attached for Project 399		2	6	8
Other attachments		13(4Civ)	2	15
	12	22	45	79

58. Postings and Promotion.

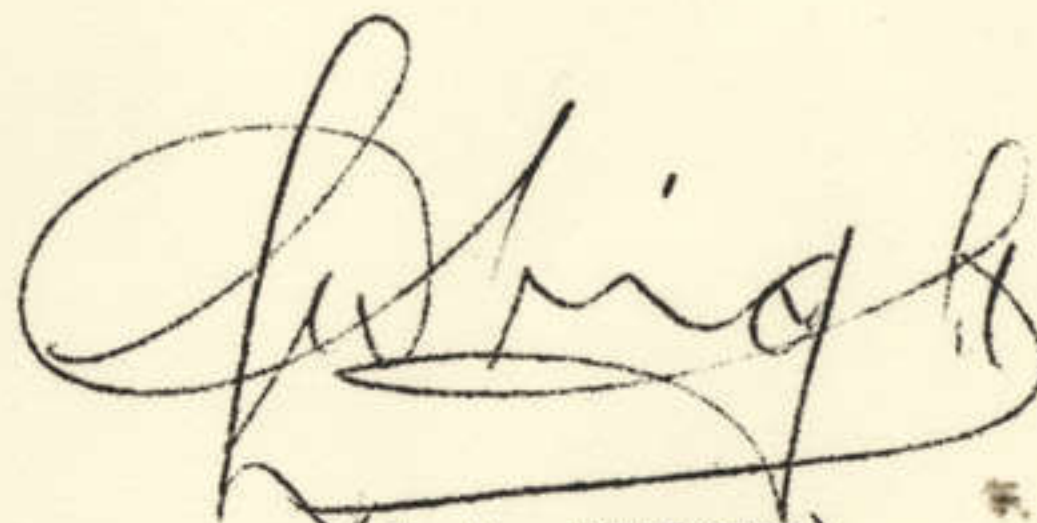
- a. Lt VJ KOMAROWSKI was promoted to the rank of Temporary Capt w.e.f. 26 Aug 71.
- b. All postings "in" have been cancelled and run down of unit strength will commence early Sep.
- c. Capt BW SMITH RAAEC has been detached to HQ AFV pending issue of posting order to HQ AFV as Staff Captain 'Q'.
- d. Maj D KEITH RAE has not assumed duties as Project Officer Project 399 but has been employed as DCRE Vung Tau.
- e. Maj GJ FITZGERALD (2IC), Maj JS BAKER (Engr Offr/Project 399), Maj BJ CORKERON (LO Vung Tau), 2Lt RJ HANNAM (Ag Offr) will RTA in Sep without replacement.

59. Visits

- a. Col W.D. Jamieson Col (Plans) AFV visited CA projects in Baria, Long Dien, Tam Phuoc, An Nhut and Dat Do on 21 Aug.
- b. Capt/Mr A.S. Connor Foreign Affairs Department and Mr R. Allen Aust Embassy Saigon visited CA projects in Baria on 23 Aug.
- e. Goldfinger tours for 1 ATF and visiting CMF personnel were conducted weekly. These tours are now cancelled.

60. Courses. Capt B.W. Smith and Lt V.J. Komarowski attended a DSA Course in Saigon from 18 Aug to 21 Aug.

61. PR. Mr P. Grant MBS news reporter was given an interview on 11 Aug. He was accompanied by PRO 1 ATF.



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ANNEX A TO 1 AUST CA UNIT
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VUNG TAU SPECIAL ZONE
AUGUST 1971

General

1. The announcement concerning the withdrawal of Australian troops from South Vietnam caused some mild consternation amongst Government Department Chiefs and City Councillors. When notice was given of the withdrawal of Civil Affairs support there was some obvious disappointment that planned projects for the financial year 1971-72 would not be completed. There has been no apparent anti-Australian feeling generated due to this withdrawal.
2. The election of a candidate to the Lower House was carried out in an atmosphere of peace and relative quiet. There was never any great fear of VC inspired incidents in the minds of senior Government officials. Major De, a doctor from the ARVN Paraplegic Hospital was the successful candidate.
3. The An Phong orphanage and Vagabond Boys Home again received assistance from 110 Sig Sqn in the form of provision of rations and scrap timber. 102 Fd Wksp provided truckloads of scrap lumber to the Veterans Department. A quantity of toys received from Australia and also from 2 AFCU were given to the Mayor to distribute to needy children. The Mayor indicated that the toys would be distributed to Veteran's children with preference going to the War Widows children.

Construction

4. Project V207 - Maternity Ward at Le Loi Hospital. This ward was officially opened on 27 Aug 71. The planned date of 15 Aug 71 was altered to comply with the movements of Department of Health officials from Saigon.
5. A quantity of scrap lumber and fly wire screens were given to Nam Binh Hamlet to assist in the construction of the "Child Minding Centre" being built by the hamlet with assistance from the City Council.

Health

6. No assistance was provided to the VD clinic for the last two weeks because of the absence of a technician on R & R and the "Alert" status.
7. Treatment to Vietnamese Nationals and Cambodians at 1 Fd Hosp were:

<u>Admissions</u>	<u>RAP</u>	<u>X Ray</u>
Vietnamese: 2-NBC	63	80
Cambodians: 6-NBC		3

Education

8. Thang Nhut High School was officially opened on 6 Aug 71.
9. Classroom furniture for the Natural Science and Physics Block at Back Beach High School is to be provided by the City in September 1971. 35 "laboratory Kits" types 2, 3, 4 and 5 were provided by 2 AFCU. These were delivered to the Mayor on 28 Aug 71 by LO 1 Aust CA Unit. The chemicals in the kits may be deteriorating, but the various test tubes, bunsen burners, spirit lamps etc will provide a good basis on which to start the Natural Science course. A quantity of posters and brochures on all states of Australia was presented to the Headmaster, Back Beach High School on 31 Aug 71.

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Youth and Sports

10. Games of soccer and vollyball continue to be played against local teams.

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ANNEX B TO 1 AUST CA UNIT
R723-1-11 DATED 2 SEP 71PART ONE - CURRENT PROJECTS
AS AT 31 AUG 71

Project No	Project Description	Stage of Completion of Construction	Labour	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
500	Maintain Windmills and Water Reticulation systems	Continuous	1 Aust CA Unit 17 Const Sqn	Re-erection of windmill at An Nhut
501	Support Province Youth & Sport Activities	Continuous	N/A	Provision of prizes - Bicycle Race. Provision of tool kits to graduating apprentices.
502	Support RD Cadre Housing for the Poor Programme	Continuous	Self Help RD Cadre	No change from previous report.
505	Repair Province Elementary and Secondary Schools	Continuous		Materials provided to effect repair at Phuoc Hai, Phuoc Loc and May Nuoc Schools.
506	Construct three Classrooms at Nui Dinh School	65%	Contract	Walls and roof frame completed. Work satisfactory to date. Estimated completion date mid Sep.
507	Provision of Seed for Province Agricultural Service Programme	Continuous	N/A	Soy bean and peanut seed purchased and given to Ag Service
509	Support Extension to Pig Raising Programme	Continuous	N/A	Cement purchased (80 bags) for construction of sties at Binh Ba, Phuoc Le, Long Dien, and Long Huong.
510	Construct four Classrooms at Chau Van Tiep School	65%	Contract	Walls and roof frame completed. Flooring nearing completion. Work satisfactory to date. Estimated completion date approx 20 Sep.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
512	Youth and Sports Centre - Duc Thanh	Nil	Contract	A contract has been let by GVN for supply of materials to the value of \$VN 500,000. Delivery of these materials, and construction, will commence on 6 Sep. Estimated completion date is about 4 Oct.
514	Electrification of Dat Do Dispensary	10%	Local Labour	No change from previous report. Project will now be completed by Province authorities.
515	Electrification of Tam Phuoc Dinh	100%	1 Aust CA Unit Local Labour	Stores were provided to complete the electrification prior to the opening of the Dinh on 6 Aug 71. Project is complete but for payment of locally purchased stores.

PART TWO - PROJECTS COMPLETED

DURING AUG 71

Project No	Project Description	Completion Date	Remarks
306	Drains and Soil Stabilisation - Bau Tram School	21 Aug 71	Costing of stores of Aust origin received. Completed at cost \$VN 317,918
401A	Water Reticulation - Dat Do	21 Aug 71	Costing of stores of Aust origin received. Completed at cost \$VN 1,017,273
407	Provision of Playground Equipment	22 Aug 71	Costing of stores of Aust origin received. Completed at cost \$VN 89,509
436	Ap Suoi Nghe Pilot Irrigation Scheme	21 Aug 71	Costing of stores of Aust origin received. Completed at cost \$VN 252,157.

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ANNEX C TO 1 AUST CA UNIT
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MILITARY DEPENDANT HOUSING

General

1. At 31 Aug 71, Project 399 was 89 per cent completed. This represents a progress of nine percent during the month and reduces the backlog to 5.7 percent.

Work Force

2. All contract work is now complete. Remaining tasks must be achieved by troop and day labour. Tp 17 Const Sqn will be available until 30 Sep and additional personnel of 1 Aust CA Unit have been deployed onto the Project.

Roof Tie Down System

3. The critical construction phase for completion of the project is the installation of the roof tie down system. Progress has been slow during the month because of:

- a. High breakage rate of drill bits and adaptors and delays in procuring new components. At present only two of the six drilling machines can be used.
- b. Slow production of threaded bars due to lack of suitable dies for the threading machine. Now that dies have arrived, the threading machine has broken down.

4. At the end of the month the equivalent of 27 blocks have been fitted with tie down bars. Priority has been given to contractors and sites close to completion. As a result some occupied blocks at Site 1 and Site 2 have not yet been fitted.

Handover of Houses

5. A summary of houses handed over and houses to be completed is given in Appendix 1.

Stores

6. With the arrival of Jeparit 40 in early September all major stores difficulties should be overcome. No further indents on Australia are anticipated as local purchase will be used to replace any further breakages or loss by theft.

7. The costs of stores of Australian origin are still not clear. Efforts should be made during September to reconcile costs so that the Project can be quickly wound up at completion of construction.

Project Completion

8. Attempts will be made to complete all houses to the stage where they may be occupied by the end of September. This will leave only minor fittings and area renovation to be completed in October.

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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX C 1 AUST CA UNIT
R723-1-11 DATED 2 SEP 71

PROJECT 399
SUMMARY OF COMPLETED HOUSES

DISTRICT	SITE NO	NO OF HOUSES	HOUSES HANDED OVER	HOUSES YET TO BE COMPLETED	REMARKS
Sector HQ	1	50	50	-	4 blocks yet to fitted with tie down.
	2	30	30	-	Tie downs in-complete
302 Bn	10	90		90	
	11	40	20	20	
Long Dien	3	70	-	70	To be Completed 4 Sep
	4	10	10	-	
Dat Do	5	70	10	60	
Long Le	6	60	60	-	Water & electricity meters to be installed.
	7	40	40		
Duc Thanh	8	60	-	60	
	9	20	20	-	
JWTC	12	30	30		
	13	30	30		
TOTAL		<u>600</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	