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[1-31 Oct 1967]

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation First Australian Civil Affairs Unit

From 1 Oct 67 **To** 31 Oct 67

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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PART 3

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.

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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 NII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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COMMUNAL DISPOSAL DIARIES

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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ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of..... (Formation or Unit)

From..... to..... (Dates)

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.....October 1967.....

REFERENCE MAP.....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Aust CA Unit
Lt Col J.F McDona
COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	2 Oct 67		Visit by Aid Counsellor Australian Embassy (CORKERY) and Department of Health Advisor to External Affairs (Dr BAUXHALL).	
	6 Oct 67		Three temporary class rooms at Baria High School officially opened. Three new class rooms at North Hoa Long School officially opened. Construction of 307 refugee house frames at SUOI NGHE completed.	
	10 Oct 67		Detailed negotiations with Land Reform authorities to release land to people of SUOI NGHE. Final plan of hamlet layout submitted.	
	14 Oct 67		Spoke to Saigon Refugee Authority (Dr QUE) and obtained offer to build hamlet office in SUOI NGHE.	
	16 Oct 67		Official flag raising ceremony at AP SUOI NGHE.	
	27 Oct 67		Submitted proposals to vary establishment.	Annex

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Aust FPO 4
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23 Nov 67


Distribution Below

CIVIL AFFAIRS - 1 AUST CA UNIT
MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 1967

1. Attached is monthly report for October 1967 for Phuoc Tuy Province as follows.

- a. Annex A - Construction.
- b. Annex B - Medical.
- c. Annex C - Education.
- d. Annex D - Commodity distribution.
- e. Annex E - Miscellaneous.

2. Monthly report for Vung Tau Special Zone will be forwarded direct from 1 ALSG.


(J.F. McDONAGH)
Lt Col
Commanding Officer

Distribution:

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Senior Province Advisor - Phuoc Tuy Province
Commanders Diary - 4
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ANNEX A TO
1 AUST CA UNIT
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1 AUST CA UNIT
MONTHLY REPORT - CONSTRUCTION

MONTH October 1967

LOCATION Nui Dat

1. PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NO.	LOCATION/DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
33	HOA LONG / Extension Hoa Long Market	50%	2 Bricklayers, 4 Carpenters 2 Labourers	Nil
7	HOA LONG / Toilet block and shower	100%	4 Bricklayers, 2 Labourers	Nil
12	HOA LONG / Nth Hoa Long School	100%	4 Carpenters, 2 Labourers	Building not built to Vietnamese style - matter rectified
4	HOA LONG / Renovation Dispensary	100%	4 Carpenters, 2 Bricklayers 2 Labourers	As for Project 12
82	SUOI NGHE / 2 Wells	50%	8 Labourers	Nil
	HOA LONG / Repair well at dispensary	100%	Unit labour - 1 plumber	Nil
	BARIA / Repair well at high school			

2. RECONNAISSANCE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT NO.	LOCATION	TYPE/DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
102	SUOI NGHE	Dispensary - hamlet type	Approval has now been granted for commencement of work.
108) 109) 110)	LA VAN (Duc Thanh)	School, teachers house, toilet block and well	Still waiting for approval
	BARIA	Old peoples home/Repairs and renovation	Contractors are being tendered for

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MONTHLY REPORT - MEDICAL

DATE 2 Oct - 31 Oct 67

LOCATION 1 ATF Nui Dat

UNIT CONDUCTING MEDCAP 1 Aust CA Unit with assistance from 4 Fd Regt, 2 RAR and 1 SAS Sqn.

OIC Maj B.W. Fox (RAAMC) NO MED PERSONNEL INVOLVED 3 RMOs 15 Medics

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1. GENERAL EXAMINATIONS

Total 5200

Comments (note here main ailments encountered)

Aenemia, Diarrohea, Malaria, Malnutrition, Pulmanory Bronchitis and Pnuemonitis (Poss TB), Tonsillitis, Tropical Sores, Impetigo, Dental Caries (Huge Numbers), Deformities (Acquired Polio Limbs)(Fractures of limbs).

2. IMMUNISATIONS - Nil

3. MEDICAL EVACUATIONS

a. General

No - 10.

Comments (diagnosis and possible treatment)

Aenemia, Badly infected tropical ulcers, and Malnutrition (Both children and elderly adults).

b. Surgical

No - 15.

Comments (type of surgery required)

Goitre, hernia, Hysterectomy, Urinary calculus, Gunshot wounds (For both immediate and elective surgery).

4. FOLLOW-UP (Details of cases that require follow-up treatment by a further Medcap)

All hamlets and villages are visited in Phuoc Tuy Province on a regular weekly basis thus all cases both Medcap-wise and Post surgical and Medical can be followed up.

5. ASSESSMENT (Reaction by local population, assessed of general health and public hygiene, overall improvement since previous Medcaps, suitability of Medcap sites).

All Medcaps are conducted in the busiest centres of villages, ie. Market places, Dispensaries. ARVN medical assistants are now attached to 1 Aust CA Unit for training and the training of village and hamlet medical assistants has commenced.

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MONTHLY REPORT - EDUCATION

MONTH October 1967

LOCATION Nui Dat

1. COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

a. Equipment

- (1) 2 Sewing machines - Source: CARE (US)
- (2) 50 School Kits - Source: CARE (US)
- (3) 500 Youth Magazines - Source: JUSPAO (US)

b. Instructional Material

- (1) 50 English language texts - Source: JUSPAO (US)
- (2) 1 Crate Sewing Aids - Source: 1 Aust CA Unit

2. ENGLISH CLASSES

a. School Students

Classes - 15, Students - Approx 800, Student Hours -
3600.

b. Adult

Classes - 10, Attendance - 150, Student Hours - 1400.

3. SPECIAL TASKS

Advise Province Education Authorities on RD and long-period planning.

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1 AUST CA UNIT
MONTHLY REPORT - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

MONTH - October 1967

LOCATION - Nui Dat

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UOI</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Plastic Bags	Carton	7
Midwifery Kits	Single	3
Midwifery Replacements	Single	3
Glass Jars	Case	7
Male Clothing	Case	8
Female Clothing	Case	6
Childrens Clothing	Case	12
Text Books	Case	5
Buoncinette	Single	9
Tools and Hardware	Loose	15
Liquid Milk	Carton	27
Sugar Granulated	Bag	39
Corn Meal	Carton	5
Tea Instant	Carton	3
Flour	Bag	17
Apple Sauce	Carton	4
Potatoe Dehyd	Carton	32
Cake Mix	Carton	26
Milk Powdered	Carton	15
Margarine	Carton	7
Shortening	Carton	13
Sweet Potatoes	Carton	2
Macaroni	Carton	4
Egg Noodles	Carton	19
Assorted Cereals	Carton	186
Coffee	Carton	2
Cranberry Sauce	Carton	3
Vinegar	Carton	4
Jelly	Carton	7
Prunes	Carton	7
Tomatoe Sauce	Carton	3
Yeast	Carton	10
Starch	Carton	5
Sugar Brown	Carton	16
Apple Dehyd	Carton	4
Cooking Oil	Carton	4
Soft Drink	Carton	5

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ITEM	UOI	QUANTITY
Tobacco	Bundle	Nil
Soap	Case	9
Salad Dressing	Carton	4
Sewing Machines	Single	Nil
Toys	Case	5
Hurricane Lamps	Single	2
Cabbage	Carton	11
Mosquito Nets and Material	Case	7
Salt	Bag	23
Beans Dehyd	Carton	5
Egg Whole	Carton	13
Baby Food	Case	14
Mollasses and Mustard	Cartons	2
Ration Packs	Cartons	66
Chow Mein Noodles	Cartons	4
Footwear	Cases	11
Rice	Lbs	3500
Blankets	Single	15
School Equipment	Cases	Nil
Rolled Oats	Carton	7
Canned Beets	Carton	5
Assorted Jams	Carton	9

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MONTHLY REPORT - MISCELLANEOUS

MONTH October 1967 LOCATION Nui Dat

1. The following activities were undertaken.
 - a. Establishment of Pig Farm - Phuoc Tuy Province

Investigations are still continuing on the feasibility of establishing this project.
 - b. Erection of Windmills - Phuoc Tuy Province

The erection of a windmill at Ap Suoi Nghe has been deferred pending arrival of parts to complete windmill currently held in this area.
 - c. Rice Silos - Phuoc Tuy Province

Investigations on this matter continue.
 - d. Assistance to ARVN, RF and PF

An investigation into the most suitable way to assist these people is almost complete.
 - e. Beach Excursions

Beach excursions for underprivileged children continue.
 - f. Activities of Units of 1 ATF
 - (1) All units in the TF are continuing their assistance to families in Ap Suoi Nghe.
 - (2) Other unit activities have been restricted because of operational requirements but assistance to schools, orphanages etc has continued on a limited scale.

ANNEX M TO 1 AUST CA UNITPOPS FOR PROJECT ADMINCIVIL AFFAIRS PROJECTSUNIT MONTHLY REPORT

UNIT... 1 Aust CA unit 1 ALBG Sect MONTH... OCTOBER

To be forwarded to 1 Aust CA Unit by the first day of each month.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS

1. All materials for PF Dependents quarters have been delivered to Rach Bah site. The Public Works Department has commenced construction as its part of the project.
2. Additional materials to complete classrooms at Signal School were delivered through CORDS. Classrooms walls are being rendered and it is the additions will be occupied by the end of November.
3. School Aids were purchased and others supplied by USAID for Nam Binh .
4. Two water tank covers were constructed for the Old Folks Home Nam Dong.

Estimate of reaction of recipients

Most appreciated

REMARKS

Nil

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(Signature)

CIVIC ACTION - MONTHLY STATEMENT

FORMATION...1 ALBG Sect 1 Aust Ca...Period...1 st October to 31 October....
Unit

Advance brought forward from...September..... /VN.187430:00...

PROJECT NUMBER AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION	RECEIPT No.	DATE	AMOUNT EXPENDED
V47 Sisters wages - Aust Dispensary	120	5 Oct	15,000
Unit stamp	121	5 Oct	800
V2 Midwife and labour wages : Dispensary	123,126,127	9-27 Oct	8,500
V124 Aids - Nam Binh School	128	27 Oct	19,840
V132 Bricks - RVNAF Signal School	122	6 Oct	21,910
V133 Tank Cover - Old Folks Home	124	10 Oct	10,150
V110 Timber PF Dependants Quarters Rach Bah	125	20 Oct	23,273
V110 Bricks PF Dependants Quarters Rach Bah	129	30 Oct	18,900
TOTAL			108373

Cash brought foward	/VN...187430.....
Advances during the period	/VN.....
Total	/VN...187430.....
Amount expended as per statement	...108373.....
 TOTAL CASH CARRIED FOWARD	 <u>79057</u>

[Signature]
.....Maj

Civic Action Accounting Officer

(Note: To be submitted in duplicate by the seventh day of the following month)

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MONTHLY REPORT - CONSTRUCTION

(to be at Unit HQ by the third day of each month)

MONTH.....OCTOBER 67.....

LOCATION.....VUNG TAU.....

1. PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NO	LOCATION % DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
V 90	Vung Tau. RVNAF Sig School / Supply concrete materials for playground edging.	40%	Sig School unit labour	Nil
V 110	Vung Tau. Rach Bah Bridge / Supply materials for construction of a P.F. post barracks.	20%	PF controlled by PWD	Faulty plans lack of interest or enthusiasm on behalf of PF officers. Slow moving but should improve. PWD requires constant coaxing to keep work moving.
V 113	Nam Dong. Old Folks Home / Provide galvanised iron covers to water storage tanks.	100%	Local contractor	Nil
V 143 Chua	Phat. Aust Dispensary / Repairs to hand basins and water reticulation		17 Const Sqn	Job held up by lack of materials

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SOP FOR PROJECT ADMIN

MONTHLY REPORT - CONSTRUCTION

(to be at Unit HQ by the third day of each month)

MONTH.....OCTOBER 67.....

LOCATION...VUNG TAU.....

1. PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT No	LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
V 67	Vung Tau. JMA / Supply 3 ceiling fans	-	Local purchase SAIGON	Waiting untill other than local make can be obtained
V 88	Vung Tau. RVNAF Sig School / Supply timber for 40 desks and Construction of 4 class rooms		Sig School Unit labour	
V 89	Vung Tau. RVNAF Sig School / Supply windows and doors for 4 class rooms.	90%	As above	Nil
V 132	Vung Tau. RVNAF Sig School / Supply bricks required for construction of 4 class rooms.		As above	

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2. RECONNAISSANCE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT No	LOCATION	TYPE / DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
V 85	Nam Binh Hamlet School.	6 or 8 class room Day Nursery with kitchens toilets and 1 drinkin well	It is anticipated that this building will be built by a local contractor.
V 91	Vung Tau. RVNAF Sig School.	Medical Dispensary. As well as normal dispensary facilities, this dispensary will have delivery rooms and maternity ward.	Submission sent to AFV Saigon.
V 92	Cat Kye Bridge. Vun g Tau	PF barracks. Supply materials only. This is a self help project.	ALL PF projects are to be completed in turn project V110 being the first.
V 109	Water plant Vung Tau.	PF barracks. Supply materials only. Self help project.	As above
V 111	Thang Nhi Vung Tau.	As above	As above
V 112	Bai Dau Vung Tau	As above	As above
V 113	Nam Binh.	Market place	Plans have been received from Hamlet Chief with request for Const. No action at this stage.
V 115	J.M.A. Vung Tau.	478 individual school desks. Can be bought by local purchase.	Submission for project being prepared.

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2. RECONNAISSANCE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT No	LOCATION	TYPE / DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
V 135	Vung Tau Province	Repairs to broken playground equipment. Seven different schools in Vung Tau Province	Most of this equipment was installed by Aust units. Submission for project sent to AFV Saigon. Suggested labour 102 Fd Wks
V 138	Vung Tau An Phong Orphanage.	Living quarters. 1 storey timber barrack block same design used by RAAF plans supplied by PA&E.	It is anticipated that work will be done by 17 Const Sn during members own free time. Submission for project sent to AFV Saigon.
V 139	Vung Tau An Phong Orphanage.	Access road to Orphanage.	Labour as above. Not actioned
V 140	Vung Tau An Phong Orphanage.	Provide water reticulation and storage.	Labour as above. Not actioned
V 148	Chua Phat Australian Dispensary	Construction a doorway to waiting room	Local contractor. Being prepared for submission as a project

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SOP FOR PROJECT ADMIN

CIVIC ACTION - MONTHLY REPORT OF
STORES RECEIVED AND % OR ISSUED

LOCATION... VUNG TAU

MONTH..... OCTOBER

(TO BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE TO GSO2 (CA/PSYOPS) HQ AFV BY SEVENTH DAY OF EACH MONTH)

CATEGORY	STOCK NUMBER	ITEM	QTY	COST EACH	TOTAL COST	RECEIVED FROM	ISSUED TO	TY	REMARKS
ENG	4730-66-013-0264	Elbow pipe m&f (galv) 1½"	3	0:34	1:02	55 AESS	Aust Disp	3	
	4730-66-012-9473	T E Pipe (Galv) 1"	1	0:33	0:33	"	"	1	
	4730-66-013-0175	Elbow pipe M&F (Gal) ½"	2	0:24	0:48	"	"	2	
	4730-66-227-6932	Reducer pipe (black) 1"x½"	1	0:21	0:21	"	"	1	
	4710 Niv	Copper Tube ½"	20	0:70	14:00	"	"	20	
	4510-66-013-9183	Pans seat latrine	4	1:20	4:80	"	"	4	

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ANNEX G 2

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1 Aust CA Unit
Aust FPO 4
NUI DAT

18 Oct 67

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
CIVIL AFFAIRS

Name of Operation

1. BURNSIDE.

Date of Operation

2. 24 Aug 67.

Location

3. DAT DO YS4960.

Control Headquarters

4. HQ 1 ATF.

Reporting Officer

5. Capt I.G. Menzies, LO, 1 Aust CA Unit.

Task Organisation

6. Det 1 Aust CA Unit (LO, Interpreter, Driver/Sig).

Supporting Forces

7. NCO and vehicle mounted public address system from 246 Psyops Coy (US).

Intelligence

8. See Annex A to 1 ATF OP O 30/67.

Mission

9. Advise 1 ATF control HQ on Civil Affairs matters during search of DAT DO.

Concept of Operation

10. a. Position a team at the HORSESHOE (incl veh) by 231730H.
b. Be prepared to stay in the field until 26 Aug.
c. Team to be available at 1 ATF control HQ during period of operation and dispatched to units as problems arise.

Execution

11. a. Departed 1 ATF at 1500 hrs 23 Aug for HORSESHOE in company with teams from 246 Psyops (US) and Topo Svy.
b. Arrived HORSESHOE 1630 hrs and established bivouac site in that loc. Team carried own tentage and was completely self-supporting.

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12. a. 0630 hrs, 24 Aug. Moved from HORSESHOE to 1 ATF control HQ, located at airstrip opposite DAT DO sub-sector post.
- b. The team was dispatched to units as problems arose. Aided in the collection and transportation of suspects from unit search areas to loc of Div Int and Interrogation team. Manned southern checkpoint, DAT DO, from 1400 hrs to 1630 hrs.
- c. 1715 hrs. Returned to HORSESHOE.

Results

13. The team was fully employed during the period of the operation and was able to provide assistance to units in spheres with which they were not familiar. eg. Manning a checkpoint.

Administrative Matters

14. Nothing to report.

Special Equipment/Techniques

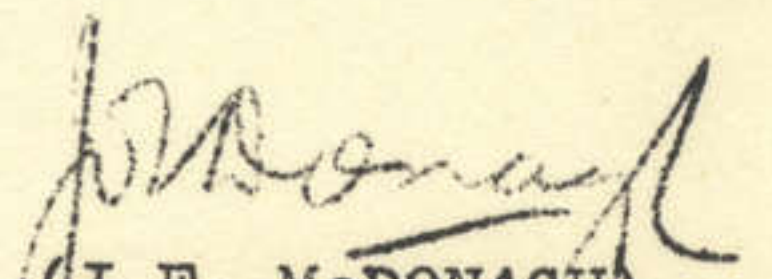
15. See after action report Op MOSMAN 18 Aug 67.

Commander Analysis

16. From experience gained in Op MOSMAN units were able to conduct the search without seeking extensive CA advice or assistance.
17. The question of legal quantities of rice held by families had been solved and no problems arose.
18. Units manning checkpoints were not familiar with quantities and types of commodities they were likely to encounter. The team was able to advise checkpoints on these matters, particularly the southern checkpoint DAT DO.

Recommendations

19. See after action report for Op MOSMAN 18 Aug 67. Paras 17 and 18 apply.
20. Where an operation is to be conducted in an area where RD Cadres exist, 1 Aust CA Unit should be consulted as to the exact loc of the RD HQ, their uniforms, types of weapons carried and size of team.
21. Arrangements could be made through 1 Aust CA Unit to inform the RD Cadre immediately prior to the commencement of the operation, to stack weapons and restrict movement, to obviate any unfortunate incidents.


(J.F. McDONAGH)
Lt Col
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX G 3

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

1 Aust CA Unit
Aust FPO 4
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18 Oct 67

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
CIVIL AFFAIRS

Name of Operation

1. Operation ULMARRA.

Date of Operation

2. 26 Aug 67.

Location

3. LANG PHUOC HAI YS 5153.

Control Headquarters

4. HQ 1 ATF.

Reporting Officer

5. Capt I.G. Menzies, LO, 1 Aust CA Unit.

Task Organisation

6. Det 1 Aust CA Unit (LO, Interpreter, Driver/Sig)

Supporting Forces

7. NCO with vehicle mounted public address system from 246 Psyops Coy (US).

Intelligence

8. See Annex A to 1 ATF OP 0

Mission

9. Advise 1 ATF control HQ on Civil Affairs matters during search of PHUOC HAI.

Concept of Operation

10. Team to be available at 1 ATF control HQ during period and dispatched to units as problems arise.

Execution

11. a. 1610 hrs 26 Aug. Moved from the HORSESHOE under escort A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Det 246 Psyops Coy (US) and Det Topo Svy to LANG PHUOC HAI.
b. 0700 hrs. Reported to 1 ATF control HQ at PHUOC HAI.

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- c. 0710 hrs. Manned temporary checkpoint on Route 44.
- d. 0800 hrs. On stand-by for call by units conducting search.
- e. Co-ordinated movement and location of MEDCAP teams from 2 RAR and 7 RAR. Radio comms established with these units for ease of co-ordination.
- f. 1300 hrs. Arranged MEDEVAC by DUSTOFF of two seriously ill Vietnamese Nationals to LE LOI hospital, VUNG TAU.
- g. 1630 hrs. Returned to 1 ATF base with elements of 2 RAR and 7 RAR.

Results

- 12. Co-ordination of movement and location of MEDCAP teams through Det 1 Aust CA Unit proved particularly effective.
- 13. MEDEVAC by DUSTOFF was effected smoothly due to complete co-operation from MEDCAP teams and 1 ATF control HQ.
- 14. A survey of possible repairs/maintenance to PHUOC HAI Elementary and Secondary School was completed and passed to Edn Advisor upon return to 1 ATF base.

Administrative Matters

- 15. Nothing to report.

Special Equipment/Techniques

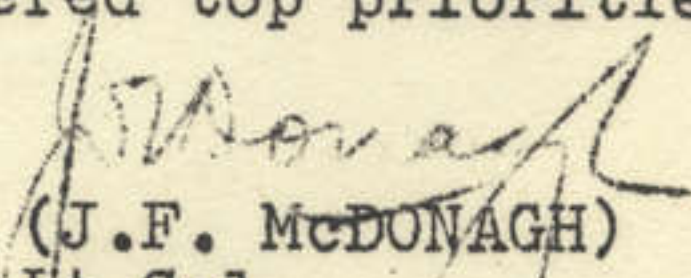
- 16. The requirement for a vehicle mounted public address system still applied.

Commander Analysis

- 17. Pre-planning of size and location of MEDCAP teams would have allowed for more effective coverage of the village.
- 18. All units participating were thoroughly familiar with the legality of rice holdings and were fully aware of what to expect when searching a Vietnamese house and grounds. This was due to the experience they had gained on Operations MOSMAN and BURNSIDE.
- 19. The role of the team and the part it played in the operation particularly with reference to MEDCAP and MEDEVAC, was very satisfying.

Recommendations

- 20. In any future similar operation an effective MEDCAP programme should be drawn up prior to the commencement of the operation. Co-ordination in the operational area should be effected through the 1 Aust CA Unit Det.
- 21. The previous recommendations mentioned in the After Action Reports for Operations MOSMAN and BURNSIDE would still apply. Composition of the team, the supply of two radios and a vehicle mounted public address system, are considered top priorities.


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