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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Month and Year... DEC 69

Reference Map... SUN

Unit/Formation... A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer... MAJ J. AN. CHIPMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>DEC 23</u>		<p>One tp op con SRAR in AO ASHGROVE.</p> <p>One tp plus elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 ATF Def Pl under command continue recce and ambush ops in the Duc THANH AO.</p> <p>LOCATIONS: HQ NUI DAT</p> <p>1TP NUI DAT</p> <p>2TP YS 478812</p> <p>3TP YS 535600</p> <p>4TP YS 421909</p>	<u>E23</u>
	<u>DEC 23</u>		<p>Message received from 1 ATF of notification of B SQN RTA now name is A SQN</p>	<u>T 1</u>
	<u>DEC 24</u>		<p>Sqn (-) remains Nui DAT. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN returned to 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to SRAR in AO ASHGROVE. HQ (-) plus one tp plus elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 ATF Def Pl completed recce and ambush ops in the Duc THANH AO and returned to 1 ATF Base</p>	<u>E24</u>

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	<u>DEC 24 (cont'd)</u>		LOCATIONS: <u>SON NUI DAT</u> <u>4TP YS 422905</u>	<u>E24</u>
	<u>DEC 25</u>		<u>Sqn(-) remains Nui DAT. One tp op con to BRAR in AO ASH GROVE. One tp will deploy 26 DEC to vic YS 4351 to engage LONG HANS</u> <u>LOCATIONS SON(-) Nui DAT</u> <u>4T YS 420911</u>	<u>E25</u>
	<u>DEC 26</u>		<u>Sqn(-) remains Nui DAT. One tp deployed to vic YS 4351 and spent day engaging tps on Western slopes of LONG HANS. They will remain overnight, engage Eastern side tomorrow then return to Nui DAT. One tp op con to BRAR in AO ASH GROVE.</u> <u>LOCATIONS: Sqn(-) Nui DAT</u> <u>4TP YS 423881</u> <u>SAC TP YS 4351</u>	<u>E26</u>
	<u>"</u>		<u>RO's Part 1 Serial 62/69 Number 349-350 issued.</u>	<u>K5</u>

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	<u>DEC 27</u>		<u>Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One tp returned to Nui DAT after 2 days of engaging the LONG HAI from both the EAST + WEST. One tp opcon to SRAR in AO ASHGROVE. Two tps under SHG operated with SRAR for the day returning late afternoon. One tp with elements of Cav and the D+EPI deployed on recon & ambush ops in the DUCTHANH AO</u>	<u>E27</u>
<u>YS 447764</u>	<u>DEC 27</u>	<u>0919H</u>	<u>A tank from 1TP struck an anti-tank mine believed to be constructed from Chicom block explosive with a pressure activated electrical detonator. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 1 centurion tank extensively damaged with twisted hull and damaged RH suspension unit, also hole in hull</u>	<u>E27</u>
	<u>DEC 28</u>		<u>Sqn(-) remains Nui DAT. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from YS 4351. One tp remains op con to SRAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp</u>	<u>E28</u>

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	<u>DEC 28 (CONT)</u>		with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in the Duc THANH AO	<u>E28</u>
<u>YS425855 (Late Entry)</u>	<u>DEC 27</u>	<u>1200H</u>	Elms of Sp Coy 8RAR supported by tanks from A Sqn 1 Arm'd Regt located, searched and destroyed an enemy bunker system	<u>E28</u>
	<u>DEC 27</u>		RO's Part I Serial 63/69 v Tech Instr No 2 Issued	<u>K6</u> <u>K7</u>
	<u>DEC 29</u>		Sqn(-) remains Nui DAT. One tp op con to 8RAR in AO ASH GROVE. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continue recce and ambush ops in Duc THANH AO. Inf elements checked Int report of en coy in vic YS5275 without results. One tp will deploy on Dec 30 into LONG GREEN op con to A Constr Sqn for land clearing team protection	<u>E29</u>
<u>YS446798</u>	<u>DEC 29</u>	<u>1840</u>	A tank from 3TP struck a mine and	<u>E29</u>

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	<u>DEC 29</u>		<u>was severely damaged. Tank burst into flames and burnt for several hours. There were no casualties amongst the crew. The 3TP had been sent to investigate a report of 2 PIs of VC in ure YS 446798 when the mine incident occurred</u>	<u>E29</u>
	<u>DEC 30</u>		<u>Sqn(-) remains Nui DAT. One tp op con to SRAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in the DUC THANH AO. One tp op con to the LAND CLEARING TEAM in the LONG GREEN. LOCATIONS: Sqn(-) NUI DAT 1 TP YS 509762 2 TP YS 538598 3 TP FSPB PEGGY</u>	<u>E30</u>
	<u>DEC 31</u>		<u>A Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to SRAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush</u>	<u>E31</u>

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	DEC 31 (contd)		ops in TUC THANH AO. One tp remains op con to Land Clearing Team in the LONG GREEN.	E31
			LOCATIONS: Sqn HQ NUI DAT	
			1 TP VS 536778	
			2 TP Land Clearing Team	
			3 TP FSPB PEGGY	
			4 TP NUI DAT	
	DEC 31		Combat After Action Report of Op 'TANGLE' issued	M1
			Op Instr 104/69 for Op LEOPARD received	M2

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NUI DAT

2 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from AO GRACE. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus two AMC sects op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE returned to 1 ATF Base. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 49 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continue minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge const commenced in YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3032, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remain FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) moved from AO LINTON to AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 and estb new FSPB PICTON YS6490. Elements remain in AO LINTON.
- (9) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre trg vic 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One coy remains on Land Clearing Team protection.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0920/0945	YS648938	Base Camp	100/40%, 1 large bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 1 military structure exposed.

b. Plans Summary for period 020001H to 022400H Dec 69

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre trg vic 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(6) 4/52 ARVN. Completes retraining on HORSESHOE HILL with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One coy returns from LCT protection.

c. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ Nui Dat. 1 Tp YS233813; 2 Tp(-) FSPB PICTON; 3 Tp YS531597; 4 Tp Nui Dat.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ Nui Dat. 1 Tp Nui Dat; 2 Tp(-) YS643912; 3 Tp Nui Dat; Sp Tp(-), 1 Sect LCT, 1 Sect FSPB LION; 1 Sect FSPB PICTON, 1 Sect rd convoy.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt Nui Dat. 101 Fd Bty, 1 Sect FSPB LION, 1 Sect FSPB PICTON. 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect Nui Dat, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL. C/2/35 Nui Dat.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE; A Coy(-) YS261836; B Coy Vung Tau; C Coy(-) YS296801; D Coy(-) YS254789.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ(-) FSPB PICTON YS6490; A Coy FSPB LION YS6189; B Coy FSPB LION YS6189; V Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL; D Coy(-) YS641916; W Coy(-) YS627912.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn complete Nui Dat.

(7) 4/52 ARVN. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL; 1 Coy HORSESHOE HILL; 2 Coy YS592603; 3 Coy YS534600.

(8) Land Clearing Team YS531597.

(9) Mine Clearing Team YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 011045H at YS500748, one Australian soldier was slightly wounded as a result of a ricochette. 1 Aust WIA - Dustoff.

(2) At 011300H at YS268839, 3 Pl A Coy located a camp consisting of 3 bunkers and a cooking hut. In the area they found 3 mugs, 3 Aust hutchies, 1 set clothing, cooking utensils and empty ration cans.

(3) At 011340H at YS268835, 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted one black clad VC who was engaged by the sentry with nil result.

(4) At 011603H at YS262835, A Coy 5 RAR located 3 bunkers probably used earlier during the day.

(5) At 011730H at YS641915, elms of D Coy 6 RAR located an old sentry pit close to a track, in the area was found 1xAK47 magazine.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel: 1 Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel: Nil.

(b) Materiel: 3 hutchies, 1 set clothing, 3 mugs, qty cooking utensils, 1xAK47 magazine.

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f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4648, YS4750, YS4851, YS2975 and YS3175. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hours.

b. RF Operations

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escort.

(2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue op con 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Mine Clearing. 14 mines detonated, area cleared 200m x 100m. Area fully cleared to date 900m x 100m.

(2) Land Clearing. From YS534600, 1 strip 100m wide x 400m long South. 1 strip 175m wide and 1200m long.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. South at 05 knots.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus two AMC sects op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE returned to 1 ATF Base. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 33 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3032, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 105 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain in AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Completed retraining on HORSESHOE HILL with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One coy returned to HORSESHOE HILL from Land Clearing Team protection.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0900/0930H	YS648935	100/30. 30 metres comms trench exposed, 50 metres comms trench destroyed, 1 large bunker destroyed, 1 large secondary explosion. Magpie 31 GMK 117 Base Camp.

b. Plans Summary for Period 030001H to 032400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp deploys to AO GULLIVER with 4/52 ARVN Bn.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Deploys to AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and becomes op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) YS242803, 2 Tp YS652908. 3 Tp YS534600.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp, Sp Tp (-) FSPB PICTON.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty: 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy (-) YS268835, B Coy VUNG TAU, C Coy (-) YS317788, D Coy (-) YS258800.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy (-) YS665902, B Coy (-) YS694938, V Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy (-) YS641915, W Coy (-) YS623904.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn (-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 021130H at YS633913, D Coy 6 RAR located a staging camp, 1 M79 rd recovered. Tracks led to the river.
- (2) At 021225H at YS269843, 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located 9 intact bunkers, 1 cookhouse and 4 destroyed bunkers. The area had been used 3 to 5 days ago. A pisto map was recovered.
- (3) At 021230H at YS632911, D Coy 6 RAR located a coy size staging camp across the river from the camp in serial (1). The area had been used 4 hours previously. Tracks led to the South.
- (4) At 021425H at YS626913, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 X AK 47, 1 pack CIA.
- (5) At 021445H at YS629909, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR found a painted sign. 26 RUNG VINH VIEN SD - 0475 SONG RAI.
- (6) At 021530H at YS622896, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located 2 caches, the first contained 35 M16 type mines and 135 chicom grenades, the second contained 11 bangalores and 5 mines, they will be destroyed tomorrow.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
- (a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA (Dustoff).
- (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (b) Materiel. 1 X pack, 1 X AK47, 1 X medkit and maps, 35 X M16 mines, 135 chicom grenades plus a quantity of bangalore torpedoes.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company -1
Platoon -2
Squad -5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4183, YS4283, YS4285, YS4185, YS4187 and YS4287. Leaflets dropped were Safe Conduct Passes, Rally Instructions and Rewards for weapons. A total of 2000,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escort.
- (2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue op con 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearing. 3 mines detonated, area cleared 100m X 50m. Area fully cleared to date 950m X 100m.
- (2) Land Clearing. From YS534600 to YS534540 cleared to 250m wide X 1600m long. Cleared today 75m X 1600m.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. NNW at .02 knots.

- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus two AMC sects op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One tp assisted in deployment of 4/52 ARVN to AO GULLIVER and remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 32 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
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- (9) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Deployed into AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and commenced recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0914/0940H	YS648935	100/unknown, 100% bombs within 50 metres.
1139/1152H	YS712913	100/unknown, 90% within 50 metres, 20% within 25 metres, 2 military structures destroyed, 3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 040001H to 042400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Two tps and two AMC sects continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

(5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Op con remains with 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS215818, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON, 3 Tp LCT, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON, 3 Tp NUI DAT, Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT, Elms FSPB PICTON, YS215818.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS263811, C Coy YS296824, D Coy YS244799.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS674912, B Coy YS696939, V Coy FSPB PICTON, D Coy YS647936, W Coy YS623904.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS652896, 2 Coy YS648893, 3 Coy YS626890.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.

(9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 030835H at YS622904 W Coy 6 RAR contacted a group of 2 to 3 enemy dressed in black and green. Results 2 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK47 CIA. Nil friendly casualties.

(2) At 030949H at YS674904 A Coy 6 RAR located a burnt out International truck.

(3) At 031000H at YS646915 D Coy 6 RAR located a watering point, track on the stream bank and peas laid out to dry. The area had last been used approx 24 hours previously.

(4) At 031030H at YS320796 C Coy 5 RAR located 11 bunkers, in an area 120m x 120m. The area had been cleared and the bunkers were in excellent condition with 3'6" of overhead cover. One typewriter was located. Area last used 2 - 6 weeks ago.

(5) At 031140H at YS268835 A Coy 5 RAR contacted at least three enemy in camouflaged clothing carrying three RPGs other weapons unknown. A Coy initiated contact and on who approached from East returned fire with RPG and they withdrew East. Results 4 Aust WIA (not serious) and one pack recovered.

(6) At 031100H at YS694943 B Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 4 lbs of rice and wheat powder infested by ants.

(7) At 031140H at Long Dien Route 23 the road repair party from 1 Fd Sqn were fired at from 200m from the road. Fire was returned and a sweep of the area was carried out with nil results. Sector TOC advised that VN responsible were known and would be questioned.

(8) At 031245H at YS306813 Sp Coy 5 RAR located 1 HE grenade above ground. Nil damage. Grenade destroyed.

(9) At 031530H at YS647933 D Coy 6 RAR located 33 bunkers in a battalion system. Part of the system was occupied in the last 24 hours and system extends beyond present area of investigation. Stores located: 1 stick grenade, 1 x 82mm mortar round, 1 x M26 grenade and 4 x documents.

(10) At 032230H at YS453742 a Pilatus Porter of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt crashed and burnt. Cause not known. Area secured by Duc Thanh troops at 032320H. Results 2 Aust KIA Dustoff.

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- e. Results.
(1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. 4 WIA (Evacuated).
(b) Material. Nil.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. 2 VC (BC).
(b) Material. 2 AK47
- f. Small Unit Actions.
(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.
(4) Results. Negative.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcast. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4749, YS4851, and YS4753. The themes were Chicou Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.

b. RF & ARVN OPS

- (1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on route security and convoy escort.
(2) Elements 90 RF Coy continue op con 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) 5 Mines detonated.
(2) Land Clearing Team - Area of 1600 square metres cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. NW at 04 knots.

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5 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sects op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One tp plus one AMC sect returned to 1 ATF Base from AO GULLIVER.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 61 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3032, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain in AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (9) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp and one AMC sect deploys to AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082. One tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and one AMC sect comes under op con.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remains with 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS234808, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp YS435703.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS421707, 1 Tp(-) YS435703, 2 Tp and 1 Sect AMC FSPB PICTON, 5 Sect AMC and 4 Sect AMC YS531597, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ, 1 and 3 Sect Mors FSPB CAPE, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS265845, C Coy YS290841, D Coy YS2480, A Pnr YS268842, A Tk YS312822.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS687906, B Coy YS696939, D Coy YS647936, W Coy YS628908, V Coy FSPB PICTON.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS652896, 2 Coy YS648893, 3 Coy YS626890.
- (8) DISCOVERY PROTECTION PARTY. Mor Sect 6 RAR. Composite Coy 6 RAR.
- (9) Land Clearing Team. YS530600.
- (10) Mine Clearing. YS500685.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 041030H at YS 682904 elms of A Coy 6 RAR located an **old** cache from which the most important items had been removed: still in the area were 3 x smk ~~gren~~; 3 rifle illg gren; 10 old US trip flare; 20 x blasting c'g; 3 x time and delay fuze, 2 x trip flare release ruz; 12 x CE prim; 20 x BAR mags; 7 x SMG Mags; the area appeared to have been seeded with CS gas.
- (2) At 041115H at YS327817 ATk Pl 5 RAR contacted 2 VC on the Southern edge of the land cleared area. A search, following the contact revealed the tracks of 8 en. Mors were fired in sp of contact, but with negative results.
- (3) At 041245H at YS705944 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted unk VC. After conducting a sweep 2 VC, WIA, were located. A dustoff was initiated but the en were so badly wounded that they died before the ac arrived. Result 2 VC KIA(BC). A sweep later discovered - Sony 8 transistor radio set on 1400 Kilos.
- (4) At 041310H at YS695909 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted one VC who was engaged but escaped to the SE, negative result.

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- (5) At 041315H at YS697938 elms of B Coy 6 RAR contacted 10-15 en. B Coy sentry fired with GPMG and en returned with AK 47 before withdrawl. Neg friendly cas. Sweep later found drag marks and blood trail. 1 VC KIA(poss).
- (6) At 041530 at YS686905 a sentry of 6 RAR sighted a VC at 100m distance. The VC was visible for a short time only and immediatly withdrew. Results nil.
- (7) At 040815 at YS622899 elms of W Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 11 Bangalore torpedoes and 23 gren. These have been destroyed.
- (8) At 041845 at YS418705 B Coy 8 RAR located a lookout tree with spikes in the trunk and fresh tracks.
- (9) Late entry. At 031730H at YS673912 elms of A Coy 6 RAR located an old en camp and in it found a qty of cooking implements 1 x RPG 2 round, 4 x CHICOM gren. The area appears to have been vacated hurriedly prior to being attacked from the air.
- (10) Reference Sitrep dated 4 Dec 69 para 1d (a) D Coy 6 RAR continued to investigate the bunker system located at YS647933 and en total of 41 bunkers, one command bunker one first aid post and kitchen have been located CH with 18" to 2' over head protection. Total area covered 150m x 200m capable of holding two coys plus and partially occupied 24 hrs ago. Permenat latrines, livestock yards, butchery and granary also located. Ordnance and equipment found: 2 x chicom stick grenades, 1 x 82mm mortar round, small qty of docus, medical and clothing supplies. Many exit tracks in SE corner struck by air strike 3 Dec 69.
- (11) At 041200H at YS705944 6 RAR located an old Pl size camp site last used three to six months ago and with 16 weapon pits in a semi circular layout. The area contained many derdict pits and was 30 metres from B Coys contact area.
- (12) At 041430 at YS685947 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a cache wrapped in plastic and placed in a tree. It contained: 300 lb corn 150 lb pepper corn, 80 lb rice powder, 12 pkts flavouring, one National cassette recorder with 18 tapes, one Sony cassette recorder, one car radio, Bushman scout believes equipment belonged to a propaganda team.

e. Results(1) Friendly Losses(a) Personnel. Nil.(b) Materiel. Nil.(2) Enemy Losses(a) Personnel. 2 KIA.

(b) Materiel. 2 RPG, 6 CKM grenades, 5 HC stick grenades, 3 rifle ill grenades, 10 old US trip flare, 2 blasting cartridge, 5 time delay fuzes, 2 trip release fuzes, 12 x CE primers, 20 BAR magazines, 7 Thompson mags, 1 x 82mm round, Small qty of docus clothing and med supplies.
 1 x Sony 8 Transistor radio set.
 1 x National 200 cassette tape recorder and 18 tapes.
 1 x Sony cassette tape recorder.
 1 x Car radio.

800 lbs corn, 150 lbs pepper corn, 80 lbs rice powder, and 12 pkts flavouring.

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f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 3
Squad - 7
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. RF/ARVN Operations.

- (1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.
- (2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue to operate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations

- (1) Land Clearing Team. Area cleared 50m x 1600m, 2 x bulldozers serviceable, one unserviceable.
- (2) Line Clearing Team. Area cleared 60 x 100m, four mines detonated, two mines seen.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. South at 5 knots.

4. Air Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0906/0935	YS712915	100/10 Neg further.
1129/1140	YS717903	100/Unk. One Lurker destroyed.

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6 Dec 69

SUBJ: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Dec 69.

TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One tp conducted trg ops with 8 RAR.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One tp plus one AMC sect deployed to AO GRACE and became op con to 5 RAR.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Seven contact and 34 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER. Road construction continued near ANNHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.

(7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3032, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

(9) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.

(11) Air Support

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0945	YS668950	50% within 50m, 50% within 20m, 1 bunker destroyed
1120/1135	YS581593	90% within 30m, 10% within 100m, 5 bunkers damaged, 1 secondary fire burning fiercely gunpowder smoke in area.

b. Plans Summary for Period 060001H to 062400H Dec 69

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp conducts trg ops with 8 RAR. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp and one AMC sect remains op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp continues trg ops with 8 RAR.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

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- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 5/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS222822, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp YS435703.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS435703, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS265845, C Coy YS291847, D Coy YS240817.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS702913, B Coy MS706946, V Coy FSPB PICTON, D Coy YS668944, W Coy MS 632941.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy, B Coy, D Coy, C Coy YS464734.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS695892, 2 Coy YS678878, 3 Coy YS645883.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.
- (9) Mine Clearing. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Ref SITREP dated 5 Dec 69 para 1. d. (5) Body and docus found after search by B Coy 6 RAR. Result 1 VC KIA recognised as courier from LONG KHAN.
- (2) At 041330H at YS693914 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a tunnel system 1 year old and damaged by bombing.
- (3) At 051130H at YS674880 8 Pl C Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system under construction. 2 Bunkers and framework of shelter uncompleted. System contained a chicom grenade booby trap which was destroyed on site.
- (4) At 050948 at YS297852 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR initiated contact with 5-6 VC. En returned heavy fire and withdrew NW. Search revealed 20 bunkers. Nil casualties.
- (5) At 051230 at YS290843 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR initiated contact with one VC in bunker system who withdrew North without returning fire. 6 Bunkers located possibly used by K10 hospital unit. Number of letters addressed to K10 and small qty fresh bandages located.
- (6) At 051400H at YS658933 to YS657930 D Coy 6 RAR located a linear bunker system containing a total of 30 plus year old bunkers in two groups connected by 150m x 36" deep crawl trench. Firing bays in crawl trench over looking creek and covering reverse slopes. Airstrike and Arty have caused damage. Result - 5xRPG2 rounds.

e. Results

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 1 KIA.
 - (b) Materiel. 5 RPG2 rounds.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 3
Squad - 7
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

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(3) Small Unit actions with contact: 1

(4) Results. 1 VC KIA (BC)

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Leaflet Drop. Was conducted by Psy Ops Sect and Raaf. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS3068, YS3070, YS3072 and YS3074. The theme was Chieu Hoi. A total of 224,000 leaflets were distributed.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

(2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue to operate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. Area cleared 50m x 800m. Nil mines, one mortar found at YS536584. 2 Bull Dozers serviceable, 1 U/S.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100m x 40m, 4 mines detonated nil seen.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNW at 03 knots.

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7 Dec 69

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From 060001H to 062400H Dec 69

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- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continue recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (9) 8 RAR. Continued in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0921/0949H	YS634951	100/unknown. 3 weapon pits exposed, 1 Dud MK117. 100% bombs within 10 metres smoke. MAGPIE 31. 6M117. VC Base Camp.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp conducts training ops with 8 RAR. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp and one AMC sect remains op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp continues training ops with 8 RAR.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 4 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS218817. 2 Tp FSPB PICTON. 3 Tp YS534600. 4 Tp YS448777.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS448777. 2 Tp FSPB PICTON. 3 Tp YS218817.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON. 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty, C 2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR Bn HQ FSPB CAPE. A Coy YS241794. B Coy YS229834. C Coy YS277852. D Coy YS234809.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON. A Coy YS700908. B Coy YS708938. V Coy FSPB PICTON. D Coy YS677952. W Coy YS633920.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS448777.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HQ FSPB PICTON. 1 Coy YS697894. 2 Coy YS696876. 3 Coy YS668864.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 061335H at YS297852 C Coy 5 RAR located 18 bunkers in diamond shape. Well camouflaged and with 3' OHC. 100m from water and using US jerry cans as containers.
- (2) At 061130H at YS627923 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located 5 X 4 man bunkers with 2' 6" OHC. Evidence of usage in the last three hours.
- (3) At 061300H at YS709910 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located an engineer training area well protected. Indications are that 24 officers and 47 NCOs attended course ending 16 Nov 69. Recent occupation by 30 others 2 days ago. Metal work of M1 Carbine CIA.
- (4) At 061545H at YS678953 6 RAR located 5 lbs salt and 300 lbs rice in bags with Chinese characters.
- (5) At 061910H at YS208814 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav contacted 3 VC in a sampan. Results: 1 KIA (seen floating), 2 KIA (Poss), 1 sampan sunk.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
- (a) Personnel. 1 KIA (BC), 1 KIA, 2 KIA (Poss).
- (b) Materiel. 1 sampan, metal work M1 carbine, 24 claymore frames, 1 mallet, scrap metal, 1 bottle turpentine, 1 black shirt, quantity green plastic, number US jerry cans, quantity fishing gear, 5 lbs salt, 300 lbs rice, 1 X 10" vice, 1 X claw hammer, 1 X adjustable hacksaw and 62 blades, enemy wheel, triangular file, flat file, drill and 13 bits, reamer, generator part, forge, 12 X claymore bands, chicom anti-tank grenade, bottle perfume, 200 X 7.62mm link, 420 X 7.62mm ball.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 3
Squad - 6
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.
- (2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue to operate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearing Team. 4½ slots completed and 4 under construction. 6 mines detonated, 26 seen.
- (2) Land Clearing Team. 4 acres cleared. Nil mines. 1 bull dozer U/S. 2 bull dozers serviceable.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 15 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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8 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One tp conducted training ops with 8 RAR.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One tp plus one AMC sect continue op con to 5 RAR. One tp conducted training ops with 8 RAR.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 10 H and I were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.

(7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

(9) 8 RAR. Continued in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0908/0940H	YS523883	100/80, two bunkers damaged-scattered cooking utensils, one small secondary explosion and one medium size explosion.
1304/1315H	YS455534	100/30. RAP 25. 2 x A37, 4 x NAP, 4 MK 82, VC base camp and one DUO MK 82.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H Dec 69.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp conducts training ops with 8 RAR. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in

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AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp and one AMC sect remains op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp continues training ops with 8 RAR. One tp(-) returns NUI DAT Base.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

(5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS229822, 2 Tp PICTON, 3 Tp YS535600, 4 Tp YS466725.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS466725, 2 Tp PICTON, 3 Tp YS229822.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty PICTON. 105 Fd Bty CAPE. 161(NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT. C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB CAPE. A Coy YS241794, B Coy YS229321, C Coy, YS268840, D Coy YS234809.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). FSPB PICTON. A Coy YS700908, B Coy YS708938, V Coy PICTON, D Coy YS683962, W Coy YS630927.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, NUI DAT. D Coy YS466725.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HQ FSPB PICTON. 1 Coy YS711894, 2 Coy YS713878, 3 Coy YS695866.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.

(9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) 061907H 209814 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav, contacted three enemy in sampan. 1 VC KIA(BC) - 2 VC KIA(Poss) bodies floated away.

(2) 070440H YS216803 - 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav, contacted three enemy in sampan. 2 VC KIA(BC) - 1 VC KIA(Poss), one sampan SIA - one body floated away.

(3) 070810H YS277852 - 5 RAR located five bunkers, found fuze and 50 Chicom electric detonators.

(4) 070840H YS500564, 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn suffered casualty when burning off by bridge on route 44, 60mm mortar bomb exploded - 1 Aust WIA (not serious).

(5) 070840H YS733947 - 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR - contacted 1 VC. 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 x AK50 CIA, 1 x pack CIA.

(6) 071210H YS724946 - 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR - contacted 2VC. 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 x AK47, 1 x AK50 CIA, 2 x pack CIA, 1 x radio CIA.

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(7) 07133H- YS229823 - 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR - 10 (Approx) VC in bunker system engaged 5 Pl, enemy withdrew when tank and APC called on. Results: 1 Aust, 3 VC KIA (BC).

(8) At 071500H at YS231821 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located a Pl size bunker system under construction. Small coil of det cord recovered.

(9) At 071643H at YS225830 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing 900 lbs of rice.

(10) At 071400 at YS711908 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a cave used as a six man living area last used approximately three months ago.

(11) At 071530H at YS713907 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a camp of 10 fighting pits last used six weeks ago. Result: 3 x 57mm RCL, 2 x Heat and 1 x cannister CIA.

(12) At 071505H at YS626928 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted two to three VC. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 x WIA (blood trail), 1 x M1 carbin CIA.

(13) At 071135H at YS254842 B Coy 5 RAR located four usable bkrs with 3' over head cover. Not used recently.

(14) At 071804H at YS721944 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted one enemy. Result: 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK50 CIA, some documents and one large pack CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA (AUST), 1 accidentally wounded (AUST).

(b) Materiel. Nine trip flares.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 10 VC KIA (BC). One NVA KIA (BC).

(b) Materiel. M1 carbine, three AK50, qty docs, four large packs, two sampans SIA, 50 x Chicom electric dets, one AK47, one transistor radio, small coil det cord, 900 lbs rice, 3 x 57mm RCL, 2 x Heat, 1 x cannister.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

(2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue to operate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

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c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team: Six acres to North West of cut cleared. Nil mines. Three bulldozers unserviceable but two will be serviceable 8 Dec.

(2) Mine Clearing Team: 40 x 100 metres cleared. Two slots ready to fill. Four slots under construction. Five mines destroyed, nil seen. 12 machine hours lost. D8 cozer still without tracks. Nine trip flares removed from Southern side of mine field night 06/07 Dec.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East South East at 10 knots.

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(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recco and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

(9) 8 RAR. Continued in-theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recco and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(11) Air Support

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA
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0900/0912	YS641619	100/unk%, 2 large structures destroyed, 100% bombs within 75m, 65% bombs within 30r. smoke.
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0920/0955	YS642616	100/unk%, 2 tunnel entrances and 1 structure damaged
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1220/1228	YS448537	100/50%, 1 bunker exposed
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b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H Dec 69

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp conducts training ops with 8 RAR. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp and one AMC sect remains op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recco and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

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- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (5) 8 RAR. Commences deployment into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS388 Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remain op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS215814, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON, 3 Tp YS215817.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 FD Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, C Bty 1/52 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy YS241794, B Coy YS231823, C Coy YS275838 D Coy YS234809.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS712909, B Coy YS721928, V Coy FSPB PICTON, D Coy YS732898, W Coy YS640949.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN. HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS720896, 2 Coy YS727892, 3 Coy YS707889.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 090930 at YS726890 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located 3 bunkers and a large cookhouse, probably capable of housing an en coy. In the area were located some hand tools, cooking utensils, 6 grenades, an M72 and an 82mm mor bomb. The camp appeared to have been vacated hurriedly by a small party some 30 mins before V Coy arrived. Also located was a six month old grave.
- (2) At 1140H at YS303793 Atk Pl of 5 RAR contacted 4 VC wearing black and carrying AK47s. En initiated the contact and dispersed to the West. A sweep revealed heavy drag marks which probably indicated 1 en KIA (poss) Neg friendly cas.
- (3) At 091200 at YS633920 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located 4 new bunkers, 1 cookhouse occupied within 28 hours. Result: 1 chicom claymore, 1 axe, qty of docus.
- (4) At 091520 at YS732898 D Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC Main Force who approached down track. Results negative. Consequent sweep located a cache containing: 1 chicom flare pistol, 1 entrenching tool, 7 telephones, 5 telephone handsets, 2 radios type 9A or 10, 14xRPG2 rds, 6 anti-tk mines (French or Russian), 400x Blast type stick grenades manufactured April and June 1969, 1xBarrel off chicom Burp gun, 1 SKS, 1 M1 carbine, 1 long and 1 short radio antennae, 2xMor sights and assorted mortar fittings and spanners, 12x60mm mor rounds, 30x60mm mortar fuses 1951, 3 ft 50 cal linked ammo, 2 return springs, 1 bulb, 10 ft 7.62mm chicom MG linked ammo, several 60mm mor rounds, up to 3000 CBU grenades, not counted to date 75mm RCL rounds, anti-tank stick grenades, small boat mines.
- (5) At 091345 at YS633941 W Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing: 2xM2 mags with ammo, 100 lbs of prepared rice, 10 sheets lightweight shelters, 1 US torch, 20 lbs of green food possibly beans, 2 lbs tobacco.
- (6) At 091330H at YS721927 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a hospital camp consisting of 30 bunkers, 2 operating tables, 2 huts, lecture area stools and tables to seat 100, large kitchen, comms trenches. Last occupied by caretaker party 24 hours previously and last used to tend to wounded 5-6 days ago. Also found 118 bottles of 1/2 million units "PARICAN", 1/2 pint alcohol 100 bottles of million units of potassium penicillin, 1000 assorted empty phials, qty empty bottles, 1 syringe and 1 bolt action "MAS 36" rifle.

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(7) At 091100 at YS719908 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 13 bunkers and 15 bamboo huts. A small qty of docs also found.

(8) At 091130 Possum 25 received ground fire from YS4753 and located an occupied enemy base camp at YS448537. A/S on camp neg results so far.

(9) At 091450 at YS228833 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located 7 bunkers which had been occupied 6 to 12 weeks ago.

e. Results

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 WIA poss (drag marks).

(b) Materiel. Qty hand tools, cooking utensils, 6 grenades, 1 M72, 1 82mm mor round, 1 chicom claymore, 1 axe, qty docs, 1 chicom flare pistol, 1 entrenching tool, 7 telephones, 5 telephone handsets, 2 radios type 9A or 10, 14 RPG2 rds, 6 anti-tk mines, 400 blast type stick grenades, 1 barrel off chicom Burp gun, 1 SKS, 1 M1 carbine, 1 long and 1 short radio antennae, 2 mor sights and assorted mortar fittings and spanners, 12x60mm mor rounds, 30x60mm mortar fuses, 3 ft 50 cal linked ammo, 2 return springs, 1 bulb, 10 ft 7.62mm chicom MG linked ammo, several 60mm mor rounds, 3000 CBU grenades, qty 75mm RCL rounds, qty ~~Atk~~ stick grenades, qty small boat mines, 2xM2 mags with ammo, 100 lb of prepared rice (probably MEE), 10 sheets light-weight shelters, 1 (US) torch, 10 lb green food (possibly beans), 2 lb tobacco, 118 bottles of $\frac{1}{2}$ million units "PARICAN", $\frac{1}{2}$ pint alcohol, **100 bottles of million units of potassium penicillin, 1000 assorted empty phials**, qty empty bottles, 1 syringe and 1 bolt action "MAS 36" rifle.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4651, YS4653, YS5760, YS5960, YS6562 and YS6563. The theme was Chieu Hoi. A total of 24,000 leaflets were dropped.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HB, HE and APT teams. The themes were GVN image and anti VC. A total of 8 movies were shown, total screening time of movies was 2 hours.

b. RF Operations

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

(2) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue to operate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. 12 Acres cleared, nil mines seen. 2 Tractors serviceable, 1 unserviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100m x 60m. No mines detonated, no mines seen.

3. Small Unit Actions.

a. Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 7

b. 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

c. Small Unit actions with contact: Nil.

4. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNW at 4 kts.

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- (4) Task Force Artillery. nil contact and 60 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
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- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued Land Clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy returns 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (9) 8 RAR. Two coys deploy into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3385. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (11) Air Support

<u>Time</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>EDA</u>
0920/0937H	YS448537	100/80. 3 bunkers exposed and damaged, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 table destroyed, scattered utensils, 2 possible KBA, 1 cache exposed.
1105/1130H	YS712811	100/unk. 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 dud, movement observed. Rear bunker.
1215/1255H	YS712815	100/100. 1x10'x20' bunker damaged. All bombs within 20 minutes.

b. Plans Summary for Period 110001H to 112400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp returns 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One sect and one AMC sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Returns to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (5) 8 RAR. Completes deployment into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remain op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS215823, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS215823, Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 Fd Bty RNZA, 3 guns NUI DAT, 3 guns DUC THANH, C/2/35 US Arty, 3 guns NUI DAT, 3 guns DUC THANH.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy (-) YS241794, B Coy (-) YS228820, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy (-) YS234809.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy (-) YS719913, B Coy YS714928, V Coy (-) FSPB PICTON, D Coy YS727897, W Coy (-) YS640949.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ (-) NUI DAT, A Coy (-) YS434835, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy YS461781, D Coy (-) YS443893.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. BHQ FSPB PICTON YS6490, One coy YS723893, Two and Three Coys YS723882.
- (8) LCT - YS534600.
- (9) MCT - YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 100600H at YS271846 5 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located 5 bunkers completed, 4 under construction and 1 which has been renovated.
- (2) At 101100H at YS729899 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a month old cache containing: 10lbs pidgeon tea, 15lbs salt, 1 sewing machine, 1xm rifle, number of yards of plastic.
- (3) At 101420H at YS273834 5 RAR located 6 completed bunkers and 1 under construction. Occupied and used last month.
- (4) At 101430H at YS443894 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR sighted one enemy. Negative results. Also located one bunker used within last 2 days.
- (5) At 101420H at YS727894 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing: 80lbs salt, 2 cwt dried peas, 20lbs plastic, 15 cooking items, 1 box 20 electrical dets.
- (6) Reference SITREP dated 10 Dec 69 Para 1d(4). The following installation report is made following technical advice on items reporter in the reference. At 091450H at YS732898 D Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing: 16 French or Russian Atk Mines, 2100 CHICOM stick grenades, 90 Atk stick Grenades, 33 friction ignited Bangalore torpedoes, 6 SKS, 1 SMG, 20x75mm RCL rounds, 1x75mm RCL mounting, 3x60mm mortar rounds, 1x60mm mortar WP round, 1x60mm mortar, 12xCHICOM claymore frames, 22 boxes anti-boat mines complete with primers, detonators and instructions, 1xRPG launcher less trigger housing, 2 prs flame proof mittens, 2 gals 50 oil. 640 CHICOM 9mm rounds, 1x82mm mortar barrel and 8 unknown type magazines.
- (7) At 101500H at YS719917 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a 6 month old structure containing a number of tables and chairs.
- (8) At 100900H at TS533590 17 Const Sqn located tracks of 3 persons crawling and walking for 1000 metres into the area selected to be land cleared 11 Dec. Nil contact.
- (9) At 101130H at YS538584 land clearing team detonated 1xm16 type mine. 1x18 hours lost due to damage. Negative other casualties.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Material. 16 Atk mines, 2100 CHICOM grenades, 90 Atk grenades, 33 Bangalore torpedoes, 20x75mm rounds, 1x75mm RCL mounting, 3x60mm mortar rounds, 1x60mm mortar WP round, 12xCHICOM Claymore frames, 22 boxes anti-boat mines, 2 flame proof mittens, 1x2 gal tin 50 oil, 640x9mm rounds, sewing machine, plastic, cooking items, electrical dets.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 4
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Omitted.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. No change from 1 ATF SITREP dated 10 Dec 69.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team. Has cleared 100x200 metres. 5 bunkers pushed in, 10 mines detonated, 6 seen. D8 Lost 1 hour due to mine damage.

(2) Land Clearing Team. Area cleared - 10 acres. 1 mine detonated (M16). 3 machines serviceable, 5 US.

3. Metecorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 10 knots.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 11 2400H Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN TIANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE op con 5 RAR. One tp supports RF op in LONG HAIS.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One tp plus one AMC sect continue op con to 5 RAR. One sect and one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 78 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE, 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.

SUBJECT: (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued Land Clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.

TO: (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn completed deployment into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(11) Air Support.

Time	B Sqn Reference	BDA
0810/0825	YS833743	100/60. 1 x 10' x 8' structure destroyed, 2 x 20' x 15' structure damaged.
0934/0935	YS337844	100/25. Neg further.
0920/0945	YS768820	100/Unk. 4 bkrs exp, 2 bkrs damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H Dec 69.

(1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) deploys to FSPB BARBARA YS4577

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp returns 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp supports HQ 1 ATF.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continue. One sect and one AMC sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.

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- (4) 5 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op on.
- (6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remain op com 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS225009, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp YS337839, Composite Tp YS489539.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS455771, 3 Tp YS340840.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery, 101 Fd Bty PICTON, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 Fd Bty RNZA PEGGY, C/2/35 US Bty NUI DAT, 2 Dusters 5/2 US Arty NUI DAT, 3 Tubes 5/42 US Arty PICTON, 2 ANK PQ1 radar NUI DAT, Searchlight 5/2 US Arty HORSESHOE.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy YS221794, B Coy, C Coy and D Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS726914, B Coy YS723933, V Coy PICTON, D Coy YS739897, W Coy YS657962.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS423826, B Coy YS346847, C Coy YS342839, D Coy YS427895.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS716903, 2 Coy YS725903, 3 Coy YS731889.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS535600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500595.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 114155H at YS731888 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a hospital installation containing 17 bunkers each containing 10 hammocks and 4 smaller bunkers. Also 1 cookhouse which had been destroyed by Arty and an operating theatre. A number of comms trenches and sighting pits with OHC also located. Last fully used 6 months ago but smaller parties have been in area up to 24 hours ago. A small quantity of phials containing clear type plasma and an exercise book of poems were also located.
- (2) At 111800H at YS427895 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 5 enemy dressed in black and khaki uniform, 2 carried packs and 1 carried a radio, all were armed. Results negative.
- (3) At 111110H at YS733898 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 2-3 VC. Contact initiated by enemy with AK47 and RPG fire after forward scout had seen bunkers. Results: 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA.
- (4) At 111930H at YS435897 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located an old bunker system containing 2 x M16 rds but dated 1967.
- (5) At YS662970 W Coy 6 RAR located a large active camp apparently insecure. 6 RAR intend mounting an attack at 120630 subject to positive identification of enemy.

(6) At 11030H at YS733898 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located

(6) At 111600H at YS 470535 elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in support of RF operation contacted unknown size enemy force. Result 1 WIA (Aust).

(7) At 111620H at YS440891 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located 2 x SKS, 1 shotgun, qty of AK47 ammo and propaganda documents.

(8) At 111030H at YS733897 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a sentry post consisting of 2 man hutchies area and op 30m to SW, last occupied 24 hours ago. Also found 1 chicon claymore grenade complete with stand, detonator inserted and 200 metres of wire.

(9) At 101130H (Late Entry) at YS717921 5 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a hospital system 3 days to 1 week old consisting of 12 useable bunkers with 3' OHC each capable of holding 6 to 8 persons, 8 bunkers unuseable, 11 shelters with tables and chairs were erected over the bunkers, 7 dug in kitchens in area and large quantities of used supplies and syringes, qty of clothing and digging tools had been shelled and bombed recently.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA (Aust), 2 WIA (Aust).

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Small qty of phials containing clear type planning, and an exercise book of poems, 2 x M16 rds, 2 x SKS, 1 shotgun, qty of AK47 ammo, propaganda docs, 1 chicon claymore grenade with stand, detonator, 200 metres of wire, large quantities of used supplies and syringes, qty of clothing and digging tools.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 3

Platoon - 1

Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results. 1 WIA (Aust).

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations (Late Entry 10 Dec 69)

(1) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS3267, YS3269 and YS3469. The themes were Chieu Hoi. A total of 160,000 leaflets were distributed.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT teams. Villages targeted were LONG CAT and LONG HUONG. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. Films were shown and posters distributed to families.

b. RF Operations.

(1) Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and nor sect 8 RAR supported 124 and 611 RF Coys in LONG HAIS.

(2) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

(3) Elements of 90 RF Coy continue to operate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

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c. Engineer Operations

- (1) Land Clearing Team. Land cleared 1 acre.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100 x 30 metres, 10 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 6 knots.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) deployed to FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) deployed to FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE cp con 5 RAR. One tp supports RF op in LONG HAIS.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) deployed to FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues One sect and one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact and 55 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ deployed to FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued Land Clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn completed deployment into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON, YS6490.
- (11) Air Support. Nil report.

b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H Dec 69.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp returns 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp supports HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continue. One sect and one AMC sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.
- (4) 5 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.

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- (6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB BEGGY YS4387.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Remain op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp Nui Dat, 2 Tp Nui Dat, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp YS394866, Composite Tp YS489539.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577. 1 Tp(-) Nui Dat, 2 Tp YS455771, 3 Tp Nui Dat.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 161 Fd Bty RNZA FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 US Bty Nui Dat, 2 Dusters 5/2 US Arty Nui Dat, 2 ANK PQ1 radar Nui Dat, Searchlight 5/2 US Arty HORSESHUE.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn remains Nui Dat,
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS726954, B Coy YS723932, V Coy FSPB PICTON, D Coy YS737898, W Coy YS657962.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS402825, B Coy YS357880, C Coy YS365878, D Coy YS411896.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS709904, 2 Coy YS710893, 3 Coy YS734884.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS535600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500595.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 120705H at YS665973, W Coy 6 RAR contacted 25-28 en who withdrew N and W. Results 1 VC KBA, 2xAK47, 2xSKS, 2xM1, 2x7.62 Chicom pistols, 1 rd RPG2, 54 sticks of explosive, quantity of med supplies and docs CIA.
- (2) At 121245H at YS471533, elements B Sqn 1 Armd contacted enemy in a cave, results 2 en KIA(poss).
- (3) At 121255H at YS737899, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC in a cave, airstrike and arty called in result's unknown.
- (4) At 121430H at YS727936, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 10 en near a camp. Negative results, camp consisted of 10 bunkers.
- (5) At 121605H at YS534594, elements 17 Const Sqn located 30 bunkers, in process of being destroyed.
- (6) At 121810H at YS402835, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 enemy who withdrew E. Results 4 Aust WIA.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
- (a) Personnel. 4 Aust WIA (3 Medevac).
- (2) Enemy Losses
- (a) Personnel: 1 VC KBA, 2xVC KIA(poss)
- (b) Material: 2xAK47, 2xSKS, 2xM1, 2x7.62mm Chicom pistols, 1 rd RPG2, 54 sticks explosive, quantity med supplies, quantity docs.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 7
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Nil Reports.

b. RF Operations

(1) Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and mor sect 8 RAR supported 124 and 611 RF Coys in LONG HAIS.

(2) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

c. Engineer Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. Land cleared 16 acres.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100 x 60 metres, 10 mines detonated, 6 mines seen.

3. Nil report.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in AO GRACE op con 5 RAR. One tp remains in LONG HAI's.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 47 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road constructio continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued Land Clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN remains op con.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn completed deployment into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush ops op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (11) Air Support. Nil report.

b. Plan Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H Dec 69.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp supports HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continue. One sect and one AMC sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.
- (4) 5 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN ceases op con.

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(6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Ceases op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and returns + 52 Regt GIA RAY.

c. Locations.

(1) HQ 1 ATF (Main) FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp YS394866, Composite Tp YS489539.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp(-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS455771, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 161 Fd Bty RNZA FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 US Bty NUI DAT, 2 Dusters 5/2 US Arty NUI DAT, 2 ANK PQ1 radar NUI DAT, Searchlight 5/2 US Arty HORSESHOE.

(5) 5 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS724909, B Coy YS723932, V Coy FSPB PICTON, D Coy YS737898, W Coy YS650979.

(7) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS396829, B Coy YS356886, C Coy YS366877, D Coy YS409901.

(8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HQ FSPB PICTON, 1 Coy YS709904, 2 Coy YS710893, 3 Coy YS727885.

(9) Land Clearing Team. YS535600.

(10) Mine Clearing Team. YS500595.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 121130H at YS710924 5/B/6 RAR located a base installation of 32 bunkers in groups of 6-7. One group was finished in comparatively grand style with huts on top and equiped with furniture. Installation had a lecture hut with seats for 120 and three sunken kitchens. Equipment taken: qty fishing gear, 2xAM PRC 10 radios (no insides), qty of medical gear.

(2) At 130900H at YS708922 5/B/6 RAR located 1 hut used 48 hours ago containing: small qty of docs, 28 yards black material, assorted clothing, 2 transistor radios, 1 typewriter, 61lbs rice, 54 large tins of fish, 1 RPG launcher and 3 rounds, 2 gals of fish sauce, 20 reels of thread, small qty of spices, 105 metres SOUTH another 800lbs of rice were located.

(3) At 131240H at YS421888 10/D/8 RAR initiated contact against 2 enemy engaged in constructing a base camp. Enemy returned fire with 1 round RPG and withdrew leaving 5 new bunkers and 2 weapons pits dug to only 2'6". Equipment taken included: qty of clothing, 4 entrenching tools, 1 shovel and 1 saw.

(4) At 131420H at YS368888 4/B/8 RAR located 2 bunkers.

(5) At 131430H at YS395862 2/A/8 RAR located a number of old bunkers. and then some more at YS396862.

(6) At 131020H at YS736898 D/6 RAR located a major cache consisting of a two level platform beneath an overhanging rock. The following weapons and equipment were laid out on racks: 5x60mm mor barrels, tripods, and base plates; 1x81mm mor barrel and tripod; 1x7.92 mounted MG, 3 spare barrels and 9 mags; 16xbolt action rifles (4 types); 5x30 cal MG's; 8x12 gauge shotguns; 3xSMG's (2 types) plus tools and accessories; 3xdrum mags; 5000x rounds 7.92. Further cache holes in the immediate vicinity but have not yet been investigated.

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(7) At 131100H at YS730936 B/6 RAR located a base camp installation of 9 bunkers with 1' OHC, 3 kitchens and 5 pits. Located in the area were: qty of docs, 2 Claymores US type and some cooking utensils. Three caches were located within 50M of the camp. They contained: 1200lbs of assorted grains, corn beans and salt; 30lbs of rice powder; 6 gals salad oil; 1 Olympic typewriter; large qty of docs, stationary and medical supplies; 3 packs; qty of clothing (male and female); 1 barber's set and 1 transistor radio.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil. 2 medevac from previous days contact. Note: This entry for SITREP dated 13 Dec 69 should read 4 WIA (2 medevac).

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil

(b) Material. Qty fishing gear, 2xAM PRC 10 radios, qty of med gear, 28 yds of black material, assorted clothing (male and Female), 3xtransistor radios, 2xtypewriters, 861lbs of rice, 1200lbs of assorted grains, 30lbs of rice powder, 6 gals of salad oil, 3 packs, 54 large tins of fish, 1 barber's set, 4 entrenching tools, 1 saw, 1 shovel, 1 RPG launcher plus 3 rounds, 2 gals of fish sauce, 20 reels of thread, 5x60mm mor barrelstripods and base plates, 1x81mm mor barrel and tripod, 1x7.92 mounted MG, 3 spare barrels and 9 mags, 16xbolt action rifles (4 types), 5x30 cal MG's, 8x12 gauge shotguns, 3xSMG's (2 types) plus tools and accessories, 3xdrum mags, 5000 rounds 7.92mm.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 9

(2) Small Unit Actions with contacts: Nil.

(3) Results: Nil.

(4) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Nil reports.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op con with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. Land cleared 2 acres.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 36 mines detonated and 11 others seen.

3. Nil report.

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15 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 140001H to 132400H Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains in LONG HAI's.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6786, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO TINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. 4/52 ARVN ceases op con.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Ceased op con to 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and returned to GIA RAY
- (11) Air Support

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>BDA</u>
12 Dec (L/Entry)	1450H	YS735898	100/50%, ground tps to do BDA
	1505H	YS735898	100/75%, BDA by ground tps
13 Dec (L/Entry)	1015H	YS638585	100/unk%, 100% within 50m, 50% within 15m, 1 bunker exposed
	1605H	YS714660	100/80%, bombs within 20m, 4 bunkers, 3 military structures 1 tunnel entrance, 1 well - all exposed, 4 military structures, 1 bunker, 3 tables, packs - all destroyed, scattered clothing and cooking utensils.
14 Dec	1320H	YS394828	100/50%, all bombs within 15m, smoke.
	1158H	YS714660	90/50%, neg BDA.
	0913H	YS714660	90/10%, neg BDA.
	1045H	YS418883	100/unk%, BDA by ground tps, all bombs within 15m.
	1000H	YS418883	100/unk%, BDA by ground tps, 1 bunker destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152400H Dec 69

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.

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(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect and one AMC sect remain op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.

(4) 5 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base. D Coy remain in vicinity of YS3571.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS524600, 4 Tp YS397860.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp BARBARA, 3 Tp YS340840.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C Bty 2/35 US Arty NUI DAT, 2 Dusters 52nd US Arty NUI DAT, 5/2 US Arty Search Light HORSESHOE.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ, A, B, and C Coys at NUI DAT, D Coy YS353714.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy YS745915, B Coy YS722932, V Coy YS709909, D Coy YS738898, W Coy YS678960.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS397828, B Coy YS358885, C Coy YS380873, D Coy YS410901.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS500595.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 141026H at YS394828 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted est squad of en. Fire fight initiated by 3 Pl with M79 and M72. En returned fire with AK47 and RPG. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack CIA. Contact supported by immediate A/S.

(2) At 140840H at YS417888 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted unk number of en. Result: 1 WIA (Aust). Casualty caused by grenade when entering bunker system.

(3) At 1545H at YS450797 TA20B B Sqn Cav detonated a chicom type pressure mine of between 45 to 60 lbs weight. Results: 1 Aust KIA, 3 WIA, 1 APC destroyed.

(4) At 131415H at YS424726 Pt1 64 of 5 RAR located en bivouac area vacated 1 min prior to entry. Fire still burning and meals for three prepared, 2 bags of fish and small amount of rice and lettuce located, on 14 Dec at YS423721 Pt1 64 located tracks of 6 moving S to N. These were followed through YS419738 to YS420747. Tracks then split in different directions. Two fresh tracks from W to E were also located at YS418757 and YS418752.

(5) At 141500H at YS363880 C Coy 8 RAR contacted possibly 1 enemy. Results: 2 WIA Aust, negative enemy results.

(6) At 131400H at YS738897 D Coy 6 RAR located a QM installation consisting of: 4 living huts, 1 underground kitchen, food hut, carpenter's hut, chicken coop and numerous underground entrances. The area which could hold up to 2 platoons was occupied within 24 hours. The installation contained: 70 shirts, 40 trousers, 100m plastic sheeting, 50 hammocks, large qty of sandbags and sacks, 8 sandbags of salt, 8 bags of food flavouring, sugar crystals, beans and ginger. Small qty of medical equipment, large qty cooking utensils, qty soap, 4 med smocks, 1 Aust SLR mag, 1 Aust claymore, 2 Bangalore torpedoes, 10 Beehive charges, 1 jerry can, qty carpentry tools qty shovels, chopper axes, crosscut saws, chisels, files and planes, 1 set of scales, 3 lamps, 1 BAR 30 cal LMG.

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(7) At 141730H at YS737897 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache in a small cave on creek line. It had been occupied within previous 48 hours and contained 1 Aust plastic jerry can and 1 US jerry can both which contained kerosene. Cans and kerosene destroyed.

(8) At 141300H at YS738898 D Coy 6 RAR located an installation consisting of: 2 large workshops, living quarters and tunnels. Installation has not yet been thoroughly investigated but report includes: 3xM3A1, 1 Thompson SMG, 4xM1 carbines, 8x12 gauge shotguns, 1x30 cal BAR working parts, 2xLMG, 5xSKS, 1x.22 rifle, 2xBurp guns, 1x.410 shotgun, 12xBolt action M1 type rifles, 6x claymores, large tool set, 1 U/S typewriter, 1 set of scales and 1 spraying device.

(9) At 142130H at YS428663 elements of 161 Bty sighted size enemy force and engaged with M79. Results unknown.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA (Aust), 6 WIA (Aust).

(b) Materiel. 1 APC destroyed.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 KIA (BC)

(b) Materiel. 1 pack, 2 AK47, 1 pack, 2 bags of fish and a small amount of rice and lettuce, 70 shirts, 40 trousers, 100m plastic sheeting, 50 hammocks, large qty sandbags and sacks, 8 sandbags of salt, 8 bags of food flavouring (sugar crystals, beans and ginger), qty medical eqpt, large qty cooking utensils, qty soap, 4 med smocks, 1 Aust SLR mag, 1 Aust claymore, 2 Bangalore torpedoes, 10 Beehive charges, 1 jerry can, qty carpentry tools, qty shovels, chopper axes, crosscut saws, **ohisels**, files and planes, 1 set of scales, 3 lamps, 1 BAR 30 cal LMG, 2 jerry cans of kerosene, 3xSMG M3A1, 1 Thompson SMG, 4xM1 carbines, 8x12 gauge shotguns, 1x30 cal BAR working parts, 2xLMG, 5xSKS, 1x.22 rifle, 2xBurp guns, 1x.410 shotgun, 12xBolt action M1 type rifles, 6xClaymores, large tool set, 1 U/S typewriter, 1 set of scales and 1 spraying device.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - 11

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: 1.

(4) Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK47 CIA.

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to op con with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. 40,000 sq yds cut.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 100 x 40 metres, 5 slots complete, 4 slots in progress. 4 Mines detonated, 10 mines seen not detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. .52 pts overnight, nil today.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNW at 7 kts.

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16 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One ssct op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 47 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR.Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed in NUI DIN area.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(10) Air Support

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0925/0940H	YS308682	VC Base Camp. 100/50%, Neg BDA.
1010/1025H	YS643662	VC Base Camp. 90/25%, neg BDA.
1140/1155H	YS700620	VC Base Camp. 100/10%, neg BDA.
1330/1345H	YS304682	VC Base Camp. 100/90%, 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker exposed.
1402/1420H	YS368892	100/unk, 2 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 2 bunker entrances exposed, cooking and eating area destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 160001H to 162400H Dec 69

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT on LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One ssct continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp (-) supports HQ 1 ATF.

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- (4) 5 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base. D Coy return to Nui Dat.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLI and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (6) 8 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 Tp YS410877.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp Nui Dat, 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA 3 Tp(-) Nui Dat.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON 105 Fd Bty Nui Dat, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C Bty 2/35 Arty NUI DAT, 2 Dusters 52nd US Arty NUI DAT, 5/2 US Arty Search Light HORSESHOE, 5/42 Arty (US) sect FSPB PICTON.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ, A, B and C Coys at NUI DAT, D Coy YS353714.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy FSPB CASTLE, B Coy YS756931, V Coy YS700909, D Coy YS738898, W Coy YS714919.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS399828, B Coy YS367891, C Coy YS394868, D Coy YS410901.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS500595.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 151130H at YS384866, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 2 enemy dressed in black. 8 Pl initiated contact with standard drill. En withdrew North. Results: Negative.
- (2) At 151200H at YS322683, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy, dressed in black carrying 1 SMG and 15 - 20 lbs of rice. Enemy were observed at 200 M and forward element of 10 Pl withdrew to main force and established an immediate ambush. Ambush was detected and fire was initiated by M60 which malfunctioned. Enemy withdrew SE. Result: Negative.
- (3) At 151350H at YS393829, A Coy 8 RAR entered a bunker system and after firing M79 saw unknown number of enemy withdrawing North. The installation has yet to be fully investigated but all bunkers examined so far are new and in good condition. Results: 1xAK47 and 1 pack CIA. Qty of docus taken from body killed in previous contact. 2 RPG rounds seen but not captured.
- (4) At 151950H at YS448741, 1 Aust CA unit in Binh Ba detected a M26 grenade attached to one of their B vehicles. The grenade pin was attached to a length of fishing line which was tied to the valve stem on the wheel.
- (5) At YS765918, Ptl 23A of 6 RAR located a number of bunkers. Documents recovered indicate that the system was used as a VC civilian hospital for the Baria Province Post number 168-3245A identified also detected was number X.142.

e. Results

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
- (a) Nil.
- (b) Materiel. Qty docus, 1xAK47 and a pack.

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f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has Nil LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations: ARVN Mech Pl continues to op con with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy protection.

c. Engineering Operations

- (1) Land Clearing Team. Areas cleared 36 acres, along West side of cut. Nil mines seen. 3 machines servicable, 5 u/s.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 3 slots completed, nil mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 8 knots, SSW.

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17 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOP. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact and 56 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed in NUI DIN area.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3385. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

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95/30 1 building destroyed, 1 building damaged, Magpie 5; 4 MK65, 2 MK65. VC base camp, 1 bunker exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 170001H to 172400H Dec 69.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BSRBSRS YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.

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- (4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys in support of Op WOLFPACK III in area YS2567.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS534600, 4 To YS493873.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 101 Fd Bty PICTON YS6490, 105 Fd Bty(-) NUI DAT, sect 105 Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, 161 Fd Bty(NZ) FSPB PEGGY YS4387, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) ONG TRING YS2667, sect 5/42 Arty (US) FSPB PICTON YS6490, 2 Dusters 52 Arty (US) ONG TRING YS2667, Searchlight of 5/2 Arty (US) NUI DAT, 1st Arty Sect (RDR)(US) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON YS6490, A Coy(-) YS745915, B Coy(-) YS767926, V Coy YS744886, D Coy(-) YS739898, W Coy(-) YS713923.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387, A Coy YS399828, B Coy YS365889, C Coy YS484861, D Coy(-) YS410901.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late report, at 141300H at YS738898, D/6 RAR located a factory consisting of 2 workshops and living quarters. Main items recovered were; 3xSMG M3, 1xSMG Thompson, 4xM1 Carbines, 12xM1 Garand, 2xBAR, 8x12 gauge shotguns, 7xSKS, 2xLMG BRNO, 1x.22 rifle, 2x.410 shotguns, 1xRPG2, 1xAR15, 1x.45 pistol (less working parts), 1x9mm pistol (less working parts), 30 assorted barrels and mechanisms for above weapons, 1xM60 barrel, 2xM7?, 4x3.5in rockets, 4 rds 60mm mor WP, 4 rds 82mm mor, 2 rds RPG2, 12xnose cones 60mm mor rds, 10xbangalore torpedoes, 6xD8 mines, 6xD10 mines, 6x30lb shaped charges, 6x6" Chicom claymores, 4 grenades, 200 assorted claymore parts, 30xfuses, 1xbox of detonators, 1xtelescopic sight, 1xarmorers tool kit (300 items), 1xMorris Minor generator, 2x2 stroke engines, 1 portable arc welder, 1xlarge tool set, 2xtypewriters, 1xdrill, 2 sets of dies and stocks, assorted tools and wires, 20 brazing rods, 1xM17 gas mark, 1xblow torch.
- (2) At 160100H at YS433832 1 en initiated a trip flare and was engaged by SA. Results unknown.
- (3) At 160835H at YS364896 5/B/8 RAR contacted 1 VC moving WEST. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA.
- (4) At 160920H at YS328698 12/D/5 RAR contacted 2 VC moving WEST. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 grenade and 1 pack CIA.
- (5) At 161032H at YS365897 5/B/8 RAR contacted 2 VC moving WEST. One en withdrew EAST. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA.
- (6) At 161035H at YS769925 5/B/6 RAR contacted 1 VC moving WEST. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 Chicom SMG CIA.
- (7) Between 151500H and 161200H 6/B/6 RAR located 13 bunkers 10ft x 8ft, 8x1 man bunkers, 2x2 man bunkers and 5 huts. Some personal letters were recovered.

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(8) At 161100H at YS739898 D/6 RAR located a workshops and pharmacy area. Detailed list of items will be forwarded when itemised.

(9) At 161200H at YS739909 2/A/6 RAR located a number of caves last occupied 2-3 days ago, 1 grenade and a small quantity of docs were recovered.

(10) At 161600H at YS739902 2/A/6 RAR located a small camp area. 5lb TNT and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Chicom explosive were recovered.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 5 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material. 3xSMG M3, 1xSMG Thompson, 4xM1 Carbines, 12xM1 Garand, 2xBAR, 8x12 gauge shotguns, 7xSKS, 2xLMG BRNO, 1x.22 rifle, 2x.410 shotguns, 1xRPG2, 1xAR15, 1x.45 pistol (less working parts), 1x9mm pistol (less working parts), 2xAK47, 1xChicom SMG, 30 assorted barrels and mechanisms for assorted weapons, 1xM60 barrel, 2xM72, 4x3.5in rockets, 4 rds WP 60mm mor, 4 rds 82mm mor, 2 rds RPG2, 12 nose cones 60mm mors, 10 bangalore torpedoes, 6xD8 mines, 6xD10 mines, 6x30lb shaped charges, 6x6" claymores, 6 grenades, 200 assorted claymore parts, 30 fuses, 1 box detonators, 5lb TNT, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Chicom explosive, 1 telescopic sight, 1xarmorer's tool kit (300 items), 1xMorris Minor generator, 2x2 stroke engines, 1 portable arc welder, 1 large tool set, 2 typewriters, 1 drill, 2 sets of dies and stocks, 1xM17 gas mask, 1 blow torch, 20 brazing rods, assorted tools, wire, clothing, quantity of docs.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 20 acres, 3 dozers serviceable, 5 unserviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 100mx80m cleared by dozer, 350mx100m cleared by mineroller. 42 mines detonated, 2 mines seen.

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3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. Northerly at 02 knots.

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18 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to WEST of NUI DINH area.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remain FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0935H	YS687627	100/50 VC Base Camp, 2 bunkers damaged, 10 metres trench destroyed.

0530H	YS673583	Neg BDA.
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b. Plans Summary for Period 180001H to 182400H Dec 69.

(1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.

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- (4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues in support of Op WOLFPACK III in area YS2567.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

- (1) 1 ATF (Main). FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp YS285655, 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA, 3 Tp Land Clearing YS534600, 4 Tp YS
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ (Fwd)(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 1 Tp(-) FSPB PICTON YS6490, 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA YS4577, 3 Tp(-) NUI DAT, Sp Tp 1 Sect FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON YS6490, 105 Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY YS4387, C/2/35 (US) Arty ONG TRINH.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, B Coy(-) YS285655.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, security elements FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy(-) FSPB CASTLE YS746915, B Coy(-) YS773924, V Coy YS716890, D Coy(-) YS738896, W Coy(-) YS724930, Atk Pl YS764911.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY YS4387, A Coy(-) YS397828, B Coy(-) YS378901, C Coy YS492873, D Coy(-) YS410903, Atk Pl YS517887.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS534600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS499596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 170820 at YS739398 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR reported being in contact but on entering camp at that location identified noise as roofing iron falling from burning hut and ammunition in the fire.
- (2) At 170900H at YS764923 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 5 bunkers 10'x8', 1 family bunker, plant house, 2 cook houses, 2 main bunkers, 1 MG fighting pit. Considered to have been last occupied on 13 Dec by a pl. A cache in the area contained med docs, variety of text books, cooking utensils, 100 lb corn, 36 tins of fish, blackboard and chalk.
- (3) At 171100H at YS740893 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a large lecture hut with a bunker underneath, 1 cookhouse, eating area and RAP. Occupied by caretaker group of 1 or 2, 7 days ago. Area identified as K76A hospital. Located in area was a cache containing 4000 x .30 cal blank rounds, 2 chicom grenades and a small qty of rocket fuel.
- (4) At 171200 at YS739899 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a cache in a cave containing the following items: 500 lbs of Chicom explosive, 180 assorted blast and fragmentation grenades, 2000 electric detonators, a pair of scales, a sewing kit, a sandbag full of safety fuze, 9 ammunition boxes full of tools, a quantity of tools for packing ammunition and grenades, some igniters and premoulded filling for grenades. These will be blown on Thur 18 Dec.
- (5) At 171300H at YS739895 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a small camp, a portion of which was set up as a Dental unit. Whilst searching the area the following items were recovered: One dental chair and treadle drill, a dental workshop containing dental tools and instruments, and a quantity of dental text books, documents on training and tactics, personal letters and diaries, and documents containing the ORBAT of K76A Hospital unit.
- (6) At 171515H at YS378900 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR were fired at by an enemy sentry who was outside a bunker system. The enemy withdrew NE and though a follow up was immediately organised there were no results. The pl noticed well sited fire lanes around the camp and called in Bushranger air support.

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(7) During the afternoon of the 17th ay YS394828 A Coy 8 RAR located a complex consisting of 25 new bunkers, each capable of holding from four to six enemy. In the area were located the following items: 3xRPG2 rounds, 1xRPG7 round, 2 stick grenades, 63 plastic ponchos, 25 sets of eating gear, 11 cooking pots, 4 saws, 2 machettes, 3 entrenching tools, 3 plastic water containers, 3 prs of Australian sox, and a quantity of foodstuffs and documents. Items that were not of value and backloaded were destroyed when the camp was blown.

e. Results

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Qty of documents, clothing, textbooks and training manuals. Explosives: 500 lbs Chicom explosive, 184 assorted grenades, 3xRPG2 rounds, 1xRPG7 round, 4000 blank 30/06 ammunition, 2000 electric detonators, safety fuze, igniters, premoulded explosive, rocket fuel. Foodstuffs: 100 lbs corn, tins of fish, salt, oil. Sundries: 1 Dental chair, 1 dental treadle operated drill, quantity of dental tools, metal working tools, 3 x entrenching tools, 63 hutchies, 3 water containers, 1 blackboard and chalk, cooking utensils, pair of scales, sewing kit and 3 pairs of Australian sox.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.

(2) Elems of DUC THANH District RF forces are concluding search operations in area centre of mass YS4782.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. No land cleared today, 3 dozers serviceable, 5 unserviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100m x 100m, 36 mines detonated, 12 mines seen.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. Northerly at 02 knots.

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20 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to WEST BINH BA centre of mass YS4175.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remain FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(10) Air Support

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0935/0955	YS658858	100/30%, 1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers exposed.
1220/1240	YS408779	Bunker system, 100/30%, 1 bunker destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 200001H to 202400H Dec 69

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort c continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce ops centre of mass YS4175.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER, AO LINTON (Extended). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (Extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp YS503523, 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA, 3 Tp YS345600, 4 Tp YS519891.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ(-) FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp FSPB PICTON; 2 Tp(-) FSPB BARBARA, 3 Tp NUI DAT, Sp Tp(-) Elms FSPB PICTON, FSPB BARBARA, FSPB PEGGY. NUI DAT.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty - 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 (US) Arty ONG TRINH.

(5) 5 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) YS429753.

(6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy FSPB CASTLE, B Coy(-) YS788933, V Coy(-) YS747838, D Coy YS741896, W Coy(-) YS727926.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy(-) YS377823, B Coy(-) YS378899, C Coy(-) YS518847, D Coy(-) YS410901.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS533600.

(9) Mine Clearing Team. YS499596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 191145H at YS741895 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache beneath an overhanging rock. Items recovered were 13 old bolt action rifles and a hand-held blow torch.

(2) At 191212H at YS754901 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 local force enemy on the edge of a small camp. The leading section machine gunner saw and fired and sweep revealed that the enemy had been wounded. Result: 1 VC WIA(BF).

(3) At 191400H at YS781931 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located an occupied enemy camp consisting of 7 bunkers. Enemy sentry probably saw 5 Pl moving towards the area and withdrew as a sweep revealed that the place had been very recently vacated. In the area were found bloodstained bandages and recovered were medical files, documents, 3 thermometers, 13 hypodermic syringes, 1 intravenous transfusion tube, bottle of fluid and bag of drip needles, oil lamp, torch and cooking utensils. Also two US claymores.

(4) At 191450H at YS784930 elms of 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR saw and fired at one VC some 60 metres away, fire was returned and a sweep located a small amount of rice in the area. There were no signs of the enemy being hit.

(5) Between 191200 - and 191410H 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located two installations, a cache at YS780932 and a camp at YS781931. Items recovered included a large qty of cooking utensils, a brief case, a pair of scales, shovels and saw, a large quantity of dried fish, a bag of salt and 3 pairs of footgear.

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(6) At 191620H stretching from YS744896 to YS745900 V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker complex consisting of 30+ buildings and bunkers, also caches and caves, probably occupied a week ago. From the area were recovered surgical masks and gowns, a large number of phials, gauze pads, calico sheeting, a quantity of medical basins, documents, stationary, personal documents, a sewing machine, a stethoscope and a quantity of cooking utensils and land tools and SA ammo. An operating theatre was found in one of the caves.

(7) At 191710H at YS422892 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 enemy wearing black when they approached the platoons harbour. Contact was initiated by the sentry firing a claymore but a subsequent sweep found no signs of enemy casualties.

(8) At 191830H at YS381823 elms of A Coy 8 RAR found 50 lbs of salt.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 2 WIA.

(b) Materiel. 13 bolt action rifles, 2 claymore mines, SA ammunition, one hand held blow torch, large quantity cooking utensils, small quantity of rice, 80 lbs of salt, large quantity of dried fish, assorted medical supplies, documents, an oil lamp, a pair of scales, 3 pairs of shoes, an operating table, surgical clothing, gauze pads, calico, a stethoscope and a quantity of hand tools.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. HE and HB Teams engaged in pacification programs during daylight hours at CHU HAI and PHUOC HOA. Overnight ICAP held at HOA LONG. One aerial loudspeaker mission was flown over MAY TAO targeting probable former patients of VC hospital.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl. Continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convcy escorts.

(2) 577 RF Coy and 611 RF Coy. Continued ops to East of LONG HAI hills with elms of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and mors from 5 RAR in support.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing. 30,000 square yds cleared; 2 dozers serviceable and 6 dozers temporarily unserviceable.

(2) Mine Clearing. 100 x 50 metres cleared, 6 mines detonated.

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3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SSE at 02 knots.

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(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.

(4) Task Force Artillery. 8 contact and 77 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to WEST of NUI DINH area.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remain FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA
0917/0945	YS594597	100/unk%, 4 bunkers destroyed, 2 huts destroyed, 20m trenching destroyed.
1710/1720	YS753901	100/30%, ground troops to do BDA.

b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H Dec 69.

(1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues in support of Op WOLFPACK III in area YS2567.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and AO LINTON. Bn HQ located FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ located FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations

- (1) HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577. 1 Tp YS503522, 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA, 3 Tp YS545600, 4 Tp YS519891.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ(-) FSPB BARBARA YS4577. 1 Tp FSPB PICTON, 2 Tp FSPB PICTON, 2 Tp(-) YS466750, 3 Tp Nui Dat, Sp Tp(-) FSPB PEGGY: Elms FSPB PICTON.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON YS6490, 105 Fd Bty - 1 Sect Nui Dat, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 Arty Ong Trinh.
- (5) 5 RAR. Bn(-) Nui Dat. B Coy(-) YS286655.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON. Security elms FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy(-) FSPB CASTLE; B Coy(-) YS783933; V Coy YS746890; D Coy YS741896; W Coy (-) YS748929.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy(-) YS390822; B Coy(-) YS379900; C Coy(-) YS512864; D Coy(-) YS410901, Atk YS516886.
- (8) Land Clearing Team YS545600.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team YS499596.
- (10) RF op sp Long Hai YS501318.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 180750H at YS725931, 3 W(NZ) Coy 6 RAR located a cache consisting of a platform 6'x4' and 3' above ground containing: 400 lbs rice flour, 100 lb dried berries, 41x1 lb tins of fish, 4 hal tins of fish oil, 10 lb MONOSOPINUM GIUTAMATE, 2 bottles tomato sauce, qty docus, 1 pack, 1x6' cross cut saw, qty bandages, 100 phials of MIUAGUINE, CAFFINE and CORAMINE.
- (2) At 180915H at YS406918, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 VC. 1 man and 1 woman were dressed in black. 1 man was wearing khaki shirt and black trousers. VC were moving West down creek when 12 Pl initiated contact. Result: 3 VC KIA, 1 AK47, 1 M2 Carbine and 1 piston CIA. The VC wearing khaki shirt was carrying the pistol and also a map, docus, medals, a qty of food and large picture of Ho Chi Min which were also CIA.
- (3) At 181000H at YS743890, 1 Pl V(NZ) Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 enemy hiding in a cave. Contact initiated by 1 Pl resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC), 1xSKS, 1xP38 pistol and qty of personal docus CIA.
- (4) At 181030H at YS757899, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 to 3 en. Contact initiated by VC sentry who detonated a claymore from within a camp. Result: 1 VC KIA, 1XSKS CIA. 1 WIA(Aust).
- (5) At approx 181335H at YS308657, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted unk size enemy, Result: 2 VC KIA, 1 WIA(BT), following up. M1 carbine, 150 lbs rice, 10 lbs stingray flap, 10lbs tobacco, 5 lbs spices, 5 lbs sugar, 2 torches, con of milk CIA.
- (6) At 181515H at YS760895, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted unk en. Result: 2 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA. 3 Pl received mor fire during Dustoff. No further detail yet. Jade to put napalm on adjacent camp area.
- (7) At 181530H at approx YS787933, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted possibly 1 enemy moving along a track. Leading scout fired and probably hit the VC though a sweep revealed nothing.
- (8) At 181600H at YS741893, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a small capm consisting of a hut, latrine and lecture area which appeared to have been used within the past 24 hrs. 3 graves were located in the area, also a handwritten list of medical items giving prices and qualities.

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(9) At 181640H at YS410918, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 VC. Result 1 VC KIA(BC), 1xAK47, further contact 181710H when 1 VC apparently tried to recover body. 12 Pl initiated contact and VC withdrew North.

(10) At 181840H at FSPB PEGGY a ssntry from 8 RAR fired at one enemy some 100m outside the perimeter wire. The en appeared to have been wounded but a sweep failed to find any definite signs.

(11) During the day C Coy 8 RAR located unoccupied bunker systems at YS510879, YS510876, YS512864 and at YS494873 a small cache containing a full case of .50 cal ammunition. Other items recovered included an AK47 mag, 38xAK 47 rds; 1xmed kit, 9xRPG boosters; 1 grenade, 2xanti-tank grenades, a map case and a pick.

(12) Late PM on 18th at YS378900, B Coy 8 RAR located a camp consisting of 22 bunkers. Some appeared to have been occupied within the last few days. Items found in the area included 20 lbs of rice, vegetables, 2xRPG2 rounds, 3xRPG boosters, 3xblast grenades; 50xAK47 rounds; some medical supplies and NVA water bottles.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

a. Personnel - 2 KIA Aust; 2 WIA Aust.

b. Materiel - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

a. Personnel - 9 KIA(BC); 2 WIA(BT)

b. Materiel - Weapons: 2xSKS rifles, 2xAK47, 1xM1 carbine, 1xM2 carbine, 2xpistols, 3xRPG2 rounds, 7xRPG boosters, 2 mines, 5 grenades and 100x AK47 rds. Food and Equipment: 420 lbs rice floor, 150 lbs rice, 100 lbs dried berries, 41x1 lb tins fish, 4 galls fish oil, 10 lbs monosodium glutamate; 10 lbs fish; 10 lbs tobacco; 5 lbs sugar; 5 lbs spice; 2 torches, 1 saw and 100 phials of dregs. Attached as Annex A is a consolidated list of medical supplies and other items recovered by D Coy 6 RAR on 16 Dec. The items are conservatively estimated to be worth at least \$10,000.00 .

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 IRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations

(1) ARVN Mech Pl continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.

(2) Elems of DUC THANH District RF forces are concluding search operations in area centre of mass YS4782.

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c. Engineering Operations

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 55,000 sq yds cleared, 3 dozers serviceable, 5 unserviceable.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. Area cleared 100m x 120m, 9 mines detonated, 6 mines seen. 4 slots filled.

3. Meteorological Detail


- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. Northerly at 02 knots.

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ANNEX A

TO 1 ATF SITREP

FROM 180001H TO 182400H DEC 69

1. List of medical supplies, explosives and munitions located by D/6 RAR at YS71 93 on 16 Dec 69.

DESIGNATION	QTY		
Endopituitrine	100	1 mill	AMP
Cafeine	60	1 cc	AMP
Posthypoplizse	30	1 cc	AMP
Heboucol	40	10 cc	AMP
Solurutine	18	10 cc	AMP
Tetracycline Syrup	10	bottles	
Penicillen Syretts	50		
Dextros Drip	1	1000 cc	
IV Saline	66	bottles 500 cc	
4 Unknown types of Saline			
Vapour Inhalers	36	tubes	
Procaine Penicillen in Peanut Oil	36	Syretts	
Vitamin C Injections	190	10 cc	AMP
Strofantine	90	1 cc	AMP
Vitamin C Injections	150	1 cc	AMP
Vitamin B1	150	1 cc	AMP
Urotropine	100	1 cc	AMP
Symcortine	130	1 cc	AMP
Hyposulfene	3	10 cc	AMP
Odon	40	2 cc	AMP
Neuophytol	10	3 cc	AMP
Prostigmin	130	1 mill	
Dusting Chalk	3	bottles	
Atropine	1405	1 cc	AMP
Cough Medicine Injections	100	2 cc	AMP
Coramine	818	15 mm	AMP
Insulin	15	10 cc	Bottles
Scurocaine	16	bottles	
Novocaine	60	2 cc	AMP
Chlorequine - Phosphate	90	5 cc	AMP
Procaine	18	4%	
TEF - TOX Serum	200	2 cc	AMP
Lamp Mantles	200		
Sulfamide	1000	tablets	
Quinine Sulphate	3000	tablets	
Penicillen	2500	bottles	
Surgical Ether	5	doz 20 cc	bottles
Vitamin K Injections	260	bottles	
Henaos Ta-Tiquie	2000	cc	
Sed Lorinola	100	10 cc	bottles
Plegomazin	100	10 cc	AMPS
Sistonol	30	10 cc	AMPS
Salyrgan	15	2 cc	AMPS
Septicemine	25	5 cc	AMP
Salicyeat	40	5 cc	AMP
IV Saline	19	500 cc	bottles
Quinine	200	10 cc	AMP
Calcium Injection	25	10 cc	AMP
Amphitamine	1000	tablets	
Pedcolon	50	10 cc	bottles
Quinine	2000	tablets	
Arti Malarial	4500	tablets	
Piperazine	500	tablets	
Santone	2000	tablets	
Ephedrine	16	tubes	
Neutrophine	170	10 cc	AMP
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DESIGNATION	QTY		
Chophytol	100	10 cc	AMP
Neurophytol	100	5 cc	AMP
Camphour Injections	540	2 cc	AMP
Uicyl	30	$\frac{1}{2}$ cc	bottles
Ephedrine	320	$\frac{1}{2}$ cc	AMP
Spartiene	360	1 cc	AMP
Largactil	10	10 cc	AMP
Phenergan	140	2 cc	AMP
Emetine	140	1 cc	AMP
Morphine	240	AMP	
Thiopental	45	tubes	
Adrenaline	300	1 cc	AMP
Nes Doonal	25	bottles	
Vitamin B12	1600	2 cc	AMP
Vitiman B6	30	2 cc	AMP
Cardiazole	60	5 cc	AMP
Campolon	260	2 cc	AMP
Cardiazole	250	1 cc	AMP
Tetracycline	4900	tablets	
Chloramphemico	1400	tablets	
Erythrocinoyeine	500	tablets	
Albanzeine	50	tablets	
Terrimycine	500	tablets	
Atabrine	900	tablets	
Sterile Saline	850	5 cc	AMP
Surgical Gloves	40	prs	
Finger Stalls	20		
Pyrethene	200	2 cc	AMP
Adrenoxyi	360	3.6 mils	AMP
Thrombase	140	tubes	
Noradrenalin	4	5 cc	AMP
Cough Tablets	1600		
Cintment (?)	5		
Anti Tetnus	350	5 mill	AMPS
Anti Snake Serum	35	10 mill	AMPS
Polyvalent	37	20 mill	AMPS
Peni V	1800	tablets	
Vitiman P1	4700	tablets	
Livex	100	tablets	
Phenobarbetal	1000	tablets	
Chl. requine Phosphate	5000	tablets	
Phenergan	2000	tablets	
Aspirin	1000	tablets	
Vioforme	750	tablets	
Foilyophilise	100	2 cc	AMP
Elastoplast	20	2" rolls	
Hepatol	60	10 cc	AMP
Vitiman (?)	200	tablets	
Maxitonfort	180	1 cc	AMP
Vitamin	6	10 cc	AMP
Glucose Injection	150	10 cc	AMP
Unknown Yellow Powder	9	lbs	
Suture Kits	12		
Mecurchrome Powder	1	large bottle	
Condys Crystals	1	large bottle	
Blood Pressure Kit	1		
Quinine HCL	1000	grams	
Sulphur Powder	2	plastic bags	
Caline Powder	1	lb	
Sterile Sutres Kits	320		
Sterile Needles	350		

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Glasses Syringes	14
Liquid Detergent	27 plastic bottles
Transfusion Drip Sets Sterile	21
Burns Dressing	3 large tins
Plastic Feeder Funnels	34
Instrument Trays	2
Glasses Drinking	7
Measure Jug 500 cc	2
Measure Glass 500 cc	2
Measure Glass 100 cc	1
Womens Sanitary Towels	25 packets
Plastic Sheeting	25 kilograms
Merchol Crystals	20 lbs
Grain	30 lbs
Light Bulbs	12
Salt	20 lbs
Sterilizing Dish	3
Sterilizer Boiler	1
Field Auto Clay	1
Beans	10 lbs
Hurricane Lamp	1
Kerosine	8 gallons
Sterile Water	20 large bottles
Soap large Bars	50
Large Box Cotton Wool	1
Brushes Nail Scrubbing	12
Chisel	1
Mutton Cloth	7 large rolls
6 Volt Batteries	3
Pharmacist Scales	1
Qty of Surgical Instruments	
Qty of Cooking Utensils and Primus Stoves	

Equipment etc from Munitions/Explosives buildings: 1xQty of docs, 1 x large chicom metal box 2'x2'x2', 3 x large aluminium discs, 1 x lamp shade, small qty of electrical gear, 1 x mechanical bellows, 5x12 inch claymores, 1xU/S transmitter, 15 x tins of grenade blanks, $\frac{1}{2}$ x gal tin of bullet heads (projectiles), large qty of loose ammunition, 400 x chicom and Aust type dets, 500 ft safety fuse, 30 lbs explosive, qty electrical wiring, $\frac{1}{4}$ gal red paint, 10 red candles, 1 x VC water bottle carrier, small qty of watch gears, 2xCBUs, 1x20mm cannon rd, 15 x old frag grenades tops, 1 x old M16 mine minus mechanism, 7x20 lb blocks of chicom explosive, 2 x claymore stands, 30 x block primers, 2 x DO NOT ENTER TRACK signs, 1 x medical supply list.

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SUBJE Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact and 53 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support HQ 1 ATF (Main), 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056. HQ remains FSPB BARBARA YS4577.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to WEST BINH BA centre of mass YS4175.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remain FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

(10) Air Support

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0950/1025	YS41178	100/95%, 3 bunkers damaged, 5 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure exposed.
0950/1025	YS414779	Neg BDA, to done by ground troops.

b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H Dec 69

- (1) HQ 1 ATF. HQ 1 ATF (Main) closes FSPB BARBARA YS4577 and reopens NUI DAT.
- (2) P Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Sqn HQ and one tp support HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Sqn HQ and one tp(-) supports HQ 1 ATF.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy concludes recce ops centre of mass YS4175.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER, AO LINTON (Extended). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (Extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA, 3 Tp YS532598, 4 Tp YS416877.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp PICTON, 2 Tp(-) BARBARA, 3 Tp NUI DAT, Sp Tp(-) Elms FSPBs PICTON, BARBARA, PEGGY and NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PICTON, 105 Fd Bty - 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 (US) Arty ONG TRINH.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ, B Coy, C Coy, and D Coy NUI DAT, A Coy YS425751.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy CASTLE, I Coy YS787933, V Coy YS746899, D Coy YS740906, W Coy YS727926.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS373823, B Coy YS378899, C Coy YS500858, D Coy YS410901.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS532598.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS499596.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 200220H at YS376824 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR fired at two enemy who approached their ambush position, a sweep this morning failed to find any signs of VC casualties.
- (2) At 201140H at YS783932 a patrol from CHQ B Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC one of whom carried a radio set and both carried AK47s. The enemy were fired at and noises indicating further en to the rear were heard following the contact. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (3) At 201230H at YS784914 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC who was wearing black trousers and green shirt, and carrying blast grenades and ammunition. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS CIA and documents identifying K76A of S24, 04/DB unit.
- (4) At 201235H at YS664921 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted an estimated 3 VC moving West. Fire was exchanged and the subsequent clearing of the contact area located some AK47 magazine charges but no signs of any enemy being wounded.
- (5) At 201030H at YS747906 Anti Tk Pl 6 RAR contacted 10 plus Main Force/NVA. Result: 1 VC WIA (PW) in contact and a further 6 VC WIA from previous contact also captured a further VC subsequently surrendered.
- (6) At 201130H at YS751985 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR captured 2 oxen. 1 Oxen wounded and had to be destroyed.
- (7) At 201500H at YS782937 elements of 6 Pl D Coy 6 RAR were contacted by a squad of VC who initiated the engagement with claymore and automatic fire. Result: Enemy withdrew immediately, 1 WIA (Aust) (remained on duty) and one M16 damaged by claymore. Qty docus and 50 lbs chicom explosive CIA and 5 bunkers located with 12" to 18" OHC and hats on top.
- (8) At 201620H at YS380907 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 VC dressed in blue shirt and cap (trousers not seen). Contact initiated by 5 Pl ambush recce party who immediately wounded 1 enemy, 2nd enemy recovered the wounded one under covering fire from the third. Enemy then withdrew South. Result: 1 VC WIA (Seen and heavy blood trail), 1 VC WIA possible (Light blood trail and drag marks).
- (9) At 201710H at YS702903 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted 1 NVA. Enemy immediately withdrew and subsequent sweep failed to detect any sign of him.
- (10) At 201210H at YS664921 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 enemy. Enemy withdrew West, 19 AK47 rounds CIA, negative further result.
- (11) At 201600H at YS723924 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing: Qty of docus including ARVN ID cards, ARVN docus, a book on treatment of PWs, plus photograph of individuals and family group, 2 electric detonators, 12 shotgun cartridges, 1x7.62 long round, most recent date on docus is 1965.

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(12) At 191600H at YS744897 to YS745899 V Coy 6 RAR located a medical cache. the following is an interim list of articles identified/located: 18 bolts of 3' gauze bandage material, 1 box surgical instruments, 1300 penicillin tablets (penicillin potassium/PENI - V), 1500 bottles penicillin powder for intera muscular injection, 4 - 5000 assorted tablets unknown type, 400 phials glucose, 24 thermometers, 6 glass syringes, 280 phials eucalyptus, 200 phials ARRINAL, 1160 phials Corramine, 2270 phials vitamin B1, 40 jars oxy tetracyclin, 4000 NEVAQUINE tablets, 100 assorted rubber tubes, 1 gross intravenous drips in bags, 1 doz bottles ether, 2000 phials, 10000 Adrenoxyl phials, 3600 phials Presyl, 500 phials ATROPINE, 500 phials QUINAMAX, 2000 phials quinine sulphate tablets, 15 large plastic containers novacaine powder, 10 lb quinine powder, anaesthetic eqpt minus gas bottle, 10 doz surgical kits, 1 stethoscope, various forceps and surgical eqpt, 30 assorted intravenous drip bottles, 300 PHICQUIN phials, 455 AK47 rounds, 200 assorted SAA, other items include doctors smocks, surgical gowns, mens and womens clothing and hand tools.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 WIA (Aust) Remained on duty.
- (b) Materiel. 1 M16 damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. 2 KIA (BC), 1 PW (WIA), 7 PW (previously wounded), 2 WIA (BT).
- (b) Materiel. 1 SKS, qty docus, No AK47 mag charges, 2 oxen (1 destroyed), qty docus, 50 lb chicom explosive, 19 AK47 rds, ARVN docus incl ARVN ID Cards, book on treatment of PWs, 50 plus photographs of individuals and family groups, 2 electric detonators, 12 shotgun cartridges, 1x7.62 long round, large qty med supplies (see para 1. d. (12) for detailed list).

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) - (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. HE and HB Team engaged in pacification operations in HOA HOI Hamlet and PHUOC THO Village - APT's (Armed Propaganda Team) employed with HB Team. Voice aerial mission flown over 6 RAR contact in MAY TAO mountains.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl. Continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearing Team. 4 Slots dug, 3 mines detonated. No machine hours lost.
- (2) Land Clearing Team. 30,000 sq yds cleared, nil mines. 2 D8s serviceable, 6 unserviceable.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF returned to NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) returned to NUI DAT. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp plus elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and HQ 1 ATF Def Pl commenced recce and ambush ops in the DUC THANH AO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) returned to 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Elements commenced ops with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 63 H an I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy returned to 1 ATF Base from WEST BINH BA centre of mass YS4175.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remain FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0906/0934	YS661609	100/40. 7 x 6' water jugs broken. 10 x bunkers, 4 x tables destroyed. 7 x bunkers damaged. 2 x military structures destroyed. 1 x military structure damaged. scattered clothing and utensils.
1408/1418	YS542879	100/60 5 x bunkers destroyed, 7 bunkers damaged and 1 table destroyed. 1 x hootchie frame destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 220001H to 222400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp

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supported by cav and inf continues ops in DUC THANH AO.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp remains 1 ATF Base. Elements sp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO.

(3) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys on recce ops centre of mass YS3066.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER, AO LINTON (Extended). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (Extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ FSPB BARBARA, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp BARBARA, 3 Tp YS545600, 4 Tp YS429883.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ BARBARA, 1 Tp NUI, 2 Tp BARBARA, 3 Tp NUI DAT

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PICTON, 105 Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT 1 sect HORSESHOE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PEGGY, 2/2/35 US Arty ONG TRINH.

(4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy FSPB CASTLE, B Coy YS787933, V Coy YS746899, D Coy YS740906, W Coy YS727926.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS373823, B Coy YS378899, C Coy YS494862, D Coy YS393906.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS532597.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 210710H at YS751898 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Result: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK 47 CIA. Nil friendly casualties.

(2) At 211530H at YS753899 elements of Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR were contacted by 1 NVA. Results negative.

(3) At 211545H at YS390906 D Coy 8 RAR contacted estimated on of pl to coy size group in a bunker system. Enemy fired AK47, RPG and MG into D Coy position inflicting three casualties. Enemy engaged by bushranger and 105mm. Results: 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

(4) At 211500H at YS739895 V Coy 6 RAR contacted four enemy protection element of K76A. Results: 1 enemy withdrew East, 2 withdrew South, 1 PW and 1 AK 47 CIA.

(5) At 211500H at YS740894 V Coy 6 RAR located a cache as a result of PW information. It contained: 1xThompson .45 cal SMG, 13xSKS Semi Auto rifles, 10 x Mosen Ragent rifles, 1 x R15 ML, 2 x M1 Carbines, 2 x PPSH 41 SMG's 1 x SMG type 50, one garrand rifle, qty SA Ammo, 1 x sand bag of blast grenades, three packs, one bundle of docus, five entrenching tools and a qty of food.

(6) At 211100H at YS751904 Anti Tk Pl 6 RAR located a cache containing one complete surgical kit (50 to 100 items) stethoscope, blood pressure constricting bandage, 1000 assorted phials of drugs, three drip bottles of red fluid, portable medical kit in black bag, sandbag of salt and home made grenade.

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c. Results.(1) Friendly Losses.(a) Personnel. 1 KIA(AUST) 2 WIA(AUST).(b) Materiel. Nil.(2) Enemy Losses.(a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC), 1 PW.(b) Materiel. Two AK47's, One Thompson .45 cal SMG, 13 x SKS Semi Auto rifles, 10 x Mosen Regent rifles, 1 x R15 ML, 2 x M1 Carbines, 2 x PPSH 41 SMC's, 1 x SMG type 50, one garrand rifle, qty SA Ammo, 1 x sand bag of blast grenades, three packs, one bundle of docus, five entrenching tools, qty of food, one complete surgical kit (50 to 100 items) stethoscope, blood pressure constricting bandage, 1000 assorted phials of drugs, three drip bottles of red fluid, portable medical kit in black bag, sandbag of salt and home made grenade.f. Small Unit Actions.(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.(1) ARVN Mech Pl. Continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.c. Engineering Operations.(1) Land Clearing Team. 40,000 Sq yds cleared. Nil mines. Three D8 serviceable and five unserviceable.(2) Mine Clearing Team. Five slots under construction, two bunds pushed in, two mines detonated, five mines seen, 1 x TD15 lost one hour.3. Meteorological Detail.a. Rainfall. Nil.b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 06 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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23 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp plus elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 ATF Def Pl continue recce and ambush ops in the DUC THANH AO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue ops with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No contact and 56 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed on recce and ambush ops vic YS3066.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

b. Plans Summary for Period 230001H to 232400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp supported by Cav and Inf continues ops in DUC THANH AO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect continues with LCT protection. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements sp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce ops centre of mass YS3066.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER, AO LINTON (Extended). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (Extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

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c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA; 3 Tp NUI DAT; 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp NUI DAT; 2 Tp FSPB BARBARA; 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON; 105 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE; 161 (NZ) Bty FSPB PEGGY; C Coy 2/35 US Arty ONG TRINH.
- (4) 5 RAR. HQ, A Coy, B Coy, D Coy NUI DAT; C Coy YS315665.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON; A Coy FSPB CASTLE; B Coy YS787933; V Coy YS746899; D Coy YS730915; W Coy YS725940.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY; A Coy YS381905; B Coy YS387900; C Coy YS382912; D Coy YS393905.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS532596.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS499599.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 211545H at YS390907 D Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 6 bunkers less than 1 week old all with 3 ft OHC. Installation examined 23 Dec and 1 VC KIA in previous days contact located also 1 AK 47 CIA. 5 bunkers destroyed and the other to be destroyed. 24 Dec
- (2) At 220855H at YS403649 a ptl of 5 RAR were contacted by one enemy dressed in green who fired one shot and withdrew SE towards HOA LONG with negative results. The ptl later located at YS379642 1 x 81mm mortar fuze and 20 bags of propellant which they estimate had been in the area for five days.
- (3) At 221200H at YS782937 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a base camp installation containing 6 caches on raised platforms covered by huts, 1 cache buried in plastic and 1 cache inside a 8' x 10' bunker. Items recovered: qty of tinned food, 1 transistor radio destroyed in contact on 201510H, large qty of rubber bands, 3 gal vinegar, 20 lbs sugar, 40 lbs salt, 1900 lbs rice, qty of cooking utensils, plastic sheeting, sandbag, 1 US poncho, 1 ruler, qty Chicom pistol rounds, 1 hand written medical book.
- (4) At 221630H at YS528589 elements of the Land Clearing Team detonated 1 x M16 mine. Result; minor damage to one D8 bulldozer.
- (5) At 221130H at YS754901 Atk Pl 6 RAR contacted 2 enemy, beleived to be NVA in a cave. They returned fire and withdrew WEST. Negative results.
- (6) At 221400H at YS754901 Atk Pl 6 RAR located one main force body wrapped in plastic sheet. Beleived body 4 days old and killed in contact at 181520H at YS756900 by mortar fire.
- (7) Addition to installation report of 191620H at YS745900 to YS744896: V Coy 6 RAR located on 22 Dec at YS745899 12 graves containing 12 bodies interred for a period of 1 to 3 weeks.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. Hoi Chanh: 4 adults and 1 child. 3 bodies located.

(b) Materiel: qty of tinned food, 1 transistor radio destroyed, large qty of rubber bands, 3 gal vinegar, 20 lbs sugar, 40 lbs salt, 1900 lbs rice, qty of cooking utensils, plastic sheeting sandbag, 1 US poncho, 1 ruler, qty Chicom pistol rounds, 1 hand written medical book

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 1.

(4) Results. 1 x 81mm Mor fuze and 20 bags of propellant recovered.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

(1) ARVN Mech Pl. Continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 35,000 Sq yds cleared, 1 mine detonated. Minor damage to bulldozer. 2 Serviceable, 6 U/S.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 8 mines detonated, 3 slots completed, 2 slots commenced.

(3) First bridge at YS502561 complete and open to traffic.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 06 knots.

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24 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp plus elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 ATF Def Pl continue recce and ambush ops in the DUC THANH AO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue ops with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 52 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base. One coy continued recce and ambush ops vic YS3066.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490. FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068 closed down.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

b. Plans Summary for Period 240001H to 242400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp with LCT in LONG GREEN returns to 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp supported by Cav and Inf completed ops in DUC THANH AO and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect with LCT returns to 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements supporting B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO return to 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy completes recce ops centre of mass YS3066 and returns to 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (Extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

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(6) 17 Const Sqn. LCT and supporting tps return to 1 ATF Base. from Land Clearing in LONG GREEN. Redeployment scheduled 31 Dec 69.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS478812 3 Tp YS535600, 4 Tp YS421909.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE, 161 (NZ) Bty FSPB PEGGY, C Coy 2/35 (US) Arty ONG TRINH.

(4) 5 RAR. HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy (-) YS315664, D Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy (-) FSPB CASTLE, B Coy (-) YS787913, V Coy (-) YS746899, D Coy YS742835, W Coy YS724940.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy (-) YS376898, B Coy (-) YS384904, C Coy (-) YS382912, D Coy (-) YS393906.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS535600.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS499598.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 231240H at YS390907 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 enemy dressed in Khaki uniforms. Negative results and enemy withdrew South West.

(2) At 231230H at YS326671 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted estimated 30 enemy dressed in black and tan armed with AK47, RPG and M79. Enemy approached from the East and engaged by claymore, they withdrew before returning fire with RPG, M79 and AK47. Results 2 enemy KIA (BC) 1 en WIA (BT), 1 AK47 CIA and 4 AUST WIA.

(3) At 231430H at YS312677 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted 4 enemy dressed in camouflaged clothes. Enemy observed moving SW down stream and 9 Pl established immediate ambush. Results 1 en WIA (BT).

(4) At 231425H at YS780938 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 enemy moving West to East. Contact was initiated by 6 Pl ambush. Results 1 en KIA, 1 AK47 CIA.

(5) At 231635H at YS390910 elements of 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 enemy dressed in bright blue shirt and dark blue trousers who approached from the West. Results negative en withdrew North West.

(6) At 231130H at YS754901 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 2 wounded enemy. Neither enemy was armed or carrying documents and A Coy believe they were left by their protection party to be found by Australian forces as they had been in the area for three days. Both enemy evacuated by air.

(7) At 231615H at YS739895 V Coy 6 RAR located a cache in a ground depression covered with leaves. It contained: 280 rds 7.62 short, 95 rds .32 cal, 1 x DH8 claymore, 1 x DH5 claymore and 6 grenade fuzes. Cache located as a result of PW information.

(8) At 231438H at YS753828 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted unknown size enemy force with unknown results.

(9) At 231735H at YS379637 patrol from 8 RAR Rear located 2 booby traps connected to trip wire devices. They are to be destroyed 24 December.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 4 WIA
- (b) Material. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 KIA, 2 WIA (BT), 2 Detainees.

(b) Material. 2 x AK47, 280 x 7.62 short, 95 x .32 cal rds, 1 x DH8 Claymore, 1 x DH5 Claymore, 6 grenade fuzes.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 3
Platoon - 1
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

(1) 3 Aerial voice missions flown over May Tao mountains.

(2) Hoi Chanh on ground with V Coy, 6 RAR: He is utilizing ground loudspeaker equipment to induce comrades to rally.

(3) HE/HB Teams.

(a) HE Team. Pacification operations in Phuoc Hoi and Hoi My.

(b) HB Team. Fire broadcast of 6 RAR activities in May Tao; Broadcasts covered Baria, Long Dien, An Nhut, Dat Do, Long Huong, Chu Hai, Long Cat and Phuoc Hoa.

b. ARVN Mech Pl. Continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escorts.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 40000 yards cleared. Nil mines seen. 5 x D8 serviceable, 3 U/S.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 100 x 40m cleared. 1 Slot filled and 5 bunds pushed back across minefield. 6 Mines detonated.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn Road Works. Work continues on 2nd bridge Route 23. Road reconstruction Route 2 continues.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. North at 04 knots.

4. Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0950H	YS823735	100/100. 2 x large galvanized structures destroyed, 2 x thatched structures destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed.
1205/1220H	YS661609	100/70. 4 huts destroyed, 2 huts damaged, 4 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 2 x secondary explosions.
1515/1545H	YS839745	100/80. 1 bunker destroyed.
	YS822747	100/70. 1 structure damaged, 1 bunker damaged.

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25 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 240001H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN returned to 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp plus elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 ATF Def Pl completed recce and ambush ops in the DUC THANH AO and returned 1 ATF Base.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. One sect op con Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN returned to 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements complete ops with A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH AO and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements ceased minefield clearance vicinity YS5058 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Bridge construction continued YS5056.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Ceased land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359 and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. One coy recce and ambush ops vic YS3066.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Elements remain AO LINTON. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (amended) centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remain FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA
1009/1037H	YS388823	100/70, 2 bunkers exposed, 2 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed, 15 metres communications trench exposed.
1500/1528H	YS782887	100/20, 1 military structure damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H Dec 69

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Convoy escort continues. One sect remains op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues security ops in AO GULLIVER. Bn HQ loc FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(5) 8 RAR. Bn continues security ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt, NUI DAT. 1, 2, and 3 Tps NUI DAT. 4 Tp YS422905.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 1, 2, 3 Tps NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 105 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C Coy 2/35 US Arty 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ PICTON. A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS775941, V Coy YS743889, D Coy YS728851, W Coy YS723940.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ PEGGY. A Coy YS377902, B Coy YS384904, C Coy YS382912, D Coy YS393906.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 240920H at YS381916, elements of 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR contacted 4-5 enemy dressed in light blue shirts and dark trousers. 1 AK47 was seen. Enemy were observed preparing an immediate ambush and 7 Pl opened fire at 75m. Enemy returned fire with AK47 and one enemy seen up a tree. En withdrew. 1 KIA possible.

(2) At 241000H at YS750904, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 wounded enemy who surrendered after being fired upon. En had not eaten for 8 days were unarmed and had not seen their protection party for 1-2 weeks. Enemy evacuated by air, 2 packs CIA.

(3) At 241515H at YS377907, elements of 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 enemy in dark green uniform carrying AK47 and pack. Contact initiated by 9 Pl ambush party and en withdrew East. Result: 1 WIA(BT), 1 violet smoke grenade and 1 hammock CIA.

(4) At 241605H at YS378909, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in dark green and carrying AK47 and pack. Enemy withdrew following contact and twice fired on the follow up. Result 1 en WIA(BT), 1 pack and 1 blood stained poncho CIA.

e. Results

(1) Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 4 detainees, 2 WIA(BT), 1 KIA(POSS).

(b) Materiel. 3 packs, 1 poncho, 1 smoke grenade and 1 hammock CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 3
Platoon - 1
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPS deployed

(3) Small unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations

- a. Nil.
- b. ARVN Mech Pl. Continues to support B Sqn 3 Cav in route security and convoy escorts.
- c. Engineering Operations
 - (1) Mine Clearing Team. Returned to NUI DAT.
 - (2) Land Clearing Team. Returned to NUI DAT.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 06 knots.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Dec 69.

26 Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR . HQ
1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one
AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER. Convoy escort continue.
One sect plus one AMC op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 27 H and I missions were fired
during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and
8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Sqn remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued security/ops in AO GULLIVER centre of
mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt , 101 Fd Bty
and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues security ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended)
centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H Dec 69.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8
RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp deploys to vic YS4351 to engage in LONG
HAIS.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one
AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER. Convoy escort continues.
One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect deploys with A Sqn
1 Armd Regt to LONG HAIS.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO
GULLIVER. Bn HQ loc FSPB PICTON YS6490.
- (5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE
(extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT,
3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS420911.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) NUI DAT,
3 Tp NUI DAT, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON,
105 Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT 1 sect HORSESHOE HILL, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB
PEGGY, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

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(4) 5 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy(-) YS775941, V Coy YS743880, D Coy YS728851, W Coy YS724943, Atk Pl FSPB CASTLE.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS376906, B Coy(-) YS385903, C Coy(-) YS382912, D Coy(-) YS393906, Atk Pl YS420911.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 250850H at YS390896 11/D/8 RAR contacted one VC when on hearing noises a scouting party moved forward to investigate and saw the enemy approaching the position. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 gren and eqpt CIA.

(2) At 251025H at YS377907 a standing patrol from 9/C/8 RAR shot and killed one enemy who approached their sentry. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), equipment, clothing, rice and 1 grenade CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material. 2 grenades, small qty rice, qty of eqpt and personnel items.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil.

Platoon - Nil.

Squad - 7.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a.b.c. Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. NNW at 04 knots.

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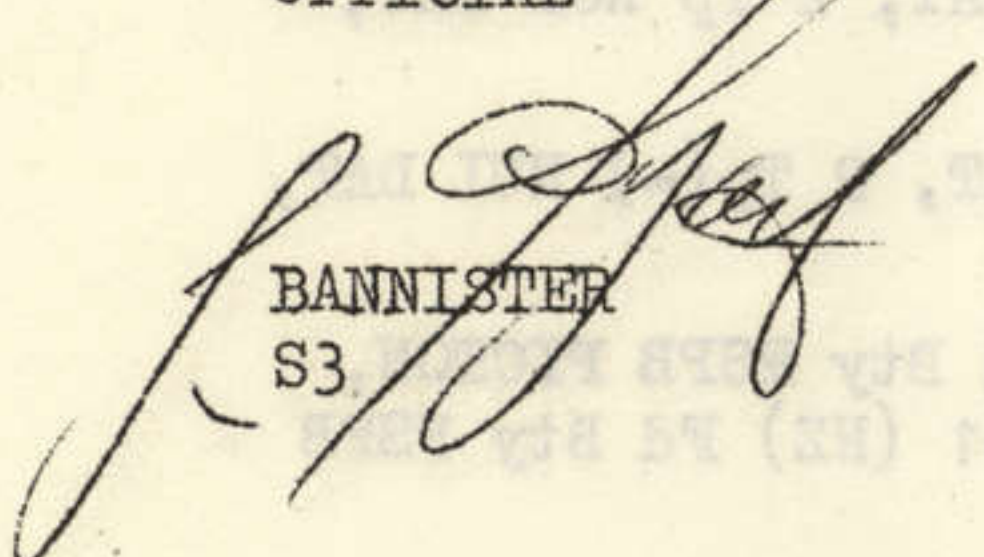
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27 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp deployed to vic YS4351 and spent day engaging tgts in LONG HAI. One tp opcon 8 RAR.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect and one AMC sect op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO GULLIVER returned to 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect opcon 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 50 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Sqn remained in 1 ATF Base.

(7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4337.

b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H Dec 69.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp deploys to DUC THANH area with inf and cav sp to conduct recce and ambush ops.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect deploys with A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH area.

(3) 5 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn completes recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER and commences redeployment to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc FSPB PICTON YS6490.

(5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT. 4 Tp YS423881.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 2 Tp, 3 Tp, Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) FSPB POLLY.

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(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON. 105 Fd Bty: 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy (-) YS773941. V Coy (-) YS752883. D Coy (-) YS684851. W Coy (-) YS730939.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY. A Coy (-) YS376906. B Coy (-) YS385903. C Coy (-) YS382912. D Coy YS393906. Atk Pl FSPB PEGGY. APNR Pl YS378899.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 261020H at YS765940 elements of B Coy 6 RAR contacted an estimated 6 enemy whilst patrolling close to a VC camp. The patrol forward scout was fired on by an enemy sentry and the subsequent exchange of fire resulted in one Aust being wounded by SAA. Results: 1 Aust WIA (DUSTOFF) and 1 enemy claymore type mine CIA.

(2) At 261130H at YS438915 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located an anti tank mine which was subsequently blown.

(3) At 261325H at YS393911 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a small staging camp in which were found Aust and US rations as well as signs that animals and birds had been trapped and eaten.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. 1 claymore, 1 anti-tank mine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil

Platoon - 2

Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations. Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. ESE at 06 knors.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summarya. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base From, vic YS4351. One tp opcon 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf deployed on recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO C/M YS4680.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect opcon 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect deployed with A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 48 H and L missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements redeployed on mine field clearing DAT DO vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Sqn remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Two coys returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885, Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

b. Plans Summary for Period 270001H to 272400H Dec 69.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with Inf and Cav sp.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH area.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn deploys for Bn operation.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Loc Data.

- (1) 1 ATF Base. 1 ATF Base, 1 ATF Base, 1 ATF Base, 4 Tp

- (2) 1 ATF Base. 1 ATF Base, 1 ATF Base, 1 ATF Base, 1 ATF Base.

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Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 2 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1Tp YSYS454763, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp (-), 2 Tp, 3 Tp, Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt, 105 Fd Bty, C/2/35(US) Arty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PICTON, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR(ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PICTON, A Coy, B Coy, W Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS665862, V Coy YS752882.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS370886, B Coy 386902, C Coy YS384916, D Coy YS408893.
- (7) Tango Force. YS450763.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS498605.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 270919H at YS790939 4 Pl D Coy detained five VN in a truck containing some articles of VC equipment. Detainees were moved to Fire Support Patrol Base Picton for interrogation and later moved to Xun Loc. All classified as civil offenders (2 draft dodgers and all VC suppliers). They carried a list of supplies which VC had asked them to buy.
- (2) At 270945H at YS447764 a tank from 1 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt struck an anti tank mine believed to be constructed from Chicom block explosive with a pressure activated electrical detonator. Result: 1 Aust WIA, 1 centurian tank moderately damaged with twisted hull and damaged front right hand suspension, also small hole through hull.
- (3) At 271010H at YS696848 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a camp consisting of 5 bunkers. The system was last occupied 4 days ago and could probably accomodate a squad. A warning sign dated 23 Dec 69 indicated 7 booby traps in the area.
- (4) At 271300H at YS428854 elements of B Sqn 1 Cav Regt when penetrating a bunker system detected a booby trap consisting of 2 X chicom grenades taped together. The device was 4' above ground and trip wire initiated.
- (5) At 271410H at YS377907 a patrol from 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 enemy who returned fire immediately with automatic weapons. Results: 2 enemy KIA, and 1 AK47 CIA together with 3 packs, documents 156 AK47 rounds and a quantity of personal equipment.
- (6) At 271500H at YS663863 10 Pl of D Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 VC after stopping when scouts smelt strong smell of fish. The VC approached the Australians from the rear along a little used track. Result: 1 VC PW WIA(Dustoff) and 2 VC WIA(BT). Recovered were 1 AK47, 1 AK50, 3 packs containing personal items, 50 lbs dried peas and web equipment.
- (7) At 271645H at YS393911 4 pl B Coy 8 RAR briefly contacted 2 enemy who fled 1 east & 1 west - on searching the area 10 newly constructed bunkers were located and the area is to be ambushed on the night 27/28 Dec.

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(8) Late Entry: At 271630H at YS669861 11 pl D Coy 6 RAR located a FISH FARM, which consisted of a sluice, a pen containing live fish and a wooden wall or barrier 8' X 100' long. Caretakers living quarters were found in the area and the installation was destroyed.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.

(b) Material. 1 Tank damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 PW, 2 VC WIA(BT), 5 possible VC suppliers.

(b) Material. 2 X AK47, 1 X AK50, 2 X grenades, 40lbs rice, 50lbs peas, 3 sets cooking equipment, 5 packs & personal items, 2 water bottles, 9 magazines full, 156 loose AK47 rounds, clothing, plastic steeling & documents.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operstions. Nil

c. Engineering Operations Mine clearing team redeployed.

3. Meteoroligical Detail

a. Rainfall Nil

b. Prevailing Winds SSE at 09 knots.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Dec 69

29 Dec 69

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp returned to 1 ATF Base from vic YS4351. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO C/M YS4680.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect plus one AMC sect opcon 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect deployed with A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH. One tp deployed into DUC THANH AO centre of mass YS4575 op con to 5 RAR.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 5 contact and 46 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO GULLIVER and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Sqn remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn deployed into DUC THANH AO to conduct cordon and search of DUC TRUNG YS4574.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) completed recce and ambush ops in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788, supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty and elements of 1 Fd Sqn and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/1000H	YS408779	100/40. 1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 1 hut exposed, table destroyed.
1504/1535H	YS647862	100/60. 2 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed, 6 military structures exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 292400H Dec 69.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp opcon 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with inf and cav sp.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort continues. One sect opcon 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect opcon A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH area. One tp opcon 5 RAR in DUC THANH area.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues cordon and search of DUC TRUNG.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS436740, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT; 1 Sect Tango Force, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS453745, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt - NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35(US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn (-) In cordon posns around AP DUC THANH YS5474.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn complete NUI DAT.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ (-) FSPB PEGGY, A Coy(-) YS370886, B Coy(-) YS386902, C Coy(-) YS384916, D Coy(-) YS419887, Aslt Pnr YS379898.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. YS498605.
- (8) Tango Force (-) YS435740.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. At 271200H at YS425855 elms of Sp Coy 8 RAR supported by tanks from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located, searched and destroyed an enemy bunker system.
- (2) At 281100H at YS392912 elms of B Coy 8 RAR located an enemy camp possibly used one week ago. The 11 bunkers are to be destroyed.
- (3) At 281140H at YS380918 a patrol from 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 enemy approaching from the SOUTH. A sweep conducted after the exchange of fire located 1 enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1xKA47 CIA, 3 magazines and a quantity of personal equipment also recovered.
- (4) At 281300H at YS362660 base patrol 10C from 8 RAR saw what was believed to be an enemy OP which was engaged with artillery and .50 cal MG. Results; unknown.
- (5) At 281935 at YS454753 two enemy approached the night position of 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR and were immediately engaged with machine gun fire. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1xAK47 CIA, and documents recovered.

e. Results.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA (BC)
 - (b) Materiel. 2xAK47, 3xmagazines, a small quantity of personal eqpt.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1.
Platoon - 1.
Squad - 5.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.
- (3)+(4) Omitted.

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2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) 27 Dec 69 (Late Entry). Air broadcast and leaflet drops were made over LONG HAI. Targets D445 and C25. Themes were B52 strike, Chieu Hoi. Air broadcasts were also conducted over villages PHUOC HAI, HOI MY, PHUOC LOI, DAT, AN NHUT and LONG DIEN. Families with relatives or friends in VC ranks were targeted.
- (2) 28 Dec 69. Leaflet drops were made in NUI MAI TAOS. Themes were recent allied successes and Chieu Hoi.

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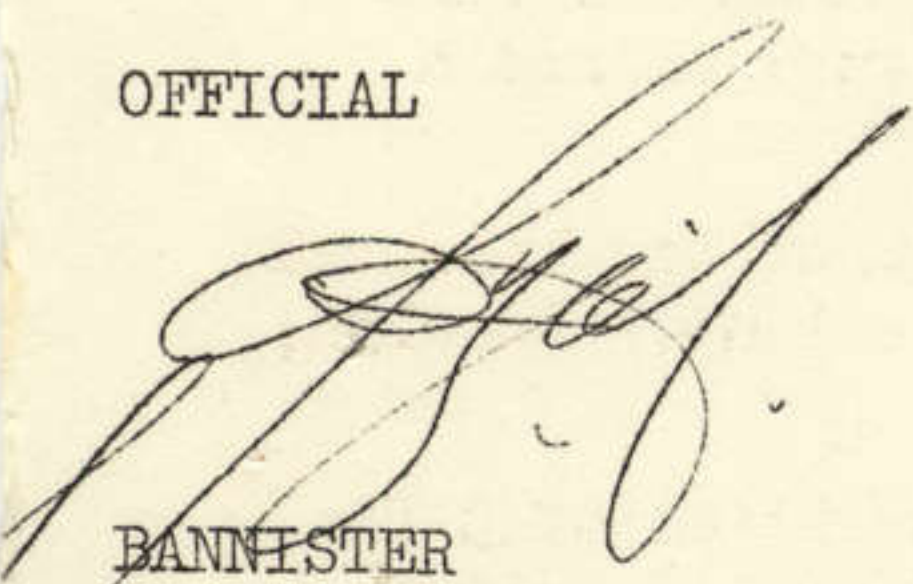
- b. Omitted.
 - c. Engineering Operations. Mine Clearing Team preparing to re-commence activity in DAT DO minefield.
3. Meteorological Detail.
- a. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 05 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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30 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO. Inf elements checked Int report of en coy vic YS5275 without results.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH. One tp continues ops in DUC THANH AO centre of mass YS4575 op con to 5 RAR.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 53 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in DUC THANH AO and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Sqn remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn continues cordon and search of BINH BA YS4474.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Strikes.

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0905/0949H YS304673 100/70 Neg BDA.

b. Plans Summary for Period 300001H to 302400H Dec 69.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with inf and cav sp. One tp deploys into LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH area. One tp op con 5 RAR in DUC THANH area. One sect deploys into LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team deploys into LONG GREEN vic YS5459 for land clearing ops.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues cordon and search of BINH BA.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const for land clearing protection. One coy deploys to vic YS5372 on recce ops.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS531761, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS446798, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) YS452798, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS451737, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161(NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35(US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) in cordon posns surrounding BINH RA YS448740.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) complete NUI DAT, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy FSPB PEGGY, B Coy YS401909, C Coy YS384916, D Coy YS422826.
- (7) Tango Force(-). YS531761.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. YS497605.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 291403H at YS420886 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR noticed two enemy accompanied by two dogs moving down a track, the machine gunner opened fired with the result that one enemy and the dogs fled south and one enemy was hit. Result 1 VC KIA(BC) and one pack recovered.
- (2) At 291553 at YS425893 a patrol from 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted one, possibly more enemy; the patrol fired and although the enemy was seen to be hit and fall, the follow-up and search failed to locate any further signs; 1 VC WIA(Poss).
- (3) During the Cordon and Search of DUC TRUNG; YS455747, 5 RAR detained a total of 12 suspects who have been removed to BARIA for interrogation by the national police.
- (4) At 291840 at YS446798 a tank from 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt struck a mine and was severely damaged. There were no casualties amongst the crew.
- (5) At 291900 at YS420886 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a small cache containing two cans of fish and 12 tins of sweetened milk.
- (6) At 292045H at YS454753 the Aslt Pnr Pl of 8 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy who detonated a trip flare. There were no positive results but a sweep will be conducted on the morning of the 30th.
- (7) Late Entry: At 291600 at YS403917 elements of 8 RAR located an enemy camp consisting of seven bunkers with huts above them. In the area a small quantity of documents were found and are to be returned.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. no tank damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One VC KIA(BC), 12 detainees.
 - (b) Materiel. 14 cans of food, one pack and a qty of personal items.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LREPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops. Leaflets were dropped by Psy Ops Section. Units targeted were D445, C25, C70 and C41. A total of 160,000 leaflets were dropped.
- (2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE and HB and APT's teams. Village targeted was TAM PHUOC. Themes were GVN image and ANTI VC.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations. Mine Clearing: five mines detonated seven slots started, one slot completed.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SOUTH at 05 knots.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5

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Distribution: (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LREPS deployed.
 II FForce V G3 TOC (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
 CG 18 ARVN Div (4) Results. Nil.

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 CG RTAVF Combined Operations.
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b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations. Mine Clearing: five mines detonated seven slots started, one slot completed.

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3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SOUTH at 05 knots.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5

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31 Dec 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH. One tp continues ops in DUC THANH AO centre of mass YS4575 op con to 5 RAR.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 80 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in DUC THANH AO and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT DO vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team deployed into LONG GREEN vic YS5459
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn concluded cordon and search of BINH BA YS4474.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy deployed into vic YS5369 on recce op.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Strikes.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0935H	YS388798	100/40% 2 bkr destroyed, 2 bkr damaged, 2 bkr exposed, 2 bamboo structures destroyed.
1515/1544H	YS831747	100/40% 3 bkrs exposed, 1 mil structure destroyed, 1 mil structure damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H Dec 69.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with inf and cav sp. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH area. One tp op con 5 RAR in DUC THANH area. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team commences land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (4) 5 RAR. Completes cordon and search of BINH BA and commences deployment into AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing protection. One coy continues recce ops vic YS5369.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS509762, 2 Tp YS538598, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) FSPB PEGGY, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp(-) YS453744, Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 105 Fd Bty 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect FSPB PAT YS6082, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ(-) FSPB PAT YS6082, A Coy(-) YS453754, B Coy(-) YS458738 C Coy(-) YS458744, D Coy(-) YS432740.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy YS545717.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy YS503800, B Coy(-) YS401908, C Coy FSPB PEGGY, D Coy(-) YS422886.

(7) TANGO Force. YS509762.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS536604.

(9) Mine Clearing Team. YS498605.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 300915H at YS387920 elms of C Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 VC moving from the NE. After an exchange of fire the enemy withdrew and a follow up revealed that at least two had been wounded and possibly one killed. Two packs were recovered. Results 2 VC WIA(BT).

(2) At 301135H at YS427895 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 1 VC with negative results.

(3) At 301200H at YS387920 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located 70 x .50 cal rounds.

(4) At 301415H at YS428897 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 7 VC who approached from the rear of the platoon and who apparently were not anticipating meeting Free World troops. Results 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC KIA(Poss), 2 VC WIA(BT), 1 AK47 CIA, 1 pack CIA.

(5) At approx 301420H at YS421890 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a complete 82mm Chicom mortar.

(6) At 301600H at YS425872 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing a 44 gal drum $\frac{3}{4}$ full of soya beans, 1 bag of barley, 24 lbs of packet tea, 10 lbs of rice and a bag of powder.

(7) At 301740H at YS424892 elms of D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 2 bolt action 7.92mm rifles, 1 grenade, 50 x 7.92 rounds, plastic sheeting and sundry other items.

(8) 5 RAR concluded cordon and search of BINH BA and handed 29 detainees to the National Police for further interrogation.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Materiel. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA(BC), 29 detainees, 1 VC KIA(Poss), 2 VC WIA.

(b) Materiel. 1 AK47, 2 x 7.92 rifles, 1 pack, 70 x .50 cal ammo, 50 x 7.92mm rounds, qty personal items, qty documents.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Located a cache containing approx 400 7.62 ammo, 2 x RPG2 rockets, 45 anti tank grenades, 1 grenade, 1 claymore.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect Units, targeted were C41 and D67. A total of 140,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing. LCT deployed to LONG GREEN.

(2) Mine Clearing. 1 mine detonated, 3 slots $\frac{3}{4}$ completed, 2 slots started.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

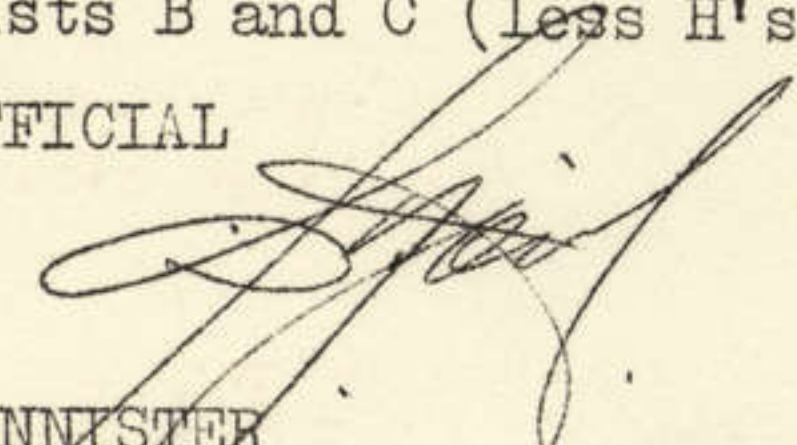
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at .05 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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1 Jan 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Dec 69.

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

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. A Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp op con 8 RAR. One tp with elements of Cav and Inf continues recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH AO. One tp remains on land clearing protection in LONG GREEN.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two sects plus one AMC sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con to A Sqn 1 Armd Regt to DUC THANH. One tp completed ops in DUC THANH AO centre of mass YS4575 op con to 5 RAR and deployed into AO ROSSLYN remaining op con 5 RAR.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and NiIH and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in DUC THANH AO and AO ROSSLYN, and 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. Elements continue minefield clearing DAT D0 vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team commenced ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (7) 5 RAR. Bn completed deployment from DUC THANH AO into AO ROSSLYN centre of mass YS6280. Bn HQ FSPB PAT YS6082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One coy continued recce op vic YS5369.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended) centre of mass YS3885. Bn HQ remains FSPB PEGGY YS4387.
- (10) Air Strikes.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0907/0933H	YS408779	100/40, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.
1515/1550H	YS770650/ YS778658	100/80, 3 bombs within 5 metres of target, all within 40 metres, 4 bunkers destroyed, breather hole exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 010001H to 012400H Jan 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One tp conducts recce and ambush ops in DUC THANH area with inf and cav sp. One tp remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con to 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One sect op con 8 RAR in AO ASHGROVE. One sect op con A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH area. One tp (-) op con 5 RAR in AO ROSSLYN. One sect remains in LONG GREEN vic YS5459 op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing team protection.
- (3) 17 Const Sqn. Land Clearing Team continues land clearing ops in LONG GREEN vic YS5459.
- (4) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One pl op con 17 Const Sqn for land clearing protection. One coy completes recce ops vic YS5369 and returns to 1 ATF Base.

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(6) 8 RAR. Bn continues recce and ambush ops in AO ASHGROVE (extended). Bn HQ loc FSPB PEGGY YS4387.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS536778, 2 Tp Land Clearing Team, 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB PEGGY, 2 Tp YS613812, 3 Tp NUI DAT, Sp Tp 1 Sect FSPB PEGGY, 1 Sect FSPB PAT, Sp Tp (-) NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 105 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB PEGGY, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy (-) YS645822, B Coy (-) YS551862, C Coy (-) YS520907, D Coy (-) YS588876, Atk Pl YS613817.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) NUI DAT, A Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy YS530737.

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB PEGGY, A Coy (-) YS505809, B Coy (-) YS401909, C Coy (-) YS515874, D Coy (-) YS427897, Atk Pl YS429821, APNR Pl YS393911.

(7) TANGO Force (-). YS536776.

(8) Land Clearing Team (-). YS537603.

(9) Mine Clearing Team. YS498606.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 311030H at YS424892 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 24 slabs of TNT and 1 anti tank mine. These items have been backloaded for study.

(2) At approx 311100H at YS508548 a mini team working for 1 Fd Sqn's bridge repair team on Route 44 located an M16 mine after being asked to check out the area by local forces.

(3) At 311315H at YS424891 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 enemy dressed in black accompanied by a large dog. M79 was fired by 12 Pl but owing to the distance there were negative results.

(4) At 311430H at YS415915 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 NVA wearing blue shirts and moving from E to W. The enemy walked into the rear of 5 Pl's ambush posn and were immediately engaged. Results 2 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA WIA (BT), 3 x AK47 CIA, 1 pack CIA containing 7 full magazines, 14 lbs food, an ID card, diary and birth certificate.

(5) At 311607H at YS529892 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR saw 1 enemy though there were probably more. 8 Pl was preparing to adopt ambush positions when the sentry saw the one enemy moving along a track flanking the position and although he fired there was no result, though it is believed enemy may have been hit.

(6) At 311750H at YS425737 a Base Patrol from 5 RAR contacted 5 VC a proportion of whom retired to the South following the contact. Results 2 VC KIA (BC).

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 NVA KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 NVA WIA (BT).

(b) Material. 5 AK47, 7 x AK magazines, approx 350 AK47 rds, 24 slabs TNT, 1 Atk mine, 1 M16 mine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 2

Squad - 5

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- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.
- (4) Results. 2 VC KIA, 1 AK47 CIA.

Combined Operations

- a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. Nil.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing. 20,000 square metres cleared, 6 vehs serviceable.
 - (2) Mine Clearing. 19 mines destroyed.
 - (3) Road Repair. Continue between BARIA and LONG DIEN.
 - (4) Bridge Repair. Continues on Route 44.

3. Meteorological Detail.

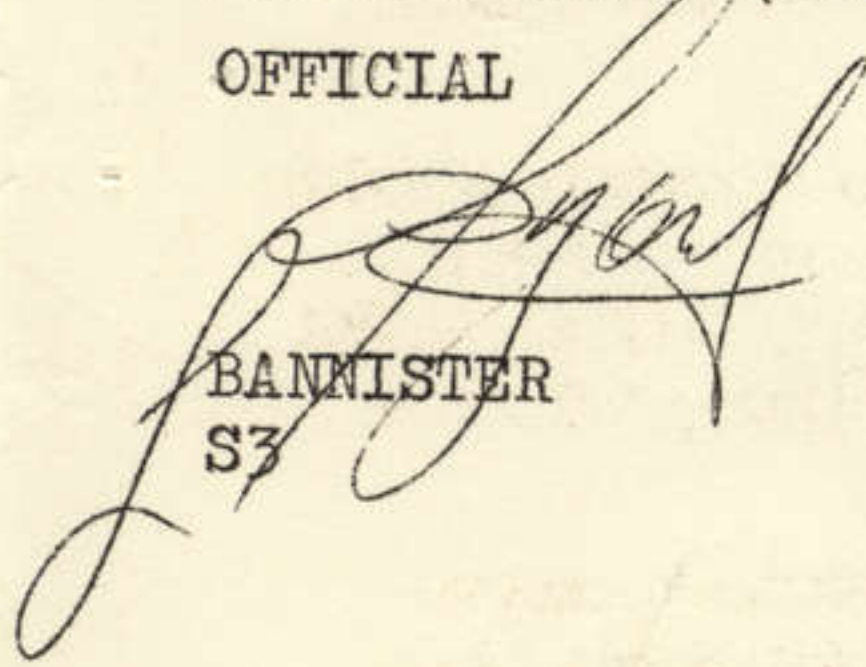
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. South at 06 knots.

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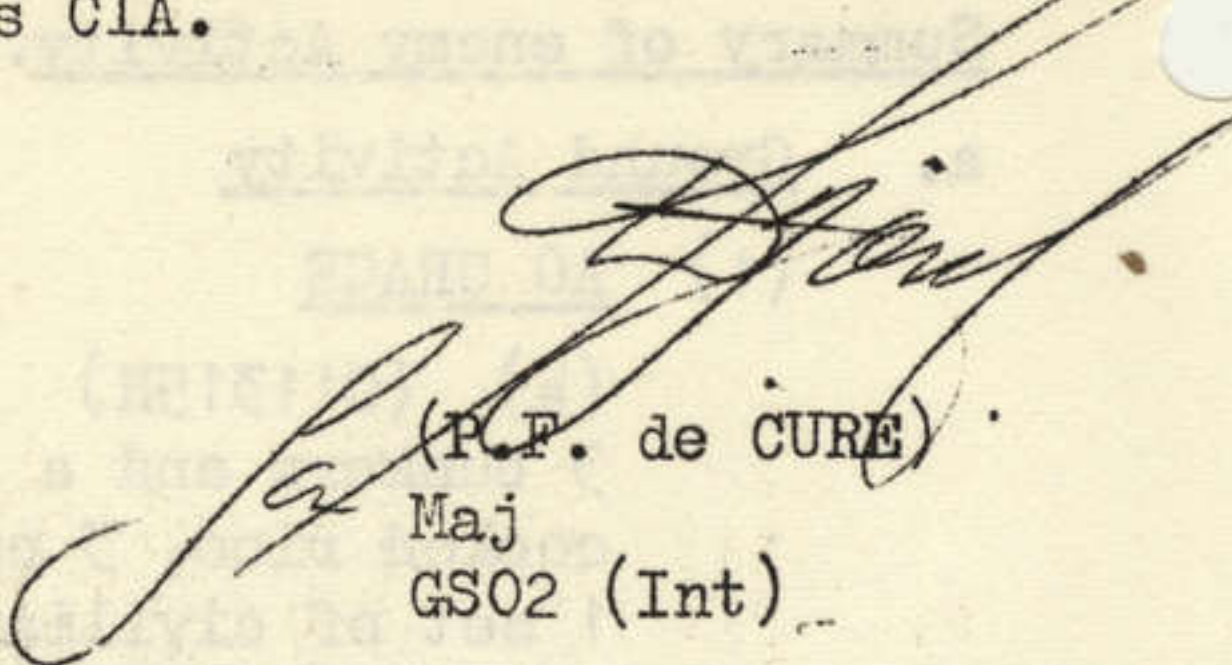
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 335-69.
 2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H Dec 69.
 3. Summary of enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO GRACE
 - (a) (011315H) At YS268839, 3/A/5 RAR located a bunker system of 3 bunkers and a cooking pit. Recovered were: a small qty of cooked rice, 3 cups canteen AUST, 3 AUST shelters individual, 1 set of civilian clothes, empty US and AUST ration tins and assorted cooking utensils.
 - (b) (011340H) At YS268835, 3/A/5 RAR contacted 1 VC with unknown results.
 - (c) (011603H) At YS261835, A/5 RAR located a bunker system of 4 bunkers with 2 ft OHC. 3 bunkers were new and 1 was old and collapsed. Sleeping tunnels cut inside the bunkers were last used 3 hours ago.
 - (2) OTHER AREAS
 - (a) (010655H) At YS485685, a 1 ATF ptl sighted and engaged 2 VC who withdrew NE with unknown results.
 - (3) AO GULLIVER
 - (a) (011730H) At YS641915, D/6 RAR located 2x1 man sentry pits with 9" OHC. The pits were on the edge of the jungle covering a well used track which crossed a clearing. Recovered was an AK47 magazine.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
 4. a.-d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: 1 AK47 magazine, cooking utensils, 3 AUST shelters individual, 3 cups canteen AUST, 1 set of civilian clothes and empty US and AUST ration tins.
 - (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS268839	Rice	Unk	Destroyed
 - f. Omitted.
- 5-7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a-e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (302145H) At YS433646, VN forces engaged movement to their front with SA and arty. Results: unknown.

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(2) (011200H) At YS556993, elms of 199 LIB engaged 4 VC with SA and arty. Results: 1 VC KIA, 2 hoochies CIA.


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Annexes: E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A	3 TAC Fighter Wing
II FFORCE V	12 Cbt Avn Gp
MACV-J2	199 LIB
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC
RTAVF	Advisory Team 82
18 ARVN Div	Sector S2

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 335-69
DATED 01 DEC 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
010702H	YS553614	Pieces of metal which appears to be shrapnel from an exploded mine.
010800H	YS631929	River crossing point shows signs of being used recently. Direction of movement is to the NW.
010815H	YS305778	57 oxcarts heading EAST along Rte 23 in single file.
011630H	YS668947	2 small constructions, 1 poss bunker.
011215H	YS622919	Well used track. Old bunkers.
	YS622922	Well used track. Old bunkers.
	YS626921	2 bunkers in good condition. Well used track.
	YS631922	The track through this area divides into numerous small tracks.
011615H	YS305778	4 people and 2 ox carts laden with timber.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
010532H	YS475540	1 in open
	YS485505	10 in open
	YS472533	1 in open

4.-5. Omitted

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 336/69. G12
2. Period covered from 020001H to 022400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

(a) (021225H) at YS269843 1/A/5 RAR located a base camp consisting of eleven bunkers (7 intact, 4 destroyed) and 1 cookhouse. The bunkers measured 6ft X 4ft with 2ft CHC and were situated alongside a track running SW to NE. The camp had been last used 3 -5 days ago. 45 metres East of the base camp 2 new bunkers with a connecting tunnel were located. Items recovered: 1 X Picto map with writing on the back and 1 entrenching tool.

(2) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (021130H) at YS640918 D/6 RAR located an overnight camp for approx 4 persons or a standing patrol group. The camp consisted of four hootchie spaces and an old fire place. Steps had been cut into the side of a bank leading down to the river where there was a vine bridge. Fresh tracks were sighted in the river bed. Items recovered: 1 X M79 round, 1 set clothing and an empty letter box. On the other side of the river at YS640917 cut steps in the river bank led to a large camping area (5 fire places over a 100 metre area). Cut fire wood and a track system located in the area. Items recovered: scraps of clothing, fresh food and 1 letter box.

(b) (021425H) at YS626913 11/D/6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 X AK47, 1 X set webbing, first aid kit and a certificate identifying VC KIA as a Cpl, CIA. 2 Aust accidentally wounded by M79 fragments during contact.

(c) (021530H) at YS623898 elements of W/6 RAR located a mine cache consisting of 2 holes covered with plastic sheeting and wood. Cache was 25 metres to the left of a North to South track which had been used in the last 24 hours. Items recovered: 137 Chicom grenades, 5 anti-vehicle mines and 55 anti-personnel mines (local copies of M16 mines). All explosives are to be destroyed as stability of explosives is unknown because of dampness.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.

b.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - 1 X AK 47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. 1 picto map, webbing, first aid kit, certificate.

(b) Destroyed. 1 entrenching tool, M79 round, clothing, 2 letter boxes.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff,

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS640917	Unknown	Unknown	Destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
021530H	6 RAR	YS623898	See para 3. a. (2) (c).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 1 VC

(2) PW - Nil

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 1

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured - Nil

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.a. LOC Interdictions and Incidents.(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
020730H	YS511544	TL 44	Road block (NFI) cleared by RF. See para 5 h (2).

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
020730H	YS511544	2 X M26 grenades	While clearing a road block 1 RF WIA when a M26 grenade detonated. A further M26 grenade was located and destroyed.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents taken from a VC KIA by C/5 RAR at YS243790 on 27 Nov 69 tentatively identify PHAN-CONG-DUOC. S2 Comment: DUOC is held as Adjt HQ 274 Regt Jun 69. Further evidence is held to suggest he may be a Coy Comd ranking officer in MR7 Rear Services. OB also holds a DUOC in the Recce Element of MR7 Intelligence.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9.10. Omitted.

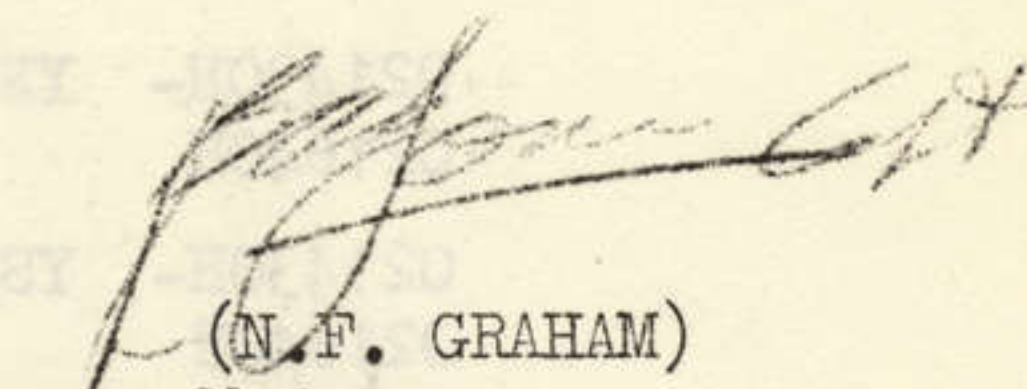
11. Miscellaneous.

a.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (020900H) At XUYEN MOC National Police Field Force conducted a search of NHAM TRI hamlet. 1 X box batteries and 24 reams of onion paper were found in a house belonging to TRAN-THI-LOI and NGUYEN-VAN-BA. Both persons are being questioned.

(2) (021425H) At YS275981 elements of 199 LIB located 7 bunkers and recovered 105 rounds AK47 ammo, 1 X US Frag grenade, first aid equipment, 150 lbs food, clothing, mortar tools and cooking utensils.


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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

- List A
- II FFORCE V
- MACV-J2
- MACV-CICV
- RTAVF
- 18 ARVN Div
- 3 TAC Fighter Wing
- 12 Cbt Avn Gp
- 199 LIB
- BIEN HOA TAC
- Advisory Team 48
- Sector S2

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
020830H	YS648935	1 secondary explosion following an airstrike on a bunker complex, also 1 bunker, 20 metres of comms trench destroyed and 20 metres of comms trench exposed.
021020H	YS672918	Appears to be 1 weapon pit in the area of old track activity. Possibly a camp in the area.
021430H- 021640H	YS477866	4 bunkers, possibly more, in bamboo. No recent use apparent.
021430H- 021640H	YS488843	Fresh tracks, under one week old in bamboo. Possibly a camp or harbour area.
021430H- 021640H	YS490850- YS500830	Fresh tracks less than one week old.
021430H- 021630H	YS718888	3 X ox carts (carts only). Pushed into the bush off a track. Appear to be in good condition and have been left there for some days.
021430H- 021630H	YS720875	2 bush huts with a nearby foot track running from the NORTH then swinging EAST across a stream.
021430H- 021630H	YS699882	Old camp consisting of 6 old bunkers mostly collapsed and unusable.
021430H- 021630H.	YS703897	Junction of heavily used tracks and trails.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
020330H	YS790990	1 on road
020415H.	YS850995	1 on road

5. Omitted.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 337/69.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity, There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GRACE.

(a) (031030H) at YS320796 C/5 RAR located 11 bunkers 120 metres from land clearing. They had 3ft 6ins OHC, were in excellent condition and were last used 2-4 weeks ago. Recovered was 1 Typewriter.

(b) (031140H) at YS327785 3/A/5 RAR contacted 3, possibly more, enemy wearing camouflage clothing. Friendlies initiated contact and enemy returned with RPG fire. Recovered was 1 pack containing clothing, food and documents.

(2) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (030940H) at YS674903 A/6 RAR located a burnt out International truck which had been painted orange.

(b) (030835H) at YS622904 1/W/6 RAR contacted 2 to 3 LF enemy dressed in black and green. Results. 2 KIA (BC) and 2 AK47 CIA.

(c) (031000H) at YS646915 D/6 RAR located a watering point last used 24 hours ago.

(d) (031445H) at YS640916 10/D/6 RAR located a 2ft by 2ft sign on a tree. The sign read 36 RUNG. VINH VIEN SD-0475 SONG RA I.

(e) (031530H) at YS647933 D/6 RAR located a large bunker system consisting of 33 bunkers. Part of the system was occupied in the last 24 hours. Recovered were 1X stick grenade, 1X82 mm mortar round, 1X M26 grenade and 4 documents.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (031940H to 032121H) at YS4465 lights and movement seen from perimeter. Engaged with arty.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reported period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

b.c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

1.4. Omitted.

(5) RPG 2 - 3

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

- (b) Crew Served - Nil
- (c) Breakdown - 2 x AK47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Typewriter, pack, clothing, documents, stick grenade, 82mm mortar round and M26 grenade.

(b) Omitted.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 3 VC
- (2) PW - Nil
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 3
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - Nil
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AT MINES</u>	<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>
	YS504589	YS306813
	Clam,more	Grenade

(2) Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from a VC KIA by C/5 RAR at YS243790 on 27 Nov 69 tentatively ident PHAN CONG DUOC. S2 Comment: DUOC is held as Adjt HQ 274 Regt Jun 69. Further evidence is held to suggest he may be a Coy Comd ranking officer in MR7 Rear Services. CB also holds a DUOC in the Recce Element of MR7 Intelligence..

b. Photographs of a large number, recovered from a bunker system by D/5 RAR at YS359811 on 231530H identify Recce Element on Doan 10. Le Dinh Long rallies from HQ BALONG Province also recognised one member of the 5 th VC Div's Recce Coy. No further idents have been made at present.

c. Docus from B/5 RAR, possibly recovered from a bunker system at YS292849 on 27 Nov 69 identify Z14 Wasp of Rear Services Section SR4. The docus were of no tactical value.

d. Docus found in a camp by 5 RAR at YS241798 on 23 Nov 69 identify elements of the HAT DICH Village guerilla unit.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. a-c. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (Late report). (020730H). At YS100893 3/2 RTAVF received one HOI CHAN.

(2) (Late report). (020930H). At YS100881 Recon elements of 3/2 engaged a VC squad. Results 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC WIA and 5 booby traps made of RPG rounds, 150 kilos of rice and a Chicom grenade were captured.

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(3) (Late report). (021145H). YS100891 Recon elements of 3/2 engaged 7 VC who withdrew WEST. Results 3 VC WIA and 3 AK47 (CIA).

(4) (030945H). At YS285945 A Coy 2/3 Inf Bn 199 LIB contacted 5 to 6 VC carrying heavy packs. Neg results.

(5) (031650H). At YS273982 elements of 199 LIB contacted an unknown number of en including 1 sniper in a tree. Results 1 en KIA (BC), 2 US WIA.

(6) (030845H). At YS438915 elements of the coy unit 18 ARVN Div hit a mine. Results 1 APC 60% destroyed and 4 VN WIA.

(7) (031300H). At YS285549 637 PF contacted 6 VC wearing black pyjamas. Friendlies initiated and VC returned fire with AK47 and SKS. VC believed to be local force. Results 1 VC WIA.

(8) (3 Dec). At YS713915 airstrike BDA. 2 Structures destroyed, 3 bunkers destroyed and 4 bunkers exposed.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

List A
II FFORCE V
MACV - J2
MACV - CICV
RTAVF
18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
199 LIB
BIEN HOA TAC
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 337/69
DATED 3 DEC 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
031300H	YS4452 to YS4555	The track which runs down the SOUTH side of the fire trail has had a branch dragged along its entire length to obliterate tracks. The drag marks went due NORTH from the EAST end of the fire trail.
031300H	YS450533	The track swung across the trail into the scrub on the NORTH side where it joined with other old tracks. The tracks were heading SOUTH WEST.
3 Dec	YS716919	Camp with large hut frames and approx 4 bunkers. It looks if it has had recent use.
3 Dec	YS714922	Camp similar to one above. Appears to have had recent use.
031710H	YS367893	Old camp of 15 bunkers. Not in use.
031710H	YS384902	Camp consisting of 2 bunkers and 2 structures. There appeared to be small articles on the ground.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
021615H	YS629928	Maximum
	YS596914	Maximum
	YS618946	Maximum
	YS665869	Maximum
031030H	YS377844	Strong
	YS388873	Strong

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 338/69.
Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO GULLIVER.
 - (a) Late Report. (031730H) at YS673912 elements of 6 RAR located a bunker system for a two platoon size group. The system had not been used for nine to 12 months. Recovered were two RPG rounds and four Chicom grenades.
 - (b) (040930H) at YS678906, elements of 6 RAR located a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck which had been destroyed by an airstrike six to nine months ago.
 - (c) (041245H) at YS705944, 5/B/6 RAR contacted three VC. Results 2 VC KIA(BC) and two packs containing clothing were recovered. Also in the area was an old camp consisting of 16 weapon pits in a semi-circular formation.
 - (d) (041310H) at YS695909, 1/A/6 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTH EAST with unknown results.
 - (e) (041315H) at YS697938, B/6 RAR contacted ten to 15 enemy. The enemy were moving from EAST to WEST when contacted and withdrew in an unknown direction. Results 1 VC KIA (Poss).
 - (f) (041530H) at YS686905, 3/A/6 RAR sighted two enemy moving SOUTH EAST.
 - (2) AO GRACE.
 - (a) (041115H) at YS327817, Anti Tank Pl 5 RAR contacted two VC moving NORTH. On contact the enemy withdrew SOUTH with unknown results.
 - (b) (041300H) at YS287831, 7/C/9 RAR located fresh tracks of two to three people moving NORTH.
 - (3) OTHER AREAS.
 - (a) (041145H) at YS418592, Engineer elements located a Chicom grenade, later destroyed by VN.
 - (b) (041945H) at YS418705, B/8 RAR located a tree with a lookout platform. B Coy also located fresh tracks in the area.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - c.d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Omitted.
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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. Two RPG rounds, five Chicom grenades, 11 bangalore torpedoes, 23 grenades, five smoke grenades, ten U/S tripflares, 20 blast cartridges, five time delay fuzes, two trip release fuzes, 12 CE primers, 20 BAR mags, seven Thompson mags.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS694943	Rice and Wheat powder.	4 lbs.	Destroyed.
YS685947	Corn	800 lbs	Unknown.
	Peppercorn	150 lbs	Unknown.
	Rice powder	80 lbs.	Unknown.
	Flavouring	12 packets	Unknown.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
040815H	6 RAR	YS622899	11 bangalore torpedoes, 23 grenades.
041030H	6 RAR	YS682904	5 smoke grenades, 3 rifle grenades, 10 U/S tripflares, 20 blast cartridges, 5 time delay fuzes, 2 trip release fuzes, 12 CE primers, 20 BAR mags, 7 Thompson mags.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 5 VC.

(2) PW - Nil.

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 3.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil.

(7) Rice Captured - .04 tons.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from a body following a contact of W/6 RAR at YS623904 on 030830 hours identify NGUYEN DUY HONG a section comd of C5/D440.

b. Docus in a pack, CIA by W/6 RAR following a contact with one VC at YS627601 on 25 Nov 69 identify the VC as a member of the PHUOC BUU Guerilla unit, Finance and Economy section, the docus had no exploitable value.

c. Docus recovered from a bkr system by 3/A/5 RAR at YS268839 on 1 Dec 69 identify a pharmaceutical section of HQ SR4 Rear Services. The docus were aged (1968) and had no exploitable value.

d. Docus recovered from a pack following a 3/A/5 RAR contact at YS327785 on 3 Dec 69 probably identify the VC contacted as an elm of K15 Dispensary of Rear Services SR4.

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e. Docus taken from a body following a contact by W/6 RAR at YS623904 on 3 Dec 69 identify NGUYEN DUY HONG, recently promoted Section Comd C5/D440 on 20 Oct 69. The promotion certificate was signed by PHAN THANH HA CO D440 and PHUNG VAN Y APO D440.

f. Documents taken from a body following a contact by 5/B/6 RAR at YS705944 at 041245H Dec 69 (Para 3a (1)(c) of the INTSUM refers). Indicate passible elements of C5/D440 LF Bn.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM No 337-69.

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(b) Amend Grid Reference from YS327785 to read YS268835.

(b) Para 6.a. delete all reference.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. New Enemy Weapons and Tactics. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

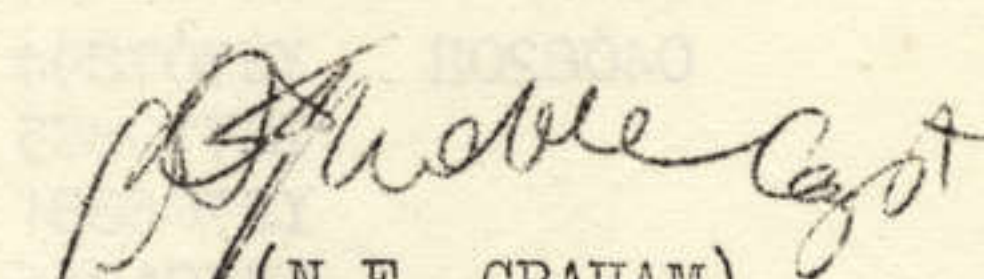
(1) Late Report (032150H) at YS452748, elements of 655 RF Coy contacted 8 VC with unknown results.

(2) (040906H) at YS712915 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(3) (040914H) at YS648935, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(4) (041129H) at YS717903 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed.

(5) (041139H) at YS712915 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Two military structures destroyed, three bunkers destroyed and two bunkers exposed.


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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A 3 TAC Fighter Wing
II FFORCE V 12 Cbt Avn Gp
MACV - J2 BIEN HOA TAC
MACV - CICV Advisory Team 48
RTAVF Sector S2
18 ARVN Div

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 338/69
dated 4 Dec 69.

1. An agent report received from LO PHUOC TUY Province states that on 011600H an unidentified coy of D440 (LF) Bn was located at YS430810. Report also stated that the coy was armed with two .30 cal MG's, four AR's, two LMG's, four B41's, five B40's and individual AK47's and CKC's. Evaluation: VN C- 3.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 338/69
dated 4 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
040800H	YS602937	5 to 6 bunkers, 2 cooking fires and galvanised iron.
040820H	YS705893	Fresh vehicle track on EAST-WEST track.
	YS700855	Fresh vehicle track on NORTH - SOUTH track.
	YS740884	Fresh footprints on NCRTH-SOUTH track.
	YS752857	Fresh footprints on NORTH-SOUTH track.
4 Dec 69	YS469528	A flat area surrounded by ridges containing wild rice, two wells and many tracks showing signs of recent use. A lean to cover was over what appeared to be an underground shelter in the creek bank. Bushrangers were called with the following results: 1 lean to destroyed, rice set on fire.
	YS466533	One well, wild rice in area and tracks in area.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
Late Report			040030H	YS281833	1 in open
032305H	YS265710	1 in open		YS281837	1 in open
	YS920985	1 on road	040200H	YS648725	1 on river
040001H	YS309806	4 in open		YS690275	1 on stream
	YS278806	2 in open		YS350790	1 on stream
	YS251807	5 in open		YS355829	3 in open
	YS326814	2 in open		YS343840	1 in open
040020H	YS283827	1 in open		YS342868	1 on stream

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
040820H	YS707894	Strong	C40820H	YS734888	Strong
	YS710885			YS733885	
	YS706881			YS724837	
	YS701866		040820H	YS717890	Minimum
	YS710868			YS714883	
	YS710858				
	YS710850				
	YS702840				
	YS706245				
	YS716892				
	YS714838				
	YS721881				
	YS727882				
	YS724846				

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2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Dec 69
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (041330H) At YS693914, 1/A/6 RAR located a tunnel entrance which had collapsed because of an a/s.

(b) (051130H) At YS674880, 2/V/6 RAR located 2 bunkers and the framework of a shelter. Bunkers were capable of holding 6-8 persons.

(c) (051400H) At YS658933-YS657930, D/6 RAR located a very old bunker system of approx 30 bunkers capable of holding 1-2 companies of men. Bunkers were connected by crawl trenches 3' deep, some with OHC. Crawl trenches had firing bays cut into them and many of the bunkers faced away from the creek. Last used approx 12 months ago. 5 RPG2 rounds were recovered.

(d) (051645H) At YS678878, 2/V/6 RAR located a N-S track used by approx 60 people approx 3 weeks ago, a broken branch on the side of this track pointed to 2 holes in the ground measuring 12" square by 6" deep. Possibly a mine marker.

(e) (051830H) In vic of YS623914, 3/W/6 RAR located a well used N-S track.

(2) AO GRACE.

(a) (050948H) At YS297852, 8/C/5 RAR contacted 5 enemy in a bunker system. After contact was broken it is believed that the enemy withdrew North West. A sweep of the area revealed 20 bunkers. A small quantity of rice was found on a track. Results: Enemy casualties unknown.

(b) (051230H) At YS290843, 9/C/5 RAR contacted one enemy in a bunker system who withdrew North. A sweep of the area revealed 6 bunkers. Recovered were: a small quantity of fresh bandages and a small quantity of documents (see also para 6 this INTSUM). Results: Enemy casualties unknown.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (051800H) At YS467734, elms of C/8 RAR located a suspected mine-field. Engineers are investigating. No further details available.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust inflicted - 1 VC

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in previous period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust inflicted - 1 VC

c-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Qty bandages, 5 RPG2 rounds.

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(3) Captured and destroyed Foodstuff.

CO-ORD TYPE QUANTITY DISPOSITION

YS297852 Rice Unknown Unknown

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 7 VC

(2)-(4) Omitted

(5) Individual weapons - 3

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice captured - 0.04 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. Booby Traps - 1 at YS674880.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Documents recovered from a bunker system at YS290843 by 9/C/5 RAR on 051230H identify K10/SR-4 (Hospital elm).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 338-69 Para 3. a. (1) (e) amend results to read "One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (blood trail) and a qty of documents CIA" and add "The body was recognised by a bushman scout as being a courier from LONG KHANH".

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (050910H) At YS668950, a/s on enemy base camp. Results: 1 bunker destroyed.

(2) (051100H) At YS304933, 199 LIB elms contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results. Friendly casualties - 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA.

(3) (051120H) At YS581593, a/s on enemy base camp. Results: 5 bunkers damaged, 1 secondary fire.

(4) (051230H) At YT680300, a civilian reported that a bus travelling from LONG KHANH to BINH THUI threw away 2 bags of rice weighing 220 lbs. 177 PF P1 is picking up the rice and investigating.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 339/69
DATED 5 DEC 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
051300H	YS776668	Bunkers
	YS795695	Bunkers
	YS798700	Bunkers
	YS821744	Garden being cultivated
051430H	YS581604	2 well camouflaged bunkers
	YS574583	A long green bomb shaped object lying alongside an E-W track.
051645H	YS646757	2-3 large disused bunkers, 1 hut and smaller bunkers
	YS643760	Tracks followed from YS646757 lead through these 2 points. They
	YS641749	were points of high track activity. Both could be camp areas.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
051000H	YS590917	Maximum
	YS591907	
	YS590950	
	YS620928	Strong
	YS624931	
	YS630932	
	YS610940	
	YS624903	

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1. Info received 051730H Dec 69 from BEARCAT. Eval: US - F3, 1 ATF F6. In vic of YS286826, elements of 274 Regt, approx 1000 men are located.
2. Info received from XUYEN MOC (041000H). At YS670710, 3 VC appeared and stopped wood cutters and warned them not to go to the SUOI SOC River. They were armed with 1 carbine, 1 KC rifle and 1 pistol.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 340/69.
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (061130H) At YS627923, 3/W/6 RAR located five 4 men bunkers with 2ft 6 inches of overhead cover. It is believed that the bunkers were occupied by 7 to 8 people until mid morning this morning.

(b) (061300H) At YS709910 3/A/6 RAR located a camp with tables, benches and sleeping accommodation for 30 to 40 people. The camp was last used 2 to 3 days ago by approx 30 people. Recovered were: documents, blackboard and M1 carbine metal work. Documents recovered indicate the area was used for sapper training in handling explosives.

(c) (061350H) At YS622904, Atk Pl 6 RAR located one body killed by GSW. KIAs have been credited to 1/W/6 RARs contact at 030835H Dec 69 at YS622904. (INTSUM 337/69, para 3. a. (2) (b) refers).

(2) AO GRACE.

(a) (061015H) At YS239819, D/5 RAR located 4 bunkers which were new and showed no sign of previous use. Also located in the area was a grave approx one week old. The person had been killed by H and I fire from Mortar Pl 5 RAR.

(b) (061250H) At YS236828 elements of D/5 RAR located a track used by 10 enemy approx 5 days ago.

(c) (061250H) At YS231821, elements of D/5 RAR located a track used by 3 enemy moving NORTH to SOUTH approx 3 days ago.

(d) (061410H) At YS300855, C/5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 3 bunkers with 3 ft OHC. The system had been occupied in the last 12 hours.

(e) (061910H) At YS208814, elements of 3 Cav Regt contacted 3 VC moving NORTH in a sampan. Results: One VC KIA (BC), two VC KIA (Poss) and one sampan sunk.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

c-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - Metal work of M1 carbine.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. One sampan, 24 claymor stands, one mallett, a quantity of scrap metal, one bottle turpentine, one black shirt, a quantity of green plastic, one 10" vice, one small claw hammer, one adjustable hacksaw, 62 hacksaw blades, one emery wheel, one triangular file, one flat file, one drill with 13 bits, one reamer, one generator part, one forge, 12 claymore bands, one Chicom anti-tank grenade, one bottle perfume, 200 rounds of 7.62mm link belt, 420 rounds of 7.62mm ball ammunition and one black-board.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS678953	salt	5 lbs	unknown
	rice	300 lbs	unknown

f. Cumulative Totals For Month Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 10 VC

(2) PW - Nil

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 4

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured - 0.19 tons

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9,10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 339/69 Para 3. a. (2) (b), delete all reference. Entry should read: (051230H) At YS290843, 9/C/5 RAR contacted one enemy in a bunker system consisting of 7 bunkers and one cookhouse. The enemy withdrew NORTH when contacted. While investigating the bunker system the enemy was again contacted, during the follow up 9/C/5 RAR located another 33 bunkers. Recovered from the two complexes were: 24 claymore frames, 1 mallett, scrap metal, 1 bottle of turpentine, 1 black shirt, quantity of green plastic, quantity of documents (see also para 6 this INTSUM), a quantity of various used medical supplies, 1 X 10" vice, 1 X small claw hammer, 1 X adjustable hacksaw, 62 X hacksaw blades, 1 emery wheel, 1 triangular file, 1 flat file, 1 drill with 13 bits, 1 reamer, 1 generator part, 1 forge, 12 claymore bands, 1 Chicom anti-tank grenade, 1 bottle of perfume, 200 rounds of 7.62 link belt ammunition and 420 rounds of 7.62 ball ammunition. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, negative friendly casualties. Bunkers have been destroyed.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (060910H) At YT698062, elements of 199 LIB contacted 2 enemy. Results: 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK 47 captured and 1 US WIA.
- (2) (060921H) At YS634951 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 3 weapon pits destroyed.
- (3) (062045H) At YS430597, I and R Pl contacted an estimated VC squad. Enemy were trying to enter the hamlet from the NORTH, when contacted the enemy withdrew SOUTH. Results: enemy casualties unknown, negative friendly casualties.

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- ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 340/69
dated 6 Dec 69.

1. An agent report received from 3rd Bn 525th Military Intelligence Group BEARCAT states that U/I elements of 274 Regt (approx 1000 troops) were located the vicinity of the SUOI DA stream (YS286826). Evaluation: US - F-3.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 340/69
dated 6 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
061050H	YS463534	A bunker or hut approx 10' X 10' X 5' built of stone on top of a hill.
	YS455534	An extension of a previously airstruck camp consisting of 6 bunkers, tables and a small hut.
	YS462551 to YS452535	A well used track parallel to fire trail then into camp at YS455534.
061055H	YS693795	Two persons moving NORTH.
061500H	YS647609	Two full sand bags near an old bunker. No fresh signs in area.
	YS640616	One bunker, one bamboo table, chairs, a full water container on the table and a pack with green plastic wrapped around it. A second bunker was located 20 metres to the NORTH. The area had a heavy track leading into it from the WEST.
061505H	YS526883	Two bunkers, one table, one small hut, one packing case and one full water container. The area appeared to be in current use and had a well used EAST - WEST track through the camp.
6 Dec 69	YS742845	Tracks of a small group of people.
	YS750850	Tracks of a small group of people.
	YS751852	Tracks of a small group of people.
	YS750869	Three small hootchies, with light movement through the area to the NORTH WEST.
	YS768820	Two bunkers.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
060210H	YS639952	One in woods.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
Late Report 032105H.	YS270875	1 on road

5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 341/69.
- 2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Dec 69.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were six contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

(a) (070440H) at YS216803 3/B/3 Cav Regt contacted three enemy (Poss more) in a motorised sampan. Results: Two enemy KIA(BC), one enemy KIA(Poss) and one sampan sunk.

(b) (070810H) at YS277852 elements of 5 RAR located four bunkers alongside a river. Items recovered: qty CHICOM safety fuse, 50 CHICOM electrical detonators. A previously booby trapped empty rice cache was also located.

(c) (071133H) at YS229823 5/B/5 RAR and elements of B/1 Armd Regt contacted approx ten enemy in bunkers. Results: three enemy KIA(BC) and one Aust KIA.

(d) (071500H) at YS231821 elements of B/3 Cav Regt located two bunkers, one partially completed, and one well under construction, last used approx seven hours ago. Items recovered: small qty detonator cord and cooking utensils.

(e) (071643H) at YS225830 6/B/5 RAR located a 900 lb rice cache on a log platform. Cache was destroyed.

(f) (071900H) at YS254842 elements of B/5 RAR located four bunkers in bamboo cover with 3ft over head cover.

(2) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (070902H) at YS733947 2/V/6 RAR contacted one VC. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one AK50, one pack and documents CIA.

(b) (071150H) at YS729937 6/3/6 RAR located tracks of a coy size force moving NORTHEAST. Tracks made within last two days.

(c) (071210H) at YS724946 6/B/6 RAR contacted two VC. Results: Two VC KIA(BC) and one AK47, one AK50, two packs and one transistor radio CIA.

(d) (071400H) at YS711908 1/A/6 RAR located a base camp consisting of a cave in a large rocky outcrop and a working area to the EAST of the cave.

(e) (071505H) at YS626928 2/W/6 RAR contacted two to three VC. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one VC WIA(blood trail) and one M1 carbine CIA.

(f) (071530H) at YS703907 3/A/6 RAR located a base camp near a creek, camp consisted of ten fighting pits and three small tables. Items recovered: 3 x 57 RCL rounds, two heat rounds (NFI) and one cannister (NFI)

(g) (071840H) at YS721944 6/B/6 RAR contacted one VC. Results: One VC KIA(BC) and one AK50, qty documents and a large pack CIA.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) US Inflicted Nil.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 10 VC.
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted - Nil.

b.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 5.
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - 3 x AK50, 1 x AK47 and 1 x M1 carbine.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: Documents, packs and transistor radio.
- (b) Destroyed: Qty CHICOM safety fuse, 50 x CHICOM electrical detonators, detonation cord, cooking utensils, three small tables, 5 x 57 RCL rounds, 2 x heat rounds, one cannister and one sampan.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
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YS225830	Rice	900 lbs	Destroyed.
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(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
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071643H	6 RAR	YS225830	900 lbs rice destroyed.
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f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 20 VC.
- (2) PW - Nil.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 9.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil.
- (7) Rice Captured 0.64 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
070840H	YS500564	60mm mortar bomb (booby trap)	One Aust WIA.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents recovered from a bunker at YS647933 by D/6 RAR on 3 Dec 69 contain a personal history statement of PHAM VAN KHA a section Commander of the Province MILPO.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS. Reference INTSUM 340/69 Annex C. Delete all detail (duplicate report).

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) LATE REPORT (061825H) at YS2093 FSPB GREY was hit by 5 x 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 17 US WIA. Approx two kilometres to the SOUTH a US night position received 20 rounds resulting in three US WIA.

(2) (070908H) at YS523883 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy camp. Results; two bunkers damaged, one table destroyed, cooking utensils and domestic items scattered in area.

(3) (071304H) at YS455534 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy camp. Results: two secondary explosions.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 341/69
dated 7 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce.

DTG Location Sighting.

070840H YS478506 Logs 6-8ft long located lying on ground as if covering a bunker. Pilot was not able to verify if a bunker was underneath. Ground around logs well used and a cold fire place was sighted 8ft away.

YS481505 Another covering made of thin sticks entwined together appears to be hiding another bunker. Fresh grass has been placed over the cover. A cave 50m to the EAST has several large logs forming an "A" frame at the entrance.

7 Dec 69 YS542879 15 bunkers in good condition, show signs of recent use. A well worn foot track recently used leading from the camp in a Southerly direction.

YS541879 Track from YS542879 leads through a camp of approx four bunkers and continues SOUTH-WEST along a ridge.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

DTG Location Readout

071800H YS649915 One in open.

071834H YS265930 One on road.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 342/69.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) (080800H) At YS229823 elements of B/5 RAR destroyed a base camp consisting of 9 bunkers and 1 well, that was located on 071133H. Cooking utensils were found in the camp.
- (b) (081130H) At YS236821 4/B/5 RAR contacted 1-2 enemy in a base camp consisting of 11 bunkers, 1 well and 1 pit. Results: enemy casualties unknown, base camp to be destroyed by tanks. Items recovered: 1 pack, 2 CHICOM grenades, 5lbs rice and assorted clothing. An hour later at YS234811 11/D/5 RAR contacted 2 VC who possibly came from the 4 platoon contact area. Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 4 mags, 20 loose rounds, pack, a diary, 1 unposted letter, 3 sets of clothing and 1 lb salt, CIA.

(2) AO GULLIVER.

- (a) (080930H) At YS624928 2/W/6 RAR located a base camp consisting of 5 new bunkers, 1 old bunker, one 6x6 canvas tent, 1 lightweight tent situated alongside a river. Items recovered: male and female clothing, ammunition, small qty rice and other food, writing eqpt and a qty of docs.
- (b) (081130H) At YS712914 3/A/6 RAR located a base camp consisting of 4 bunkers and a kitchen. Items recovered: 1 grenade and a qty cooking utensils.
- (c) (081230H) At YS718896 1/V/6 RAR located an off-loading point where horse transportation has been used. Area appears to be used regularly and last used approx 5 days ago. Tracks lead from this point to the NORTH and to the EAST.
- (d) (081530H) At YS741889 10/D/6 RAR contacted 2 VC who withdrew NORTHWEST. A follow up revealed a blood trail 200 metres from the contact area and a cache was also located. Contents of cache not yet known. Result: 1 VC WIA (BT).

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTC</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
080330H	YS327810	Not known	Light intermittent	Not known	Not known	Not known
081030H	YS455534	Not known	Automatic wpns	Neg hits	A/s to include base camp in area.	4 KBA(poss)

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) US inflicted - Nil
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 NVA, 1 VC
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted - 1 VC.

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4. b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1
- (b) Crew served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - 1xAK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: 2 packs, 4 mags, small qty ammunition, documents and writing eqpt and 3 grenades.
- (b) Destroyed: Small qty rice and food cooking utensils. 6x6 tent, lightweight tent and clothing.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
YS229823	Food (NFI)	Unknown	Destroyed
YS236821	Rice	5 lbs	Destroyed
YS234811	Salt	1 lb	Destroyed
YS624928	Rice and food	Unknown	Destroyed.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>COMMENT/CONTENTS</u>
081530H	10/D/6 RAR	vic YS741889	See para 3.a.(2)(d).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 21 VC
- (2) PW - Nil
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 10
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.64 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES 2xM16 vic YS655665 by 236 RF Coy.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
081149H	YS620832	3 mines type unknown	2 Aust KIA, 3 Aust WIA and 1 APC destroyed. 1 aircraft was rendered unserviceable by mine when attempting to land in area.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9.10. Omitted.

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11. Miscellaneous.

- a. Omitted.
b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM No 341/69. Para 3.a.(1)(b) amend number of bunkers to read five.

Para 3.a.(2)(b) amend unit to read 6/B/6 RAR.

Para 11.f.(1) delete 17 US WIA and 3 US WIA, insert 17 THAI's WIA and 3 THAI's WIA.

- c.-e. Omitted.
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report (071930H) At YS462575 elements of 701 RF Coy contacted 3-4 VC. Results: friendly casualties nil, enemy casualties unknown.

(2) Late report (072105H) DUC THANH Sub-Sector reports that VC (number unknown) were sighted at YS464797, YS467795 and YS463795.

(3) (080900H) At YS622623 RAAF Bushranger A/C engaged 3 VC. Results: 1 VC KBA (BC), 1 KBA (poss), packs and rice scattered in area.

(4) (080915H) At YS640616 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 1 large bunker destroyed, 3 tunnel entrances exposed and clothing scattered in area.

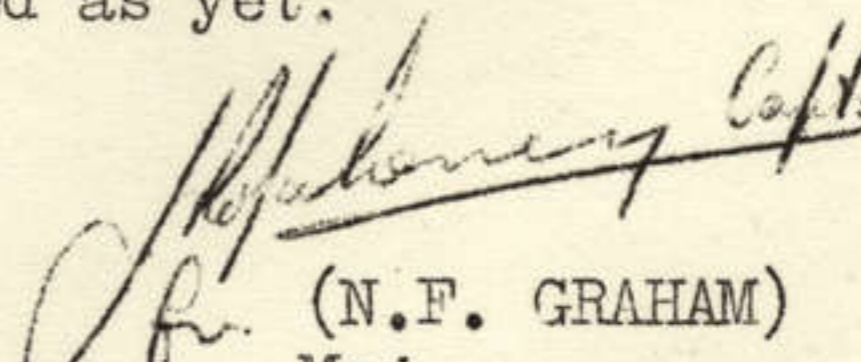
(5) (081133H) At YS455534 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. (See also para 3.b.(1) above). Results: 4 KBA (poss).

(6) (081145H) At YS281569 elements of 637 RF Coy sighted and engaged 4 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and 1 AK47 CIA.

(7) (081239H) At YS740887 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. BDA to be done by ground troops.

(8) Late report (072045H) 1 Fd Sqn reports that 9 flares have been removed from the southern side of the DAT DO mine field on night 6/7 Dec 69.

(9) (082035H) At YS2085 FSPB INDLGO received 2-3 incoming rounds (NFI). Casualty figures have not been received as yet.


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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 342/69
dated 8 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
081230H	YS556718	Base camp, later engaged by arty. The target received good coverage but there was no visible damage.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
080250H	YS340860	1 in open.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 343-69
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Dec 69
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GULLIVER

(a) (090930H) At YS726890, 2/V/6 RAR located a camp of 3 bunkers and 1 cookhouse capable of holding a company of men. Last used approx 30 minutes prior to 2 Pl's entry. 1 Grave approx 6 months old was also found. Items recovered: Quantity of hand tools, cooking utensils, 6 Chicom grenades, 1xM72, 3 electrical leads and 1x82mm mor round.

(b) (091050H) At YS716887, 3/V/6 RAR located an old training camp, not occupied for at least 2 months.

(c) (091100H) At YS719906, 1/A/6 RAR located a camp of 13 bunkers and 15 bamboo huts last occupied 3-4 days ago by a small group. Camp is capable of holding approx 40 persons, a small quantity of documents was recovered.

(d) (091200H) At YS633940, 2/W/6 RAR located a bunker system of 4 new bunkers, 1 half completed bunker and 1 cookhouse, last used approx 48 hours ago. System is capable of holding a section plus sized force.

Items recovered: 1 Chicom claymore, 1 axe, 1 empty ammunition box and a small quantity of documents.

(e) (091330) At YS721927, 4/B/6 RAR located a camp hospital of 30 bunkers 16'x10', 2 operating tables, 2 huts, 1 lecture area, stools and tables for 100 persons, comms trenches and 1 large kitchen. Last used by a caretaker party in last 24 hrs and as a hospital 5-6 days ago. Capable of holding 200 plus persons. Items recovered: Digging equipment, qty med equipment and supplies, 1 bolt action "MAS 36" rifle, small qty docus (see Para 6 a this INTSUM).

(f) (091520H) At YS732898, D/6 RAR contacted 2 MF enemy who withdrew NE then NW with unknown results. A sweep of the area revealed a cache inside a natural cave at the top of a re enterant. Items recovered: 1 Chicom flare pistol 1952, 1 entrenching tool, 7 telephones, 5 telephone handsets, 2 radio sets type 9A or 10 sets, 14 RPG2 rds, 6 ATK mines (French or Russian), 400 Chicom grenades, 1 barrel of a Chicom Burp gun, 1 SKS, 1 Garand, 1 Schmeisser, 1 SMG and 4 full magazines (poss 9mm), 1 long and 1 short radio antennae, 2 mor sights, assorted mor fittings and spanners, 12x60mm mor rds, 30x60mm mor fuses, 3 ft of 30 cal M6 link, 10 ft of 7.62mm Chicom MG link, 2 return springs and 1 bolt.

(g) (090830H) At YS714906, 1/A/6 RAR located a camp of 5 bunkers and 20 hoochie spaces. Camp is capable of holding a pl of men.

(h) (091045H) At YS723930, 6/B/6 RAR located 6 bunkers, a water point and an empty cache. Last used approx 1 week ago. Items recovered: Small qty of documents, medical gear and a guitar.

(i) (091330H) At YS722929-722928, 6/B/6 RAR located a camp of 12 bunkers, a water point and an empty food cache. Last used 1-2 weeks ago and is capable of holding approx 1 company of men. Items recovered: Small qty of documents and medical gear.

(2) AO GRACE

(a) (091140H) At YS303793, Atk Pl 5 RAR contacted 4 enemy moving East who withdrew East and West. Results: 1 en KIA (poss) (drag marks).

(b) (091450H) At YS228833, elms of 5 RAR located a bunker system of 7 bunkers intact and 1 bunker collapsed. Last used approx 24 hours ago.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire

DTG	CO-ORD	ALT	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULT
1130H	YS4753	Unk	Unk	Unk	Returned fire with org wpns	Unk

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(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 7

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - M72, MAS 36 rifle, Chicom Flare pistol, 1 SKS, 1 Garand
1 Schmiesser, 1 SMG.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured. Qty of hand tools: cooking utensils, 6 Chicom gren, 3 electrical leads, 1x82mm mor rd, 1 Chicom claymore, 1 axe, 1 empty ammo box, qty docs, digging eqpt, 118 bottles of half million units of "PARICAN", half a pint of alcohol, 100 bottles of one million units of potassium penicillin, 1000 assorted empty phials, qty of empty bottles, 1 glass syringe, guitar, 1 entrenching tool, 7 telephones, 5 telephone handsets, 2 radio sets type 9A or 10, 14 RPG2 rds, 6 ATK mines, 400 Chicom gren, 1 barrel off Chicom Burp gun, 4 SMG mags, 1 long and 1 short radio antennae, 2 mor sights, assorted mor fittings and spanners, 12x60mm mor rds, 30x60mm fuses, 3 ft of 30 cal M6 link, 2 return springs, 1 bolt and 10 ft of 7.62mm Chicom MG link.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
1345H	W/6 RAR	YS633941	2xM2 magazines, 100 lbs of unk type food, 10 sheets of lightweight shelters, 1 US torch, 2 lb tobacco and 20 lbs green food poss beans
1520H	D/6 RAR	YS732898	See para 3 a (1) f.
1330H	6/B/6 RAR	YS722929- 722928	Empty
1045H	6/B/6 RAR	YS723930	Empty

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 1 NVA, 21 VC

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual weapons - 17

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice captured 0.64 tons.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

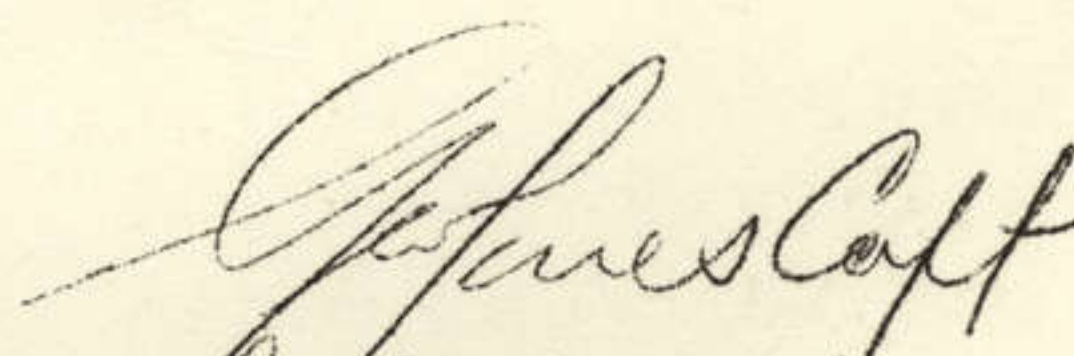
a. Documents recovered at YS721927 on 091330H Dec 69 by 4/B/6 RAR identifies K76 A/84 RSG (medical elm).

b. Docus taken from a body following an engagement at YS622623 on 8 Dec 69 by BUSHRANGER ac of 9 Sqn RAAF identify the XUYEN MOC District Unit. The docus consisted of a number of personal history statements, a nominal roll and a New Year greeting card for 1969. They were of no tactical value.

c. Docus taken from a body following a contact by B/6 RAR at YS731947 on 7 Dec 69 suggest that the VC KIA was probably a province postman/courier. The docus award certificate for NGUYEN VAN HANH of the Admin Sect of BA LONG Province Committee, a diary of a soldier belonging to 33 NVA Regt, a personal letter from MUOI CHI of BA LONG Province Security Section to CHIN THANH of the Propaganda Section HQ BA LONG Province. There are however a subsistence receipt and a course report for HANH suggesting he may have been the VC KIA.

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7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 2 Nov 69.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 342-69 para 11. f. (8) delete and insert "Late Report (072045H) At YS4367; 1 Fd Sqn reports that 9 flares were removed on the night 6/7 Dec 69".
 - (2) Reference INTSUM No 342-69 para 11. f. (9) delete last sentence and insert "There were neg friendly casualties."
 - c-e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (090830H) A Chieu Hoi in 18 ARVN Div location states there is an underground hospital complex with a staff of approx 150 including nurses and doctors somewhere to the East of th MAY TAO's. Believed to be at least 50 NVA wounded in this hospital.
 - (2) (090900H) At YS641619, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: 3 large bunkers destroyed, sheets of corrugated iron scattered in area.
 - (3) (090920H) At YS642616, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: 2 Tunnel entrances and 1 structure damaged.
 - (4) (090930H) At YS288948, elms of 199 LIB sighted and engaged 3 enemy who withdrew North with unknown results.


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1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
091030H	YS448537	3 bunkers, 1 person inside a bunker, clothing on ground beside bunker. Fresh track activity here and 100m to the NE and SW. An A/S was called in at 1220H resulting in 1 bunker exposed.
091225H	YS575690	Camp of 4 bunkers. 1 Quite large and 2 shell scrapes with fresh diggings sighted in area. Fresh track leading into a thick clump of bamboo.
091520H	53E-SONG RAI COAST - 58N	Fresh track activity on existing plotted tracks.
9 Dec 69	YS763655	2 Bunkers, 1 old hut frame work, a low structure with poss bunker underneath
	YS771662	A poncho or blanket over a stick in open area
	YS791679	Footprints of 3-4 persons made in last couple of days
	YS772667	3 Tunnel entrances approx 70m West of previously A/S camp
	YS771662	A pack or green plastic round a bundle in centre of paddy with track running NE-SW string across paddy nearby

2. Photo Interpretation Reports.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
28 Nov 69	YS347694	At least 8 weapon pits

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 344.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (101305H) At YS732898 in addition to items mentioned in INTSUM No 343/69. Para 3a(1)(f) the following items were located. 16 French or Russian Atk Mines, 2100 CHICOM stick grenades, 90 Atk stick grenades 33 friction ignited Bangalore torpedoes, 6 SKS, 1 SMG, 20x75mm RCL rounds, 1x75mm RCL mounting, 3x60mm mortar rounds, 1x60mm mortar WP round, 1x60mm mortar, 12xCHICOM claymore frames, 22 boxes anti boat mines complete with primers, detonators and instructions; 1xRPG launcher less trigger housing, 2 prs flame proof mittens, 2 gals oil, 640 CHICOM 9mm rounds, 1x82mm mortar barrel and 8 unknown type magazines.

(b) (101100H) At YS729899 10/D/6 RAR located a cache on a 8'x6'x2' platform off the ground and enclosed in a wire cage. It consisted of 70lb tea, 15lb salt, 1 sewing machine, 1 US M1 rifle and many yards of plastic.

(c) (101420H) At YS727894 11/D/6 RAR located a cache on a 6'x4' stand 2' off the ground with wire sides and a hoochie on top. It consisted of 80lbs salt, 2 cwt dried peas, 20lbs plastic, 13 cooking items and 1 box of electrical dets.

(d) (101500H) At YS719917 3/A/6 RAR located a camp with tables, chairs and frame work of a hut. It was last occupied 6 months ago.

(2) AO GRACE.

(a) (100800H) At YS271846 elms of 5 RAR located a complex of 5 bunkers with 3' OHC last occupied by a caretaker group prior to 7 Dec.

(b) (101420H) At YS273834 elms of 5 RAR located a system of 6 bunkers with 3' CHX last occupied within a month.

(3) AO ASHGROVE.

(a) (101400H) At YS443894 D/8 RAR located 2 bunkers and 1 tunnel last used over 12 months ago.

(b) (101430H) At YS443894 11/D/8 RAR sighted one enemy.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (101845H) At YS437668 elms of 1 Fd Sqn RAE located a Claymore pointing in the direction of their clearing patrol route.

(b) (100900H) At YS533590 elms of 17 Const Sqn located tracks of 3 persons walking and crawling towards land clearing cut for 1000m.

b. Air Activity.

(1)- Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 8.

(b) Crew Served - 1.

(c) Break-down - 1 x M1, 6xSKS, 1xSMG, 1x60mm mortar.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 16 Atk mines, 2100 CHICOM grenades, 90 Atk grenade
33 bangalore torpedoes, 20x75mm rds, 1x75mm RCL mounting, 3x60mm mortar
rounds, 1x60mm mortar WP round, 12xCHICOM Claymore frames, 22 boxes
anti-boat mines, 2 flame proof mittens, 1x2 gal tim oil, 640x9mm
rounds, sewing machine, plastic, cooking items, electrical dets.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS729899	Tea	70lbs	destroyed
	Salt	15lbs	destroyed
YS727894	Salt	80lbs	destroyed
	Dried Peas	224lbs	destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
101100H	D/6 RAR	YS729899	70lbs tea, 15lbs salt, sewing machine, M1 rifle. plastic.
101420H	D/6 RAR	YS727894	80lbs salt, 2 cwt dried peas, 20lbs plastic, 13 cooking items, box electrical dets.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 1 x NVA, 25 x VC.

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 23.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured - 0.64 tons.

(8)&(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps. AP Mines. YS538584 - M16.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from a VC KIA by W/6 RAR at YS626928 on 7 Dec 69 probably
identify LAM SON HAI of the Balong Province Propaganda Culture and Education
Section. The docus containing award certificates and personal letters for HAI
are of no tactical value.

b. Docus recovered from a camp at YS624929 by 2/W/6 RAR on 8 Dec 69 identify
the Propaganda and Culture Section of Balong Province HQ.

S2 Comment. The VC KIA was one of two or three contacted by W/6 RAR and they
had probably only just abandoned the camp (sub-para b above when contacted).

c. Docus taken from a VC KIA by B/6 RAR at YS733947 on 7 Dec 69 identify
NGO THANH LONG of the Balong Province Base Recce Unit. LONG was promoted Sect
Comd on 1 Aug 69.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated
24 Nov 69.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

(1) Ref INTSUM No 342/69 of 8 Dec 69.

(a) Amend Para 4a(2) to read - 1 NVA, 5 VC.

(b) Amend Para 4f(1) total to read - 1 NVA 25 VC.

(c) Amend INTSUM 343/69 total accordingly.

(2) Ref INTSUM No 344/69 of 9 Dec 69 ANNEX E. Amend 2 to read 2 weapon pits.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (100900H) At YS447537 an airstrike resulted in 2 KBA possible, 1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed and damaged, 1 cache exposed, 1 table destroyed, clothing, 1 pack and cooking utensils scattered about camp.

(2) (101000H) At YS712811 an airstrike resulted in 2 bunkers destroyed.

(3) (10 Dec) At YS712815 an airstrike resulted in a 20'x10' galvanized iron structure heavily damaged.

(4) (101825H) At YS119995 8 rounds 82mm mortar fire impacted. Results: 2 civs killed.

(5) (101900H) LONG BINH was hit by 107mm rockets.

(6) (101940H) At YS442499 VN from MIKE Force and MSS were shot by VC whilst riding a bicycle. Results: 2 VN KIA, 1 RF on leave from XUYEN MOC WIA.

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ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 344/69
DATED 10 DEC 69

RALLIER: TRAN NGOC AN
POR: LONG LE Police
DOR: 7 Dec 69
WPN: M1 Carbine.

Exploited Information

1. a. CHAU DUC District Committee

Secretary NAM TIEN
Assistant Secretary NAM THANH
Doctor HAI THUC

b. CHAU DUC COAC Unit (C41)

Comd & PO TU HIEN 40yrs L. PHUOC
2IC&APO BA LUONG 26yrs
Doctor CHIN THANG

(1) Med Sect.

Comd Dr CHIN THANG
2IC BA LOI CVN
Adjt HAI Y
Medic BA HUNG 26yrs L DIEN
Nurse THI BONG 19yrs L PHUOC
Civ Workers HAI LONG SAIGON
TU SAC BINH DINH
HOANG 19yrs HOA LONG
DUC 20yrs QUANG NGAI
PHUOC 22yrs

(2) Ordnance.

Comd TU CHONG
2IC HAI MINH
Member CHIEN
TAM
HAI

(3) Postal.

Comd BA MOI
2IC BAO
Member CONG
THI VAN
THI HA
LAP
THANG L PHUOC

2. Location District Committee and C41.

- a. 9 Nov YS375765
b. 9 Nov - 5 Dec YS344715
c. 5 Dec Base camp in the BAO QUAN Hills YS336678.

3. Task for Winter Campaign.

To liberate Route 2 from GAM MY to BARIA City. They were to use base camp as their operations base.

4. Food Resupply.

The main body entry/exit points for food for CHAU DUC now are:

- a. DUC MY Hamlet and BINH BA Village.
b. THAI THIEN.

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c. HOA LONG.

DUC MY is used most because of ease of entrance.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 344/69
DATED 10 DEC 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
101020H	YS259753	3 x ox carts, 6x oxen, 4-5 people.
101545H	YS346658	Poss camp at YS346658, well trodden ground under canopy and possible hut.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
100740H	YS303819	1 in open
	YS310847	1 on trail
	YS301880	1 near trail
	YS305883	1 in open
100920H	YS455558	1 on trail

4.-5. Omitted.

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1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 345.

2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GULLIVER

(a) Late Report (101115H) At YS721927 B/6RAR located 1 M1 carbine in good condition.

(b) Late Report (101130H) At YS717921 5/B/6RAR located a hospital complex that had been hit by air and arty in the last few days. The complex consists of 12 useable bunkers capable of holding 6-8 persons, 8 bunkers unuseable, 11 shelters with tables and chairs and 7 dug-in kitchens. Items recovered: large qty of medical supplies and syringes, qty of clothing, qty of digging tools and a small qty of rice.

(c) Late Report (101530H) At YS727897 11/D/6RAR located a base camp consisting of 6 bunkers and a kitchen which appears to have been used as a QM complex. Items recovered: medical gear, rice (qty unknown), qty cooking utensils, 1 anti-tank grenade, 2 lbs explosives, 2 x 75 mm rounds, 3 x M1 mags, 10 x .45 rds, miners torch, sewing machine, tables and chairs, stove, mirrors, purse, qty electrical wire, 2 machettes, 2 entrenching tools, 1 shovel, 1 RPG2 cleaning rod, 1 cross cut saw and 1 bow saw.

(d) (111030H) At YS733897 10/D/6RAR located a two man sentry post and recovered 1 CHICOM claymore complete with stand, detonator and 40 metres of electrical circuit wire.

(e) (111110H) At YS733898 12/D/6RAR were fired on by 2-3 VC as they approached a bunker system. Results: 1 Aust KIA and 1 Aust WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

(f) (111155H) At YS731888 3/V/6RAR located a hospital complex consisting of 1 operating theatre, 1 cook house, 21 bunkers, comms trenches and fighting pits. Items recovered: Small qty of phials containing clear type plasma and 1 book of poems.

(2) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (111002H) At YS444896 D/8RAR located a grave approx 7 days old containing a body with right leg blown off. 2 pits with 5' OHC and a hoochie were located nearby.

(b) (111620H) At YS440891 12/D/8RAR found 2 SKS's, 1 shotgun, assorted AK47 rounds and propaganda leaflets. A weapon pit and hoochie space was also located at YS434896.

(c) (111800H) At YS427895 10/D/8RAR contacted 2 VC with negative results.

(d) (111930H) At YS435897 11/D/8RAR located an extensive but old bunker system.

(e) (112111H) At YS419830 a light sighted moving NORTH to SOUTH was engaged by arty with unknown results.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (110230H) At YS500595 1 Fd Sqn Mine Clearing Team received 10 rounds of 82 mm mortar fire. Mortars appear to have come from within DAT DO. Neg friendly casualties or damage.

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(b) (110905H) At YS437668 a 1 Fd Sqn Clearing ptl located another claymore at the base of the tree where a previous claymore was found. (See INTSUM No 344/69 para 3a(4)(a)). Several large nails were scattered in area. Probably put there to confuse readings on mine detector.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
110730H	YS345609	Unk	Automatic fire	Neg hits	No response	Unk
111800H	YS470535	Unk	Unk	Downed but able to get airborne again	Unk	Unk

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC (KB Air).
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted - 2 VC.

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.

c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

- (1) 107mm Rockets - 3
- (2) 122mm Rockets - Nil
- (3) 82mm Mortar - 45
- (4) 60mm Mortar - 10
- (5) RPG 2 - 2
- (6) RPG 7 - 1

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 4
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - 1 M1, 2 SKS's and 1 shotgun.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: Med eqpt, grenade, 2 lbs HE, 2 x 75mm rds, purse, 2 x machettes, 1 claymore, book of poems, propaganda leaflets.
- (b) Destroyed: 3 mags, assorted rounds, sewing machine, tables, chairs, mirrors, tools, clothing.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS727897	Rice	Unk	Unk
YS717921	Rice	Unk	Unk

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 29 VC.
- (2) PW - Nil
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 25
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.64 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents

(1) Interdictions

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
110630H	YS346611	QL15	Road block about 50 metres long consisting of mounds.
110630H	YS508547	TL44	Road block consisting of concertina wire covered with straw. Appeared to have a message attached to it.
110823H	YS470573	326	Road block (NFI).
110823H	YS471572	326	" "
110823H	YS472572	326	" "
110832H	YS474572	326	" "

(2) Incidents.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
110630H	YS345611	QL15	Road blown.
110730H	YS349611	QL15	Culvert blown.

b. Omitted.

6:7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9. Conclusions.

(1) Attacks in DAT DO District were probably launched by elements of D445 Bn and C25 unit from the area of the LONG HAI hills. Most were aimed at RF/PF posts in accordance with known VC intentions to disrupt the pacification programme and to re-establish their authority in the populated areas. At BINH BA the attack was probably carried out by an element of D440 Bn assisted by local guerillas.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM No. 344/69: Para 3a(1)(b) delete word "mounting" after 75mm RCL. Para 4.c.(1)(c) Include 1 x 75mm RCL and 1 x 82mm mortar. Para 3.a.(2)(a) Amend number of bunkers to read 11. Para 4.f.(b) Amend total to read 3.

Ref INTSUM No. 343/69: Para 3.a.(1)(f) Delete 1 garand and 1 Schneisser. Amend INTSUM 343 and 344/69 totals accordingly.

c.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (110005H) At YS402608 32 x 82mm mortar rounds were fired into the VAN KIEP Trg Centre and helipad. The rounds were fired by two mortars from the vic YS385634. Results: 2 KIA, 4 seriously WIA and 10 slightly WIA.

(2) (110007H) At YS436593 an unknown group of enemy fired on the RDC perimeter with RPG and SA. Negative results.

(3) (110016H) At LONG DIEN a total of 6 107mm rockets and 82mm mortars landed at YS431582 and YS413594. It is suspected that the sounds were fired from the NUI DA DUNG feature in the vic YS4455. Friendly casualties not known at time of reporting.

(4) (110030H) At YS513527 6 VC infiltrated HAI LOC hamlet of PHUOC HAI village and captured and killed a Police agent. Enemy then withdrew WEST. Results: 1 civilian KIA.

(5) (110100H) At YS420636 6 x 60mm mortar rounds were fired at the HOA LONG District compound. Four rounds landed in the perimeter wire at approx YS419637 and two rounds landed on the road at YS418637. From reports received within HOA LONG it is suspected that the rounds were fired from AP BAC hamlet in the vicinity of YS424644 and that the 60mm mortar tube is still in AP BAC.

(6) (110230H) At YS489587 189 RF Coy Compound received SA, RPG and automatic wpn fire from an unknown number of enemy. Fire was returned and supporting fire was given by ARVN arty. Results: 1 RF WIA, VC casualties unknown.

(7) (110200H) At YS453735 - YS453738 2 groups of VC (approx 1 coy) entered BINH BA where they contacted a platoon of 655 RF Coy. The VC broke contact and then went to the houses of VC families to collect rice and spread propaganda. At 0500H they laid mines and bangalores in two bunkers on the EAST of the hamlet and fired a B41 round at the Vietnamese Information Service (VIS) building. Results: Friendly casualties nil, VC casualties unknown. 2 bunkers destroyed and 50% damage to the VIS office.

(8) (110810H) At YS833743 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One 10' x 8' structure destroyed and two 20' x 15' structures damaged.

(9) (110920H) At YS768820 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 4 bunkers exposed and 2 bunkers damaged.

(10) (111300H) Targets at YS501813 and YS545825 were engaged by 155's. Results: 1st target: 3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged and 2 structures destroyed. 2nd target: 3 bunkers destroyed.

(11) (111300H) At YS470535 elements of 124 RF Coy, US forces and B/1 Armd Regt contacted an unknown number of enemy (poss in a bunker system) after an airstrike had been put in the area. Another A/S was conducted at 111600H. 124 RF Coy re-entered the contact area and were again engaged by VC. At approx 1800H the contact was broken and RF withdrew to an NDP. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 2 VC KIA (observed by ground forces), 3 VC KB air, 2 VC KIA (Poss) and 2 RPG's with 2 B40 rounds CIA.

(12) (112040H) At YS490592 RDC Team 9 contacted an estimated VC platoon moving EAST to WEST with unknown results.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 345/69
dated 11 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce
- | <u>DTG</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Sighting</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Late Report
101700H | YS5053 | Heavy foot traffic no more than two days old. |
| 111115H | YS602580 | Fresh tracks of 2-3 people heading NORTH from beach into scrub. |
| 111115H | YS658853 | Poss a bunker under a dead tree. Track activity in area is fresh. |
| 111115H | YS639587 | Heavy track activity in area. Fresh footprints near what appears to be a water point. |
| 111115H | YS638585 | Double entrance bunker on ridge top. This was the only bunker seen but track activity suggests that there may be a camp. |
| 111600H | YS355722 | Bamboo area with well trodden surface underneath. Tracks leading into area suggests a poss camp site. |
| 111600H | YS341732 | Track and river crossing. Track was followed NORTH along river for 150-200 yds but was lost in thick canopy. |
- 2.5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 346/69.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

- (a) Late Report. (112145H). In vicinity YS7188, elns of V/6 RAR located a hospital complex.
- (b) Late Report. (112145H). At YS662970, elns of W/6 RAR located a large occupied en camp.
- (c) (120705H). At YS665973, elns of W/6 RAR contacted 25 to 28 enemy who withdrew NORTH and WEST. Results: One en KB Arty; two AK47, two SKS, two M1, two 7.62 chicom pistols, one RPG 2 round, 54 sticks of explosive, five mag pouches, three web belts, 100 lbs of foodstuff, a qty of medical supplies and a qty of documents were captured.
- (d) (121250H). At YS737899, 11/D/6 RAR contacted two enemy who used heavy automatic fire and grenades. Results: En casualties unk, four AUST WIA and one food cache located.
- (e) (121430H). At YS727936, 4/B/6 RAR contacted ten enemy near an enemy camp. Negative casualties on either side. The coy sized camp contained ten bunkers 12' x 8' and two cook houses. Captured was one armed US claymore, a qty of medical supplies and cooking oil.

(2) AO ASHGROVE.

- (a) (121810H). At YS402825, 1/A/8 RAR contacted two en, one of whom withdrew WEST and the other EAST. Results: One en WIA, four AUST WIA.

(3) Other Areas.

- (a) (121245H). At YS471533, elns of B/1 Arnd Regt fired at enemy in cave. Results: Two en KIA (POSS).
- (b) (121605H). At YS534594, elns of 17 Const Sqn located a bunker system containing approx 30 bunkers last used at least one year ago.
- (c) (121915H). At YS546587, elns of 17 Const Sqn located an en mine marker in the form of a sign reading KHL IUOIA under a skulls head and a drawing of what appeared to be an M-16 mine.
- (d) (121950H). At YS470535, (area of contact on 111300H) 124 RF Coy and elns of B/1 Arnd Regt entered a bunker complex containing 20 to 30 bunkers which had been hurriedly evacuated by an estimated 50 enemy. Recovered were two B40 rockets, assorted clothing (some with heavy bloodstains), 150 lbs of rice, 10 chicom grenades and a qty of documents which identify C3 and C4 VC Coys/D445 LF Bns.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust inflicted - 3 VC
- (3) Omitted.

b-d. Omitted.

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 8
- (b) Crew Served -
- (c) Breakdown - 2 SKS, 2 x M1, 2 x AK47, 2 x 7.62mm Chicom pistols.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured; Three B40 rounds, 54 sticks of explosive, five mag pouches, three web belts, two qty of medical supplies, cooking oil, ten Chicom grenades, one claymore.
- (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS665973	Food	100 lbs	Unk
YS470535	Rice	150 lbs	Unk

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
121250H	11/D/6 RAR	YS737899	Unk

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 32 VC
- (2) PW - Nil
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 33
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 3
- (7) Rice Captured 0.72 tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AT MINES</u>	<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>
	Ten	

(2) Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus captured by 124 RF Coy and B/1 Armd Regt at YS470535 on 121950H identify C3 and C4/D445 LF Bn.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM No. 345/69.

(a) Para 3.a.(3)(b). Delete YS437668, insert YS437663.

(b) Para 11.b. Fourth amendment should read: "Para 4.f.(6) amend total to read 3".

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(c) Para 11.f.(3). Delete all detail, insert new para:
"(110007H). At LONG DIEN a total of six rounds (82mm mortar and
three unk calibre RCL rounds) landed at YS431582 and YS413594.
There were no friendly casualties.

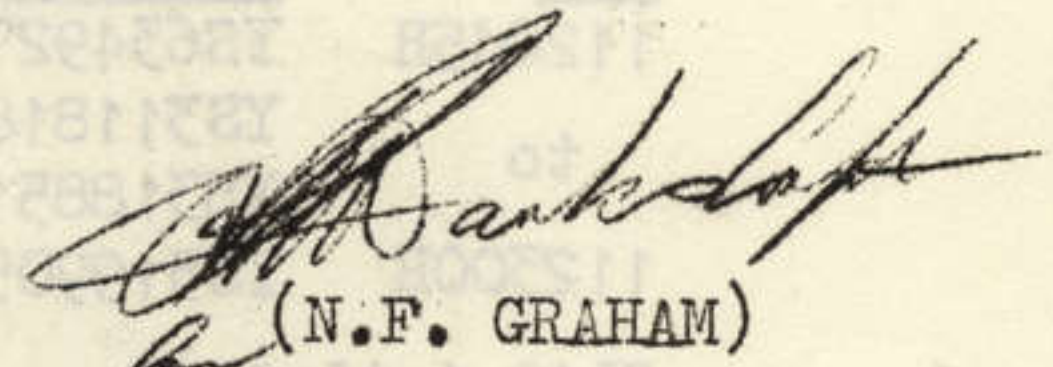
Comment: It is suspected that the round were fired from the
NUI DA DUNG feature in the vicinity YS4455".

(d) Annex "E" para 1. Amend third grid reference to read
YS658583.

- c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (120915H to 120947H). At YS664608 an airstrike was conducted
against an enemy base camp. Results: Four bunkers and one hut were
destroyed, four bunkers and one hut were damaged while scattered clothing,
water containers and sandbags in the area suggest that the area had
been used recently.

(2) (121850H). At YS447729 a MAT team contacted an unk no of on
with unk results. Three friendlies WIA.


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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
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dated 12 Dec 69

1. Agent report received at 121615H states that a VC Coy with CSW were hiding in an area bounded by YS542608, YS547604 and YS538603. (Evaluation: B-3 (Vn)).

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 346/69
dated 12 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
121030H	YS582583	One plastic jerry can in good condition, under a tree near a major EAST-WEST track.
	YS587583	Five mounds of drying rice beside a wild rice garden that had just been harvested.
	YS580700	Rice drying.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
112045H	YS634927	One emission in woods.
to	YS311818	One emission in woods.
	YS318851	One emission near trail.
112300H	YS319905	Five emissions in woods.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
111930H	YS270565	One return on stream.
	YS260555	One return on stream.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 37/69. (4)
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Dec 69. (2)

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (Late report) (121130H). At YS 710924, 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a base camp of 32 bunkers in groups of six to seven in an area 200' x 200' capable of holding a bn size group. Complex was last used approx 24 to 48 hours prior to entry. Items recovered: Qty of documents fishing eqpt, qty medical eqpt and two unserviceable AN PRC 10 (radio sets which had been used for spare parts.

(a) (130920H). At YS708922, 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a cache inside a hut. Items recovered: Small qty of documents, 28 yds of black material, assorted clothing, two transistor radios, one typewriter, 61 lbs of rice, 54 large tins of fish, one RPG2, three RPG2 rounds, two gallons of fish sauce, 20 reels of thread and a small qty of curry and spices.

(c) (131020H). At YS736898, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a weapons cache. Items recovered: five by 60mm nor barrels, one by 81mm nor barrel, five by 81mm nor bipod, one by 7.92mm mounted MG, 16 bolt action rifles (NFI), five by .30 cal MGs, eight by 12 gauge shotguns, three by 7.92mm MG spare barrels, nine by 7.92mm magazines, three submachine guns (NFI), tools, accessories, bolt, brushes, springs, pliers, triggers, trigger housing for 7.92mm MG, 5000 SA rds and three drum magazines.

(d) (131100H). At YS730936, B Coy 6 RAR located a base camp of nine bunkers with 12" OHC, three kitchens and five pits. Camp is capable of holding 15-20 persons and had been occupied by seven to ten persons in the past 24 hours. Items recovered: small qty of docus, cooking implemets and two US claymores, three caches were then located within 50 metres of the camp. Items recovered: 1200 lbs of assorted grain, corn, beans, rice and salt, 30 lbs of rice powder, six gals of salad oil, one typewriter, large qty of stationery and docus, qty of med supplies, three packs, qty of male and female clothing, one barber set and one transistor radio.

(2) AO ASHGROVE.

(a) (131240H). At YS421888, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR after securing a bunker system were engaged by two enemy who fired one RPG round. The enemy broke contact and withdrew East. The bunker system consisted of five bunkers and two weapon pits under construction. Results: enemy casualties unknown. Nil friendly casualties.

(b) (131430H). At YS396862 and YS395862, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located enemy camps. No further details are available.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (131415H). At YS422723, a 1 ATF TAOR ptl located enemy bivouac area which had been vacated one minute prior to their entry. In the camp there was a fire and food for three men.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

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(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 28

(b) Crew Served - 12

(c) Breakdown - RPG2, 5x60mm nor, 1x81mm nor, 1x7.92mm MG, 16 bolt action rifles, 5x.30 cal MG, 8x12 gauge shotguns, 3 SMG.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. Fish eqpt, qty of medical eqpt, two unserviceable AN PRC 10 radio sets, 28 yds of black material, assorted clothing, two transistor radios, one typewriter, 20 reels of thread, 5x60mm nor bas plates, 5x60mm bipods, 1x81mm bipod, 3x7.92mm MG spare barrels, 9x7.92mm magazines, tools, accessories, bolt, brushes, springs, pliers, triggers, trigger housing for 7.92mm MG, 5000 SA rds and three drum magazines, cooking implements, two US claymores, one olympic typewriter, large qty of stationery and docus, qty of medical supplies, three packs, qty of male and female clothing, one barber set and one transistor radio.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS708922	Rice	61 lbs	Unknown
	Fish	54 tins	Unknown
	Fish sauce	2 gal	Unknown
	Curry & spices	Unknown	Unknown
YS730936	assorted grain, corn, beans, rice and salt	1200 lbs	Unknown
	Rice powder	30 lbs	Unknown
	Salad oil	6 gals	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
130920H	5/B/6 RAR	YS708922	See para 3a(1)(b)
131020H	D/6 RAR	YS736898	See para 3a(1)(c)
131100H	B/6 RAR	YS730936	See para 3a(1)(d)

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 30 VC

(2) PW - Nil

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons -61

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- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
 - (7) Rice Captured 0.72 Tons.
 - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
 - (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- 5.-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 346-69.
 - (a) Para 3a(1)(c). Amend GR from YS665973 to YS662981.
 - (b) Para 3a(1)(d). Amend casualty figures to read two AUST WIA. Add "The cache was empty."
 - (c) Para 4a(2). Amend to read 1.
 - (d) Para 4f(1). Amend to read 1 NVA - 30 VC.
 - (e) Para 5b(1). Delete all reference and insert omitted.
 - (f) Para 3a(1)(a). Delete all reference and amend sub para headings accordingly.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (131015H). At YS638585, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: one bunker exposed.
 - (2) (131215H). At YS648996, elms of 199 LIB engaged an estimated enemy squad. Results: three enemy KIA, three AK 47 and a qty of documents CIA.
 - (3) (131130H). At YS304922, elms of 199 LIB located 50 bunkers with 2½ ft OHC.
 - (4) Late Report. (121605H). At YS714660, A/S on enemy camp. Results: four structures, one bunker, numerous back packs and three tables destroyed, one structure, one well, four bunkers, one table and one tunnel entrance exposed, clothing and cooking utensils scattered in the area.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 347/69
dated 13 Dec 69.

1. Source: 525 MID. (8 Dec 69). US EVAL C-3. An U/I Bn of VC approx 180 strong was sighted at YS385742. Intentions: To launch Winter/Spring offensive. Local guerillas to co-ordinate with this unit to harrass base camps of allied forces in the area.

2. (121300H). In vic of YS375637, a field worker was captured by 10 VC who was released one hour later. There were two females with pistols and field glasses in the party. The VC carried a long weapon (approx two metres) wrapped in canvas. Intentions: Unknown. VN Eval B3.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 347/69
dated 13 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
131055H	YS743892	Three VC standing on a rock.
131700H	YS580577	Fishing net across river.
	YS585575	Fishing net across river.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
131550H	YS535574	2 in open.
	YS523591	5 in open.

4.-5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 348/69.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) Late Report. (131400H) At YS738897, D Coy 6 RAR located an en base camp consisting of four living huts, one underground kitchen, a food hut, a carpenters hut, a chicken coop and numerous tunnel entrances. Recovered were: 70 shirts, 40 pairs of trousers, 100 metres of plastic sheeting, 50 hammocks, 8 sandbags of salt, 8 bags of sugar crystals, 1 Aust SLR magazine, 1 Aust claymore, 2 bangalore torpedoes, 10 beehive charges, 1 jerrycan, 1 set of scales, 3 lamps; 1 BAR .30 cal machine gun, large quantities of sandbags, sacks, cooking utensils, quantities of beans, ginger, carpenters tools, shovels, choppers, axes, cross-cut saws, chisels, files, planes and small quantities of medical equipment and tailoring equipment. The camp was in very good condition and had been vacated after airstrike and contact 12 Dec 69.

(b) (141000H) At YS738898, D Coy 6 RAR located a workshop site consisting of two large workshops, living quarters and tunnels. Large quantities of weapons, weapon parts, tools and explosives have been located. A detailed report will be submitted in tomorrows INTSUM.

(c) (141730H) At YS737897, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache in a small cave on a creek line, which had been used in the previous 48 hours. Recovered were: One Aust jerrycan and one US jerrycan full of kerosine. Both jerrycans and contents were destroyed.

(2) AO ASHGROVE.

(a) (140830H) At YS417888, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted an unknown number of en while moving into a bunker system. Results: One Aust WIA, VC cas unknown.

(b) (140955H) At YS394828 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted a squad size group of VC moving from WEST to EAST into a new bunker complex. After heavy exchange of fire, en withdrew. Results: One VC KIA (BC) and one pack CIA.

(3) OTHER Areas. (140945H) At YS420738, elements of 5 RAR sighted 6 VC moving from SOUTH to NORTH.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.

(3) RVNAF Inflicted - 1 VC.

b.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - one .30 cal BAR machine gun.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. 70 Shirts, 40 pairs of trousers, 100 metres of plastic sheeting, 50 hammocks, 1 Aust SLR magazine, 1 Aust claymore 2 bangalore torpedoes, 10 beehive charges, 1 jerrycan, 1 set of scales, 3 lamps, large quantities of; sandbags, sacks, cooking utensils, quantities of; carpenters tools, shovels, choppers, axes, cross-cut saws, chisels, files, planes and small quantities of medical equipment, tailoring equipment and one pack.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS738897	Salt	8 sandbags full	Destroyed
	Beans	unknown	Destroyed
	Ginger	unknown	Destroyed
	Sugar crystals	unknown	Destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
141730H	12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR	YS737897	1 Aust jerrycan, 1 US jerrycan, both full of kerosine.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 33 VC.

(2) PW - Nil.

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual weapons - 62.

(6) Crew Served weapons - 15.

(7) Rice captured - 0.72 tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
141230H	YS464801	Unknown	13 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA and one truck destroyed.
141545H	YS450797	45 to 60 Lbs CHICOM explosives, pressure detonated.	1 Aust KIA, 3 Aust WIA and 1 APC destroyed.

6.-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.-c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (140913H) At YS714660, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.
- (2) (141000H) At YS418883, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed, further BDA to be done by ground troops.
- (3) (141015H) At YS638585, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker exposed.
- (4) (141045H) At YS418883, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. BDA to be done by ground troops.
- (5) (141130H) At YS324908 elements of 199 LIB contacted 3 VC dressed in camouflaged uniforms, the enemy withdrew EAST after contact. Results: One VC KIA (BC), one AK47 and one CHICOM pistol recovered.
- (6) (141158H) At YS687627, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One tunnel entrance exposed.
- (7) (141320H) At YS394828, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. BDA to be done by ground troops.
- (8) (142210H) At YS412637, a VN AP contacted 4 VC. Results: one VC KIA (BC) and one AK47 CIA.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 348/69
dated 14 Dec 69

1. Agent report received from 525 MI Gp stated that at 121530H an unidentified VC unit, strength 80, were located in the vicinity of YS380660. Units' intentions are unknown. Evaluation: US F 3.

2. Agent report received from 525 MI Gp stated that at 121230H, K2/274 NVA Regt, strength 180 and 50 civilians, were located in the vicinity of YS296724. The agent stated that the unit intended to attack Vietnamese outposts on Route 15, between the 15th and 25th Dec. Evaluation: US F 3.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 349/69.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (151122H). At YS384866, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted two enemy dressed in black. The enemy withdrew NORTH on contact with unknown results.

(b) (151145H). Vic YS367891, B Coy 8 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew NORTH. Results: No friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

(c) (151420H). At YS394828, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR on entering a bunker system engaged an unknown number of enemy who withdrew NORTH. The bunkers were new and in good condition. Results: Enemy casualties unknown but one AK47, a pack and a qty of docs were recovered.

(2) OTHER AREAS

(a) (151200H). At YS322683, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted two enemy who withdrew SW. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, 15-20 lbs of rice.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Crew Served - Nil.

(c) Breakdown - AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Pack, qty of docs.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS322683	Rice	15-20 lbs	Destroyed

(4)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 33 VC

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 63

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 15

(7) Rice Captured 0.72 tone.

(8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

BOOBY TRAPS

1 at YS448741

(2) Omitted.

6-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a.-c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
- e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (142030H). At YS416635, an ambush ptl from 609 RF Coy contacted four VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) and one AK47 CIA. Ptl then withdrew to compound where the District Chief ordered them back to ambush posn where a second contact was initiated. There were no casualties to either side from this contact. The VC KIA was taken to a school area at YS416636 where it was loaded into a lambretta. The vehicle and passengers were engaged by VC with RPG2 fire killing the civilian driver and wounding 5 RF soldiers. Simultaneously the remainder of the patrol was engaged by SA and AW fire from two directions. The contact lasted approx 1 hr 15 mins. During the contact the District post received AW fire and joined in the contact. The ptl broke contact at approx 142325H and withdrew to the compound. The final result of the engagement was: 6 VN KIA (1 civilian and 5 RF), 9 VN WIA, 2 M16 rifles and 2 M79s MIA. 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK 47 CIA.

COMMENT: It is beleived that the VC entered the village from the SOUTH through AP TAY and left using the same route. Over 40 VC were sighted however no ident has been established as yet. The local VN consider that the VC were possibly not C41 because of their manner of fighting. It is beleived that an M60 may have been used by the VC but this has not been confirmed and there were no docus found on the body. The group could well have been a food collecting party with a protection elm which made noises in the SOUTH while the collection party moved into the village from the NORTH. This would account for sightings by 1 Fd Sqn, 161 Fd Bty and Husky Charlie to the SOUTH of 1 ATF Base.

- (2) (142155H). A group of unidentified people were engaged by SA from 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and Husky Charlie on Route 2 SOUTH of 1 ATF SOUTH Gate.
- (3) (150925H). At YS308682, A/S on enemy base camp. No visible BDA.
- (4) (150925H). At YS643622, A/S on enemy base camp. Nil BDA.
- (5) (151140H). At YS700620, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: One hut damaged.
- (6) (151330H). At YS304682, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: Three bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker exposed.
- (7) (151402H). At YS368892, A/S on enemy base camp. Results: Two bunkers damaged, two bunkers exposed, two bunker entrances exposed, cooking and eating area destroyed.

Annex: C. Agent Reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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to 1 ATF INTSUM 349/69
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1. (130800H). A Sector agent reported that the VC in order to counter friendly forces mortar fire and gunship attacks, would split up into cells of 3-4 men and live in peoples houses in the populated areas. The VC plan to attack RDC teams in LOI CHI hamlet, the DAT DO District and AN NGAI village in the LONG DIEM district. Eval: VN C-1, US F-3.

Comment: The possibility of the VC doing this is always present and is probably done at odd times. Indications that this is being done consistently or on a large scale could herald a major VC occupation of a hamlet or village for more lucrative reasons.

2. (12 Dec 69). An agent from BINH BA reported that a VC Coy of D440(LF) Bn with elms of D445 (LF) Bn, BINH BA Guerilla unit and local guerillas entered DUC TRUNG vic YS454748 and dispersed to peoples houses where they ordered the villagers to feed them. At approx 130030H the VC moved off to the EAST. They were dressed in grey and green uniforms and wearing pith helmets. All were well armed and also carried a 60mm mortar and an AA MG(NFI). Uneval.

Comment: This report is probably fairly accurate considering the unidentified activity recently noted in this area.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 349/69
dated 15 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
151130H	YS8070	Fresh wheeled vehicle tracks.
	YS753828	Fresh foot tracks running NW-SE
	YS790680- YS810697	Fresh tracks.

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
142005H	YS260555	1 on stream

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 350/69.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO CULLIVER

(a) Reference installation located by D/6 RAR at YS738898 on 141300H. Equipment and material recovered include: three 0.45 SMG M3, one 0.45 Thompson SMG, four M1 carbines, eight 12 guage shotguns, two BAR(minus working parts), two LMG(possibly CZECH BRNO make) seven SKS, one 0.22 rifle, two 410 guage shotguns, 12 M1 Garand rifles, 30 assorted barrels and mechanisms for above weapons, one 0.45 pistol(minus working parts), one 9mm pistol(minus working parts), six D8 mines, six D 10 mines, one large tool set, one two stroke motor, one set of scales, two typewriters, one M60 machine gun barrel (minus bipod), one AR 15 rifle (without fore end assembly), one RPG2 launcher, 200 assorted claymore parts, one adding machine, one two stroke engine (unserviceable), one anvil, one crank operated bellows, three vices, one M17 gas mask, one blow torch, one large mechanical drill, one armourers kit(300 items), two sets of dies and stocks, 30 fuses, six sticks of rocket fuel, two M72, four 3.5 inch rockets, four 60mm WP rounds, 12X60mm nose cones, one 75mm rocket motor, two RPG2 rounds, ten Bangalore torpedoes, four 81 mm mortar rounds, two CBU grenades, two 105 mm rounds set up for command detonation, two six inch claymores, six 30lb shaped charges, ten BAR mags, one box of detonators, four blast grenades, one portable arc welder, one telescopic sight, assorted tools, handsaws, bow saws, one Morris Minor generator, table lamps, and 200m of various types of electrical wire. The installation possessed facilities for manufacture of all types of grenades and repairs and manufacture of weapons. 1 ATF INTSUM No 348/69 para 3.a.(1).(b). refers.

(b) Late report! (151500H). At YS759928, 6/B/6 RAR an extensive bunker system estimated to be Coy size. The system included two bunkers 13ft X 10ft X 8ft under construction, two X two man bunkers, eight one man bunkers and three cook houses, and is estimated to have been occupied until 13 Dec 69. A few torn personal letters were recovered from the area and the majority of the system was still being built.

(c) (161035H). At YS769925, 5/B/6 RAR contacted possible two enemy moving west along a track. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one Chicom SMG(NFI) and webbing CIA.

(d) (161200H). At YS739909, 2/A/6 RAR located an enemy base camp estimated to hold 20 to 30 men. The system was last used two weeks ago. Recovered were one chicom grenade, a small quantity documents, one large clock, a small quantity of clothing and medical supplies.

(e) (161600H). At YS739902, 2/A/6 RAR located an enemy base camp last used three to four weeks ago. Recovered were 5lbs TNT and 1/2 lb Chicom explosive.

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(2) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (160100H). At FSPB PEGGY, a trip flare on perimeter wire was detonated. Movement was engaged by rifle fire. Enemy withdrew SOUTH, casualties unknown.

(b) (160836H). At YS364896, 5/B/8 RAR a sentry engaged one enemy and wounded him. A sweep of the area resulted in one VC KIA (BC), one AK47, two mags, one RPG2 and two RPG2 rounds CIA. Body was dressed in green shirt and black trousers and carried a small quantity of food and personal items. No documents were found.

(c) (161735H). At YS395651, a platoon from 8 RAR sighted a man, 200 metres away, who withdrew immediately.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late report. (152000H). At YS407702, a 5 RAR base AO patrol located tracks of approximately 14 people, wearing ARVN boots, running NORTH and SOUTH. Tracks were about six hours old.

(b) (160920H). At YS328698, 12/D/5 RAR contacted two (LF) VC dressed in black moving from NORTH to SOUTH. Results: two VC KIA(BC)(one female), one M1 Garand, one pack, two hammocks and two letters.

b. Air Activity

1-2 Omitted.

4.

Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted - Four VC

(3) Omitted

b.c.d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 52

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - Three SMG M3, one Thompson SMG, four M1 carbines, eight 12 guage shotguns, two BAR, two LMG, seven SKS, one 0.22 rifle, two 410 guage shotguns, 13 M1 Garand rifles. one 0.45 pistol, one nine mm pistol, one AR 15 rifle, two RPG2, two M72, one Chicom SMG, one AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: See para 3.a.

2.b.-3.4.5. Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 37 VC
- (2) PW - Nil
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 115
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
- (7) Rice Captured 0.72 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents

(1) Interdictions

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
170715H	YS523694	QL15	Road blown full width four to five feet deep.

2. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AT MINES</u>	<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>
One	Six D8 Six D10 Two 6" claymores	Nil

(2) Omitted.

6-7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP
6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.

9-10 Omitted

11. a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM No 347/69, para 3.a.(1)(c):

(a) In second line amend to read "five 60 mm mortars complete".

(b) In third line amend to read "one 81 mm mortar bipod".

(2) Ref INTSUM No 348/69, para 11.f.(8):

(a) Delete all reference.

c. Information Received from Voluntary Informants.

(1) A Hoi Chanh claims that elements of D44OLF Bn are at vic of YS528891.

d-e Omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (160900H). At YS687627, An airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp resulting in one military structure destroyed and one military structure damaged.
- (2) Late report. At CAT LO (YS357520) five rockets impacted at 152245H.
- (3) (161020H). At YS463801, Vn civilians found an anti-tank mine.

Annex: B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.

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ANNEX B (Captured Documents)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 350/69
dated 16 Dec 69.

1. Documents:

- (a) From old bunker system at YS719906 by 1/A/6 RAR on 9 Dec 69. All were dated 1968 and contain personal history statements, none of which were of value or contained identifications.
- (b) In a cache at YS721978 by B/6 RAR on 9 Dec 69. They mention Propaganda Training Section and D440 LFBn but no identifications were contained. Documents of recent origin including order to D445 LF Bn to attack XA BANG on 6/7 Dec 69.
- (c) In a cache at YS717922 by B/6 RAR on 10 Dec 69. Identify Civil Health section of BA LONG, Documents included report of CHS from Jan-Sept 69 sent to COSVN.
- (d) In a cache at YS710924 by 5/B/6 RAR on 12 Dec 69. Possibly identify the BA LONG Base Protection Section. Documents of no value.
- (e) From a camp at YS665973 by W/6 RAR on 12 Dec 69. Identify probably Procurement Section of MR7 rear SVCS. There are however letters from and to a dozen or more T7 and BA LONG units amongst the documents. It is possible that this camp was also the T7 or BA LONG MILPO.
- (f) From an illegal hamlet at YS443875 by D/8 RAR contained a personal history statement (PHS) of TRAN VAN HANH a 17 year old from XUYEN MOC(V) X.MOC(D) living in BINH BA(V) CHAU DUC (D).

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 350/69
dated 16 Dec 69.

- 1. An agent report received by DAT DO subsector today states that C6 and C8 units of D510 (NVA) Bn, strength 200 and armed with six 60mm and two 82 mm mortars, are stationed at YS487516 and YS487508.
Evaluation: (VN) C-1

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 351/69.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GULLIVER

(a) Late Report (161100H) At YS739898 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a munition/explosive workshop and a med/pharmacy complex which contained a kitchen on a good water point adjacent to two timber frame huts, with thatched roofs, which contained explosive and munition manufacturing facilities. A med store of two rooms with many caches in the rocks nearby. The med store had a timber frame with an iron roof, and plastic lining which could be a pharmacy. A quantity of medical instruments and drugs were also found. The most significant was 2,500 ampules of penicillin powder which is considered sufficient to supply a major hospital. A detailed list of captured stores will be included in a future INTSUM. It is estimated that the normal inhabitants left the area approx mid November but caretaker groups remained until about three days prior to entry.

(b) (170825H) At YS739898 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR heard noises and a shot. After investigating the area a camp was located in which a fire was still burning. The noise appeared to be tins falling off the roof of a hut and the shot is believed to be a round going off in the fire.

(c) (170900H) At YS764923 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system consisting of five bunkers 10' x 8', one family bunker planned as a house, a cook house, a two man bunker with another cook house and one fighting pit (poss MG post). Recovered was a small cache containing med text books, cooking utensils, 100 lbs corn, 36 tins fish and a blackboard and chalk.

(d) (171100H) At YS740898 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a camp consisting of a large hut with a sleeping bunker underneath, a cook house, eating area and an out post. It is estimated that approx 15 people used the camp approx one month ago and one or two persons were there up to one week ago. A small cache was also located which contained 4000 x .30 cal blank rounds, two Chicom grenades and a small quantity of rocket propellant. S2 Comment. This area is considered to have been an Admission/Discharge centre for K76A hospital.

(e) (171200H) At YS739899 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a cave three ft high and twelve feet in length, last occupied two to four weeks ago. Recovered was 500 lbs of explosives, 180 fragmentation and blast type grenades, 2000 electrical detonators, five ammo boxes of tools, one set of scales, three moulded grenade igniters. The cache was destroyed.

(2) AO ASHGROVE

(a) Late Report (161032H) At YS365897 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted two VC dressed in green shirts and black trousers. Results one KIA(BC), one AK47 CIA.

(b) (171515H) At YS378900 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR on the edge of a poss occupied bunker system contacted one enemy dressed in black. Enemy withdrew NE. Result: Enemy casualties unknown and own casualties nil.

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(c) (172020H) At YS394828 A Coy 8 RAR destroyed 25 bunkers built for four to six men and eight ft by six ft with 30 inches OHC. The following were destroyed with the bunkers, three RPG2 rds, one x RPG7 rd, seven grenades, two stick grenades, 63 plastic ponchos, quantity of green and black clothing, 25 sets eating gear, 11 cooking pots and a quantity of peanuts and bananas.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (171120H) At YS452662 a sentry in a tower was fired on from EAST.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
162335H	YS4850	Unknown	Small arms	1	B	Unknown
"	YS672588	"	" "	1	B	"

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) US Inflicted - Nil
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted - Nil

b.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapon and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1
- (b) Crew Served - Nil
- (c) Breakdown - one x AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: 2500 ampules pencillin powder, med text books, cooking utensils, blackboard and chalk, 4000 x .30 cal blank rounds, 182 grenades, 2000 electrical detonators, nine ammo boxes of tools, scales, grenade igniters.
- (b) Destroyed: Three RPG2 rounds, one RPG7 round, nine grenades, three plastic ponchos, clothing, 25 sets eating gear, cooking utensils.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS764923	Corn	100 lbs	
"	Fish	36 tins	

(4),(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 38 VC
- (2) PW - Nil
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 116
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
- (7) Rice Captured - 0.72 Tons
- (8),(9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

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6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

- a. The VC killed at 171125H at YS363604 was identified as LE VAN CHAN AKA LE VAN TRANH, Party Chapter secretary of LONG HUONG village.
- b. Documents recovered from a body at YS394828 by A Coy 8 RAR on 15 Dec identify TU TIEN (KIA) Coy PO C6/D440.
- c. Documents recovered from a bunker system at YS394828 by A Coy 8 RAR identify TRAN VAN DIEN Coy 2ic C6/D440.

7.9. Omitted.

10. VCI/Guerilla ORBAT

- a. Omitted.
- b. Guerilla ORBAT.
 - (1).(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Capture or Rally of Significant Cadre.

<u>DOC</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
161000	XA BANG 190 RF Coy	TRAN QUAN HANH	Leader of Admin Sect. BA LONG MIL Staff.	DUC THANH District HQ.

(6) Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 350/69 Para 5.a.(1) Amend grid from YS523694 to YS253694.
- c.e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) Late Report (152030H) YS444500 25 PF Pl contacted six en carrying SA while moving to an ambush site. The en entered the hamlet from the EAST and withdrew towards the mountains. Results: One VC KIA, two VC WIA (heavy bloodtrails), one AK47 CIA, one PF WIA.
 - (2) Late Report (160345H) At YS435717 an unknown number of VC destroyed two bunkers. No exchange of SA fire. 60 mm mor DF tasks fired by 626 RF Coy.
 - (3) Late Report (162200H) At YS415632 HOA LONG reported a number of heavily armed VC.
 - (4) (171125H) At YS363604 a RF/PF pl of 315 Gp killed one VC moving from the RUNG SAT.
 - (5) (171400H) At YS479818 a RF Pl contacted six to seven en moving SW to NE. Results: No friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown, two bags of rice CIA.
 - (6) (171955H) At YS441597 NPEF at LONG DIEN contacted an est VC platoon carrying AK47, assorted small arms and B40. The en were moving SOUTH to NORTH. Friendlies initiated contact with small arms and M79 and VC returned heavy volume of fire with AK47, small arms and B40. The VC pl split with one element withdrawing SW and one withdrawing NORTH. Results: No friendly casualties and en cas unknown. Three raincoats, one hat with bullet holes and blood stains CIA.

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(7) (170900H) At YS687627 an airstrike resulted in two huts destroyed, one hut damaged and one bunker exposed.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM 351/69
dated 17 Dec 69

1. (170900H) Preliminary Interrogation report for NG VAN XE a (rallier) soldier of B1/C4/D445 (LF) Bn, strength of D445 is 150 approx and is situated in NORTHERN end of LONG HAI's. They are low on food, ammo and morale. He has no knowledge of D510 NVA Bn.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 351/69
dated 17 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
171100H	YS5460	Main EW foot track through LONG GREEN shows signs of recent foot activity.
	YS523579	One new bunker located in middle of previously struck old bunker system.
	YS549597	Two bunkers in good condition on NORTH edge of well used EW track.
	YS549598	One bunker and one tunnel entrance located. Area around bunker was well used.
	YS569608	Four large old bunkers located. No sign of activity except for well used N-S track running into paddy in the NORTH.
171315H	YS522888	Tracks leading out of the rubber which have had heavy use in past four-five days. About 50m EAST along the track there is a well trodden area under some thick canopy. Possible camp area but no definite signs.
	YS521891	Well trodden area under canopy and a pit with two logs across it. It could be a bunker under construction but is a month old.
	YS530890	A wire, probably an antenna, is stretched between two trees. It is about 1/16 inch thick and 25' long. At the bottom of one of the trees is a square object.
	YS526896	An old camp with collapsed bunkers and pits but there are four usable bunkers in good condition to the edge of it. There is a well used EW track running through the area.
Late Report 162030H	YS673590) YS672588) YS674592) YS675588)	Lights sighted in LONG GREEN area. S2 Comment: Probably fishermen - food production all members.
171600H	YS610590	Area under trees is disturbed and tracks lead to this area.
171600H	YS5757 to YS5258	There has been movement on the track in the last two days. Estimate four to five people travelling WEST crossed SOUTHERN border of land clearing and turned NW towards DAT DO.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
141000H	YS891861	One probable structure near stream in rocky area. Structure is approx 7' x 25' in size.

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3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
170340H	YS488518	One
	YS581508	Two
	YS488509	One
	YS486503	One
	YS475539	One

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
170940H	YS656853	Maximum
	YS697850	"
	YS703846	"
	YS670853	Strong
	YS673851	"
	YS679850	"
	YS692837	
	YS707830	

Note at YS680865 old base camp recorded with extensive SW/NE gardens (Aug 69)

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1. 1st Australian Task Force I 17-6.
2. Period covered from 19000H to 122100H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BULLY R.

- (a) Late Report. (181600H) At YS741898, 10/D/6 RAR located a training area consisting of an irregular structure and a small hut 10ft by 5ft, a sentry position with a small structure covering Southern approaches to the area. Also located were a sentry structure within the complex, a latrine, three graves containing bodies of undeterminable age. The area was last used by one person approx 24 hours prior to entry. One document containing a list of medical supplies describing prices and qualities.
- (b) (191030H) At YS744896, 1/V/6 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with no result. At 191440H elements of V/6 RAR in the same vicinity, located a camp of 15 structures which is believed to be a hospital. A large track leads towards the area of 3/A/6 RAR's contact yesterday (INTSUM 352-69 refers).
- (c) (191145H) At YS741895, 11/D/6 RAR located a cache in a natural cave. Items recovered: 13 old bolt action rifles (NFI) and one hand held blow torch.
- (d) (191200H) At YS754900, 1/A/6 RAR located an enemy base camp consisting of an area of 200m X 50m containing approx 30 sleeping spaces among large rocks in the bottom of a re-entrant. The camp was last used by 20 to 30 people in the last 12 hours. Recovered were: a bag of old blood stained bandages, fresh bandages and a four gallon drum $\frac{3}{4}$ full of medical files and other documents, one intravenous transfusion tube and a bottle of fluid, one small bag of needles, one torch, one oil lamp, cooking utensils for 30 people, a quantity of assorted clothing and two Aust claymore mines.
- (e) (191212H) At YS754901, 1/A/6 RAR contacted one VC. 1 Pl swept through a camp area which consisted of bed spaces between rocks. Results: One VC WIA (blood trail).
- (f) (191215H) At YS781931, 5/B/6 RAR located a platoon sized enemy camp consisting of seven bunkers (3ft OHC), two with huts on top, three huts and three fire places. The camp was last used today. Recovered were: shovels, saws, a large quantity of eating gear, a quantity of clothing, two HO CHI MINH sandals and ten rice bags of cork.
- (g) (191405H) At YS780932, 5/B/6 RAR located a cache last used two days ago. Recovered were: one brief case, one ream of carbon paper, one set of weighing scales, a quantity of medical supplies, a large quantity of dried fish, three large bags of rice, two sand bags of sugar, one sand bag of salt, one set of sandals, one cane basket and a quantity of US newspapers.
- (h) (191410H) At YS778931, 5/B/6 RAR located a bunker system of seven bunkers. An enemy sentry saw 5 Pl coming and withdrew. 5 Pl swept through the bunkers without making contact. The bunkers were empty.
- (i) (191450H) At YS784930, 5/B/6 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results. A small quantity of rice was recovered.

(2) AO ASH GROVE.

- (a) (191530H) At YS381823, elements of A/8 RAR recovered 50 lbs of salt.
- (b) (191620H) At YS400905, elements of D/8 RAR located 16 X 7.92mm rounds and one 20mm mag in corroded condition.

(c) (191710H) At YS421892, 10/D/8 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (191645H) At YS410655, a 6 RAR Ptl located a U X B 105mm shell

(b) (191700H) At YS436837, a 6 RAR Ptl located a hut and two bunkers last used approx three weeks ago. Recovered were eating utensils and water storage containers. One bunker was destroyed. The hut and other bunker are to be destroyed on 20 Dec 69.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual -- 13.

(b) Crew Served -- Nil.

(c) Breakdown -- 13 old bolt action rifles (NFI).

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel. See para 3.a.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS784930	Rice	Small quantity	Unknown
YS780932	Salt	One sand bag	Unknown
	Dried Fish	A large quantity	Unknown
	Rice	Three large bags	Unknown
	Sugar	Two sand bags	Unknown
YS381823	Salt	50 lbs	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENTS</u>
191145H	11/D/6 RAR	YS741895	13 bolt action rifles and one blow torch.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 49 VC.

(2) PW - Nil.

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 136.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 15.

(7) Tons of Rice Captured - 0.97 Tons.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

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b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

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Three claymores.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents taken from a body, one of three VC KIA, by 12/D/8 RAR following a contact at YS406918, on 18 Dec 69 identify PHAM HONG BICH who is further identified by documents as the Part Chapter Secretary CAO SU DISTRICT of BA LONG Province. Also identified was NGUYEN TRI MINH aka LIU BINH. A promotion certificate dated 1 May 69 promotes MINH to Sect Comd CAO SU District Unit Postal Section.

b. Documents recovered from a camp at YS739897 and YS740893 by T/6 RAR identify the Pharmaceutical Section of K76A Hospital. The documents contained nothing of significance.

c. Documents taken from a VC KIA by B/6 RAR on 16 Dec 69 at YS769925 identify DANG VAN THUNG DOB 1942 at HOA LONG. Unit unknown.

d. Documents taken from a VC KIA by B/5 RAR at YS316658 on 18 Dec 69 identify NGUYEN VAN TIEN Cell Leader of PHUOC HOA guerilla unit.

7-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

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a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM No 352-69.

(a) Para 3 a (1) (f). In the third line amend GR from YS572864 to YS512864.

(b) Para 3 a (2) (b) In the first line amend 1 Pl 6 RAR to 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR.

(2) Reference INTSUM No 351-69: Para 4 f (1) should read 1 NVA and 38 VC. Amend subsequent INTSUMS accordingly.

c-e. Other Items Of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (181945H) At YS243766, a VN AP engaged an estimated two coys of VC. VN arty was used in support of the contact. Results: enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.

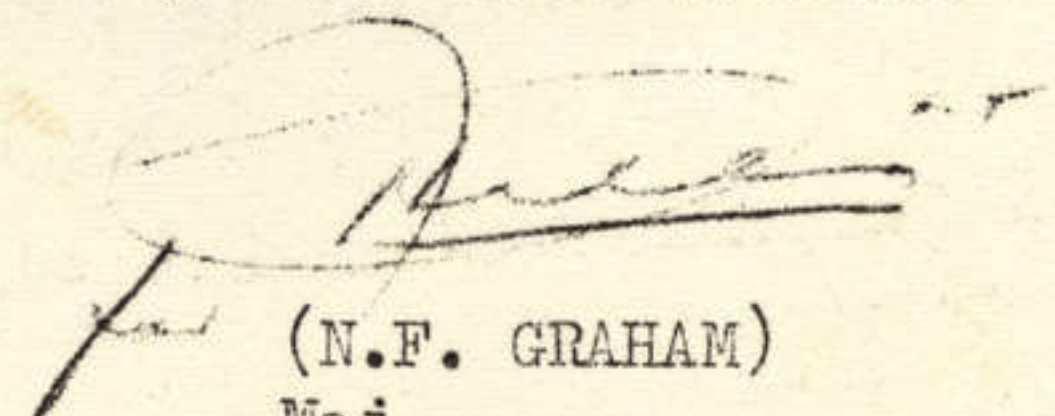
(2) (190400H) At YS438515, 836 compound received fire 82mm mortar rounds. Mortars and arty was fired with unknown results.

(3) (190945H) An airstrike was carried out against an enemy base camp at YS658858. Results: one bunker destroyed, three bunkers damaged and two bunkers exposed.

(4) (191230H) An airstrike was carried out against an enemy base camp at YS408779. Results: one bunker destroyed.

(5) (191600H) BDA of enemy base camp at YS549597 engaged by arty. Results: one tin hut and two bunkers destroyed, four bunkers damaged and exposed.

(6) (192100H) At YS337614, a US MP armoured vehicle was ambushed by B 40 and SA fire. Results: three US WIA, enemy casualties unknown.



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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 353-69
dated 19 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
191000H to 191205H	YS408774	Fresh footprints in area of old airstrike.
	YS414779	Approx 12 bunkers freshly constructed. Fresh track activity in the area.
	YS419784	Heavy track activity leading into a dense clump of bamboo.
191405H to 191610H	YS485835	Small footpads heading NORTH and EAST, made by small groups less than one week ago.
	YS486855	Narrow footpads under one week old.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 354/69.
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were six contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

- (a) (201030H) At YS747906 Atk Pl 6 RAR contacted 10 plus mainforce (poss NVA) en. 8en were detained, one of whom was wounded in the contact and 7 others had been wounded previously. Remainder of the party withdrew SE.
- (b) (201130H) At YS751898 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR engaged movement suspected to be en. Results: 2 oxen captured, one of which was wounded.
- (c) (201140H) At YS783932 HQ Ptl B Coy 6 RAR contacted two LF en, dressed in black and carrying AK47s and 1 VC was carrying a radio set (NFI). Contact was initiated by HQ Ptl, killing VC forward scout, the remainder withdrew NORTH. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (d) (201210H) At YS664921 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 VC moving WEST. Sweep revealed 19 AK47 rounds.
- (e) (201355H) At YS784914 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC moving SOUTH to NORTH. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS, qty of documents CIA. (See also para 6b).
- (f) (201500H) At YS782937 cLn of 6 RAR were engaged by an estimated squad of en with claymores and AW fire. A sweep of the area revealed a bunker system of 5 bunkers with 1' to 1½' OHC with huts on top of the bunkers. A pantry and a fire place was also located. Results: En casualties unknown. 50lbs CHICOM explosive and a quantity of documents CIA.
- (g) (201600H) At YS728924 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located a cache inside a cave. Items recovered: A qty of documents including ARVN ID Cards, a book on the treatment of PWs, a number of photos, 2 electric detonators, 12 shotgun cartridges, one 7.62mm long round. The most recent date on the documents is 1965.
- (h) (201710H) At YS702903 Atk Pl 6 RAR contacted one NVA moving EAST with unknown results.
- (i) (Late Report) (191600H) At YS744897 - YS745899, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a cache which is associated with a camp located at 191030H at YS744896 (INTSUM 353/69 Para 3a(1)(b) refers). The cach contains large quantities of medical supplies and assorted stores. A detailed list will be submitted when available.

(2) AO ASHGROVE.

- (a) (200220H) At YS376824 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR engaged 2 en moving NORTH to SOUTH. Sweep of the area at first light found no bodies.
- (b) (201232H) At YS372833 a Ptl from A Coy 8 RAR sighted and engaged one enemy. Results: Unknown.
- (c) (20 Dec 69) At YS377823 A Coy located a small bunker system of approx 9 bunkers which are approx 6 months old, but renovated and used in the last 2 weeks. Recovered were: 2 sets of black trousers, a pair of plastic sandals, and a small quantity of old papers, 1 AK 47 mag and a quantity of empty penicillin containers.
- (d) (201520H) At YS410895 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located 5 weapons pits which had not been used for approx 2-3 months. Fresh mine markers were located and tracks leading SOUTHWEST, NORTH to SOUTH and EAST to WEST. A further 15 bunkers were located in the vicinity of the above grid reference, along the NORTH-SOUTH track.

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(e) (201620H) At YS380907, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted 3 enemy moving SOUTH, who on contact withdrew NORTH. Results: 1 en WIA (heavy blood trail), 1 en WIA (poss) (light blood trail).

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (200125H) At YS459669 elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted lights on their perimeter. Search light illuminated the area with nil further sightings.

(b) (202216H) At YS486682 elns of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted lights.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 2 VC.

(3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) PW - 6.

(2)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still undergoing interrogation - 2.

(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - SKS.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 2 sets of black trousers, a pair of plastic sandals, small quantity of old papers, quantity of empty penicillin containers, ARVN ID Cards, book on treatment of PWs, quantity of photos, 2 electrical detonators, 12 shotgun cartridges, 1x7.62mm long round, 50lb CHICOM explosive, quantity of documents, large medical supplies, and assorted stores.

(b) Destroyed. 19 AK47 rounds.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
201600H	3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR	YS728924	See para 3a(1)(g).
191600H	V Coy 6 RAR	YS744897- YS745899	See para 3a(1)(i).

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 51 VC.
- (2) PW - 6.
- (3)+(4) Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 137.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15.
- (7) Rice Captured .97 tons.
- (8)+(9) Nil.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents.(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
200630H	YS457840	Route 2	Concertina wire barricade across Route 2. Small yellow flag on same.
200630H	YS464804	Route 2	Route 2 blown - crater 3-4 feet diameter and 18 inches deep on WEST side of road.

(2) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents from body from contact with 6 RAR at 180830H at YS743890 belongs to NGUYEN TRONG HUE, Section Cond S24 K76A ((This section belongs to 84 RSG)).

b. Documents recovered from a contact by 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR at YS784914 on 201230H Dec 69 identify S24, K26A ((elm of 84 RSG)).

7.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.-c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

Late Report. (192000H) At YS337612, a US MP vehicle was hit by one B40 round. Result: 4 US WIA.

(201500H) At YS385938, elms of 199 LIB located and destroyed a bunker complex of 80 bunkers built 6-12 months ago. The complex showed signs of recent use.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports) to 1 ATF
INTSUM 354/69 dated
20 Dec 69.

PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT

1. Name: [REDACTED] (VC DETAINEE).
2. Rank: Pl Comd.
3. Appt: Med Specialist (Hospital member).
4. Unit: [REDACTED]
5. DOB/POB: [REDACTED], PHU THO HOA, TAN BINH District.
6. Father: [REDACTED] (deceased).
7. Mother: [REDACTED]
8. Religion: Nil
9. Place of Capture: YS747907. 20 Dec 69, Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR
10. [REDACTED] Hospital (Region 1) is about 4 hours walk in a Southerly direction from place of capture.
11. There were approx 100 people at the hospital but they have moved off to a new location (unknown). A number of patients who were fit or relatively fit moved off about one month ago, and there were only approx 30 patients left including 15 who were unable to move (sick and wounded). The other 15 were able to walk for short distances.
12. Hospital Staff: 15 persons (2 Doctors, 4 Medical Specialists, 6 Medics and 3 servants/cooks).
13. Protection Cell: Strength: 16 persons.
Weapons: One B 40, three AK47's, 12 SKS's
14. The patients had moved from another area about 15 days previously because that position was about to be overrun. Today a group moved off to where they were captured. The Protection Cell and a number of lightly wounded escaped and the few who couldn't run were captured.
15. Within the last week the Protection Cell had not contacted the Allies.
16. Conditions of the Patient: Relatively fit, they suffered only from aching joints mostly the knees, ankles and legs. The hospital had plenty of medicine but little food.
17. Organization of K 76 A Hospital of T-7:
 - Comd - Doctor SAU AN, 40 yrs, SVN (Regroupee), K54
 - 2I/C - MUOI QUY, 40 yrs, SVN (Regroupee), K54.
 - Pol Offr - BA DAM, 45 yrs, SVN (Regroupee), K54.
 - Adjt - CHIN LONG, 36 yrs, (Regroupee), No Weapon.
 - Med Specs - TU HA, 34 yrs, SVN (Regroupee), Colt.
 - Med Specs - BAY LUONG, 33 yrs, SVN (Regroupee), No Weapon.
 - Med Specs - RONG, 28 yrs, SVN, GIA DINH.
 - Med Specs - THANG, 27 yrs, SVN, No Weapon.

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- Medic - THI NGA, 24 yrs, SVN, No Weapon
- Medic - THI LOAN, 21 yrs, SVN, No Weapon.
- Medic - THI MAI, 28 yrs, SVN, No Weapon.
- Medic - XUAN, 24 yrs, LONG AN, No Weapon.
- Medic - DAI, 26 yrs, THU DUC, No Weapon.
- Medic - NGUYEN, 24 yrs, SVN, No Weapon.
- Servant/Cook - TUOI, 25 yrs, NVN, No Weapon.
- Servant/Cook - TRI, 26 yrs, NVN, No Weapon.
- Servant/Cook - TAN, 24 yrs, NVN, No Weapon.
- Servant/Cook - THI BAY, 29 yrs, SVN, No Weapon.

18. Location: Approx YS746890.

19. Protection Cell: Consists of one section.

Sect Comd: MINH, 28 yrs, SVN, AK.
2I/C: HONG, 24 yrs, SVN, B 40.
Soldiers: Unknown.

20. Comment: Of the 8 persons detained only one was in a reasonable state. Further interrogation in progress at 8 Fd Amb, 1 ATF, NUI DAT.

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Appendix 1 to ANNEX A
1 ATF INTSUM 354/69
dated 20 Dec 69.

1. Name: NGUYEN KIM. (NVA/PW).
Rank: Soldier.
Unit: K 450 (Infiltration Group)
Location: LONG BINH.
DOC/POC: 201030H Dec 69/YS747906.
Capturing Unit: Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR
2. Name: CHU KHAC TRIEU (NVA/PW).
Rank: Sect Comd.
Unit: Orderly Room K 76 A prior to that D1/274 Regt. Wounded by Arty
18 Dec 69.
Location: 8 Fd Amb 1 ATF NUI DAT.
DOC/POC: 201030H Dec 69/YS747906.
Capturing Unit: Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR
3. Name: NGUYEN VAN HOA. (NVA/PW)
Rank: Soldier.
Unit: Infiltration Group 2192. Wounded by Arty at BAO BINH 15 Nov 69.
Location: LONG BINH.
DOC/POC: 201030H Dec 69/YS747906.
Capturing Unit: Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR
4. Name: NGUYEN VAN MAI. (NVA/PW)
Rank: Sect Comd.
Unit: C50 (Independant Unit of Ba Long Province). Wounded by SA two
days ago.
Location: LONG BINH
DOC/POC: 201030H Dec 69/YS747906.
Capturing Unit: Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR.
5. Name: VO VAN CHIEN (VC/PW)
Rank: Guerilla.
Unit: Village Guerilla Unit TAN LAP, XUAN LOC.
Location: LONG BINH.
DOC/POC: 201030H Dec 69/YS747906.
Capturing Unit: Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR.
6. Name: VU MINH KHANG (NVA/PW)
Rank: Private 1st Class.
Duty: Combat Solider.
Unit: A 57.
Wounded by Aust gunships on 9 Jun 69.
Location: LONG BINH.
DOC/POC: 201030H Dec 69/YS747906.
Capturing Unit: Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
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dated 20 Dec 69

Late Report

Agent report received from BARIA Sub-Sector stated that at 171300H an unidentified unit of approx 200 well armed VC were in the vicinity of YS320694 and YS300716.
Evaluation: US F-4.

(181100H) Agent report received from XUYEN MOC states that a squad of VC were sighted at YS686715.

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ANNEX E (Aerial
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to 1 ATF INTSUM No 354/69
dated 20 Dec 69

1. Visual Rocce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
200630H	YS195846	2 x persons clad in black, 1 carrying a weapon appeared to be bolt action, single shot, with long barrel.
20 Dec 69	YS4982	Tracks in the vicinity of the Western edge of the old plantation appeared to have had some recent movement.
201400H	YS661609	One very old large camp located. Well worn track that has had recent activity leads into the camp. Camp consists of approx 12 bunkers and old huts. On NORTH side of camp rice laying on drying mats were located. Rice was very new and was well hidden. Approx 100m EAST of rice, 3 small huts in good condition located. Old camp appears to be occupied by a small group of people. Probably care-taker group.

2.-5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 355/69.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO GULLIVER.
 - (a) (210710H). At YS751898, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted one VC. Results: One VC KIA(BC), one AK47 CIA.
 - (b) (211500H). At YS739895, V Coy 6 RAR being led by a Hoi Chanh, located a cache which was being guarded by four VC (believed to be from K76A. Hospital Protection Cell). Three VC withdrew EAST and SOUTH and one VC was detained (still undergoing Interrogation) who surrendered his AK47, one grenade and ammunition. Recovered from the cache were: One Thompson .45 cal SMG, 13 SKS rifles, one R15 MG, two M1 carbines, two PPSH 41 SMG's, one Chicom type 50 SMG, one Gorand rifle, one sand bag of blast grenades, three packs, five entrenching tools, a quantity of documents, a quantity of SA ammo and quantity of food.
 - (2) AO ASHGROVE.
 - (a) (211545H). At YS390906, D Coy 6 RAR contacted a Pl to Coy size enemy force who fired SA/AW and RPG 2. 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR were first contacted by two enemy in a well constructed trench resulting in one AUST WIA. The remainder of the Pl withdrew and while attempting to recover WIA, Pl came under heavy SA fire from a bunker system resulting in one AUST KIA. At this time another Pl was deployed to assist in the contact resulting in a further AUST WIA. Bushrangers (LFT) and Arty were used in support of the contact. The KIA and weapon were recovered and D Coy withdrew EAST. Results: One AUST KIA, two AUST WIA, nil enemy casualties.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - NVA - 1.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b. Omitted.
 - c. Detainees.
 - (1)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation 1.
 - (6) Omitted.
 - d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 23
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - Two AK47's, one Thompson .45 cal SMG, 13 SKS's, one R15 MG, two M1 carbines, 2 PPSH 41 SMG's, one Chicom type 50 SMG, one Gorand rifle, one grenade(NFI).

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured: One sand bag of blast grenades, five entrenching tools, three packs, qty of SA ammo and one grenade(NFI).
- (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS739895	Unknown	Unknown	Destroyed.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
211500H	V Coy 6 RAR	YS739895	See Para 3a(1)(b).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 51 VC
- (2) PW - 7
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 1
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 160
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
- (7) Rice Captured .97 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents.

(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
210645H	YS341612	Rte 15	Roadblock consisting of approx 50 small piles of grass and dirt covering 30 metres of road surface.

(2) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

6.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Reference INTSUM No 354-69.

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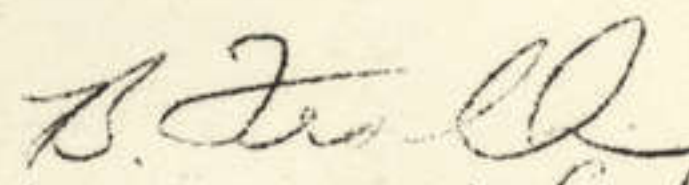
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- (a) Para 3.a.(1)(c). Amend the results to read "Unknown".
- (b) Para 4.a.(2). Amend to read 1 VC.
- (c) Para 4.f.(1). Amend to read 1 NVA 50 VC.
- (d) Para 3.a.(1).(a). On the second line amend 7 others to read 6 others.
- (e) Para 3.a.(1). Add the following: "(j). (201630H). At YS754901, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR detained one en".
- (f) Para 4.f.(2). Amend to read 7.
- (g) Para 4.f.(3). Amend to read 1.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (210906H). At YS661602, an Air Strike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Ten bunkers destroyed, two military structures destroyed, four tables destroyed, seven bunkers damaged, one military structure damaged and cooking utensils scattered throughout the area.
- (2) (211408H). At YS542879, an Airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Five bunkers destroyed, one table destroyed, one hootchie frame destroyed and seven bunkers damaged.


for (N.F. GRAHAM) Capt.
Maj
GSO 2 (INT)

Attachments.

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 355/69
DATED 21 DEC 69

1. a. Name: [REDACTED].
b. Rank: Sgt.
c. Duty: Member of Correspondence Sect [REDACTED]
d. DOB: [REDACTED]
e. POB: [REDACTED] (V)/KIM BANG (D)/NAM HA (P).
f. Father: [REDACTED].
g. Mother: [REDACTED].
h. Religion: LUONG.
2. Capture Details:
 - a. DTG: 201630H Dec 69.
 - b. Place: YS754901.
 - c. Unit: 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR.
 - d. STATUS: HOI CHANH.
3. Subject is actually a member of 1/274 VC Regt who was wounded at BINH SON at the end of Nov 68. He spent approx 6 months in K76A and when discharged, he was employed in the correspondence section while convalescing. He was wounded a second time (approx 18 Dec 69) at NUI MAY TAO by aircraft (possibly airstrike because of his minor shrapnel wounds).
4. K76A Hospital. So far as the subject knows, K76A had two areas, Region 1 and Region 3 (There is probably a Region 2 also).
 - a. Region 1, located in the vicinity YS746890, treats sick and slightly wounded patients (possibly those with internal injuries).
 - b. Region 3, located vic YS747902, treats serious diseases externally wounded patients (possibly very badly wounded/not expected to recover, patients). Region 3 is approx 1 hr 20 mins climb up the mountain from his place of capture.
5. Staff.
 - a. Doctor - CAU AN - (HOI KET).
Doctor - MUOI QUI - (HOI KET).
 - b. Med Specialists - TU HA - SVN.
Med Specialists - BA TAY - SVN.
Med Specialists - TRANG - SVN.
Med Specialists - TAM LE - SVN.
 - c. Pharmacist - THI TRANH - SVN.
 - d. Dentist - XI - SVN.
 - e. Total number of staff - 87 people incl doctors, med specialists, medics, labourers and Protection unit.
6. Patients. Subject thinks that there were about 36 patients. Before 15 Dec 69, about 23 patients were moved to K76C (at BAO BINH - CG UNK). The others remained and of these, seven were captured.
7. Protection Unit.
 - a. Size - 2 squads.
 - b. Strength - 16 men.

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- c. Weapons -- 4-AK47.
1-B40.
5-SKS.

8. On 8 Dec AUST forces entered the MAY TAO area and contacted the Protection Unit. On 10 Dec 69 the AUST forces climbed the MAY TAYS and contacted the Protection Unit a second time.

9. Other Information: Until 6 Dec 69 the MR-7 Rear Service Staff was at the LA UE "T" junction vic GR YS690920. On the 6th, they moved off to an unknown location. The subject believes that some subordinate units are hiding on the Northern side of the main feature because there is no withdrawal route. 502 Unit (T7 Rear Service QM Section) and an element of the Province work site (armoury sect) moved off to the South West when the Aust moved into the area. He believes that they would be about 2½ hrs walk from their base. Of the people who were there, one was wounded, two were coy comds (NHIEU and TRINH) 14 other staff members and two children.

10. The store house (NFI)(poss the work site) produced DH5, DH8 and DH10 mines and grenades. Cho, improvised rockets, 90 cm long, 4 cm in diameter were produced from unexploded bombs. The rockets had a range of approx 12 metres and were fired using a DH10. (NFI).

11. There is a medical store house at MAY TAO on the Western slope of the mountain. The subject estimates that there is about two tons of medical supplies hidden in five caves on the side of the mountain. Approx location YS730913.

12. The subject was very willing and cooperative.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 355/69
dated 21 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting.</u>
211000H	YS795697	Fresh tracks of one or two people heading East along creek line.
	YS831721	Fresh gardens.
211300H	YS491823	Several lengths of tiner about 4-5 ft long and 6" in diameter. The area showed signs of recent activity. A track lead out of the area to the North along creek.

2.5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 356/69.
2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GULLIVER

(a) Late Report: (211100T) At YS751904, Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: One complete surgical kit containing 50-100 items, one stethoscope, one blood pressure bandage, 1000 ampouls of assorted drugs, three drip bottles, one black portable medical kit bag, one sandbag of salt and one home made grenade.

(b) Late Report. (211530H). At YS753899, Atk Pl 6 RAR were engaged by one NVA moving NORTH with unknown results.

(c) (221020H). At YS743901, V Coy 6 RAR detained four adults and one child who were hiding in a cave. Results: Four Hoi Chanhs.

(d) (221130H). At YS754901, Atk Pl 6 RAR contacted two enemy (poss NVA) who withdrew WEST. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.

(e) (221200H). At YS782937, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located six caches in a bunker system located on 20 Dec 69 at the above grid ref. Recovered were: One transistor radio (destroyed in contact in bunker system on 20 Dec 69), three gallons of vinegar, 20 lbs of sugar, 40 lbs of salt, 1900 lbs of rice, one medical book (hand written), one US poncho, large quantity of rubber bands, a quantity of cooking utensils, a quantity of plastic sheeting, a quantity of sandbags, a small quantity of Chicom pistol rounds and a quantity of tinned food.

(f) (221400H). At YS754901, Atk Pl 6 RAR located a body approx four days old. It is believed that the person died of shrapnel wounds from mor fire.

(2) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (221155H). At YS390906, D Coy 8 RAR assaulted the bunker system which was located at 211545H (Intsum No 355/69 Para 3a(2)(a) refers). D Coy 8 RAR entered the bunker system this morning which consisted of six bunkers each with 3 ft of overhead protection. The system appeared to be less than one week old. One body and an AK47 were located in the bunker system as a result of yesterdays contact. Also recovered was a quantity of documents which identify C20/274 Regt (Sigs Coy) and a telephone. All bunkers have been destroyed.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (220855H). At YS403649, a patrol from 8 RAR was engaged with one round of SA fire from one enemy dressed in greens and moving ESE. The enemy withdrew in the direction of HOA LONG. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.

(b) (221500H). At YS379642, a patrol from 8 RAR located a mortar base plate position approx 5 days old. Also located was one 81mm mortar fuze and 20 bags of repellent.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.

(3) Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1)-(3) Omitted.

(4) Hoi Chanh - 4

(5)-(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy weapons and Material Captured or destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - AK47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel

(a) Captured: One complete surgical kit containing 50-100 items, one stethoscope, 1000 ampoules of assorted drugs, three drip bottles, one black portable medical kit-bag, one home made grenade, one 81mm mortar fuze, 20 bags of propellant, one medical book (handwritten), one US poncho, large quantity of rubber bands, a quantity of cooking utensils, a quantity of plastic sheeting, a quantity of sandbags, small quantity of Chicom pistol rounds, one blood pressure bandage.

(b) Destroyed: One transistor radio.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff;

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS751904	Salt	1 Sandbag full	Destroyed
YS782937	Vinegar	3 gallons	Unknown.
	Sugar	20 lbs	Unknown.
	Salt	40 lbs	Unknown.
	Rice	1900 lbs	Unknown
	Tinned Food	Unknown	Unknown

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>COMMENTS/CONTNETs</u>
211100H	Antk Pl 6 RAR	YS751904	See para 3 a(1)(a)
221200H	6 Pl B Coy	YS782937	See para 3(a)(1)(d)
	6 RAR		

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Dec 69

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 54 VC
- (2) PW - 7
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 6.
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons -171
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15.
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.92 tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, barriers and Fortifications

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
221630H	YS528589	M16	D8 Bulldozer slightly damaged, nil friendly casualties.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

- a. Documents captured by D Coy 8 RAR at YS390906 on 22 Dec 69 identify C20/274 Regt (Sigs Coy).

7-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

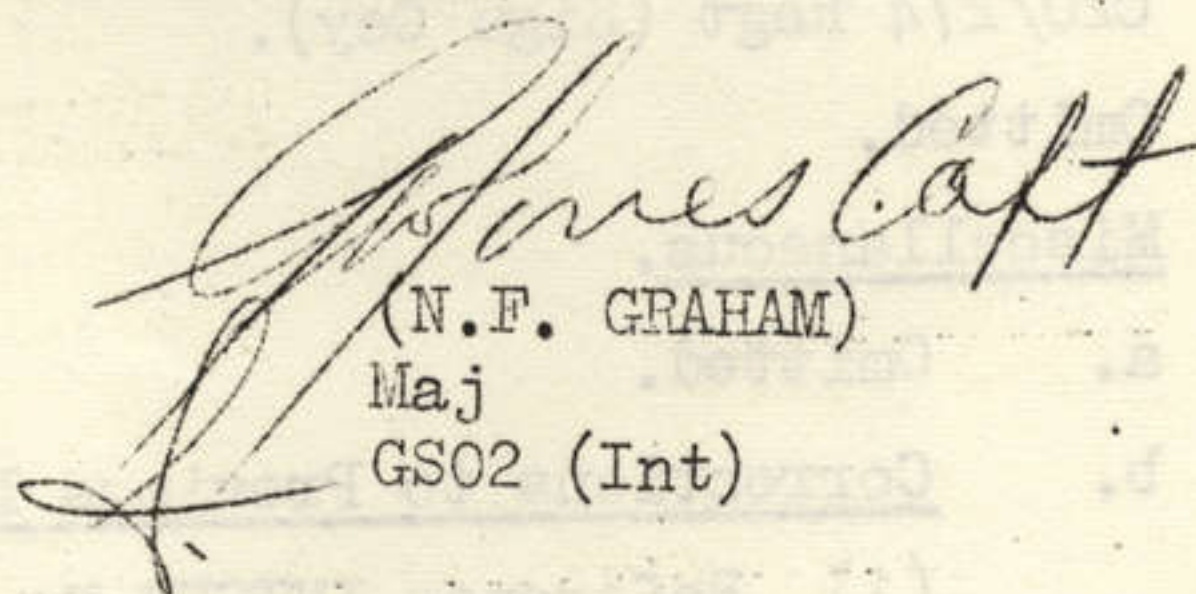
- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 355/69.
 - (a) Para 3a(1)(b). Add 10 Mosin Nagent rifles were recovered.
 - (b) Para 4e(1)(a). Amend to read 33.
 - (c) Para 4e(1)(c). Add 10 Mosin Nagents. rifles.
 - (d) Para 4f(5). Amend to read 170.
 - (e) Para 3a(2)(a). In the first line amend the unit from "D Coy 6 RAR" to "D Coy 8 RAR". In the third line amend 6 RAR to read 8 RAR.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report (F10845H). At DAT DO (YS4960), an unknown size VC force destroyed two bunkers PF forces did not return fire.
- (2) Late Report (211100H) At YS367926, elements of 199 LIB located a well used track running SE-NW. It had been used by an enemy platoon within the last 24 hours. Eight booby traps were located and all were trip wire type.
- (3) Late Report (211930H). At YS257737 A RF AP observed a VC patrol moving EAST. The RF AP engaged the VC who returned fire and withdrew EAST. The RF followed a trail of rice into the hamlet then on to a house where five persons were detained after being identified by the persons previously detained. Results: 7 detainees, 105 kilos of rice and 5 kilos of pork recovered.

- (4) Late Report (212300H). At AP DONG Hamlet, HOA LONG Village (YS423643), an estimated VC squad assassinated a police informant. He was killed by a blow on the head with a hammer.
- (5) Late Report (212304H). At YS467592, RDC Team No 14 contacted a squad of enemy moving NORTH. A platoon from 701 RF Coy swept the area at first light this morning. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.
- (6) (220135H). At YS243695, 614 RF Coy AP sighted an unknown number of VC. VN Arty fired into the area and two VC were observed running in a NE direction. The area was swept with nil results.
- (7) (220200H). At YS244567, VN marines contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: One VC KIA, one AK47 and one PRC 10 Radio Set CIA.
- (8) (220900H). At YS465575, 701 RF Coy located five road blocks consisting of soil and broken branches. All road blocks have been cleared.
- (9) (221130H). At YS463801, 190 RF Coy located an anti-tank mine. The mine was removed by 190 RF Coy.
- (10) (221925H). At YS416595, 50 PF Pl compound received an unknown number of B40 rds, the compound returned fire with SA/AW and the enemy withdrew EAST. No friendly losses or damage was reported.
- (11) (222045H). At YS665676, a VN AP contacted three VC. AP initiated contact and VC withdrew SOUTHEAST without returning fire. Results: Enemy casualties unknown; nil friendly casualties.


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Annex: E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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1. Visual Recce

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22 Dec 69

<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
YS423779	Track of 1-2 people heading NORTH.
YS416776	Well trodden track under bamboo
YS408779	Previously airstruck camp - no signs of recent use but 8-9 bunkers undamaged and in good condition
YS428903	Trail junction
YS427828	Large crate next to track in rubber.
YS424829	Track leading into bamboo, track showed signs of medium use.
YS421834	Old footprints in mud
YS415816	Tracks leading NORTHWEST to SOUTH-EAST.
YS406816	Track activity in clearing.
YS648862	Poss occupied base camp, four bunkers, bamboo tables and a wooden hut were seen.
YS665870	One ox cart, people or oxen could not be located
YS649861	Large track junction

221850H

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 357/69.
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were six contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) Late Report (191600H). At YS744896 - YS745900, V Coy 6 RAR located a hospital complex consisting of 30 plus buildings and bunkers, caches and caves last occupied one week ago and by a caretaker group to the 17 Dec. Recovered was a large qty of personal clothing, surgical gowns, face masks, operating theatre, a number of phials, five four gal drums, qty of small arms ammo, gauze pads, callico, numerous personal documents, stethoscope, sewing machine, misc stationary and medical basins and a qty of cooking utensils. At YS745899 located 12 graves, one containing two bodies. The bodies had been entered over a period of one to three weeks. Located also was a CHICOM grenade and a cave containing an operating table.

(b) (231330H). At YS755901, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR detained two NVN, both of whom were wounded in the legs, it is believed that they had been carried to the area and left to be picked up.

(c) (231425H). At YS780938 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted three VC which resulted in one VC KIA (BC), one AK47 CIA.

(d) (231438H). At YS753828, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR, contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(e) (231615H). At YS739895, V Coy 6 RAR located a cache in a depression in the ground covered in leaves. Recovered was 280 x 7.62 short rds, 95 x .32 cal rds, one DH8 claymore mine, one DH5 claymore mine, six grenade fuzes. The cache was located as a result of PW info.

(2) AO ASHGROVE.

(a) (231240H). At YS390907, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted three enemy, dressed in Khaki uniforms with no head gear or weapon visible, moving from SW to NE. After the contact the enemy withdrew SW. There were no casualties to either side.

(b) (231635H). At YS390910, 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy, dressed in bright blue shirt and dark blue trousers who carried a haversack, moving from W to NE and after contact NW. There were no casualties to either side.

(3) 5 RAR AO.

(a) (231230H). At YS326671, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an estimated 30 dressed in black and tan and armed with AK47, RPG2 and M79 which resulted in two enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (BT), one AK47 and a shovel CIA. There were no friendly casualties.

(2) (231430H). At YS312677, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted a possible four enemy, dressed in camouflage suits carrying heavy equipment, which resulted in one enemy WIA (BT). There were no friendly casualties.

(3) (231725H). At YS324664, C Coy 5 RAR, located a well used N-S track.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (231000H). At YS362660, a patrol from 8 RAR sighted one man in a tree. Arty engaged with unknown results.

(b) (231735H). At YS379637, a patrol from 8 RAR located two booby traps believed to be trip detonated devices.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

c. Detainees. 2.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 2
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - two AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. A large qty of clothing, surgical gowns, face masks, operating theatre, a number of phials, five four gal drums, a qty of SA ammo, gauze pads, callico, personal docs, stethoscope, sewing machine, misc stationary, medical basins, cooking utensils, Chicom grenade, 280 x 7.62 short rds, 95 x .32 cal rds, one x DH8 claymore mine, 1 x DH5 claymore mine, six grenade fuzes, 1 x shovel.

(b) Omitted.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
231615H	V Coy 6 RAR	YS739895	See para 3 a.(1).(d).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 57 VC
- (2) PW - 7
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 6
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 173
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.92 tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortification.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES	AP MINES
2	
YS464806 Pressure	
YS463808 Pressure	

BOOBY TRAPS
YS379637

(2) Omitted.

6-10. Omitted.

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11.

Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM No 356-69 Para 3.a.(3).(b). In the last line amend repellant to read propellant.


c-d. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (222330). At YS426716, 626 RF Coy and 17D MAT team contacted two VC. The VC entered AP SUOI NGHE through the main gate in the W. Fired two RPG2 rounds at the VN AP. The AP returned fire with negative enemy casualties. The VC withdrew NE. There were no friendly casualties.

(2) (230100H). At YS425605, five VC entered civilian house and beat up wife and abducted husband to YS424602 and assassinated him.

(3) (230830H). At YS464806 and YS463808, 190 RF Coy located two CHICOM TNT explosives pressure mines. Both mines were removed by 190 RF Coy.


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INTERROGATION REPORT

1. Biographical Details.

- a. Name: [REDACTED] (SVN)(HOI CHANH).
- b. Rank: [REDACTED]
- c. Unit: Protection Unit [REDACTED]
- d. DOB: [REDACTED]
- e. POB: [REDACTED] Province SVN.
- f. Subject became a temporary party member in May 65 and an official party member 12 May 66.
- g. Rallied to V Coy 6 RAR at YS739895 at 211500H Dec 69.

2. Protection Unit.

- a. HQ - Comd: TU THANH (age 30, carried grenades and chicom explosive).
[REDACTED]
- b. Section 1. Comd: Minh, 25 yrs, AK47.
2IC: Cuong 27 yrs, AK47.
Members: Sach 21 yrs AK47.
Duoc 20 yrs (NVA infil) SKS.
Bac 30 yrs (NVA infil) SKS.
Medic: Mai 21 yrs (NVA infil).
- c. Section 2. Comd: Geai - 26 yrs AK47.
2IC: Truong Van Rong, 26 yrs weapon unk.
Members: NHE 24 yrs, SKS.
Vinh: 21 yrs (NVA infil) AK47.
Chan 20 yrs, SKS.
Mung 21 yrs, SKS.
Dich 30 yrs, SKS.
Thuan 25 yrs, SKS.
- d. Each member carries grenades and the unit also has one RPG2 and 4 x DH10 mines.
- e. Morale of members of the protection unit is high and their health is good.
- f. At the moment food is short. Resupply missions are made about once a week to Bao Binh.

3. The protection unit made contact with Australian troops last week but the subject does not know if there were any casualties because he was in charge of Section 2 which was deployed at the bottom of the hill. Section 1 was on top of the hill.

4. K76A Hospital. The hospital is concentrated in one area but it has two wards.

- a. Surgical Cases - Internal (Ward 1).
- b. Out Patients - External injuries (Ward 3).

((Previously, K76A had 3 wards but in April 69 Ward 2 merged into the other two)).

5. When Australian Forces commenced their sweep through the area ((K76A Base Camp)), the VC were preparing to run and take their patients with them up the hill.

6. When the Australians entered the hospital area, all the labourers and some of the Protection Unit carried the patients to the top of the Nui May Tao to hide. A total of approx 100 persons fled.

7. The hospital had plenty of medical supplies but food was very short. They did have some rice, beans and canned fish which had been supplied by local people but their main supply was from BAO BINH once a week.

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- 8. The subject did not know of any reserve or secondary/alternative area to which the hospital may be moved.
- 9. The Deputy Comd of the hospital (MUOI QUE), when he saw aircraft and airstrikes in the area, sent an emissary ((poss to T-7)) to go and ask for reinforcements about 10 Dec 69. However a letter was received which said that NO reinforcements were available to go to K76A.
- 10. Hospital Staff.
 - a. Comd Dr SAU AN.
 - b. 2IC Dr MUOI QUE.
 - c. Med Spec BA TAY ((captured)).

((Other members unknown to subject)).
- 11. Other Units in the Area. The subject only known of the XUAN LOC District Workshop. This unit produced mines and had a strength of approx 20.
- 12. Other Information. Subject said he had learnt that K76A had received a warning order to prepare to receive between 150 - 200 patients from 274 Regt near the end of Dec 69.

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 357/69
23 Dec 69

- 1.
 - a. Name: LE VAN HOAN AKA HAI
 - b. Rank: Soldier
 - c. Duty: Combatant/C20/274 Regt NVA
 - d. DOB: 1939
 - e. POB: TU THONG (NVN)
 - f. Father: LE VAN KIEM (deceased)
 - g. Mother: NGUYEN THI LUU (deceased)
 - h. Religion: LUONG
 - i. Capture Details.
 - (1) DTG: 231330H
 - (2) Place: YS755901
 - (3) Unit: 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR
 - (4) Status: Detainees
 - j. Interrogation report to follow.
- 2.
 - a. Name: NGUYEN DUC THIEN
 - b. Rank: Soldier/Engineer Coy/33 Regt NVA
 - c. Duty: Combatant
 - d. DOB: 1947
 - e. POB: VAN QUANG; CAP THACH, VONG
 - f. Father: Deceased
 - g. Mother: NGUYEN THI THO
 - h. Religion: LUONG
 - i. Capture Details.
 - (1) DTG: 231330H
 - (2) Place: YS755901
 - (3) Unit: 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR
 - (4) Status: Detainees
 - j. Interrogation report to follow.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 357/69
dated 23 Dec 69

1. An agent report received by BARIA Sector at 231100H states that a VN had sighted 12 VC in the vicinity of BUNG NON approx Co-ord YS677635, the VN identified one VC as HUY NH VAN NAM, this VC said not to tell anyone he (the VN) had seen him. Eval VN C-2.

ANNEX D (Ground Surveillance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 357/69
dated 23 Dec 69

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
YS429654	3 - 5	Engaged by mortar	Unknown

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 357-69
dated 23 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
231000H	YS839745	BDA one bunker destroyed. One hut frame destroyed.
231000H	YS822747	BDA one hut damaged. One bunker exposed. Area suggest rice and vegetable growers huts. Indication of crop harvested and produce transported to the North.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity:

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
230900F	YS544586	10 Emissions in woods.
	YS474491	One in woods.
	YS483507	One in woods.

4. Omitted.

5. Omitted.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 358-69
2. I lod Covered from 240001H to 242400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (240920H) At YS381916, 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 to 5 enemy moving North to South. 7 Pl C Coy initiated contact at approx 75 metres and the enemy went into an immediate ambush. A platoon from from C Coy was then deployed to investigate while 7 Pl was used as a block force. Platoon located the enemy and fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: One KIA(POSS).

(b) (241515H) At YS377907, a patrol of 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy moving North, who withdrew East. RESULTS: One enemy WIA, one violet smoke grenade and one hammock CIA.

(c) (241605H) At YS378909, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy who appeared to have been wounded previously. On contact ~~en~~ withdrew East, and 9 Pl in following up was again contacted. Results: One ~~en~~ WIA, one poncho and one pack CIA.

(d) (241900H) At YS383903, elements of 8 RAR located a grave approx 14 days old.

(2) AO GULLIVER

(a) (241000H) At YS750904, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted four NVA who surrendered after being fired on. Results: Four MVA detained (still undergoing interrogation).

b. Omitted. (See ANNEX E)

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-b. Omitted.

c. Detainees

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still undergoing interrogation - 4.

e. Enemy weapons and material captured or destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 1 hammock, 1 pack, 1 violet smoke grenade, 1 poncho.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 57 VC.
- (2) PW - 7
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 8
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 173
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
- (7) Rice Captured 1.92 tons.

5-10 Omitted.

1. Miscellaneous

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) The two VC killed by 6 RAR on 18 Dec 69, have been identified by Hoi Chanh and documents as the Commander and Adjutant of K76A hospital.

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(2) A document taken from a VC killed by 5 RAR on 18 Dec 69, written by the Commander CHAU DUC District Unit Headquarters, indicates that C41 planned to combine with PHUOC HOA guerillas and a heavy weapons coy (probably C8/D440) to attack Phuoc Hoa PSDF/RF. Such an attack would probably be planned for the Xmas ceasefire period.

(3) There have been indications that elms of D445, probably in company with C25, intend to operate in their AO against LONG DIEN - DAT DO in the ceasefire period in accordance with COSVN Directions to attack the "Pacification" programme.

(4) A diary recovered from a VC killed by 6 RAR on 7 Dec 69, supports other evidence of hardships and disillusionment suffered by NVA troops in SVN. The author, a member of 33 NVA Regt, revealed that he was "greatly disappointed by his hazardous life filled with hardships and dangers caused by enemy daily raids, bombings and artillery fire". He was continuously hungry and suffered from disease and disclosed with obscenities his feelings for the "Revolution" in SVN, his officers and personnel of SVN (VC) units.

(5) Other documents reveal the enemys preoccupation with offensive operations during the Xmas period, noting that "Xmas of this year has a more significant meaning than those in the past because of the Anti-war movement".

COMMENT:

While it has been clear for some time that the enemys intentions are to attack targets on Route 2, Route 15 and Route 23, it is also clear that he has a very limited offensive capability. Harassment of RF posts and roads, particularly by fire, but possibly also by Sapper Attacks, must be expected. Food and ammunition shortages have been apparent in D440/D445 Bns. A document dated 10 Oct 69, revealed that D440 had suffered heavy casualties and were seriously short of food, consequently the troops could not "overcome their hardships to initiate combat action". A Hoi Chanh from D445 revealed similar difficulties and we believe these problems have not been overcome.

Late report (6) (232130H) At YS269647 a friendly AP contacted a sampan. Results: Nil friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

(7) (230910H) At YS823735 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp Results: two galvanized structures destroyed, two thatched structures destroyed and one bunker destroyed.

(8) (231205H) At YS661609 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: four huts destroyed, two huts damaged, four bunkers destroyed, one bunker exposed and there was two secondary explosions.

(9) (231515H) At YS839745 an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: one bunker destroyed. Also at the same time at YS822747, Results: One structure damaged and one bunker exposed.

(10) (241009H) At YS388823 an airstrike on an enemy base camp. Results: two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged, two bunkers exposed and 15 metres of communications trench exposed.

(11) (241500H) At YS782887, an airstrike on an en base camp. Results: One military structure damaged.

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Annexes: C. Agent Reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 358/69
DATED 24 DEC 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
Late Report 230630H	YS584578	One black clad fisherman sighted with nets carried on shoulder. After a low pass he proceeded towards LANG PHUOC HAI. In the past two/three weeks numerous new nets have been placed around this area and footprints show these nets are being closed every day although these nets are well out of the civilian access area.
Late Report 231000H	YS828728 YS846745	New gardens New gardens and hut with recent track activity in area.
Late Report 231325H	YS401825	Tunnel entrance found in creek bank on western side. On Eastern side 5 bunkers were sighted. Track activity in area was quite recent.
Late Report 231325H	YS389833	Camp previously airstruck had 5 bunkers in good condition still remaining. No recent activity in area.
	241500H	YS388823 4 bunkers under construction and fresh activity in area. Trail leads from bunkers to YS390823.
24 Dec	YS580849- YS577849	Fresh footprints of 1 person heading SOUTH following creek line.
24 Dec	YS639742	Old camp consisting of 1 hut and approx 13 bunkers, all in poor condition.
24 Dec	YS625726	One large bunker in good condition.
24 Dec	YS525781, YS526782 and YS530783	Grass huts with galvanized iron roofs at each grid.
24 Dec	YS572859	Fresh footprints in muddy area of E/W track.
24 Dec	YS565847	Possible threshing circle in large clearing.

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
Late report 231630H	YS470670 YS250710	1 on stream 1 on road
	240130H	2 in open
	YS488503	1 on mountain
	YS497534	1 on track
	YS475596	1 on road
	YS475527	1 at base of mountain
	YS458900	9 at base of mountain

5. Omitted.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 358/69
DATED 24 DEC 69

Ag Agent Report received from DAT DO stated that at 241400H C25 Coy (80 men), armed with 3 MMG, 4xB40's and radio sets were moving to area YS473562, YS465565.
Evaluation: VN B-2.

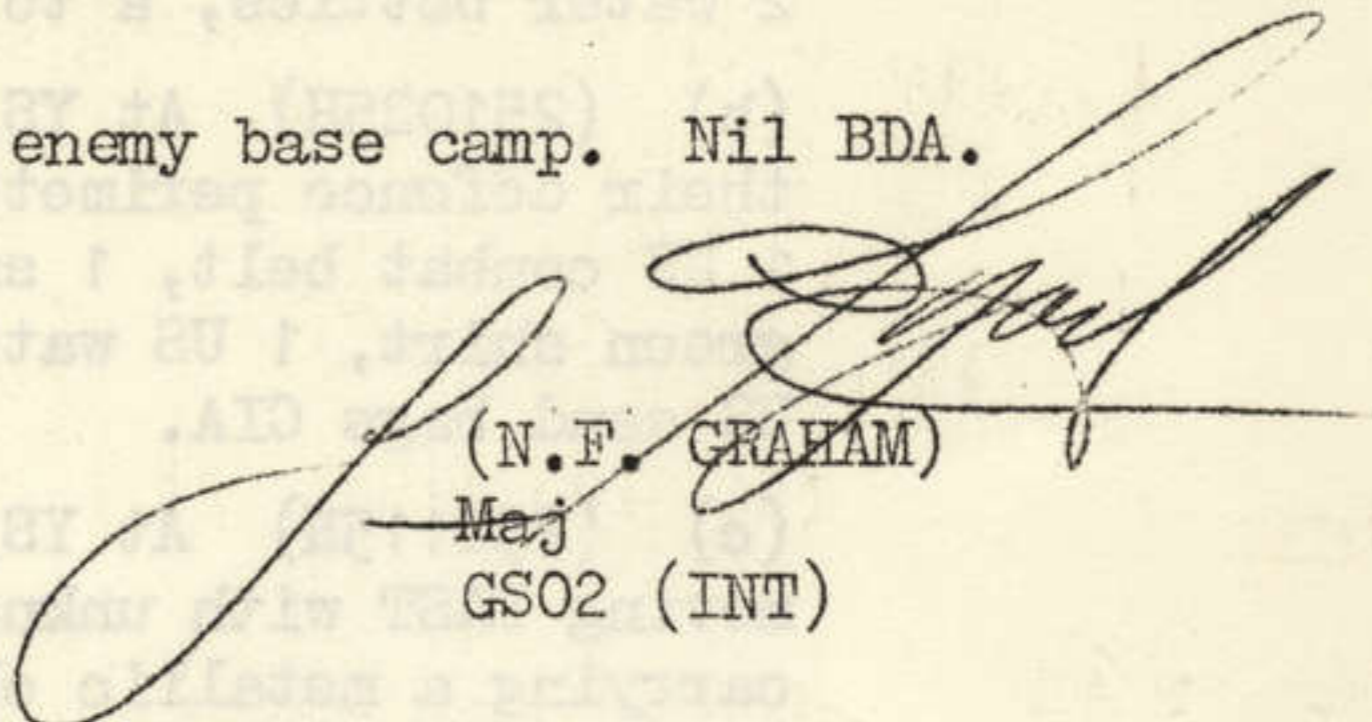
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 359/69.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASHGROVE.
 - (a) (250850H). At YS 390896, 11/D/8 RAR engaged one enemy who entered their defence perimeter. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 M26 grenade, 2 water bottles, a torch and a rice bag CIA.
 - (b) (251025H) At YS377907, 9/C/8 RAR engaged one enemy who entered their defence perimeter. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 M26 grenade, 1 US combat belt, 1 small US basic pouch, 1 hammock, 1 grey pack, 1 green shirt, 1 US water bottle, 1 water bag 2½'x2', qty of rice and US sand bags CIA.
 - (c) (252115H) At YS380915, 8/C/8 RAR contacted an estimated 3 enemy moving EAST with unknown results. From sounds they appeared to be carrying a metallic object. Following the contact the enemy were heard to be dragging something away.
 - (2) AO GULLIVER.
 - (a) (251630H) At YS790936, 4/B/6 RAR sighted 2 VC dressed in black, wearing red scarfs and carrying weapons (NFI). The VC were moving WEST to EAST crossing route 331.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC
 - (3) Omitted
 - b-d Omitted
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured. 2 M26 grenades, 2 water bottles, a torch, rice bag, 1 US combat belt, 1 small pack, 1 green shirt, 1 US water bottle, 1 water bag 2½'x2', qty of rice and US sandbags.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3)-(5) Omitted
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month.
 - (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 59 VC
 - (2) PW - 7
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 8
 - (4) VCI - Nil.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 173
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15
 - (7) Rice Captured - 1.92 Tons.
 - (8)(9) Omitted
- 5-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a-e Omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (242120H) At YS415627, 539 RF Coy engaged an estimated Pl of VC entering AP TAY hamlet, Hao Long Village. The VC returned fire with 7 and RPG2's. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 M2 carbine CIA, 1 VN WIA (result of friendly M14).
- (2) (242155H) At YS484602, DAT DO Sub Sector reports that approx 60 VC composed of local guerillas and C25 surrounded a church and spread propaganda to the people.
- (3) (251945H) At YS795695, A/S on enemy base camp. Nil BDA.


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Attachments:

Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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 dated 25 Dec 69.

1-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
250155H	YS425710	1 in open
250220H	YS480840	1 on stream

5. Omitted.

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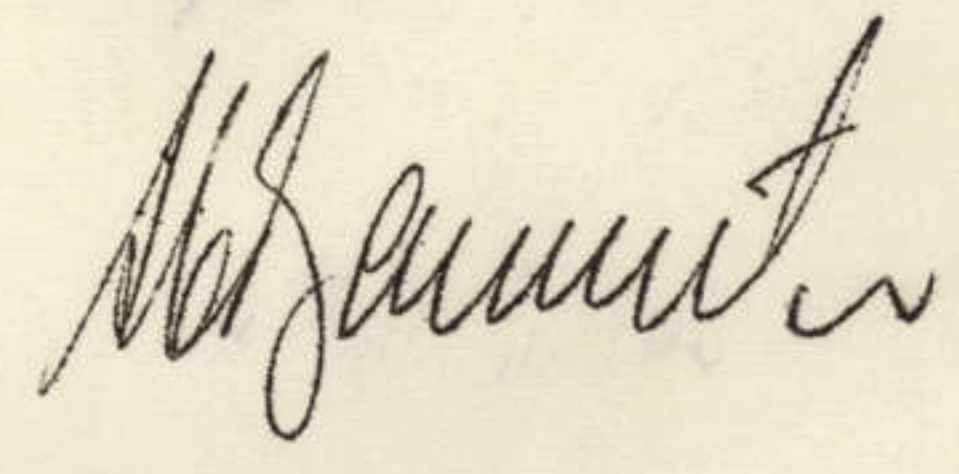
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 361/69.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GULLIVER.

(a) (270919H) At YS790939, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR detained 5 Vietnamese and 1 truck. The five persons were evacuated to Nui Dat for interrigation and later classified as Civil Defendants and taken to XUAN LOC.

(b) (271010H) At YS696848, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 5 bunkers with 2ft of over head protection. Warning notices dated 23 Dec 69 indicate that there are booby traps in the area.

(c) (271500H) At YS663863, D Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 enemy (NVA), 10 Pl D Coy initiated contact which resulted in one NVA WIA(PW) and 2 NVA WIA(bloodtrail) 10 Pl followed blood-trails for approx 400 metres with no results. Recovered from contact area were: One AK47, one AK50, three packs containing personal items, 50lbs of dried peas, quantity of documents, three AK47 mags, one NVA helmet, two water bottles, 1 bottle of kerosine. PW has been evacuated WUNG TAU Hospital and is under heavy sedation and cannot be interrogated.

(d) (271630H) At YS669861, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a fish farm consisting of an 8ft wooden wall and a 100ft long sluice pen, also located were sleeping spaces for four people, these areas had been used approx 24 hours previously. A large quantity of fish were released and the installation was destroyed.

(2) AO ASHGROVE

(a) (271343H) At YS377907, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 VC moving east, enemy returned fire with SA and AW and enemy then broke contact and withdrew South West. Results: 2 VC KIA(BC) and the following was recovered from contact area, one AK47, three packs of documents, three sets of aluminium cooking utensils, 40lbs of rice, a small quantity of plastic sheeting, quantity of clothing, one water bottle, two plastic waterbottle carriers, quantity of assorted food, a quantity of cooking pans, two hammocks, 1 cigarette lighter, one belt, small quantity of medical supplies, six AK47 magazines, 156 rounds of AK47 ammunition.

(b) (271645H) At YS393911, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted two enemy moving East prior to contact who split and withdrew West and East on contact. A follow up resulted in location of ten newly constructed bunkers. The bunker system is to be investigated tomorrow.

b. Air Activity

Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC
- (3) Omitted.

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b. Omitted

c. Detainees.

(1) PW - 1

(2) Omitted.

(3) Civil Defendants - 5

(4) Omitted.

(5) Omitted.

(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 3

(b) Crew Served - Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 2 X AK47, 1 X AK50.

(2)(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. Three packs, three AK47 magazines, one NVA helmet, two waterbottles, one bottle of kerosine, three sets of aluminium cooking utensils, small quantity of plastic sheeting, a quantity of clothing, one water bottle, two water bottle carriers, a quantity of cooking pans, two hammocks, cigarette lighter, one bell, small quantity of medical supplies, six AK47 magazines, 156 rounds of AK47 ammunition.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS663863	Dried Peas	50lbs	Unknown
YS377907	Rice	40lbs	Unknown

(4) (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 61 VC

(2) PW - 12

(3) Hoi Chanh - 8

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 176

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 15

(7) Rice Captured 1.94 Tons

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. a. Omitted.

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b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES

AP MINES

BOOBY TRAPS

Nil

Nil

YS428854, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 2 Chicom grenades taped together trip wire detonated.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

DTG

CO-ORD

TYPE

RESULTS

(270945H) YS447764 Block of Chicom explosives, pressure electrical detonated.

1 Aust WIA, 1 Centurian Tank damaged.

6.- 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 360/69.

(a) Para 11 of (1) delete all reference.

(b) Para 3a (1)(a) amend it to read 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR.

(c) Para 3a (2)(a) delete all reference.

(d) Para 3 amend number of contacts to read one.

(2) Reference INTSUM 359/69;-

(a) Para 4f(2) amend to read **11**, amend subsequent INTSUMS accordingly.

c.- d - e Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report: (262025H) At YS454747, 43 PF Pl and 655 RF Coy Intelligence Squad were engaged by approx 6 VC. The VC entered DUC TRUNG from the East and watched the PF set up their AP from a nearby house. The enemy then initiated contact with B40 and SA fire, sporadic contact continued until 2320H. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, 2 PF KIA and 3 PF WIA.

(2) (270810H) At YS458757, VN elements received sniper fire. Results: Nil friendly casualties, enemy casualties, unknown.

(3) (270930H) At YS408779, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One bunker exposed.

(4) (271507H) At YS766938, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, one bunker damaged, one military structure damaged.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 361/69
dated 27 Dec 69.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
271000H	YS573893	Log lying across a creek, appeared to be used as a footbridge.
	YS569901	Four bunkers in a circle 100ft in diameter with tables and chairs in the centre, also heavy truck activity in the area.
271344H	YS604833	Camp fire and smoke.

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2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO ASHGROVE.
 - (a) Late Report. (271300H) At YS425855, Atk and Trk Pl Sp Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system 15000 sq yds in area with 20 pits and three bunkers widely dispersed. The system had been vacated up to four hours before. Two booby traps were located.
 - (b) (281140H) At YS380918, a patrol of 7 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted three VC, which resulted in one VC KIA (BC), one AK47, three loaded magazines, three assorted pills, four documents, three pipes, 1 tin of margarine, one medal and other personal items and clothing.
 - (c) (281230H) At YS392912, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system of 11 bunkers, nine of the bunkers were newly completed, two incomplete and a kitchen. The system was last used one week to two months ago. The system is to be destroyed.
 - (2) AO FOOT. (281935H) At YS455752, 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR, contacted one VC which resulted in one VC KIA (BC).
 - (3) Other Areas. (281300H) At YS362660 a ptl from 8 RAR and an element of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted one possibly two VC in a tree. The VC were engaged with .30 cal and .50 cal and engaged with arty, with unknown results.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust inflicted - 2 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b.-d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 2.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - 2xAK47.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured. Three loaded magazines, three assorted pills, four documents, three pipes, one tin of margarine, one medal and personal clothing.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS380918	Margarine	1 tin	unknown
(4)+(5)	Omitted.		
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Dec 69.
 - (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 63 VC.
 - (2) PW - 12.
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - 8.

- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 177.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15.
- (7) Rice captured 1.94 tons.
- (8)+(9) omitted.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
- a. Omitted
- b. Enemy Enplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
- (1) Destroyed by Friendly Troops.
BOOBY TRAPS: YS425855 - 2 booby traps.
- (2) Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. A document from body from contact with 8 RAR 281140H at YS380918 belongs to TA VAN CUONG, Squad 2IC, of C20 (Signals Coy) 274 Regt NVA.
- 7.-9. Omitted.
10. VCI/Guerilla ORBAT.
- a. Omitted.
- b. Guerilla ORBAT.
- (1)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Capture or Rally of Significant Cadre. See ANNEX F to 1 ATF INTSUM No 361/69 dated 28 Dec 69.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a.-e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) Late Report. (271430H) At YS765896, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp, which resulted in two bunkers destroyed, one bunker damaged, one hut damaged.
- (2) (281000H) At YS408779, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp, which resulted in one bunker destroyed, two bunkers badly damaged, one table destroyed, one bunker exposed.
- (3) (281600H) At YS647862, USAF conducted an airstrike on an enemy base camp, which resulted in two bunkers destroyed, four bunkers exposed, six bamboo structures exposed.

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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
 ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.
 ANNEX F - Capture or Rally or Significant Cadre.

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN Div
II FFORCE V	3 TAC Fighter Wing
MACV J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp
MACV CICV	BIEN HOA TAC
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48
	Sector S2.

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW - [REDACTED]

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) PHUOC TUY.

Biographical Detail

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. D/POB: [REDACTED] Village HIEP HOA district.
- d. Address: [REDACTED]/HIEP HOA/HA BAC (NVN).
- e. Rank/Appt: Soldier (radio operator/702 radio).
- f. Unit: [REDACTED] ((2/33 Regt)).
- g. Occupation: Field worker.
- h. Edn standard: 4th class.
- i. Political affiliations: None.
- j. Previous convictions: None.
- k. Religion: Confuciousst.
- l. Father: [REDACTED]
- m. Mother: [REDACTED]
- n. Marital status: Single.
- o. Close relatives:
 - (1) Cousin: [REDACTED] 30, fieldworker.
 - (2) Cousin: [REDACTED] 27, labourer.
- p. Relatives working for the GVN: None.
- q. Relatives working for the VC: None.

Circumstances of Return.

3. a. Capturing unit: 1 pl/A Coy/ 6 RAR.
- b. Date: 24 Dec 69.
- c. Location: YS750904.
- d. Weapons and Docs: 2,000 piastre ((no weapon)).
- e. Circumstances: The subject been chased by Aust forces operations for the last 6-7 days and had not eaten for the last 4 days. He rallied with 3 other persons who were wounded.

Past Activities

4. a. Mar 67 - joined the VC at HA BAC (NVN).
- b. Aug 67 - infiltrated South with 326 Bn.
- c. Dec 67 - arrived in SVN.

Exploited Information

5. a. When the subject came South he was transferred to A57 Regt at KONTUM, where after 3 days he was wounded in the back by artillery fire. He was taken to hospital at KONTUM. After 3 months the subject went back to A57 Regt which was in TAY NINH for about one month. A57 then went to LONG KHANH until TET 1969. During that time the subject went to collect rice at BIEN HOA then return to Route 1. While on the mission the subject was wounded in the leg and was taken to K76A hospital in the May TAO hills.
- b. The subjects only knows that K76A hospital was divided into 3 areas (1,2&3) about 2-3 months previous area 1 was hit by an airstrike when it was in the foot-hills. Because of this, area 1 moved further up into the hills with areas 2 & 3. There were about 60-70 patients in the hospital, but over the past 7 days the area was attacked by Aust forces and the staff and walking patients fled up the hill along a stream near the hospital. The non-walking patients had to stay and be captured or CHIEU HOI because of lack of food and they couldn't escape. The subject stated that the highest number of patients at the hospital during the year was 300 in Mar 69.
- c. Staff strength: The subject only knows that there was over 20 (approx) female nurses, a number of medical specialists and 1 doctor (Name - MUOI). In all, the staff totalled about 30 persons.
- d. Protection Unit: Unknown.
- e. Resupply: Rations are collected at Route 1, BAO BINH and TAN PHU. Besides that the subject knew that a number of persons went up to Route 1 to collect food at the beginning of Dec 69, but he had not seen them return.
- f. D2/A57 Battalion:
- (1) Strength: 300 (at the beginning of 1969).
 - (2) HQ: Comd - SON
2IC - CAU
" - TEUONG
POL offr - NHAN
Asst POL Offr - TOAN.
 - (3) Support Section: There are 2 signal sections:
 - (a) Radio Section. Comd: NAM (Killed)(subject does not know who replaced him). 2IC: DONG.
 - (b) Ground Comms Section. Comd: LUA (Wounded), 2IC: THAM.
- g. Additional Information: The infiltration route of 326 battalion started at HA BAC and moved South through HAI DUONG, TRING YEN, NAN HQ, NINH BINH, THANH HOA, QUANG BUNH through LAOS and to KONTUM (Dec 67).

Comments by 10 MID

6. Information is limited because the subject was wounded in the leg and was being treated in area 2 of K76A hospital for about 10 months.

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW - VU VAN HUONG

General

1. The following is a translation by Det 1 Div Int Unit of a report received from 10 MID (ARVN attached) PHUOC TUY.

Biographical Data

2. a. Name: [REDACTED]
b. AKA: Nil.
c. D/POB: [REDACTED] Village; NAM HA.
d. Address: Unknown.
e. Rank/Appt: Soldier.
f. Unit: [REDACTED]
g. Occupation: paddy worker.
h. Edn standard: 7th class NVN.
i. Religion: Catholic.
j. Political affiliation: None.
k. Previous convictions: None.
l. Father: [REDACTED]
m. Mother: [REDACTED]
n. Marital status: Single.

Circumstances of Capture

3. a. Capturing unit: 1 Pl/A Coy/6 RAR.
b. Date: 24 Dec 69.
c. Location: YS750904.
d. Weapons and Docs: Nil.
e. Circumstances: Remained stationary with 3 others that were captured.

Past Activities

4. Activities whilst in NVN not disclosed.

Explicated Information

5. a. The subject joined the VC in Oct 68 and underwent 2 months training and on the 22 Dec 68 started to infiltrate South through NINH BINH, THANH HOA, HA TINH, NGHE AN and TRUONG SON Provinces. Whilst on the move in LONG KHANH the subject was wounded by aircraft fire and was taken to K76A hospital where he spent 6 months. The subject stated that a number of recovered patients fled Westward when they heard the Aust forces coming. The subject also stated that he heard the voice aircraft telling VC to return to the GVN; and because he had lost one leg had to stay near a creek to wait until the Aust forces arrived so he could surrender.

b. Subject heard voice aircraft for 2 days and the group discussed the broadcasts and concluded they must give themselves up if they wanted to survive.

c. K76A Personalities. Subject only knew the name of the doctor who treated him - Dr MUOI.

d. A57 (33 Regt NVA).

(1) Regt consists of three bns, 1, 2 and 3, with subordinate coys C16, C17, C18. 1 Bn and 3 Bn - Particulars unknown.

(2) 2 Bn - consists of four coys 1, 2, 3 and 4.

(a) Personalities.

Comd - LE DUY NAI, Age 27, POB: TANH HOA, Wpn K54.
2IC - NG DUY THAI, Age 30, POB: NAM DINH, Wpn K54.
2IC - NG NGOC THANH, Age 26, POB: SVN, Wpn K54.
Staff Comd - LE VAN LAND, Age 27, POB: SVN, Wpn unknown.
PO - LE BA DINH, Age 23, POB: SVN, Wpn K54.
APO - DUONG NGOC SU, Age 32, POB: SVN Wpn K54.
ADJ - LE BA CHIU, Age 29, POB: SVN Wpn 54.
Medic - LE QUYET TAM, Age 20, POB: SVN, No wpn.

(b) Strength. Approx 180.

(c) Weapons. 1x82mm mor, 2xRPG7, 12xRPG2, 3sRussian M.d. MGs.

(d) Equipment. 3xphones, 3000 metres of wire.

(e) Location. Sept 69 - LONG LA NGA River area, exact location unknown. Present location - unknown.

(f) Coys 1 and 2.

(i) Personalities.

Comd - LE VAN CHAU, Age 27, POB: SVN, Wpn K54.
2IC - HIEU, Age 28, POB: SVN, Wpn K54.
PO - NG DUY LU, Age 30, POB: SVN, Wpn K54.
ADJ - NG VAN PHAT, Age 30, POB: SVN, Wpn K54.
Medic - NG VAN THICH.

(ii) Strength. Approx 28.

(iii) Weapons. 1xMed MD, 2xRPG2, AKs.

Comments

Subject was in poor condition but cooperative since being blind. was confused on time and personalities.

INTERROGATION REPORT

Personal Particulars

1. a. Status: PW.
- b. Name: [REDACTED]
- c. AKA: None.
- d. Rank/Appt: [REDACTED] Bn 2 Q4.
- e. Unit: [REDACTED]
- f. Father: [REDACTED]
- g. Mother: [REDACTED]
- h. Religion: Buddhist.
- i. D/POB: [REDACTED], THAI BINH NVN.
- j. Circumstances of Capture: Captured by 6 RAR at YS750904 at 241000H. He had been a hospital patient with K76A and with those others surrendered to the capturing unit.

Exploited Information

2. Subject joined a communist group in 1968 prior to joining army. He has no other communist affiliations. The group consisted of four or five persons.
3. In May 1968 he joined 338 Trg Bn in NINH BINH Province for three months inf trg.
4. In Aug 1968 he joined 240 Infiltration Group. There were 600 persons in this group and an estimated 630 had already infiltrated to the South from this group.
5. In Sep 68 he infiltrated into SVN and joined [REDACTED] in Mar/Apr 69. The [REDACTED] was located near the BINH SON Rubber in an area called TAM GIAI SAT area (a triangle).
6. He has not been involved in any combat activities but became sick in Oct 69 and was placed in the dispensary [REDACTED]. At the beginning of Dec he was transferred to K76A. It was at this time that the 2nd Bn left the BINH SON Rubber to go to the DONG NAI river at ANG. They were on an ammunition resupply mission to collect AK, B40 and RPG ammo. Future intentions [REDACTED] are not known to subject.
7. 2 Bn 274 Regt.
 - a. Regt Comd: UT THANG.
 - b. C2 Coy: 1 Pl Ldr - NUA. 1 Pl 2IC - BUNG.
 - c. 1 Sect 1 Pl: 1 Sect Comd - NG VAN HANH. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]. 1 Sect 2 IC: HAI.
 - d. 2 Pl: 2 Pl Comd - MUI (KIA Mar 69 in HATI NA Battle). 2 Pl 2 IC - DANH.
 - e. 1 Sect 2 Pl: 1 Sect Comd - PHUNG. Rest unknown.
 - f. 2 Sect 2 Pl: 2 Sect Comd - SO. Member - CHIEN. Rest unknown.
8. The strength of 15 indicated above for C2 Coy is according to the subject, the strength at the beginning of Dec 69. He stated that where in 1 Sect 1 Pl they have a section comd and two men, the two soldiers are made section 2IC's. He stated that they do not work in a set establishment as they would do in NVN.

2. Interrogators Comments

The subject was not very cooperative and attempted to be vague on most points.

INITIAL INTERROGATION REPORT

PW - LE DINH AI

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: [REDACTED].
- b. AKA: None.
- c. D/POB: [REDACTED] District, NINH BINH NVN.
- d. Rank/Appt: Soldier.
- e. Unit: [REDACTED] NVA Regt.
- f. Occupation: Student.
- g. Religion: Buddhist.
- h. Father: [REDACTED]
- i. Mother: Deceased.

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing Unit: 1/A/6 RAR.
- b. Date: 241000H Dec 69.
- c. Place: YS750904.
- d. Wpns & Docs: Nil.
- e. Circumstances: Was fired on by Aust troops and surrendered.

Past Activities

- Feb 65 - subject was called up for army service and did a years training with 6 Bn 95 Regt in HA TINH Province NVN. Training was basic inf and mortar trg.
- Feb 66 - Region infiltration into SVN with infiltration group 302 which had a strength of about 500 including 50 from 6 Bn 95 Regt. The group left from QUANG BINH Province and used a comms route via LAOS and into SVN near KONTUM.
- Oct 66 - Arrival SVN (for one month en route subject was used for resupply missions for the group). Approx 200 of the original 500 from Group 302 arrived.
- Nov 67 - Still in KONTUM he contracted Malaria and was sent to comms station 5 for 3 months.
- Feb 68 - Taken to a convalescent centre near station 5.
- Sep 68 - Sent to reinforce [REDACTED] in TAY NINH Province and was allocated to [REDACTED] in the DONG NAI River.
- Sep 69 - Subject was wounded at BINH SON by arty fire while on a rice collection mission. Shrapnel blinded him in both eyes. At this time [REDACTED] was located in the DONG NAI area.
- Sep 69 - Subject taken to K76A hospital with 5 others from 33 Regt incl GIEP and THO, Sect 2IC. Journey took 15 days as they were forced to detour because of allied operations.

Exploited Information

3. a. K76A. Area III had 50-60 patients with a staff of 30. Ten days ago the subject was led off to another area with 4 others. He was told that allied troops were operating in the area and the hospital would soon be over-run. The staff left them 4 days ago (20 Dec 69) and did not return and subject had not eaten for 4 days. Everyday the others would forage in the vicinity for vegetables or anything to eat.

DETAINEE REPORT
20-26 DEC 69
DUC THANH DISTRICT

NAME	DOB	ADDRESS	POSN IN V.C.	CIRCUMSTANCES	DISPOSITION	REMARKS
NGUYEN THI THIET	1916	1/2 Ngia Giao	Mil Proselyter Ngia Giao	Detained 24 Dec 69	SECTOR	ID: 064 854 Issued: Phuoc Le 27 Aug 62
H ^o THI THANH	1929	DUC THANH	Chief of Mil Proselyting	Detained 22 Dec 69	SECTOR	Father: HO VAN THAO Mother: DO THI BIEN ID: 016115 Issued: Phuoc Le 13 Sep 67
TRAN THI GAI	1957	DUC MY BINH BA	Mil Proselyting BINH BA	Detained 22 Dec 69	SECTOR	Father: TRAN SUN Mother: NGUYEN THI CAU
TRAN PHU	1959	DUC MY BINH BA	Mil Proselyting BINH BA	Detained 22 Dec 69	SECTOR	Parents as above
LE VAN LANH	1925	DUC MY BINH BA	Mil Proselyting	Detained 22 Dec 69	SECTOR	Father: LE VAN NINH Mother: NGUYEN THI DAI
VO VAN SOAN	1914	DUC MY BINH BA	Mil Proselyting	Detained 19 Dec 69	SECTOR	Father: PHAM VAN LUONG Mother: BUI THI TAN

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ANNEX F TO
INTSUM NO 361/69
DATED 28 DEC 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
Late Report (271915H)	YS610842	smoke from small fire
(281350H)	YS578569	two people, civilians
(281350H)	YS586573	three people, civilians
(281300H)	YS567823	E-W track, recent activity
(281300H)	YS565820	E-W track, recent activity
(281300H)	YS565811	old base camp collapsed bunkers; light track activity in adjacent creek line.
(281420H)	YS520740	In area of co-ord activity between river and 141M feature. Well used track reading SW from river to feature.
(281700H)	YS532791	well used E-W track
(281700H)	YS509806 to YS505806	well used E-W track.
(281700H)	YS512812	well used NS track which split into three minor tracks at co-ord which petered out after 50 metres.

2.-5. Omitted.

1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 363-69.
 2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Dec 69.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ASHGROVE.

(a) (291430H). At YS420886, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted two en. Results: One VC KIA(BC), one pack, one AUST water bottle and one NVA water bottle were recovered.

(b) (291930H). At YS422888, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a small cache inside a bamboo container. Items recovered were 12 tins of mackerel and 12 tins of sugar milk.

(c) (291555H). At YS425893, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted one (poss more) en moving North. En wdr south. Results: one en KIA(poss).

(d) (291600H). At YS446798, District Chief DUC THANH reported that two pls of VC were digging holes. Arty from FSPB PEGGY (YS4383) fired into the area and elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and ATK Pl 8 RAR were sent to investigate. At the above loc, a Centurion tank from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an unknown type mine and was destroyed. ((see para 5b(2))).

(e) (291600H). At YS403917, elms of 8 RAR located a camp of seven bunkers with 3 ft OHC and nine huts. Last used approx 6-12 months ago. A small qty of docs was recovered.

(2) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (291210H). At DUC TRUNG (YS4574), elms of 5 RAR detained 12 VN. All persons detained are from a black list held by 1 ATF. Two were later released and ten are being detained for interrogation. (1) as suspected VCS. (See para. 10b(5) of this INTSUM).

(b) (292045H). At YS454753, Aslt Phr Pl 5 RAR engaged and two unknown number of en who detonated a trip flare on their NDP title wire with unknown results. Items recovered.

b. Air Activity. (291930H). At YS422888, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a small cache inside a bamboo container. Items recovered were 12 tins of mackerel and 12 tins of sugar milk.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC.

(3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 2.

(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 10.

(6) Omitted.

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- d. Omitted.
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed. (S)

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1.
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. One RPG 2 rd and booster, qty of docus, one pack, one AUST water bottle, one NVA water bottle.
- (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
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YS455752	Unknown	Small qty	Destroyed.
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(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
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291930H	12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR	YS422888	See para 3a(1)(b).
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f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 64 VC.
- (2) PW - 12.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 8.
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 178.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 15.
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.94 Tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents.

(1) Interdictions.

DTG	CO-ORD	LOC	OCCURRENCE
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290600H	YS252748	RTE 15	Road block of branches. Also found was two propaganda banners.
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290700H	YS245758	RTE 15	Road block of branches and dirt.
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(2) Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

DTG	CO-ORD	TYPE	RESULTS
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291800H	YS446798	Unknown	Nil friendly casualties, one centurion tank destroyed.
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6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

- a. VC killed at YS417629 (para 11.f.(4) ident as member CH1.
- b. VC killed at YS455752 (para 3.a.(2) of INTSUM 362/69 dated 28 Dec 69) ident as NGO VAN MINH, pl ldr of C5/D440 in Jan 69 by personal docus.
- c. Docus recovered from 8 RAR contact at YS380918 on 281140H ident C20/274 VC Regt.

7.-9. Omitted.

10. VCI/Guerrilla ORBAT.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Guerilla ORBAT.
 - (1)-(4). Omitted.
 - (5) Captured or Rally of Significant Cadre.

<u>DOC</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
291210H	DUC TRUNG	NGUYEN-VAN-DINH TRAN-QUI AKA HANG HO-THI-HOA PHAM-HOT NGUYEN-VAN-THI VO-VAN-BA NGUYEN-VAN-CHUNG NGUYEN-VAN-THE NGUYEN-HUU-CHUNG DOAN VAN HAI	SUSPECTED VCS	PIC

See ANNEX F to 1 ATF INTSUM No 363-69 dated 29 Dec 69 for Detainee Report for LONG LE District.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM dated 28 Dec 69.
 - (a) Amend INTSUM number to read 362-69.
 - (b) Para 3a (1)(a) add to camp complex one tunnel.
 - (c) Para 3a (1)(b) after personal items and clothing add were recovered.
 - (d) Para 3a (2) in first line amend "one VC" to read "an estimated three VC". Add "One AK47, one RPG2 rd and booster, small qty of docus and a small qty of food were recovered."
- c.-e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) 282000H at YS438642 a RDC listening post made contact with a VC squad moving from the east. The VC used grens and SA and the RDC post wdr with unknown results. Comment: probably an elm of CH1.
 - (2) Late Report. (282000H). At YS461577, an est VC pl carrying RPG2's, SA and M16 mines engaged 701 RF Coy while they were moving into an ambush position. The VC initiated contact by command detonating three M16 mines, the VC then fired RPG2 and SA from each side of the road. The RF broke contact and withdrew to their compound. During a sweep of the contact area this morning, 701 RF coy located an M16 mine. detonated approx 25 ft off the road.

Results/

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Results: En casualties unknown, 2 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA and two M16 mines destroyed. Comment: probably C25.

(3) Late Report. (282010H). At YS253728, 771 RF Coy contacted an est VC squad. The VC returned fire and withdrew in an unknown direction Results: En casualties unknown, nil friendly cas.

(4) Late Report. (282300H). At YS417629, 609 RF coy contacted an est VC squad. Results: one VC PW died of wounds, one M2 carbine CIA. One RF WIA. The PW was ident as a member of CH1. Comment: This was possibly the gp contacted earlier at YS438642.

(5) (290905H). At YS304673, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.

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GSO 2 (INT)

Attachments.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

ANNEX F - Detainee Report.

Distribution:

- List A
- II FFORCE V
- MACV -J2
- MACV - CICV
- RTAVF
- 18 ARVN Div
- 3 TAC Fighter Wing
- 12 Cbt Avn Gp
- BIEN HOA TAC
- Advisory Team 48
- Sector S2

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- RTAVF
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 363-69
dated 29 Dec 69.

1.

Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
291100H	55-60 Eastings 76-90 Northings	The SONG RAI river is quite shallow and is slow moving. Crossing would be quite easy along most of the river. Rock ledges also make the crossing easy.
	YS592776	Crossing point of two large trees across river with well used E-W track. Two set of foot tracks in mud on the West bank.
	YS579809	Log across river. No recent track activity.
	YS574839	Old camp of approx eight bunkers in various stages of disrepair.
291400H	YS385821	Fresh foot prints in area of previously A/S camp.
	YS405809	Heavy track activity in area running E-W. Tracks became impossible to follow due to heavy bamboo canopy.

2 - 5.

Omitted.

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DETAINEE REPORT
212400H - 282400H DEC 69
LONG LE DISTRICT

DETAINEE REPORT
212400H - 282400H DE
LONG LE DISTRICT

1. PRISONERS OF WAR

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>CAPTURE DATA</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
BAO (female)	N/A (cook)	C41	PW	Captured at 250945H at YS 413626 - WIA in contact previous night.		Now in VUNG TAU Hospital.	

2. DETAINEES

BUI VAN NGHI	Civilian	N/A	Suspected VC supplier	Detained in his house at 1/1 MY XUAN, PHU MY when RF's followed rice trail after contact on 21 Dec 69	Civilian	Now held at PIC awaiting interrogation	Suspected
NGUYEN THI MY	Civilian	"	"	As above (wife)	"	"	"
BUI THI CHAY	"	"	"	" (daughter)	"	"	"
BUI VAN TROT	"	"	"	" (son)	"	"	"
NGUYEN THI TIEU	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
NGUYEN VAN NGOC	"	"	"	Detained 22 Dec 69 as he is husband of NGUYEN THI TIEU	"	"	"
DO THI BUOC	"	"	"	Detained 22 Dec 69 after interrogation of [redacted] [redacted] revealed DO THI BUOC had supplied for VC	"	"	"

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 364/69.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Dec 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) Ao Ashgrove.

(a) (300915H) At YS387920, C Coy 8 RAR contacted 4 enemy moving SOUTHWEST, on contact the enemy withdrew NORTH, NORTHWEST and WEST. Results: Two enemy WIA (bloodtrail), one enemy KIA (Poss), two packs containing clothing and qty of U/I ammunition and 70 rounds of 50 cal ammunition were recovered.

(b) (301135H) At YS427895, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew SOUTHEAST on contact. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, nil friendly casualties.

(c) (301215H) At YS421890, 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR found an 82mm mortar (complete) of CHICOM origin.

(d) (301413H) At YS428897, 11 Pl D Coy 8 RAR contacted 7 enemy moving SOUTH and withdrew SW on contact. Results: One KIA (BC) two WIA (bloodtrail), one AK47, one pack and a quantity of documents were recovered.

(e) (301740H) At YS424892, D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing one CHICOM grenade, a quantity of tools, two 7.92 rifles, two tins of insect repellent, a quantity of plastic sheeting, one hammock, one sulphur lamp, one AUST hand towel, three shirts, two field dressings, two pairs of blue trousers, one brassiere, 50 x 7.92mm rounds, two batteries, one bag of barley, one 44 gal drum $\frac{3}{4}$ full of soya beans, 2 doz x 1 lb packets of tea, 10 lbs of rice, and bag of white powder with markings TAM-SCH.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) (301210H) At BINH BA/DUC MY (YS4574), elements of 5 RAR detained 19 VN. All persons detained are from a black list held by 1 ATF and are being held by DUC THANH Sub Sector for further interrogation. (Sect Para 10 b(5) of this INTSUM for names of those detained).

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period:

(2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1)(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 19

(6) Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 3

(b) Crew Served - 1

(c) Breakdown - one 82mm mortar (complete), one AK47, two 7.92mm rifles.

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(b) Destroyed. Two packs containing a quantity of clothing and U/I ammunition, 70 rounds of 50 cal ammunition. One pack, one Chicom grenade, a qty of tools, two tins of insect repellent, a qty of plastic sheeting, one hammock, one sulphur lamp, one AUST hand towel, three shirts, two field dressings, two pairs of blue trousers, one brassiere, 50 x 7.92mm rounds and two batteries.

(c) To be Destroyed. One Chicom claymore, two B40 rounds, one Chicom grenade with no fuze, 45 Atk rifle grenades, two hand flares, one drum mag (NFI), a qty of AK47 clips, one shovel, a plastic sheet, one poncho, one empty 50 cal ammo liner, two full 7.62 short ammo liners.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS424892	barley	1 bag (NFI)	Unknown
	sayo beans	44 gal drum $\frac{3}{4}$ full	Unknown
	tea	24 lbs	Unknown
	rice	10 lbs	Unknown
	white powder with markings	1 bag (NFI)	Unknown
	TAM-SCH		

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
301740H	D Coy 8 RAR	YS424892	See Para 3a (1)(e) of this INTSUM for contents.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 65 VC
- (2) PW - 12
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 8
- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 181
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 16
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.94 Tons.
- (8). (9) Omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents taken from a VC KIA by C/8 RAR at YS377907 on 27 Dec 69, possibly identify NGUYEN HUU THANH of C21 Sapper/Recon Coy 274 VC MF Regt.

b. Documents found in packs following a contact by D/6 RAR identify PHAM VAN NGO of Z300/84 RSG, who was taken PW and at present is at 1 Aust Fd Hosp. His condition has precluded detailed interrogation to date. The unit is not known but it is possible it was a security unit normally operating on the SONG RAI but lately providing security for the MAY TAO Base.

c. Documents recovered from a camp at YS746899 on 19 Dec 69 by V/6 RAR and at YS754900 by A/6 RAR contained a number of nominal rolls and organizational charts of K76A Hosp/77 together with a number of personal and general reports. The documents were of significant OB value.

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- d. Documents from a VC KIA by 11/D/8 RAR at YS390896 on 25 Dec 69 disclosed no idents.
- e. Documents found following a contact by C/8 RAR at YS377907 on 24 Dec 69 identified the owner (who was WIA(BT)) as a member of C20 Sigs Coy 274 **VC** MF Regt.
- f. Documents recovered from YS754944 by 3/A/6 RAR on 23 Dec 69 disclosed no idents.
- 7. Omitted.
- 8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/69 dated 30 Dec 69.
- 9. Omitted.
- 10. VCI/Guerrilla ORBAT
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Guerrilla ORBAT.
 - (1).(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Capture or Rally of Significant Cadre.

<u>DOC</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
301210H	BINH BA/DUC	MY - DO - DAC - THIEM	Suspect DUC THANH	DUC THANH Sub Sector
"	"	LE - VAN - HANG	Suspected of VC activity.	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - HAM	Suspect DUC THANH	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - BO	Taxpayer	"
"	"	TRAN - SUM	Liaison	"
"	"	HO - XU	Suspected VC supplier.	"
"	"	NGUYEN - LE	Taxpayer	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - SANG	Taxpayer	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - BA	Taxpayer	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - NHAN	Taxpayer	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - CANG	Suspect DUC THANH	"
"	"	NGUYEN - DU - CAN	Suspected of VC activity.	"
"	"	TRAN - VAN - NGA	" "	"
"	"	DUONG - THI - TAM	Member self defence militia.	"
"	"	LAI - THI - HAU	Suspected of VC activity.	"
"	"	NGUYEN - VAN - BAY	Taxpayer	"
"	"	NGUYEN - CONG - MAY	Suspected of VC activity.	"
"	"	NGUYEN - THI - VAN	Suspect DUC THANH	"

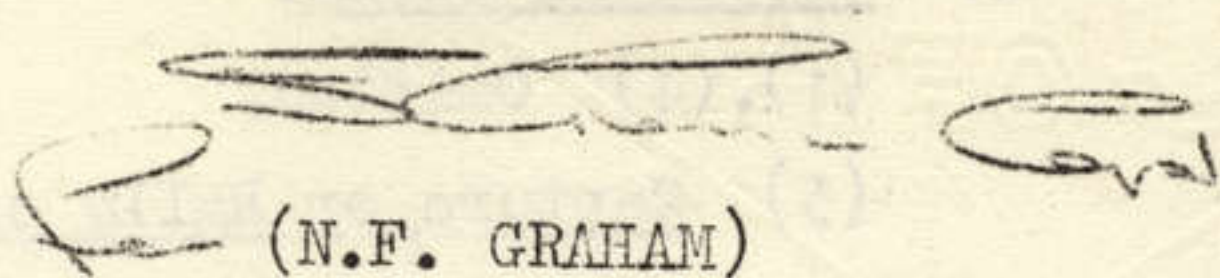
- 11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No. 363-69
 - (a) Para 6.a. Amend to read "ident as member C41".
 - (b) Para 11.f.(1) Amend comment to read "probably an element of C41".
 - (c) Para 11.f.(4) Amend third line to read "The PW was identified as a member of C41".
 - c.e. Omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (30 Dec 69) At YS302973, FSPB CRYSTAL received 9-10 rounds of mortar fire (NFI).
- (2) (30 Dec 69) At YS263998, A and B Coy 2/3, 199 LIB contacted an estimated 2 coys of enemy who they beleived to be HQ 274 Regt and elements of 74 Arty Regt (nothing further reported).
- (3) (30 Dec 69) At YS300909, D Coy 2/3, 199 LIB contacted an estimated enemy squad (nothing further reported).
- (4) (300910H) At YS388798, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: Two bunkers destroyed, two bamboo structures destroyed, two bunkers damaged and one bunker exposed.
- (5) (301515H) At YS831747, an airstrike was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: One hut destroyed, one hut damaged and three bunkers exposed.


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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

List A
II FFORCE V
MACV-J2
MACV - CICV
RTAVF
18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
BIEN HOA TAC
Advisory Team 48
Sector S2

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 364/69
DATED 30 Dec 69

CIVIL DEFENDANT: NG VAN CHUOC
PLACE DETAINED: YS796942, No 5 bridge.
DATE: 27 Dec 69
DETAINING UNIT: 4/B/6 RAR
REF: 1 ATF INTSUM 361/69 para 3.a.(1) (a)
DISP: XUAN LOC
AKA: DUC

INITIAL INTERROGATION REPORT

Exploited information

1. Subject said that from Oct 69 to 20 Dec 69 he was sick with malaria so he went to Bien Hoa to be cured. When he was well again he went back to Long Khanh. On 25 Dec 69 at approx 1400H DANH XOM (a cambodian) a hunter, gave the subject a piece of paper which was a list of things that he needed:
 - 10 bags of tea
 - 5 large tins of meat
 - 10 bottles of sauce
 - 6 dozen batteries (large kind)
2. DANH XOM told the subject that if he bought the above goods, to take them to the BAU BANG 'T' junction in the jungle 5 kilometers to the North of MAY TAO MT and there will be someone there to meet him and pick up the goods. (Subject does not know this persons name).
3. Subject did not buy them because he was afraid that the soldiers at the post would check him.
4. Twenty days ago when he was gathering logs in the jungle, at BAU BANG 'T' junction, 3 VC armed with AK's stopped the vehicle. (There were 2 other people in the vehicle, NAM HOI and BA CUONG).
5. The VC gave them a list of thing that they (VC) wanted the loggers to buy for them:
 - 10 bags of tea
 - 10 tins of milk
 - 10 kilograms sugar
 - 20 tins of sardines
 - 10 bottles of fish sauce
 - 10 tins of meat
6. Subject did not buy these goods because he was afraid of being caught by the soldiers.
7. Subject also disclosed that the VC often are seen at No 5 bridge and BAU BANG 'T' junction in the LONG KHANH jungle. The VC asked if Govt troops ever visit local areas.
8. On the morning of 27 Dec 69, CHINH asked him to go out into the jungle to get some logs with himself (CHINH) and also SANG, TAM and CHOI.
9. When they reached No 5 bridge they were detained by Aust troops (YS796942).

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ANNEX A
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APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A
1 ATF INTSUM 364/69
DATED 30 Dec 69

CIVIL DEFENDANTS: NG. V. SANG
MAI. V. CHOI
TRUONG THANH TAM and NAMTHO NG THUONG CHINH.
PLACE DETAINED: YS796942, No 5 bridge.
DATE: 27 Dec 69
DETAINING UNIT: 4/B/6 RAR
DISPOSITION: XUAN LOC

Exploited Information.

1. Initial interrogation of the above subjects revealed nothing apart from the fact that during Nov 69, CHOI had been stopped at the 4th or 5th culvert by 3 or 4 armed VC and asked had he paid his fares to the VC. The VC then stole a quantity of wood from him.
2. CHINH had also been stopped at the same place in Nov 69 by 3 VC and asked the same question.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 364-69
DATED 30 Dec 69

1. An Agent Report received from XUYEN MOC at 301150H stated that at 291000H at YS650710, ~~three~~ VC from XUYEN MOC Guerilla Unit stopped woodcutters and asked about US personnel at XUYEN MOC.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No. 364/69
DATED 30 Dec 69

1. Visual Recce.
- | <u>DTG</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Sighting</u> |
|------------|----------------------|--|
| 301300H | YS628614 | Fresh tracks along creek coming from the EAST.
A series of fishing lines were seen at this grid. |
| 30 Dec 69 | YS375820
YS402838 | Recently used track to the NORTH-EAST.
A camp previously struck by air but has still bunkers in good condition. |

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
300535H	YS203886	One in open
	YS234857	Two near trail
	YS256857	Two on trail
	YS268870	One near trail
	YS287802	Two in open
	YS308980	One in open

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
Late Report 291830H	YS720885 YS880785	One in open One in open
Late Report 292045H	YS250680 YS295670	One on road One in open

5. Omitted.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR A.H. SMITH

OC B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

NUI DAT

6 DEC 69

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
321	Duties
322	Medals
323	ASCO Facilities
324	Breaches of Customs Regulations
325	Medicals - RTA
326	Recreation Hut
327	RTA 23 Dec - Antimalarial Pills
328	Dress on Arrival in Australia
329	RTA - Pay Arrangements
330	Burning of Grass
331	Carriage of Alcoholic Outside 1 ALSG Area

321. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
9 Dec 69	WO1 Kendrick	Sgt Reed
10 Dec 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt Summers
11 Dec 69	Capt Gilchrist	Sgt Bailey
12 Dec 69	WO2 Buckell	Sgt Browning
13 Dec 69	WO2 Dingle	Sgt Hilton
14 Dec 69	WO2 Kludas	Sgt Sawyer
15 Dec 69	Capt Streeting	Sgt Fairhead

PICQUETS

<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
9 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
10 Dec 69	LAD	Composite
11 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
12 Dec 69	LAD	Composite
13 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
14 Dec 69	LAD	Composite
15 Dec 69	Composite	Composite

322. MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal, and is subject to verification by CARO.

Tpr Beurckner Cfn Atkinson Cfn Wood Cpl Stevens

The Vietnamese Campaign Medal

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, subject to verification by CARO.

Cpl Thomas Tpr Murphy Tpr Tallis
Tpr Footer Tpr Reardon Tpr Weber

323. AUSTRALIAN SERVICES CANTEEN FACILITIES

1. The privilege of using retail outlets operated by ASCO personnel is confined to:

- a. Members of AFV, for all items whether they are provided by ASCO(Australia) or by VRE.
- b. Members of other Free World Forces and civilians granted PX privileges and holding PX ration cards, for only those items provided by VRE and non-rationed items provided by ASCO.
- c. Certain other Australian civilians approved by the Australian Embassy and holding a special ration card issued by HQ Coy AFV for only those items provided by ASCO.

2. Members are not to sell, barter, exchange, loan or transfer possession of any item imported, directly or purchased from ASCO to persons not entitled to the privileges of using ASCO.

324. BREACHES OF CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Reference: AHQ Admin Instruction No 8.

1. The Department of Customs and Excise has brought notice of a number of declaration irregularities when examining servicemen's parcels forwarded through the post.

2. The irregularities included are:

- a. Use of fictitious names by senders;
- b. Fraudulent certification of parcels using the names of non-existent officers;
- c. Use of other member's concessions when senders have fully utilized their own; and
- d. The obvious undervaluation of goods declared.

3. Members are Warned:

- a. Full duty and sales tax is assessed whenever irregular circumstances are detected.
- b. Details of irregularities brought to the notice of this Headquarters can render offenders liable to disciplinary action under AA24(3).
- c. Violations can be detected, and continued violation by a few soldiers is likely to cause customs officers to take a harder line with the force as a whole.

325. MEDICALS - RTA 17 DEC 69

1. Members are to report to the RAP at timings indicated:-

1330 Hrs Thursday 11 Dec 69

Tpr Armstrong	Cpl Cunningham	Tpr Gothard
Cfn Britton	Tpr Dodd	Tpr Hale A.
Cfn Bell	Tpr Eyre	Tpr Hale P.J.
Cfn Baker	Pte Flaton	Tpr Hay
Tpr Cavanagh	Lcpl Ferrari	Tpr Hunter
Tpr Clements	Tpr Fogg	Tpr Jones C.L.
Tpr Connell	Lcpl Grant	Cfn Latimer

1330 Hrs Friday 12 Dec 69

Tpr Leihy	Tpr Ramsdale	Tpr Smith G.J.
Tpr Morris	Pte Shipp	Lcpl Smith R.J.
Tpr McCallum	Tpr Simpson	Cfn Stanford
Cpl McIntyre	Tpr Skinner	Tpr Sullivan
Tpr Risinger	Tpr Smith D.J.	Tpr Thomas R.J.
Lcpl South	Cfn Trainor	Tpr Vicino
Tpr Whitehead	Cfn Willis	Lcpl Zeugofsge

326.

RECREATION HUT

1. Alcoholic beverages will not be consumed or taken into the recreation hut.
2. Tidiness of the rec hut is your responsibility and its facilities will be curtailed if a high standard of cleanliness is not maintained.

327.

RTA 23 DEC - ANTIMALARIAL PILLS

1. All members for RTA on the 23 Dec 69 are to collect anti-malarial pills from the RAP prior to the 9 Dec 69.

328.

DRESS ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

1. With immediate effect all personnel moving to Australia for R&R, RTA, Emergency Leave or Pre-Extension leave are to wear ties and have sleeves rolled down with polyesters on disembarkation at Mascot.
2. Ties off and sleeves up are allowed until arrival at Mascot.
3. Similar restrictions apply if arriving at Richmond.

329.

RTA - PAY ARRANGEMENTS

1. All members who make application to draw pay at MASCOT on arrival are to draw their pay prior to leaving the reception area at MASCOT.

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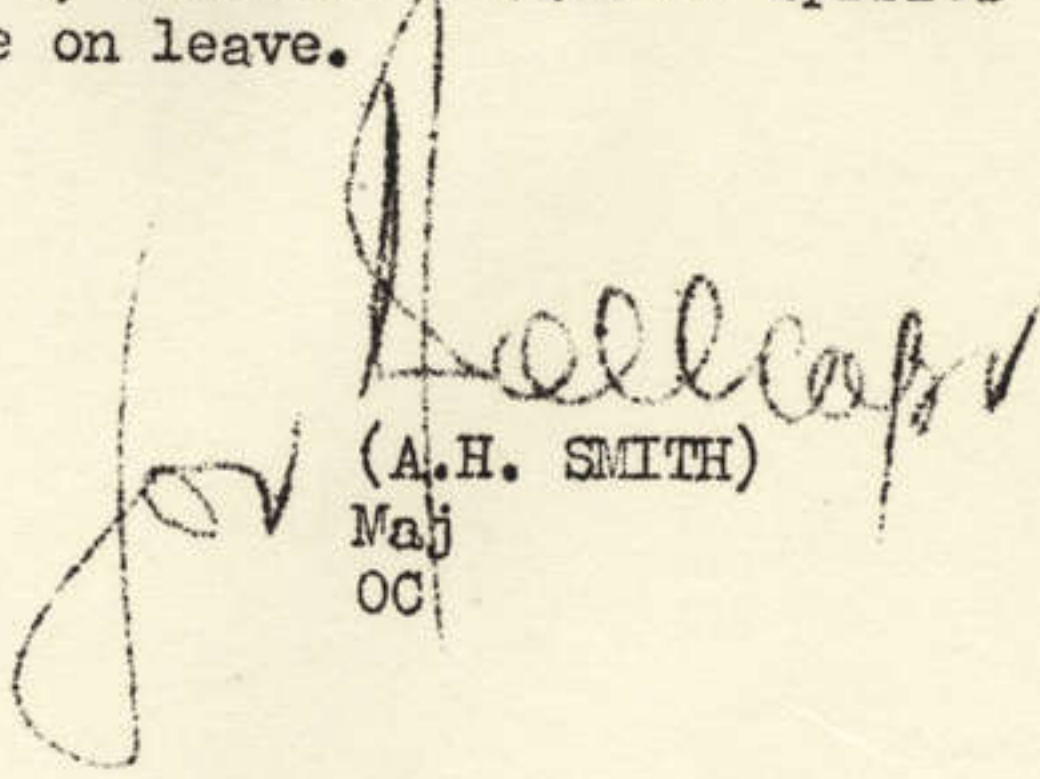
BURNING OF GRASS

1. There will be no burning off of grass without prior permission of the 1 ATF Fire Officer.

331.

CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OUTSIDE 1 ALSG AREA

1. Until further notice, members proceeding on leave into VUNG TAU from 1 ALSG Area are not to carry out of the 1 ALSG Area or any other Free World Establishment, bottles or cans of spirits for the purpose of consumption while on leave.


(A.H. SMITH)
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NOTICES

1.

INTER FLORA

1. Flowers may be sent to relatives and friends to all states of Australia. Contact Capt J MacIntyre 10 - 14 days prior to delivery date to expediate.
2. The closing date for Inter Flora deliveries for Christmas is the 14 Dec 69.

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Number 332/337

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR A.H. SMITH

OC B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

NUI DAT

13 Dec 69

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
332	Duties
333	Out of Bounds Area
334	Protection of Ears
335	Medals
336	Daily Routine

332. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
15 Dec 69	Lt Meredith	Sgt Jones
16 Dec 69	WO1 Kendrick	Sgt Hilton
17 Dec 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt Entwhistle
18 Dec 69	Capt Gilchrist	Sgt Harmer
19 Dec 69	WO2 Higgins	Sgt Bailey
20 Dec 69	WO2 Tudman	Sgt Fairhead
21 Dec 69	WO2 Hawton	Sgt Browning
22 Dec 69	Capt Streeting	Sgt Summers

PICQUETS

<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
16 Dec 69	LAD	1 Troop
17 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
18 Dec 69	LAD	1 Troop
19 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
20 Dec 69	LAD	1 Troop
21 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
22 Dec 96	LAD	1 Troop

333. OUT OF BOUNDS - PELICAN HEIGHTS

1. Pelican Heights is out of bounds to all personnel except those from 26 Coy RAASC, and from units engaged in delivery and collection of stores.

334. PROTECTION OF EARS AND HEARING FROM NOISE BLAST

Reference: Manual of Army Safety, Section 39

1. The use of ear protection in the form of either cotton or wax impregnated ear plugs is required by the reference during range practices and on other occasions. The use of Ear Muffs (Aural Protectors) is prescribed for personnel in a constant environment of loud noise

2. The following precautions are to be adhered to:

a. The general requirements of the reference.

b. Range safety officers provide ear protection for personnel involved in range practices.

c. Any person firing weapons in test fire pits are equipped with ear muffs.

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MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

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Tpr Wales	WO2 Hawton	Tpr Azzopardi
Tpr Atkinson	Lcpl Cochrane	Tpr Heaver
Tpr Robin	Cpl Vincent	Tpr Rosemond
Tpr Ferris	Tpr Main	Tpr Carthy
Tpr Bennet	Pte West	Lcpl White
Tpr Marsh A.L.	Tpr Dixon	Sgt Entwistle
Tpr Dalton	Tpr Blake	Sgt Harmer
Tpr Peatling	Tpr Thatcher	Lcpl Allan
Tpr Crowe	Tpr Colegrave	Tpr Fleming
WO2 Tudman	Tpr Travers	Tpr Betts
Lcpl Clarkson	Tpr Murphy	Tpr Hams
Tpr Bongiorno	Tpr Millins	Lcpl Angus
Tpr Green	Tpr Peck	Lcpl Moore
Cpl Millar	Tpr Neal	Tpr Sullivan
Tpr Capuano	Tpr Page	Tpr Glover
WO2 Higgins	Tpr Smith	Tpr Chambers

335.

DAILY ROUTINE

0615 hrs	-	Picquet stands to
0630 hrs	-	Clearing Patrol out, Reveille
0645 hrs	-	Clearing patrol in, except lps
0700 - 0730	-	Brakfast (ORS Mess
0745 hrs	-	CB Fd Punishment Parade
0800 hrs	-	Sqn Admin Parade
1000 - 1030	-	Morning Tea Break
1215 - 1315	-	Lunch Period
1630 hrs	+	Cease Work, CB Fd punishment parade
1630 - 1745	-	ORS Wet Canteen opens (if majority of Sqn is out - closes 1800 hrs for that evening)
1815 hrs	-	Picquets Mount
1830 hrs	-	Sleeves down , long trousers worn
1830 - 1915	-	Stand to
1840 hrs	-	Clearing patrol out
1915 hrs	-	Picquets except guard posts Stand Down
1930 hrs	-	Sqn Cinema Opens
1930 - 2130	-	ORS Wet Canteen Opens

for *A. R. Smith*
 (A. R. SMITH)
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7 Dec 69

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SQUADRON TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION NO 1
VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

General

1. The purpose of this instruction is to clarify, and in some cases remind personnel of the procedures and responsibilities in the general running of both A and B vehicles of the Armoured Sqn.

A Vehicles

2. The vehicle commander is responsible for the maintenance of the following documentation:
- a. Servicing schedules.
 - b. Daily log sheets.
 - c. Daily record of rounds fired.
 - d. Work sheet (AAF - F401) in conjunction with LAD representative.
3. Examination of documentation for the period 1-30 Nov 69 indicates that more attention is required in the compilation of the daily record of rounds fired, and the Work sheet (AAF F401). In future the crew commander is to ensure that the following information is embodied in the Work Sheet:
- a. Date of repair task or MUA change.
 - b. Accurate description of repair or MUA change.
 - c. Time involved.
4. Whilst sub units are operating away from Nui Dat, the Tech Offr or Tech Offr Assistant will forward a new set of Log Sheets, Record of Rounds Fired, and Work Sheet two days prior to the end of the month. On the 1st of each month, the Troop Leader is to return the completed forms for the proceeding month to the Tech Offr. These forms are to be placed in an envelope, correctly addressed and returned by a reliable means.

Action on Return From Operations

5. When a sub unit returns to Nui Dat following an operation, the Troop Leader and/or crew commander is to report to the Tech Offr/Asst and prepare DVNs (AAF-G17) for all known defects. The sub unit A vehicles cannot be processed through LAD until such time as the DVRs are handed to the OC LAD or ASM
6. The procedure outlined in paragraph 5 will also apply to all vehicles located in the Sqn area in Nui Dat.

Amendment to Servicing Schedule - Centurion

7. Effective from the promulgation of this instruction, Centurion is to receive an outer-hull grease at least once per week

B Vehicles

8. The SSM is directly responsible for the daily running and maintenance of B Vehicles. The tasking of vehicles will generally be co-ordinated by the QM. Unauthorised use of a B Vehicle will result in disciplinary action against the offender.

9. Drivers will ensure that a through First and Last Parade service is carried out daily. This includes a functional check of any radio equipment and removal of dirt, dust etc from the interior of the vehicle.

10. The SSM is to draw from the QM, sufficient canvas to cover each of the Landrovers at night. The canvas is to be secured in the Admin Tp area during normal working hours.

Additional Servicing and Technical Inspections - B Vehicles

11. Resulting from the recent EIS inspection, the SSM is to ensure that the following is carried out:

- a. B Vehicles greased once per week.
- b. Complete service once per month.
- c. Technical inspection by LAD once per month.
- d. Non-technical inspection every two weeks.

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Distribution

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1 Tp
2 Tp
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR A.H. SMITH

OC B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

NUI DAT

20 DEC 69

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344	Dentals
345	Nomination - .

338.

DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
22 Dec 69	Lt Blackney	Sgt Summers
23 Dec 69	Lt Meredith	Sgt Entwistle
24 Dec 69	Capt Gilchrist	Sgt Harmer
25 Dec 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt Bailey
26 Dec 69	Lt Sweeney	Sgt Fairhead
27 Dec 69	WO2 Higgins	Sgt Browning
28 Dec 69	WO2 Tudman	Sgt Hilton
29 Dec 69	WO2 Hawton	Sgt Twomey

PICQUETS

<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
23 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
24 Dec 69	LAD	1 Troop
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26 Dec 69	LAD	1 Troop
27 Dec 69	Composite	Composite
28 Dec 69	LAD	1 Troop
29 Dec 69	Composite	Composite

339.

MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal, and is subject to verification by CARO.

Maj Chipman	Capt Buckley	Tpr Hyson
Tpr Starr	Pte Simpson	

340.

WEAPON SECURITY

1. Loss of weapons by causes other than by operations is far to prevalant.

2. All ranks are reminded that they are responsible for the adequate security measures taken in regard to personal weapons.

341. USE OF PYROTECHNICS

1. Pyrotechnics will only be used for operational requirements Any soldier found using a pyrotechnic in the NUI DAT area for other than operational requirements will have disciplinary action taken against him.

342. R & R JAN, FEB, MAR 1970

1. For all personnel proceeding on R & R, emphasis is placed on the following points:
 - a. Dress for all Australian personnel proceeding to and from all R & R centres is polyester uniform, Members will not be emplaned if dress, haircuts etc are below the required standard.
 - b. Individuals possessing more than \$500.00 to convert at departure point must have a signed commander's certificate authorising the conversion.
 - c. Personnel must have a minimum of \$200.00 to defray expenses normally incurred whilst on R and R.
 - d. Personnel must possess a legible immunization record and all immunizations must be current. For R and R to Austrlaia, a Free from Infection certificate is also required.
 - e. Cigarettes. On carton of 200 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco is permitted to all R and R centres except Australia where the maximum allowed is ONE packet of 20 cigarettes or the equivalent in tobacco.
 - f. Foodstuffs. No foodstuffs of any kind are permitted to be taken to Australia. This includes chewing gum, sweets, candy, potato chips, etc.
 - g. Liquor. One sealed bottle of alchol is the maximum to all centres. The seal must be intact.
 - h. Army equipment or war souvenirs. No Austrlian or foreign equipment or souvenirs such as poncho liners, VC flags, US Army clothing etc, are to be taken from Vietnam on R & R.
 - i. Inflammables/Explosives. No ammunition or explosives are permitted and in addition, brasso butane & lighter fluid cannot be taken to R & R centres.
 - j. Pornographic photographs, books, etc, are not permitted nor are photographs of war dead.
 - k. Any medical drugs or tablets, other than dapsone or paludrine, must be authorised in writing by the member's RAP etc.

2. Australia

7 Jan 70	Cfn White
10 Jan 70 Flt A	Lcpl Avis
10 Jan 70 Flt B	Cpl Cromie
12 Jan 70 Flt A	Tpr Doupain
12 Jan 70 Flt B	Tpr Travis
14 Jan 70	Tpr Briggs
17 Jan 70	Tpr Grey
19 Jan 70	Tpr Weber
21 Jan 70	Lcpl Thomas
24 Jan 70 Flt A	Tpr Tallis
24 Jan 70 Flt B	Tpr Reardon
26 Jan 70 Flt A	Tpr Footer
26 Jan 70 Flt B	Tpr Perceval
28 Jan 70 Flt A	Tpr Connolly
30 Jan 70	Tpr Imlach

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CONTD

2. Hong Kong
 - 1 Jan 70 Tpr Pollock
 - 5 Jan 70 Tpr Gilbert
 - 12 Jan 70 Tpr O'Gorman
 - 19 Jan 70 Pte O'Leary
 - 24 Jan 70 Tpr Rowe
 - 30 Jan 70 Tpr Harris

3. Bangkok
 - 2 Jan 70 Cpl Gott
 - 8 Jan 70 Sgt Clark
 - 13 Jan 70 Tpr McNamara
 - 20 Jan 70 Flt A Tpr Sach
 - 24 Jan 70 Tpr Williams
 - 26 Jan 70 Cpl Hartnett

4. Taipei
 - 7 Jan 70 Cpl Shirvington
 - 12 Jan 70 Tpr Peate
 - 19 Jan 70 Tpr Kelly

5. Australia
 - 4 Feb 70 Tpr Warren
 - 7 Feb 69 Flt A Tpr Trew
 - 9 Feb 70 Flt A Tpr Hastings
 - 11 Feb 70 Tpr Smith RC
 - 15 Feb 70 Tpr Warner
 - 21 Feb 70 Flt A Tpr Nankivell
 - 23 Feb 70 Cpl O'Shea

6. Hong Kong
 - 7 Feb 70 Lt Meredith
 - 10 Feb 70 Tpr Beazley
 - 17 Feb 70 Tpr Prior

7. Bankok
 - 2 Feb 70 Tpr Milner
 - 17 Feb 70 Tpr Barlow

8. Taipei
 - 6 Feb 70 Tpr Best

9. Austrlaia
 - 4 Mar 70 Cfn Blanch
 - 11 Mar 70 Cpl Green
 - 17 Mar 70 Tpr Cleland
 - 23 Mar 70 Flt A WO1 Kendrick
 - 28 Mar 70 Tpr McPherson

10. Hong Kong
 - 6 Mar 70 Cpl Hutchins
 - 18 Mar 70 Tpr Ferguson

11. Bankkok
 - 2 Mar 70 Cpl Scott
 - 21 Mar 70 Flt A Tpr Nicholson

343. AIR CLEANING - TRUCKS 5 TON GS AND DUMP

1. Instances have occurred where the two pre-formed, synthetic rubber packing located between the carburettors and air cleaner housing assembly of subject vehicles, has been missing or damaged. This condition causes accelerated engine wear.
2. Units are to inspect all subject vehicles by physically lifting the air cleaner assembly and are to ensure that both packings are installed and are in a serviceable condition.
3. Where packings are deficient or damaged, they are to be replaced as soon as possible with 5330-66-025-2081 PACKING, PREFORMED SYNTHETIC RUBBER. Extreme care is to be taken when replacing air cleaner assemblies to avoid damaging the packing.

344. DENTALS

1. All march ins on or after 10 Dec 69 are to report to Dental Post 6 RAR for dental check Monday 22 Dec 69 at 0900 hrs.
2. Members on operations at this time are to contact RAP Sgt at earliest opportunity to make alternative arrangements.
3. Dental Cards may be collected from RAP 0175 to 0800 hrs on Monday.

345. NOMINATIONS SQUADRON AUDIT BOARD

1. As from 22 Dec 69 Capt Streeting is nominated as President and ASM Kendrick as the Vice President of the Squadron Audit Board.

A.H. Smith
 (A.H. SMITH)
 Maj
 OC

NOTICES

1. CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

1. Service Timings

a. If a truce is announced the following midnight services are to be held:

1. CE & PD Midnight communion service in the Task Force Chapel at 250001 Dec 69.

2. RC Midnight mass a Luscombe Bowl at 250001 dec 69.

b. Movement to and from these places may take place within the following times:

1. To services - 2330-2400 hrs 24 Dec 69.

2. From Services - 0045-0115 hrs 25 Dec 69.

No movement is permitted outside these times and units are to arrange movement to and from these services by unit groups

c. Services on Christmas Day are to be conducted as follows:

	<u>CE & PD</u>	<u>RC</u>
Task Force Chapel	0700	0900
5 RAR Chapel	0815	0945
Task Force Chapel	0930	
6 RAR Chapel	1045	0815
8 RAR Chapel	1045	0730

2.

SANGWOO TAILOR

1. A representative of the above tailor from Hong Kong will visit Nui Dat. He is available to take orders in the Gift Shop each Tuesday.

2. Suits are manufactured in Hong Kong and delivery time is approximately six weeks.

2.

FORD CAR REPRESENTATIVE

1. With effect from week commencing 8 Dec 69, The Ford Car Representative, Mr Bob Spencer will be available for consultation Tuesday and Wednesday each week in the ASCO Canteen Nui Dat

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR J.A.N. CHIPMAN

OC A SQN 1 ARMED REGT

NUI DAT

26 DEC 69

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
349	Duties of the picquet commander
350	Surplus ammunition

349. DUTIES OF THE PICQUET COMMANDER

1. The picquet commander, at "stand down" each morning, is to ensure that all sheets and pillow cases in the picquet tent in his area, are returned, either to the tent of the member who used them or to the Q store for laundering.
2. He is responsible for the tidiness of the picquet tent on completion of his duty.

350. SURPLUS AMMUNITION

1. A recent inspection of tent lines has revealed a large quantity of ammo over and above a reasonable requirement.
2. A metal trunk, suitably marked, is being installed at the Sqn ammo point. All items of surplus ammo are to be placed in this trunk for sorting by SSM.
3. On return from any operation, ammo no longer required by troops is to be placed in or near this drum and NOT replaced in the ammo bays.

J.A.N. Chipman
 (J.A.N. CHIPMAN)
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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OC A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

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28 DEC 69

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
351	Duties
352	Restrictions - Road Work Route 23
353	RAP Timings
354	Injections

351. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
30 Dec 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt Entwistle
31 Dec 69	Capt Streeting	Sgt "
1 Jan 70	Lt Sweeney	Sgt "
2 Jan 70	Lt Doerr	Sgt "
3 Jan 70	WO2 Higgins	Sgt " 1
4 Jan 70	WO2 Hawton	Sgt "
5 Jan 70	Lt Blackney	Sgt "

PICQUETS

<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
30 Dec 69	LAD	Composite
31 Dec 69	Composite	4 Troop
1 Jan 70	Composite	Composite
2 Jan 70	LAD	4 Troop
3 Jan 70	Composite	Composite
4 Jan 70	Composite	4 Troop
5 Jan 70	LAD	Composite

352. RESTRICTIONS - ROAD WORK ROUTE 23

1. Damage is being caused to new sealed surface of Route 23 between BARIA and DAT DO, due to vehicles speeding and braking on new work.
2. Operators on road project are often endangered by passing vehicles, also heavy equipment working on project may at times require full width of road.
3. Drivers are to slow down and avoid braking to quickly on new work, speed will not exceed 15 MPH.

353. RAP TIMINGS

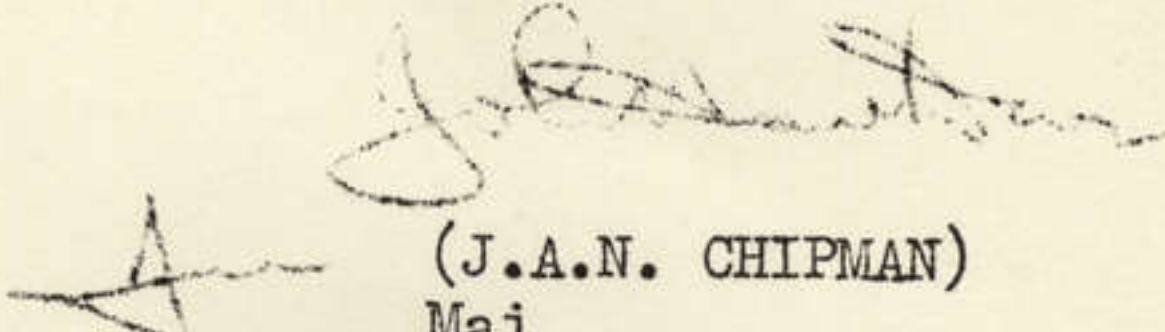
1. RAP Parade is at 0715 Hrs daily.
2. Dental appointments are to be arranged through RAP at this time.
3. Emergency medical and dental treatment is available at all times. Routine cases will be dealt with only at the laid down time.
4. RTA and R&R(Aust) medicals are to be arranged on 0715 sick parade 7 days prior to departure date or as soon thereafter as operations permit.

354.

INJECTIONS

1. The following are to report to the Sqn Aid Post at 1330 hrs on thursday 1 Jan 70. Shirts, weapons and berets are to be worn for movement to 8 RAR.

Cfn Arnold	Tpr Hendy	Sgt Reed
Gfn Atkinson	Cpl Heywood	2Lt Ritchie
Sgt Bailey	Cpl Hutchins	Lcpl Sanderson
Sgt Bennier	Pte Johns	Sgt Smith G.F.
Tpr Bennett	WO1 Kendrick	Tpr Smith R.C.
Cfn Burton	Cfn Milne	Cpl Stevens
Tpr Buerckner	Cfn O'Neill	Capt Sullivan
Sgt Entwistle	Cpl O'Shea	Cfn Thompson
Cpl Green	Lcpl Pomfret	Tpr Wales
Tpr Henderson	Cfn Prentice	Cfn Wilkins
		Cfn Wood


(J.A.N. CHIPMAN)
Maj
OC

NOTICES1. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

To all Australian servicemen and women at home and abroad, I send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Speaking on behalf of the Government and your fellow Australians, I want you to know that we appreciate your contribution to our security and well-being.

In particular, our thoughts at this time are with those of you who are separated from your families, and especially those serving in Vietnam. You are doing a vital job for Australia and the stability of that part of the world in which we live.

To you all, wherever you may be serving, I say a very warm "thank you". I wish you a happy Christmas as circumstances will permit, and a safe and successful New Year.

While we look hopefully to the seventies for peaceful solution to world problems, there is no doubt that Australia will continue to depend on its armed forces to guarantee security and progress in the decade ahead.

Sincerely
(Signed)
J.G. GORTON

2. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

The following message has been received from the Minister of Defence:

"Please convey to all officers and men under your command my warm good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you all for what you are doing for Australia."

(Signed)
MALCOLM FRASER
Minister of Defence

3. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

The following message has been received from the Chiefs of Staff Committee:

"Please extend to all ranks of the three services in Vietnam the best wishes of the Chiefs of Staff Committee for a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year".

4. CLOSURE OF THE PEARSON COMMUNITY CENTRE SNACK BAR

1. The Pearson Community Centre Snack Bar will be closed from 12 Jan 70 - 17 Jan 70 inclusive.

2. The closure is to enable urgent engineer work to be carried out.

5. B SQN SHIELDS

1. There are only a few B Sqn Shields remaining. Those who wish to purchase one should do so before the stock is exhausted.

28 Dec 69

A SQUADRON TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION NO 2
TRACK TENSION CENTURIONIntroduction

1. The over tensioning of track is becoming a prevalent occurrence in this unit. This practice could cause damage to both the track adjuster wheel (idler wheel) and final drive.

Track Tension

2. Centurion User Handbook states that the initial track tension must be set at 1 inch to 1½ inches sag between the centre guide rollers, when there is no slack under the sprocket and track adjuster wheel. "In theatre" experience would indicate that the optimum sag between the centre guide rollers is 2 inches.

3. The build up of vegetation, mud etc on the track adjusting wheel and final drives will obviously increase the diameter of these components, the resultant being an increase in track tension. Where possible, the vehicle crew commander should ensure that the track tension is re-adjusted to counteract this situation.

Conclusion

4. Until further notice, the following will apply:-

a. Initial track tension will be set at 2 inches of sag in the top run, between the centre guide rollers. The vehicle must be on flat and reasonably hard standing. (The standard match box available "in country" is 2 inches long).

b. When operational circumstances permit, crew commanders are to ensure that track tension is re-adjusted to conform to any vegetation build up or change in vehicle going.

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for (J.A.N. CHIPMAN)
Maj
OC

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Op Instr 104/69 (Op LEOPARD)

TO: Maj J.A.N. Chipman OC A Sqn 1 Armd Regt (This instr cfms verbal brief)

1. Situation.

a. En. 1 ATF INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Conducts cordon and search ops 28-30 Dec in DUC THANH AO, then deploys into AO ROSSLYN 30 and 31 Dec.

(2) 8 RAR continues ops AO ASHGROVE.

(3) 5 RAR assumes responsibility for care of patrolling in AOs JOHORE, RAMU and KAPYONG from 310600H.

(4) DUC THANH sub-Sector ops. Aust LO DUC THANH.

2. Mission. To destroy en loc within the allotted AO.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Deploy into AO on 27 Dec 69 to conduct recce and ambush ops both indep and in sp of 1 ATF units and Sub-Sector forces.

b. Grouping.

(1) Under comd

D & E Pl (-) HQ 1 ATF
one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
one FO party 1 Fd Regt
one mini team 1 Fd Sqn

(2) In sp

161 Bty 1 Fd Regt
aval arty NUI DAT
two 105mm guns DUC THANH Mil Post

c. Tasks.

(1) On 27 Dec you are to op against en loc in your AO.

(2) From 28-30 Dec you are to op in sp of 5 RAR cordon and search ops in the DUC THANH AO.

(3) From 30 Dec you are to conduct recce and ambush ops in your assigned AO in liaison with the District Chief DUC THANH and where necessary, in sp of 8 RAR.

d. Co-ord Instrs.

(1) AO. AO FOOT - Annex A.

(2) Liaison. Continual liaison is to be maintained with the District Chief DUC THANH.

4. Administration and Logistics. You are responsible for coordinating the administration and logistics for all elements of your force.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Nickname. The force is to be known as Tango Force.

b. Locstats. Locstats for all elements of the force are to be passed to 1 ATF CP through A Sqn 1 Armd Regt CP.

c. Contact/Incident Reports. Contact/Incident Reports for all elements of the force are to be passed to 1 ATF CP through A Sqn 1 Armd Regt CP.

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6. Ack Instrs: Ack (List Z serials 1-5, 10, 12, 30, 50)

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T.C. Bannister
(T.C. BANNISTER)
Maj
GS02 (Ops)

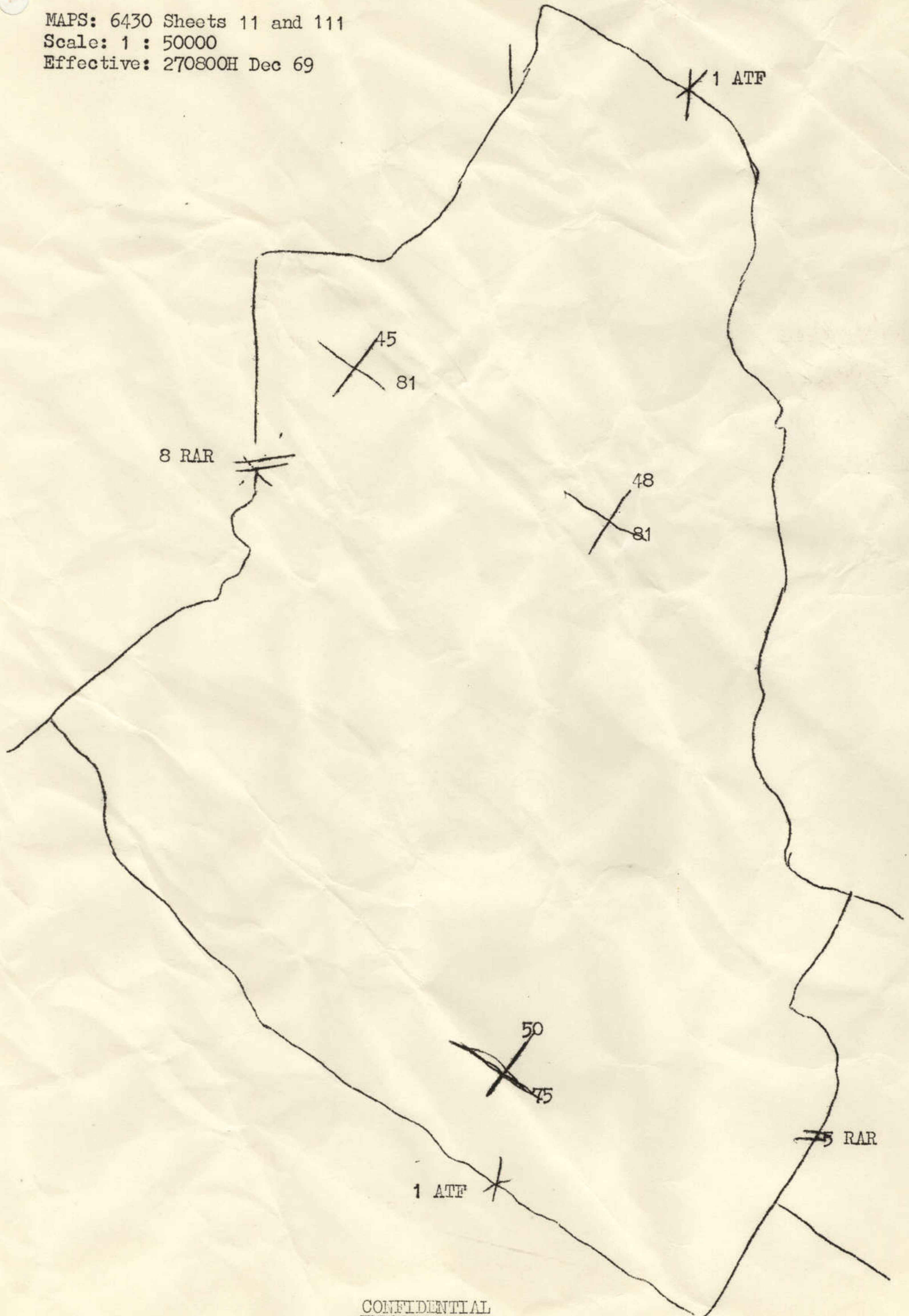
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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OP INSTR 104/69
DATED 27 DEC 69

AO FOOT

MAPS: 6430 Sheets 11 and 111
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COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION "TANGLE"

Reference: A. Map Vietnam Series L7014, Sheets 6430 i, ii, iii, iv,
Scale 1:50,000.

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation TANGLE. Assistance in pacification of the DUC THANH District through conduct of operations in co-operation with the District Chief.

Dates of Operation

2. 220800 H(Dec 69) - 241400 H(Dec 69)

Location

3. AO BOOT, an area of operations superimposed on the DUC THANH District AO.

Control Headquarters

4. Sqn HQ B Sqn 1 Armd Regt under command 1 ATF. Ground control B Sqn HQ (-) under command Tech Offr, 1 Armd Regt.

Grouping

5.	Sqn HQ (-) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt with:	2 Tp, B Sqn, 1 Armd Regt
	Under command from 220800 H (Dec 69) to 241400 H(Dec 69)	Sec 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt Two AMCs, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt FO, 1 Fd Regt RAA 3 Secs, D&E Pl, HQ Coy ATF Sec Mor Pl 8 RAR 2 Mini Teams, 1 Fd Sqn RAE
	Under command from 230900 H(Dec 69) to 231700 H(Dec 69)	Pl, 190 RF Coy DUC THANH
	In Sp from 220800 H(Dec 69)	Arty, 1 ATF Base Arty FSPB. PEGGY

Mission

6. Assist in pacification of DUC THANH District by conduct of operations in co-operation with District Chief DUC THANH.

Concept of Operations

7. Recce and ambush operations in AO with priority in areas YS 4577 and YS 4881.

Execution

8. Annex A.

Results

9. a. Own Cas - 1 Medevac (snakebite)

b. En Cas - Nil

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Administration

10. Sufficient rations and fuel drawn prior to commencement of operation.
No requirement for ammunition resupply

Lessons Learnt

11. FO has a definite requirement for his own APC. The establishment for the Armoured Sqn does not allow for this.

12. When in a night AP the MBT driver is required to sleep inside his compartment as the vehicle master switch is located there. This could not be maintained over an extended operation and consideration should be given to the re-location of the vehicle master switch in the fighting compartment.

L.R. Streeting
(L.R. STREETING)
Capt
OC Tango Force

Commanders Comments

Nil

J.A.N. Chipman
(J.A.N. CHIPMAN)
Maj
OC

Annex: A. Execution

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Dated Dec 69

EXECUTION
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<u>a.</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>c.</u>	<u>d.</u>
1.	22 Dec 69	YS 4779-4780-4881	RIF until 1500 Hrs
2.	22 Dec 69	YS 451776	AP from 1600 hrs - 230800 H
3.	23 Dec 69	YS 5177-5176	RIF until 1100 hrs
4.	23 Dec 69	YS 4780-4881	RIF until 1400 hrs
5.	23 Dec 69	YS 483807	Fire Base - RF Pl reece
6.	23 Dec 69	YS 4881-4781-4682	RIF until 1700 hrs
7.	23 Dec 69	YS 472801	AP until 240800 H
8.	24 Dec 69	YS 4781-4881-4980 4979-5079	RIF until 1200 hrs
9.	24 Dec 69	1 ATF Base	Stand Down of Tango Force

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