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Armour & Cavalry units

**Item number: 2/1/5**

**Item: A Squadron - 1 Armoured  
Regiment**

Folio G5-K4

[1-28 Feb 1970]

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- 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 36/70
- 2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Feb 70
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) Late Report. (042030). In the vic of YS528754, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR sighted lights at approx 300m NNW of this loc. At 2105H, 12 Pl again reported lights SW of this loc. A sweep of the area of the first sighting revealed tracks of five persons moving NE to SW. Arty from FSPB PAT (YS613818) and mors engaged the area of YS 529742.

(b) Late Report. (042050H). In the vic of YS536751, HQ D Coy 5 RAR sighted lights ESE of this loc moving East to West at 2155H, D Coy again reported lights in the same loc as the first sighting moving East to West. A sweep of the area this morning revealed a small bush fire in the area.

(c) (05110CE). At YS546776, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR were fired on by two en 200m to their flank. Bushrangers were called in and they sighted a further eight VC. Bushrangers engaged the area resulting in the discovery of one large bunker at YS544777. Results: En casualties unknown, one bunker damaged.

(d) (051620H). At YS556668, C Coy 5 RAR located two caches approx 100m from a recently demolished bunker system. Items recovered: 14 reams of paper, 22 typewriter ribbons, qty of books and docus, a small bundle of rice paper, 80 lbs polished rice, 10lbs of sugar, 7lbs of tobacco, 60 torch batteries, 1 1/2 lbs of tea, 1lb of coffee, seven 14oz containers of condensed milk, fishing lines, small qty of unknown med crystals and tablets, two ponchos, two shelters, one knife, qty of SA ammo.

(e) (052005H). At YS548777, elms of D Coy 5 RAR loc two huts and five living areas in poor condition. Recovered were: Cooking utensils, 20lbs of husked rice, 500lbs of bananas, several items of Aust eqpt, 20lbs of tobacco and one M26 gren set up as a booby trap. Comment: Probably QUANG GIAO guerillers base.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late Report. (041930H). At YS455897, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted three en who came from the North with unknown results.

(b) Late Report. (041930H). At YS431856, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted two en who were moving along a track. Results: One en WIA (POSS).

(c) (051030H). At YS433857, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR loc a coy size camp which had not been used by a large force within last six months; some areas had been within last 48 hours. Recovered were: A qty of clothing, one stick gren, one phail of penicillin and one opium pipe.

(d) (051345H). At YS436855, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ loc a rest area and a cache. Items recoveres: Qty of clothing, one old blanket, one sleeping bag made from a parachute, one pr of spectacles, small qty of assorted webbing, three torch batteries, one razor, one pr of scissors, one machete, 7 SA ammo rds.

(e) (051610H). At YS431850, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted an unknown number of en. Results: One en KIA(BC).

(f) (051740H) At YS435891, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en with unknown results.

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(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (051125H). At YS237789, elms of 17 Const Sqn loc a cache. Recovered were: 30-40 1' bags of rice, one large waterproof bag of med sups and books, one carrier containing three RPG 7 rkts and boosters, 100 French dets, four pkts of VN cigarettes, a qty of tobacco, two tins of "C" rations, qty of clothing, one pr of thongs, one small pkt of rice, one med kit, a pkt of razor blades, two haversacks and a qty of docus.

(4) AO SANFORD

(a) (051910H). At YS405715, 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR heard movement of an est 6-10 men moving West to East.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>MTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
051213H	YS478521	UNK	UNK	NIL	Bushranger engaged area.	Unknown as this AC also received gd fire.
051830H	YS550581	UNK	AW	NIL	UNK	UNK

(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.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 14 reams of paper, 22 typewriter ribbons, qty of books docus, small bundle of rice paper, fishing lines, small qty of unk med crystals and tablets, two ponchos, 2 shelters, one knife, qty SA ammo, AUST eqpt, clothing, one M26 gren, one stick gren, one phail of penicillin, one opium pipe, cooking utensils, 63 torch batteries, one razor, one pr of scissors, one blanket, one sleeping bag, one pr spectacles, one machete, three RPG rkts and boosters, 100 French dets one med kit, two hammocks.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS556668	Rice	80 lbs	Destroyed
	Sugar	10 lbs	"
	Tobacco	7 lb	"
	Tea	1 1/2 lb	"
	Coffee	1 lb	"
	Condensed Milk	6 lb	"

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<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS548777	Rice	20 lb	Destroyed
	Bananas	500 lb	"
	Tobacco	20 lb	"
YS237789	Rice	1400 lbs	"
	Tobacco	unk	"

- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
051345H	Aslt Pnrs Pl. 6 RAR/NZ	YS436855	See para 3 a(2)(d) of this INTSUM
051125H	LCT	YS237779	See para 3 a (3)(a) of this INTSUM
051620H	C Coy 5 RAR	YS556668	See para 3 a (1)(d) of this INTSUM

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 5 VC
- (2) PW - 0
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 0
- (4) VCI - 0
- (5) Individual Weapons - 3
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 0
- (7) Rice Captured 1 ton
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

- 5. a. Omitted
- b. (1) Omitted.
- (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
050948H	YS538560	Approx 10-15 lb CHICOM TNT	Nil friendly casualties Slight damage to tank.

6.-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9.-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (050110H) At YS425575, Sector reported that a VC squad entered AN TH'NH from the East, dropped leaflets and talked to the people. The VC went to the hamlet Chief's house, stole all his clothing and destroyed all pro government papers. Their mission was to assassinate him. As the VC left the hamlet at 0130H they fired several long bursts of SA fire. The VC wdr to the East and left a VC flag. 615 RF Coy swept the area this morning and picked up the flag and leaflets.

(2) (050915H) At YS752901, A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA.

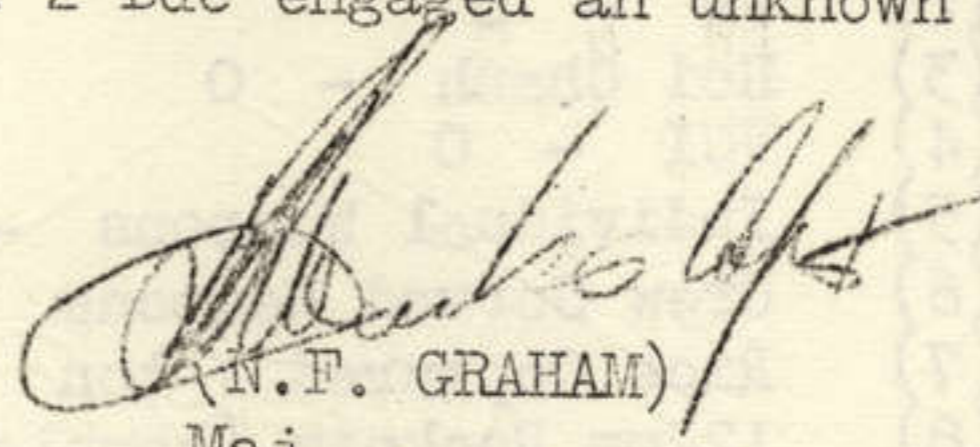
(3) (050915H) At YS729904, A/S on en base camp. Results: One tunnel entrance exposed.

(4) (051045H) At YS405763, elms of 2/16 Inf (US) engaged eight NVA resulting in one NVA KIA, one K54 pistol, five lbs of rice and docus CIA. The en wdr East.

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- (5) (051305H) At YS474528, A/S on en base camp. Results: Four bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged and two bunkers exposed.
- (6) (051330H) At YS474526, A/S on en base camp. Results: Two cave entrances damaged.
- (7) (051530H) At YS375748, elms of 2/16 Inf (US) engaged three NVA resulting in one NVA KIA. The en wdr South.
- (8) (051726H) At YS473527, A/S on suspected en troop concentration. Nil BDA.
- (9) (051855H) At YS237788, elms of 2 Bde were engaged by an est two NVA. Results: En casualties unknown. 1 US WIA (Evac).
- (10) (052050H) At YS428601, 586 RF Coy AP was engaged by an unknown number of VC who initiated contact with a hand grenade. Contact was broken at 052055H and the en wdr in an unknown direction. Results: One VC KIA, one wpn (NFI) CIA.
- (11) (052230H) At YS3871, elms of 2 Bde engaged an unknown number of en with unknown results.

  
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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  
BIEN HOA TAC  
Advisory Team 48  
Sector S2

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
To 1 ATF INTSUM No 36/70  
Dated 5 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
050930H	YS458553	Well used track system.
	YS 456556	Well used track system.
	YS455557	One small bunker. Fresh tracks in area.
	YS456557	One small bunker. Fresh tracks in area.
	YS458557	One small thatch shelter. Fresh tracks in area.
	YS462544	Many small wooden const under two rocky out crops.
	YS466548	Three bunkers. Signs of fresh track activity.
	YS474528	Old bunkers in good condition. Fresh track activity suggests that they are still being used, See also Para 114(5) of this INTSUM.
	YS472524	Fresh track activity from watering point to wooded area.
	YS478521	One VC sighted in a cave. At 1213 an A/S was conducted on the tgt. There was no BDA due to AC receiving ground fire.
	YS474525	Small rocky out crop. Fresh tracks. Many small wooden const.
	YS474526	Small rocky out crop. Fresh tracks. Many small wooden const.
	YS486511	One VC sighted moving into a large cave. More movement was sighted 50 metres up the re-entrant. Fresh track activity along re-entrant and over the ridge line to the South. An A/S was conducted at 1657H resulting in one enemy KBA (poss).
051330H	YS558844	A well used E-W track. The track was followed for approx 500 metres where it came to a dead end.
051555H	YS576591	A mil structure. Bushrangers engaged and destroyed tgt with mini-guns.
	YS563579	One VC, three weapon pits four bunkers and two poss tunnel entrances. Bushrangers engaged tgt resulting in one VC KBA(poss) and heavy damage to installation.
051830	YS550581	2-3 bunkers, 200 metres NNW of this loc.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
050220H	YS340748	2 on trail

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
050030H	YS310730	1 on road
051817H	YS310745	1 in open

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5. APD (Sniffer)  
DTG      Location      Readout

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
05 Feb 70	YS634605	Maximum
	YS637610	"
	YS613604	" (smoke from scrub fire)
	YS618608	" (smoke from scrub fire)
	YS607608	Strong
	YS634607	"
	YS635609	"
	YS635607	"
	YS643601	"
	YS593611	Minimum
	YS597607	"
	YS607609	"

One VC sighted in a cave. At 1215 on A/E was conducted on the 1st. There was no BM due to AC receiving ground fire. Small rocky out crop. Fresh tracks. Many small wooden cones. Small rocky out crop. Fresh tracks. Many small wooden cones. One VC sighted moving into a large cave. Note movement was sighted 50 metres up the re-entrance. Fresh track activity along re-entrance and over the ridge line to the South. An A/E was conducted at 1830H resulting in one enemy KIA (pos). A well used B-W track. The track was followed for approx 500 metres where it came to a dead end. A hill structure. Bunkers engaged and destroyed by anti-guns. One VC, three weapons pits four bunkers and two gun holes destroyed. Bunkers engaged by resulting in one VC KIA (pos) and heavy damage to installation. 2-3 bunkers, 200 metres NW of this loc.

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2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO SAMFORD

(a) Person captured by 6Pl B Coy 8 RAR after contact with four enemy at YS382708 on 040730H Feb 70 (INTSUM 35/70, Para 3.a.(1) (a) refers) has been classified as a HOI CHANH.

(b) (062015H). At YS333634 elms of 8 RAR sighted 15 lights in the vicinity of a previously reported base camp.

(2) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (060735H). At YS582896, 2Pl A Coy 5 RAR while protecting res-up LZ were engaged by three enemy wearing greens and carrying AK47 and 100 packs, moving from W to E, There were no cas to either side.

(b) (061710H). At YS547780, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR were engaged by three en moving from North to South. Results: two en KIA(BC), one AK47, one RPG2, two RPG2 rds, four HE grenades and 15lbs of black seed CIA. The leading en before he died placed a grenade under his body which exploded wounding four AUST who remained on duty.

S2 Comment. Docus identify C5/D440. It is likely that C5 provided a guide elm for a gp moving to CHAU DUC Dist. This possibly connects with the transportation gp reported by HOI CHANH( See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 Para 6).

(3) AO BAYSWATER

(a) (061015H). At YS439865, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR were engaged by two VC. Pl returned fire and en withdrew with unknown results.

(b) (061730H). At YS435892, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a base camp with many trenches. Recovered was one body which had been killed in the last 24hrs. (INTSUM 36/70 Para 3.a.(2)(f) refers).

Other Areas.

(a) (060130H). At YS4868, elms of 6 RAR sighted a stationary light.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) US Inflicted. Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 2VC
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted Omitted.

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

- (1) US Inflicted - Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 2VC
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted - Omitted.



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c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2

(b) Crew Served - 0

(c) Breakdown - 1 x AK47, 1 x RPG2 launcher.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 4 x HE grenades, 15lbs black seed, 2 x RPG2 rds.

(b) Omitted.

3.4.5. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

(1) KIA - 9VC

(2) PW - Nil

(3) Hoi Chanh - 1

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 5

(6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil

(7) Rice Captured 1 Ton.

(8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

(9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents recovered from a cache located by 17 Const Sqn at YS237787 on 051125H identify D67 Eng Bn. The documents indicate that the med sups appear to have been cached in the last four days. (INTSUM 36/70 Para 3.a. 3(a) refers).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

11.. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

1. Reference INTSUM 36/70.

(a) ANNEX E(Aerial Reconnaissance) Para 1 (Visual Recce) 16th entry add 1 VC KBA.

(b) Para 4a (2) amend to read 2.

(c) Para 4 of (1) amend to read 6 VC.

(d) Para 11 of (10) amend results to read 1 x VC KIA(BC), 2 VC KIA (poss, heavy blood trails).

(e) Para 3.a. (2)(e) amend time of incident to read 051810H and add to results a qty of docus CIA.

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(f) Parra 11 of (9) amend results to read 1 x NVA KIA, 1 x AK47, 1 x SKS, 2 x RPG rockets and several maps CIA. 1 x US WIA(evac).

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) Para 1 (Visual Recce) 8th entry, third line, amend to read See also Para 11 f(5) of this INTSUM.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance) Para 3 (Red Haze Activity) amend Grid Reference to read YS340749.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (051131H). At YT280610, A Coy 5th Special Forces/ 1st Bn 3MSF loc two caches, 100m apart. Recovered were: 3440 x 82mm mor rds, 160 x 75mmRCL rds, 140 x RPG2 rds, seven RPG2 carriers, five cans of an unk type of explosive, five sets of webbing, two 122mm multi pod rocket launchers(six tubes launcher, launchers on trailers), two 122mm rocket launcher with mounts, 22 x 122mm rockets with oversized warhead, 16 x 122mm rockets with normal warheads, three .50 cal MG(CHICOM), 94 x CKC rifles and one M16 rifle.

(2) Late Report (051800H). At YS486511 and YS473523, A/S were conducted with unknown results.

(3) (061225H), three Hoi Chanhs rallied to DUC THANH sub sector, these persons appear to be part of a production cell supplying VC with food in the vic of NGAI GIAO. They state that it has been a long time since VC were in the area, that they have been unable to grow enough food even for themselves and eventually decided to rally. S2 Comment: Most of the local production cells in the jungle east of Route 2 have ceased to function or rallied. VC docus have expressed serious concern at the defection rate of these low level members. Intg reports will follow.

(4) (062152H). At YS433647 the NE bunker of HOA LONG was engaged by an estimated squad of VC, illumination was fired by 1 ATF, HOA LONG compound and 609 RF Coy. The en withdrew east with unk result.

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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.  
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

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ADDENDUM TO INTERROGATION REPORT  
HOI CHANH: NGUYEN THI TIEP

Reference: Annex A to 1 ATF Intsum 35/70 dated 4 Feb 70.

Exploited Information

1. a. CHAU DUC District Party Committee

Secretary: NAM THANH (he has gone to BA LONG Province at end of December 69 and presently has no replacement).

b. CHAU DUC District Unit

Commander: NAM KIEM (since Nov 69)

2IC: NAM THANH, K54

PO: TU HIEU, K54

AP0: Unknown

Medical Specialist: CHIN THANG (died in early Jan 70)

Medic: CONG from HOA LONG

c. Medical Section

Commander: CHINH THANG (no replacement)

2IC: CONG

Nurse: THI THUY

d. Rear Services Section

Commander: HAI CHUNG

2IC: CHIN TRUONG from HOA LONG

Member: BAY THONG

" TU CUA

e. Ordinance Section

Commander: TU CUONG (died in early January 70, together with CHIN THANG and about 7 more members).

f. Postal Section

Commander: BAO

2IC: BA MOI

Members: about 7 more

Every two days they dispatch mail. Postmen consist of three persons. In case of emergency, mail is forwarded immediately.

g. Engineer Unit

Commander: GIAU

2IC: BINH

Members: 13

h. Location

Before November 1969, the District Party Committee, District Unit and C41 camped in an area near HAT DICH approx YS 3475. In the beginning of November 69, the Australians operated in their base camp area, they moved to TRANG NAI camp at approx YS 345715.

2. Future Policy of CHAU DUC District

On about 27 Jan 70, the subject was told by BAY TRI, PO of C41, who assembled all troop strength of C41, to tell them about the communist victory in South Vietnam. During this meeting, BAY TRI said that after TET C41 Coy will engage in a battle (the subject realizes they will attack HOA LONG, because HOA LONG is the target for CHAU DUC District in the coming phase). The subject stated that the engineer unit of CHAU DUC District was divided into two teams on about 15 Jan 70. One team operated on Route 2 in BINH BA village, another team operated on Route 15 in PHUOC HOA village (no further details).

3. Supplies

Before December 69, District Party Committee, District Unit and C41 bought rice at PHUOC THAI village. From December 69 until now, PHUOC THAI entry/exit point has been blockaded, they had to get rice in HOA LONG village. On the average, every three or four days, CHAU DUC District Unit and C41 went to HOA LONG to collect rice once. On each trip there were 30 - 40 persons. The subject has been to HOA LONG three times to transport rice. He is sure that CHAU DUC District these days does not get rice in BINH BA because there is no rice there.

4. HOA LONG Rice Transportation Route

From the base camp TRANG NAI, approx YS 345715, they crossed CHAU PHA stream, then SONG CA at approx YS 380696, then DONG NGHIE stream, then SONG CAU at approx YS408661, then the paddy fields and after that through the rubber plantation. Finally they crossed Route 2, cut the barbed wire fence at approx YS406645 to enter AP BAC. They spread out to collect rice from the neighbouring houses of THI DUONG's. Each time they went to HOA LONG to collect rice, they entered AP BAC at about 10 - 10 pm, and left the hamlet at about 2 am using the entry route.

5. C41 Coy

Commander: DANG **from** HOA LONG

2IC: SONG

PO: BAY TRI from HOA LONG

APO: BAY GIAI

" KIEM

Adjutant: BAY LINH

Medic: BA LOI CVN

Troop strength: 50 - 55 members.

Weapons: 1 x 60mm mor

1 x BAR

1 x RPD

2 x B40

1 x B41

and AKs, K51s, Carbine M2s

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The Coy comprises 3 platoons.

1 Pl/C41

Commander: SAU VINH from HOA LONG

2IC: TRUNG from BINH BA

Squad Leader: QUAN

Strength: 14

Weapons: 1 x BAR, 1 x B40, AKs, K51s, Carbine M2s.

2 Pl/C41

Commander: DUNG from HOA LONG

2IC: TU DINH from HOA LONG

Squad Leader: CHINH QUAY

Strength: approx 13

Weapons: 1 x RPD, 1 x B40.

3Pl/C41

Commander: SAU THANH

2IC: LONG

Squad Leader: TEP

Strength: approx 12

Weapons: 1 x B41, AKs, K51s, Carbine M2.

6. Troop Strength Reinforcements

From November 69, C41 was reinforced by soldiers taken from agencies of the District Party Committee, District Unit of CHAU DUC. The subject only knows that C41 was reinforced by two guerillas (the subject: 1NGAI GIAO guerilla and TRANG: BINH BA guerilla) and two youths from HOA LONG village.

7. Other Units in the Area

A fortnight ago, during a transportation trip of vegetables at DUC MY hamlet, BINH BA village, the subject met one company of D440 Bn camped in SONG XOAI area, approx YS 3875 (no further details)

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No.  
dated 6 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
060930H	YS4752	Considerable track activity north.
061130H	YS468511 (approx)	Fresh tracks.
	YS471535	Bunkers in good condition.
	YS462545	Bunkers in good condition.
061355H	YS499754	One yellow and red "T" marker.
061400H		
061600H	YS826746	A basket and what appeared to be a pile of bamboo slats beside a track, the track had been used recently by up to about 5 persons.
	YS836744	Track mentioned above terminated at this point and there were several iron constructions partially collapsed but could be used in transit by VC.
061515H-		
061710H	YS777686	Fresh gardens with young plants. The gardens appeared to have been watered sometime during the day. Much fresh track activity.
	YS776686	Under a clump of trees a large basket three to four ft high containing something nearby a long table and at the edge of the trees a bunker. A hole probably another bunker. Much fresh track activity.

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2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO ROSSLYN

(a) (071030H) In the vicinity of YS572900, HQ A Coy and 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located an old bunker system last used within 48 hours by a coy size force.

(b) (071615H) At YS568917, elms of 5 RAR located a bunker system previously destroyed by friendlies. Two bunkers and a fire place had been rebuilt. The system was last used two to four weeks ago.

(2) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late report. In addition to 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ installation report at YS435892 on 061740H, D Coy located a bunker system, in the same vicinity, consisting of six open fighting pits, one comd pit, one cooking area, five fire spaces and one sentry pit 70m to the east of main system. Recovered were: one US army pack, one smoke grenade, one litter, animal traps, one set of webbing and eating utensils. INTSUM 37/70 para 3.a.(3) (b) refers.

(b) (070830H) At YS427838, a ptl from 6 RAR/NZ located a cache. Recovered were 40 lbs of Chicom explosive, one plastic sheet. All was destroyed in location.

(c) (070930H) At YS434893, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of one open fighting pit, one fire place, three tunnels and one sentry pit last used two to three days ago by an unk size en force.

(d) (070935H) At YS467808, B Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a qty of VC webbing and a qty of fairly freshly bloodstained bandages.

(e) (071100H) At YS443814, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp consisting of two small bunkers with OHC and two larger bunkers with OHC last used by 10 to 15 persons seven days ago. Recovered were: 20 lbs of chicom explosive, two AK47 mags, two electric detonators, five rolls of aslt cable, one chicom grenade, one Aust shovel, 12 ft of plastic hose and two lamps.

(f) (071230H) In the vicinity of YS472896, B Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained 52 persons carrying excessive amounts of pepper corn. Later 48 of these People were released while the remainder were brought to 1 ATF for further interrogation.

(g) (071400H) At YS438817, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp area last used by five to six en immediately prior to discovery. Recovered were: one US entrenching tool, one plastic bowl, six sand bags and a qty of C ration tins.

(h) (071400H) At YS450821, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp area last used one week ago. Recovered were: 30x50 cal rounds.

(i) (071500H) At YS443817, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located one large hut and one bunker with three feet OHC. Recovered were: assorted civilian and military clothing, and a qty of eating and cooking utensils.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (071015H) At YS238789, elms of 17 Const Sqn and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a staging camp consisting of two bunkers with six feet of OHC, which had last been used within the last months. Recovered were: one cooking pot and one periscope. The system was destroyed.

(b) (071050H) At YS239789, elms of 17 Const Sqn located a small camp area and one shellscape on the side of a hill. The camp area was approx one month old. Recovered were three new cooking pots. Camp area was destroyed.

(c) (071130H) At YS239790, elms of 17 Const Sqn located and destroyed a camp area seven shellscrapes dug into the side of a hill. The camp area was apporx three months old. Recovered were: an old tyre (for making sandals), one pair of army greens, six feet of det cord and one snare type booby trap with explosives removed.

(d) (071205H) At YS240790, elms of 17 Const Sqn located a cache. Destroyed were: one claymore mine complete, a qty of fishing lines, one set of scales and several plates and cups.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occuring during this Reporting Period

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - One NVA.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still undergoing interrogation - 4.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - One

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown - K54 pistol

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: Two AK47 mags, two electric detonators, five rolls of aslt cable, 30x50 cal rounds, one periscope, a set of scales.

(b) Destroyed: 60 lbs Chicom explosive, 1 plastic sheet, a qty of VC webbing, one US army pack, one smoke grenade, one litter, animal traps, eating and cooking utensils, one chicom grenade, one Aust and one US shovel, 12 feet of plastic hose, two lamps, a qty of C ration tins, assorted civilian and military clothing, one claymore mine, a qty of fishing lines.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
070830H	6 RAR/NZ	YS427838	40 Lbs Chicom explosive, 1 plastic sheet. All destroyed

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 9 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 6

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured - 1.00 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted



b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

AT MINES

AP MINES

BOOBY TRAPS

Four

One

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Docus taken from a VC KIA by Aslt Pnr Pl/6 RAR at YS431850 on 051610H Feb 70 identify PHAM VAN DONG Sect Comd of the Staff Section of 74 Arty Regt.

b. Docus taken from VC KIA by 3/W/6 RAR at YS428874 on 261410 Jan 70 disclose no positive identification of the body. A number of the docus are of CHAU DUC District origin and refer to MA VAN BONG aka DONG a Sect 2IC of C41 who was killed on 13 Jul 69 (NFI), and to TRAN VAN HANH, born 1952 previously a member of C41 who was WIA and convalesced in Hamlet 4 NGAI GIAO. HANH, whose parents VO VAN CHU 45 yrs and LE THI DONG, 40 yrs are rubber tappers at BINH BA Plantation, applied on 15 Nov 69 to rejoin the VC as a member of the NGAI GIAO Guerilla Unit. Included also was an exercise book belonging to LE DUNG, held by OB as a member of the BINH BA Village Unit. It is possible therefore that the party of 5 VC contacted by 3/W/6 RAR were from BINH BA or CHAU DUC on a food resupply mission to VIET CUONG/CHAU LAC.

c. Two Hoi Chanhs, LE UT DONG and HUYNH VAN NHWAN, both from C24/D67 rallied to 771 RF Coy at PHU MY on 070800H Feb 70. Initial interrogation is attached as Annex A. Detailed interrogation will follow.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 37-70

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(a) 3rd line amended to read " has been classified as a PW".

(b) Para 4.f.(2) Amend total to read "1".

(c) Para 4.f.(3) Delte all reference.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (7 Feb 70) At YS471535, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an enemy base camp. BDA: three bunkers and one structure destroyed, three bunkers damaged and five bunkers exposed.

(2) (071030H) At YS729904, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an enemy base camp. BDA: one poss small secondary explosion, no further BDA due to foliage.

(3) (071147H) At YS822763, USAF conducted an airstrike against an enemy base camp. BDA: two small bunkers and one frame structure exposed.

(4) (070845H) At YS334914, elms of 199 LIB engaged three enemy. Results: one en KIA (BC), one AK47 and a qty of docus CIA.

(5) (071140H) At YS438901, elms of 199 LIB located a recently vacated camp, possibly only a few minutes before friendlies entered camp. Also located were hot tea, warm rice and blood trail leading SW.

Distribution:

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II FFORCE V	3 TAC Fighter Wing	
MACV - J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	
MACV -CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 48	

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 38/70  
dated 7 Feb 70.

Preliminary Interrogation Report.

1. Personal Details

- a. NAME: LE UT DONG
- b. DOB: 1948 at THA BINH -SVN
- c. Returned to elms 771 RF Coy YS237772
- d. Date/time of return 070800
- e. UNIT: C24/D67
- f. RANK: Squad leader
- g. Served with VC for four years

2. a. NAME: HUYNH VAN NHUAN

- b. DOB: 1935 at MY THO - SVN
- c. Returned to elms 771 RF Coy YS237772
- d. Date/time of return 070800H
- e. UNIT: C24/D67
- f. RANK: Squad 2ic
- g. Served with VC for four years.

3. Circumstances of Return.

The subjects and three NVA were sent from the base camp C24/D67 to collect a squad that had been separated from the main body by allied operations. The squad was to rejoin the unit for TET. On arrival at the old base camp it was found to have been hit and deserted. The three NVA left in an attempt to locate the missing squad. The subjects waited for two nights then gave themselves up to elms of 771 RF Coy at PHU MY.

4. Exploited Information.

- a. The strength of C24/D67 is approx 40-50 VC.
- b. The old base camp is located approx 3½ hours EAST from PHU MY and the present base camp is located approx 3 hours from there.
- c. They did not know of any plans of C24/D67 for the TET period.

5. Documents and Equipment.

LE UT DONG handed in one AK47 in excellent condition and four magazines and a quantity of documents including a Commendation Certificate from D67.

6. Reason for Chieu Hoing.

Subjects have not seen their families for approx four years.

7. Condition.

The subjects appeared to be in good condition and well fed.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 38/70  
DATED 7 FEB 70

1. Agent report stated a poss company of D445 LF Bn was located at YS665765.  
Eval: C-3.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 38/70  
DATED 7 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
071400H	YS444532	Tracks which led to a clump of bushes containing a bunker and hollow structure covered with dead grass and shrubs

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 39/70.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 5 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Late Report (071725H) At YS428852 Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR contacted 1 NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 Chicom Pistol (NFI) CIA.

Comments. This entry was omitted from Ground Activity in INTSUM 38/70 due to a typing error. The 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 Chicom pistol (NFI) CIA were included in INTSUM 38/70 cumulative totals. See para 6.

(b) (081600H) At YS376857 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 to 6 enemy moving west to east. Results: 3 enemy KIA and 1 AK47, 5 mags, 3 packs and a qty of docs CIA.

(2) AO SAMFORD.

(a) (080805H) A patrol of 8 RAR sighted 1 VC at YS385683.

(3) AO ROSSLYN.

(a) (081405H) At YS572900 1 Pl and HQ A Coy 5 RAR contacted a squad to platoon size group of enemy. Results: 1 Aust WIA (DUSTOFF), 2 enemy KIA (BC), 2 KIA poss (drag marks), 4 WIA (bloodtrails), 2 AK47, 1x7.62 pistol and 3 packs with misc items and some docs CIA.

(b) (081725H) At YS556896 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy (poss an enemy squad). Results: 1 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1x.45 pistol CIA.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (080930H) At YS668613 a patrol of 3 SAS Sqn contacted 10 plus enemy. Results: 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy KIA (poss). The patrol was extracted at 081230H. Hawk Flight (10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR) was inserted into the vicinity YS670607 and at approx 1245H in the area of the LZ contacted 6-7 VC with unknown results. VC fired 1 RPG round into 10 Pl's position during withdrawal. There were no friendly casualties.

(b) (081955H) A patrol of 5 RAR sighted 3 enemy at YS431733 moving NW.

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 - 8 VC
- (3) Omitted

b.c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

- (1)-(4) Omitted
- (5) RPG (NFI) - 1
- (6) Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured and Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 6
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - 4xAK47, 1x7.62 pistol, 1x.45 pistol.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed. Clothing, misc items and eqpt.(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS572900	Unknown	Unknown	Destroyed
YS556896	"	"	"

(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 17 VC

(2) PW - 1

(3)(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Weapons - 12

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice Captured - 1.00 tons.

(8)(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movement.

a. Docs taken from an NVA officer KIA by Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR at YS428852 on 071725H Feb 70 identify TRAN NHUAN Regt Asst Political Officer of 74 NVA Arty Regt. NHUAN was promoted from Bn Comd rank to Regt 2ic on 6 Jun 69, the same date as Nguyen Duc HOAT aka BA UT, formerly Deputy Chief of Staff MR7, who was KIA by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt/D and E Pl on 21 Nov 69 in the same general area. A commendation certificate for NHUAN dated 12 Aug 69 was signed by Nguyen Loc, formerly Deputy Chief of Political Staff MR7 who was also killed in the same contact as BA UT. NHUAN had been earlier wounded on 24 Jan 70 by 10/D/6 RAR in the TAN VIETNAM plantation.

The docs were of significant order of battle value. S2 Comments: See SPOTREP INT 2513 of 8 Feb 70 issued separately.

b. Docs recovered from a cache by C/5 RAR at YS556668 on 5 Feb 70 probably belonged to Nguyen Van BE aka NAM BE of Postal Station B6.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11 Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM No 38/70.

(a) Para 3.a.(2)(a), 5th line, delete "one litter", insert "one letter (incomplete)."

(b) Para 3.a.(2)(f) 2nd line, delete "Later 48 of these people were released while the remainder were brought to 1 ATF for further interrogation", and insert "All persons were released after initial interrogation".

(c) Para 3.a.(3)(a), 3rd line. After "within the last" insert "two".

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (081009H) At YS471535 an A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

- (2) (081242H) A report was received from BARIA that there was a large number of VC south of DINH CO outpost, vic YS4456. S2 Comment. No evaluation of this report is possible and no VC seen on investigation.
- (3) (081230H) Elements of 2 US Bde sighted 20 enemy carrying 9 rockets on bipods at YS258792. No known results.
- (4) (082015H) DUC THANH Sub-Sector reports that 4 VC tried to enter NGAI GIAO at YS464791.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A  
IIFORCE 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  
2 US Bde

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 39/70  
dated 8 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce.
- | <u>DTG</u>          | <u>Location</u> | <u>Sightings.</u>  |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| 080930H-<br>081130H | YS456566        | Lightly used track leading up to a living area amongst rocks. The entrance has large branches covering it.   |
| "                   | YS458557        | Recent activity on the established N-S track. Footprints were all the same boot pattern - similar to gym boot soles. Offshoots into the flat areas west of the main track occurred at approx every 200 metres. All movement appeared to be south - number in excess of 20. |
| 081500H-<br>081700H | YS511831        | Recent light use of E-W track.   |
| "                   | YS505820        | N-S track with recent use passes through two bomb craters.   |
- 2.-5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 40-70.
- 2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Feb 70
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BAYSWATER

(a) Late Report (082330H) At YS453729, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted four to six en. 6 Pl initiated contact and en returned fire with RPG's and SA. En broke contact and wdr NE. Results: En casualties unknown. 5 AUST WIA (evac).

(b) (092027H) In vic of YS455886, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted three to five en who approached from the south. En wdr west with unknown results.

(2) AO SAMFORD

(a) (090240H) At YS442643, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR engaged the area after a trip flare had been set off. A sweep this morning revealed nil results.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (091350H) At YS573588, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ loc a mine marker consisting of three blaze marks on a tree.

(b) (091400H) At YS296571, elms of 17 Const Sqn combined with RF and PF contacted one en who wdr with unknown results.

(c) (091430H) At YS289572, elms of 17 Const Sqn combined with RF and PF contacted four en. Results: One en WIA (BT).

(d) (092015H) B Coy 8 RAR sighted seven lights at YS457666.

(e) (092015H) Elms of 8 RAR sighted one light at YS360682.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 18 VC.
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 0
- (4) VCI - 0
- (5) Individual Weapons - 12
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 0
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.00 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

5.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 2 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

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- (1) Reference INTSUM No. 37-70.
  - (a) Para 4.f.(1). Amend to read "10 VC". Amend INTSUMS 38-70 and 39-70 accordingly.
- (2) Reference INTSUM No. 39-70.
  - (a) Para 11.f.(4). Delete all reference and insert the following:  
"(082030H) BARIA Sector reported that 6 VC tried to enter AP NGAI GIAO (YS464791) and detonated a friendly gren booby trap. The en wdr with unknown results".

c.e. - Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report (08 Feb 70) At YS450501, 52 PF Pl ambushed an unknown number of en. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 M2 carbine CIA. There were no friendly casualties.
- (2) Late Report (082330H) At YS516531, a 10 man ptl from 613 RF Coy left their assigned AP and went into Lang PHUOC HAI and were ambushed by 4-5 VC at the above grid. Results: En casualties unk, one M79 CIA, 1 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA.
- (3) (090900H) At YS245792, B Coy 1/16 Inf (US) loc one NVA body which has been credited to D Coy 2/18 Inf (US) contact on 221858H Jan 70.
- (4) (090905H) At YS377776, US VR sighted four to six en (NVA) moving NE. The area was engaged with unknown results.
- (5) (090910H) At YS462545, A/S on en base camp. Results: One bunker destroyed, two bunkers damaged, two bunkers and one tunnel entrance exposed.
- (6) (090955H) At YS346789, D Coy 2/18 Inf (US) loc one NVA body which has been credited to an A/S on 031435H Feb 70.
- (7) (091035H) At YS413741, A Coy 2/16 Inf (US) engaged four NVA moving north. Results: Two NVA KIA, one AK47, one RPG rd and two packs CIA.
- (8) (091100H) At YS438901, elms of B Coy 199 LIB loc one grave containing one body dressed in a grey shirt, brown trousers and wrapped in a poncho. Body has been credited to D Coy (199 LIB) who had been working in the area previously.
- (9) (091410H) At YS284569, elms of 637 RF Coy contacted three VC who returned fire with SA and one RPG rd. En wdr in an unknown direction with unknown results.

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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 E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 40-70  
dated 09 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
091230H	YS525740	Bunker
09 Feb 70	YS774666	Old bunker under bushes, no sign of fresh use. An ammunition box was under a tree 20m to the NE.
	YS463537	A track made by 8-12 persons around a bomb crater that was only one hour old.
090800H	YS455544	7 bunkers in good condition. Fresh track activity in area.
	YS458551	2 bunkers. Tracks indicate more camps in area. Fresh track activity in area.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
081840H	YS980818	9 in jungle.
	YS983812	3 in jungle.
	YS986844	2 in jungle.
090143H	YS305773	1 in open.
090148H	YS266784	A number of targets in this grid.
090224H	YS320838	2 in open.

4.5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 41-70.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 7 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late Report. (091700H). At YS462851, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a coy size bunker system consisting of 21 bunkers. The system had been used by one to two persons in the last 48 hrs. Recovered were: 100 rds of 7.62mm link short, a small qty of food and two lengths of one inch pipe. S2 Comment: This is a known transit area, unlikely any large force remaining.
- (b) (100830H) Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 40/70 Para 3 (1) (b), six en were contacted. Result two en WIA (BT), two SKS and small qty food CIA.
- (c) (101630H) At YS392827, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located seven bunkers which had been used two weeks ago.
- (d) (102100H) At YS452867, a patrol from 6 RAR/NZ engaged movement after a flare had been set off. Results unknown.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (101040H) At YS553673, 8 Pl C Coy contacted one enemy, believed to have withdrawn NORTH.
- (b) (101120H) At YS567654, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a hut containing a cache of 200lbs of rice and 50 lbs of peas. The area is heavily mined and booby trapped. Eight CHICOM grenades and one M16 mine were located. The cache was destroyed due to difficulty of removal.
- (c) (101245H) At YS553670, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing 700 lbs of rice. The cache was booby trapped and is to be destroyed. S2 Comment: This is an old established base area for D445 LF Bn.
- (d) (101330H) At YS567654, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted two en who approached from the EAST and withdrew EAST and NE. Results: No casualties to either side.
- (e) (101420H) At YS526783, Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR contacted five VC dressed in black and greens, wpns incl 2 X AK47s. The enemy approached from the EAST and withdrew NORTH. Results: No casualties to either side, two packs, 30 lbs of rice and a qty of documents CIA. S2 Comment: Documents indicate a party of D445. It is not known if a coy of that unit is in the area with the intention of co-op with D440, or if this was a guide or escort squad returning from BA LONG HQ in the NORTH.
- (f) (101650H) At YS547780, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted six en, four dressed in blue and two in khaki. Results: Two VC KIA (BC), two VC WIA (BT), two X AK47 CIA. See Para 4 e (2), captured materiel incl 40 lbs rice some munitions and docus. Ident of en not yet made.
- (g) (102117H) At YS555670, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged movement. Results unknown.

(3) AO HAMMERSLY.

- (a) (101830H) At YS459559, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR contacted eight or nine en with no results.
- (b) (101830H) At YS459559, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an M16 mine. Results: track adjuster partly blown off.

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(c) (101835H) At YS433534, en fired a short burst into HQ C Coy 8 RAR's location and withdrew.

(d) (101845H) At YS438553, C Coy 8 RAR received sniper fire from SOUTH of their location.

(e) (102125H) At YS437534 C Coy 8 RAR received two : 60mm(?) mortar rds. Results: No casualties or damage.

(4) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (100930H) At YS535553, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elms of 18 ARVN Div detonated two M16 mines three hundred metres apart. The first incident resulted in 5 Aust WIA and 2 VN WIA and from the second there were no casualties.

(b) (101030H) At YS545560, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an M16 mine, there were no casualties or damage.

(c) (101042H) At YS522546, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an M16 mine, there were no friendly casualties or damage.

(d) (101412H) At YS518559, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an M16 mine. There were no casualties or damage.

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>
101315H	YS503575	Unknown	3 X RPG rds.	No hits	Unknown	Nil
101820H	YS448493	Unknown	Unknown	Nil	Unknown	Unknown

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEC E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 2 VC.

b-c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

- (1)-(3) Omitted
- (4) 60mm Mortar - 2.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual.
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown - 2 X SKS, 2 X AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured: 100 X 7.62mm short link rds, 5 X RPG2 heads, 7 X RPG2 tails, 5 X RPG2 boosters, 1 X 82mm rd, 7 X RPG2 primers, 3 X adaptable mortar fuzes, 6 X full AK47 mags, 3 X Mortar primers, 8 X charge bags.

(b) Destroyed: Eight CHICOM frag grenades, one hut 12ft X 12ft.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS567654	Rice	200 lbs	Destroyed
YS567654	Peas	50 lbs	Destroyed
YS553670	Rice	700 lbs	Destroyed
YS526783	Rice	30 lbs	Unknown
YS547780	Rice	40 lbs	Unknown

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 20 VC
- (2) PW - 1
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 16
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.49 Tons.

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>
100645H	YS509546	TL 44	A road block about three ft high consisting of galvanised sheeting and other junk with a VC flag attached.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.AP MINES

- One at YS566655 located by 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR.
- One M16 at YS535553 detonated by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elms of 18 ARVN Div.
- One M16 at YS545560 detonated by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- One M16 at YS522546 detonated by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- One M16 at YS518559 detonated by A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

BOOBY TRAPS

At YS566655 located by 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR and at YS553670 located by 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR, associated with food caches.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
100930H	YS535555	M 16	5 Aust WIA, 2 VN WIA.
101835H	YS459559	M 16	Track adjuster partly blown off. an APC.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

- a. Docus from 3 VC KIA by 3/W/6 RAR at YS376857 on 081600H Feb 70 identify:
  - (1) Dao Ngoc THU Sect 2 I/C Staff Office SR4.
  - (2) Nguyen Van DU, Rear Services SR4 and,
  - (3) Le Van PHUOC Sect Comd SR4.

b. Docus CIA by Aslt Pnr P1/5 RAR at YS526783 on 101420H Feb 70 identify elms of D445.

## 7. Omitted.

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5-70 dated 2 Feb 70.
- 9-10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a-e. Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) Late Report. (092000H) At YS527990, RF elms engaged an unknown number of enemy resulting in six en KIA and one en WIA (PW).
- (2) Late Report. (092205H) At YS443556 Sector elms at LONG DIEN reported lights. The area was engaged with arty with unknown results.
- (3) Late Report. (092325H) At YS431547, 615 RF Coy (outpost) received two rds of 60mm mortar, one round landing in the vic of the bunker and the other impacting on the perimeter to the NORTH. At about the same time two M 16 mines were detonated by suspect VC movement. The outpost engaged the area. Possible withdrawal routes and base plate position were engaged by arty with unknown results.
- (4) (100925H) At YS470537 an A/S was conducted against a base camp which resulted in one bunker destroyed and six bunkers exposed.
- (5) (101042H) A Hoi Chanh rallied to LONG DIEN Sub Sector, Name: Le Thi Hoa, Appt: labourer, Address: An Thanh hamlet, An Ngai, Unit: Long Dat District, Reason for rallying: Ordered by his family. Interrogation being conducted by HQ Sector.
- (6) (101335H) HQ Sector reported an unknown number of VC in DAT DO. No incidents have been recorded and the sightings reported have not been confirmed.
- (7) (101820H) LONG HAI trg coy were advised that 20 VC were at YS445510 moving to YS448493. Gunships were called in and sighted six VC at YS448493. Gunships engaged VC who withdrew NORTH EAST, gunships received ground fire. Results: No friendly casualties, unknown en casualties.

Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.  
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1. Attached as appendices I - III are interrogation reports for the following:

- (I). NGUYEN THI CHIEN
- (II). NGUYEN VAN QUANG
- (III).
  - (a) TRAN VAN QUYET
  - (b) DAO VAN MON
  - (c) DAO VAN KHANH
  - (d) DAO VAN BUNG
  - (e) DAO THI CHUA
  - (f) DAO THI THAN
  - (g) VU DINH GIANG

APPENDIX I to ANNEX A  
(Interrogation Reports) to  
1 ATF INTSUM No 41-70 dated  
10 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: NGUYEN THI CHIEN

Biographical Data

- 1. a. Name : NGUYEN THI CHIEN
- b. Alias : Nil
- c. D/POB : 1951, BINH BA, DUC THANH
- d. Address : DAU DAY Village, LONG KHANH
- e. Rank/Appt : Servant/cook
- f. Unit : DAU DAY Village Guerilla Unit
- g. Occupation : Rubber tapper

Circumstances of Return

- 2. a. Receiving unit : DUC THANH Sub Sector
- b. Date : 6 Feb 70
- c. Location : XA BANG Village
- d. Wpns & Docus : Nil
- e. Circumstances : From the DAU DAY village base, the subject took the opportunity of getting leave to visit her family during the TET period. When she got to the VIET CUONG Rubber Plantation she met her brother-in law named QUANG who took her to the CHIEU HOI center.
- f. Reasons : (1) Hunger and hardship  
(2) Homesick  
(3) Was not allowed to follow her religion freely

Past Activities

- 3. a. Apr 65-Dec 69 : The subject and her elder sister (rallied with her), HOA, HUE, LAI, MINH, THUC while working at the rubber plantation were kidnapped by a group of VC, one of whom was BA TRI of BINH BA. She was assigned to the DAU DAY Guerilla Unit to cook and work for the guerillas.
- b. Dec 69 : She requested leave to visit her family at the

...../VIET

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VIET CUONG Plantation where she met her broth in-law and her sister. They went to the CHIEU HOI center in XA BANG village where she rallied.

Exploited Information

4. a. DAU DAY Village Guerilla Unit (LONG KHANH)

Comd : DAY, 25 yrs, SUOI TRE, XUAN LOC District, carbine.  
2ic : Nil  
Medic : VIET, 20 yrs.  
Servant/cook : Subject.  
Commo/liaison : HOA, 15 yrs, K44.  
Guerillas : HOANG, 19 yrs, garand.  
HIEP, 20 yrs, SKS.

b. Strength : 6 persons.

c. Wpns : SKS, Garand, K44, Carbine.

d. Location : Approx Dec 69 they were located at YT 315054. After that she moved to the Production area of her brother-in-law at IS 425856.

e. Supplies. They are short of rice. For every three days of eating bananas and vegetables they only have one day of rice.

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APPENDIX II

ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)

TO 1 ATF LINESUM NO 41 70

cc DATED 10 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RETURNEE NGUYEN VAN QUANG

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: Nguyen Van Quang
- b. D/POB: 1936 Nhuon Phu, Mo Cay, Ben Tre.
- c. Address: As above.
- d. Rank/Appt: Production Cell Member.
- e. Unit: Cam My Village.
- g. Occupation: Labourer.

Circumstances of Return

2. a. Date: 6 Feb 70.
- b. Place: Xa Bang Post Ngai Giao Village.
- c. Wpns and Docus: Nil
- d. Circumstances: The subject had permission to visit his family, he came to Chau Lac plantation to see his wife and brother in law, the Australians swept through this area, the subject stayed in 3 hamlet (Chau Lac) and waited until the Australians withdrew before returning.

Exploited Information.

3. a. Production Cell Of CAM MY Village Unit  
Leader: BA TU 50 yrs no wpn  
Member: BA 36 yrs Carbine  
" QUANG (the subject)
- b. Weapons: 1 x Carbine.  
Location: At approx YS425856.  
Task: Producing corn and manioc.  
Supply: The production cell supplies CAM MY Vil Unit.  
Food: BA TU, the cell leader issues 1 tin of rice (milk tin) per person per day. Sometimes they were hungry if the Australians remained in the area.  
Morale: At the present time their morale is very low, because of hunger and the Australian's sweep operations, most of them want to return.

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APPENDIX III TO  
ANNEX A TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM 41-70  
DATED 10 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS  
RETURNEES: a. TRAN VAN QUYET  
b. DAO VAN MON  
c. DAO VAN KHANH  
d. DAO VAN BUNG  
e. DAO THI CHUA  
f. DAO THI THAN  
g. VU DINH GIANG

Receiving Unit: DUC THANH Sub Sector.

Date of Return: 29 Jan 70.

Reason: Fear of death, hardship, lack of food, allied psyops broadcasts.

VC Unit: BAU CHINH Hamlet Farmers Association.

Exploited Information

1. a. Element of NGAI GIAO Party Chapter  
Secretary - BA NHA TON, 45yrs, SVN, Carbine  
Asst Secretary - BA NHIEU, 50yrs, SVN, M16  
Security - NAM NGOC, 30yrs, CVN, Carbine  
F & E - Unknown
- b. Unknown Appts  
- BA DI, 35yrs, SVN, Colt  
- KHANH, 25yrs, SVN, Carbine  
- TU NHAT BON, 40yrs, SVN, No wpn
- c. Element of NGAI GIAO Village Unit  
Leader - BA NHA TON  
Location - West of Route 2 (exact loc unknown)
- d. BAU CHINH Hamlet Squad  
Squad Leader - HAI BACH, 40yrs, CVN, CKC  
2IC - TRAN VAN QUYET (returnee),  
Guerillas - LO (returned), US rifle  
CHINH( " ) ; " "  
BUNG( " ) ; no wpn  
DUONG( " ) ; US rifle  
MON( " ) ; " "  
BUNG B( " ) ; " "  
HO( " ) ; " "  
THINH, approx 30yrs, POB-BAU CHINH,  
US rifle.

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e. Farmers Association Elm at BAU CHINH Hamlet  
 (The subjects asked to be spared of guerilla activities at the beginning of 1968 because of the lack of food. The VC collected the weapons and started a Farmers Association Group which was still present only recently) There are two cells, both of which are commanded by HAI BACH HUY.

(1) Cell 1:

Leader: NAM QUYET (returned)

Member: MON

BUNG B

DAO THI CHUA

DAO THI THANH

DAO VAN KHANH

(2) Cell 2:

Leader: DAO VAN CHINH

Member: LO

BUNG A

DUONG

HO

TINH

f. Location

Usually, they hide out in the jungle at approx YS 486805. If operations are in that area, they move into BA KY's orange orchard at YS 495805. The NGAI GIAO Party Chapter and village guerilla unit is located west of Route 2 (loc unk), but they usually cross Route 2 at YS 463803 to go into BAU CHINH Hamlet.

g. Task

To provide potatoes and green beans for the VC; pay 1 piastre tax per month. Besides this, they also have transport duties or receive instructions to sabotage Route 2 from YS 454793 to YS 452825. Since the beginning of 1969 up till now they have not had any transport or sabotage tasks. Their food supplies were running short and they did not have enough to support their families as well as the VC. Therefore, they asked the VC to relieve them of their duties. Before September 69, a number of NGAI GIAO cadres often came to BAU CHINH Hamlet to ask for info and also to raise food production efforts.

h. Supply

All the subjects stated that from September 69 till now the BAU CHINH Farmers Association Cells were lacking food (rice) and had to eat bananas and wild potatoes, but now the bananas are finished and the potatoes are very scarce.

j. Peoples Situation

All the subjects stated that there are no illegal residents at BAO CHINH at present.

k. Other Units in the Area

All the subjects disclosed that the rear services team belonging to BA LONG Province which worked in the BAU CHINH area, has gone to QUANG MINH (December 69) because they could not acquire any more rice.

This team was comprised of:

Leader: TU CHO, approx 45yrs, Carbine.

Member: SAU HUONG, 30yrs, Carbine.

HAI TRU, 36yrs, Carbine.

(All of team from SVN)

l. Miscellaneous

Subjects stated that about two months ago, at about 1500H, they saw a VC company (approx 70 VC) wearing camouflaged uniforms and with 1x60mm mor, 2x81mm mor, B40s, B41s, MMGs, AKs and SKS rifles. They did not know the command structure of this outfit, but they heard that the company belonged to D445. The unit moved from SUOI TAM BO stream to BAU CHINH Hamlet in order to attack DUONG CUNG Hamlet; results unknown.

SOURCE: TRAN NHUAN  
APPT: Asst PO 74 Arty Regt

1. Reproduced below are items of interest extracted from the docu carried by TRAN NHUAN KIA by Aslt Pnr P1/6 RAR at YS428852 on 071725H Feb 70.

a. From a MISSIONS BOOK.

- (1) Stop and destroy the GVN pacification programme.
- (2) Destroy communications, bridges, bases, airfields and vehs of US forces.
- (3) Escalate the number of attacks against ARVN and Allied forces.
- (4) Attack continuously in small groups (as they are more effective than large - scale attacks).
- (5) Ensure everyone understands the situation about our stepping up activities.
- (6) TASKS. (Jan 70) As laid out in original document:
  - A4 (possibly 1/74 Arty)/. To transport 30 X 122mm Rkt rds./ 150 persons, 10 aircraft: 15 - 20 (122mm rkts).
  - A5 (possibly 2/74 Arty). To transport 10 X 122mm rkts./ 50 persons, 10 aircraft.
  - A6 (possibly 3/74 Arty). To transport 15 X 122mm rkts./ 50 persons, 10 aircraft: LZ of 199 LIB. LZ Transport Sqn. D90 force.

The above mentioned targets must be destroyed by each battalion; the number of allied and ARVN tps and aircraft are as designated above.

2. The situation concerning rice collection is very difficult and the soldiers have not enough to eat. Efforts to alleviate the situation by visiting PHUOC THAI (THAI THIEN) and PHUOC NGUYEN have been made without success. The B5 element along the SUOI QUYT is very hungry. On the 21 Dec 69 went to VIET CUONG to obtain food but there wasn't any available, so the food problem remains unsolved.

3. A memo from LE DAO of A5/Z50 (probably 2nd Battalion 74 Arty-DAO is 2nd Bn APO) sent to HAM (Regt Comd 74 Arty) and NHUAN states that daily activities were meeting with many difficulties. At present LE DAO is with B5 at the SUOI QUYT base.

4. Three memos from DINH VAN SUNG (Staff Comd, 2/74 Arty) dated 7, 8 and 10 Dec to 74 Arty Regt:

a. Part of A5 (274 Arty) went with D2/Q4 (2/274 VC Regt) on 30 Nov 69 to their base but were attacked by GVN and Allied forces, so they had to withdraw back to 274 Regt base where A5 (2/74 Arty) and C22 (probably Th Coy/274 Regt) are stationed also.

b. ....on 282200H Nov 69 I organised an attack (probably at BINH SON) resulting in one veh, one gun, one gun emplacement and 6 THAI soldiers were destroyed.

c. ....on night 10 and 11 Dec 69 at 0130H organised 2 attacks by firing 2 X 107 rkts at BINH SON and SO KEP.

5. A letter (undated) from DANG MAI Asst PO 3/74 Arty to NHUAN reveals that MAI's unit is on this side of Route 25 at the 'T' junction of CAT KHO and Route 25- a good secret location not yet infiltrated by Rangers. On 10 Dec 69, Rangers came within 10 minutes walk of our location. If the unit is hit, it will have nowhere to go - except possibly to A57 (33 NVA Regt). A number of the men are sick and in great pain. The unit is short of medical supplies.

S2 Comment: The extracts are self explanatory and as far as food and medical supplies are concerned only confirm that 74 Arty Regt is in the same predicament as the bulk of the other forces in MR7.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 41-70  
DATED 10 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
100925H	LONG HAI	Track flanking EASTERN side of the LONG HAI has had considerable use in the last twelve hours.
101030H- 101200H	YS471535	Three bunkers previously sighted, still in good condition after A/S this morning, clothing has been placed on log in this area.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
100930H-	YS658608	Maximum
101030H	YS655605	Maximum
	YS658612	Maximum
	YS690630	Confirms maximum readings with 500m radius of this loc.
	YS670607	Maximum - loc used by HAWK FLIGHT.
	YS654609	Strong
	YS677604	Strong

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 42-70.
- 2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (111508H). At YS575665, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown no of en in a bunker system. Results: three Aust WIA, NFI.
- (b) (111915H). At YS586668, 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted at least three people considered to be same people in contact with 8/C/5 RAR at 111508H. Results: one Aust WIA, NFI.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late report. (101000H). At YS449890, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained two persons who were taken to DUC THANH for intg. They were found to be ARVN deserters and were taken to Sector.
- (b) (110935H). At YS374827, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one VC moving north. Results: one VC KIA(BC), one pack and a qty of docus CIA.
- (c) (111130H). At YS441853, Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a tunnel system consisting of a 160 ft tunnel 5 ft by 2 1/2 ft, three rooms 12 ft by 5 ft by 6 ft, three entrances and a rice chaff matted floor. The system was unsafe to work or live in. Recovered were a qty of old cooking utensils.
- (d) (111400H). At YS380809, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp consisting of three bunkers, one partially completed, and two fire places all partly demolished. The system, able to hold eight persons, was last used by one to two persons in the last seven days.
- (e) (111400H). At YS389813, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an en camp consisting of one bunker, able to hold four persons, last used one to two months ago. Recovered were: a qty of cooking utensils, one US pack, a qty of water bottles a mug, a letter and a qty of Chieu Hoi pamphlets.

(3) AO HAMMERSLY.

- (a) Late report. (102015H). At YS428534, elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt received one 60mm rd, AW and SA fire from the east. Fire was returned with unknown results.

(4) AO SAMFORD.

- (a) (111938H). At YS385683, a ptl from Aslt Pnr Pl 8 RAR contacted approx three en wearing packs and webbing. Results: Two en KIA(BC), one AK47, one SKS, four AK47 mags and three SKS mags CIA.

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>
110245H	YS6968	UNK	UNK	No hits	No response	Nil

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.

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(2) Aust Inflicted - 3 VC.

(3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1)-(6) Omitted.

(7) Military deserters - 2.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 2.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 x AK47, 1 x SKS.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: two packs, two qtys of cooking utensils, a qty of water bottles, a mug, four AK47 mags and three SKS mags.

(b) Omitted.

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 22 VC.

(2) PW - 1.

(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 18.

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured 1.49 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.

DTG	CO-ORD	TYPE	RESULTS
111700H	YS457557	AP	One Aust WIA

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus from a pack captured following a contact by Aslt Pnr P1/5RAR at YS526783 on 101425H Feb 70 identify elms of C1 and C4/D445 LF Bn.

b. Docus from a VC KIA by 2/A/5 RAR at YS572900 on 081405H Feb 70 probably identify NGUYEN VAN CHIEN of the BA LONG Province Security Section.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 dated 10 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11./

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Ref INTSUM 37/70. Para 4.b.(2). Amend to read 1 VC.
- (2) Ref INTSUM 37/70 Para 4.f.(1). Amend to read 9 VC. Amend INTSUMS 38-41/70 accordingly.
- (3) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(1)(d). Delete "a patrol from" and insert "10 Pl D Coy".
- (4) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(2)(a). After "8 Pl C Coy" insert "5 RAR".
- (5) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(2)(d). Delete "NE" and insert "SE".
- (6) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(4)(a). Delete "three hundred metres" and insert "thirty metres."
- (7) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 11.f.(5), third line. Delete "his" and insert "her."
- (8) Ref INTSUM 41/70 Para 3.a.(2)(g). Delete "YS555670" and insert "YS554673."

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late report. (101646H). At YS399778, one en detonated a claymore ambush set up by D Coy 2/16 Inf (US). Results: one en PW(WIA), one AK47 CIA. See Annex A.
- (2) (110915H). At YS472535, USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: **three** bunkers destroyed, one bunker exposed.
- (3) (111625H). At YS462545, USAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: Four bunkers destroyed.

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Attachments:

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 42-70  
dated 11 Feb 70

1. Initial interrogation report of PW captured by D Coy 2/16 Inf (US) at YS399778 on 101646H Feb 70 revealed the following:

Name: DANG VAN NHUNG.  
Unit: C5/D2 (C5/D440).

He stated that he was on a food resupply mission and that there are engineers with his unit.

S2 Comment: The reference to engineers is not clear. Some may have been trained as sappers. Food sups have been obtained in small quantities from DUC MY/BINH BA.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 42-70  
dated 11 Feb 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
110305H	YS301728	Three persons on north side of mountain.
111200H to 111600H	Area YS4776- YS5276- YS4771- YS5271 YS5374	Heavy tracks in western side of area. Recency of track activity could not be determined due to the dry conditions.  A major track led into and out of NUI NUA.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
UNK	YS602922	Emission in woods.

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
111130H to 111240H	From YS554738 to YS555713 YS562751 YS584735 YS557700 YS573704 YS583712 YS578713 YS578739 YS594766	Continual maximum reading (also TO LUNG stream). Maximum. Maximum. Strong. Strong. Strong. Strong. Strong. Strong. Strong.

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HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

10 Feb 70

1 ATF SUPINREP 6/70  
PERIOD 3 - 9 Feb 70

III CTZ

1. Enemy Activity. Enemy initiated actions remained at a very low level throughout the corps, with a few attacks by fire reported in War Zone C.

Enemy Locations

- 2. There has been no noticeable change in the deployment of main forces:
  - a. 9 VC Div: War Zone C.
  - b. 7 NVA Div: not identified for 2 weeks, probably remains in northern BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG.
  - c. 5 VC Div: offered some light activity with attacks by fire in northern PHUOC LONG with elements around SON BE.
  - d. 33 and 274 Regts: no change.

Assessment

3. III CTZ has assessed a probable increase in enemy activity immediately after TET. Most attacks are likely to be in War Zone C and NW PHUOC LONG around BU DOP where coordinated actions by 7 NVA and 5 VC Divs are probable.

1 ATF TAOR

4. General. There was no significant enemy initiated action during the week, nor has there been for several months. VC infiltration on a small scale of towns and villages may have occurred, with some propaganda activity reported, but their main concern, apparently, was with food supply. There were a number of contacts, the largest with an estimated enemy platoon, for a total of 20 VC eliminated.

AO ROSSLYN

5. 5 RAR found signs of considerable enemy movement north-south between Route 327 and the northern boundary but there has been no confirmation of the incursion of the ammunition transportation group reported earlier. Its presence must remain a possibility, however.

6. There have been further indications throughout the area of serious food shortages. Green bananas and jungle produce appear to be the principle source of food supplemented occasionally by discarded items of C rations. One enemy killed was carrying several pounds of rice mixed with dirt. It is clear that more efficient disposal of captured rice is necessary, where it is not practicable to recover it, and that destruction of unwanted ration items should be complete.

7. Contact on 8 Feb 70 with an estimated enemy platoon in the area of the SUOI LE probably indicate the presence of elements of BA LONG HQ, but there has been no identification as yet of the three VC KIA.

AO BAYSWATER

8. Assorted small groups of VC were contacted, generally in the rubber areas. The probable presence of a group of MR 7 HQ and identifications

made during the week of reps of SR4 (Current Affairs Sect) and 74 Arty Regt (Political Offr) could indicate that a conference has been held in the CHAU DUC area with HQ D440. If this was so it is likely that the subjects of most concern would be morale and logistic support - since it is evident now that, although plans for operations before and during TET were laid, units have not been able, or have not been willing, to undertake them.

#### LONG DAT/LONG LE DISTRICTS

9. Although some infiltration of towns and villages has undoubtedly occurred, there were no significant incidents. The VC seem to have been more concerned with gaining food supplies than with initiating incidents which could compromise their supply attempts.

#### XUYEN MOC

10. A contact by an SAS patrol on 8 Feb 70 with an estimated 15-20 enemy south of XUYEN MOC, followed by a further contact by Hawk Flight with 6-7 of the same group, probably indicates the presence **in the area** of a company of D445. If this is so it would be further evidence that the VC are intent on keeping out of trouble for the moment.

#### Enemy Locations

11. LF units appear to be dispersed and intent on avoiding contact, making location, other than by methodical ground recce, difficult. HQ D440 and one company appear to be located in CHAU DUC District, probably in the central area of SONG XOAI, and two companies appear to be east of Route 2. These companies were deployed for operations before TET but difficulty of coordination appears to have disrupted plans and the battalion will probably attempt to re-group again in a new area.

12. D445 probably has two small companies south and east of XUYEN MOC, with some troops remaining in the LONG HAI with C25 (LONG DAT District Coy).

#### Assessment

13. For future activities, much will depend of the political officers' working to bolster morale, and on rear service officers solving supply and medical problems. These problems are likely to worsen and it would be desirable from the enemy point of view that an attempt be made in the near future to achieve a surprise attack on a vulnerable target. There remains the possibility that new ammunition supplies are available, including mines and mortars, which would permit VC small group actions after TET.

(N.F. GRAHAM)

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#### Distribution:

List A	12 Cbt Avn Gp
II FFV	BIEN HOA TAC
MACV-J2	Advisory Team 48
MACV-CICV	Sector S2
18 ARVN Div	1st US Inf Div G2
RTAVF	199 LIB S2.
3 TAC Fighter Wing	

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 47/70.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) Further to report in INTSUM 46/70 para 3.a.(1)(b). To the results add 1x.45 cal pistol, 1 pack and a qty of docus CIA.

(b) (160200H) At YS419858 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted an unknown number of en with unknown results.

(c) (161645H) At YS401876 a ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2 en moving north. Results: 2 en KIA (BC), 1xM16 CIA.

(d) (161708H) At YS394867 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en. Results: 1 en WIA (detained). The detainee has been evac to 1 ATF NUI DAT for interrogation and identification. See para 6d.

(2) AO HAMMERSLEY.

(a) Further to contact report in INTSUM No 46/70 para 3.a.(2)(a). The fol details are now avail:

(151855H) At YS458564 9 PL C Coy 8 RAR in ambush contacted an estimated en coy, moving north resulting in 7 en KIA (BC). A sweep on the morn- of 16 Feb 70 resulted in 2 small contacts resulting in 2 en KIA (BC). A further body was also loc. Results: 10en KIA (BC), 22 drag marks (22 en KIA/WIA (poss)), 1xAK47, 1xM16, 1xM2, 1xpistol (NFI), qty of docus and many assorted grenades CIA. 3 Aust WIA. Idents see para 6(c).

(b) (161740H) At YS451538 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt received 2 incoming mor rds. They were believed to be 60mm.

(c) (161852H) At YS448537 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR loc a hole in the ground containing a qty of SA ammo, water bottles, food, docus, and plastic capes. There were fresh tracks in the area and 5 Pl will investigate tomorrow.

(d) (162045H) At YS455545 3 en entered 6/B/5 RAR ambush area from NE. The en were engaged and at this time there is one en KIA (BC), one en WIA (poss).

(e) (16 Feb 70) In vic of YS457548 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR moving into an AP loc 4 unoccupied bunkers. They will be investigated tomorrow.

(3) AO COSSACK.

(a) Further to INTSUM No 44/70 para 3.a.(1). The detainee has been classified as a PW.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
160821H	YS496506	2 persons carrying bundles moving north along beach.
160830H	YS433852	Smoke.
161400H	YS740904	A bunker with the roof partially covered.
161500H	YS566809	Two bunkers.
	YS563820	E-W track. Appears to have been recently used by a small number of people.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 5 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 - 1 VC
- (3) Omitted

c. Detainees.

- (1) PW - 1
- (2)-(4) Omitted
- (5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - 1
- (6) Omitted

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 6
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - 1x.45 cal pistol, 1 pistol (NFI), 2xM16, 1xAK47, 1xM2.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Captured. 1xpack, qty of ammo, water bottles, plastic capes, assorted grenades.
- (b) Omitted

(3)-(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 44 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 31
- (6) Omitted
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.49 tons
- (8)(9) Omitted

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP Mines: 1 at YS458555.

(2) Resulting In Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
161335H	YS458555	M16	Nil cas.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movement.

a. Docus found in an old bunker system at YS370813 by 1/V/6 RAR on 121200H Feb 70 disclosed no firm idents. A scrap of paper amongst the docus had three names on it, :

- (1) Nguyen VAN HANH D65/T7
- (2) BAY HA K10/H10
- (3) Nguyen VAN BACH K8/D6

S2 Comment. Nguyen VAN HANH is held by OB as the Political Officer C2/D65 Engr Bn. A nominal rolls of C2/D65 CIA by C/2-18 (op con to 1/16 Inf US) on 27 Jan 70 at YS257657 lists members held by OB as C2/D67 eg: all coy officers for C2/D65 are those held for C2/D67.

If D67 and D525 have not merged as suggested in 1 ATF INTSUM 33/70 para 6.a. dated 2 Feb 70, it is possible that D65 is a new cover designation for D67.

b. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 10/D/6 RAR at YS 432874 on 121730H Feb 70 identify PHAM VAN CANH, Squad 2ic of BA LONG Intelligence Section.

S2 Comment. PW VO VAN VO, who was CIA by Aslt Pnr Pl/6 RAR at YS441873 on 131000H Feb 60 was involved in this contact. VO, who was WIA during the contact, claim- to be a member of the Chau Duc Rear Services (1 ATF INTSUM 44/70 Annex A refers) but when it was put to him that he was infact a member of BA LONG Intelligence, he denied that he had claimed to be with Chau Duc Rear Services and refused to talk further. His present disposition is the PW compound at Long Binh for further interrogation.

c. Docus taken from 10 bodies following a ambush by 9/C/8 RAR at YS458564 on 151855H Feb 70 identified some of the VC KIA as:

- (1) HO THANH PHONG Coy Comd C1 D445.
- (2) LE MINH HOANG Possibly Security Member Long Dien
- (3) LE VAN THIEN Long Dien Primary School
- (4) TRAN VAN NHAN Squad Leader Prov Rear Services
- (5) DUONG QUANG NGHIA Party Committee Member, Long Dat, Propaganda and Trh section.

Docus are still being readout.

d. The VC captured by 6 RAR at YS394867 has been identified tentatively as a member of BA LONG Youth Aslt Gp.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to i ATF SUPINTREP 6/70 dated 10 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 46/70 para 3.a.(2)(b). Amend DTG to read "151910H" and GR to read "YS437534".

c-e. Omitted

f. Other Itens of Reporting Interedt.

(1) Late Report. (151800H) NGUYEN VAN THUAN rallied to 190 RF Coy at XA BANG. Since 1967 he has been a member of the Executive section of the NGAI GIAO Labour group. His unit is loc in the CAM MY area. P/DOB: 1950, TRANG-BANG.

(2) (160945H) At YS588857 A/S on en base camp. Results: 3 bkrs damaged/exp.

(3) (161230H) At YS473529 and YS473534, A/S on en base camps. Nil BDA due to smoke.

(4) (161250H) At YS475512 A/S on en base camp. Nil BDA due to smoke.

(5) (162000H) At YS459794 190 RF Coy contacted 17-20 en who with drew West with unknown results.

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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Report

Annex B - Captured Documents.

Distribution: List A II FFORCE V MACV-J2 MACV-CICV RTAVF 18 ARVN Div 3 TAC  
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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF INTSUM 47/70  
DATED 16 FEB 70

1. Attached as Appendices I to III are the interrogation reports of:
  - a. NGO VAN DONG - Returnee
  - b. NGUYEN THI SO - "
  - c. TRAN SUM - VC Suspect
2. Attached as appendices IV and V are interrogation reports of ralliers:
  - a. DOAN VAN SUNG
  - b. PHAM VAN CU
3. SUNG, CU and a HUYHN VAN PHUONG were detained following a cordon and search by Aslt Pnr/6 RAR on 14 Feb 70 at YS 448873 on information given by a rallier HANH to DUC THANH Sub-sector. A further four people were subsequently detained viz:
  - a. HUYNH VAN TAO
  - b. NGUYEN THI CAM and 2 children.
4. SUNG and CU are presently at the BARIA CHIEU HOI Centre, PHUONG has been detained at DUC THANH Sub sector for further interrogation as a suspected draft dodger and the others were released.

APPENDIX I TO  
ANNEX A TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM 47/70  
DATED 16 FEB 70

RETURNEE  
NGO VAN DONG

DOR: 2 Feb 70

POR: DUC THANH Sub sector

Reason:

- a. Hardhips etc
- b. CHIEU HOI leaflets
- c. Family pressure

Unit: Farmers Association, NGAI GIAO

Position: Cell member

Exploited Information

1. a. NGAI GIAO Village Party Chapter
  - Secretary - BA NHA THIEC, 30yrs, BEN TRE, Colt 45.
  - Asst Sec. - BA NHIEU, 35yrs, SVN, no wpn.
  - Security - NGOC, 25yrs, CVN, Thompson.
  - F and E - HAI CO, 50 yrs, SVN.
  - Commo Liaison - MUOI SU, 30yrs, SVN, SKS.

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and 2 Montagnard are unknown.

Propaganda, culture & indoctrination - BA GIO, 35yrs,  
RACH GIA.

Medic - THI ANH, 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC.

Farmers Assoc - TAM SO, 35yrs, SVN, Colt 45.

b. NGAI GIAO Village (guerilla) Unit

Comd - BA NHA THEC.

Guerillas - 3, unknown.

Location - approx YS 375835

c. Farmers Association Cell of Hamlet 3 NGAI GIAO

Leader - TAM CUONG, 40 BINH DUONG

MEMBER - NGO VAN DONG (The subject)

" - HAI, 40, LONG PHUOC

" - HAI's wife (unk) Because this cell only

had two members TAM SO appointed this woman who was from  
Hamlet 4. (Sep 69).

d. Farmers Association Cell of hamlet 4 NGAI GIAO

The subject knows two names:

- MUOI THE, 30 SVN

- BA HEO, 35, SVN

(i) Location : Approx YS 435855

Acem : Three huts made of steel sheets 2mx2m

Bunkers : Three foxholes.

Food Supplies: They live by themselves on bananas  
and yack fruit. Besides this Tam Cuong and the  
subject used to trap wild pigs, deer, wild chickens  
which they brought to CHAU LAC Plantation to sell  
or exchange for rice, but since Dec 69 because of  
the allied forces in the area they have not tra-  
pped any wild animals.

(ii) Task : Every month every member has to pay  
Tam So (Farmers Association chief) 102 Piasters.

(iii) Other Units : The subject disclosed that in Dec 69  
he met 1 element of 84 RSG of 10 persons, but he  
he only knows two of them :

- CHIN NO, 50, SVN, K54.

- TIEN, 25, SVN, no wpn.

These people used to enter VIET CUONG Plantation  
to purchase rice, tinned fish from the workers.



Besides this there is another rear services element (about 10 persons). The subject does not know the name of this unit and only one person among them:

- TU XICH, 35, SVN, K54, (Deputy BA LONG Rear Services)

These people also enter VIET CUONG and CHAU LAC to purchase foodstuffs.

APPENDIX II

(INTERROGATION REPORTS)

TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 47-70

Dated 16 Feb 70

RETURNEE

NGUYEN THI SO

DOR: 6 Feb 70

POR: XA BANG POST?, DUC THANH.

Reason: In Dec 69 Aust swept area. Subject fled to her husband QUANG (INTSUM 41-70) and they rallied together.

Unit: CAM MY VILLAGE UNIT.

Exploited Information

1. a. CAM MY VILLAGE PARTY CHAPTER

The subject only knows LINH who is the leader of the party chapter (carrying Colt 45)

b. CAM MY VILLAGE GUERILLA UNIT

(i) Village Unit

Commander: HAI DAT, 25 yrs, CAM MY, Carbine.

2 i/c : THI, 31 yrs, CAM MY, Garrant.

Medic : THI CHINH, returned in LONG KHANH Oct 69 (no replacement yet)

Cook : The subject.

(ii) GUERILLA UNIT

Commander : DAT

2 i/c : THI

Soldier : LO, 20 yrs, AK.

" : MAI, 20 yrs, Garrant.

" : BE, 16 yrs, Cam My, K44.

" : CU EM, 15 yrs, Cam My, No wpn.

" : SAU GIA, 40 yrs, Cam My, Carbine.

Unk Appt : BA QUIT, 50 yrs, Cam My, no wpn.

Soldier : LINH HAI, returned in LONG KHANH Nov 69

" : CHINH, lived illegally and has escaped to TAN VIET NAM to work as a civilian

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Strength : 9 (At the present time)  
Weapons : Colt 45, Garrant, AK, Carbine.  
Location : Before Dec 69 they were together with the Party Chapter at approx YS 441903, this location was swept by Aust troops so the subject ran to her husbands location at YS 425856.

*[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some words like "subject", "location", and "troops" are faintly visible.]*

RECEIVED IN HQ  
TO 4 HQ  
DATED 18 Feb 70

DETAINEE: TRAN SUM

Detained by: National Police.  
Date: 10 Feb 70.  
Place: DUC MY Hamlet.  
Circumstances: Detained as a suspect at his home in DUC MY Hamlet.

Exploited Information

1 The subject was a member of the CHAU DUC Finance and Economy Section in 1965 and was then transferred to the Production Section in 1966. He rallied in Sep 1967 and returned to live in DUC MY. He was subsequently approached to act as a VC agent living legally in the Hamlet. For these activities he was in July 69 arrested and gaoled for a month. His wife TRAN CHI CAU, leader of the soldiers mothers association was killed at BINH BA by 5RAR at YS425737 on 31 Dec 69 (1 ATF INSTUM 2/70 Para 6a refers).

2 At about 2000 hrs. on the ni 5/6 Feb 70 the subject saw 40 VC enter DUC MY from the direction of YS 444733 and appeared on the track in front of the subjects house at YS 446734. The VC were armed with AKs and came to ask for rice and cakes for TET.

3. Again at about 2100 hrs on ni 8/9 Feb a group of 60 VC came to the hamlet for the same reason as on the previous occasion. They left in the direction of AP SUOI NGHE (VC AP MOI) at about 090200H Feb 70. Later on at about 092030H at least 4 VC of the same group returned from the west and walked along the path from YS 442735 to YS 448734, still asking for rice and TET cakes. On all three occasions the VC were lead by TU HIEU, APO CHAU DUC District Unit.

4. The VC normally enter the hamlet from YS 440732, YS 442735 and along the SUOI SON (YS 441727 - YS442735).

5. The subject stated that his two younger children TRAN THI GAI and TRAN VAN PHU were organised in Dec 69 by TU HIEU into the Childrens Liberation Association. Their task is to collect info on allied ops into the area. All the young children of the hamlet are included in the association and meetings are in an abandoned house next to the subject's house on the northern side.

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APPENDIX IV TO ANNEX A  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 47-70  
DATED 16 Feb 70

RETURNEE: DOAN VAN SUNG

UNIT: TRANSPORTATION GP 30 (BA LONG PROVINCE)

General

1. SUNG left Tn Gp 30 at 1500 hrs on 4 Feb 70 whilst the unit was resting (interrogation on the Gp's task at that time is continuing). He became lost in the bush and rallied to Aust forces on 14 Feb 70. He had been assigned to Gp 30 in Apr 69 after being abducted at DUC HOA by 60 VC.

Exploited Information

2. a. Personalities Gp 30  
Comd: MUOI DAN, 40 years, SVN.  
Members: CHO LON, 23.  
NHO, 20.  
KHONG, 20.  
Others unknown.

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Miscellaneous

3. The Gp carried weapons and ammo from and to the LA NGA river basin (NFI) to destinations unknown to the subject. They travelled between 2000 - 0600 hrs daily and rested during daylight hours.
4. About Oct 69 at approx 0300 hrs, the Gp was ambushed in the vicinity of YS 490907 and lost 15 KIA and 4 WIA.
5. Further interrogation report is to follow.

APPENDIX V TO ANNEX A  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 47-70  
DATED 16 FEB 70

RETURNEE: PHAM VAN CU aka GONG

UNIT: CHAU DUC District Unit.

General

1. CU was captured by NGAI GIAO guerillas in Sep 68. In Feb 69 he was transferred to the Civilian Labour Section of the BA LONG Province Unit. On 12 Jan 70 he escaped from his unit and returned to CHAU LAC.
2. His unit was involved in transportation tasks to a base camp approx 10 km west of XA CAM MY from across Route 1 at an area in the vicinity of YT 660065.

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Annex B (Captured Documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 47/70  
dated 16 Feb 70.

1. Reproduced below is a CDEC translation of a letter dated 23 Dec 69 from DANG MAI Political Officer, 3 Bn/74 NVA Artillery Regt. The docs were taken from TRAN NHUAN Regt Asst PO of 74 Arty Regt, KIA by Aslt Pnr Pl 6 RAR at YS428852 on 7 Feb 70.

"Dear Commander of Z50,

"We will be unable to carry out our combat missions during Jan 70 because there is no ammunition. The transportation (of ammunition) across the river (no further information) is postponed, because there are no boats. Also, the corridor is blocked due to the deployment of the enemy (FWMAF/RVNAF) troops along the river. The personnel of Sub-Region 4 have refused to transport (possibly ammunition for the 3rd Battalion, 74th Artillery Regiment) across the river if they are not paid rice, tea, or cigarettes. Comrade Ap and D2 report that they are to pay the personnel of Sub-Region 3 3,000\$ (SVN) (118\$ SVN = 1.00\$ US) for each transportation trip across the river. There are no rice or beans in the Bao Ham area and my men have to eat unripe bananas. The rear service agencies of Z and T can do nothing to relieve the famine of the friendly (VC) troops (stationed in the local area). I have to borrow money (possibly from the local population) to purchase food for my men. Currently, the 92 members of C7 and C9 (possibly Companies) and D3 Headquarters are out of rice. We cannot get the bananas which grow wild in the local village, because the inhabitants demand to be paid for their bananas. The wooded areas in the vicinity of the base camp of the communication and liaison element (no further information) and our base camp has been destroyed by the enemy. If we are attacked, we will move to the Cay Kho three-way road junction. The concentration of my D (battalion) in the same area will be impossible. Except for the two attacks by fire conducted by C7 on the Long Binh area in Nov 69, no other attacks were carried out by my D, because we were out of ammunition.

Various cadre and combatants have been demoralized due to the difficulties encountered in food supply. The combat spirit of certain personnel is poor because they have little to eat. Dinh, Assistant Political Officer (no further information), will be subject to disciplinary action for failure to accomplish his missions. The health status of my men is critical. The number of sick personnel continues to increase. Some suffer from general weakness. Some are unfit for combat duty. The problem of the shortage of medicines is unsolvable.

An element of my D fell into an enemy ambush while on a rice procurement mission in the Bao Ham area (on an unspecified date). Five men were KIA and four AK's and one K-50 were lost. Concurrently, one group, consisting of the personnel of D2 and D3, was attacked by enemy tanks on 22 Dec 69. Eight members of D3 and three members of D2 were MIA.

Please, let me know where my D is to move if it is attacked by enemy troops, because it can no longer be stationed in the vicinity of Route 25. I would like to inform you that we will be confronted with many difficulties in troop encampment if the enemy continues to destroy the wooded areas (in our area of operation)."

S2 Comment. This letter emphasises the considerable problems facing MR7 units.

Earlier docs from 274 VC Regt CIA by 1 ATF in Nov 69 confirm that the food problem had not been solved in Nov/Dec 69. Reports from Hoi Chanhs, PW's and docs captured in Jan/Feb 70 give no indication that the problem has been alleviated nor that the people have become more co-operative. At the date of writing, it is doubtful that the author was aware of the vast loss of med supplies from the MAY TAOS. 3/74 Arty was at that time located closeby 270 VC Regt and the latter was not aware of the loss of the K76A Hospital before early Jan 70. (1 ATF INTSUMS 7 and 9/70 refer.)

The shortage of ammunition for 74 Arty is not likely to improve dramatically following discovery of the cache at RIANG RIANG (YT280610) by A Coy 5th SF 1st Bn 3MSF.

This letter also represents the second moderate level document captured since Nov 69 in PHUOC TUY Province disclosing gradual demoralisation of cadre as well as combatants due to the failing food supply. It therefore stresses, beyond a reasonable doubt the value of continued sealing off of VC entry-exit points. NHUAN was killed in the VIET CUONG plantation - formally a major entry-exit point for numerous MR7 units and station of C5/84RSG.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 48/70.
  2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H.
- Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO HAMMERSLEY.

- (a) Late report. (161845H) At YS466545, elms of 9/C/8 RAR sighted two enemy moving South to North. Enemy withdrew South.
- (b) Late report. (162245H) At YS455545, 6/B/8 RAR contacted three en moving NE to SW with unknown results.
- (c) (171310H) At YS449555/ 4/B/8 RAR, located bunkers vacated shortly before. Recovered were med supplies, documents, small amounts clothing, equipment food and ammo.
- (d) (171530H) At YS467556, elms D/8 RAR located an en base camp 600 sq metres in area. The camp consisted of two bunkers, three sleeping places and cooking areas under cover.
- (e) (171930H to 172038H) At YS423553, elms of 8 RAR sighted six heavily loaded sampans which landed at this location and were reported to have unloaded their cargoes near a stream not marked on map. Arty engaged with unknown results.

(2) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late report. (161820H) At YS440892, a ptl from 12/D/6 RAR sighted a group of people, some suspected to be VC. The group were engaged, no results known. An amount of food recovered.
- (b) (171300H) At YS421888, Atk P1/6 RAR/NZ located four bunkers with 2½ ft OHC.
- (c) (171915H) At YS445876, 10/D/6 RAR contacted one VC with unknown results. Recovered in a hiding place were two AK47 mags with ammo.

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) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. A qty of med supplies, a qty of clothing, two sets of basic webbing, two M26 grenades, two packs, two AK47 mags with ammo.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS449555	Dried fish	4 lb	Unknown
	Rice	9 lb	Unknown
	Dried shrimp	½ lb	Unknown
	Brown sugar	2 lb	Unknown
	Tea	2 pkts	Unknown
	Coffee	1 pkt	Unknown
YS440892	Fresh and canned foodstuffs	Unk qty	Unknown
	Ducks	2	Unknown

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 44 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) Omitted
- (5) Individual Weapons - 32
- (6) Omitted
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.49 Tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents captured by Atk Pl/6 RAR/NZ on 141800H at YS421887 identif Sect 2 I/C Province Engr Unit. INTSUM 45/70 Para 3.a.(2)(a) and INTSUM 46/70 Para 3.a.(1)(a) refer.

b. Documents captured by 5/B/6 RAR/NZ on 161645H at YS401876 identify Sect Comd C24 (274 Regt Youth Aslt Coy). INTSUM 47/70 Para 3.a.(1)(c) refers.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Ref INTSUM 47/70.
  - (a) Para 3.a.(2)(d). Delete "6/B/5 RAR" and insert "6/B/8 RAR and elms of B/3 Cav Regt". On line three add the following: "1 AK47, webbing, misc items and two letters CIA".
  - (b) Para 4.e.(1)(a). Amend total to read 7.
  - (c) Para 4.f.(5). Amend total to read 32.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (170858H) At YS567823, RAAF airstrike on en base camp. BDA: one hut and one bunker damaged, three bunkers exposed.
- (2) (171145H) At YS451553, USAF airstrike on en base camp. BDA unknown.

Attachments

- ANNEX A - Interrogation 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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 for (N.F. GRAHAM) Capt.  
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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 48/70  
DATED 17 FEB 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

NGUYEN THI CAM

Circumstances of Capture.

1. The subject was wounded and captured by B/6 RAR on 16 Feb 70 at YS394867. She was a member of BA LONG YOUTH ASLT GP engaged normally in transporting ammo and cas. In Feb 70 the unit occupied an old base near the SUOI QUIT (approx YS332929). With a group of 11 she had gone to the area of RO BE plantation YS409872 to collect bananas, after a contact the group dispersed and she was later ambush and captured.

Exploitable Information.

2. The subject provided a detailed org of her unit. It consists of a HQ and three pls each of two sects of 12-13 pers. Total strength is about 80 with about 34 weapons. Detail of pers in the unit is available.

S2 Comment: The detail given cannot yet be evaluated and the condition of the PW precluded immediate follow up. It is probable that this unit would be closely associated with 274 Regt supply in the known base areas on the SUOI QUIT and SUOI CA. It is notable that this unit too is reported living on bananas in the absence of other supplies.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 48/70  
DATED 17 FEB 70

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
171330H to 171530H	YS543872	Large bunker system in good condition with OHC. Heavy and recently used tracks lead into camp. Area around bunkers is well worn. Camp could be occupied.
	YS520866	Old camp consisting of bunkers. No recent activity.
171500H to 171710H	YS831757	One bunker at base of tree.
	YS828759	Recent garden and new cleared areas.
	YS859778	Recent East - West track through burnt out areas.

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17 Feb 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70  
PERIOD 10 - 16 FEB 70

III CTZ

1. General Enemy activity throughout the Corps area was light and scattered except for a moderate increase of attacks by fire on the night 14/15 Feb. The main concern of the enemy has been with supply but there were indications of political and planning conferences which could imply some reorientation of effort. The largest enemy munitions caches ever captured in III CTZ were located in the RANG RANG area during the past two weeks by MSF, adding considerably to the already serious VC supply problems throughout the Corps.

Enemy Locations

2. No major changes have occurred:
- 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C,
  - 7 NVA Div not identified for three weeks, remains in northern BINH LONG and NW PHUOC LONG,
  - 5 VC Div offered some light activity only and remains in northern PHUOC LONG,
  - MR7. 1 and 3 Bns 33 Regt were identified SE and east of VO DAT in BINH TUY. 274 Regt no change in the vicinity of BINH SON with 2 Bn still on resupply in War Zone D.

Assessment

3. Generally the sub region forces are suffering from low morale and food and medical shortages which will permit them to attempt only low level activity during the coming weeks.

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4. There have been two major contact with company size enemy units, one with 84 RSG and C6/D440, and one with C1/D445. Eliminations for the month now total 42 KIA, 2 PW and 2 HOI CHANHS.

AO BAYSWATER

5. 6 RAR continued successfully to deny the important supply and transit rubber areas in the north along Route 2 to the enemy. Numerous bunkers and tunnels have been found, small group contacts have occurred and a number of detainees, including 2 HOI CHANHS and 1 PW, have been held during the week.

AO ROSSLYN

6. 5 RAR have had a series of widespread contacts, with elements of HQ BA LONG in the north, groups of D445 near BINH GIA, and of D440 and 84 RSG in the DAT SET area west of XUYEN MOC.

7. The identification of members of C1 and C4 of D445 in these contacts, and of C5/D440 the previous week in the same /location

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location, tended to indicate coordination of activities of these two LF units for operations. A contact with C6/D440 in the old D445 base area, together with a transportation element of 84 RSG was further evidence of coordination for a possible operation in the south. At the same time a delivery of munitions appears to have been effected by 84 RSG in the XUYEN MOC area, similar to that reported last week in CHAU DUC District.

8. It is probable that HQ BA LONG will continue to direct some offensive activity by these units, but, although new munitions might now be available to them, the disruption and casualties caused by 1 ATF operations and the serious food supply problem, should make it unlikely that they will be prepared to conduct any serious operations in the near future.

#### AO HAMMERSLEY

9. The major contact in this area was an ambush by 8 RAR on an estimated enemy company moving north out of the LONG HAI hills. Ten VC were killed during and after the ambush and there were signs that a large number of other casualties were inflicted. Documents identified members of C4/D445 (including the comd), Province Rear Services and LONG DIEN guerillas among those killed and the equipment carried indicated that the group was on a resupply mission, probably to LONG DIEN. It is likely that members of LONG DAT District would have been included in the group also although none were identified.

#### Enemy Locations

10. Enemy units are now so dispersed and sub-units so relatively small that only general areas of possible location can be indicated. HQ D440 and C5 remain in CHAU DUC District, possibly in the area of the SUOI LUP/NUI NHAN. C8 and C9 which had moved to the east to coordinate operations with D445, are probably now trying to return to the battalion base area in the west. C6 last identified in DAT SET near the SONG RAI where it was apparently intended to rendezvous with C2/D445, withdrew to the north after contact and might now be hiding in the jungle area between the SONG RAI and SUOI GIAO.

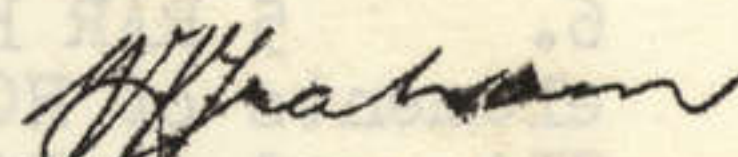
11. HQ D445 remains in the LONG HAI with the remnants of C1, but elsewhere only small parties have been identified. It is probable that one or two companies were in touch with D440 in the XUYEN MOC District, south and west of XUYEN MOC.

#### Assessment

12. Harassing attacks by fire and mining of roads remain a possibility but it is unlikely any more serious operations will be attempted in the near future, despite the efforts of HQ BA LONG to encourage its units to initiate actions. The capability of both LF units and district companies remains very low due to heavy casualties, low morale and serious supply problems.

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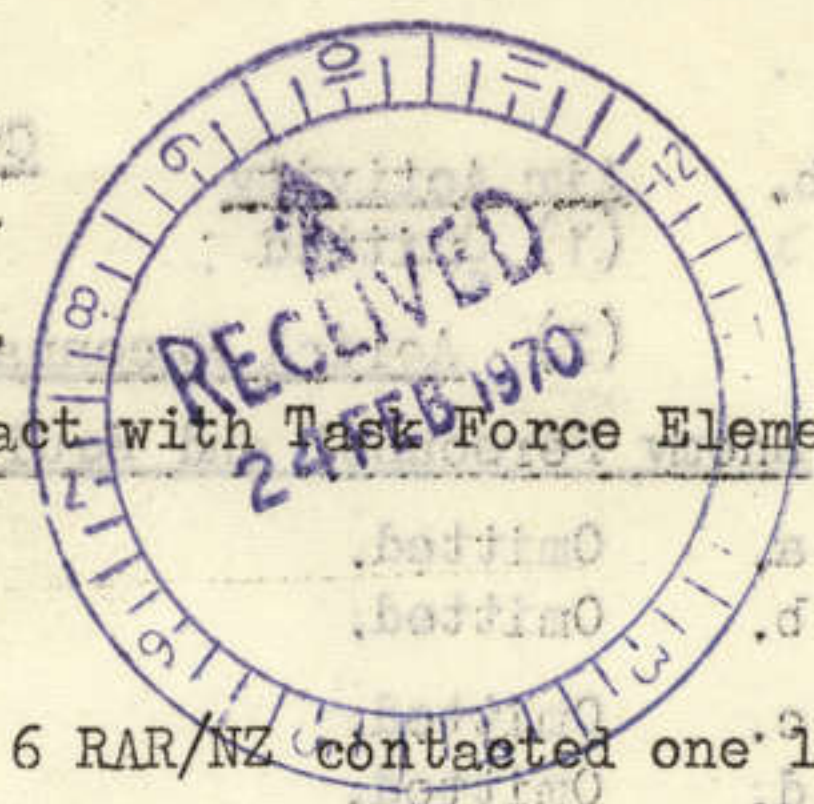
List A	12 Cbt Avn Gp
II FFV	BIEN HOA TAC
MACV-J2	Advisory Team 48
MACV-CICV	Sector S2
RTAVF	1st US Inf Div G2
3 TAC Fighter Wing	199 LIB S2



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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 54/70
- 2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Feb 70.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) (23103H) At YS386896, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one local force enemy with no result.
- (b) (231215H) At YS491852, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a cache on a platform 12ft x 8ft and 3ft above ground level. Recovered were: A small qty of rice and approx 40 lbs of bananas.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) (231411H) In the vicinity of YS548777, 1Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ sighted one enemy.
- (b) (231345H) At YS543778, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a transit camp area for 8 to 10 persons that had been occupied up to 1 hour prior to entry. Recovered were: A qty of med supplies, clothing, and a small qty of freshly cooked food.

- (c) (231415H) At YS544778, 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a cache. Recovered were: One damaged SKS rifle, a small qty of assorted ammunition and plastic sandbags.

(3) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI.

- (a) A consolidated report received from C Coy 8 RAR at 222305H stated that they had located bunkers capable of accommodating a Bn of troops in and around grid square YS4752. (See ANNEX F to this INTSUM) Note: Weapons not yet incl in totals for the month as reporting not yet complete.

- (b) (230820H) At YS476524, elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated a M16 mine, no casualties or damage.

- (c) (231100H) At YS463538, 480 RF Coy located a bunker system consisting of twelve 2 to 3 man bunkers with OHC. Recovered were: A qty of documents(1 dated 28 Jan 70), a qty of metal and plastic jerry cans and a small qty of med supplies.

- (d) (231145H) At YS474522, 8 & 9Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a 4 gallon drum of rice, 1 soldering iron, 1 BAR and 5 assorted bolt action rifles.

- (e) (231230H) At YS455545, B Coy 8 RAR located 2 camp areas consisting of 10 bunkers and the second system had an additional 6 fighting pits. The system was 12 to 18 months old and had been recently occupied. Recovered were 3 Chicom blast grenades set up as booby traps.

- (f) (231230H) At YS473527, 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located a cache. Recovered was: A qty of assorted ammunition.

(4) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (231115H) At YS579572, 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located and destroyed 3 hides.

- (b) (231600H) At YS552562, A Coy 8 RAR located a camp area consisting of 17 bunkers, with cooking areas. The system was approx 12 months old and showed signs of use by 2 to 3 persons about 1 week ago.

- (c) (231658H) At YS487688, a ptl from 6 RAR located a fresh track used by 6 to 8 persons moving east to west.

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b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 7

(b) Crew Served - Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 x SKS(damaged), 1 BAR, 5 assorted bolt action rifles.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Destroyed: A qty of med supplies, 10ft det cord, 2 US mags, 3 water bottles, a qty of clothing, one 2 gal pot, two 1 gal pots, two entrenching tools, a qty of dried meat, 45 rds of assorted ammo, a small qty of plastic sand bags, a qty of metal and plastic jerrycans, a small qty of medical supplies, 600x7.62 pistol rds, 650 x 5.56rds, 200xM60 link belt rds, 2x82mm mortar fuses, 2xM16 mags, 1x radio aerial(telescopic) See ANNEX F to this INTSUM for consolidated report of material captured by C Coy 8 RAR.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS491852	Rice	Unknown	Unknown
	Bananas	40 lbs	"
YS474522	Rice	40 lbs	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
231415H	3P1 V Coy	YS544778	see Para 3.a. (2)(c), this INTSUM.
	6 RAR/NZ		
231230H	8P1 C Coy	YS473527	see Para 3.a.(3)(f), this INTSUM.
	8 RAR		

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 52 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 43
- (6) Crew served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured - 1.97 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>
One M16 at YS476524	3 at YS455545

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(2) Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 7/70 dated 17 Feb 70.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Amplification of Spot Reports. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 53/70.

(a) Para 3.a.(3)(c) 4th line amend to read "ascertained three have been classified etc".

(b) Annex C (Agent Reports) 6th line amend to read "their HQ in this loc also etc".

(c) Annex B (Captured documents) Para 8 last line of S2 comment, amend LONG HAI District to read LONG DAT District.

(d) Para 3.a.(2)(a) amend number of bunkers in camp to read 24.

(e) Para 3.a.(3)(c) delete all reference entry should read, "(220700H) At YS576573, 1 Pl A Coy 8 RAR sighted 10 enemy carrying packs. Bushrangers were called in sp and enemy withdrew SW. Bushrangers then sighted 4 persons clad in swim shorts. They were detained by heli copters. Of these one was released as an innocent civilian and three were handed over to DAT DO Sub Sector as Civil Defendants (draft dodgers)."

c,d,e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (230645H) LONG DIEN sub sector reported that Nguyen Van Ngoc a squad Ldr from D445 rallied to LONG DIEN sub sector.

(2) (231045H) DUC THANH sub sector reported that HO VAN LOUNG, 2IC of BA LONG Provincial Recon Coy rallied to KA BONG this morning.

(3) (231150H) At YS549802, airstrike on an enemy base camp. Neg BDA.

(4) (231233H) At YS555807, airstrike on an enemy base camp. BDA to be done by ground troops.

(5) (231410H) At YS662857, airstrike on enemy base camp. Result: Two bunkers destroyed and 20 metres of trench destroyed.

(6) (231555H) At YS662857, airstrike on enemy base camp. Result: Three bunkers destroyed and three bunkers exposed and damaged.

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Attachments

ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

ANNEX F - Material Captured by C Coy 8 RAR in LONG HAI Mts.

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 (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) to 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 51-70 dated 23 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RALLIER : HO VAN TRUNG

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. a. Name : HO VAN TRUNG
- b. D/POB : 1937 LONG HAI
- c. Rank/Appt : Comd Recce Coy
- d. Unit : Ba Long Recce Unit

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RETURN

2. a. Unit : KEM LONG Post
- b. Date : 23 Feb 70
- c. Place : KIM LONG
- d. Wpns/Docus : Promotion cert to Sqd Comd  
Promotion cert to Sqd 2i/c
- e. Circumstances : He left his group while they were looking for food and medicine.

EXPLOITED INFORMATION

3. a. Ba Long Province Unit  
LBN - 61/202 VT  
Comd - TU LAC, 40, K54.  
2i/c - BA NAM, 40, SVN, K54.  
PO - BA CAK, 50SVN, K54.  
APO - TU HY, 38, K54. (Went to MR-7, no replacement.)  
Strength - 70  
Location - On 12 Feb were in the area bounded by YS5698-5695-5898-5895. This area being known as the 'NUOC' base.
- b. Ba Long Orderly Room  
Location - A small part has moved into the area YT5303-5304-5404-5403.

RECCE COY

4. a. General  
During TET 1968, this recce coy was a platoon pf 30 persons protecting HQ of province unit. In Oct 69 an order came from TU LAC (province unit leader) withdrawing an amount of soldiers from D445, D440 and NVN infiltration groups to set up an independent coy for PA LONG province unit as recce coy, this coy operates from province unit base camp to route 2, approx in VIET CUONG, TAN VIET NAM, CHAU LAC plantation area in order to protect both sides of Route 2 that groups (?) can go to and fro easily.

ORGANIZATION

- b. Organization:  
Coy Comd: Nil  
2 IC: HO VAN TRUNG (subject) acting coy comd.  
Public Health: THI THUY, 20 yrs, SVN.  
Strength: 90  
Location: HQ in the vicinity of YS510880.  
Wpns: 3 X RPD, 40 X AK, 10 X B40 and 2 X B41.  
Radio: 3 X AN/PRC 25  
Frequency: 37/20 (General)  
Call Sign of PL 1: A1  
Call Sign of PL 2: A2  
Call Sign of PL 3: B4  
It changed every three days.

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108 (using code that changes daily)  
Compasses: 1  
Map: 1 map of 1/50,000 scale (given by province)  
Element of 3 Pls:  
Pl 1/C Recce ( the subject goes with 1 Pl)  
Pl leader: DAU, 29 yrs, SVN, carried AK.  
2IC: NHUNG, 19 yrs, SVN, carried AK.  
Strength: 30  
Wpns: 2 X B40, 1 X B41 and remainder are AKs.

- c. Operating Area: from YS5188 to TAN VIET NAM area in the vicinity of YS480873.
- d. Missions: Command and supply-security for transportation groups (?) and main forcés (?) moving West to East of the road in the area R2, QM, TAN VN, VIET CUONG.

The location was attacked by Australian troops in Dec 69 but no damage, because the subject saw the airplanes activities and ordered Pls and Sects of Recce Coy to move to CONG TRANG in the vicinity of YS470863 and QUANG-MINH plantation 7 days later, they returned to the old base, on 12 Feb 1970 the base was attacked the second time.  
Results: 1 X KIA (MUCI CANH) the subject was wounded.  
According to the subject, at present those Pls are still in the area.

OTHER MF UNIT

5. D440. About 12 Feb 70, 2 coys of D440 arrived to protect the HQ of Province Unit.  
Bn Comd: HAI HA, 31, K54 (has become Chief of Staff of Province Unit)  
HONG TAM, 32, replaced him.  
Area of Operation: From BINH BA to P.0 DINH.

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ANNEX E TO JATE  
INTSU 54/70 DATE  
23 FEB 70

List of Eqpt Captured by C Coy 8 RAR vicinity 18474521 22 Feb 70,

Weapons and Ammo.

3x82mm mor rds	4xlong handle reaping hooks
12xRPG rockets	3xbrassiers (womens)
10xRPG7 rkts	1xwomans cardigan
6xRPG boosters	9xchopsticks
8x60mm mor rds	10xsandals
2xM26 grenades	8xpr torch batteries
70x7.62mm short rds	1xsaw blade
40x7.62mm tracer	1xtypewriter
15x.50 cal rds	13xcups, canteen field
8x12.7mm rds	12lb sugar
3xChicom blast grens	30lb salt
640x7.62mm unk	10lb tobacco
534x5.56mm rds	15lb beans
597x.30 cal (ball)	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb wire solder
3290x7.92mm rds (ball)	6xbandages 4"
2400xpistol ammo	6xsurgical Tweezers
8xM79 HE rds	74xphials drugs
1xChicom anti Tk HEgren	3xplasma intravenous drips
3xelectric detonators	5xtubes sulphur tablets
4xblast caps	10xtubes aspirin tablets
1xelectric coil	1xbottle chaphytal
26xBAR mags (loaded)	4xrolls elastic plaster
188x7.62mm link rds in tin containers	2200xchloroquine tablets
424x.30 cal link	600xanti-biotic tablets
10xRPG7 boosters	300xoptaliadone tablets
2x60mm mortars (1xUS, 1xFrench)	1x10cc syringe hyperdermic
2x60mm mortar sights ( Chinese)	1x5cc " "
5xSKS rifles	200xtifomysice tablets
13xshotguns	Assorted bandages
1xSMG M3	1xChicom fd dressing
1xThompson SMG	1xbottle actavene snake bite
1xBAR	1xsmall medical kit
10xUS model rifles	8xtablets (type unknown)
3xGerman Mauser rifles	3xtubes pennicilin ointment
1xFrench La Belle	28xforceps
7xRussian bolt action rifles	1xbottle 10 suture needles.
2xRPG launchers	
1xM1 carbine	
1xAK47 3xM16	

Equipment, documents and food.

large qty docus  
500lb rice  
qty cooking eqpt  
25 transistor radios  
large qty dried fish (has been destroyed)  
17 pks cigarettes (2xUS, 15xlocal brand)  
2 Aust entrenching tools  
qty plastic  
10 US plastic belts  
30 Pouchs utility US pattern  
14x44 gal drums diesel  
24x44 gal drums (empty)(schapnel damage)  
3xheli slung shackles  
14xwater bottles, various types  
1xhoe

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 55/70
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Feb.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BENDIGO.

- (a) (240715H), In vic YS460557, elms of D/8 RAR located fresh tracks of two to three persons moving from east to west.
- (b) (240830H). At YS457557, elms of D/8 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of 33 bunkers and 4 weapon pits last used approx five days ago. Also located in the area were foot tracks and ox cart tracks.
- (c) (241200H). At YS460556, elms of D/8 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: one M26 grenade, three chicom grenades, eight blast grenades, four chicom defence grenades, six rounds of M79 canister, three rounds of M79 HE, seven B40 rounds, two B41 rounds, three B40 propellant charges, three B41 propellant charges, seven full AK47 mags, one RPD mag, 94 link RPD rounds, 660 AK47 rounds, seven AK47 mag carriers, a qty of docus, 50lb of rice, a qty of clothing, assorted tools, a qty of cooking utensils, a qty of medical supplies and other miscellaneous items.
- (d) (241325H). At YS460555, elms of D/8 RAR located 40 old weapon pits.
- (e) (241630H). At YS449538, elms of D/8 RAR located ten bunkers and one wpn pit last used up to 12 months ago.

(2) LONG HAI area.

- (a) (240920H). At HOI CHANH disclosed graves at YS484520. VR of the area located a well defined track from this location running east then south to YS483510. Following up, elms of C/8 RAR located 20 fresh bunkers at YS485820. Further investigation revealed four fresh graves containing six bodies. During demolition of the bunker system one more body was discovered.
- (b) (24 Feb 70). At YS461538, 6/B/8 RAR located a cache. Recovered were: 80 chicom blast grenades, one 44 gal drum full of rice, 1000 x 7.62mm, 5.56mm and .30 cal rounds, five large chicom anti tank grenades, six small grenades (NFI), one pack containing rice, one pistol belt, one pair of sandals and an empty 44 gal drum.
- (c) (241330H). At YS462544, a ptl from 6/B/8 RAR located fresh footprints going WSW.
- (d) (241654H). At YS489520, 9/C/8 RAR contacted one en, approaching from the SE, with unk results.
- (e) (241720H). At YS475546, elms of 8 RAR and B/3 Cav Regt located fresh foot tracks of approx 20 persons leading NNE.
- (f) (242000H) to 242155H). Elms of 8 RAR sighted the following:

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
242001H	YS413525	13 lights and vessels moving upstream.
242100H	YS399535	Four vessels heading downstream.
242105H	YS425524	One boat.
"	YS420534	" "
242120H	YS399538	" "
242145H	YS412525	A stationary light.
242145H	YS418525	One boat moving upstream
242155H	YS415524	One light moving upstream.

(3) AO BAYSWATER

- (a) (240915H). At YS516862, 2/A/6 RAR located eight bunkers, 6'x4' with 2' OHC, last used approx nine months ago.
- (b) (241050H). At YS521863, 2/A/6 RAR located 13 bunkers, 6'x4' with 2' OHC.
- (c) (241505H). At YS395899, 4/B/ 6 RAR contacted three to five VC, moving south to north, with no results.
- (d) (241540H). At YS529864, 2/A/6 RAR located three bunkers, 20'x15', one cookhouse, 20'x20' with two to three feet OHC, and three panji pits last constructed two months ago. Recovered were a qty of docus, a qty of cooking utensils and a qty of used penicillan caps.

(4) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (240900H). At YS460639, a ptl from 1 ARU located a poss Base Plate posn. During a sweep of the area the ptl located a slightly rusted mortar round which was later destroyed.
- (b) Omitted.

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) US Inflicted Nil
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 7 VC
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted - Nil

c. d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
  - (a) Captured. See para 3.a.(1).(c) and para 3.a.(2)(b).
  - (b) Omitted.
- (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS460556	Rice	50 lb	Unk
YS461538	"	1x44 gal drum	"

- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Caches See para 3.a.(1)(c) and para 3.a.(2)(b).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 59 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 43
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - Nil
- (7) Rice Captured 2.00 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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BOOBY TRAPS

One M14 at  
YS434540

6.7.8.9.10. Omitted.

11. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report. (232030H). Five VC entered XUYEN MOC, went to a house and questioned a person about the locals and if they were in the ARVN.

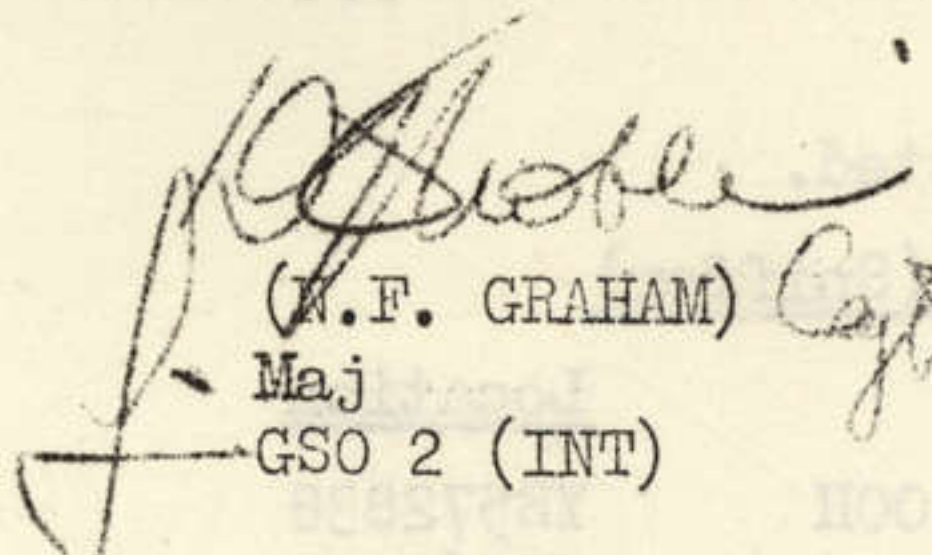
(2) (240150H). At YS460597, 23 PF Pl contacted an estimated en squad who were trying to enter village and who wdr north on contact. Results: one en WIA(BT).

(3) (241405H). At YS714922, RAAF conducted an airstrike against an en base camp. BDA: one hut and four bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exposed and damaged.

(4) (241920H). At YS620648, XUYEN MOC Sub Sector forces sighted a poss en squad who broke north across the road. Arty engaged with unk results.

(5) (241950H). In vic YS616647, XUYEN MOC Sub Sector forces sighted 25 to 30 VC. Arty engaged with unk results.

(6) Eight detainees who were detained by 5 RAR at DUC TRUNG on 29 Dec 69 have been released.

  
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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 55/70  
dated 24 Feb 70.

1. Information evaluated C/3 collected at HOA LONG village on 19 Feb 70 states that on 181130H Feb 70 one VC pl of the C41 concentrated coy of CHAU DUC district armed with RPG and individual weapons departed YS363689 and moved to YS365668. They assembled the wood cutters and asked them about the 1 ATF operation in the area and called upon the people to provide foods.

S2 Comment: CHAU DUC Dist and C41 evac bases on the SOUI CHAU PHA NE of NUI THI VAI as a result of recent 2 US Bde ops. A ptl of 8 RAR has sighted its mov in area YS3665 on the night 21/22 Feb. It is quite possible that at least C41 has returned to one of its bases in or near NUI DINH on the west of the CHAU PHA and can be expected to make an attempt to re-establish its contact with HOA LONG.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 55/70  
dated 24 Feb 70.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
241030H to 241220H	YS628926	Camp with a river crossing appeared to be in use. A strong east-west track traverses the area.
241430H to 241630H	YS694707 to YS698720	Fresh track which divides at YS698721.
	YS553688	Concentration of tracks which appear to be fresh, and two old bunkers.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
241100H to 241200H	YS572838 YS562848 YS578902 YS579908 YS556834 YS582914 YS537833	Maximum " " " Strong " Maximum

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24 Feb 70

1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70Period 17-23 Feb 70III CTZ

1. En Activity. En ops remained lt and scattered as both divisional and sub-region forces engaged in sup activities. Although numerous sources had indicated that the en 'Spring Offensive' would commence in mid Feb, no significant activity has yet been noted.

En Locs

2. a. 9 VC Div remains in War Zone C and no elms were contacted during the week.
- b. 7 NVA Div now appears to be conc mainly in northern BINH LONG Province, once again not ident in contact.
- c. 5 VC Div, Docus and a PW ident Div HQ and elms of 275 Regt in the BU DOP/BO DUC area; 174 Regt remains in eastern PHUOC LONG.
- d. 33 Regt, remains in VO DAT/TAN LINH area of MR 6, BINH TUY.
- e. 274 Regt, no change with 1 and 3 Bns south and SW of BINH SON and 2 Bn on resup in War Zone D.

Assessment

3. There are indications that en activity will increase around the end of Feb, however co-ord of activities is likely to present some difficulty. Allied sweep ops and the seizure of large caches of food and munitions have probably disrupted preps. Any resumption of en ops would probably be in the form of attacks by fire and harrassment of the pacification programme. No large scale attacks are expected.

1 ATF TAOR

4. Only one maj contact occurred in the TAOR during the week. This was on 18 Feb when C Coy 8 RAR loc a heavily def posn of C1/D445 in the LONG HAI. Total eliminations for the month are now 54 KIA, 4 PW and 2 HOI CHANHS.

AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI

5. Since the ambush by a ptl of 8 RAR on 15 Feb (1 ATF INTSUM 46-70) 19 VC have been killed and one PW captured. A large no of bunkers have been found and searched, principally along the eastern fringe of the LONG HAI and in the valley between the two hills. The main area searched has been in the large re-entrant area YS 4752 where already over 80 bunkers, enough to accommodate a bn, have been found and are still being searched. Large caches of rice, wpns, med sups and misc stores have been recovered by RF and 8 RAR. A large amount of docus also has been found, providing important VCI info (already being exploited by Sector with a no of arrests), mine locs and ORBAT.

6. One HOI CHANH (Sect Comd C1/D445) rallied to LONG DIEN on 23 Feb 70 and two PW have been captured (one by DAT DO Sub Sector and one by 8 RAR), all are from C1/D445. A no of points in their statements are at variance and intg is continuing, however, important points which can be substantiated do tend to sp the previous assessment that D445 and elms of D440 were to join forces in the area of the SONG RAI (probably the old D445 base area west of XUYEN MOC), where we have reported C6/D440 to be for several weeks, in order to conduct ops. From other sources it has

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been clear that HQ BA LONG proposed combined ops with the LF unit and CHAU DUC District before TET; but the assessment that the two units had joined (based on idents which may now have been couriers only, 1 ATR INTSUM 43-70) appears to have been premature and D445 did not join as planned, and the expected ops did not eventuate.

7. The HOI CHANH stated that all sub-units of D445 were present in the LONG HAI on 19 Feb 70 when the maj contact with C1 bunkers occurred, and that it had planned to move out to the SONG RAI, regardless of the 8 RAR op, by 21 Feb 70. Reported mov of large gps of VC around DAT DO and HOI MY around that time tends to sp this statement. If this statement is true, then the original plan of ops is probably still in force.

8. The HOI CHANH further stated that he was told the tgt area was to be BARIA and VAN KIEP. Some weeks ago a HOI CHANH from a tpt gp bringing ammo and wpns to BA LONG units from the DONG NAI, stated that he was told that the tps with his gp (probably a 'Youth Aslt' unit on escort duty) was to reinforce BA LONG units to attack BARIA. This has not appeared to be a likely tgt area since all ch deployment has been to the east, but it must be now considered as one possibility.

9. Other reliable sources have indicated that BA LONG units are to begin activities for the 'Spring Offensive' on the ni 26/27 Feb 70 and a high point is to be continued for about one week. Sources in other provinces also report that new activities are probably planned for the end of Feb 70.

10. The capability of local forces to carry out any large scaled combined op, requiring a high degree of co-ord, remains low. Serious sup, med and morale problems are known to exist. However, there is a capability to conduct widespread spr raids, small scale attacks on vulnerable posts, mining activities and attacks on ac and vehs. Armament of D445 probably now include 2 x 12.8mm HMG (recently received) and more munitions were probably infiltrated to the unit by the rear svcs tn gps mentioned above. A large cache of wpns found in the LONG HAI by 8 RAR was made up mainly of old type wpns so presumably some rearmament has occurred.

11. No recent ident of C25 has been made but it is probably still in the LONG HAI. It must be expected that LONG DAT District Units also would be intended to take part in any planned ops in that district. C41 evacuated its base camp on the CHAU PHA after discovery by ptls of 2 US Bde and probably moved NE back to one of its old bases on the SONG XOAI. This coy also could be expected to sp D440 in any ops against Route 2 or HOA LONG.

12. Tgts for any ops which might take place are likely to be RF/PF posts and GVN installations generally in LONG DAT District, and posts on Route 2, possibly BINH BA and NGAI GIAO, with the aim of trying to re-estb VC authority in the populated areas. Opportunity attacks on vehs and ac are likely at any time.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 56-70.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

- (a) Late Report. (242120H) At YS382897, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted one or two en moving East with unknown results.
- (b) (251133H) At YS423863, Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ located a track used by 8 - 10 VC moving North within the last 24 hours.
- (c) (251845H) At YS439869, elms of Atk Pl 6 RAR/NZ contacted one en. Results: One en KIA (BC), qty of webbing and personal items CIA.
- (d) (251725H) At YS506796, elms of V Coy 6 RAR/NZ detained two VN without ID cards. They were evacuated to 1 ATF for interrogation and subsequently classified as innocent civilians. They will be released tomorrow (26 Feb 70).

(2) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI.

- (a) Ptls of 8 RAR reported eight sightings of sampans and lights on and around RAC CHUA LAP, West of the LONG HAI during the night 24/25 Feb 70.

Comment: This is an unusual amount of traffic outside curfew and may be associated with ops in the LONG HAI, possible evacuation of small groups going into the RUNG SAT.

- (b) (250715H) At YS467534, RF elms op with 8 RAR believed they had three VC in a cave. Attempts were made to induce them to surrender but on search no trace was found.
  - (c) Further to INTSUM No 55-70 Para 3 a (1) (e). A further four bunkers and a booby trap consisting of a 105mm rd were found.
  - (d) (251133H) At YS458544, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located a bunker system of six bunkers with 4 - 5 ft OHC. The bunkers were destroyed.
  - (e) (251235H) At YS471515, elms of 8 RAR located eight bunkers.
  - (f) (251425H) At YS447536, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located a cache containing 500 X AK47 rds, 10 RPG2 rds, 22 X 60mm mor rds, 18 mor fuzes, 22 boosters in bags (?), three Ank grenades, 82mm mor tube and bipod.
  - (g) (251655H) At YS488511, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR contacted three en who wdr West. Results: 1 en WIA (Poss). A sweep of the area located the following: 2 X 250 lbombs with HE removed, one US megaphone, two cluster bombs, two panji pits and seven fighting pits which have been destroyed.
  - (h) (251339H) At YS447536, 10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located four graves containing three bodies approx one week old. Bodies have been credited to B Coy 8 RAR contact on 18 Feb 70.
  - (i) (251915H) At YS489516, 3 Pl A Coy contacted one VC who approached their NDP. En wdr South with unknown results.
  - (j) An 8 RAR CP has reported persons on motor cycles at YS434522 who have appeared to retrieve something from the brush and met briefly with other persons on motor cycles. On night 25/26 similar persons were seen at this location who left and shortly afterwards returned and met a truck at same location.
- Comment: No explanation can be made of this activity but it is recommended that a ptl be placed at the location.

(3) AO ROSSLYN.

- (a) Late Report. (241945H) At YS607819, Sp Coy 8 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy with 81mm mors with nil results.

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(4) OTHER AREAS.

(a) (251950H) At YS583667, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a previously reported bunker system. An estimated 20 - 30 VC used this posn in the last 4 - 7 days as an overnight staging post. A qty of blood stained bandages was found.

S2 Comment: These bunkers were first located when 5 RAR made contact with C6/D440 and C2/84RSG which we believed to be waiting to RV with D445 (See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/70 Paras 7 and 8). The bunkers were checked again on 20 Feb 70 for signs of reoccupation but had not been used. It is most probable now that at least an elm of D445 returned to this, one of their old base areas, after leaving the LONG HAI about 21 Feb 70 and it must be expected that RV with elms of D440 in this general area of the SONG RAI has taken place as originally planned.

(b) (251950H) In vic of YS586665, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a recently used bunker surrounded by barbed wire.

(c) (251450H) At YS500695, D & E Pl detained 15 VN sighted by bushrangers at 1100H. They were interrogated at 1 ATF and released as innocent civilians.

b. Omitted.

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 - 3 VC.

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 17.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Omitted.

(b) Crew Served - 1.

(c) Breakdown - 82mm mor tube.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. 500 AK47 rds, 10 RPG2 rds, 22 X 60mm mor rds, 18 mor fuzes, 22 boosters in bags (?), three Atk grenades, 82mm mor bipod, 2 X 250 lb bombs with HE removed, one US megaphone, two cluster bombs, qty of webbing, one hammock, fishing line and a VC shelter.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
251425H	10 Pl D Coy 8 RAR	YS447536	See para 3 a (2) (f).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 NVA - 63VC.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2.

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 43.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured - 2.00 Tons.

(8)-(9) Omitted.



5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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1 at YS498521.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
250945H	YS454543	Unknown	1 Aust WIA, 1 APC damaged.
251025H	YS492509	Chicom grenade	1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA.
251140H	YS491519	20 lbs Chicom TNT	1 Aust WIA, 1 tank damaged.

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports.

(1) Agent Report received from BARIA at 251905H. VN Eval C-2. A bn of VC are located at YS305715.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (242020H) DAT DO Dub Sector reported sighting an unknown unit moving from YS613668 to YS616647.

(2) (250300H) At YS481608, 910 RF Coy AP engaged an estimated squad. 614 RF Coy and PRU elms were used as a blocking force in an attempt to keep the VC in a semi-cordoned area. Results: En casualties unknown, 3 RF WIA.

(3) (251410H) At YS692846, A/S on en base camp. Results: Three bunkers exposed and two huts damaged.

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF INTSUM  
No 56-70 dated 25 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. Attached as Appendices I and II are interrogation reports for the following:
- HUYNH VAN LIEN
  - HO VAN TRUNG

APPENDIX I TO ANNEX A  
(INTERROGATION REPORTS)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 56-70  
dated 25 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE: HUYNH VAN LIEN

Biographical Data

- 1.
- Name : HUYNH VAN LIEN
  - Aka : NGOC
  - D/POB : 1942, PHUOC HAI, PHUOC TUY
  - Rank/Appt : Sect Comd
  - Unit : C1/D445

Circumstances of Return

- 2.
- Receiving Unit : LONG DIEN Sub Sector
  - Date : 230800H Feb 70
  - Loc : LONG DIEN
  - Wpns/Docus : 1 x AK, 90 rds
  - Circumstances : At 192100H Feb 70, D445 HQ moved from the MINH DAM Secret Zone approx YS 473522 to an area north of Rte 23. The subject took advantage of this to escape and rallied at LONG DIEN.
  - Reasons :
    - Frightened of being killed
    - Life was hard and lacked any comforts
    - Homesick
    - Dissatisfied because he was unable to get promotion

Past Activities

- 3.
- 1954-57 : Worked as a fisherman at PHUOC HAI
- 1958-60 : Drove a bus at PHUOC HAI
- Apr 1961 : Joined the VC at PHUOC HAI and after 5 days he was taken to the Province unit (BA LONG) where he became a soldier in the protection unit.
- Oct 1961 : He was transferred to the BA LONG Province Ordnance Sect with the task of scavenging steel and metal.
- Feb 70 : Subject requested a transfer to C1/D445
- 19 Feb 70 : Bn HQ D445 began moving to area 1 and the subject escaped and rallied to GVN forces.

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Exploitable Information

4. BA LONG Province Committee

- Secretary - Unknown
- Member - TU HY, 35 yrs, K54.
- Others - Unknown
- Loc - Unknown

BA LONG Province Unit

- LBN 61/1100/C1 (Poss Staff Sect BA LONG)
- Comd - TU LAC, 55 yrs, K54:
  - 2ic - TU THI, 40 yrs, K54:
  - PO - BA CAN, 40 yrs, K54.
  - 2ic - TAM VIET, 35 yrs, K54.
  - 2ic - BINH, 30 yrs.
  - APO - NAM NINH, K54.
  - Loc - In the jungle near XUAN LOC, exact loc unknown.

Staff Sect

- LBN is unknown
- Leader - HAI HA, 30 yrs, SAIGON, K54.
  - 2ic - HAI DAU, 40 yrs, LONG KHANH, K54.
  - 2ic - HAI TRANG, 40 yrs, CVN, K54.
  - Adjt - HAI DANG, 30 yrs, PHUOC LOI, K54.
  - Medic - SAU LIEN (f), 20 yrs, DAT DO.
  - Personnel - CHIN DOI, 30 yrs, SVN, AK.
  - THANG, 25 yrs, DAT DO, AK.
  - THANH, 25 yrs, DAT DO, AK.
  - Cook - TAM KIEM (f), 20 yrs, PHUOC LOI.

Signal Sub-Sect

- Leader - CHIN NGO
  - 2ic - TU HO
  - Personnel - HAI
- (12 remaining names unknown)

Mil Int Sub-Sect

- Leader - TU TAM, 40 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K54.
- 2ic - Unknown
- Personnel - SAU, 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC? Colt.
- HAI, 20 yrs, PHUOC HAI.
- THI, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN.
- THUONG, 25 yrs, SVN, Carbine.
- BAY MOC, 30 yrs, K54.
- BA GIAO, 35 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K54.
- THI DAN, 20 yrs, LONG DIEN.

Engineer Sub-Sect

- Leader - TU THUAT
  - 2ic - TU NHAN
- Strength: 25

Recce Sub-Sect

- Leader - THANH
- 2ic - RAN

Mil Personnel Sub-Sect

- Leader - BA SON
- 2ic - BA VIET

Mortar Sub-Sect

- Leader - TU NHU
- 2ic - BA TAM (concurrently Coy Comd of K8)

Militia Sub-Section.

Leader: HOANG  
2IC: CHIN VOI  
2IC: HAI HOANG

Political Section.

Chief: SAU VIET, 35 yrs, LONG MY, K 54.  
2IC: TAM NHAN, 30 yrs, SVN, K 54.  
Cadre: HAI LAM, 30 yrs, SVN, K 54.  
Personnel: THANH NHAN, 25 yrs, HOA LONG, AK  
          THANH CO, 30 yrs, SVN, AK.  
          THI HIEN, 25 yrs, DAT DO.  
Clerk: THI TAM XIEN, 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
(Other details unknown).

Rear Services Section.

LBN: 61/1000/C3.  
Leader: BA THUAN, 32 yrs, DAT DO, K 54.  
2IC: BA HONG XANH, aka ECH, 40 yrs, LONG OHUOC? K 54.  
      NAM PHEO, aka TAM PHUONG, 50 yrs, K 54.  
      TU PHUONG, 50 yrs, BINH BA, K 54.  
      TRAN PHONG, 30 yrs, XUYEN MOC, K 54.  
Political Officer: TO HONG, 50 yrs, LONG DIEN, K 54.  
Chief Admin: NGUYEN DINH CUONG, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN, K 54.  
Clerk: PHU, 30 yrs, West VN.  
Accountant: LY, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN, Carried a carbine.  
          TUONG, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN, AK.  
          TOT, 30 yrs, West VN.  
Personnel: BA TAM, 50 yrs, LONG MY.  
          BAY LONG, 50 yrs, DAT DO.  
          BA ANH(female) 55 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
          SINH(female), 20 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
          LANG(female), 30 yrs, DAT DO.  
          HOANG(female), 19 yrs, LONG PHUOC.  
          BA CAO, 25 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K 54.  
          BAY BINH, 30 yrs, CAN GIO, K 54.  
          THANH THIEN, 25 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K 54.  
          SAU THU, 26 yrs, LONG PHUOC, K 54.  
Medic: HAI(female), 20 yrs, LONG MY.

Mil Hospital Sub-Section.

Leader: Nil.  
Chief Political Offiger: TU THO.  
2IC: HIEU.  
Doctor: TAM NAM.  
Medical Specialist: MUOI THO.  
Medic: TU LIEN (female).  
      HANH (female).

Clothing Equipment Sub-Section.

Leader: TAM TUNG, 32 yrs.  
2IC: TU CHUC.  
Personnel: THI TAM.  
          THI HUONG.  
          THI BA.  
          THI UT.  
Equipment: Four sewing machines.

Ordnance Sub-Section/Province Unit: 61.100/C11.

Leader: BA NGAC, 40 yrs, SVN, K 54.  
2IC: BAY NGHIA, 50 yrs, PHUOC HAI, K 54.  
Chief Political Officer: HAI BONG, 30 yrs, West VN, K 54.  
2IC: LOC, 26 yrs, BINH CHAU, Carbine.

The Ordnance Sub-Section/Province Unit consists of three sections

Engineer Sub-Section.

Leader: NAM LINH, 35 yrs, BINH BA, Carbine.  
2IC: NGUYEN HUU THANH, 30 yrs, PHUOC HAI, Carbine.  
THANH, 30 yrs, PHUOC HAI.  
Personnel: THACH, 30 yrs, CVN.  
THIEN, 25 yrs, CVN, SKS.  
TU VY, 30 yrs, CVN, SKS.  
BA GIO, 30 yrs, CAN GIA, SKS.  
THI HONG HOA, 19 yrs, PHUOC HAI.  
THI PHUONG, 18 yrs, PHUOC HAI.

Chemical Sub-Section.

Leader: SAU CHANH, 30 yrs, CAO SU XUAN LOC, AK.  
2IC: NAM SANG, 35 yrs, LONG DIEN, SKS.  
SAU VU, 35 yrs, LONG DIEN, Carbine.  
BA VIEN, 40 yrs, BINH BA, Carbine  
Personnel: TAN, 25 yrs, LONG PHUOC, AK.  
TIN, 25 yrs, West VN, SKS  
THI LUOM, 19 yrs, DAT DO.

Collection Sub-Section, (the subjects section).

Leader: HUNG, 30 yrs, LONG TAN, AK.  
2IC: DINH, 25 yrs, LONG KHANH, Carbine.  
Personnel: TAI, 19 yrs, LONG DIEN.  
QUAN, 25 yrs, LONG DIEN.  
THI HOANG, 25 yrs, LONG HAI.  
Medic: THI HONG, 19 yrs, BINH CHAU, Carbine.  
NGOC (the subject).

Strength: 40.

Location: BAU NON in the vicinity of YS685830. This location was attacked by Australian Troops on 8 Feb 70 so the unit moved to another place which is unknown to the subject.

Mission: Produce mines, grenades, hand grenades and repair weapons.

Units supply for D440 and D445.

5. D445 LF Bn (10 Feb 70).

Bn Comd: SAU THU, 30 yrs, LONG MY, K 54.  
2IC: TU OANH, 28 yrs, PHUOC HAI, K 54.  
2IC: NAM VU, 27 yrs, PHUOC HAI, K 54.  
Chief Political Officer: MINH KHANH aka HAI KHANH,  
2IC: SAU PHUONG.  
2IC: TU QUY.  
Chief of Staff: TU BE.  
Military Medical Specialist: BA MINH.  
HAI.  
Medic: NGHIA.  
DUNG.  
TRI.  
DUNG.  
Ordnance: Unknown.  
Adjt: MUOI GIAI.  
TU TUNG.  
MIEN.  
Cook: HAI MAI.

Recce Pl.

Leader: PHU  
2IC: Unknown.  
Sect Leader: LOI.  
(remainder unknown).

Strength: 25.

Weapons: 3 x B40's (three rds each), the remainder are AK's

Signal Pl.

Pl Leader: NAM.  
2IC: Unknown.

Wireless Sect.

Sect Leader: NHAN  
2IC: CHINH.  
Personnel: Unknown.

Telephone Sect:

Personalities unknown, strength 25.

Equipment: Each coy has one PRC 25 and Sect HQ have PRC 10 sets.

Strength: At present D445 has a strength of 210.

Weapons: RCL at present it has not been used by the bn since Jul 69.  
Two 82mm mortars (ammunition unknown).  
Four 60mm mortars (each coy has one).  
One .30 cal MMG.  
Eleven RPD's.  
Approx 30 x B40's.  
Six B41's (it has four rds each).  
The remainder are AK's.

From 10 Feb 70 to now, D445 was reinforced by two 12.8mm HMG's, from K8/D440.

Location.

Period 20 Feb 70 the whole of D445 Bn were located at the MINH DAM Secret Zone as follows:

Bn HQ, C1 Coy, C3 Coy located at YS473522 (in "1" formation). C2 Coy and C4 Coy were located at HON DA in the vicinity of YS458554, in an unknown night of Feb 70 these two coys moved to Bn HQ at YS473522.

At 192100H Feb 70 the whole Bn withdrew the direction of Area 1, the subject was told LUONG, Coy Comd of C3, after looking for Bn base that, the Bn will go to a location that has not been lived in by the Bn and will be taken from SUOI RAO (here there is thick jungle, the subject guessed that the Bn may be located at YS5472). (SUOI RAO not yet ident)

Future Tasks of D445 Bn.

Preparations for Attacks.

On 3 Feb 70, the subject met TAM (previously Bn 2IC concurrently Deputy Chief of Staff of D445) at present Coy Comd of K8 Mortar Coy, and six others pl cadre and soldiers. They had Range Sights and Range Finders for the 82mm Mortars. They said they had the task of moving into LONG DAT District area to carry out a special mission (the subject guessed that this group had the job of investigating the ((future)) battlefield terrain in the LONG DAT area). (NFI).

On the 10 Feb 70 when the subject volunteered to serve with D445, he met TAM and the six others and also SAU HO, Coy 2IC of K8 who replaced TAM, at the Bn HQ. That same day he went with an ammunition transportation group from the BA LONG Province unit which consisted of six persons who carried 20x 82mm mortar rds and 200 x 12.8 mm rds, all of which were bought to the Bn HQ at YS473522. The ammunition was bought from his location at YS685830.

On 15 Feb 70, D445 organised a Political training and Reindoctrination phase, for the whole of the cadre and soldiers of D445, which lasted for a period of 21 days. Another phase was to be organised for the transportation of rice, which included the subject. But because of the Aust operations into the base they were not able to carry this out. Because of this the subject has no information on future tasks of the bn.

On 10 Feb 70, HAI HA, Chief of Staff of the Province Unit and also the forward Commander of the Province Unit at the LONG DAT Front which consists of CHIN NGO, Chief of Information Section, TU NHU Chief of Arty Section, BA TRAN PHONG, 2IC of Rear Services Section, together went to the Bn HQ D445 and stayed there until D445 withdrew from the MINH DAM Special Zone (19 Feb 70).

The subject also stated that during the last few months the Bn was located in the MINH DAM Region with aim of supporting the low level agencies in order to strengthen and raise the education (political) of the people in the LONG DAT Region.

D445 Elements: (Consists of 4 coys - C1, C2, C3 and C4).

C1/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd: TAM TONG, 33yrs.  
 2IC: CHAU, 27 yrs.  
 Political Officer: THANH, 27 yrs.  
 Asst Political Officer: SAU SON, 28 yrs.  
 Adj: NGHIA.  
 Medic: TOT.  
 Liaison: QUANG (killed with NAM PHONG).

Strength: (after 19 Feb 70) 35.

Weapons: One .30 cal MMG.  
 One 60mm Mortar.  
 Six B40's (each with three rds).  
 Four B41's (each with four rds).  
 Six RPD's.  
 Remainder are AK's.

C1 is divided into three platoons: 1Pl, 2Pl and 3Pl.

1 Pl/C1/D445 LF Bn.

Pl Comd: TIEN, 28 yrs.  
 2IC: SON, 27 yrs.  
 Sect Comd: Unknown.

Strength: Approx 7 persons.

2 Pl/C1/D445 LF Bn.

Pl Comd; NAM NHUT, 30 yrs.  
 2IC: Unknown  
 Sect Comd: CONG, 29 yrs.  
 BA VAN, 25 yrs.

Strength: Approx 9 persons.

Weapons: One B40.

One RPD  
Remainder are AK's.

3 Pl/C1/D445 LF Bn.

Pl Comd: SAU CUONG, 28 yrs.  
2IC: Unknown.

Strength: Approx 5 persons.

C2/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd: LONG, 27 yrs.  
2IC: NAM TO, 30 yrs.  
Political Officer: BA LIEN, 30 yrs.  
Asst PO: Unknown.  
Medic: LONG, 25 yrs.

Strength: Approx 35 persons.

Weapons: One 60mm Mortar.  
Six B 40's.  
Five RPD's.  
Remainder are AK.

C2 is divided into three platoons: 1Pl, 2Pl and 3Pl.

1 Pl/C2/D445 LF Bn.

Comd: BA THAI, 30 yrs  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

2 Pl/C2/D445 LF Bn.

Comd: MEN, 29 yrs.  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

3 Pl/C2/D445 LF Bn.

Comd: MINH, 25 yrs.  
2IC: RO, 26 yrs.  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

C3/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd and 2IC are unknown to the subject.  
Political Officer: THANH.  
Remainder are unknown to the subject.

Strength: Approx 30 Persons.

Weapons: Three B 40's  
Three RPD's  
Remainder are AK's.

C3 is divided into three platoons: 1PL, 2PL and 3PL

The subject known none of the personalities from these platoons.

C4/D445 LF Bn.

Coy Comd: BA LIEM, 30 yrs.  
2IC: SAU LAC, 30 yrs.  
Political Officer: BA MINH, 32 yrs.  
Asst PO: NAM THUI, 30 yrs.  
Medic: QUAN, 20 yrs.  
Adj: NAM, 32 yrs.

Strength: 45 persons.



Weapons: Two 82mm Mortars.  
 One 60mm Mortar.  
 Two GORYUNOV HMG's.  
 Three B40's.  
 Three RPD's  
 Remainder are AK's

C4 consists of three platoons allof which are unknown to the subject.

Supplies:

Rice is the responsibility of BA TRAN PHONG, Province Rear Services Section Comd, who buys the rice and foodstuffs from villages in LONG DIEN, PHUOC THANH, PHUOC HOA LONG, AP CAU (CAU Hamlet - HOI CUU Hamlet, HOI MY), PHUOC LOI, AN NGAI, AN NHUT Villages for supplying the bn. Apart from that the bn Coy Adjts also enter the villages above in order to buy rice etc, for their unit while they are in the MINH DAM Special Zone. Each Coy has to keep five days of rice on hand. The subject does not know how much foodstuff is in reserve or when they get their rice from their base in Area 1.

Reinforcements:

The subject states that D445 has just received five new recruits (before 10 Feb 70) and a platoon cadre from D440 on 10 Feb 70.

Other Units.

K8 Mortar Coy.

The subject states that about May 69, K8 Coy was taken away from D440 and joined the BA LONG Province Unit Arty Section:

Coy Comd: BA TAM  
 2IC: CHIN TAN.  
 2IC: AM.  
 2IC: SAU HO.  
 Political Officer: NAM HAI.  
 Asst PO: Unknown.

Strength: Approx 45 persons.

Weapons: Two 82mm Mortars.  
 Two 12.8mm HMG's.  
 One MMG.  
 Three RPD's.  
 Four B40's.

Location: Usually located in jungle near BAO BINH. On 10 Feb 70, K8 sent two 12.8mm HMG's to D445.

6. K6 Coy/D440 LF Bn.

On 12 Feb 70, on the road to D445 the subject met K6/D440 located at CAU TRED, approx YS585671. At the time there were six soldiers with the subject going to get rice in PHUOC THO Village.

7. C25 Coy.

Approx 192100H Feb 70, C25 Coy left MINH DAM Special Zone and moved towards PHUOC HAI (possibly into LANG DAI, ((LONG GREEN)) jungle area).

INTERROGATION REPORT  
RALLIER: HO VAN TRUNG

Reference: A 1 ATF INTSUM 54-70 ANNEX A Initial Intg Report.

General

1. The following additional information has been elicited from the rallier in response to further questions arising from the initial interrogation. The subject has been co-operative and, although seriously ill as a result of old, untreated wounds, appears to have a very good memory for detail. His information appears to be reliable and his tasks in the reconnaissance unit would require a good knowledge of the areas noted.

Place Names

2. a. WATER BASE According to the description of ground given, a primary base area of BA LONG Province Unit (HQ BA LONG) referred to as 'the WATER BASE' is in the area YS 5695. It is so called because the general area is inundated in the wet season. The area around the base, in thick jungle, has been bombed by B 52 but the base itself has not been attacked in any way to his knowledge. This appears to be the base where we believe from other sources a conference of BA LONG leaders is to be held shortly (26 Feb 70).
- b. CHAU LUC This plantation has two parts. One area of about 1 km is around YS435875; the other is bounded by YS 427863, YS 427852, YS 453850 and YS 542865.
- c. XUAN SON This is the area around YS 5476 (it might include the jungle fringe to the south). He believes this area would not be used as a base because escape routes are limited; however it has been mentioned from other sources and could be a forward HQ of BA LONG.
- d. CA MUM This is the jungle area around YS 5778. Before LONG KHANH and BARIA provinces merged this was the main base of BARIA PROVINCE HQ. It could still be used by transit groups.
- e. BASE K/ BASE A He knows of no area called A. From ground description Base K appears to be in the area YS 4075 (we have believed it to be north of here around YS 3982 and YS 3983).
- f. REGION 1 He does not know of this name (D445 base area west XUYEN MOC).

3. Tactics and Training After D445 tried out sapper tactics in DAT DO District in Oct 69, the results convinced HQ BA LONG that more extensive training and special re-equipment be commenced. Both LF units were to be adapted to sapper tactics and equiped with light weapons (a much larger number of RPGs). BA LONG Sapper Unit began to train the units and D445 now has the capability to conduct such operations. The subject believes D440 is less trained for this role but has been given troops from the Sapper Unit as reinforcements, while D440 was to provide 20 replacements in turn to the Sapper/Recce Platoon. Each company has 1 x RPD.

4. Province HQ Protection D440 provided a number of troops from C5 and C9 to form a protection unit for Province HQ; they operate in the XUAN LOC area (other sources have indicated that 30-40 men were sent to HQ as 'unfit for combat duties' to form the protection unit).

5. Transportation Groups in Phuoc Tuy. On about 26 Jan a transport company of about 50 from the Direction of LINH SON crossed Route 2 at about YS 458883, crossed TAN VIETNAM Plantation, crossed SOUI THE (not identified yet) and went towards LONG PAT DIST. He heard they went to LEN Base around YS 5670. They carried 82mm mortar and B40/B41 rounds; each carried 4 82mm or 6 x RPG rounds. The group returned towards Binh Son on the same route.

They made a second trip on the same route, crossing Route 2 on 9 Feb 70, and he did not see them return. On 1 Feb he met a transport group of 40 from FA LONG HQ carrying rice from a cache at the SUOI LO O (?) near 'LEN' base back to the Water Base. Other than these he has not seen any transportation groups. (This does not help to substantiate the story of rallier LY THANH (Jan 70) who states he accompanied a large group bringing munitions to PHUOC TUY from LANGA River).

6. Current Deployments. HQ D440 went with C6 and C8 to the LONG DAT DIST to join with D445 for combined operations (date not known but he believes information is current). The Commander D440 is HONG TAM NAM aka HOANG (he replaced HAI HA who was posted C of S BA LONG); TAM NAM is at present in the LONG DAT area with a forward HQ of BA LONG. (The area referred to would probably be west of XUYEN MOC in the region of the SONG RAI. Other collateral suggested the presence forward of an element of BA LONG HQ, and C6/D440 was identified in the area YS 5766 in contact with 5 RAR on 11 Feb 70. D 445 was to go to join D440 on 21 Feb according to the 20 Feb rallier from C1/D445 NGUYEN VAN NGOC).

7. Intentions. During the period of the 'Spring Offensive' BA LONG intended initiate attacks in LONG DAT DIST; the main target area would be DAT DO. (This is the area best known by D445 and would be the target of most psychological advantage).

8. Communications. BA LONG HQ has 3 x AN/PRC 25 sets; frequency 37/20; call signs A1 (1 P1) A2 (2 P1) B4 (3 P1) changing every 3 days. Codes are changed daily. At HQ is a 15 Watt radio. At fwd HQ is one PRC 25.

- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 57-70
- 2. Period covered from 260001H to 2624000H Feb 70
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI

(a) (261240H) At YS479536, a ptl from 8 RAR located a bunker system and are still searching. Two grenades have been found at this stage.

(b) (261145H) At YS483521, elms of 17 Const Sqn and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a cache. Recovered were: 4xRPG2 rounds, 2 parts of RPG round warhead, 5xRPG2 boosters, 1xRPG7 booster, 2 VC 10" claymores, 6 VC bangalore torpedoes, qty of elec cable, 3 mor boosters, 3 boxes of batteries (each ontn 12 batteries), 3 belts .30 cal ammo, 12 clips M16 rounds and 1 US pack.

(c) (261433H) At YS454545, 10/D/8 RAR located a bunker system and a cache containing 3xAK47, 1xM1, 1 bangalore torpedo, 2xD10 claymores, 16 anti-tk grenades, 51x1.5v batteries, 1 x gal oil, 200 ft claymore cable, small qty course salt and 2x44 gl drums of rice.

(d) The final figures for weapons captured by 8 RAR at YS474521 during the period 200600H - 222305H is 46.

(2) AO BAYSWATER. (261130H) At YS430855, YS429855 and YS430856 a patrol of 1 Fd Regt operating with 6 RAR located 3 small tunnels which were poss used as "hides" for 1-2 persons. Tunnels have not been used for some time.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (260720H) At YS427625 3 persons were sighted moving along a creek line towards NUI DAT. They were apprehended and then later released as innocent civilians.

(b) (261030H) At YS406707 a patrol from 7 RAR detained one person who was later released as an innocent civilian.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a-b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Innocent Civilians - 4.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 50

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - 46 (see 1 ATF INTSUM 54/70 Annex F), 3xAK47s and 1xM1

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: 2 grenades (NFI), see para 3. a.(1) (b) and (c).

(3) Captured and Destroyed Food stuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS454545	Salt	4 lbs	Unk
YS454545	Rice	600 lbs (approx)	Unk

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
261145H	17 Const Sqn and B/3 Cav	YS483521	See para 3.a.(1)(b)
261433H	10/D/8 RAR	YS454545	See para 3.a.(1)(c)

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f. Cumulative Totals For Month

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 63 VC
- (2) PW - 4
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 93
- (6) Crew served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 2.3 tons

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 7

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 54/70.

(a) ANNEX F, 26th item in wpns and ammo, delete all detail (mortars were captured by 480 RF Coy operating with 8 RAR).

(b) ANNEX F, 28th item in wpns and ammo, delete "5X SKS" and insert "1xSKS".

(c) ANNEX F, 36th item in wpns and ammo, delete "7x Russian bolt action rifles" and insert "9 x mossin nagants".

(d) ANNEX F, 4th line in Eqpt, Docus and Food, delete "25 transistor radios" and insert "2 transistor radios".

(2) Reference INTSUM 56/70, ANNEX A, page 5, Locations. Insert following at end of para: "SUOI RAO is synonymous with SUOI GIAU".

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (260925H) At YS347645 elms of B/1/16 (2 US Bde) engaged 2 NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA (PW). Qty docus CIA, including commendation for 2 persons believed to be assistant squad commanders of Military HQ Ord Sect CHAU DUC District Force. They were TRAN VAN GUYET and TRAN VAN HAI. Most recent docu dated 12 Feb 69 (1969). Also mentioned was NGUYEN VAN HAI. Wounded PW now in 1 Aust Fd Hosp VUNG TAU. Interrogation to be carried out by 10 MLD Det on 27 Feb, to be reported separately.

(2) (261315H) At YS692846 a BDA was carried out on a previously struck base camp. Results: 2 huts damaged, 3 bunkers exposed. One bomb did not explode.

(3) (261435H) At YS824758 an A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: 3 huts damaged or destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed, 1 large bamboo trap-door raised off ground (poss a cover for bunker or cache) and clothing and papers scattered.

(4) LONG DIEN Sub Sector to date have arrested 6 suspected VCI in AN NHUT and 4 in TAMPHUOC as a result of information gained from documents captured by 8 RAR.

(5) A RF/MAT ptl from DUC THANH Sub Sector found at YS442788 a series of 3 models of buildings, bunkers and mil compounds. The models were constructed in considerable detail and with great care from twigs, metal, cardboard and thread, and appeared to be not more than a few days old.

S2 COMMENT: The 1 ATF Int Rep at Sub Sector is of the opinion, after a study of the models, that they probably represent:

- a. The DUC THANH Compound.
- b. The mil post of 655 RF at BINH BA.
- c. The house of the manager or assistant manager of GALLIA plantation in BINH BA.

It is likely that these models were prepared by a VC recce squad on completion of reconnaissance of proposed objs in order to conduct briefing. If this is so such models would normally be constr only at an advanced stage of offensive preps. It has been reported earlier (1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/70 para 9,12) that local units planned to commence offensive ops directed by HQ BA LONG. Objs on Route 2 would be the responsibility of sub units of D440 loc west of Route 2.

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(6) (262130H) At YS433574 a group of approx 3-4 enemy twice contacted elements of 576 RF Coy and then contacted elements of 701 RF Coy at YS445576 during their withdrawal east. Results: 1 RF WIA (DUSTOFF), enemy casualties unknown.

SP Informant Report (level C) 20 Feb 70 from NGAI GIAO BA NHIN, VC Party Chapter Asst Secretary of NGAI GIAO village, and HAI BAT, Asst Chairman of the Forward Supply Council of CHAU DUC District, were seen staying at YS452798. The two VC have remained in a banana garden for several days.

David H F  
(N.F. GRAHAM) Capt  
Maj  
GS02 (Int)

Attachments:

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- Sector S2

DTC	Location	Remarks
26130H	YS07075	Maximum (2 rats sighted 200m NW)
26130H	YS4938	Maximum
YS88607	YS88607	Minimum

ANNEX C (Agent Report)  
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 57-70  
DATED 26 FEB 70

A group of approx 3-4 enemy troops contacted elements of 1st Coy at YS452798 during their withdrawal from the area.

1. SP Informant Report (eval C/3) 20 Feb 70 from NGAI GIAO: BA NHIEU, VC Party Chapter Asst Secretary of NGAI GIAO village, and HAI BAT, Asst Chairman of the Forward Supply Council of CHAU DUC District, were seen staying at YS452798. The two VC have remained in a banana garden for several days.

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V. V. GRAHAM  
Lt Col  
(Int) SOCS

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18 ARVN Div  
3 F4C Fighter Wing  
12 Cpt Avn Co  
BHM HOA FAC  
Advisor Team 48  
Sector 82

1-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
261130H	YS707615	Maximum (2 huts sighted 200m NW)
261230H	YS749638	Maximum
	YS686607	Minimum

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2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Feb 70.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (271020H). At YS522835, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker with 3 ft of OHC. Also located in the area was a SW track which showed no sign of activity. A track heading east lead to a creek and footbridge where there were signs of activity about seven days ago.

(b) (271425H). At YS428848, a ptl from 6 RAR/NZ located a track used by a squad size force heading north approx seven days ago.

(c) (271425H). At YS493807 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a track which had been used by a large number of people within the last 24 hours going from east to west.

(d) (271425H). At YS495812, 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a track used by a small party going from east to west within the last 24 hours.

(2) AO BENDIGO/LONG HAI.

(a) Late Report (261000H). At YS470536, 480 RF Coy and 189 RF Coy located six caves and six bunkers (bunkers had been destroyed destroyed by airstrike one week prior to locating). Recovered were: A qty of old destroyed equipment, assorted webbing, cooking gear, water cans and bottles, five gallons of kerosine and one M26 grenade rigged up as booby trap.

(b) Late Report (261130H). At YS466535, 189 RF Coy located a cave. Recovered were two old Chicom blast grenades.

(c) Late Report (262057H). Elements of 8 RAR sighted boats at YS421520 and YS399529.

(d) (270845H). At YS484512, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR sighted six enemy and engaged area with mortars with unknown results.

(e) (270855H). At YS489522, 9 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located and destroyed an anti tank mine consisting of 20 lbs of Chicom explosives.

(f) (271400H). At YS486508, 2 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located a claymore mine that had had all explosives removed.

(g) (272020H). At YS398530, elements of 8 RAR sighted five boats.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance.

(a) Visual Recce.

DTG	Location	Sighting
271015H	YS604880	Heavy and fresh track activity on both sides of creek line.

(b)(c) Omitted.

(d) SLAR Activity.

DTG	Location	Readout
270115H	YS700780	1 on road.

(e) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-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. 1 x Claymore (with explosives removed).

(3)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 2 MVA 66.

(2) PW - 4.

(3) Hoi Chanh - 2.

(4) VCI - Nil.

(5) Individual Weapons - 93.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured 2+3 Tons.

(8)(9) Omitted.

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>
270735	YS510546	RTE TL44	Culvert blown.
270830	YS507552	RTE TL44	2 road blocks.

(2) Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES: One at YS489522.

(2) Omitted.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8-70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 57-70.

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(c) add to items recovered 18 Chicom blast grenades, and three bodies.

(b) Para 4.f.(1). Amend VC KIA to read 66.

(2) Reference INTSUM 55-70.

(a) Annex E, Visual Recce amend grid reference YS553688 to read YS549696.

c.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (262330H). At YS505555, a RD cadre AP contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(2) Late Report (262350H). At YS425597, 54 PF Pl AO contacted two unknown size groups of enemy who approached from the north and wdr with unknown results.

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- (3) Late Report (262400H). At YS464794, 190 RF Coy contacted an estimated platoon of VC who entered NGAI GIAO and distributed proaganda leaflets and stole a qty of rice. HE and illumination were fired in support of contact from FSPB PEGGY, FSPB RHODE ISLAND and DUC THANH. Results: Enemy cas unk, nil fri cas, one RPG2, one VC flag, one propaganda banner and a qty of leaflets were recovered.
- (4) (270735H). DAT DO subsector reported that a culvert had been blown at YS510546.
- (5) (270830H). At YS507552, 124 RF Coy located two road blocks, of misc material with some propaganda leaflets.
- (6) (270950H). DAT DO sub sector reported that HUYNH VAN THOI AKA DONG a member of 3 Pl C1/D445 had rallied to RD cadre at PHUOC THO (YS5361). Intg Report to follow.
- (7) (271410H). At YS824755, an A/S was conducted on an enemy base camp. Results: four huts damaged or destroyed, four bunkers exposed and damaged and one hut frame exposed.
- (8) (271530H). At YS612937, elmts of 199 LIB contacted one VC moving east. Results: One VC KIA(BC) and one AK47 CIA.
- (9) (272045H). At YS317575, C/1/16 Inf (US) engaged one sampan. Results: Six enemy KIA(BC) and one sampan CIA.
- (10) (27 Feb 70). TRUONG VAN TY aka TY a member of LONG DIEN village guerilla squad rallied to 615 RF Coy at XA LONG HAI. (YS4449). He is assisting 8 RAR ops.

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Attachements:

- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.

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 B (Captured Documents)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 58-70  
dated 27 Feb 70

1. Documents captured by D Coy 8 RAR 231400H at YS457557 contained a letter written by GIAO Adjt D445 dated 6 Jan 70 address to C2 HQ. The letter discussed food collection and the difficulties D445 were having in obtaining sufficient food for the whole battalion. The letter also mentioned a contact between the Bn Rear Services element and an armoured vehicle the previous afternoon, in which one member was killed and four more wounded. There was no contact reported by either tanks or Cav but on 041445H A Sqn 1 Armd Regt had a contact at YS526583. INTSUM 4/70 para 3.a.(4)(a). This could well be the contact to which he refers.

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)  
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 58-70  
dated 27 Feb 70

1. Attached as appendices are interrogation reports for the following:
  - a. Vo Van Dep.
  - b. Nguyen Van Chien.

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APPENDIX 1 to ANNEX A  
(INTERROGATION REPORTS) to  
1 ATF INTSUM 58-70  
dated 27 Feb 70

1. General.

- a. The following is a summary of a Sector interrogation report on Returnee, VO VAN DEP, a squad leader of C1/84 RSG who rallied to PHU MY on 231000H Feb 70.

2. Exploited Information.

- a. C1 is an independent unit of 84 RSG which can be assigned to any unit on operations and is at present under command of D67 Engineer Bn. Its main area of operation is in the HAT DICH.
- b. C1 has a strength of approx 70 (mostly NVA) and is armed with AK47's, B40's and B41's.

Note: 1 ATF has not interrogated this person.

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APPENDIX 2 to  
ANNEX A (INTERROGATION  
REPORTS) TO 1 ATF  
INTSUM No 58-70 dated  
27 Feb 70

INTERROGATION REPORT

PW : NGUYEN VAN CHIEN

Biographical Data

1. a. Name : NGUYEN VAN CHIEN
- b. Aká : Nil
- c. D/POB : 1948, LONG LIEN Hamlet, LONG DIEN
- d. Address : As above
- e. Rank/App't : Soldier
- f. Unit : A3/B1/C41

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing unit : B/1/16 Inf (US)
- b. IOC : 260945H Feb 70
- c. POC : YS 347645
- d. Wpns and Docus : AK47
- e. Circumstances : At approx 0700H on 21 Feb 70, the subject together with HAI (Sect 2ic of A3/B1/C41) and QUYET, soldier, received orders from BAY TRI (C41 Coy Comd) to go to the NGAI GIAO Village unit base. They took the fol rte:

From their base at YS 3475 approx they walked for 7 hours on the 21 Feb 70 across the SUOI CHAU PHA, approx YS 345762, through a bamboo grove and continued onto the SONG XOAI, approx YS 374773, where they contacted an Aust force. They took evasive action until the next day (22 Feb 70). They continued on through the jungle, approx YS 385775, along and across the SUOI TIT LOI, YS 393785, continuing on but taking evasive actions until at approx 231700H Feb 70 they reached the NGAI GIAO Party Chapter base at approx YS 413804. Their aim was for HAI to meet the NGAI GIAO Party Chapter Secretary, BA NHA THLET. The subject heard that HAI was to give the rte and loc of C41 and District Committee and Unit to the Party Chapter Secretary. On 24 Feb 70, they started off back to their base along the old rte, but because of Aust ops in the SONG XOAI and SUOI CHAU PHA area, HAI decided to move straight down to approx YS 347645, at approx 260945H where they contacted US tps. The subject was wounded and captured. He does not know what happened to the other two.

Past Activities

3. a. Nov 69. Joined the PSDF in LONG LIEN hamlet, LONG DIEN village, LONG DIEN District.
- b. About 1000H early in Dec 69, the VC captured him and two others, DUC and NGU, and took them back as reinforcements for C41. He has been with them ever since his capture.

Exploited Information

4. C41 - CHAU DUC Concentrated unit
  - Coy Comd - BAY TRI, 30 yrs, LONG DIEN, K54. (replaced CHIN BE who was killed at DUONG CUNG hamlet by 603 RF Coy).
  - Coy 2ic - SONG, 25 yrs, CVN, Colt. (replaced HAI CAO in 1969. HAI CAO went to the BA LONG Province committee).
  - Coy 2ic and Pol Offr - DANG, 25 yrs, HOA LONG, K54.
  - Coy 2ic - Unknown
  - Adj't - BAY LINH, 42 yrs, HOA LONG, no wpn.
  - Medic - LOI, 29 yrs, CVN, no wpn.
  - Medic - HA, 24 yrs, HOA LONG, no wpn.
  - Commo-liaison - 3 persons unknown to subject
  - Strength : 120 persons
  - Wpns : 1 x 60mm mor, 2 x .30 cal REC, 9 MMG, RPG2's and remainder AK's.

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Location : YS 3475 (from 12 Feb 70 till now). They were previously loc at YS 305727 approx. but because of Aust ops they moved to their new loc.

B1/C41

- Pl Comd - DUNG, 22 yrs HOA LONG
  - 2ic - DINH, 20 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.
  - Medic - BA LOI, 25 yrs, CVN, no wpn.
  - Medic - HA, 25 yrs, HOA LONG.
- Strength : 30 persons divided into 3 sections.

a. A1/B1/C41

- Sect Comd - CUONG, 20 yrs, HOA LONG, LMG.
  - Sect 2ic - HO, 18 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.
- Strength : 10 persons

b. A2/B1/C41

- Sect Comd - BA MOI, 29 yrs, HOA LONG, LMG.
  - 2ic - NHAN, 21 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.
- Strength : 10 persons

c. A3/B1/C41

- Sect Comd - TONG, 22 yrs, LONG PHUOC, LMG.
  - 2ic - TAM, 22 yrs, HOA LONG, AK.
  - 2ic - HAI, 22 yrs, LONG DIEN, AK. (just appt on 18 Feb 70).
  - Soldiers - QUYET
  - DANH
  - CHI
  - DUC
  - Remainder unknown
- Strength - 10 persons

B2/C41

Unknown

B3/C41

- Pl Comd - VU, 27 yrs, no wpn.

B4/C41 (Mor Pl)

Strength : Approx. 30 persons

Area of Operation. PHUOC HOA, HOA LONG, NGAI GIAO and Rtes 2 and 15. (Rte 2 from NGAI GIAO to HOA LONG and Rte 15 near PHU MY).

Capability. To ambush and make surprise attacks along Rte 2 and the villages mentioned above, also along Rte 15 near PHU MY.

CHAU DUC District Committee

Unknown

CHAU DUC District unit

Comd - NAM KIEM. (He often comes to to C41 HQ on liaison visits and conferences).

Location : The subject stated that both the District Committee and District unit were in the TU GIA area, approx YS 3276, YS 3376, YS 3277, YS 3377.

5. Directives and Plans of the District Committee and Unit. The subject heard that fairly soon the committee, unit and C41 will attack the fol areas: Rte 2 (from NGAI GIAO to HOA LONG, PHUOC HOA), Rte 15 (from Rte 15 to BARIA).

6. Indoctrination and Training. At present the personnel of C41 are receiving indoctrination and trg in 7 subjects. These include the fol:

- a. Movement through jungle
- b. Rifle practise
- c. Surprise attacks/ambushes
- d. Gunnery practise

7. Supplies. The District Committee and unit provide money for sups to C41. The Adjt of C41 is responsible for obtaining food sups which are obtained every 2-4 weeks. (Each time 200-300 litres of rice is obtained also an unknown qty of foodstuffs). According to the subject, rice is mainly obtained from HOA LONG.

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8. Route of Infiltration into Villages. Subject had never been on a resupply mission so therefore had no knowledge on this.
9. Food Rationing. Their system of rationing was system 30 which was 3 bowls of rice per day. When they were short of rice they were put onto system 20. Usually they had enough rice.
10. Morale. The morale of personnel is not very high.
11. Battles. From the time the subject joined the unit till now, he only knew that C41 attacked HOA LONG in approx Dec 69. He was too ill to take part. Casualties were unknown.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 59.70.

Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Feb 70.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BAYSWATER.

(a) (281055H) At YS545768, B/6 RAR/NZ sighted five VC, one of which was carrying a radio, in a southerly direction.

(b) (281130H) At YS551755, 4/B/6RAR/NZ contacted four to five en. Results: two VC KIA(BC), two VC WIA (BT), a large qty of food, med supplies and four packs were recovered. The en wdr SW.

(c) (281600H) At YS544708, 1/A/6 RAR/NZ located a track, west of stream, less than 24 hrs old.

(d) (281720H) In a bunker system from YS540703 to YS547695, 2Pl and 3Pl/A/6 RAR/NZ contacted 20 to 30 en. The contact was broken at 1935H. Final results are unk as yet.

(2) AO ROSSLYN.

(282100H) At YS612826 and YS610820, elms of 8 RAR sighted two lights and engaged with mortars with unk results.

(3) AO BENDIGO.

(a) (280723H) At YS453536, 4/B/8 RAR contacted three VC. Results: three VC KIA(BC), three AK47, one M16, one M79, two canisters and nine HE M79 rds and a qty of docus. See Para 6. a.

(b) (281045H) At YS453536, 4/B/8 RAR contacted four VC. Results: four VC KIA(BC), one 7.92MM SMG, one 7.92MM USSR pistol, a qty of docus, two home made gas masks and 20lb of rice were captured.

(4) Other Areas.

Late Report. (27 Feb 70) At YS530739, LRRP located signs of a small party moving SW approx 12 hrs previously.

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 - 9 VC.

(3) Omitted.

b. c. d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual - 7

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - Three AK47, one M16, one M79, one 7.92 SMG, one USSR 7.92MM pistol.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. A qty of med supplies, four packs, webbing, qty of docus, two home made gas masks,

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Troopstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS551755	Unk	Large qty	unk
YS453536	Rice	201b	unk

(4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Total - For Month.

- (1) KIA - 2 NVA 74 VC.
- (2) PW - 4.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 2.
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 100.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.
- (7) Rice Captured 2.31 Tons.
- (8) and (9) Omitted.

5. a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>	<u>AT MINES</u>
One at YS435532	One at YS486505	Nil

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
281130H	YS486505	M16	Eight Aust KIA, 13 Aust WIA.
281140H	YS486505	M16 (Poss)	One Aust KIA, three Aust WIA. One UH-1H damaged.
281448H	YS435532	M14	One Mk5 truck damaged.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

- a. Docus from three VC KIA by 4/B8 RAR on 281200H probably identify:  
TRAN MINH HUNG - Pl Comd C25 LONG DAT Dist Coy.  
NGUYEN VAN DAI - Medic of C25.  
TRAN VAN CHIEN - Sect Comd/Sapper Recce C25.

7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/70 dated 24 Feb 70.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

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b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM No 50/70.

(a) Para 4.b. (2) Delete all reference.

(b) Para 4.f. (1). Amend to read 46 and amend all subsequent INTSUMS according.

c. d. and e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report (270015H) At YS381617 (BARIA) and est VC pl fired three B40 rounds at an ARVN recruiting centre. ARVN troops returned with SA fire with no results.

(2) Late Report (272325H) At YS485568, 124RF Coy and US elms sighted an est VC squad. Area was engaged by Arty with unk results.

(3) Late Report (272400H) XUYEN MOC Subsector reported that one squad of VC placed one M16 mine inside the checkpoint on Route 23 and spread propaganda leaflets within a 50m radius of the checkpoint. XUYEN MOC believe the route of infiltration was from the west to YS648675 and along bund to the checkpoint.

(4) 281615H) At YS293571(LONG SON Is), VC engaged ~~an~~ RF/PF posn with B40 and SA fire was returned and en wdr making contact with AP. Results: en unk, three PF KIA.

(5) (281640H) At YS647664, a cowherder reported four VC armed with AK47 moving east.

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Attachments:

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 46  
Sector S2

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R569/2/242

3 Feb 70

Op Instr 5/70 (Op MAFEKING)

1. Situation. Op MAFEKING outlines the reaction requirements of 1 ATF during TET 1970 (before, during and after) for the relief of populated areas within Phuoc Tuy Province. Reaction forces will be committed on the request of the Province Chief and with the approval of HQ 1 ATF:

a. En. See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/70 dated 3 Jan 70.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1 ATF.

(a) D and E Pl relinquish role of 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force inf elm from 041200H Feb.

(b) No change to base ptl activities.

(2) Sector. Both sector and sub-sector have limited integral reaction forces against small scale ground attacks, involving redeployment of up to RF Coys within sub-sectors. In the event of large-scale attacks, 1 ATF reaction forces will be requested.

2. Mission. 1 ATF is to assist the relief of specified populated areas from enemy attack.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Reaction forces of up to coy gp str with armd sp will be deployed to the fol areas of responsibility:

(1) 5 RAR - XUYEN MOC.

(2) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) - Route 2 area.

(3) 8 RAR - BARIA - LONG DIEN area.

(4) HORSESHOE - DAT DO - Route 44 area.

b. 5 RAR.

(1) Grouping. Additional to initial deployment grouping into AO ROSSLYN, in sp one tp less one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(2) Task. Deploy up to one coy gp in APCs to assist relief of XUYEN MOC.

c. 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

(1) Grouping. Additional to initial deployment grouping into AO BAYSWATER, in sp one tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt  
one tp less one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(2) Task. Deploy up to one coy gp in APCs, sp by tks, to assist relief of NGAI GIANG, BINH GIA, DUC TRUNG or BINH BA.

d. 8 RAR.

(1) Task. Provide one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force, to deploy to assist relief of the fol populated areas in pri:

(a) BARIA.

(b) LONG DIEN, AN NGAI, AN NHUT.

(c) DAT DO

(d) SUOI NGHE.

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6. Ack Instrs: Ack (List Z serials 1-5, 10-13, 26-31, 50)

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9 Feb 70

R569/2/243

Op Instr 6/70 (Op HAMMERSLEY)

1. Situation. Op HAMMERSLEY concerns the development of a quarry in the LONG HAIS.
  - a. En Brief and data base issued separately.
  - b. Friendly Forces.
    - (1) 1 ATF. Route const and maint by 17 Const Sqn on Route 44 commences with development of a quarry in the LONG HAIS.
    - (2) Sector.
      - (a) MSF. Loc and trg area to be advised.
      - (b) Sub-sector Liaison. Aust LO HQ Long Dien Sub-sector.
      - (c) Other. See 1 ATF Provincial Data Handbook.
2. Mission. To develop a quarry at YS438535.
3. Execution.
  - a. Gen Outline. The force is to deploy on 10 Feb 70 from Nui Dat and:
    - (1) Secure the quarry site.
    - (2) Conduct recce and ambush ops within the AO while the quarry is developed and worked, for approx one week.
    - (3) Be prep for the str of the securing force to be reduced to pl str sp by tks after approx one week.
  - b. Grouping. One coy 8 RAR with:
 

in sp	one tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
	one tp plus one AMC sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
	elm 17 Const Sqn to incl two D8 or TD15s
	two mini teams 1 Fd Sqn
	one mor sect 8 RAR
  - c. Coy 8 RAR. Tasks:
    - (1) Secure the quarry site.
    - (2) Conduct ops within the AO to destroy en or en instls.
    - (3) Be prep to return to base on approx 16 Feb and leave one pl sp by tks and one mor sect to secure the site.
  - d. A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
    - (1) One tp in sp coy 8 RAR.
    - (2) On return of coy 8 RAR to Nui Dat, op in sp elm 17 Const Sqn.
  - e. B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp in sp coy 8 RAR until 120800H Feb.
  - f. 17 Const Sqn.
    - (1) Develop the quarry site.
    - (2) Assist in const of fd defs.
    - (3) Land clear vic of quarry site. Subsequent land clearing on orders HQ 1 ATF.
  - g. Co-ord Instrs.
    - (1) Timings.
      - (a) Force deploys 10:1000H Feb.
      - (b) One tp plus one AMC sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt returns to Nui Dat by 12:1600H Feb 70.

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- (c) One coy 8 RAR less one pl returns to Nui Dat approx 16 Feb.
  - (2) AO. Annex A.
  - (3) Quarry Loc. YS438535.
4. Administration and Logistics. Daily maint coord by 17 Const Sqn.
5. Command and Signal.
- a. Comd.
    - (1) On deployment until return of coy 8 RAR less one pl to Nui Dat, OC coy 8 RAR.
    - (2) On return of coy 8 RAR less one pl to Nui Dat, OC elm 17 Const Sqn.
  - b. Radio. Comms are to be estb as follows:
    - (1) Comd Net.
      - (a) 8 RAR until comd passes to 17 Const Sqn.
      - (b) 17 Const Sqn once comd passes to OC elm 17 Const Sqn.
    - (2) Sector net.
    - (3) MSF - internal net.
  - c. Nicknames.
    - (1) Op. HAMMERSLEY.
    - (2) AO. BENDIGO.
    - (3) Quarry Site. ISA.

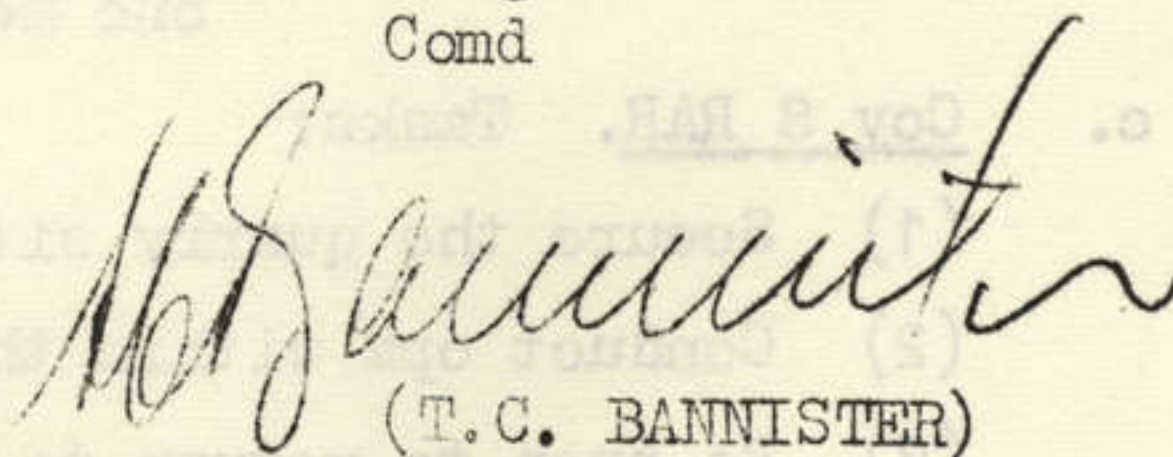
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Annexes: A. AO BENDIGO.

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ANNEX A TO

1 AIF OP INSTR 6/70

DATED Feb 70

Map: Sheet 6429 IV

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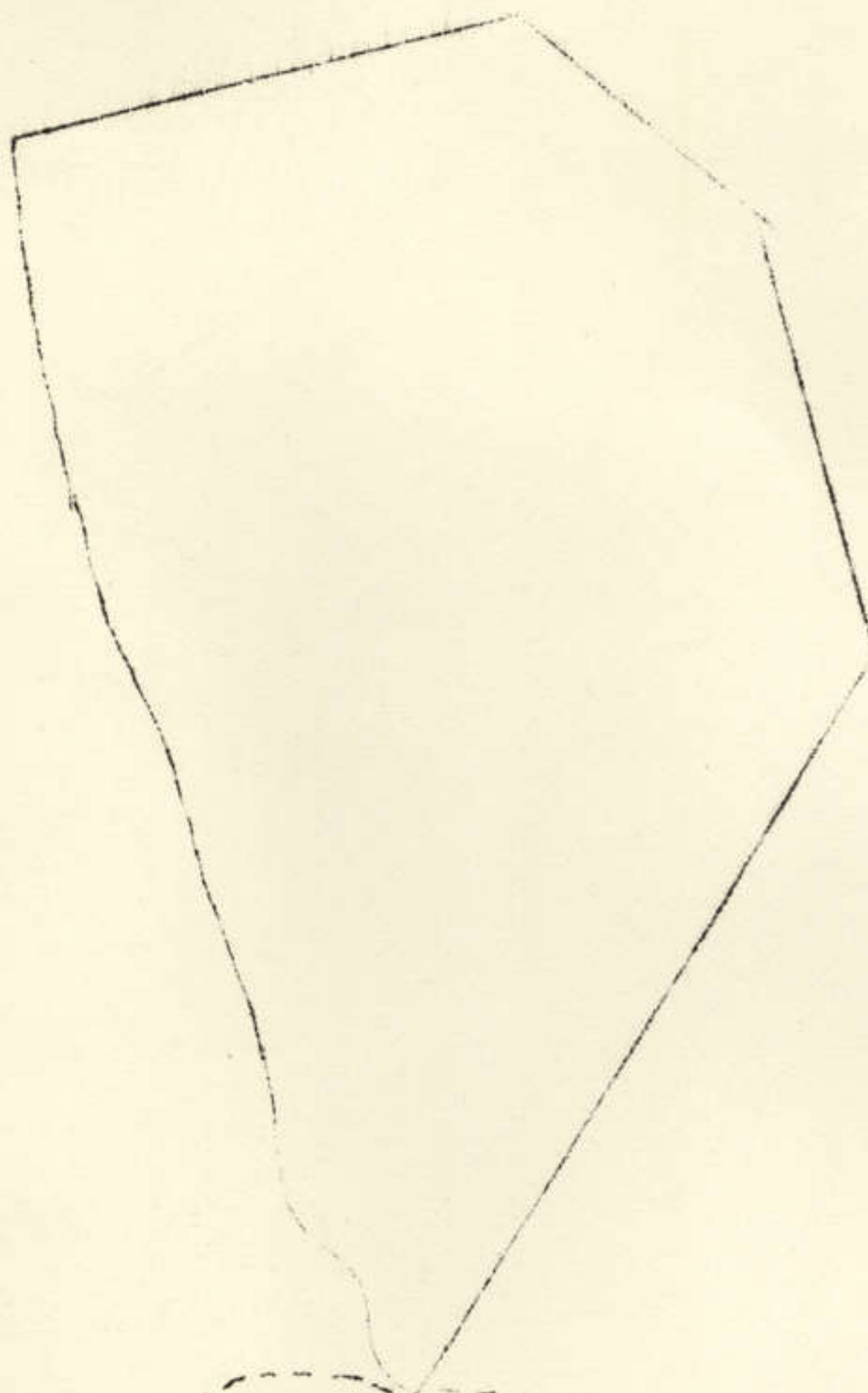
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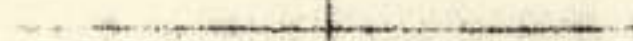


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HQ 1 ATF

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Op Instr 7/70 (Op UHLAN)

NUI DAT

To: Maj P. BELT OC A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

10 Feb 70

Situation. One infantry coy 5 Cav Regt 18 ARVN DIV will complete a one month trg cycle at HORSESHOE HILL with a 3 day operational move to their home base at XUAN LOC.

a. En. Issued separately.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 4 ATF Ops by current 1 ATF SITREPS.

(2) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ops in detail, by direct liaison.

(3) DUC THANH District. Any ops affecting you will be advised before your departure from the HORSESHOE. Data sheet issued separately covers miscellaneous info.

2. Mission. You are to move your force from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC conducting recce and ambush ops in AO COSSACK en route.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Move is in three phases:

(1) Phase 1. Move by APC and TCV from HORSESHOE to AP NGAI GIAO.

(2) Phase 2. Conduct ops from south to north in AO COSSACK.

(3) Phase 3. Move from PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH Border to XUAN LOC.

b. Grouping. One coy 18 ARVN Div and elements A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) with:

(1) Under op con from 120800 - one tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt,  
one AMC Sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt,  
one CET 1 Fd Sqn,  
one sect 81mm Mor 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

(2) Under op con from 120800 - one tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.  
Until reaching 95 Northing

(3) Under op con for Phase 1 - TCV as required to supplement APC lift.

c. Tasks.

(1) Move force from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.

(2) Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO COSSACK.

d. Coord Instrs.

(1) AO - Annex A.

(2) Timings. Op to commence 120900. Force to be in XUAN LOC by 151200H Feb.

(3) Transit Clearances. Transit clearances along Route 2 for Phases 1 and 3 will be arranged by HQ 1 ATF.

4. Administration and Logistics. You are responsible for coordinating the administration of your force.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Radio. Your force will use C/S30A on 1 ATF Command Net Voice.

6. Ack Instrs: List Z serials 1, 2, 5, 11, 13 - Ack.

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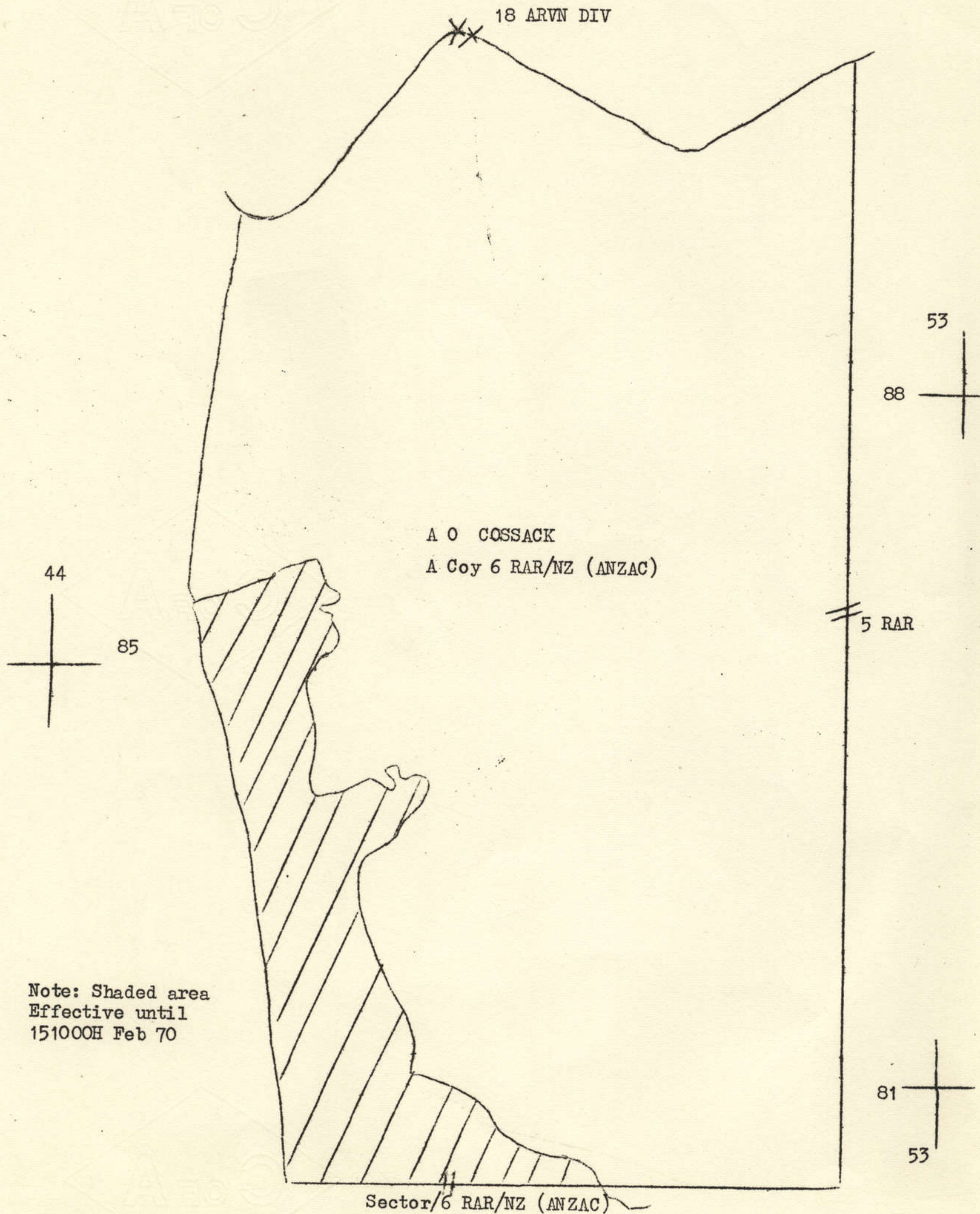
AO COSSACK

AN NEX A TO  
1 ATF OP INSTR 7/70  
DATED 10 Feb 70

MAPS: 6430 sheets 1, 11, 111, IV.

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HQ 1 ATF  
NUI DAT

13 Feb 70

R569/2/245

Op Instr 8/70 (Op EPSOM)

TO: Lt Col K.J.C. Neill, CO 8 RAR

1. Situation

a. En. Brief and data base issued separately.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Op KERPERRA terminates 141800H Feb 70.
- (2) 5 RAR returns to NUI DAT on completion of Op BONDI on 16 Feb 70.
- (3) 6 RAR/NZ continues ops in AO BAYSWATER.
- (4) 1st Coy 18 ARVN Div Cav conduct ops in AO COSSACK (eastern area AO BAYSWATER) 12 - 15 Feb 70.
- (5) Op HAMMERSLEY involving C Coy 8 RAR gp continues.
- (6) Other 1 ATF ops, see 1 ATF SITREPs.
- (7) Intentions of 199 LIB and 18 ARVN Div north of your AO are not yet known.

2. Mission. To destroy en and en instls in AO ROSSLYN.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. 8 RAR is to occupy FSPB PAT and op in AO ROSSLYN, deploying by air. The unit's deployment will be concurrent with 5 RAR's return to NUI DAT.

b. Grouping

- (1) In DS 161 Fd Bty  
one H13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
- (2) In sp HQ one tp 1 Fd Sqn  
four splinter teams 1 Fd Sqn

c. Tasks

- (1) Return to NUI DAT from AO SAMFORD by 141800H Feb 70.
- (2) Deploy by air to FSPB PAT, less one coy gp, on 16 Feb:
  - (a) Pers by Caribou ac.
  - (b) Stores by Chinook ac.
- (3) From FSPB PAT, deploy coy gps by Iroquois ac.
- (4) Conduct recce and ambush ops with initial emphasis to the north of the AO.

d. Co-ord Instrs.

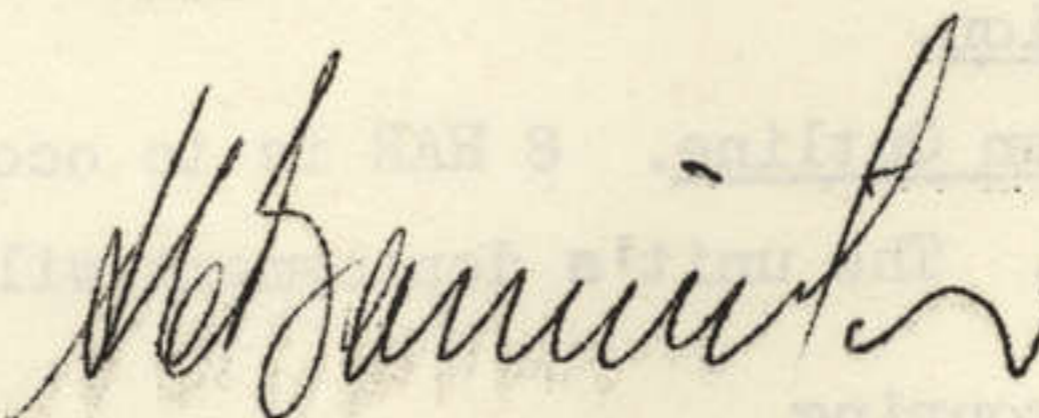
- (1) Timings.

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- (a) Op KEPERRA terminates by 141800H Feb 70.
  - (b) Deployment into AO on 16 Feb.
  - (c) Anticipated duration of op six weeks.
  - (2) AO. AO ROSSLYN.
4. Administration and Logistics.
- a. Daily maint normal.
  - b. WP at FSPB PAT continues to op until completion of well.
  - c. Mov instr issued separately.
5. Command and Signal.
- a. Radio. No change.
  - b. Nicknames.
    - (1) Op. EPSOM.
    - (2) AO. ROSSLYN.
    - (3) FSPB. PAT
6. Ack Instrs: Ack (list Z serials 2-3, 5, 12, 16, 18, 31, 50 only)

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NUI DAT

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OP O .1.....

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- B. Map, South Vietnam, Sheet 6430 I, Series L7014, XA CAM MY,  
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Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL

I. Situation.

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Freindly Forces.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) 5 RAR returns NUI DAT 16 Feb 70.
- (3) 6 RAR/NZ conts ops in AO BAYSWATER.
- (4) 199 LIB and 18 ARVN Div cont ops north of AO ROSSLYN.
- (5) C Coy 8 RAR conts op HAMMERSLEY

c. Atts and Dets. (Excl Op HAMMERSLEY)

- (1) In DS :
  - (a) 161 Fd Bty RNZA
  - (b) One H 13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
- (2) In Sp :
  - (a) HQ one tp 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (b) Four splinter teams 1 Fd Sqn.

(3) Passing to under op con HQ 1 ATF from 151200H: C Coy 8 RAR.

d. Civ Access Areas: Annex B.

e. Mine Fds and En Instls: Annex B.

2. Mission To destroy en and en instls in AO ROSSLYN with initial emphasis being placed on ops to the north of the AO.

../Execution.

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3. Execution

(a) Gen Outline

- (1) Phase 1 Mov from NUI DAT to FSPB PAT.
- (2) Phase 2 Mov of three coys from FSPB PAT to sub-unit AOs.
- (3) Phase 3 Recce and ambush ops in sub-unit AOs.

(b) Grouping

- (1) C Coy No change.
- (2) A Coy, B Coy and D Coy
  - i. Remaining under comd : MFC
  - ii. In DS from 151200H : FO Party
  - iii. In Sp from 151200H : One splinter team.
- (3) Atk Pl In Sp from 151200H : One splinter team.
- (4) Bn Base Area. SOP.

(c) A Coy Tasks:

- (1) Phases 1 and 2 Move in accordance with mov instrs to be issued separately.
- (2) Phase 3 Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO COW with emphasis being placed upon egress routes from square 6091.

(d) B Coy. Tasks:

- (1) Phases 1 and 2 Move in accordance with mov instrs to be issued separately.
- (2) Phase 3 Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO OX with emphasis being placed upon egress routes from square 6091.

(e) C Coy

- (1) Grouping Pass to under op con HQ 1 ATF from 151200H.
- (2) Task Cont Op HAMMERSLEY.

(f) D Coy Tasks:

- (1) Phases 1 and 2 Move in accordance with mov instrs to be issued separately.
- (2) Phase 3 Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO BULL with emphasis placed upon egress routes from square 6091.

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- (g) Mor Pl.
- (1) MFCs to remain under comd each A, B, C and D Coys.
  - (2) One Sect to remain under comd C Coy.
  - (3) One Sect to deploy FSPB PAT in accordance with mov instrs to be issued separately.
  - (4) One Sect to remain NUI DAT.
- (h) Aslt Pnr Pl. Tasks:
- (1) Deploy FSPB PAT in accordance with mov instrs to be issued separately.
  - (2) Develop and protect FSPB PAT.
  - (3) Be prep, on orders, to conduct recce and ambush ops in the vicinity of FSPB PAT.
- (i) Atk Pl.
- (1) Grouping In Sp from 151200H: One splinter team 1 Fd Sqn.
  - (2) Tasks
    - (a) Deploy to FSPB PAT in accordance with mov instrs to be issued separately.
    - (b) On orders conduct recce and ambush ops in the vicinity of FSPB PAT.
    - (c) During daylight hrs be on 15 mins notice to ready react as a result of int gained.
- (j) Bn Base Area. Tasks:
- (1) Op resup.
  - (2) Def of 8 RAR base NUI DAT.
- (k) 161 Fd Bty (RNZA)
- (1) FO Party in DS each A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and D Coy.
  - (2) Provide DS from FSPB PAT.
- (l) 1 Fd Sqn
- (1) HQ one tp to move with Bn HQ Gp and deploy FSPB PAT.
  - (2) One splinter team in sp each A, B, C and D Coys and Atk Pl from 151200H.
  - (3) Splinter teams to be prep to undertake bunker destruction and mine/booby trap clearance.
- (m) Army Avn In DS H 13 ac to posn FSPB PAT or handover/takeover  
5 RAR/b .c.

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n. Co-Ord Instrs.

- (1) Assy of RAE Pers. 1 Fd Sqn pers to report to relevant HQ/Sub Units 45 mins prior to mov timings as contained in mov instrs.
- (2) Intropreters. Subject to availability, one to each BnHQ, A Coy, B Coy and D Coy.
- (3) Recce. Fol to report to KAPYONG 151500H for air recce:
  - (a) Ops Offr.
  - (b) BC.
  - (c) OC's A Coy, B Coy, and D Coy.
- (4) AOs Annex B and Annex C.
- (5) LZs Annex B and Annex C but subject to change fol air recce 15 Feb.
- (6) LZ Prep. LFT, only if required by RAAF.
- (7) Bdry Clearances. Granted only to North and East of Mousetrap, Annex B.
- (8) C & C Pax. CO, BC, Asst IO and BC's radio op.
- (9) Emplaneing/Deplaneing Offrs.
  - (a) KAPYONG As dir by OC Admin Coy.
  - (b) FSPB PAT Radio Sgt.
- (10) Tpt Co-Ord Offr. Capt R. LOFTUS.
- (11) Method Of Mov.
  - (a) KAPYONG to FSPB PAT: Caribou or CH 47.
  - (b) FSPB PAT to Sub Unit AOs UH1H.
- (12) Order of March.
  - (a) KAPYONG TO FSPB PAT: FSPB Adv Party, FSPB(-), Atk Pl, D Coy, B Coy, A Coy.
  - (b) FSPB PAT to Sub Unit AOs : D Coy, B Coy, A Coy.
- (13) Outline Timings: Fol to be confirmed in mov instr:
  - (a) Mov of FSPB Adv Party. 151138H.
  - (b) Completion of Mov to Sub Unit AOs . By 161600H. (alth 17 Feb 70)

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4. Administration and Logistics

a. Ammo:

- (1) Res SA. One coy first line to be loc FSPB PAT from 16 Feb 70. 5 RAR will hand over one pl first line in situ and 90 claymores for base def.
- (2) Mor. 5 RAR will leave in situ 1000 rds HE and smoke and illum to scale.
- (3) Resup. SOP. From either NUI DAT or FSPB PAT to fwd coys.

b. Rat:

- (1) Rifle Coys. Carry five days rat to incl two days lt wt and three days C rat.
- (2) FSPB. Carry three days C rat.
- (3) Res, Three days res C rat to be flown in to FSPB PAT on 17 Feb 70.
- (4) Resup. SOP.

c. Water:

- (1) All carry four water bottles.
- (2) WP. Estb by TFMA in FSPB .
- (3) Resup. As required by coys using one of fol methods:
  - (a) Bottle for bottle, air dropped an air landed.
  - (b) Jerrycans air landed.
  - (c) Plastic containers air landed.
  - (d) Plastic 3 gal sausages free dropped. Used only when LZ not aval, on auth Bn 2IC.

d. Dress and Eqpt. SOP except:

- (1) Aslt Pnr Pl carry 2 x 90 mm RCL.
- (2) A tk Pl carry 4 x 7.62 mm M6C and 2 x 90 mm RCL.
- (3) Bn HQ Pl carry 2 x 90 mm RCL.

e. Rec. SOP

f. Med:

- (1) Casevac, Medevac. SOP.
- (2) SB. SOP.
- (3) RAP. Estb at FSPB PAT from 161100 hrs.



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g. RP:

- (1) Estb check pt at FSPB PAT from 161100 hrs.
- (2) Estb PW cage at FSPB PAT by 171600 hrs.

h. PW and Detainees:

- (1) PW. To be returned to FSPB by fastest means.
- (2) Detainees. To be returned to 1 ATF as dir by CP 8 RAR.
- (3) Wounded PW and Detainees. To be returned by Casevac.

i. Special Eqt. One size C dozer to be avail from 161 Bty for local FSPB tasks.

5.

Command and Signal

a. Locs HQ and CO:

- (1) 8 RAR Main CP closes NUI DAT 15 200H.
- (2) 8 RAR Rear CP remains open NUI DAT and assumes con of Bn Comd Net from 151200H to re-opening of 8 RAR Main CP FSPB PAT.
- (3) 8 RAR Main CP opens as soon as possible fol arrival of Bn HQ at FSPB PAT.
- (4) CO remains NUI DAT during phase 1.
- (5) CO AB in C and C ship during phase 2.
- (6) CO based FSPB PAT during phase 3.

b. Comms C Coy. C Coy to join 1 ATF Comd Net as callsign 32 at 151200H.

c. Bn Comms. In accordance SOPs and SOIs.

d. Liaison. LO will be deployed as callsign 9E to any unit operating north of and in close proximity to AO ROSSLYN.

e. Net Opening Times:

- (1) 8 RAR Base Def Net NUI DAT: Remains open.
- (2) 8 RAR Bn Comd and Admin  
Air Nets: 160700H.
- (3) 8 RAR FSPB Def Net: On arrival FSPB PAT.

.... / f. PZ and LZ

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f. PZ and LZ Con Stas During Phases 1 and 2:

Loc	Stas to be manned by	Callsign	Freq
KAPYONG	Admin Coy	KAPYONG	32.30
FSPB PAT	AQ Staff	95 B	60.05
Vicinity 640891	D Coy	95 C	60.05
Vicinity 579873	B Coy	95 D	60.05
Vicinity 603958	A Coy	95 E	60.05

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- Annexes:
- A. En Sit.
  - B. Additions and Deletions Map.
  - C. Bdrys AO ROSSLYN, LZs and Sub Unit AOs.
  - D. Hel Air Task Planning Tables Phase 2.

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ANNEX A TO  
8 RAR OPS 4  
DATED 15 FEB 70

EN SIT

1. En activity throughout AO ROSSLYN has been quiet as elsewhere in the province while en units made preparations for the TET period.
2. The en plans for ops before and during TET were probably thwarted by pre emptive friendly ops. There are reliable reports however, that 84 RSG has recently effected some ammo resup, which lends credence to reports that the en may attempt some form of post TET offensive activity which would probably be restricted to attacks by fire.

En Units

3. D 445 Bn

- a. The southern part of the AO has been used by the bn frequently for its camps and bases. See App 1 to this annex for details of old camps of D 445 and its coys.
- b. In recent months the bn has been identified in small coy gps in the area between the LONG HAI and XUYEN MOC.
- c. Docus have cfm that elms of D 445 have joined with elms of D 440 to carry out ops which were planned before TET.
- d. The combat str of D 445 is probably not more than 100 men at this time.

4. D 440 Bn

- a. This unit was deployed for ops prior to TET with HQ and one coy in the CHAU DUC district, west of Route 2 and two small coys east of Route 2.
- b. Elms of D 445 have joined with elms of D440 for ops as planned prior to TET.
- c. C6/D 440 was last identified on 11 Feb 70 in a bunker system at YS 578664.
- d. The combat str of D440 is possibly only 100 - 120 as approx 30 men have been detached to BA LONG as protection.

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5. 84 Rear Svc Gp

- a. This gp continues to maintain MR 7 units and it appears that it has done an ammo resup recently within the AO.
- b. C2/84 RSG was last identified on 11 Feb 70 at YS 586668 and was probably responsible for the recent resup of ammo.

6. BA LONG HQ

- a. Contacts in recent months and SPAR indicate the presence of HQ in the area of 6091.
- b. Elms identified have been the Security Section, Ordnance Section and the Sapper Unit.
- c. It is thought that the HQ has a protection elm of 30 men from D 440. These men are not 100% fit for combat duties and this is probably the reason for their detachment.

7. K 76 A

- a. Elms of this unit may still be in the North Eastern portion of the AO, either recovering eqpt not destroyed or rebuilding camps.

8. XUAN SON and QUANG GIAO Units

- a. Little is known of these units except that receipts for food purchased from them are often loc.
- b. Their probable loc is vicinity of Route 327.

Routes.

9.. The border of LONG KHANH - PHUOC TUY is used as the major East West **line** of mov to the MAY TAO area. No particular tracks have been loc on which large gps mov regularly

10. Sign of considerable North South mov has been found between Route 327 and the northern bdry of the AO. This is the probable route used by the gp which carried out the resup of ammo.

Wpns

11. The en units have a good range of mor and RPG wpns and because of the recent ammo resup they will be used more.

Mines and Booby Traps

12. Details of incidents and minefds are as marked on the Additions and Deletions map issued separately.

Food

13. This continues to be the en greatest problem within the AO.

Conclusions

14. The hardest intelligence with long term prospects is based on SPARs to the North of the AO.
15. Eagle-flight type ops combined with stealthy stops could be profitable East of BINH GIA (YS4977).
16. North of AP NUI NHON (YS 5863) in the TAN RU area limited pre-emptive ops might be successful.
17. Ambush of the North-South track from QUANG GIAC (YS5376) to CU MY (YS 5887) might prove profitable.
18. The scarcity of cover indicates that areas of NUI HOT (YS 6492) and other good cover areas might be profitable.
19. Non-perennials should not be neglected as late reports indicate that the en in AO ROSSLYN sometimes prefer such water sources as they are less obvious than perennials: The VC dig for seepage water near their base camps.

Apps: 1. Known Base Camps - D 445.

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APP 1 TO  
ANNEX A TO  
8 RAR OPS 4  
OP EPSOM  
DATED 15 FEB 70

KNOWN BASE CAMPS

D445

Camps used by D445 Bn.

YS 545795      FEB 69  
YS 557687      JUL 69  
YS 557676      JUL 69

Used by C1 D445

YS 557678      JUL 69  
YS 552682      JUL 69

Used by C2 D445

YS 554679      JUL 69

Used by C3 D445

YS 565674      JUL 69

Used by C4 D445

YS 562677      JUL 69  
YS 565674      JUL 69  
YS 560678      JUL 69

Used by C5 D445

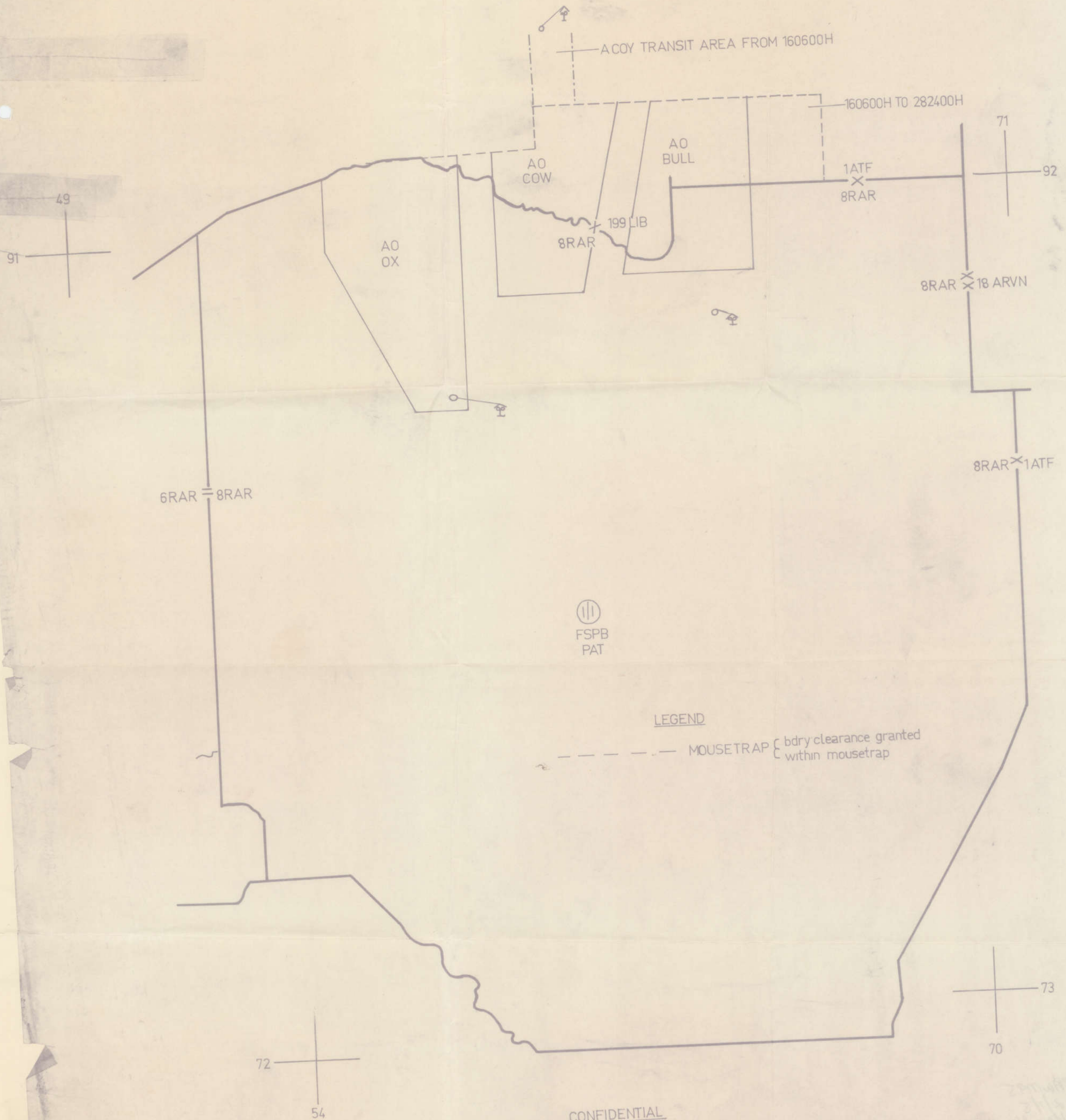
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ANNEX D TO  
8 RAR OPS 4  
DATED 15 FEB 70

8 RAR HEL AIR TASK PLANNING TABLE TP LIFT 16 FEB 70

Serial	Tps to move	PZ Loc	PZ Freq	PZ Call Sign	Date/Time of Pick up	LZ Loc	LZ Freq	LZ Call Sign	Load		Anticipated Completion Time	Flt Leaders Call Sign	Remarks
									Pax	Stores			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1.	CO's Party	KAPYONG	32.30	KAPYONG	PZ Time Serial 2 less 30 mins.	PAT	60.05	95B	4	-	Fol Serial 4		C&C Ship
2.	D Coy	PAT	60.05	95B	Fol Mov to PAT 16 Feb 70	Vic 64089i	60.05	95C	109	-			1. All Mov to be continuous with no large time gaps between Coy Gps
3.	B Coy	PAT	60.05	95B	Fol Serial 2	Vic 579873	60.05	95D	102	-			2. All LZs. insecure with no comms first wave.
4.	A Coy	PAT	60.05	95B	Fol Serial 3	Vic 603958	60.05	95E	109	-	Not later than 161600H Feb 70		3. No arty prep LFT to overfly and prep if required by RAAF. 4. Serial 4 to be completed by 161600H Feb 70

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OC A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

Serial 6

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- 13. DUTIES
- 14. MEDALS
- 15. SPEED LIMITS
- 16. AMMUNITION POINT

13. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Picquet 2 Loc</u>	<u>Picquet 4 Loc</u>
6 Feb 70	2Lt LEVENS	2 Tp	Composite from <del>SD, DE</del>
7 Feb 70	Sgt RILEY	LAD	Composite
8 Feb 70	Sgt KEMPIN	Composite	1 Tp
9 Feb 70	Sgt HARMER	2 Tp	Composite
10 Feb 70	WO TUDMAN	LAD	1 Tp
11 Feb 70	Lt SULLIVAN	Composite	Composite
12 Feb 70	WO KENDRICK	2 Tp	1 Tp

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offr/steward</u>	<u>Sgt/steward</u>	<u>Offr dixies</u>	<u>OR mess</u>
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7 Feb 70	FDT	FDT	LAD	2/SEQ/Admin
8 Feb 70	FDT	FDT	LAD	1/2/Admin
9 Feb 70	FDT	FDT	LAD	1/2/SEQ
10 Feb 70	FDT	FDT	LAD	1/SEQ/Admin
11 Feb 70	FDT	FDT	LAD	2/SEQ/Admin
12 Feb 70	FDT	FDT	LAD	1/2/SEQ

Duties are to report to respective messes at 0630 hrs daily except dixie member at 0800 hrs. Tp NCOs are to report to SSM at 1630 hrs on day prior to mounting if unable to provide the duties.

14. MEDALS

Following are eligible to wear the Vietnam medal. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal and is subject to confirmation by CARO.

Lt JONES	Lt BRENNAN	Capt BOWD	Cpl HICKS	Tpr WATSON
Tpr BLACK	Tpr KADOW	Tpr CURREL	Tpr WHITE	Tpr MANNION
Tpr PEARSON	Cpl BROOKER	Tpr MARTENS	Cfn BORKOWSKI	Cfn BAIL
Cfn QUASS	Cfn DAWES	Cfn UNMACK	Cfn ALLAN	Cfn BENNE
Lcpl LARGE	Tpr BEATTY	Sgt HEISE	Sgt CHAMBERS	Tpr WHITTLEY
Sgt TYRES	Sgt ABSOLOM	Sgt LOWES	Sgt SMITH	Sgt NEALE
Sgt WICKS	Sgt RILEY	Tpr CRIGHTON	Tpr McKENDRICK	Tpr ROWE DEJ
Cpl DREW	Tpr ELLIS			

15. AMMUNITION POINT

The Sqn ammunition point is out of bounds. Personnel wishing to draw or return ammunition are to report to the SSM who will arrange the issue or return of the required items.

Where ammunition is available at the ammunition point, already uncased, whether for main armament or small arms, it is to be issued prior to the uncasing of fresh ammunition.

16. SPEED LIMITS.

The speed limit in the NUI DAT area is 15 miles per hour except where signs indicate a lesser limit.

The speed limit from the EAST gate to the HORSESHOE is 15 miles per hour.

The speed limit for all vehicles on the A Sqn 1 Armd Regt inner perimeter road is 10 miles per hour and on the outer perimeter road 5 miles per hour.

All drivers are to comply with this instruction and speed limiting signs.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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OC A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

NUI DAT

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  - 22. CONSUMPTION AND CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUER
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17. DUTIES

On 5 Feb 70 the picket on the perimeter wire will be increased from 2 to 3 Tks for that night.

The extra Tk is to be positioned between the 22 and 24 loc.

The picket for the night 5 Feb 70 is as follows:

24 loc

Cpl Tomlinson  
Tpr Azzopardi  
Tpr Doupain  
Tpr Thatcher  
Tpr Dixon  
Tpr Connolly  
Tpr Mullins

CENTRAL loc

Cpl Drew  
Lcpl Large  
Tpr Whittley  
Tpr Crighton  
Tpr McKendrick  
Tpr Geldens  
Tpr Hams

22 Loc

Cpl Keys  
Tpr Tallis  
Tpr Prior  
Tpr Belfield  
Tpr Capuano  
Tpr Warner  
Tpr Trew

18. TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Speeding has become unusually prevalent within 1 ATF Base and on roads outside the base. Units are to draw the attention of all personnel to the speed limits applicable in PHOUC TUY Province. The responsibility for maintenance of speed limits rests not only with the drivers themselves, but also with the senior passenger in each vehicle.

SPEEDING is declared a PREVALENT OFFENCE.

19. UNAUTHORISED DISCHARGE OF PISTOL

The number of unauthorised discharges of 9mm pistol within A Sqn creates some concern.

In every case, since 10 Dec 69, the cause of the discharge has been incorrect handling, i.e. replacing the magazine BEFORE allowing the working parts to go forward.

When the pistol is reassembled after cleaning or after inspection, the working parts must be returned to the FOREWARD or BREECH CLOSED position BEFORE the magazine is replaced.

The 9mm pistol is a lethal weapon and the prevalent belief that the pistol is ineffective stems from some earlier pistols, NO LONGER IN USE, NOT the 9mm weapon.

All users must consciously be aware of correct handling of this weapon.

20. SAFETY - M16 RIFLE

A check of M16 rifles has shown that most are NOT placed at the correct degree of readiness and safety.

If the stock of the weapon receives a heavy jolt the working parts can move to the rear and chamber a round. Any pressure applied to the trigger, /should.

should this happen, will cause the wpn to fire.

To eliminate this problem the following procedure must be followed after assembly, or after inspection:

- a. The weapon must be cocked by drawing the working parts fully to the rear and allowing them to go fully forward.
- b. While in this cocked condition, the safety catch must be moved to "SAFE".
- c. Close the dust cover.
- d. Place the magazine in weapon.

This procedure will not prevent the weapon from cocking, should it be jarred. However it will prevent the trigger from being operated, since the weapon is set to "SAFE".

21. CARRIAGE OF WEAPONS

All members of A Sqn are to be within 20 metres of their personal weapon at all times, except in the OR's canteen, where weapons will not be carried.

22. CONSUMPTION AND CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

Club/Canteen Hours. All clubs and canteens in 1 ATF area are to close daily by not later than 2200 hrs.

Consumption of Alcohol. Consumption of alcohol is only permitted in area specifically laid down in unit routine orders. Unit Routine Orders are to expressly forbid the consumption of alcohol in:

- a. Vehicles
- b. All areas outside 1 ATF Base except those specifically authorised for rest, recreation and convalescence.


Carriage of Alcoholic Liquer. No vehicle or person is permitted to carry alcoholic liquer into or within 1 ATF Base without written authority from HQ 1 ATF. The only exception to this is that when authorised by an officer personnel may despatch alcoholic liquer to an overseas address, take liquer on R and R and RTA under existing regulations.

Purchase of Alcoholic Liquor and Cigarettes. Liquor and cigarettes are not available for purchase for cash from Det 2 AFCU Bulk Store. Det 2 AFCU are instructed not to make cash sales of liquor and cigarettes.

Consumption of Beer. Cans are to be opened for all retail sales of beer.

23. MEDICAL CONDITION STATES OF PATIENTS AT 1 AUST FD HOSP

1 Aust Fd Hosp provides medical condition states of patients to this HQ und Units by signal. All units have nominated hosp visiting Officers(HVO's) who visit the hosp to liaise with staff and provide personal links between the patient and the unit. These two methods are the only way by which units can obtain medical information about patients. The hosp is not permitted to release details about patients, to members of units, by telephone.

  
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Number 24- 27

BY

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- 24. DUTIES
- 25. UNIT SECURITY OFFICER
- 26. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS
- 27. SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

24. DUTIES

Date	Duty Offr	Duty Sgt	Picquet 2 Loc	Picquet 4 Loc
13 Feb 70	Lt McNeilage	Sgt Twomey	LAD	COMP
14 Feb 70	Capt Streeting	Sgt Summers	COMP	COMP
15 Feb 70	Lt Blackney	Sgt Entwistle	COMP	COMP
16 Feb 70	WO2 Hawton	Sgt Heise	LAD	COMP
17 Feb 70	WO2 Higgins	Sgt Absalom	COMP	4 TP
18 Feb 70	Capt Bowd	Sgt Wicks	COMP	COMP
19 Feb 70	Lt Cumper	Sgt Neile	LAD	4 TP

Date	Offr Steward	Sgts Steward	Offr Dixies	OR Mess
13 Feb 70	F.D.T.	F.D.T.	LAD	1/Admin/SEQ
14 Feb 70	"	"	"	Admin/SEQ/SEQ
15 Feb 70	"	"	"	Admin/Admin/SEQ
16 Feb 70	"	"	"	4/Admin/SEQ
17 Feb 70	"	"	"	4/Admin/SEQ
18 Feb 70	"	"	"	3/4/Admin
19 Feb 70	"	"	"	3/4/SEQ

Duties report to respective messes at 0630 hrs daily except LAD report 0800 hrs. Tp NCO's report yo SSM at 1600 hrs on day prior to duty if unable to provide.

25. UNIT SECURITY OFFICER

- 1. Capt R.E. Bowd is appointed Unit Security Officer.
- 2. 2Lt P.J. Levens is appointed assistant Unit Security Officer.

26. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

- 1. The following precautions are to be taken by all members of 1 ATF.

Suppressive Drugs

- a. Each member is to take one paludrine tablet each morning and one paludrine each afternoon. (Note) As from 12 Feb 70 the taking of Dapson tablets is to cease.
- b. An officer or senior NCO is to personally ensure that all ranks under there charge swallow the suppressants as set out in (a) above and is to record the fact in a roll book used for that purpose.

2. Clothing

- a. Long trousers are to be worn after 1830 hrs or at any time outside Nui Dat area.
- b. Shirts may be removed between 0700 hrs and 1800 hrs when not in thickly vegetated areas. At all other times shirts are to be worn,

with sleeves down between 1830 hrs and 0700 hrs.

3. Showering

a. Showering is not permitted between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs.

4. Mosquito Nets

a. All ranks are to sleep under a mosquito net except when this is impracticable for operational reasons. Nets are to be kept in good repair and tucked in under the mattress.

5. Insect Repellent

a. When on operation or sentry/picquet duties, repellent is to be applied to exposed areas of skin each 3 hours between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs.

6. Aerosol Spray

a. Aerosol insect spray is available for issue on the basis of one can per man per fortnight.

27. SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION

1. It has become evident that ammunition for small arms in 1ATF is being hoarded by soldiers in their lines.

2. There is to be a laid down scale of ammunition which should be held by each soldier for his personal weapon.

3. This scale is as follows:-

- |    |              |   |            |
|----|--------------|---|------------|
| a. | 7.62 rifles  | : | 140 rounds |
| b. | 5.56 Rifles  | : | 140 rounds |
| c. | 9 mm pistols | : | 36 rounds  |

4. All members of A Sqn are to check holding of SAA and where this is found to be excessive, the surplus ammo is to be placed in the steel trunk provided at the sqn ammo point.

5. An amnesty period, during which surplus ammo may be placed in the trunk will exist from 2400 hrs 12 Feb 70 until 2400 hrs 19 Feb 70. After this period the possession of unnecessary ammo will be considered an offence in accordance with advice received from 1ATF.

6. The trunk located at the ammo point is available at all times for the disposal of unserviceable of surplus ammo.

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NOTICE

RTA • BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

1. TOTAL Baggage allowance for personnel RTA by air is 88 lbs, restricted to the cubic capacity of two bags utility and hand luggage which can be placed under aircraft seat.

2. All baggage in excess of this amount, either by bulk or weight, must be forwarded by MFO to Australia. It has been suggested that this excess should be lodged for movement 12 weeks before you depart.

3. NOTE. On 4 Feb 70 both baggage and personnel were offloaded from aircraft because of this problem. In future Movements Control have stated that if members report for movement with excess baggage it will be taken from them and will be sent by MFO. Specific items mentioned were tape recorders & speakers.



4. Members should realise that there is a greater risk of loss occurring if action shown in para 3 above occurs as opposed to para 2.

5. <sup>0</sup> You are also reminded that ASCO runs an Insurance Scheme which covers loss of pilfering (theft) of items during MFO movement. The premium is \$2.30 US for every \$100 US value. This Insurance does NOT cover damage; insurance against damage is NOT available.

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COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT  
OPERATION LEOPARD

Reference: A. 1ATF Op Instr 104/69 dated 27 Dec 69.  
B. Map: Vietnam Series L7014, Sheets i,ii,iii,iv, Scale 1:50,000

NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION

1. Operation LEOPARD. Recce and ambush ops in allotted AO in liasion with District Chief DUC THANH and where necessary in support of 8 RAR.

DATES OF OPERATION

2. 010800 H (Jan 70) - 071200 H (Jan 70)

LOCATION

3. AO FOOT, an area superimposed upon the DUC THANH AO.

CONTROL HEADQUARTERS

4. Sqn HQ A Sqn 1 Armd Regt under command 1 ATF. Ground control by A Sqn HQ (-) under command 2IC A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

GROUPINGS

5. SHQ (-) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt with:-  
Under Command for duration of Operation

1 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
2 Seot 3 Tp B Sqn
3 Cav Regt.
D&E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF.
One FO Party 1 Fd Regt.

MISSION

6. Assist pacification of DUC THANH District by conducting operations in co-operation with District Chief DUC THANH.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

7. Recce and ambush in AO in conjunction with RF/PF from DUC THANH District.

8. React to threats to populated areas in DUC THANH District.

EXECUTION

See Annex A.

ADMINISTRATION

9. Resupply was conducted from A Sqn HQ (main) located at 1 ATF Base.

LESSON LEARNT


10. Lesson learnt during OPERATIONS GINGER and CHIEFTAIN were confirmed.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(C.W. TOLL)  
Capt  
OC Tango Force.

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COMMANDERS ANALYSIS

1. This Tango Force found several deserted bunker systems and seized 4 x 44 Gall drums of illegal rice (whilst Op Con to 8 RAR).
2. It has become obvious that the VC are avoiding tank elements and relying on passive measures, such as mines, to inflict casualties.

  
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ANNEX: A: Execution.

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Annex A to  
A Sqn 1 Armd Regt  
R723 - 1 - 6  
dated Jan 70.

EXECUTION  
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
a.	b.	c.	d.
1.	1 Jan 70	YS 464784	Co-ord with District Chief 0900 hrs.
2.	1 Jan 70	YS 464784	Pick up Pl RF for joint operation 1000 hrs.
3.	1 Jan 70	YS 464784 to YS 458840	Clear Route 2 for mines. 1000 - 1300 hrs .
4.	1 Jan 70	YS 4683	RIF. 1400 - 1700 hrs.
5.	1 Jan 70	YS 465810 YS 463822 YS 461831 YS 465840	Ni AP on Route 2 with RF Pl / Tango Force.
6.	2 Jan 70	YS 4385 YS 4386 YS 4485 YS 4486	RIF.
7.	2 Jan 70	YS 435870 YS 440865 YS 430860	Ni AP.
8.	3 Jan 70	YS 464792	Servicing day until 1500 hrs
9.	3 Jan 70	YS 542785 YS 453788	Ni AP.
10.	4 Jan 70	YS 435879 YS 440865	Adopt APs for 2 days & 2 nights
11.	5 Jan 70	AO ROSYLIN	Op Con 8 RAR on Order 1 ATF.
12.	6 Jan 70	" "	" " " " " " " "
13.	7 Jan 70	1 ATF Base	1200 hrs Tango Force returned to Nui Dat.

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28. A SQUADRON DUTY PERSONNEL

1. Duty personnel are essential to the maintenance of a well run and efficient unit. By the correct performance of their duties they ensure the operational safety and maintain the administrative ability of a unit to the benefit of all members of that unit.

2. Duty lists appear regularly in Squadron Routine Orders part 1. The duties listed below are those required of the nominated personnel of A Squadron. The fact that a duty is not listed should never preclude a member from taking appropriate action when it is obvious that it is required.

3. The following RO's part 1 published by OC C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and OC B Sqn 1 Armd Regt are cancelled by this Routine Order:-

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	23c/68, 37/68, 38/68, 101/68, 131/68
B Sqn 1 Armd Regt	127/69, 136/69, 160/69, 161/69, 162/69, 273/69

29. DUTIES OF THE ORDERLY OFFICER

1. He is to attend the Orderly Officer's conference at HQ 1 ATF at 1630 hours daily except on Mondays and Thursdays.

2. He is to mount at 1815 hours daily outside the CP and dismount at 0700 hours daily.

3. He is to supervise the briefing of the picquets by the Orderly Sgt at 1815 hours daily.

4. He is to sleep in the CP during his tour of duty but is not to retire before 2300 hours daily.

5. He is to arrange to be woken 30 minutes before reveille.

6. He is not to leave the Unit area during his tour of duty.

7. On mounting he is to check with the duty operator the locations of any Squadron elements outside Nui Dat and familiarise himself with the squadron operational situation.

8. He is to familiarise himself with instructions for the radio nets functioning in the CP including frequencies, codewords and callsigns and ensure that picquet vehicles remain on the Squadron Defence Net.

9. He is to ensure that all radio calls are logged by the duty operator.

10. He is not to permit outstations to close down without prior approval of the OC.

11. He is to ensure that the OC is notified immediately any squadron element goes into contact.

12. He is to instigate Stand-To procedures when necessary.

13. He is to ensure that sqn night locations are phoned to EBONY CP at 2100 hours daily and that Inf night locs are requested at that time and marked on the Battle Map.

14. He is not to consume alcohol during his tour of duty.

15. He is to brief the Sqn Sig Sgt at 0800 hours daily on the Sqn tactical and technical position. The Sig Sgt will then assume responsibility for the CP.

16. He is to complete the Duty Officer's log and hand it to the 2IC at 0815 hours daily. The log is to include timings for the Orderly Sgts rounds and the results of the Orderly Sgt's meal inspections. When present in Nui Dat he is to attend the OR's midday meal on the day following his nights duty.

30. DUTIES OF THE SQUADRON ORDERLY SERGEANT

1. He is to mount duty at 1630 hours daily and dismount at 0700 hours daily
2. He is not to leave the Unit area without permission of the duty officer
3. He is to parade all personnel rostered for picquet duty that night and brief them outside the CP at 1815 hours in the presence of the duty officer.
4. He is to be present when the picquet commanders brief their picquets in their duties, areas of responsibility, challenging, rules of engagement, reports and radio callsigns.
5. He is to ensure that picquet commanders understand the operation of the tank charging set.
6. He is to inspect the picquet vehicles at stand-to to ensure all stowage and attractive items are secure. This includes rations.
7. He is to inspect the same vehicles immediately after stand-down in the morning and ensure all stowage and attractive items are still secure, that the vehicles are clean, and that there are no technical defects which could be attributed to the picquet crew. He is to inspect both picquet tents at 0645 hours daily before the picquets are released. He is to submit his report on vehicle and tent condition to the duty officer at 0700 hours daily.
8. He is to inspect all picquets at least three times during the hours of darkness. Two inspections are to be made after midnight.
9. He is to report the results of inspections to the duty officer when an adverse result is detected.
10. He is to ensure all picquets stand-to correctly.
11. He is to attend all meals at the OR's mess.
12. He is to inspect the OR's kitchen and mess for cleanliness at 1900 hrs.
13. He is to inspect the OR's canteen during night trading hours and ensure that bar and counter service ceases at 2115 hours or at other times which may be laid down by the Squadron OC.
14. He is to conduct defaulter parades at 1630 and 0645 hours daily for 15 minutes drill each time, and supervise defaulter work parades from 1845 hours to 2130 hours daily.
15. He is to report to the SSM at 1400 hours on the day of mounting duty.
16. He is not to consume alcohol during his tour of duty.
17. He is to sleep in the Sqn Orderly Sgts room and is to ensure that the room is in a clean and tidy condition by 0700 hours daily.
18. He is to lower the flags outside SHQ at 1830 hours daily and raise them at 0630 hours daily.
19. He is to ensure that bar trading in the Sgt's mess ceases at 2200 hours and that the bar stocks are locked away. He is to receive and retain until 0700 hours the next morning, the cash box and the keys to the bar stocks. He is to return the cash box and keys to the treasurer at 0700 hours next day. He is to further check that the bar is vacated and lights are out at 2230 hours.
20. On receiving the cash box he is to count the cash contained with the bar Sgt and record the amount in the book provided for that purpose.

31. DUTIES OF THE PICQUET COMMANDER 3.

1. He is to mount the picquet at the CP at 1815 hours daily under the supervision of the Orderly Sergeant.
2. He is to ensure that the picquet stands to correctly at all times.
3. He is to ensure that the picquet is alert at all times.
4. He is to check the picquet four times during the night at odd intervals.
5. He is not to permit any member of the picquet to leave his place of duty without prior approval of the duty officer.
6. In the presence of the Orderly Sgt he is to brief the picquet in their responsibilities regarding; Areas of responsibility, Challenging, Rules of engagement, Reporting of lights, noise, movement etc, Callsigns, Movement of clearing patrols ( if any ) and Radio checks. Picquets are to call for a radio check each 30 minutes during the period, commencing at 1830 hours.
7. He is to ensure that at least one man on each shift understands the operation of the charging set and controls, and that when a PRC 25 set is not available, the charging set is run for 10 minutes each 30 minutes.
8. He is to ensure that all technical defects that occur on the picquet vehicle are reported promptly to the duty officer via radio.
9. He is to ensure that the stowage of the picquet vehicle is not tampered with during the duty period. He is to warn members of his picquet that illegal consumption or removal of rations from a picquet vehicle is stealing, and as such is a chargeable offence.
10. He is to inspect the vehicle immediately before stand-to in the evening and immediately after stand-down in the morning for correct stowage and security of all stores. He is to prepare the picquet tent for inspection by the Orderly Sgt at 0645 hours daily, at which time he is to report his findings to the Orderly Sgt.
11. He is to ensure his vehicle is returned to its correct location in the Sqn lines immediately after stand-down in the morning and that the vehicle is left in a clean and tidy condition with radios and master switch turned off. In addition he is to ensure that the area surrounding the tent and vehicle is left in a clean and tidy condition.
12. The picquet is not to be stood down without permission from the CP.
13. He is to ensure that picquet members do not enter the accommodation tents.
14. The picquet commander from the C/S 2 area is responsible for the locking of gates and checking of flares when these tasks are ordered.
15. Both picquet commanders are to liaise and prepare the duty roster for the next days tower duties. A copy of the roster is to be given to the SSM by 0815 hours daily. Prior to compiling the roster, commanders are to personally ask each member if they will, to the best of their knowledge, be available for tower duty.
16. Picquet commanders are to report to the Technical Officer at 1600 hours daily for allocation of vehicles.
17. Picquet commanders are responsible for the positioning and return of vehicles.
18. Picquet commanders are to notify all members that when on tower duty they are to ring the CP every 30 minutes and that they are to remain alert at all times. Radios, reading and writing materials etc are not to be taken up the tower.
19. The picquet commander of the C/S 4 loc is to ensure that the telephone in the tower is in working condition.

32. DUTIES OF PICQUET MEMBERS

1. Mount duty at the CP at 1815 hours daily.
2. After briefing, carry out watch in the allocated shifts.
3. Picquets are not to interfere without just cause with any item of CES etc, on the vehicle.
4. Picquets are to remain alert and quiet at all times and are not to display lights of any kind.
5. Every 30 minutes, commencing at 1830 hours, picquets are to call for a radio check on the defence net, from ØF.
6. When a PRC 25 set is not available for use, the charging set of the vehicle is to be run for ten minutes each half hour.
7. Picquets are not to leave the picquet location without prior approval of the Orderly Officer via the picquet commander.
8. Picquets are to report every unusual occurrence in their area of responsibility to the CP via radio.
9. Approval must be obtained from the CP before any picquet vehicle or member fires, or illuminates, unless the vehicle is fired upon first, when fire is to be returned and a report is to be sent to the CP.
10. Picquet members are to prepare the picquet tents and surrounds for inspection by the Orderly Sgt at 0645 hours daily.
11. When rostered for tower duty during the day, picquet members are to notify the commander of any known duty that would prevent them from carrying out tower picquet. If after having been rostered for tower duty, a member is detailed for a task which would prevent him from carrying out the tower duty, he is to inform the SSM immediately.

33. DUTIES OF THE HYGIENE DUTYMAN

1. He is to maintain all grease trap in the unit area in a clean and tidy condition.
2. He is to inspect each urinal in the area daily and when necessary he is to replace unserviceable netting and replenish the quantity of oil in the urinal.
3. He is to maintain all ablutions in the officers lines.
4. He is to maintain a supply of toilet paper and insect spray to every latrine block in the unit area.
5. He is to inspect all shower and ablution blocks daily and report any adverse observations to the Sqn medical Sgt.
6. He is responsible for the construction of urinals in the unit area.
7. He is to undertake additional tasks as ordered.

34. TROOP HYGIENE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Troops are responsible for the general cleanliness of any ablution blocks etc in their area.
2. As a guide, shower blocks and latrines are to be swept, tidied and cleaned daily.
3. Defective hygiene appliances are to be reported to the Sqn medical Sgt.

35. CONTROL OF ID CARDS

1. ID cards are to be carried by Sqn personnel except when on operations or when inside the 1 ATF area.
2. To help prevent theft, ID cards are not to be carried in wallets.

36. TIMINGS - OR's CANTEEN

Canteen trading hours are to be in accordance with 1 ATF RO's, these are :

1000 - 1030	Dry
1200 - 1230	Dry
1630 - 1730	Wet
1915 - 2115	Wet



37. DAILY ROUTINE

	<u>Mon - Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>
Picquet stands to	0615	0615
Tower picquet commences	0630	0630
Reveille	0630	0730
Defaulters parade	0645-0700	-
Breakfast	0700	0800
Morning parade	0800	0900
Morning tea	1000-1030	1000-1030
Lunch	1215-1315	1215-1315
		Non-essential personnel now rest in lines. One man at SHQ.
Cease work	1630	-
Defaulters parade	1630-1645	-
OR canteen opens	1630-1730	1630-1730
OR evening meal	1730	1730
Picquets mount	1815	1815
Offrs/Sgts evening meal	1815	1815
Sleeves down, long trousers	1830	1830
Defaulters work parade	1845-2100	1845-2100
Orders group	1900	-
OR canteen opens	1915-2115	1915-2115
Films commence	1930	1930

38. MOVEMENT WITHIN 1 ATF

1. Movement within the 1 ATF base after 1900 hours daily is restricted.
2. A Sqn personnel are not to move beyond the unit boundaries after 1900 hours daily without approval gained through the CP.

39. COMMITTEES

Current committee appointments are shown below.

a. Officer's Mess

PMC	Capt R.E. BOWD
Secretary/Treasurer	Capt D.J. BLACKNEY

b. Sergeant's Mess

Supervising Officer	2Lt P.J. LEVENS
PMC	WO2 J.E. HAWTON
Secretary	WO2 D.W. HIGGINS
Treasurer	Sgt D.J. HARMER

c. OR's Canteen

Supervising Officer/Treasurer	2Lt P.J. LEVENS
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d. Regimental Audit Board

President	Capt L.R. STREETING
Vice President	WO1 A.M. KENDRICK

e. Unit Messing Committee

President	Capt R.E. BOWD
Secretary	2Lt P.J. LEVENS
Catering Member	Sgt F.G. SMITH
Troop representatives	As per OR canteen committee

f. Regimental Funds Committee

President	Capt R.E. BOWD
Secretary/Treasurer	Lt A.J. McNEILAGE
Members	One member per troop, consistent with operational requirements.

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