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[1-31 Mar 1970]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707/1/11

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

14 April 70.

(Signature) R. B. Bowd Cpt

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation A SON 1 ARMD REGT
From 1 MARCH 1970 To 31 MARCH 1970

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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COMMANDER'S DIARIES
DISPOSAL

- 13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.
- 14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.
- 15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.
- 16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**
 - a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.
 - b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)
From.....to..... (Dates)

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

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 - d. Appendices as shown in the index.
- 7. All details of the contents of a diary must be covered and enclosing numbers of any appendices to be shown on the cover. If the diary is to be compiled since the last report, the date of submission by the new commanding officer must be shown.
- 8. The annexes to be submitted in the diary shall be the cover, if there is one, and an annex III, which shall be on the cover. If there are no annexes and cover is for a particular day, the cover shall be the diary for that day.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Unit/Formation... A SQN 1 ARMED REGT

Commanding Officer... MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Mnth and Year... MARCH 1970

Reference Map... SVN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 MAR		Sqn (-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS 4455. Elms remain on HORSESHOE Hill and in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER. Intention Sqn (-) remain AO HAMMERSLEY. Elms remain HORSESHOE. Two tps remain sp con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG	E1
YS 5465		1220 H	hous: SHQ (-) ISA, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tps NUI DAT, 3 Tps FSPB PEGGY, 4 Tps YS 539699 4 Tps sighted 15 en. Unable to obtain fire clearances, a sweep of the area eventually produced negative results. 4 Tps moving from LONG HAI'S and sp 8RAR to sp 6RAR/NZ. Documents captured in area.	E1A
			INTSUM No 61-70 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/70	G1 G1A
	2 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT with elements on HORSESHOE HILL. Tps remain in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG intentions. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains sp con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp joins 8RAR in AO ROSSLYN extended. One tp remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO)	E2
			hous: HQ (-) ISA, 1 Tps YS 436541 2 Tps 3 Tps NUI DAT	

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Commanding Officer... MAJ JAN CLIPMAN

Month and Year... MARCH 1970

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			4 Tp YS 547676	
			INTSUM 62/70	G 2
	3 MAR		Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT with elements HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op com 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and one tp NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO)	E 3
			hqs: HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS 437534 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp FSPB	
			DISCOVERY 4 Tp YS 547676	
			INTSUM 63/70	G 3
	4 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE. Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8RAR in AO's ASCOT and BENDIGO. Intentions. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op com 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. hqs: SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp YS 467705	E 4
			3 Tp DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT	
YS 466705		1450	2 Tp sp D/7RAR located partially destroyed IATF ammunition dump. To be destroyed later.	

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Unit/Formation... ASGN 1 ARMD REET

Month and Year... MARCH 1970

Reference Map... SVN

Commanding Officer... MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	5 MAR		Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO's ASCOT and BENDIGO. Intentions. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT, Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp YS 466750, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.	E5
	6 MAR		INTSUM No 64/70 Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Intentions. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. HQ: SHQ NUI DAT 1 Tp NDP ISA 2 Tp YS 464750 3 Tp YS 632632 4 Tp NUI DAT	G4 E6
	7 MAR		INTSUM No 65/70 Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 6RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms HORSESHOE HILL. Intentions: Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain	G5 E7

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AF - C2118 (adapted)

Unit/Formation. A SON I ARMO REGT

Commanding Officer. MAJ JAN CHIPTAN

Inth and Year. MARCH 1970

Reference Map. SVN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains of con GRAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Axis: SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp NDP ISA 2Tp YS 622650 3Tp YS 624642 4Tp NUI DAT	
YS 465750		0315H	2Tp in AP with B/7RAR. Engaged movement with no result.	
			INTSUM 66/70	G6
	8 MAR 70		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp GRAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Intentions. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains of con GRAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Elms sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.	E7
			Axis: SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp NDP ISA, 2Tp YS 634626 3Tp YS 605615 4Tp NUI DAT	
YS 616618		1130H	D/GRAR/NZ of VC and 8RAR engaged by snipers. 3Tp moved to sp in bunker system and assist in further moves. No contact after initial contact by inf	
			INTSUM 67/70	G7
	9 MAR 70		Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp GRAR/NZ AO	E9

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Unit/Formation A SQN 1 ARMD REGT

Month and Year MARCH 1970

Reference Map SVN

Commanding Officer MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Plans. Squ(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE. One tp of con 7RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. hqs: SHQ NUI DAT 1 Tp NDP ISA 2 Tp 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY 4 Tp NUI DAT	
	10 MAR		INTSUM 68/70 Squ(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7RAR AO KURRAJONG. Elms HORSESHOE HILL. Plans. Squ(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE. One tp 7RAR AO KURRAJONG. Elms sp 8RAR AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. hqs: SHQ NUI DAT 1 Tp YS484496 2 Tp 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY 4 Tp NUI DAT	G8 E10
			INTSUM 69/70 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10-70 USMACV Intelligence Bulletin 30,272 En Documents	G9 G9A G9B G9B
	11 MAR		Squ(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7RAR AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL	E11

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Unit/Formation.....A SQN 1 ARMS REGT

Month and Year.....MAR 70.....

Reference Map.....SVN.....

Commanding Officer.....MAJ JAN CHIPMAN.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			Intentions. Squ (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp of con TRAR in AO KURRAJONG. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. TP rps RF of vic YS 7868. hocs Squ HQ NUI DAT, 1 TP NDP ISA, 2 + 3 Tps FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 TP NUI DAT	
	12 MAR		INTSUM No 70/70 Squ (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in rps RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Plans. Squ (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL, One tp remains AO BENDIGO. TP rps RF of vic YS 7868. hocs HQ + 1 TP NUI DAT, 2 TP YS 690598, 3 TP YS 786659, 4 TP ISA	G10 E12
	13 MAR		INTSUM 71/70 Squ (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in rps RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms HORSESHOE HILL. Plans. Squ (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT hocs. HQ + 1 TP NUI DAT 2 TP YS 705611 3 TP YS 790665 4 TP YS 448538	G11 E13
YS 780655		1340H	OC saw graves from LCH and tracks. 3 TP investigated, finding 2 skeletons.	

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Commanding Officer..... MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Month and Year..... MAR 70

Reference Map..... SVN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			INTSUM 72/70	G12
YS 794668	12 MAR	12230 TO 122400	3Tp sighted lights on wreck at GR. No contact or fire.	
	14 MAR		Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in rd SRAR in AO ASCOT & AO BENDIGO. Elm HORSESHOE. Plans.	E14
			Sqn(-) remain NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. One tp remain AO BENDIGO, two tps remain AO ASCOT.	
			Loco: HQ 1Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp YS 709613, 3Tp YS 614620 4Tp YS 449535	
			INTSUM 73/70	G13
	15 MAR		Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in rd SRAR in AO ASCOT & AO BENDIGO. Elm HORSESHOE.	E15
			Plans. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT	
			Loco: HQ & 1Tp NUI DAT 2Tp FSPB DISCOVERY 3Tp YS 668606 4 Tp YS 448534	
YS 617720		0800H	3Tp located weapon pits 6-12 months old. A PI position. No contact.	
			INTSUM 74/70	G14
YS 676602		0810H.	2Tp located and destroyed 750lb bomb.	
YS 610695		2053H	2Tp engaged lights with no result known.	

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	16 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp SRAR in AO ASCOT & AO BENDIGO. Elms HORSESHOE. Plans.	E16
			Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT	
<u>462540</u> <u>VS 45673</u>		1250H	Locs. HQ & 1 Tp NUI DAT 2+3 Tp DISCOVERY 4Tp ISA 4 Tp found mine in cave entrance. Destroyed by gun fire.	
			INTSUM 75/70 SUPINTREP 11/70	G115 G15A
	17 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp SRAR in AO ASCOT & AO BENDIGO. Elm HORSESHOE. Plans.	E17
			Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. 2 + 3 Tp sp SRAR from DISCOVERY 4 Tp LCT protection ISA.	
			Locs: HQ 1 Tp 3 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp DISCOVERY 4 Tp <u>YS 452545</u>	
			INTSUM 76/70	G16
	18 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp SRAR in AO ASCOT & BENDIGO. Elm HORSESHOE. Plans. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp SRAR in AO ASCOT & AO BENDIGO. Loc. HQ 1 Tp NUI DAT	E18
			2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY 3 Tp NUI DAT 4 Tp <u>YS 452545</u>	

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Reference Map... SVN

Commanding Officer... MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			INTSUM 77/70	G17
	19 MAR		Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE. Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO.	E19
			locs SHQ 1Tp 3Tp NUI DAT 2Tp YS614834 4Tp YS452545	
			INTSUM 78/70	G18
	20 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO Plans. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO	E20
			locs SHQ 1Tp 3Tp NUI DAT 2Tp YS627639 4Tp YS448533	
			INTSUM 79/70	G19
	21 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO. Elms HORSESHOE. Plans. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO	E21
			locs SHQ 1Tp 3Tp NUI DAT 2Tp YS624635 4Tp YS452548	
			INTSUM 80/70	G20

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in rps 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO. Elm HORSESHOE. Plans	E22
			Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. Elms remain in rps 8RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO	
			hqs. HQ 1 Tp 3Tp NUI DAT 2Tp YS 627639	
			4Tp YS 447534	
			INTSUM 81/70	G21
	23 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in rps 8RAR in AO ASCOT + AO BENDIGO. Elm HORSESHOE. Plans	E23
			Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. Elms remain in rps 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One	
			tp remains AO BENDIGO. hqs. SHQ 3Tp NUI DAT	
			1Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2Tp YS 671722 4Tp YS 445534	
			INTSUM 82-70	G22
			OP INSTR 11/70 (Op TOWNSVILLE)	D1
			OP INSTR 13/70 (Op RAVEN)	D2
			OP TOWNSVILLE OPO Copy No 14	D3
	24 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in rps 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO	E24
			BENDIGO. Plans. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain	
			HORSESHOE. Elms remain in rps 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			One tp remains AO BENDIGO	
			Loco: SHQ, 2Tp, 3Tp NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB PAT, 4Tp YS457545	
			INTSUM 83/70 and SUPINTREP 12/70	G23 G23A
	25 MAR		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND, Elm HORSESHOE Tp AO BENDIGO.	E25
			Plans. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT Elm remains HORSESHOE	
			Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO, loco. SHQ, 2Tp 3Tp NUIDAT	
			1Tp FSPB PAT 4Tp YS 448534	
			INTSUM 84/70	G24
	26 MAR 70		Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT, Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND, Elm on HORSESHOE Tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp rfo RF in vic YS 4952. Plans.	E26
			Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT Elm remains HORSESHOE.	
			Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp rfo RF vic YS 4952	
			Loco. HQ 2Tp NUI DAT 1Tp PAT 3Tp YS494515	
			4Tp YS 448 534	
YS 458553		1055 H	4Tp mine tank struck CS cylinder. No cas.	
YS 488515		1920 H	3Tp engaged 3VC with MG. Results unknown.	
			INTSUM 85/70	G25

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Month and Year... MARCH 1970

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	26 MAR		RO Pt 1 Serial 13 No 50-53	K4
	27 MAR		Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. Elm HORSESHOE. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp rps RF in vic YS 4952. Plans. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp rps RF vicinity YS 4952. Hqs. HQ 2Tp NUI DAT, 1Tp PAT 3Tp YS 486498 4Tp NDP SWEENEY	E27
			INTSUM 86/70	G26
	28 MAR		Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. Elm HORSESHOE. Tp remains AO BENDIGO & tp rps RF in vic YS 4952. Plans. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elm HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp rps RF vic YS 4952. Hqs HQ 2Tp NUI DAT, 1Tp PAT 3Tp YS 494518 4Tp LCT AO BENDIGO	E28
			INTSUM 87-70	G27
			RO Pt 1 Serial 14 No 54	K5
	29 MAR		Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ	E29

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Unit/Formation ASON 1 ARMV REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ JAN CHIPMAN

Month and Year MARCH 1970

Reference Map SVN

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			hous. SHQ 2Tp NUI DAT 1Tp FSPB PAT 3Tp YS 479492 4Tp NDP SWEENEY in AO BENDIGO.	
VS 494512		0915H	3Tp 3C detonated M16. Cpl O'Shea (CC) WIA Head and right side. Later reported to be medevac to Australia.	
			INTSUM 88/70	G28
	30 MAR		Squ (-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp GRAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. Elm HORSESHOE. Tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp ops RF vic YS 4952. Tp ops with road construction team Route 2. Plans. Squ (-) remains NUI DAT. Elm remains on HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp GRAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO (LCT) One tp ops RF vic YS 4952. One tp remains with engr road	E30

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Unit/Formation ASGN IARMD REET

Month and Year MARCH 1970

Reference Map SVN

Commanding Officer HATJAN CHIPMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			construction team on Route 2	
			hqs. HQ NUI DAT 1Tp PAT 2Tp YS 455 762 3Tp	
			YS 491 499 4Tp YS 444 532	
			INTSUM 89/70	G29
			SUPINTREP 13/70	G29A
	31 MAR		Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. Elm HORSESHOE. Tp remains AO BENDIGO (LCT). Tp ops with road construction team Route 2. Plans. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT Elm remains HORSESHOE. Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp remains with engr road construction team Route 2.	E31
			hqs. HQ 3Tp NUI DAT 1Tp TASMAN 2Tp YS 456 762	
			4Tp SWEENEY (LCT AO BENDIGO)	
			INTSUM 90/70	G30
	MARCH		General. Sqn has continued standard type operations during month. That is, protection for LCT and road construction and close sp of inf and reaction tasks and cooperation with RF forces as required.	

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

R569/2/249

24 Mar 70

Op Instr 13/70 (Op RAVEN)

To: Maj E.J. TORRANCE OC W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

1. Situation. One inf coy 5 Cav Regt 18 ARVN Div will complete a one month trg cycle at HORSESHOE HILL with a four days operational move to their home base at XUAN LOC.

a. En. Briefed separately.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1 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.

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

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Move is in five phases:

- (1) Phase 1. Move by APC from HORSESHOE to AO ROSE.
- (2) Phase 2. Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO ROSE.
- (3) Phase 3. Move by APC from AO ROSE to AO TULIP.
- (4) Phase 4. Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO TULIP.
- (5) Phase 5. Move from PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH border to XUAN LOC.

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

- (1) Under op con from 241600 Mar:
 - one tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - one AMC sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - one combat engr team 1 Fd Sqn
 - one mor sect 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

c. Tasks.

- (1) Move from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.
- (2) Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO ROSE and AO TULIP.

d. Coord Instrs

- (1) AOs. Annex A.
- (2) Routes. Annex A.
- (3) Timings.
 - (a) Depart HORSESHOE 250800H Mar.
 - (b) Depart AO ROSE 261000H Mar.
 - (c) Depart AO TULIP 290800H Mar.
 - (d) Arrive XUAN LOC Not later than 291200H Mar.
- (4) Transit Clearances. To be obtained by 1 ATF and will be advised.

4. Administration and Logistics. You are responsible for coord the admin of your force.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Radio.

- (1) Your force is to use G/S 62 on 1 ATF Comd Net.
- (2) Comms to be estb on 1 ATF Comd Net at 250700H Mar.

Ack Instrs: List Z.

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Annex: A. Route and AOs.

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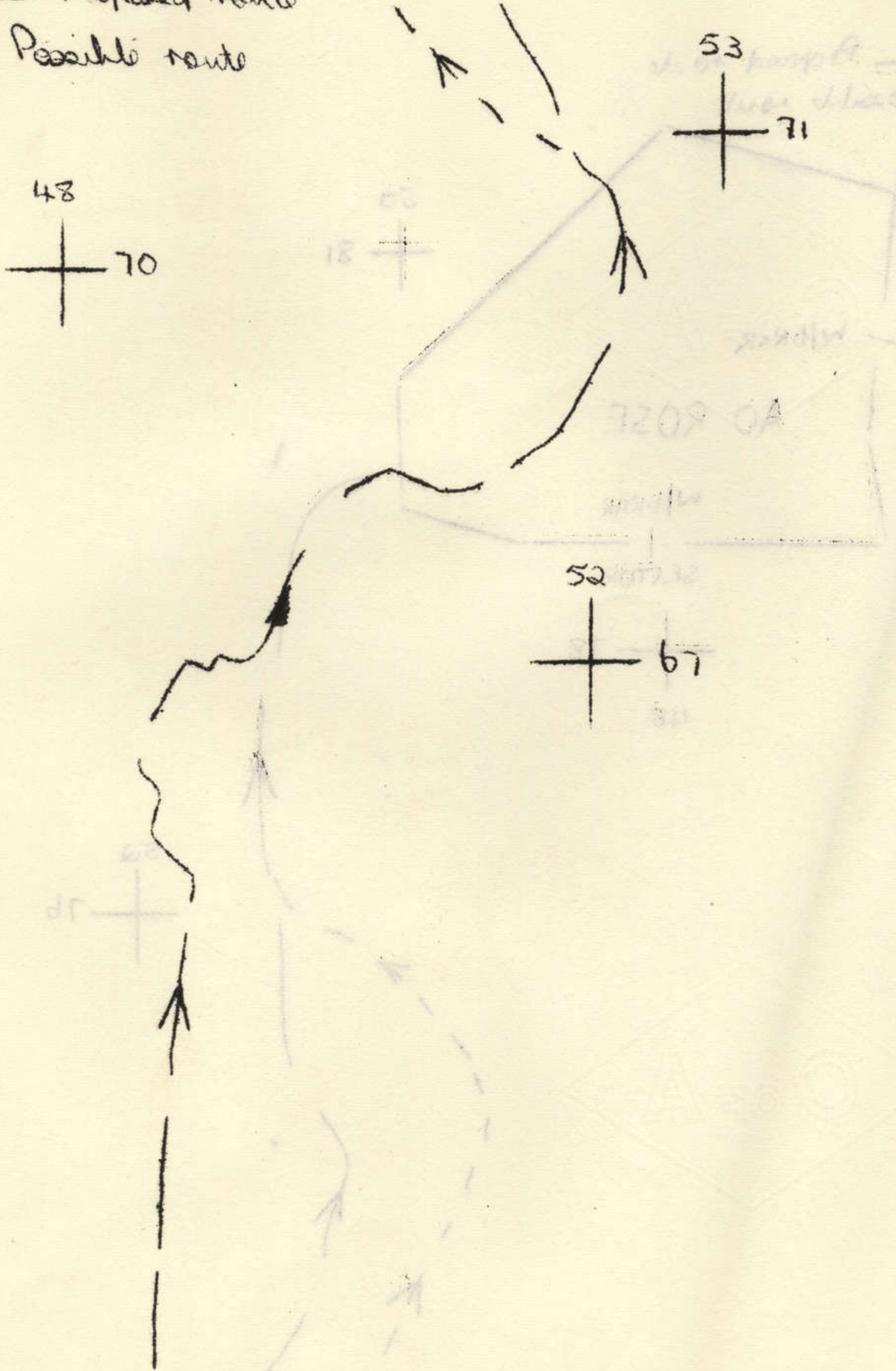
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ANNEX A of Op Int 13/70
DATED: 24 Mar 70

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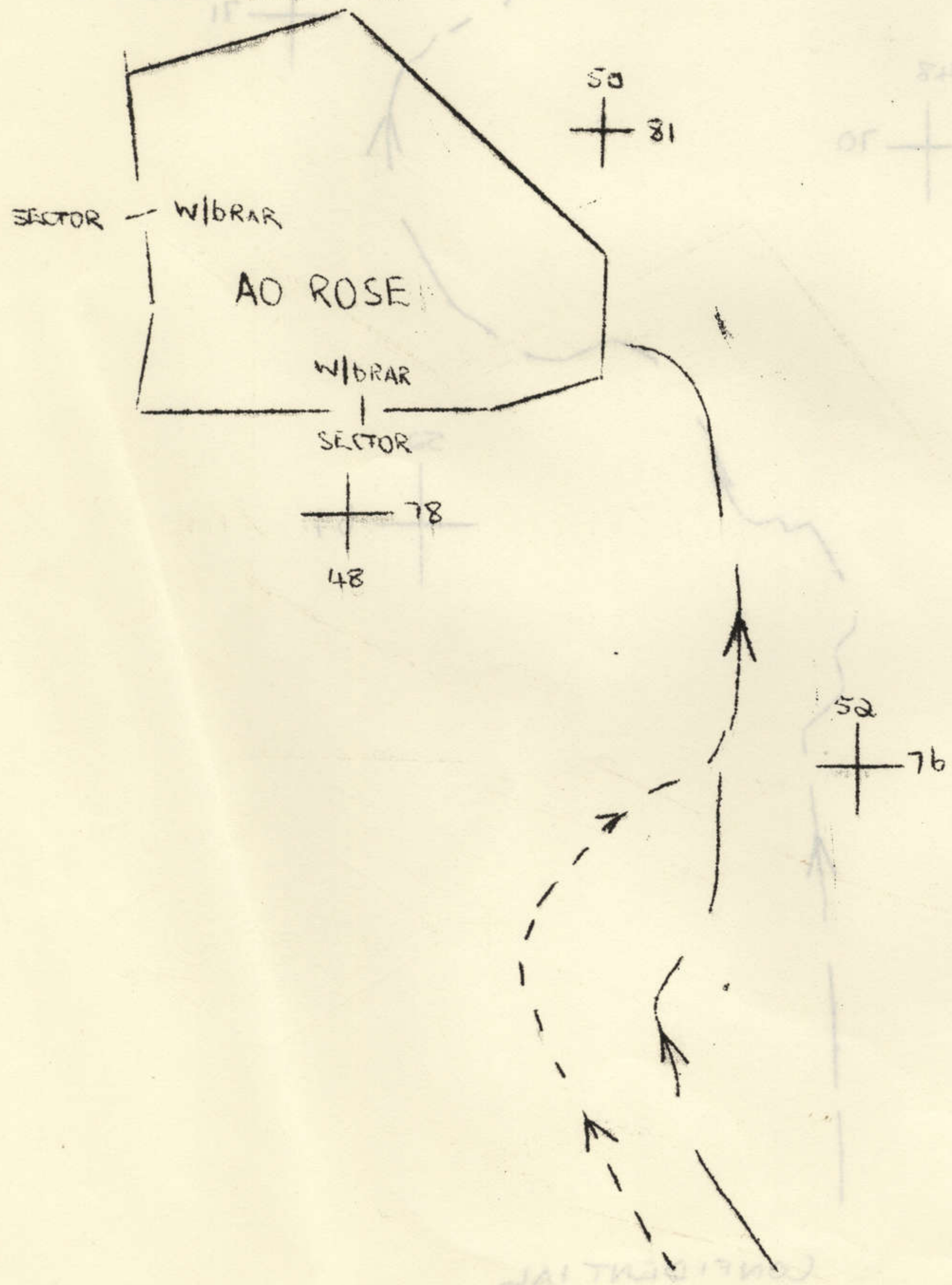
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AO ROSE
OP RAVEN

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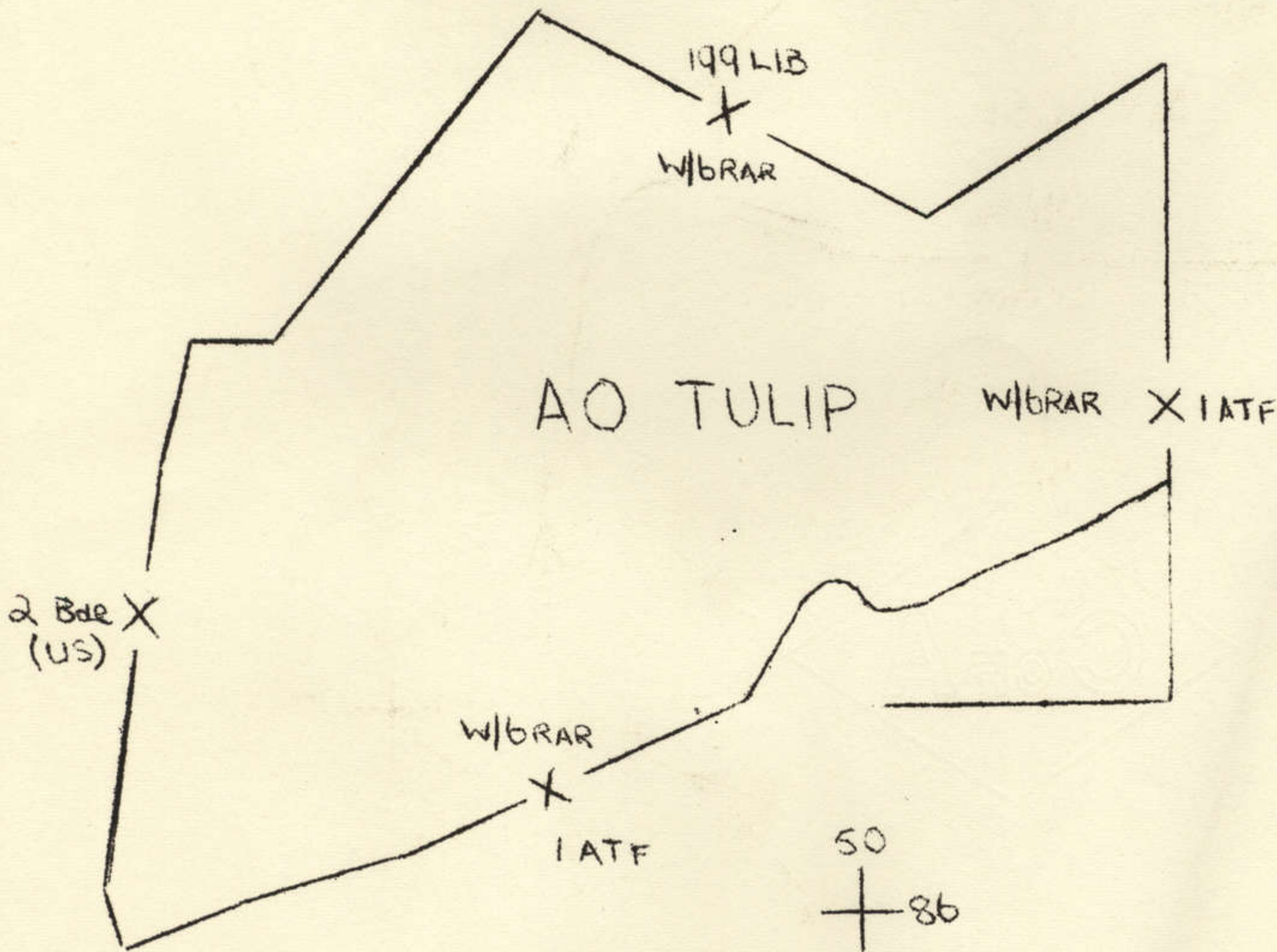
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AO TULIP
OP RAVEN

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

21 Mar 70

R569/2/248

Op Instr: 11/70 (Op TOWNSVILLE)

To: Lt Col D.M. Butler, CO 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

1. Situationa. En. Briefed separately.b. Friendly Forces.(1) 1 ATF

(a) 7 RAR continues ops in AO KURRAJONG.

(b) 8 RAR vacates FSPB DISCOVERY and returns from AO ASCOT to NUI DAT on 24 Mar 70.

(c) HORSESHOE Force continues trg and ops with one ARVN Coy in the HORSESHOE AO.

(d) One coy 6 RAR conducts ops with RF/PF on LONG SON Island during period 23-28 Mar 70.

(e) Other elms. See 1 ATF SITREPS.

(2) Sector

(a) NUI NHON and XUYEN MOC AOs continue to op.

(b) No change to civilian access areas.

(c) Other detail - see 1 ATF Provincial Data Handbook.

2. Mission. To destroy elms D445 Bn and other en elms within the allotted AO.3. Execution.a. Gen Outline.

(1) Deployment into AO AUCKLAND will be concurrent with 8 RAR's return to NUI DAT.

(2) Deployment will be by air on 25 Mar. Preliminary activity commences on 23 Mar with road move to FSPB DISCOVERY and on 24 Mar the securing of the proposed FSPB.

b. Groupings(1) In DS from 240600H Mar 101 Fd Bty : artillery
one H13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce Flt(2) In sp from 231600H Mar Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
one AMC sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
Elm TFMA(3) In sp from 240600H Mar Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
one ACV
Tp 1 Fd Sqn

- (4) In sp for deployment on
25 Mar

elm No 9 Sqn RAAF as tasked
elm No 35 Sqn RAAF as tasked
US CH 47 ac as tasked

c. Tasks

- (1) Estb FSPB PAT, YS 613814.
(2) Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO AUCKLAND.

d. Coord Instrs

- (1) AO. AUCKLAND Annex A.
(2) FSPB. PAT. Annex A.
(3) Timings.

(a) 23 Mar 70.

- i. FSPB elms move by TCVs to FSPB DISCOVERY.
ii. Remain overn 23/24 Mar at FSPB DISCOVERY.

(b) 24 Mar 70.

- i. FSPB elms deploy by APCs to and secure FSPB PAT.
ii. Elms 101 Fd Bty def stores and ammo moved by air.
to FSPB PAT.

(c) 25 Mar 70.

- i. Rifle Coys and Arty deploy by air to FSPB PAT.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. Daily maint normal by air.
b. Mov instr issued separately. Annex B.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. Radio. No change to 1 ATF SOIs.
b. Nicknames.
(1) Op. TOWNSVILLE.
(2) AO. AUCKLAND.
(3) FSPB. PAT.

c. HQ Loc. FSPB PAT.

Ack Instrs: Ack (List Z Serials 1-3, 5, 8, 16-17, 21, 30).

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Annexes: A. AO AUCKLAND.

B. Administration and Logistics (issued separately).

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6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

23 Mar 70

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OPERATION TOWNSVILLE

- Refs :
- 1 ATF Op Inst 11/70.
 - VIETNAM, XUAN LOC, Sheet 6430 1 Series L7014, 1:50,000.
 - VIETNAM, XUAN MOC, Sheet 6430 11 Series L7014, 1:50,000.
 - VIETNAM, BINH BA, Sheet 6430 111 Series L7014, 1:50,000.
 - VIETNAM, CAM NY, Sheet 6430 1V Series L7014, 1:50,000.
 - VIETNAM, BINH CHAU, Sheet 6530 111 Series L7014, 1:50,000.

Time Zone used throughout this order : H.

1. Situation.

a. En. Annex G.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 7 RAR continues ops in AO CURRAJONG.
- (2) 8 RAR located NUI DAT from 24 Mar 70.
- (3) XUYEN MOC District Provincial Data Annex B.

c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) In DS from 240600
101 Fd Bty, 1 Fd Regt
One H13 161 (indep) Recce Flt
- (2) In sp from 231600
Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
One AMC Sect
One ACV
Elms TFMA
- (3) In sp from 240600
Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
One bridge layer
One tank dozer
Tp 1 Fd Sqn
- (4) In sp for deployment
9 Sqn RAAF
35 Sqn RAAF
Elms US Army Avn
- (5) In sp from 250800 to 300800
TPS 25 ground serv radar
- (6) In sp from 280600 for
deployment with D Coy
One AMC Sect

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2. Mission. To destroy elms D 445 Bn.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline : Three phases :

(1) Phase 1. Estb FSPB PAT.

(2) Phase 2. Conduct ops to 89 Northing.

(3) Phase 3. Re-deploy to North of AO AUCKLAND. Orders issued separately.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In sp all phases

FO
MFC
Splinter Team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
Interpreter (VN)

(b) In sp phase 2 deployment

Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Remain NUI DAT.

(b) Phase 2.

i. Insert by TCV and APC to area YS 6876.

ii. Search along axis Suoi Sum Duc from SE to NW.

iii. Search area to West of Suoi Sum Duc.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In sp all phases

FO
MFO
Splinter Team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
Interpreter (VN)

(b) In sp phase 2 for deployment

9 Sqn RAAF
35 Sqn RAAF

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Remain NUI DAT.

(b) Phase 2.

i. Air move NUI DAT to FSPB PAT.

ii. Air Aslt YS 665855.

iii. Conduct ops in area BAU HAM Lake and South of LITTLE MAY TAO.

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- f. W Coy. Continue occupation HORSESHOE.
- g. Mor Pl. Provide Fire Support :
- (1) One Sect remains HORSESHOE FEATURE.
 - (2) One Sect remains NUI DAT for base defence.
 - (3) One Sect remained with D Coy. in Long Son and then moves to Courtenay in AMC on 28 Mar 70.
 - (4) One Sect move in AMC with Recce party to FSPB PAT on 23 Mar 70.
 - (5) One Sect move by Air to FSPB PAT on 25 Mar 70.
- h. Aslt Pnr Pl.
- (1) Grouping.
 - (a) One Sect remains NUI DAT.
 - (b) One Sect Located HORSESHOE FEATURE for CA tasks on Route 44.
 - (c) HQ and 3 Sects move FSPB PAT with Recce Party 23 Mar 70.
 - (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Phase 1. Assist mine clearance and construction FSPB PAT.
 - (b) Phase 2.
 - i. Assist defence FSPB PAT.
 - ii. Conduct patrols and raids.
- i. A Tk Pl. Tasks :
- (1) Phase 1.
 - (a) Move with recce party to FSPB PAT on 23 Mar.
 - (b) Assist defence FSPB PAT.
 - (2) Phase 2.
 - (a) Search track systems to North of PAT.
 - (b) Conduct Search and Ambush ops in area of Cashews 6284.
 - (c) Clear area astride Route 330 between 82 and 85 Northings.
 - (d) Conduct ops in Courtenay with D Coy from 28 Mar 70.

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j. Ip B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Tasks :

(1) Phase 1.

- (a) Convey Recce Party from DISCOVERY to PAT 240600.
- (b) Assist defence FSPB PAT.

(2) Phase 2.

- (a) 25 Mar : Convey on Route 23, A Coy at 251100 from RV point YS ⁶³⁰360653 on to drop off point area YS 6876.
- (b) 26 Mar : Conduct ~~tp~~ op in area Suio Lao to search for VC diggings previously reported. Detail from IO.
- (c) 27 Mar : Return NUI DAT, conduct maint and admin.
- (d) 28 Mar : At 280800, convey D Coy from NUI DAT to COURTENAY. One AMC Sect provided at NUI DAT to remain with D Coy.
- (e) On completion task with D Coy assist defence of FSPB PAT and conduct ops in AO AUCKLAND.
- (f) ACV and one AMC Sect remain FSPB PAT. Be prepared move to temporary FSPB on order.

k. A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tasks :

(1) Phase 1.

- (a) Assist defence FSPB PAT.
- (b) Assist defence FSPB by providing br and dozer facilities.

(2) Phase 2.

- (a) Assist defence FSPB PAT.
- (b) Conduct ops as requested.

l. Arty.

- (1) Loc FSPB PAT.
- (2) Fire support as requested from 251200.

m. 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Splinter Teams each A,B, & V Coys.
- (b) Mini Team D Coy.
- (c) Combat team FSPB with Recce Party.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. Combat Team move with Recce Party and provide mine clearance of FSPB PAT.
- ii. Open water point and bore.
- iii. Re open SRT airstrip.
- iv. Assist const of defences.

(b) Phase 2.

- i. Water resup
- ii. Mine and Booby trap clearance.
- iii Bunker Demolition

n. Air.

(1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. Tasks :

- (a) Normal DS duties ²⁴ Mar 70.
- (b) VR as requested.

(2) 9 Sqn RAAF.

- (a) Insert B Coy from FSPB PAT into LZ at YS 665855, pm 25 Mar 70.
- (b) Maint sups and water.

(3) 35 Sqn RAAF.

- (a) Air land V and B Coys at FSPB PAT am 25 Mar 70.
- (b) Maint sups.

(4) US Army Air.

- (a) Assist insert FSPB Elms .
- (b) Extract D Coy from Long Son Island to NUI DAT pm 27 Mar 70.
- (c) Maint Sups and water.

o. FSPB Grouping.

- (1) Bn HQ.
- (2) A Tk Pl.
- (3) Aslt Pnr Pl.
- (4) Two Sects Mor Pl.
- (5) Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (6) One AMC Sect.
- (7) One ACV
- (8) Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (9) Br layer.
- (10) Tk dozer.
- (11) 101 Fd Bty.
- (12) HQ (-) 1 Tp, 1 Fd Sqn.

p. Co-ord Instrs.

(1) Timings:

(a) Recce Party ETD NUI DAT	231400
(b) Recce Party ETD DISCOVERY	240600
(c) PAT occupied by	241600
(d) A Coy ETD NUI DAT by TCV	250930
(e) A Coy ETD RV pt by APC	251100
(f) V Coy Air landed PAT by	251200
(g) B Coy Air landed PAT by	251200
(h) 101 Fd Bty in posn by	251200
(i) B Coy inserted by hel	251300
(j) D Coy ETD Long Son Island by	271600
(k) D Coy ETD NUI DAT for Courtenay	280800

(2) AO : Annex A

(3) Bdry : Annex A. Bdry Clearance on Song Rai not available as 8 RAR ops being conducted to West. Normal LOCSTATs required when moving within 1000 metres of boundaries.

(4) Met. Issued separately.

4. Admin-istration and Logistics

a. General. Maint by CH 47 or CV 4 to PAT in bulk. AQ Cell augmented by Rifle Coy storeman, arranges dist fwd to Coys by UH.

b. Ammo.

(1) Normal first line to be carried.

(2) First line for one Coy to be held in reserve at PAT.

(3) Mortar Ammo.

(a) First line to be carried on AMC Sect.

(b) Min of 432 rds to delivered to PAT on 24 Mar 70.

(c) Build up to total of 1296 rds on 25 Mar 70.

c. Rations.

(1) Three days to be carried.

(2) Three days reserve for one Coy to be held at PAT

(3) Daily Piccart to PAT wef evening 24 Mar 70.

(4) Fresh meals to Rifle Coys on demand.

d. Water.

(1) Equivalent of four water bottles to be carried .

(2) Min of 50 jerrycans to be held at PAT.

(3) TFMA providing 1000 gal bladder and pump, daily resup by CH47 until approx 1 Apr when well should be reopened by Engrs.

e. POL. Fd refueling points to be estb by TFMA in PAT :

JP 4 (on 24 Mar)

Mogas

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Augas

f. Tpt. 1 X $\frac{3}{4}$ ton and trailer to be delivered to PAT on 24 Mar 70.

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g. Def Stores. To be distributed :

	<u>Sector 1</u>	<u>Sector 2</u>	<u>Sector 3</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>101 Fd Bty</u>
ARMCO	93	96	53	84	100	12
CGI					50	
Picquet 6 ft					60	
" 2 ft					40	
Sandbags	3000	3000	1500	3000	4000	16500
Gravel					3000 lbs	
PSP			40			

h. Special Eqpt.

- (1) One explosive pack and one LZ pack to be held at PAT.
- (2) Mine detectors and prodders to be carried by Aslt Pnr P1.

i. Clothing. Flak jackets and steel helmets to be carried by all FSPB pers.

j. Medical. Normal.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Bn HQ :

- (1) CP remains NUI DAT until 250800 H when opens at FSPB PAT.
- (2) 21C Recce Party moves to FSPB PAT on 23 Mar 70 via DISCOVERY.
- (3) Ops Offr Party moves to FSPB PAT on 25 Mar 70.
- (4) Adjts Party moves to FSPB PAT on 25 Mar 70.
- (5) CO's Tac Party moves by C & C on 25 Mar 70.

b. Codes. SOI as issued :

- (1) Ops Code : KAC - PJ 341.
- (2) Numeral Code : KAC - QK 549.

c. Radios.

- (1) D Coy to be a sub sta on TF Comd net during Op MAGNETIC. Rejoin 6 RAR Comd net 280600H.
- (2) Air move by CV 7 on TFMA Chairman net.
- (4) OH: air move on air admin net.

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Annexes : A. Bdrys, AO.
B. Provincial Data.
C. Enemy Situation.

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Annex B to
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PROVINCIAL DATA

XUYEN MOC DISTRICT

1.	<u>RF/PF Posts</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Locations</u>
	236 RF Coy	110	Village
	578 RF Coy	100	YS 675670
	RF Int Squad	12	YS 655685
	OP		YS 655687
	OP		YS 657684
	OP		YS 654683
	OP		YS 652677

2. Civil Access Areas

Civilians are allowed in the following areas from 0600 - 1900 H daily :

a. XUYEN MOC AO.

b. Area bounded by YS 620665 - YS 610680 - YS 610730 - YS 690730 -
YS 690685 - YS 745685 - YS 745660 - YS 670660.

3. Curfew

All persons in the village from 1800 - 0600H daily. All persons in houses
by 2300H daily.

4. Personalities

a. District Chief : Maj LE VAN QUE¹

b. US DSA : Capt PAULK.

c. 1 ATF LO : 2Lt R.B. STACH.

d. US DIOCC : Lt GREGORY.

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INT ANNEX - OP TOWNSVILLE

1. General.

- a. There are no major base areas in AO AUCKLAND or enemy units deployed within it.
- b. The area however is used by transit and resup parties moving from base areas North of the AO to entry/exit points South of the AO.
- c. Minor LF bases may be located in the AO. eg Production Cel's.

2. Main Force.

- a. 33 NVA Regt. Currently located in the vicinity of NUI LOP feature. North of Route 1, (cen of mass YT 9116). The Regt is probably still conducting part of its resup from the BAO BINH (cen of mass YT 5302).
- b. HQ MRT7. Remain located North of Route 1 vicinity YT 7509. MRT7 Rear Svc Gps remain active North of the province Border and into the Bao Dinh area.
- c. 84 RSG.
 - (1) Maj portion remains War Zone D with entry/exit points deployed fwd in conjunction with Ba Long Rear Svc. (see para 3).
 - (2) K76A and K76C hospitals are re estb but locs are not confirmed. The two likeliest areas are in the North Western Slopes of the NUI MAY TAO (YS 7192) or astride SUOI LUC, vicinity YS 5593.

3. BA LONG PROVINCE.

- a. HQ and security elms remain mob along Song Rai, NW of NUI HOT in the maj bare area (cen of mass YS 6294). Mov by the HQ to the MAY TAO area, suggest re estb of Admin/log facilities in that area.
- b. Rear Svcs. Maj resup and entry and exit points are loc at :
 - (1) B Post / CHAU LAC.
 - (2) DAT DO - Route 23 incl NUI NHON.
 - (3) BINH CHAU.
 - (4) XUAN SON.
 - (6) BAO BINH.
- c. Comms - liaison resup Routes. Routes used by BA LONG Rear Svcs and District couriers are given in the axis form below. Production cells also can be expected along these axes.
 - (1) From BA LONG base, West of the Song Rai to XUAN SON YS 5577 to BINH GIA area.

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- (2) XUAN SON, SE to XUYEN MOC.
- (3) XUAN SON, South to DAT SET, NUI NHON, DAT DO.
- (4) XUAN SON - THUA THICH - BAN HAM Lake - May Tao Mountains.
- (5) BA LONG Base - MAY TAO - BINH CHAU.

d. Topo disposition. Apr is the hottest month in the 111 CTZ and a maj portion of AO AUCKLAND is devoid of surface water. It is expected that enemy installations will be sited on streams containing water.

4. D445 LF Bn.

a. Since leaving the the DAT SET during Op GISBORNE the Bn gen moved SE to CAPE TAMBO base.

b. The Bn has left CAPE TAMBO area and is now unloc but probably remains in close proximity to it's main resup area on Routes 44 and 23,

c. The SUOI TAMBO base has not been occupied by the Bn for some time and remains a possibility, however 7 RAR ops should prevent this.

5. D440 LF Bn. Remains deployed West of Route 2, vicinity YS 4083.

6. Contacts / Incidents / Mines : Data Base issued to Coy Comds seperately.

7. MET Data. Issued seperately.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

2 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Mar 70

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



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY centre of mass YS4455. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO BAYSWATER.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains in NUI DAT. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 29 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO CURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO HAMMERSLEY and AO ROSSLYN. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553. Land clearing operations in support of 8 RAR in LONG HAIS.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO CURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474 with elms remaining at FSPB PEGGY. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with ~~armoured~~ support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. Two tps remain op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO currajong.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains AO HAMMERSLEY. One tp remains NUI DAT. Sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO CURRAJONG. Sect remains FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553. Land clearing continues in LONG HAIS.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO CURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with cav and tank support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) ISA. 1 Tp ISA. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSPB PEGGY. 4 Tp YS539699.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp ISA. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Fd Bty WILTON. 106 Fd Bty, 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE. 161 Fd Bty FSPB PAT. A Bty 7/8 (US) NUI DAT.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON. A Coy YS549696. B Coy (-) YS566685. V Coy YS550697. D Coy YS552703. W Coy (-) HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ (-) ISA and PAT. A Coy YS494509. B Coy YS457544. C Coy YS478526. D Coy YS419530.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Report. At YS453536 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located 2 bodies and a qty of documents during a sweep of the area of contact at 281045H. Total enemy KIA this contact now 6.
- (2) Late Report. At 281715H and 281900H at YS548698 2 Pl and 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR engaged enemy in a bunker system. 3 Pl made initial contact with 3 VC sentry group. Enemy returned fire with SA and RPG and Pl sweep recovered 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47CIA. 3 Pl received further heavy SA fire. 2 Pl moving to reinforce 3 Pl then contacted 6-7 VC who returned fire with SA and RPG 100 metres to West. A light fire team was tasked and both Pls wdr South to evacuate cas (8 WIA in initial contact). A further contact developed with enemy firing SA, RPG and HMG and 2 further WIA were inflicted on 3 Pl. 2 Pl again made contact with enemy before joining 3 Pl. Both pls then received dustoff. Area was vacated and engaged by Arty.
- (3) At 011000H at YS485521 elements of 17 Const Sqn located a grave when carrying out land clearing operations. Grave estimated to have been established for five days, contained one naked body believed KIA by 8 RAR on 24 Feb 70.
- (4) At 011020H at YS550761 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 - 3 enemy with small arms. Enemy escaped but subsequent sweep located: K54 pouch and mag, several packs, 10 lbs rice, 30 lbs dry bananas, qty of civilian and military clothing, 1 water bottle, canteen mug, 2 lbs seed, 5 lbs of unknown type of powder, 23 cooking pots.
- (5) At 011115H at YS550761 elements of 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 (main force.) Results: 1 VC WIA (oaptured), 1 X M2 carbine and 3 mags, 1 transistor radio (set on SW1), qty of docus, diary, qty webbing, citation (not referring to enemy). Enemy stated he was squad 2IC from 076A.
- (6) At 011130H at YS549696 A Coy 6 RAR carried out detailed examination of bunker system engaged by 2 and 3 Pl at 281715H and 281900H. The system, which was last occupied at 282400H, consisted of a 2 company complex with, 16 complete and 4 bunkers under construction. All bunkers were of uniform slope on West side of creek. Located in the area were; 1 M1 carbine and 2 mags, 1 AK47 mag and 150 rds, 6 X 12.7 rds, 60 X 30 cal rds, 2 chicom grenades, 1 lb PE, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb chicom explosive, qty of docus ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb), small qty of medical supplies, 50 lbs rice, 30 lbs salt, 5 lbs tobacco, assorted food-stuff, qty clothing and cooking equipment. 2 bunkers had heavy blood stains. Enemy withdrew West, South and East into further bunker system.
- (7) At 011145H at YS481514 a fire oderved by C Coy 8 RAR caused 2 secondary explosions.
- (8) At 011220H at YS5465 elements of 4 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted 15 VC. An immediate sweep of area produced negative results.
- (9) At 011245H at YS484517 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav engaged the area from which sounds of movement were heard. Tracks leading into the area were observed by possum air craft. Negative results.
- (10) At 011400H at YS550697 V Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system built to accomodate 2 VC Coys. The area provided mutual defence from attack from North, East and South and consisted of 27 bunkers and 2 under construction. The area was last occupied within the previous 20 hours and contained, 2 X B42 projectiles, mixed eating equipment, qty of docus and 1 chicom grenade.
- (11) At 011520H at YS571668 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR engaged 3 heavily camouflaged enemy who approached from West. Enemy withdrew West and were believed by 3 Pl to be either a sentry group or advance party for a larger enemy party.

(12) At 011820H at YS482512 3 enemy were observed by elements of 8 RAR at ISA and engaged with arty and mortar fire. Enemy approached from West and withdrew West with unknown results.

(13) At 012115H at YS614828 engaged area of a light observed moving West. Area engaged with 105mm arty and 81mm mortar resulting in 4 secondary explosions. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 KIA (BC) from previous contacts. 1 WIA (captured).

(b) Materiel. Qty of docus, 1 M2 carbine and 3 mags, 1 transistor radio, 1 diary, qty webbing, K54 pouch and mags, number of packs, 10 lbs rice, 30 lbs dry bananas, qty of civilian and military clothing, qty food, 23 cooking pots, 1 X M1 carbine and 2 mags, 1 X AK47 mag and 150 rds, 6 X 12,7 rds, 60 X M1 .30 cal rds, 2 X chicom grenades, 1 lb PE, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb chicom explosive, qty of medical supplies, 50 lbs rice, 30 lbs salt, 5 lbs tobacco.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. 189, 480 and 614 RF Coys continued operations in combination with 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 30,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated. Returning to NUI DAT 02 Mar 70.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 3 slots being worked. No mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

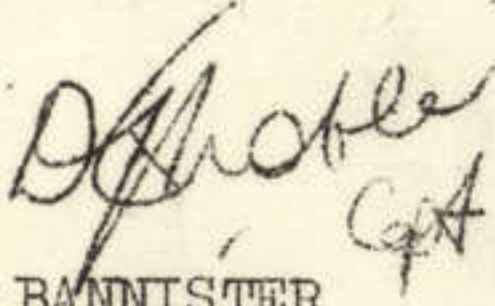
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 9 knots.

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011120H YS540664	1 Armd Regt	011600H Mar 70	103/70	IN PACK

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTS

- 1 1x Promotion Certificate for PHAN VAN THANH of LONG DAT District Committee Ord Room from soldier
- 2 to Section 2ic, signed by LE VAN VIET District Unit Comd, dated 7 Nov 68.
- 3 1x Commendation certificate for PHAM VAN THANH, Sect 2ic of Distr Committee, signed by THANH
- 4 LIEM PO for Dist LONG DAT District Unit, dated 1 Apr 69.
- 5 1x Award certificate for PHAM VAN AN, Sect 2ic of Protection Unit for the Ord Room, signed
- 6 by NGUYEN MINH HOANG for Current Affairs Committee of LONG DAT dated 6 Feb 70
- 7 1x self critique of PHAM VAN THANH, dated 13 Dec 69
- 8 1x Personal History Statement of PHAM VAN AN
- 9 1x Notebook of NGUYEN VAN AN containing songs and 2 maps of mined areas.
- 10 1x Duty statement (pass for LONG DAT District Committee Ord Room)
- 11 1x Personal letter to Ord Room Staff from TRAN TIEN, dated 30 Jan 70
- 12 1x copy of Unit Standing Orders (pass for Ord Room LD Committee)
- 13 3x Personal letters to Ord Room staff from TRAN LAM
- 14 1x Personal letter to AN from HONG TAM
- 15 1x notebook containing notes on mines, electricity + geometry.

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 From 020001H to 022400H

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1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) returned to NUI DAT. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) returned to NUI DAT. One tp remains in NUI DAT, troop remains AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 7 H and I missions and 31 acquired Intelligence targets were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ROSSLYN. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. FSPB PEGGY closed down.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY with armoured support. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy returns to NUI DAT from AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1430H	YS561649	3 bnkr destroyed, 6 bnkr damaged, 2 x Mil structures destroyed by Possum.
1515H	YS553673	1 bnkr destroyed.
1404H	YS634602	No BDA available.
1440H	YS634602	No BDA available.

b. Plans Summary for Period 030001H to 032400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp joins 8 RAR in AO ROSSLYN extended. One tp remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ROSSLYN extended. One troop remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. One coy deploys to FSPB DISCOVERY at YS6068. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at NDP ISA to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ(-) ISA, 1 Tp YS436541, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS547676.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty WILTON, 106 Fd Bty, 3 guns H'Shoe, 3 guns NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS550693, B Coy YS553673, V Coy YS550697, D Coy YS566687, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ ISA, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy YS473526, D Coy YS437536.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 021250H at YS453538, 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR discovered a grave containing one body 2 or 3 days old. Cause of death was probably SA fire.
- (2) At 021230H at YS549694, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 9 bunkers (8 completed, 1 uncovered). A fire in the area had been put out with water and the ashes were still damp. Tracks lead WEST-EAST into the stream but V Coy did not find tracks on the other side of the same stream. Qty documents, med supplies, bloodstained bandages, 1 x poncho, 2 x anti tk grenades, 200 x AK47 rds CIA. The bunkers had all been completed in the last week. To be destroyed 03 Mar 70.
- (3) At 021615H at YS555675, D Coy and 5 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located tracks of 50 people moving south. Track had been used within previous two days and efforts made to camouflage it with branches
- (4) Bunker systems located by A Coy 6 RAR at YS549696 and those found by V Coy 6 RAR at YS550697 have been destroyed.
- (5) At 021630H at YS424732, a base patrol from 7 RAR located one body estimated KIA three weeks ago by artillery. Body had no head or feet.
- (6) At 022240H at YS418635 lights were observed and engaged with 105mm artillery from NUI DAT. Results: Unknown.
- (7) At 022130H at YS483667 lights were observed by a base patrol from 6 RAR. Area was engaged with 105mm artillery. Results unknown.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 KIA (BC).
 - (b) Materiel. Qty docs, qty medical supplies, 1 poncho, 2 x anti tk grenade, 200 x AK47 rds CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

- a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. 189, 480, 614 RF Coys continued operation in connection with 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. No clearing operations.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. 1½ slots filled, 60 x 40 yds cleared, 1 mine detonated.

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3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. Nil.

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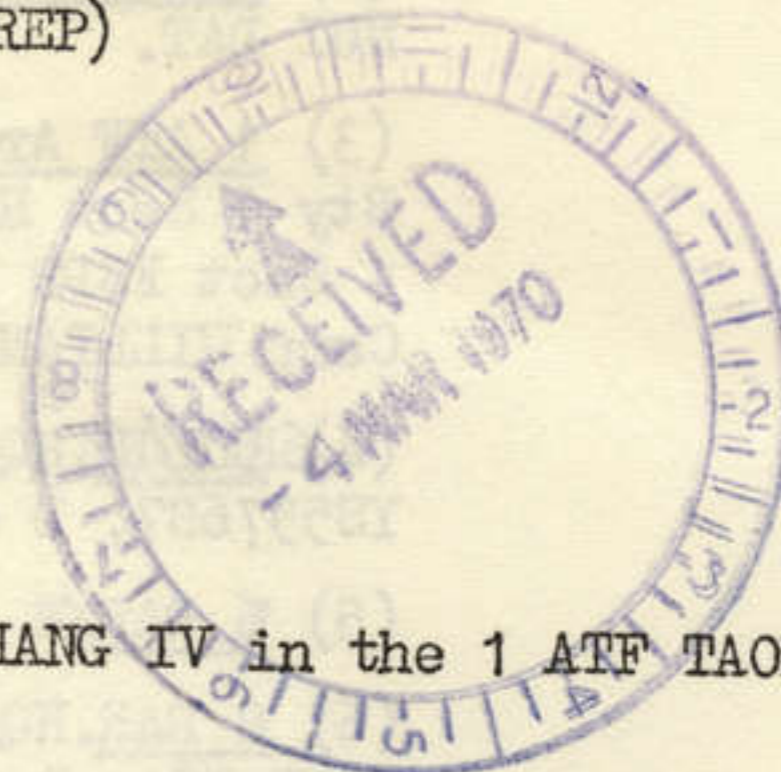
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Mar 70

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ATTN: AVFBC-RE



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. and AO BENDIGO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. *NIL* contact and 74 H and I missions and - acquired Intelligence targets were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ASCOT. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returned to NUI DAT. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains in AO BENDIGO. Two coys deployed to AO ASCOT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 040001H to 042400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Element remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp clear 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains NDP ISA (AO BENDIGO).
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 7 RAR. Bn remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) deploys to AO ASCOT. Elements Sp Coy plus 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at NDP ISA to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1Tp YS437534, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4Tp YS547676.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA, 1061 Fd Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Fd Bty 1 Sect HORSESHOE, 1 Sect NUI DAT. 101 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect FSPB PAT, 1 Sect FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty 175MM P1 NUI DAT, Dusters 5/2 AW Bn Camp WILLIAM PRICE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ. HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS552690, B Coy(-) YS553673, V Coy(-) YS557687, D Coy(-) YS574706, W Coy(-) HORSESHOE.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ. Complete NUI DAT.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS590679, B Coy YS617669, C Coy FSPB ISA, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 031045H at YS579704, 10P1 D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system consisting of 8 bunkers with 18" OHC. The bunkers could each accommodate one man. The bunkers had last been occupied about 5 days ago, and were only one month old. A quantity of medical supplies (incl Penicillin, chloroquine, dipostate, opralidon) 2 x RPG boosters, small qty docus, 36x'D' type batteries CIA. The unit commented that the area looked like a break up point for medical supplies.
- (2) At 031135H at YS562665 3P1 W Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2(+) en. The en were well camouflaged. Results: 1xVC KIA(BC), 1 pack and qty docus recovered.
- (3) At 030730H at YS426665 A Bty 7/8th US Arty reported they were receiving sniper fire. Two base ptls from 8 RAR and a sect of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav conducted a sweep over the area of YS4166 and YS4266 and apprehended two men in the area, who were released following questioning by interpreters sent out from NUI DAT for the purpose.
- (4) At approx 031550H at YS484519 gunfire from 106 Bty caused a large secondary explosion and column of smoke.
- (5) At 031140H at YS562665 10 P1 D Coy 6 RAR located an old camp last used 4-5 days ago. A small qty of medical supplies were found.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Material. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC)
 - (b) Material. 1 pack, qty docus, qty medical supplies including penicillin, chloroquine, dipostate, opralidon, 2 RPG boosters, small qty docus, 36 'D' type batteries.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - 1
Squad - 5
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One
- (4) Results. Two en (female) detained.

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- 2.a. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations. 124,578 & 701 RF coys continue operations in AO BENDIGO and extensions.
- c. Engineering Operations. (1) Land Clearing Team: Nil activity, returned to NUI DAT. (2) Mine Clearing Team: 30 x 25M cleared. 1 mine detonated. (3) Road construction by 1 Fd Sqn and 17 Const Sqn continues on Routes 2, 23 and 44.
3. Meteorological Detail.
- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. SW at 4 knots.

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a. General.

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

(2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Sect remains at FSPB PAT. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 32 H and I missions and nil aquired Intelligence targets were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ASCOT. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) deployed to AO ASCOT. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

(10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA
1200/1223H	YS595886	100/80 all bombs in 50 mtrs - 70% in 10 mtrs. 3 dud Mk117 - 1 bunker destroyed.
1407/1420H	YS543872	100/40 all bombs 50 mtrs. 2 bnkrs dest, 2 bnkrs exposed, 50 mtrs comms trench exposed.
1445/1510H	YS543872	100/20 all within 50 mtrs - 50% 25 mtrs. 30 mtrs comms trench exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H Mar 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains AO BENDIGO.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp YS467705, 3 Tp DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS467704, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty WILTON, 106 Fd Bty 3 guns H'SHOE 3 guns NUI DAT, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty PAT, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR. HQ WILTON, A Coy YS540678, B Coy YS577663, V Coy YS548657, D Coy YS557685, W Coy H'SHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. NUI DAT, D Coy YS466705.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ DISCOVERY, A Coy YS590679, B Coy YS613668, C Coy ISA, D Coy YS586695.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NUI DAT.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 041250H at YS586695 12/D/8 RAR located a bunker system of 400 sq metres consisting of 5 bunkers with 4'-6' OHC and about 18 months old. The system had not been occupied for some time as the bunkers were starting to cave in.
- (2) At 041240H at YS542688 A/6 RAR/NZ located heavy tracks 2-3 days old heading south. A small qty of med supps were found just off the track.
- (3) At 041230H at YS553675 C/6 RAR/NZ also located heavy tracks 2-3 days old heading south. Fresh cam material, fruit skins and lolly papers were found on the track. 150m east a bunker system capable of accommodating 2 coys was located. The system was last occupied about 4 months ago. Papers found in the area seem to belong to C1/D445.
- (4) At 041450H at YS466705 D/7 RAR located an ammunition cache which had apparently been partially destroyed previously. Demolition charges uncovered further cached HE round which will be destroyed 05 Mar. Installation report to follow.
- (5) At 041515H at YS536691 1/A/6 RAR located a 50m triangular shaped transit camp. Area last believed to have been occupied 2 weeks ago.
- (6) At 041615H at YS581665 5/B/6 RAR located 5 bunkers each 8'x6'x2' with 2' OHC, 3 cook houses and 5 hoochie spaces. Area last used 1 month ago and is well concealed from the air.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

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c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Route reconstruction by 1 Fd Sqn and 17 Const Sqn continues on Routes 2, 23 and 44.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.


b. Prevailing Winds. East at 5 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

6 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)

From 050001H to 052400H Mar 70

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elements remain in support on 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact 5 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Also 18 acquired Intel targets.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO and AO ASCOT. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy returns to NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 060001H to 062400H Mar 70

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp ISA, 2 Tp YS466750, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS466755, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, Sect 161 Bty FSPB PAT, 161 Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY, C Bty 2/35 HORSESHOE.
- (4) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS596753, B Coy YS613668, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS586694.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS528868, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS548657, D Coy YS573657, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, C Coy YS464752.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

a. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 051100H at YS553652, 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ located an old squad sized bunker system which had been camped in about 3-4 days ago. Canvas gym shoes, 3 carrying handles, 1 pr Ho Chi Minh sandals recovered.

(2) At 051140H at YS554647 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 3 VC carrying weapons with negative results. The VC saw the Pl as it was moving across open paddy. The Pl initiated the contact with negative results.

(3) At 051730H at YS542660 the Anti Tk Pl of Sp Coy 6 RAR discovered a transit camp measuring 50x50m consisting of 5 bunkers and 2 fighting pits, all of which had been constructed in the last month, and occupied within the last two weeks by a pl(+). A plasma bottle and other used med supplies were recovered.

(4) At 051700H at YS584751 Anti Tk Pl Sp Coy 8 RAR discovered a cache containing 2 rifle grenades, 1x60mm mor rd, 15x37 HE rds, 4x37 cannister rds, 34x82mm HE rds (long), 27x82mm rds (short), only one of the mortar bombs had a fuze.

(5) At 051425H at YS493752 a patrol from 6 RAR accompanied by a sect of APC from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted a group of 27 VN who attempted to run away when challenged. The patrol engaged with SA fire resulting in 1 KIA. None of the group had ID cards, and it is believed that they were acting as a screen for VC ops. The 26 people were taken to DUC THANH Military Post and following interrogation were released.

(6) At 051615H at YS468755 C Coy 7 RAR apprehended 12 detainees with no ID cards. They were later taken to DUC THANH Military Post and joined the group mentioned above.

(7) At 051845H at YS421656 a clearing patrol from 161 NZ Bty was fired on from the South. A total of 20 shots were fired, Firing stopped at 1905H. The area was engaged with mor fire, results unknown.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA.

(b) Materiel. 1 pr gym shoes, 3 carrying handles, 1 pr Ho Chi Minh sandals, 2 rifle grens, 1x60mm mor rd, 15x37 HE rds, 4x37 cannister, 34x82mm mor rds (long), 27x82mm mor rds (short).

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 4

Platoon - 1

Squad - 4

(2) SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

2. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SE.

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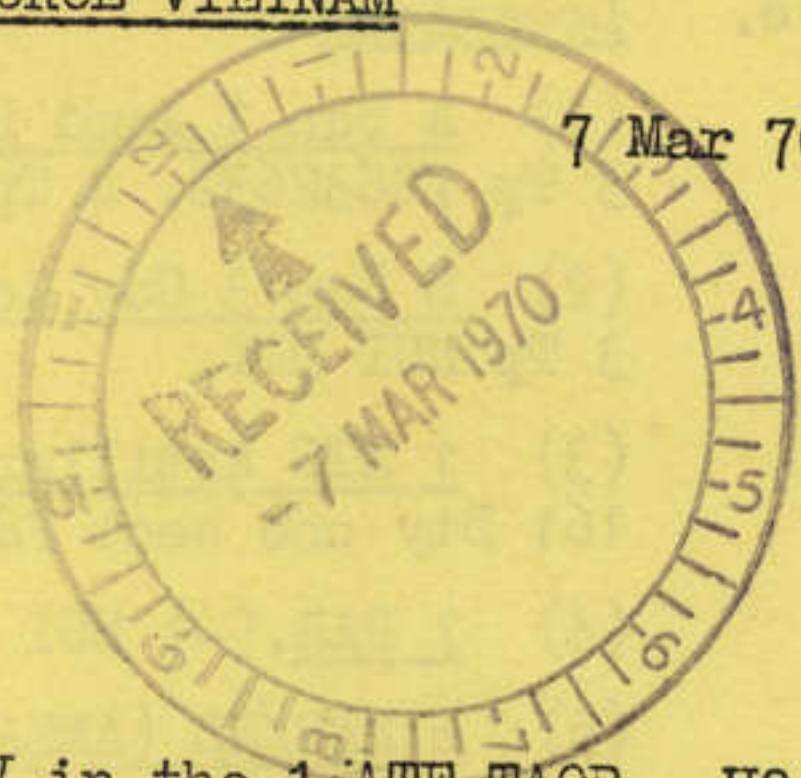
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Mar 70.

7 Mar 70

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. *N/A* contact and 45 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elements continue minefield clearance in DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
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- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1200/1215H	YS846777	100/50 2 huts damaged, 1 fire started, 1 dud Mk 82.
1410/1420H	YS595886	100/75 1 bnk dest, 2 bnk exp, 1 poss cache exp.
1520/1535H	YS572598	100/100 1 bnk dest, 1 bnk exp, all ord 40 metres.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. One tp sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(+) in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 Tp YS464750, 3 Tp YS632632, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS464750, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 161 Bty one sect FSPB PAT one sect FSPB DISCOVERY, C/2/35 HORSESHOE.
- (4) 7 RAR.(-) NUI DAT, B Coy YS464750.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS519677, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS548657, D Coy YS573657, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS632632, B Coy YS667613, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS690660.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 061215H at YS517681 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR detected two tracks coming from East and NE which joined at that point and headed generally West. One track made by estimated 30 people within 24 hours and neither considered to have been made earlier than 24 hours ago. Coy size eating place located in the area.
- (2) At 061550H at YS632632 3 Pl A Coy 8 RAR located 5 x 44 gal drums of rice. Rice will be recovered and given to DC of Xuyen Moc.
- (3) At 061045 at YS805682 Hawk Flight deployed to secure a stranded Japanese ship. Hawk Flight have conducted recce NE and SW for 1500M. No signs of life discovered and Hawk Flight will remain in vicinity until the ship has been salvaged.
- (4) At 061200H at YS667615 5 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located an old rusty M16 mine which had both safety pins intact as if the mine had been left or dropped. Action was taken to destroy the mine in situ. As this was happening, the platoon investigated some old bunkers nearby and deployed into all round defence. During this deployment, a second mine was detonated, the mine was pressure operated and weighed an estimated 3-4 lbs of explosive. Results: 2 KIA(Aust) 6 WIA(Aust).
- (5) At 061700 at YS629640 a patrol from 3 Pl, A Coy 8 RAR located footprints and bicycle wheel tracks no more than 24 hours old. The tracks headed South West.
- (6) At 061810 at YS568657 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located a pack containing documents and rice.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 KIA(Aust), 6 WIA(Aust).
 - (b) Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Omitted.
 - (b) Materiel. 5 x 44 gal drums of rice.
- (3) Results for Period 1 - 28 Feb 70.
 - (a) Friendly Losses.
 - (i) KIA - 12.
 - (ii) WIA - 100.
 - (b) Contacts - 69.
 - (c) Enemy Losses.
 - (i) KIA - 82.
 - (ii) PW - 4.

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- (d) SA captured and destroyed - 105.
- (c) Crew served weapons captured and destroyed - 1.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Omitted.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team 100,000 sq yards, no mines detonated.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team two slots filled and one slot 80% completed. 55 x 25m **stripped**. Two mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

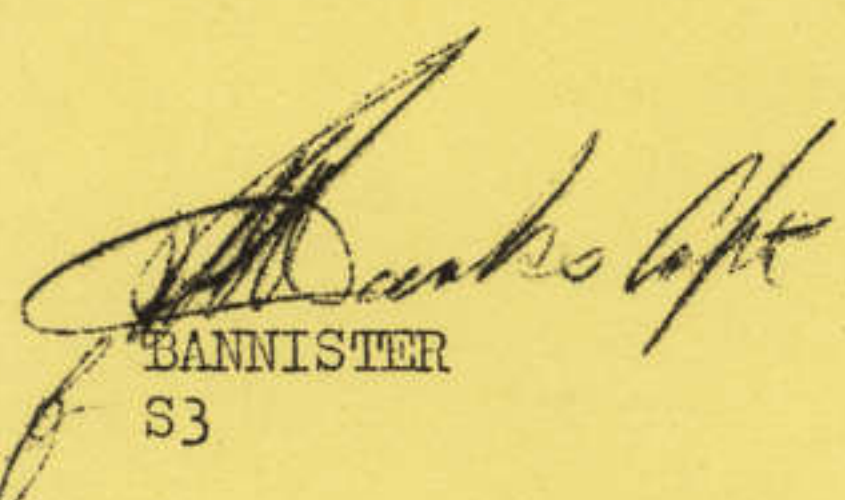
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots SE.

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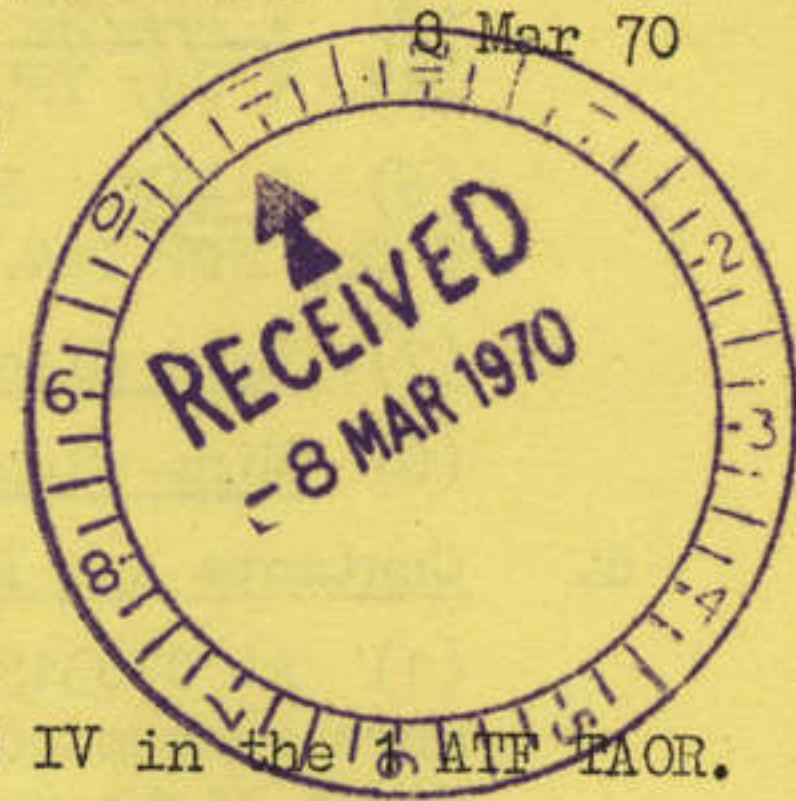
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- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. One contact and 44 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
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- (8) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT. Coy in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elements Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT. Coy remains in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NDP ISA. 2 Tp YS622650. 3 Tp YS624642. 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS618646. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB WILTON. 161 NZ Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY. Sect 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT. C Bty 2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (4) 7 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT. A Coy YS603645.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON. A Coy YS518673. B Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS546634. D Coy YS613630. W Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS624642. B Coy YS633635. C Coy NDP ISA. D Coy YS611638.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448532.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE HILL.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 070315H at YS465750 B Coy 7 RAR engaged with APC fire and claymore suspected enemy movement 50 metres from night defensive position. First light sweep produced negative results.
- (2) At 070715H at YS585538 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ engaged at 10 metres range 6 VC who approached from the West. VC fled West after firing one RPG round into the contact area. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 3 mags, 6 packs and a qty of docus CIA. Packs contained 200 lbs of rice, 20 lbs salt, 2 lbs coarse tobacco, 4 sets of freshly laundered clothing, 7 lbs of brown sugar, 2 small packets of tea. Enemy deployed with 2 scouts dressed in camouflaged suits 20 metres in advance of main body. Lead scout carried promotion certificate identifying him as squad leader C/8 D440.
- (3) At 071020H at YS708666 12 Pl D Coy 8 RAR located tracks used by 6 people moving North to South approx 4 days ago.
- (4) At 071345H at YS425565 a D8 bulldozer of 17 Const Sqn working on Route 44 detonated a mine (suspected to be M14). No casualties or damage was caused. Two mins later another similar device was detonated without any damage.
- (5) At 071042H at YS632632 A Coy 8 RAR located a 44 gal drum of unpolished rice, bringing the total drums located on 6 and 7 Mar to 6 drums.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 X VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 1 X AK47 and 3 mags, 6 packs, qty docus, 200 lbs plus 1 X 44 gal drum rice, 20 lbs salt, 2 lbs tobacco, 4 sets clothing, 7 lbs sugar, qty tea.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Compnay - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: one.
- (4) Results: 1 X VC KIA (BC), 1 X WIA (Aust) slight wounds only.

2. Combined Operations.

a.b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 80 X 60 yds cleared. 2 mines detonated, 3 slots 10% completed.

3. Meteorological Detail.a. Rainfall. Nil.b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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NUI DAT

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Mar 70.

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



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in support 6 RAR/NZ AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contact and 7 H and I missions and 24 acquired Intelligence targets.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4553.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass YS474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Remains NUI DAT. Coy in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
072030/2035H	YS587619	Neg BDA/ Malfunction in ordinance.
072050/2102H	YS587619	100/unk - All NAP in 40M.
081202/1212H	YS825731	100/80 - 2 Mil. Strucs des.
081356/1412H	YS792848	90/30 3 Bkrs Exp. 1 Bkr dam.

b. Plans Summary for Period 090001H to 092400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in support 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues ops in AO KURRAJONG. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Remains in NUI DAT. Coy remains in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT
- (7) 8 RAR, Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at OA BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 Tp YS634626, 3 Tp YS605615, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS628616, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, 161 NZ Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT, C Bty 2/35 US Arty H'Shoe.
- (4) 7 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS512651, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS564624, D Coy YS612614, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. RHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS622639, B Coy YS620615, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS605615.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents:

- (1) At 081035H at YS522789 a ptl from HQ 6 RAR/NZ engaged 1 local force en who was moving from north to south. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS CIA. Hoi Chanh with ptl identified dead VC as Bt, a member of a unit with two other members. Hoi Chanh believes that VC was investigating if 6 RAR had left the area.
- (2) At 081130H at YS616613 D Coy, 6 RAR/NZ under command of 8 RAR were engaged by 5-10 Local Force in a bunker system. Enemy initiated contact firing SA and RPG2. Results: 3 KIA (Aust), 5 WIA (Aust), 1 WIA (Aust accidental). Enemy casualties unknown. Enemy withdrew S and SE. Qty docs; 1 x Anti Tk grenade and 1 x B40 rd CIA. A sweep revealed 9 bunkers in an area 50x75 metres, sited to cover ground with good cover from air and natural ground cover. All bunkers were new, and will be destroyed.
- (3) At 081528H at YS522794 elements of Sp Coy 6 RAR located a bunker insulation consisting of 4 bunkers, 1 hut and sleeping area for 12 pers. The system lines the creek and is concealed from air observation and is in poor condition. Believed to have last been occupied 2-3 months ago.
- (4) At 081600H at YS524757 to YS522791 3 bunkers and 3 huts built to accommodate 20 people. Bunkers were 18' long x 4 x 5' with 1-2' OHC and the area is believed to have last been occupied 5 days ago. Also located in area was a 1-2 month old grave.
- (5) At 081745H at YS793668 Bushrangers ac engaged a 20' boat and set it on fire and holed it. 5 x freshly tendered graves with fresh tracks around them were sighted 200m NW. 1500m SW of the boat a large number of freshly tendered graves with fresh tracks around them were located.
- (6) At 081408H in vic YS605620 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ located 2 x 81mm mor rds, 1 x 60mm mor rd and 1 recent cooking fire. 800m south 2 bunkers (12'x20') 3 (8'x10') and 3 x 1 man wpn pits were located. The bunkers were "T" shaped with the leg facing west. Although they had not yet been completed. The area had approx been used in the last 24 hrs.
- (7) Late Report. At approx 071710H, Bushranger aircraft engaged the area of an LRRP ptl contact. Results 2 x VC KIA (poss).
- (8) At 080845H at YS517672 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 enemy at 75m range. The en was approaching when he saw the ptl and started to wdr. Negative results.

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(9) At approx 081400H at YS614615 D Coy 6 RAR/NZ working under command 8 RAR located 20 x 2 man bunkers with 2' of OHP and well cam from the ground and air. The bunkers covered an area 200 x 50M, were recently constructed and had been occupied within the last 24 hrs. The area was sited near a swamp/stream with a well at each end of the system. The installation will be destroyed.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 3xKIA (Aust), 5 x WIA (Aust), 1 x WIA (Aust - accidental).

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 x VC KIA(BC), 2x VC KIA(poss).

(b) Material. 1x SKS, qty docs, 1x anti tk gren, 1 xB40 rd, 1 x 20' boat, 2 x 81mm rds, 1 x 60mm rd, 4 huts, 44 bunkers.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 1

Squad - Nil

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations 1. Land Clearing Team: 100,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated. 2. Mine Clearing Team: 4 slots under construction. No mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 12 knots from SE.

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10 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Mar 70

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



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF FAOR . HQ
1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sup-
port 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in support 6 RAR/NZ AO
KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSSSHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO
BENDIGO. Sect in support 6 RAR/NZ in FSPB WILTON. Elms in support
8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 2 contact and 46 H and I missions were fired
during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG
and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance
DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO
and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge
construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG centre of mass
YS5474. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy plus guns deployed into
FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY.
Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy(+)
remains in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSSSHOE
HILL. One tp op con 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms support 8 RAR in AO
ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sup-
port 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect
remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road
construction Routes 2 and 23. Supports Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23.
Road construction team and quarry team with infantry and armoured elms
remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. One coy remains
HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) deploys into AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ located at FSPB
ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms Sp Coy plus sect
of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to
protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY. 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS628616. 2 Tp FSPB ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty FSPB WILTON, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 161 NZ Bty FSPB PAT, C Bty 2/35th US Arty HORSESHOE, Elm A Bty 7/8th US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, Sp Coy FSPB ANNE.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy YS512651, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy YS564624, D Coy YS615635, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS622639, B Coy YS636629, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS634620.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 090915H at YS448535 elements of 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team detonated 1xM16 mine with D8 bulldozer. No casualties or damage sustained.
- (2) At 082200H at YS464728 a base ptl from 7 RAR detected estimated 7 en approach NE and remained until 090600 before withdrawing to the East. Ptl located 200m away did not engage because of range and radio comms failure which occurred at 081715H.
- (3) At 091015H at YS435525 elements of 17 Const Sqn road construction team working on Route 44 detonated an M14 mine with a TD15 bulldozer. No casualties or damage was sustained. Mine had been placed on the verge of the road.
- (4) At 091130H at YS575610 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ engaged two enemy who approached from West. A bush fire was started in the contact area delaying the detailed sweep. Results: 1 AK47, 1 pack, 40 lbs rice and two cartons of cigarettes CIA.
- (5) At 091750H at YS634620 2 Pl D Coy 8 RAR detected an M16 mine which will be destroyed.
- (6) At 091750 at the following locs, boats were sighted by C Coy 8 RAR: YS398530 (4 boats), YS404527 (3 boats) and YS417522 (6 boats).

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 1xAK47, 1 pack, 40 lbs rice, 2 cartons cigarettes.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops targeted at area Eastings 66-69, Northings 60-66 and Eastings 69-74, Northings 62-65. The theme was Chieu Hoi.
- (2) Voice Missions. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops targeted at area Eastings 65-69, Northings 60-66 and Eastings 55-59, Northings 66-70. The total broadcast time was two hours. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

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- b. Omitted.
 - c. Engineering Operations
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared, no mines detonated.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. 4 Slots 100% completed, 60 mines detonated.
3. Meteorological Detail
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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11 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 100001H to 102400H Mar 70

TO: Commanding General
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 ATTN: AVFBC-RE



1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR AO KURRAJONG. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 45H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) deploys into AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY Elms Sp Coy plus sect of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty remains FSPB PAT. One Coy (+) remains in AO BENDIGO.

b.5 Plans Summary for Period 110001H to 112400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

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(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ located at FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. FSPB PAT closes. One c remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

(8) and (9) Omitted.

(10) Air Support.

At 091225-1231 at YS692629 1 bnk destroyed.

At 091410-1425 YS723872 100 metres trenching destroyed, 3 bnk damaged.

At 101414-1455 at YS588857 100/unk% neg BDA

At 101414-1455 at YS595858 all bcrbs within 100 metres.

At 101140-1155 at YS692629 100/30% 2 bnks exposed. All bombs within 40 metres.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT, 1 Tp - YS484496, 2 Tp - FSPB DISCOVERY, 3 Tp - FSPB DISCOVERY, 4Tp - NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ - NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp FSPB ANNE, 3 Tp - NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. SHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty NUI DAT, 106 Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 161 (NZ) Bty FSPB PAT, C Bty 2/35th US Arty HORSESHOE, A Bty 7/8th US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS576689, B Coy YS553674, C Coy YS5526 D Coy YS572782.

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

(6) 8 RAR. BHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS650639, B Coy YS650610, C Coy NDP ISA, D Coy YS708664.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 101030H at YS620755 and YS635775 Possum 22 located a large number of holes. A ptl from 1 SAS were inserted into area to investigate and reported that most holes were 2 X 2 X 3'-4' deep and had been recently dug. No sign of immediate en activity but a number of leaflets dated May 69 were located. Ptl was extracted 1620 and unit be replaced by B Coy 6 RAR tomorrow.

(2) At 101535H at YS453537 C Coy 8 RAR saw 4 VC dressed in black and carrying weapons (type not identified). They stopped beside the fire trail and possibly laid mines. They were engaged with mor fire and wdr south with neg results.

(3) At 101649H at YS648607 4 pl B Coy 8 RAR saw 3-4 en approaching from the North West. A sentry from 4 Pl fired one shot and the remainder of the en wdr North West but were not engaged because of the distance. Results 1 X VC KIA (BC) 1 X AK47 CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel 1 X VC KIA(BC)

(b) Material. 1 X AK47

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000sq yds cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Northern Minefield - 1 slot completed, 60 X 50m strip. Southern Minefield - 1 pass around minefield 12 mines detonated. Amend yesterdays total detonated to read 84.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 09 knots from SE.

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12 Mar 70

JECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Mar 70.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCO T.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery. N/L contact and 31 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 6 RAR/NZ in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCO T and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys on ops to vic YS6378.

(8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. One coy(+) remains in AO BENDIGO. FSPB PAT closes down.

(10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1445/1455H	YS595858	100/50 4 huts dest, 2 bnkrs exp, more air recommended.

b. Flans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H Mar 70.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp op con 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.

(3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns.

(4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains vic YS6378.

(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. One coy remains at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NDP ISA, 2 and 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp DISCOVERY, 2 Tp ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty NUI DAT, 106 Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 NZ Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ ANNE, A Coy YS506709, B Coy YS555678, C Coy YS542688, D Coy YS559786.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, B Coy YS634779, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS659643, B Coy YS649605, C Coy ISA, D Coy YS708664.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS449532.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 102345H at YS479718 a base patrol from 7 RAR engaged estimated 2-3 enemy at 25-50M range who approached their night AP from East. Engagement initiated by patrol firing 2 claymores and SA. Enemy returned fire with SA and withdrew East. Results: 1 Aust WIA remained on duty, en cas unk.
- (2) At 110940H at YS446545 9/C/8 RAR engaged at 100M range 3 VC. Both 9 Pl and VC were moving at the time and VC fled south. Area engaged by mortar and immediately after 18 VC were observed withdrawing SE and were again engaged by mortar firing into YS452536, until they were lost to view in area of YS456542. Sweep conducted by elements of 17 Const Sqn produced negative results so far.
- (3) At 111125H at YS555675 B/7 RAR located an old bunker system of 6 pits (2 with OHC) containing relatively new mine markers. There were tracks made about 24 hrs previously by 10-12 persons.
- (4) At 111255H at YS555678 B/7 RAR located a track which they estimated had been made by 5-6 pers this morning. Direction of movement not yet clear due to confused sign in area.
- (5) At 111255H at YS525692 A/7 RAR located a locally made pressure type mine within 3 ft of track. Mine to be detonated.
- (6) At general area of YS634775 B/6 RAR continued to investigate the large number of holes detected yesterday by VR Possum. So far 100 foxholes 4'x18"x3' deep located. Some are camouflaged. Track indicates movement as recently as 48 hrs ago including movement of a group of 7 moving NW-SE.
- (7) At approx 111800H at the following grids, elms of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt found the medical supplies shown;
 - (1) YS479484 - 2 fresh penicillin bottles.
 - (2) YS488490 - 4xhyperdermic needles and qty med supplies.
 - (3) YS490498 - capsule bottles, all washed up on high water mark.

Footprints were found moving East to West from YS463480 to YS470480 along a well defined track.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA remained on duty.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (1) Personnel. Nil.
 - (2) Material. Nil.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 7
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet Drops: Conducted by RAAF and Psyops targeted at area Eastings 67-70, Northings 73-81. The theme was Chieu Hoi.
- (2) Voice Missions:
 - (a) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at area Eastings 48-52, Northings 82-86. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hrs.
 - (b) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at LONG SON Island. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.
- (3) Audio/Visual: Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at CHU HAI hamlet.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. . . . sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. Southern minefield 69 mines detonated. Northern minefield 200x100 yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 08 knots from SE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
 HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
 NUI DAT

13 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 120001H to 122400H Mar 70.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. One contact and 54 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0920/0935H	YS805695	100/100. LZ prep.
1115/1125H	YS596857	100/100. 1 bkr dest and 1 bkr damaged.
1407/1433H	YS710809	100/40. 5 bkr exp and damaged.
1445	YS693614	BDA by ground troops.
1500/1525H	YS693614	100/Unk. BDA by ground troops.
1700	YS710809	100/60. 2 bkr dest, 1 mil struc destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Elms in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF op vic YS7868.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS690598, 3 Tp YS786659, 4 Tp ISA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp DISCOVERY, 2 Tp ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, A/2/35 US Arty LUSCOMBE YS4368.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS505709, B Coy(+) YS561679, C Coy YS552672, D Coy YS548792.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS625649, D Coy YS706658.
- (7) Land Clearing Team YS449532.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE
- (9) D & E Pl. YS277569.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 120930H at YS272563 a RW Ac of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt was fired on from a bunker system by SA. An artillery FO on board the ac directed fire onto the bunker system and a ground sweep by elms of D & E Pl discovered 1 bunker destroyed.
- (2) At 121130H approx at YS447534 the Land Clearing Team from 17 Const Sqn RAE located a bunker system consisting of 20 x 2 man bunkers scattered over an area of 100 x 100 meters and 4 - 5 weeks old. Found in the system were 6 x blast grenades, 1 x RPG rd, qty of docs, qty of cooking utensils, qty of clothing, 3 x M16 mags.
- (3) At 121305H at YS515706 3 Pl A Coy 7 RAR engaged movement of 1 x en with negative results. Enemy wdr north.
- (4) At 121330H approx at YS561679 B Coy 7 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 4 bunkers, 2 huts and 3 sentry posts. The system was approx 3 months old and covered an area 100 x 50m.
- (5) At 121440H at YS562679 B Coy 7 RAR located a bunker installation in an area 150 x 150m. System consisted of 10 bunkers for 2 men each and 3 early warning pits. Bunkers have 3-5' OHC and apparently control ground to SW. System estimated to be over 1 year old and last fully occupied 4 months ago. Camp fire in area believed to have been used within last 2 weeks.
- (6) At 121500H at YS447527 Elements of 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team located 6 bunkers with cement reinforced OHC. Located in area was: qty of cooking utensils, woman's clothing, 4 letters, 1 cigarette lighter, 1 x belt M60 ammo in .30 cal ammo tin and copy of Army Newspaper dated 29 Jan 70.
- (7) At 121915H at YS790665 Elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 5 enemy in sampan 150-200m off shore. Sampan withdrew SE with unknown results.
- (8) At 121850H at YS519688 sighted 2 enemy at 500m range. Pl commenced sweep and 1 en wdr NE and 1 SW. At 2107 lights were sighted and engaged with Arty. At 2142 lights reappeared and were again engaged and extinguished. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.

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(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. 1 x M60 ammo belt complete, 1 x .30 cal. ammo box, qty docs, clothing, cooking utensils, 6 x blast grenades, 1 x RPG2 rd, 3 x M16 mags, 4 letters.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 8

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drops. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops targeted at area, Eastings 50-54, Northings 66-70. Theme was Chieu Hoi.

(2) Voice Missions.

(a) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psy Ops targeted at area Eastings 55-59, Northings 66-70. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one hour.

(b) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops targeted at areas centre of mass YS6059, YS7072 and YS6678. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was two hours.

b. RF Operations. One RF Coy continues operation in connect with 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 1 Tp 3 Cav Regt in vicinity of YS7966.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yards cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team.

(a) Northern Minefield. 2 slots under construction, 2 bands pushed back across field.

(b) Southern Minefield. 106 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 8 knots.

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NUI DAT

14 Mar 70

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

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



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contact and 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

(10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA
1135/1142H	YS663857	2 bunkers destroyed.
122222H	YS688628	5 bunkers dest, 6 huts dest.
1150/1159H	YS663857	80/60 BDA unk - dud bomb - Possum AC did not do BDA.
1208/1216H	YS663857	100/90 BDA unk - BDA will be done later.
1535	YS271563	2 wpn pits dest, 2 wpn pits damaged, 1 bkr damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One tp remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in support 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS705611, 3 Tp YS790665, 4 Tp YS448538.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS683588, 2 Tp ANNE, 3 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt & 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ. HQ, A, B, V & D Coys NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS525692, B Coy YS562682, C Coy YS544713, D Coy YS548792.

(6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS689601, D Coy YS716644.

(7) Land Clearing Team. vic YS449534.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

(9) D & E Pl. YS277559.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 131320H at YS527695 1/A/7 RAR found an area 50m x 10m containing a 4' deep well and 9 shallow wpn pits which had been built on bunds near the river. Footprints about 1 week old moving SE to NW were found together with fresh faeces and 1 British cigarette pkt with Laotian Customs markings on it.

(2) At 131355H at YS707650 12/D/8 RAR located an old camp site used about 1 week ago. There were two wooden huts which had had a fire through them.

(3) At 131507H at YS451338 a D8 from the Land Clearing Team hit a 30-40 lb mine which caused some damage to the machine. The mine was on a tank track.

(4) At 131340H at YS780655 OC 1 Armd Sqn in a LOH saw 5 graves with fresh tracks heading North to South. 3 Tp 1 Armd Sqn were sent to investigate and located 2 skeletons in the area.

(5) 131536H at YS552679 4/B/7 RAR engaged 1 enemy dressed in black. Enemy withdrew West. Results: 1 Aust slightly wounded.

(6) At 131815H at YS563682 4 & HQ/b/7 RAR engaged 3 enemy. Direction of approach unknown and enemy withdrew West when engaged by perimeter elements. Withdrawal route engaged by arty. Results: negative friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

(7) At 132032H at YS541713 9/C/7 RAR engaged movement adjacent to its night AP. Results: unknown, sweep to be conducted at first light.

(8) At 132039H at YS527762 elms of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged area from which movement and voices were heard. Results unknown. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

(9) At 131918H at YS379635 abase patrol from 8 RAR while positioning claymores sighted 2 enemy dressed in black approaching down track from North. Enemy were engaged with organic weapons at 150-200M range and immediately withdrew West with unknown results. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.
- (b) Material. 1xD8 bulldozer damaged, by mine.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 1
Squad - 7
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 1 see para 1.d.(9).
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Leaflet Drops. A quick reaction leaflet drop was conducted by RAAF and Psyops targeted at area Eastings 65-70, Northings 61-63. The theme was Chieu Hoi. 112,000 leaflets were dropped.

(2) Voice Missions.

(a) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at area centre of mass YS4983. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.

(b) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at areas centre of mass YS6473, YS5483 and YS5472. Total broadcast time was 2 hours. The theme was Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations. Two RF Coys continue ops in concert with elements of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in vicinity YS7967.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team.

- (a) Northern minefield: 1 mine detonated, 2 slots excavated.
- (b) Southern minefield: 101 mines detonated, 2 strips cleared by APC.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 75,000 sq yds cleared, 1 mine detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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TO: Commanding General
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1. Operations SummaryCONFIDENTIALa. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOA N THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO Bendigo. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn (-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.
 - (a) At 1210/1224H at YS711809 - 2 bnks dest, more air rec.
 - (b) At 1410/1440H at YS596857 - 1 bnk exposed, 2 duds, more air rec.
 - (c) 2204H at YS665611 - fresh tracks.
 - (d) At 1710/1720H at YS711809 - 100/90% 3 bnk dest.

b. Plans Summary for Period 15001H to 152400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain in AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sect remain in AO BENDIGO. One tp (-) conducts route recce Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.

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- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURAJONG. PHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS709613, 3 Tp YS614620
4 Tp YS449535.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS680579, 2 Tp FSPB ANNE,
3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd
Bty FSPB ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, C/2/35
US Arty HORSESHOE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ, A Coy, B Coy, V Coy, D Coy, NUI DAT. W Coy
HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS522714, B Coy YS564680, C Coy YS541721,
D Coy, YS550807.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS687618
D Coy YS716644.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 132200H at YS541713 9 Pl C Coy 7 RAR engaged 1 en. Movement of
1 en crawling towards night AP observed by sentry who when investigating
was WIA. En withdrew with unk results.
- (2) At 132210H at YS442692 3 en were engaged by 6 RAR mortars firing from
NUI DAT under 7 RAR control. En with torch observed by 7 RAR. Mortar rds
appeared to be on target and torch extinguished. Sweep conducted morning
14 Mar revealed fresh footprints in the area.
- (3) At 140450H at YS563683, one en moved into ambush of B Coy 7 RAR and
was engaged with SAA: lights were then observed at a distance and were
engaged with arty. Lights were extinguished.
- (4) At approx 141330H at YS567678 6 Pl B Coy 7 RAR found footprints for
2 men made within the previous 24 hrs. Direction of movement was EAST
to WEST.
- (5) At 141620H at YS567687 elms of B Coy 7 RAR located 2 bnks and a sentry
post. Bnk had 2' OHP and 1 faced East the other West. The system is
estimated to have last been used 3-4 months ago but an adjacent track
used by 2-3 pers going East has been used within previous week. Located
in area were: 2 beds (in bunkers), qty cooking gear, clothing and footwear.
A number of empty caches also located.
- (6) At 141600H at YS664599 B Coy 8 RAR located 9 bnks including one
command post bnk. Bnk sited in linear fashion with no depth but well
protected from air ground and naval activity. Area last used 5-7 days
previously.

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(7) At 142015H at YS276570 engaged with claymore & SA area in which trip flare had been detonated. Illumination provided by RF 4.2 in Mortars on Long Son Island. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel - Nil

(b) Materiel - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. - Nil

(b) Materiel. Qty clothing and footwear, 2 beds, qty cooking utensils.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 1

Squad - Nil

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 1

(4) Results. Unk.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations. Three RF Coys: continue operation in Southern area of Long Hai mountains in close co-operation with Task Force elms at ISA.

c. Engineering Operations:

(1) Land Clearing Team. 125,000 sq yards cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Line Clearing Team.

(a) Northern Minefield. 100 X 60M cleared. 3 bunds pushed across field. 1 slot 20% excavated.

(b) Southern Minefield. 9 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall - Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 09 knots.

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16 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 From 150001H to 152400H Mar 70

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



1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 48 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 160001H to 162400H Mar 70

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ and 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY. 3 Tp YS668606. 4 Tp YS448534.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS680579. 2 Tp YS883737.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA, 101 Fd Bty and A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY. C/2/35 US Arty HORSESHOE.

- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ and A, B, V, D Coys NUI DAT. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE. A Coy YS524723. B Coy YS563687. C Coy YS529737. D Coy YS537796.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS667642. B Coy YS649605. C Coy YS6818. D Coy YS716644.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS883737.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At approx 150200H at YS425655 mortars from 6 RAR at NUI DAT engaged a light seen by 161 (NZ) Bty sentry. Results unk.
- (2) At approx 150740H at YS683617 8 Pl C Coy 8 RAR located 6 bunkers all of which were well constructed and camouflaged. They had been used within last 5 days. All bunkers were new and system was sited next to a small water point. To be destroyed 16 Mar.
- (3) At 150800H at YS617620 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt located 12x4' deep weapon pits in an area of 1500 sq yds. They were 6-12 months old, had 1' OHC, and could accomodate about 1 pl.
- (4) At 151010H at YS666604, 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR detonated what was believed to be a M16 mine which failed to jump. Results 4 WIA (Aust). A second M16 was located in the same vicinity by mine detector at 151400H.
- (5) At 151309H at YS516710 A Coy 7 RAR located a rest area last used 3-7 days ago. Area contained small qty of cooked rice, pieces of paper and small bottle of green scent.
- (6) At 151533H at YS447533 elements of 17 Const Sqn with the Land Clearing Team detonated 2 mines believed to be M16.
- (7) At 151650H at YS453544 elements of 17 Const Sqn with Land Clearing Team uncovered a body with bulldozer. Cause of death and sex unknown but believed to have been killed several weeks ago.
- (8) At 151650H at YS566765, YS567766 and YS564764 Anti Tk Pl 7 RAR located three rice storage huts 10'x8' in dimension. Huts believed to have been erected 9-12 months ago.
- (9) At 151500H and 151620H in vicinity of YS495617 elements of 1 Fd Sqn Minefield Clearing Team detonated 2xM16 mines with bulldozers resulting in both drivers being WIA.
- (10) At 151800H at YS547781 a patrol from Sp Coy 7 RAR located a grave 4-5 months old with an old thong and bush hat on it.

(11) Air Strikes

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1120/1140	YS753804	2 Bunkers destroyed
1412/1451	YS711807	Bombs opened up canopy and exposed more bunkers.
CSS 150336	YS74027751	Neg BDA

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 6 (Aust) WIA.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 1 KIA (BC). Body located from contact 2+ weeks ago.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPS deployed

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions

(a) Late report (14 Mar 70). Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psy Ops targeted at area centre of mass YS5181, YS5186 and YS5679. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hrs.

(b) Late report (14 Mar 70). Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psy Ops targeted at area, Eastings 53-65, Northings 59-61. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1½ hrs.

b. RF Operations. Three RF Coys continued ops in Long Hai hills in close cooperation with elements of 8 RAR at ISA.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared, 2 mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team

(a) Northern Minefield. 3 Bunds pushed across field, 1 slot completed, no mines detonated.

(b) Southern Minefield. 9 Mines detonated, 60 metres of wire in centre of field demolished, 60 metres of minefield cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall . Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 Knots from SE

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

17 Mar 70

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

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



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TOAR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Two contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4353. Road construction continues Route 44. Land Clearing team continues in vic YS4453.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Strickes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1110/1123H	YS731852	Two bunkers destroyed, two bunkers exposed and 20 metres of trench exposed.
1415/1445H	YS706835	Four mil structures destroyed, four mil structures exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 170001H to 172400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. Two tps remain AO ASCOT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4353. Land Clearing Team continues in vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ & 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp & 3 Tp DISCOVERY, 4 Tp ISA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS681580, 2 Tp YS811687, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA, 101 Fd Bty, A/7/8 US Arty all NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, C/2/35 US Arty H'SHOE.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ, A, B, V, D Coys NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS488730, B Coy YS573707, C Coy YS533725, D Coy YS579779.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS667642, B Coy YS649605, C Coy YS687618, D Coy YS707658.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS811687.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 160904H at YS452539 an APC with the Land Clearing Team detonated a 30lb Chicom pressure mine, resulting in 2 WIA (Aust), tracks on one side of APC and one set of road wheels blown off. 1xM16 mine was located about 20' away 10 minutes later.
- (2) At 160850H at YS687626 7/C/8 RAR found an old Aust posn in which all rubbish pits had been dug up. Signs indicated that the en had been there about 2 weeks ago.
- (3) At 160935H at YS722612 Bushranger ac sighted a sampan. At about the same time elms of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt found 6 sets of fresh footprints leading inland from YS705610. Investigations are continuing.
- (4) At 161000H at YS415673 elms from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt who were investigating an explosion heard about 30 mins previously, saw one wounded local boarding a Lambrette which moved south. Further investigation revealed one dead body which had been killed by the explosion. A fire was burning in the area at the time. Cause of explosion and fire as yet unknown.
- (5) At 161250H at YS462540 elms of 4 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt found a mine in a cave entrance. The mine was destroyed by tank gunfire.
- (6) At 161310H at YS677637 3/A/8 RAR found a Chicom claymore mine. At 161500H at YS686629 the same pl found 1xThompson SMG, 1xSKS, 1xM1 carbine all old and unservicable, together with 1xclaymore mine, fishing gear, qty docus, cooking eqpt, 11x7.92mm rds and a stick in the ground with a short note on it.
- (7) At 161345H at YS448727 and YS447725 elms of 1 Fd Sqn, working on info from RF found a 60mm mortar bomb and an M18A1 connected to bamboo pressure switches. They had been placed on a track usually used by RF to move between Duc My and Ap Soui Nghe.
- (8) At 160930H at YS688629 7 & 9 Pls/C/8 RAR located 24x3 man pits spread over an area of 25,000 sq metres. The pits were in good condition with 2'6" of OHC and were sited in all round defence near tracks and a dry creek. There were 3 small bunkers around the perimeter. Also found were 3 tree stumps from trees cut about 10 days ago with dirt rubbed into the cuts. The trees were not found used in the bunkers system.

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(9) At 161530H at YS693619 9/C/8 RAR located a sleeping area consisting of a number of hootchy spaces in a 200 sq yd area. The only protection in the area was from natural rocks. The area was close to a good water point and was used about 24 hours previously.

(10) At 161421 at YS537737 7/C/7 RAR contacted 6 VC moving south east. Results unk at this stage.

(11) At 161600H at YS453544 the LCT located 10 bunkers consisting of gun pits and sleeping bays with OHC. Area last occupied approx 6 weeks ago and appears to have suffered some attempt to demolish it previously. Destroyed by bulldozer. Located in area were: 1 pr **surgical** scissors, 1xsox, qty torch batteries, and pieces of a letter dated Feb 70.

(12) At 161950H at YS429662 elms of 161 (NZ) Fd Bty engaged with 5 rds M79 area in which 2 trip flares had been triggered. Results unknown.

(13) At 162025H at YS579779 12/D/7 RAR engaged 2 enemy who approached night AP. Results unknown and sweep to be conducted at first light.

(14) At 162103H at YS533725 9/C/7 RAR engaged 1 enemy who approached night AP. Results unknown. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 2 (Aust) WIA.
- (b) Material. 1xM113A1 damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 1xM16 mine, 1xThompson SMG, 1xSKS, 1xM1 (all weapons unservicable), 1xclaymore, fishing gear, qty docus, qty cooking utensils, 11x7.92mm rds, 1x60mm mor rds & M18A1 booby trap, 1 pr surgical scissors, 1 pr sox, qty torch batteries.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 10 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: 1.
- (4) Results. 2 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Two voice missions were conducted, targeted at areas eastings 49-54, northings 81-84 and eastings 46-48, northings 49-53. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

b. RF Operations. 3 RF Coys continue operations in close cooperation with ATF elements in the Long Hai hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

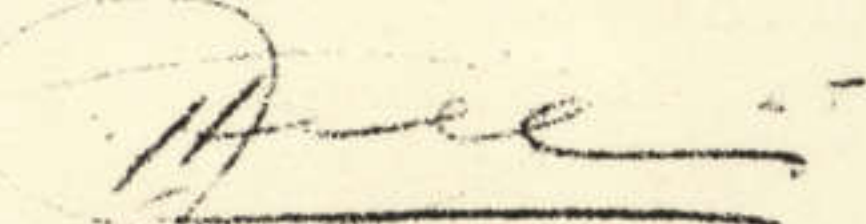
- (1) Land Clearing Team. 120,000 sq yds cleared 1 mine detonated, 1 mine found.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. No work done today, machines being serviced.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SE.

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

18 Mar 70

TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: AVFBC-RE



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 3 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 44.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.
 - (a) At 1032/1100H at YS710823 - 3 bnks destroyed.
 - (b) At 1420/1450H at YS731852

b. Plans Summary for Period 18001H to 182400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 44.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys into NUI DINH vic YS3565.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BEN 70 yo protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp all NUI DAT, 2 Tp DISCOVERY, 4 Tp YS452545.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ & 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS778682, 3 Tp YS618818.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA, NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT sect HORSESHOE, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty and C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ, A, B, V, D Coys NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS488730, B Coy YS564712, C Coy YS531740, D Coy YS580782.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS617816, B Coy YS687716, C Coy YS685620, D Coy YS691690.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS778682.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 170858H at YS717682 10/D/8 RAR located tracks of approx 20 men moving north about 7-14 days ago. Also found were tracks for 2-3 men made 2-3 days ago.
- (2) At approx 171100H at YS569707 B/7 RAR located 6 bunkers and 2 weapon pits previously recorded on map. The area measured 100m N-S and 30m E-W with the bunkers sited in a radial pattern. The system had 2' OHC and is about 6 months old, although there was evidence that 2 of the pits had been used overnight 7 days ago. The system is to be destroyed by explosives today.
- (3) At approx 1230H at YS538788 the anti tk pl of 7 RAR located a well defined track used by 2 people moving north within the last 24 hours.
- (4) At 151500H at YS682629 7 and 8 Pl/C/8 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 30x3 man bunkers in an area of 40,000 sq yds. The system was very new with normal cam and 1½' OHP of logs and dirt and was last used 5-7 days ago. There was a good well 600m SW but no sentry points or early warning systems were found. The area has been partly demolished by friendlies and the remainder will be destroyed tomorrow. Captured were 3xAK47 mags, 35 rds ammo, numerous items of clothing (blue, black and khaki), 2 pieces plastic 6'x2'. 1xrice crusher and cradle and 500lb rice destroyed.
- (5) At 171150H at YS460595 Bushranger 72 en route between Long Hai and Nui Dat received 2 rds SA fire. Nil damage.
- (6) At 170430H at YS681577 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged with SA a sampan which approached within 200-300 metres of beach. Results unk.
- (7) At 171357H at YS776687 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located an old bunker and cache. Cache contained number of ID cards, qty of exercise books containing med records and religious matter, qty reading matter, qty clothing, qty penicillan powder, qty powder (believed to be gun powder), 2 syringes, 10 SA rds, 2 bottles of medicine. A very old grave also located in area.
- (8) At 171940H and 172025H at YS544740 7/C/7 RAR engaged with SA and arty unknown enemy force which approached night AP. Following second engagement groans were heard in vicinity of movement. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 3xAK47 mags, 35 AK47 rds, qty clothing (blue, black and khaki), 2 sheets plastic 6'x2', 1 rice crusher and cradle, 500lb rice, qty ID cards, qty reading material, number of exercise books, containing medical records and religious material, qty penicillen powder and possibly gun powder, 2 syringes, 10 rds SAA, 2 bottles of medicine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 2
Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions.

- (a) Conducted by USAF and Psyops targeted at area easting 55-58, northings 79-91. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2 hrs.
- (b) Conducted by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt and Psyops targeted at areas centre of mass YS5184, YS5384, YS5271, YS5471, YS6060 and YS6360. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

b. RF Operations. Four RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with elms of 8 RAR in vicinity of AO BENDIGO in Long Hai Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 75,000 sq yds cleared, no mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team.
 - (a) Northern Minefield. 1 slot filled, 3 mines detonated.
 - (b) Southern Minefield. No work.


3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. NE at 12 knots.

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NUI DAT

19 Mar 70

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Mar 70

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

1. Operations Summary.



a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact and 86 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic. LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy operates in NUI DINH vic YS3565.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp(-) conducts route recce and RIF along Route 23 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in NUI DINH vic YS3565.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ Nui Dat, 1Tp Nui Dat, 2Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 3Tp Nui Dat, 4Tp YS452545.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ Nui Dat, 1Tp Nui Dat, 2Tp YS771680, 3Tp YS613804.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty 3T Nui Dat, 3T Horseshoe, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, A/7/8 US Arty Nui Dat, C/2/35 US Arty Nui Dat.

- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ Nui Dat, A,B,D Coy Nui Dat, V Coy YS354655, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS516711, B Coy YS569721, C Coy YS533744, Coy YS580782.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS613804, B Coy YS687716, C Coy YS685620, D Coy YS699690.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS534449.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (10) Cav Force. YS681750 (TA2).

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 180845H at YS580590 3/W/6 RAR/NZ located a one month old cache containing 1X RPG plus 3 rds, 1X RPG marked "DA 388", 1X RPG damaged by arty, 1 lb rice, clothing for one man, 1X transistor radio. Two of the RPG's were marked 7/13/66 AB5 and the other was marked 7/11/66 AB4.
- (2) At 181035H at YS700719 5/B/8 RAR contacted 2 en who walked along a track as the pl was waiting to deploy. Results 1X VC KIA(BC), 1X SKS and docus CIA. The documents indicated the dead VC was a postman for Xuyen Moc guerillas.
- (3) At 181217 at YS700719 5/B/8 RAR contacted 2 enemy who moved into 2 huts with cooking fires in a bunker system, One of the men was carrying fresh fish and it is thought they may have come to meet the postman mentioned above. Results 1X VC KIA(BC), 1X VC WIA and CIA (Dusted off) 1X M1 Carbine captured.
- (4) At 181000H at YS342658 Bushranger ac sighted 1 possibly 2 VC moving west along a creekline. They engaged with mini guns and rockets. Results 1X VC KIA (Poss).
- (5) At 181347H in vic YS763690 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located a cache containing; 1 rifle- AK type No N95785, qty .30 rds, 1X ballastite rd, 3X M26 grenade, with wire attached, 3X family photographs; good conduct certificates, 1 syringe, qty of clothing, 1 electrical switch, qty cooking utensils, qty car tyres(possibly for sandals) also sandal repair kit, 1X 12" round file, 1X US blanket, qty black material (clean & neatly folded) qty of bottles.
- (6) At approx 181545H at YS578731 6/B/7 RAR located a squad sized crossing used within the last 24 hrs.
- (7) At 180924H at YS547776 a VC rallied to elements of 7 RAR at FSPB ANNE. VC led patrol to an SKS and 20 rds of ammo which he had cached prior to rallying. Initial interrogation indicates he is from K76A.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

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

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. 2 KIA(BC), 1 KBA(poss), 1CIA (wounded), 1X Hoi Chanh.
- (b) Materiel. 1X RPG and 3 rounds, qty of documents, 1X M1 carbine, 1X AK type rifle, qty .30 cal rds, 1X ballastite rd, 3X M26 grenades(with wire attached), 3X family photographs, good conduct certificates, 1X syringe, qty of clothing and material, 1 electric switch, qty car tyres and sandal repair kit, qty cooking utensils, 1X 12" round file, 1X US blanket, qty bottles.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 181255H at YS358658 1/V/6 RAR/NZ contacted 3 VC who moved SE then west following contact. Results 1X VC WIA(BT). The BT indicated the man had been wounded above the waist and a bandage had been applied soon after the contact.

(4) Results. 1 VC WIA BT.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) VOICE MISSIONS.

(a) Three quick reaction voice missions targeted at areas. Eastings 71-76, Northings 90-94 exploitation of Hoi Chanh, Eastings 67-71, Northings 71-73 follow up successful contact 8 RAR, Eastings 75-78 Northings 67-70 exploitation of 3 Cav op.

(2) AUDIO/VISUAL.

(a) Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at PHUOC THANH hamlet.

b. RF Operations: Four coys continue to work in close cooperation with elements of 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations (1) Land Clearing Team: 60,000 square yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team: (a) Northern Minefield: Cleared completely, 100% fenced. (b) Southern Minefields: 1 slot 30% finished, 3 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

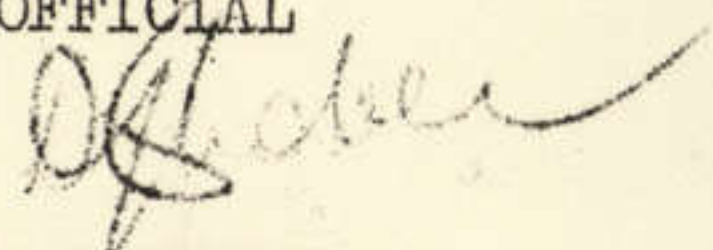
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 15 knots.

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20 Mar 70

SUBJ: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Mar 70

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



1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp(-) concludes route recce and RIF along Route 23 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contact / 2 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue to sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG and 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy operates in NUI DINH vic YS3565.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 200001H to 202400H Mar 70

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy concludes op in NUI DINH vic YS3565 returns NUI DAT.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 3 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS614834. 4 Tp YS452545.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp and 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS603727.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 101 Fd Bty(-), C Bty 2/35 US Arty and B Bty 7/8 US Arty NUI DAT. 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE. Sect 101 Fd Bty HORSESHOE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE. A Coy YS549696. B Coy YS571730. C Coy YS536746. D Coy YS580782.

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- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT. V Coy YS354655. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS614834. B Coy YS686713. C Coy YS619728. D Coy YS674692.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS449533.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 190830H at YS709705 10/D/8 RAR located a transit camp 50x50m comprised of 3-man bunkers, slit trenches and a hut. The camp was old and almost completely eroded.
- (2) At 190825H at YS353646 2/V/6 RAR/NZ was engaged by a command detonated claymore resulting in 2 NZ WIA. An initial sweep of the area revealed nothing.
- (3) At 191120H at YS701699 11/D/8 RAR found a previously destroyed camp 12-14 months old.
- (4) At 191410H at YS357645 3/V/6 RAR/NZ contacted an enemy camp of an estimated 30-50 VC. The en initially withdrew west but contacted HQ V Coy. The en fired MG, RPG and mors at Coy HQ and 3 Pl while the main body withdrew. Results: 1 KIA (NZ), 3 WIA (NZ).
- (5) At 191940H at YS632641 2/V/6 RAR/NZ sighted 3 lights moving. The area was engaged with Arty and the lights were immediately extinguished.
- (6) At approx 192000H at YS520628 elms W/6 RAR/NZ sighted an unk number of en moving north to south to the west of their position. The area was engaged with 81mm mors from HORSESHOE with unk results. A sweep will be conducted in the morning.
- (7) At 191405-1441H an airstrike was conducted on YS712871 resulting in 1 well, 40m trench, 2 huts and 1 bunker all destroyed also 1 hut damaged, 1 bunker exposed and qty kitchenware scattered

e. Results

(1) Friendly

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA (NZ), 5 WIA (NZ)

(2) Enemy Losses. Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: 1

(4) Results. 2 VC KIA (Poss)

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area E 64-67, N 81-91 follow up of 3 Cav op.

(2) Voice Missions. Targeted at areas E 61-68 N 72-75, E 57-61 N 85-88, E 52-60 N 90-92, E 62-69 N 77-80, E 67-70 N 84-91, E 71-76 N 90-94, E 80-86 N 82-84 exploitation of Hoi Chanh.

(3) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at Baria Orphanage and Long Kien hamlet.

b. RF Operations. Four coys continue to operate in close co-operation with elms 8 RAR in AO BENDIGO.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 square yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Nil operations.

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3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall. Nil
b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from SE

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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NUI DAT

21 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H.

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



1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp deploys to HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN Eng.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Four contact 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy concludes ops in NUI DINH vic YS3565 and returns to NUI DAT.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Strickes.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1405/1440	YS712871	Three military structures destroyed and two bunkers destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elm remains HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and Bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4553.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

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(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS627639, 4 Tp YS448533.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS547699, 3 Tp YS644610.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT sect HORSESHOE HILL, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS559710, B Coy YS571730, C Coy YS542751, D Coy YS580782,

(6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS686713, C Coy YS619721, D Coy YS640690.

(7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Sweep in area of mortar engagement by Horseshoe elements at 192000H at YS520628 produced negative results.

(2) At 200725H and 0737H at YS457898 Possum 14 received ground fire from rubber at that point. Area engaged by a/c using 2.75WP rockets. Enemy results unknown. A/c penetrated in 3 places.

(3) At 200820H at YS446715 a patrol from 7 RAR Rear located a VC stick grenade beside road. Destroyed in situ by engineers.

(4) At 201221H at YS644712 7/C/8 RAR located 13 graves, 6 of which appear to be about 14 days old and 3 others are very small. The possibility that these are civilian graves established by Xuyen Moc has not yet been precluded.

(5) At 201010H at YS482731 Albatross03 sighted several fires burning and a number of VN apparently woodcutting. Hawkflight (3/A/6 RAR/NZ) was deployed in APC and detained 55 pers incl some children. The young boys were released to drive the ox carts home and the balance of the party (45) were taken to Duc Thanh and handed over to the National Police there. All were subsequently released as innocent civilians.

(6) At 201630H at YS695725 5/B/8 RAR loc a transit camp large enough for 6-8 people and showing signs of recent occupation. Follow up is continuing.

(7) During the 20th in vicinity YS3564 V/6 RAR/NZ following up after their contacts on 19 Mar, located a series of 1 man bunkers and pits with hides under rocks and hootchie spaces for a coy(+). 5-6 large bunkers were also located indicating a possible HQ area. Both areas were occupied yesterday and included medical elms. There was evidence that the following weapons had been used: 3xM79, 1x.30 cal MG, M16, AK47 and M1 rifles. An effort had been made to destroy documents, but scraps and 1 doc recovered indicated elms of the Chau Duc guerillas. Wdr route was SSE and SW, both of which were engaged by en mors. Three separate blood trails were found plus one piece of skull was found. Results: 1 VC (poss) KIA, 3 VC WIA (BT).

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (poss), 3 VC WIA (BT).

(b) Material. Small qty docus.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Missions. Two voice missions were conducted targeted at areas Eastings 71-76, Northings 62-65, Eastings 67-71, Northings 70-73, Eastings 49-56, Northings 81-84. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total time flown was 2½ hours.

b. RF Operations. 487, 124, 578 RF Coys continue to operate in close liaison with elms 8 RAR in Long Hais.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing Team. Southern minefield 3 slots filled, 2 mines detonated. Northern minefield no work done.

(2) Land Clearing Team. 125,000 sq yds cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 07 knots from SE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

22 MAR 70.

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

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



1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN trg.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contacts 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. Two coys return to NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 220001H to 222400H Mar 70.

- 5 (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remains HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops. Two coys remain in NUI DAT.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS624635, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS452548.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS524603, 3 Tp YS667692
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty Sect HORSESHOE, Sect NUI DAT. 106 Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 NZ Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, C Bty 2/35th NUI DAT, Sect B Bty 7/8th NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. BHQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS554710, B Coy YS578737, C Coy YS542751, D Coy YS580782.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT, W Coy HOSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. BHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS686713, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS640690.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS445534.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 210800H at YS637632 elms of 10Pl D Coy 8 RAR loc an area in which CBUs had been collected and had the fuse and explosives removed.
- (2) At 210840H at YS465712 a base patrol from 7 RAR loc an old US grenade. The grenade is to be destroyed 22 Mar.
- (3) At 211030H at YS549737 7Pl C Coy 7 RAR loc a rest area for 3 pers, last used night 18/19 Mar. No pits or bnks were in area.
- (4) At 211519H at YS572632 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR and elms of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 350 rds of 7.62 small arms ammo. Rds very old and may have been left by RF elms. Also in area are some old fighting pits.
- (5) At 211607H at YS556808 Asslt Pn Pl 7 RAR loc 2 bnk, each for 2 men in area 50 X 50M. Bnk had OHP 1' - 18" thick and one 4-5 months old. Loc in area used medical supplies and bottle medicine.
- (6) At 212210H at YS606679 elms of HQ 8 RAR using a starlight scope picked up movement of 4 pers who were engaged with arty splintex. A sweep will be conducted in the morning.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. qty med supps.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice Missions. Two missions conducted and targeted at area Eastings 70-76, Northings 90-94, Eastings 25-28 Northings 56-61, Theme Chieu Hoi, Easting 50-56 Northings 71-75, QR exploitation Hoi Chanh. Total broadcast time was 2 hrs.
- (2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area Eastings 47-50 Northings 81-86, Eastings 50-55 Northings 79-82. The theme was Chieu Hoi. 300,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 80,000 sq yds completed.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 70% completed. No mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. Nil
- b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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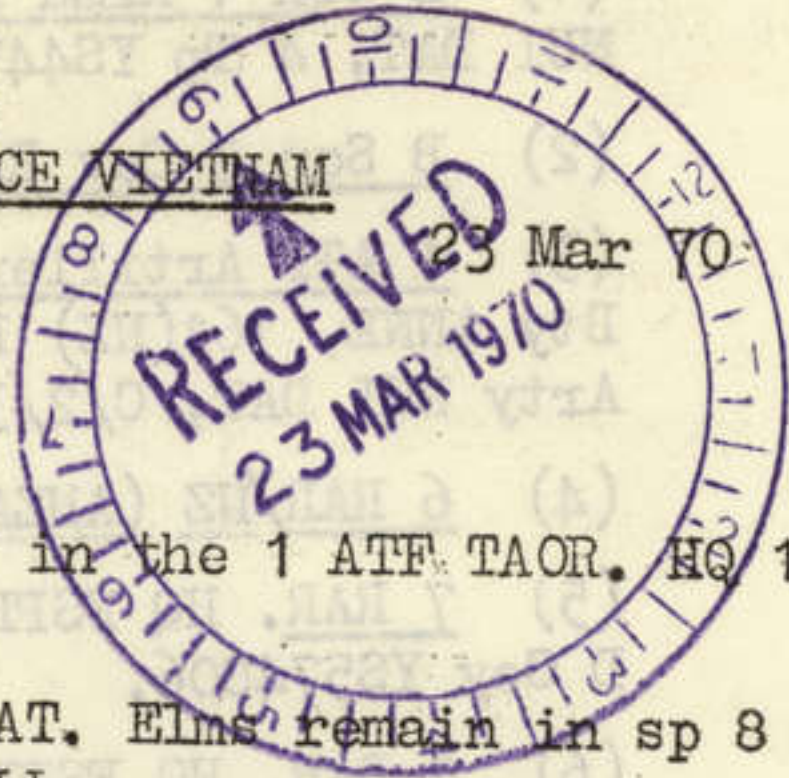
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1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN trg. One sect deploy to LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 3 contacts and 55 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. Elms remain NUI DAT.
- (10) Air Support.

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA/REPORT
212000H	YS552630	Neg BDA
212030H	YS552630	Neg BDA
221010H	YS712871	7 Bkr dest, 3 bkrs exp, 1 sec exp, 2 sustained fires 1 well dest.
221403H	YS867781	3 wicker baskets exp, 1 tunnel entrance exp.

b. Plans Summary for Period 230001H to 232400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL trg ARVN. Sects remain LONG SON Island.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploy to LONG SON Island.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains AO ASCOT extended. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops. Two coys remain in NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS627639, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS447534.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1, 2, 3 Tp's NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty, 1 sect DISCOVERY, 1 sect HORSESHOE, A/7/8 US Arty NUI DAT, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ NUI DAT, A, B, V, D Coy's NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS554710, B Coy YS578737, C Coy YS570771, D Coy YS574306.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS706718, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS640690.
- (7) D & E Pl & TA84. YS283571.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS445534.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) A sweep conducted by 8 RAR as follow up to sighting at YS606679 revealed negative results.
- (2) At 221800H at YS546801 Aslt Pnr Pl found a staging area 30 x 30m containing 5 tables and one lean-to without camouflage, last used 4-5 weeks ago. Also found were a dam and fish traps, empty tins of Dutch food and corn cobs. The area will be destroyed.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses. Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice Mission. Conducted and targeted at areas Eastings 26-29, Northings 55-60, Eastings 56-59, Northings 75-79, Eastings 46-53, Northings 30-34 Exploitation Hoi Chanh. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one hour 20 minutes.

b. RF Operations. 487 RF Coy operates in close liaison with elms 8 RAR in the LONG HAIS.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. Nil operations.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 80% completed. Nil rounds detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 12 knots from SE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

24 Mar 70

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

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

1. Operations Summarya. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT and AO BENDIGO. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 8 RAR in AO ASCOT. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 2 contacts and 13 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between Nui Dat and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO ASCOT extended. BHQ at FSPB DISCOVERY. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. Two coys remain NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 240001H to 242400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp moves to HORSESHOE HILL for ARVN trg.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys to AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6182. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUID DAT, 1 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 2 Tp YS 671722, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp YS445534.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Bty NUI DAT, 106 Bty NUI DAT, 161 NZ Bty(-) DISCOVERY, Sect 161 NZ Bty HORSESHOE, Tp B Bty 718th US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS548725, B Coy YS585743, C Coy YS550771, D Coy YS578807.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn(-) NUI DAT, W Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy YS264563.
- (6) 8 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS706718, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS563624.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS445534.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 231100 at YS692720 elements of 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR contacted an occupied enemy camp. Ptl was observed and engaged by sentry, who was immediately engaged by leading scout. During ensuing fire fight enemy used 1xRPG. Results. 2 Aust WIA, 1xVC WIA (poss). Enemy widr North, North East.
- (2) At 231220H at YS690722 elements of 4 Pl B Coy 8 RAR located an M16 mine with safety pin still in place. Amine detector was dispatched by air and at 231302H another mine was detected in same vicinity.
- (3) At 231245H at YS684735 6 Pl B Coy 8 RAR having been inserted by air contacted 4-6 enemy dressed in black. 6 Pl was moving south and enemy north along stream. On contact enemy fled in numerous directions but generally East. Casualties unknown. 1 SMG with holding butt, 2 packs full of food and 1 AR magazine CIA.
- (4) At 231320H at YS472718 a base patrol from 7 RAR located a VC sleeping area consisting of 2 bunkers surrounded by 12 weapon pits sited in all round defense. Bunker had 18" OHP were 4'6" deep and had 8' tunnel leading to 4' x 3' room. 1 bunker collapsed but the other still serviceable. Weapon pits 4' x 18" and ranging from 9" to 2' deep. The Serviceable bunker was destroyed.
- (5) At 231745H at YS447535 an APC from B Sqn 3 Cav in sp of the Land Clearing Team hit an estimated 40 lb HE pressure mine. Results 4x WIA (Aust), heavy damage to APC including 4 right side road wheels blown off, hull buckled, right side holed and APC blown on its side.
- (6) At 232002H at YS583743 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR saw 3 torches moving 30 metre from their posn and engaged with SA fire and claymores. A sweep will be conducted at first light

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e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 6 x WIA (Aust)
- (b) Materiel. 1 x APC heavily damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 x VC WIA (poss)
- (b) Materiel. 1 x SMG, 2 packs of food, 1 AR magazine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 2
Squad - 8
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted in areas Eastings 54-58, Northings 72-75, Eastings 55-58, Northings 83-86, Eastings 48-53, Northings 81-83, Eastings 64-67, Northings 62-64, Eastings 71-76, Northing 61-64, Eastings 68-70, Northings 68-72, Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2 hrs 30 mins.
- (2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area Eastings 59-69, Northings 86-88. 186,000 leaflets were dropped. The theme was Chieu Hoi.
- (3) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at HOI MY Hamlet.

- b. RF Operations. 124 and 578 RF Coys in the LONG HAIS and 637 RF Coy on LONG SON Island work in close liaison with elms of 8 RAR and 6 RAR respectively.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 100,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. Southern mine fd 1 slot 80% complete. Northern mine fd - no work done.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 17 Knots from SE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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25 Mar 70

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Mar 70.

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



1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TACR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 contact. and 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) returns to NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
231815/1822	YS647862	Neg BDA due to light BDA to be done by Possum.
1117/1135	YS867781	1 sustained fire. 2 dud napalms.

b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains on LONG SON Island. One coy remains HORESESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

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(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 1 Tp FSPB PAT, 4 Tp YS457545.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp FSPB PAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty(-) NUI DAT sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT, B/7/8, US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) NUI DAT, D Coy YS264563, W Coy HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS541725, B Coy YS581755, C Coy YS570771, D Coy YS575811.

(6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.

(7) Land Clearing Team. YS448533.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 232000H at YS505618 a combined patrol from 18 ARVN and W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) engaged 6 VC who approached night AP. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack containing 20 kilos rice and qty docus, M16 CIA. At 231930H three boys (age 10-15) were detained as suspect VCI, they were carrying field eating eqpt. Returned to Nui Dat for interrogation 24 Mar.

(2) Contact of 4/B/7 RAR at 232002H at YS583743 resulted in tracks for three enemy heading East being detected.

(3) At 241000H at YS252564 elms of 10/D/6 RAR located a well camouflaged bunker built within last 5-6 days and occupied within last 2-3 days. Bunker is surrounded by trench 3' deep x 1' wide full of water. Located in area were: 2 cooking dixies, 1 plastic hat, 1xNVA water bottle, 1 cup and qty of para-cord. Bunker destroyed.

(4) At 241130H at YS578756 6/B/7 RAR located a rest area for 3 persons, used during last few days. Tracks heading East left the area.

(5) At 241100H at YS541779 a patrol from Sp Coy 8 RAR guided by Hoi Chanh located a cache containing: 25 kilo unpolished rice, 1xSKS rifle in poor condition, 1 hoe, 1 sickle, 1xUS water bottle, 2xammo tins, 1xUS SLR mag, VC poncho, 2 kilo white beans and 2 kilo green beans.

(6) At approx 241600H at YS543776 the patrol mentioned above located a 30mx30m bunker system consisting of 3 bunkers with a sleeping area for 3-4 persons, and a dry well. They were working on information supplied by the Hoi Chanh at the time. The bunkers had 2'6" OHC, were each 6'x6' and each had two entrances. 1 lb tobacco, 6 rds AK47 ammo, 15 rds M1 ammo, 1 lb chilli, 5 lb peas, 2 lb peppers, assorted webbing, fish hooks and a carrying bag CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material. 45 kilos rice, qty docus, 1xM16, 2 cooking dixies, 1 plastic hat, 1xNVA water bottle, 1 cup, qty nylon cord, 1xSKS, 1 hoe, 1 sickle, 1xUS water bottle, 2 ammo tins, 1xunsvc SLR mag, US poncho, 2 kilo white beans, 2 kilo green beans, 1 lb tobacco, 6xAK47 rds, 15xM1 rds, 1lb chilli, 5lb peas, 2lb peppers, assorted webbing, fish hooks and carrying bag.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted in areas E49-53, N71-75; E47-54, N79-83; E66-70, N74-77; E68-72, N67-71; E65-70, N64-67; E70-76, N62-64; E63-67, N72-74; E26-29, N55-58; E27-30, N60-62; E46-48, N49-53; E24-26, N57-64. Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 5 hours.
- (2) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB targeted at AN NGAI and HOA LOI hamlets.

b. RF Operations. Nil.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 60,000 sq yds cleared. No mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 100% completed.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 20 knots from SE.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Mar 70.

26 Mar 70.

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



1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in Nui Dat. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL XUAN LOC.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil acquired and 70 Intel target missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys into AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in Nui Dat. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.

b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains on LONG SON Island. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS4477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB PAT, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp NUI DAT, 4Tp YS448534.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty YS612816, 106 Fd Bty YS553770, 161 Bty Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE, C/2/8(US) Arty NUI DAT, B/7/8(US) Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS555742, B Coy YS575754, C Coy YS547715, D Coy YS566816.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS677769, B Coy YS667869, V Coy YS587823, D Coy YS283563, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. YS453563.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 251300H at YS579754 4 Pl B Coy 7 RAR located a house 12'X12' and 18" above ground. The house is located next to a natural water spring and old caved in bunker system which has previously been recorded. House last used 3 weeks ago but 2-3 pers have used an outside brick fire place 1 week ago. House contained 2 rice bunds and a rice miller. It will be destroyed by 4Pl.
- (2) At 251330H at YS272584 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an installation consisting of 3 bunkers with OHP and 2 spider holes. To be destroyed by 12 Pl. Area was last used as transit area approx 1 week ago.
- (3) At 251520H at YS253561 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located an enemy camp consisting of 2 sleeping bunkers 6'X6' with 2' OHP built 3 months ago and last used 1 week ago. Also in area were 20 sleeping spaces 3ft off ground to allow for high tide which cover area. Located in area were 1 outboard motor, 12lbs cement, 12 gal earthen ware water container, qty cooking utensils. Equipment & installation destroyed.
- (4) At 251025H at YS627825 Anti Tk Pl 6 RAR located tracks made by 4-6 en moving west during last few days.
- (5) At 241630H at YS585775 a UH-1H from 9 Squadron RAAF sighted one enemy moving south.
- (6) At approx 241500H at YS553739 A Coy 7 RAR found a staging area 100X150 metres with 30X2 man weapon pits, last used 6 months ago. At YS557741 a 1 year old grave with a wooden headstone well cared for. The unit considers it could be the grave of an important person. At YS556739 a marker was located consisting of a new palm frond about 4' high tied with plastic taping. The marker was about 300m north of a posn used by friendly forces.
- (7) At 241615 at YS256574 six Hoi Chanhs surrendered to 10Pl D Coy 6 RAR/NZ. Initial interrogation indicates they are from the Long Son Island Production Centre.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. 1 outboard motor, 12lbs cement, qty cooking utensils, 12 gal earthen ware container, and a rice roller.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 12
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results. 1X VC KIA (Poss).

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Mission. Conducted and targeted in areas eastings 48-52, northings 82-85, eastings 66-74, northings 75-78, Theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour 20 mins.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Targeted in areas easting 70-72, northing 73-80, easting 62-64, northing 70-76. 230,000 leaflets were dropped.

(3) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams and targeted at AP TAY and Long Dien Hamlets.

b. RF Operations. 124, 378, 487 RF Coys in the Long Hai's and 637 RF Coy on Long Son Island continue to operate in close liaison with elms of 8 RAR and 6 RAR/NZ respectively.

c. Engineering Operations. (1) Land Clearing Team. 60,000 sq yds cleared. Nil mines detonated. (2) Mine Clearing Team. 4 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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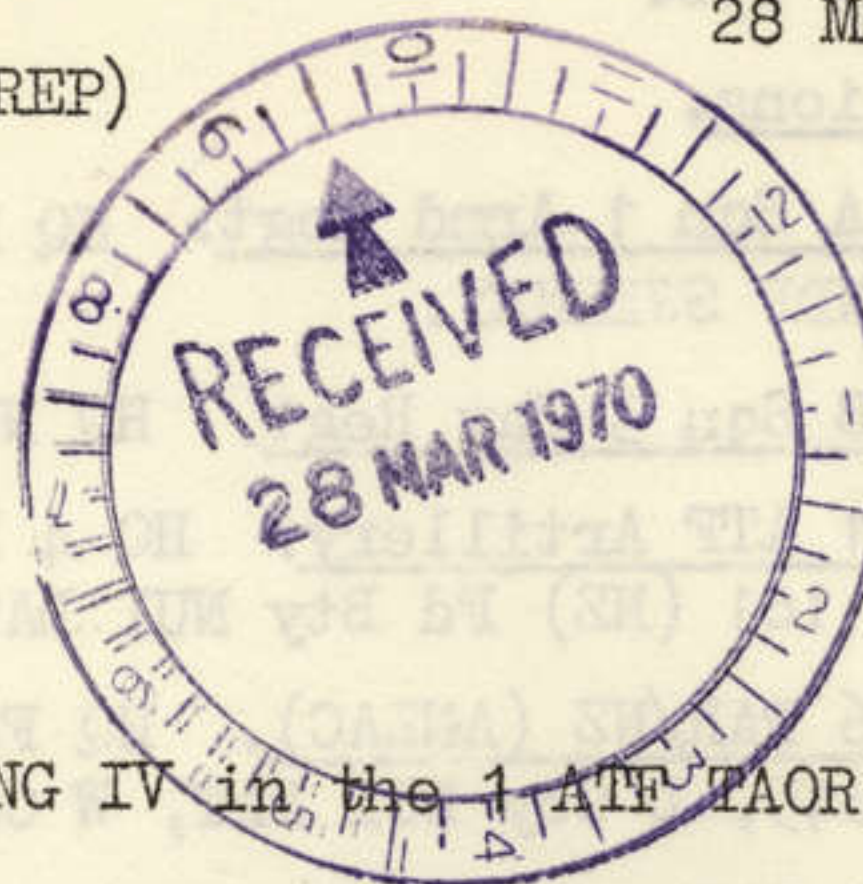
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Mar 70.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
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1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
- (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(+) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elm on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 4 contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy returns from LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1105/1120H	YS721917	1 hut destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 280001H to 282400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sects return from LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to AO TULIP extended vic YS4888.

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- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS486498, 4 Tp NDP SWEENEY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp YS498892, 3 Tp NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS673789, B Coy YS675867, V Coy YS578845, D Coy NUI DAT, W Coy(-) HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS547775, B Coy YS552773, C Coy YS518847, D Coy YS566834.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) D & E Pl. YS288571.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. SWEENEY.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late report At 260930H at YS272565 12/D/6 RAR/NZ located 10x2 man pits and 5x1 man pits in an area 50Mx100M. The system was rectangular and was last used 2-3 months ago. At 261100H at YS271566 the same pl located 9x2 man pits in a 35Mx50M area. All these pits ran off a "U" shaped pit with a communications trench 3'6" deep and 2' wide. The area was last used 2-3 months ago. Both areas were destroyed by explosives.
- (2) At 270450H at YS520895 elms of W/6 RAR/NZ contacted 3-4 VC moving West to East. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), pack containing 12 kilos sugar, qty noodles and tobacco, mag for Chicom pistol CIA. Docus on body identify him as pl 2 ic Baria-Long Khanh Provincial Unit.
- (3) At 271000H at YS676784 1/A/6 RAR/NZ contacted a group of 13 VC incl 3 children. Results 3 VC KIA (BC), assorted water bottles, 2 mugs, ammo liners, 1 machete and assorted digging eqpt CIA.
- (4) At 271010H at YS664882 elms of 2/B/6 RAR/NZ located 3 bunkers 12'x12' with 2' OHC, 1 bunker 3' x5' with 2' OHC and 4 huts all about 6 months old. 1xsaw, 1xM1 Garrand rifle, 4xclaymore tripods, 4xclaymores, used bandages, 1 tube tablets, 100 rds ammo of unk type CIA.
- (5) At 271145H at YS454554 a D8 bulldozer from the Land Clearing Team detonated a rocket, possibly an RPG2, set up as a booby trap. The logging bar on the winch at the rear of the bulldozer was demolished otherwise no damage. At 271240H at the same location an M16 mine was detonated causing scratches on the blade. No casualties from either incident.
- (6) At 271625H at YS598606 elms of 1/W/6 RAR/NZ sighted 3 VC dressed in black moving south. 2 enemy carrying weapons and the other carrying a pack. Patrol did not engage due to range (200M) and armed Possum a/c sent to area was unable to locate enemy.
- (7) At 271600H at YS523844 9/C/7 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of 1 bunker and 3 weapon pits in area 30x40M. Installation was constructed and occupied 1 week ago and is located 1200M from water.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 1xD8 bulldozer damaged by RPG booby trap.
- (2) Enemy Losses.

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- (a) Personnel. 4 KIA (BC) 4 KBA (Poss).
- (b) Material. 12 kilos sugar, qty noodles, tobacco, medical sups, Chicom pistol mag, qty assorted mugs, water bottles, 1 machete, digging eqpt, 1 saw, 1 M1 Garand Rifle, 4 claymores and tripods, 100 rds SAA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 2
Platoon - 1
Squad - Nil.

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contacts: 2.

At 271646H elm 1 SAS Sqn contacted 2 VC dressed in green. 1 AK47 seen. Enemy engaged by M79 and SA and LFT. No return fire en wdr. 2 KBA (poss).

At 271615H elm of 1 SAS Sqn contacted 2 VC dressed in black. Engaged with SA, M79 and LFT. No return fire. 2 KBA (poss).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Three voice missions were conducted, targeted at areas: E68-74, N66-71; E55-59, N64-66; E73-82, N67-75; E24-29, N55-61; E29-35, N58-60; E47-49, N67-75. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 4½ hrs.

(2) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB teams targeted at LONG DIEN.

b. RF Operations. 3 RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with Task Force elements in Long Hai Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 80,000 sq yds cleared, 3 mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 50Mx30M cleared, 5 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 5 knots.

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1. Operations Summary.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 21 acquired and 12 Intel targets and nil missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys into AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains on LONG SON Island.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
1110/1120	YS867781	1 bkr exp - camp destroyed.
1140/1205	YS867781	" "
1140/1205	YS867781	" "
0935/1005	YS714919	1 hut exp and damaged, 1 bkr damaged, 3 bkrs destroyed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 270001H to 272400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Two sects remain in AO BENDIGO. Sects remain in LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE to XUAN LOC.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy returns from LONG SON Island. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.

(7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

(1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS494515, 4 Tp YS448534.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp YS496890, 3 Tp PAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161(NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8/ US Arty H'shoe C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS675777, B Coy YS675867, V Coy YS578837, D Coy YS283564, W Coy(-) YS497890 and HORSESHOE.

(5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS556751, B Coy YS570771, C Coy YS518847 D Coy YS565827.

(6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.

(7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

(8) Land Clearing Team. YS448534.

(9) D & E Pl. YS288570.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 261055H at YS458553 a tank from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt with the Land Clearing Team ran over and burst a cannister of CS gas. No casualties.

(2) At 261115H at YS592611 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 24 prs of plastic sandals, 28 x ponchos, 38 squares of material, 47 hammocks, 100' nylon rope, 2 cooking pots and a qty of medical supplies. Medical supplies recovered but remainder destroyed.

(3) At 261200H at YS636776, elements of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a body. Estimated time of death at least 1 month and due to deterioration no cause of death ascertained.

(4) At 261200H at YS681683, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system last used 2-3 weeks ago by up to a pl. System had previously been destroyed by air.

(5) At 261500H at YS691833 and YS691834, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a coy sized bunker system. 14 bunkers in reasonable order including 4 with thatched roofs. Bunkers had 2-3' OHP and were last used 2-3 months ago.

(6) At 261747H at YS556754, 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR sighted 1 VC dressed in black moving east. Enemy engaged by small arms but did not return fire and fled East with unk results.

(7) At 261920H at YS488515, 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged 3 VC with .30 cal Browning MG fire. Results unk and area engaged by US Light Fire Team.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. 24 prs plastic sandals, 28 ponchos, 38 squares of material, 47 hammocks, 100' nylon rope, 2 cooking pots, qty of medical supplies.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 1
Squad - 0
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Voice Missions. Conducted and targeted in areas E 69-75 N 64-70, (QR exploitation rallier), E 54-59 N 90-92, E 50-55 N 86-88, E 47-49 N 50-53. E 72-81 N 67-74. Theme Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time 4 hours 30 mins.
- (2) Audio/Visual. Conducted by HE/HB Team and targeted at DUC TRUNG and DUC MY Hamlet.

- b. RF Operations. 3 x RF Coys continue to operate in close conjunction with Task Force Elements in the LONG HAI hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing Team. 70,000 square yards cleared. Nil mines detonated.
- (2) Mine Clearing Team. 50 x 30 metres cleared. 3 mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 12 knots.

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29 Mar 70

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in NUI DAT.
 - (2) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Tp remains in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Elms on HORSESHOE HILL. Tp remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp sps RF in vic YS4952.
 - (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains on LONG SON Island centre of mass YS2756. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
 - (4) 1 ATF Artillery. contact and Intel and Acquired target missions were fired during the reporting period.
 - (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues Route 52.
 - (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
 - (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with Bn HQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to AO TULIP.
 - (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
 - (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. One coy deploys to area vic YS7170.

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 292400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sects return from LONG SON Island. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS 6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy deploys to AO TULIP extended vic YS4888.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops. Coy remains in vic YS7170.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp PAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS494518. 4 Tp LCT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS465883. 3 Tp PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT. 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT. B/7/8 US Arty HORSESHOE. C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) HQ FSPB PAT. A Coy YS705777. B Coy YS679863. V Coy YS588857. D Coy YS467895. W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE. A Coy YS515868. B Coy YS580881, C Coy YS518847. D Coy YS566834.
- (6) 8 RAR. HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) D and E Pl. YS288571.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. Sweeny.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 281030H at YS457851 chicom mine of unk type located by elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Blown in situ.
- (2) At 281510H at YS456553 D8 from Land Clearing Team detonated M16 mine. Nil damage or cas.
- (3) At 281400H and 281530H at YS455754 elms of 1 Fd Sqn located two mines which were uncovered, without detonating, by a grader. Mines were 10lb and 30 lb of Chicom TNT respectively and had bamboo tilt switch initiators. Estimate that mines had been in ground for six months and initiators had so deteriorated as to become inoperative.
- (4) At 281100H at YS546830 12 Pl D Coy 7 RAR located a bunker installation consisting of: 95 small pits, 12 large pits, 2 tunnels 50' long and 7 large bunkers, headquarters, kitchen etc. System has a definite track plan and has sentry positions flanking the bunkers. Also located in area was an aid post. Construction has been carried out during last four to twelve months.
- (5) At 281400H at YS589599 elms of 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system in bad state of repair last used 12 months ago. 3 RPG rds located. System was built to accomodate a VC Coy.
- (6) At 281925H at YS457894 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR engaged unk number of enemy Initial results 1 VC KIA(BC). 1 weapon (type unk CIA).
- (7) At 282130H at YS479894 elms of W Coy and ARVN joint ptl engaged area of movement detected by VN sentry. Results unknown.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

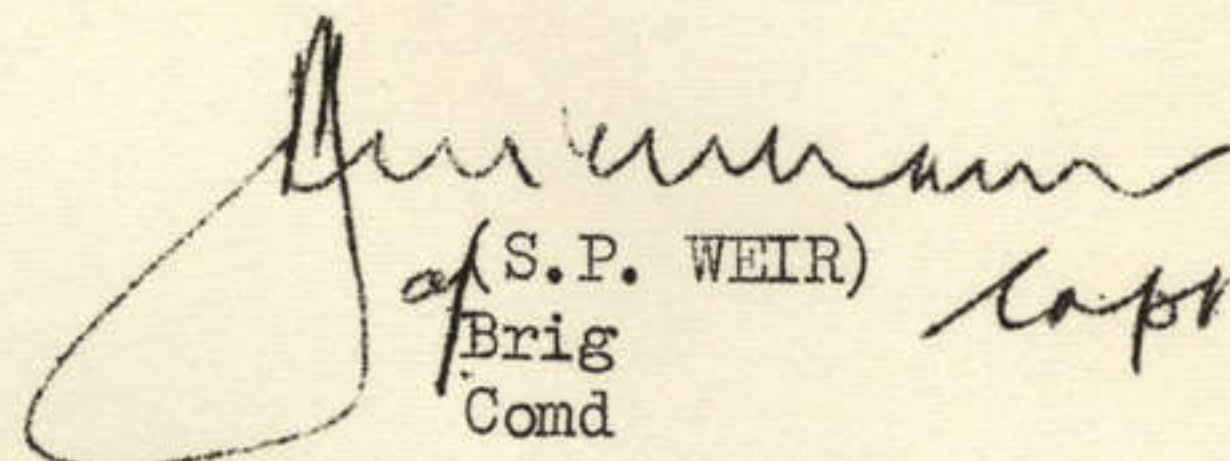
2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations: Nil

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- b. RF Operations. Three RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with elements of 8 RAR and A Sqn 1 Armd Regt in LONG HAI Hills.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. 99,000 sq yds cleared. 1 mine detonated.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. No progress.
- 3. Meteorological Detail.
 - aa. Rainfall. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. NE at 6 kts.


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TO: Commanding General
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1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains NUI DAT. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. Tp operates with ARVN from HORSESHOE HILL to XUAN LOC. One sect ops RF in vic YS4952.
- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. Nil contact and 19 Intel and Aquired target. missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DQ and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and BINH BA. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in AO TULIP.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO. One coy which deployed to area vic YS7170 returns to NUI DAT.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
291000/1040	YS639759	Military structure destroyed. 2 bnk damaged and exposed. 4 bnk destroyed. 2 X A/S.
291000/1040	YS639759	(M Pic 11 & 21)
291125/1150	YS823764	3 bnks destroyed, one tunnel exposed and 1 dud nape.

b. Plans Summary for Period 300001H to 302400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952. One tp remains with engr road construction team on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Tp returns from XUAN LOC. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.

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- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS 6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy AO TULIP extended vic YS4888.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1Tp FSPB PAT, 2Tp NUI DAT, 3Tp YS479492, 4Tp NDP SWEENEY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2Tp LONG BINH, 3Tp FSPB PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT.
- (4) 7 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS50568662, B Coy 580881, C Coy YS531829, D Coy YS546830.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). FSPB PAT, A Coy YS719761, B Coy YS686888, V Coy YS588851, D Coy YS467882, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NDP SWEENEY.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 290915H at YS494512 a tank from 3Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated an M16 mine. Results: 1X WIA (Aust).
- (2) At 290905H at YS424730 elms of B Coy 8 RAR contacted one enemy wearing a green uniform, bush hat and foliage that was presumed to be camouflage. He was carrying a weapon, type unk. Results: Negative.
- (3) At 290830H at YS467882 D Coy 6 RAR/NZ found a sandbag containing 475 X 7,92mm AP rounds.
- (4) At 291015H at YS522850 7/C/7 RAR found a staging camp 30 X 50M consisting of 5 bunkers with 18" OHC with sleeping accommodation for 5-10 people. The area was 2-3 months old and was 400-1200M from water (300M during wet season).
- (5) At 291215H at YS423731 4/B/8 RAR located a cache containing 9 bags (full and partially full) totaling 100 lb beans and nuts and 770lbs rice. The bags were marked "Long Grain US Number 5. Milled Rice product USA. Nett weight 100lbs. Comet Rice Mills Houston Texas USA". The cache area will be ambushed tonight.
- (6) The weapon recovered from the contact by 11/D/6 RAR/NZ has been identified as a Chicom type 43 7.62 SMG.
- (7) During the day, 3Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located the following:
 - a. YS622822 2X2 man pits 1 week old.
 - b. YS620814 4X wpn pits 1 week old.
 - c. YS604810 2 bunkers old but in good condition.
 - d. YS618828 and north along road to 86 northing 30-40 holes similar to ones found previously in the south of AO AUCKLAND. Holes were 4'X1'X3' deep and followed no apparent pattern or design. There was no protection and poor cam and were estimated to be 14 days old. Only holes near the edge of the road were searched.

(8) At 29 1500H at YS273712 A Base Ptl from 7 RAR located an installation consisting of 6 slit trenches 4'X18"X2' deep, and 2 sentry posts. System was constructed in thick vegetation and would have been difficult to locate except that a recent fire in there has destroyed the cover. System was last used 6 months ago and is 200M from water. Located in general area at YS469-709, YS469715, & YS476717 were 3X 105MM blinds **will** be destroyed by 7 RAR.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 (Aust) WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil .

(b) Materiel. 475 7,92 AP rds, 770lbs rice, 100lbs bean and nuts.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Voice Missions. Late submission 28 Mar 70, conducted and targeted at areas E 75-82 N67-75, E 76-82 N 70-74, E 31-37 N 54-59, E 47-49 N 50-53. 29 Mar 70. E 76-82 N 68-74, E 71-76 N67-71. Theme was CHIEU HOI. Total broadcast time was 4 hrs 30 mins.

b. RF Operations: Three RF Coys continue to operate in close co-operation with ATF element in LONG HAI Hills.

c. Engineering Operations: (1) Land Clearing Team. 30,000 Sq Yds cleared. Nil mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team: 1 slot 30% completed.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 15 knots from SE.

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- (4) 1 ATF Artillery. 2 contact and 13 Intel and Acquired target missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elms continue minefield clearance DAT DO and road construction on Route 23 between LONG DIEN and DAT DO and on Route 2 between NUI DAT and NGAI BIAO. Bridge construction continues on Route 52.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues vic LONG DIEN. Bridge construction continues on Route 23. Quarry team remains vic YS4453. Road construction continues Route 44.
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- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
292148H	YS807693	Large fire burning (NAP in ORD).
1115/1130	YS640747	2 bunkers exposed and damaged.

b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H Mar 70.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp sps RF vic YS4952. One tp remains with engr road construction team on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect sps RF in vic YS4952.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy AO TULIP extended.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp PAT, 2 Tp YS455762, 3 Tp YS491499, 4 Tp YS444532.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-), 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp PAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty PAT, 106 Fd Bty ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty HORSESHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ PAT, A Coy YS719763, B Coy YS686888, V Coy(-) YS630861, D Coy YS467882, W Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS498874, B Coy YS580881, C Coy YS521840, D Coy YS565845.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.
- (7) Land Clearing Team. NDP SWENNY.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS286550.

d. Contact and Incidents.

- (1) At 301010H at YS457558 a bulldozer from 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team hit what was believed to be a 55 lb chicom pressure mine. Results: Track blown off dozer, "C" frame badly damaged.
- (2) At YS529865, 1 Pl A Coy 7 RAR located an installation consisting of 2 large bunkers and number of weapon pits to accomodate VC Coy to Bn size force. Bunkers had 18" OHP, fish traps and banana trees were located in area which was last occupied 3 months ago.
- (3) At 301600H at YS730754, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker installation in area 100 x 40m consisting of: 4 bunkers 10 x 3 ft and 12 bunkers 12 x 10 ft. The area was estimated to have been half occupied 2-3 days ago.
- (4) At 301807H at YS473883, Anti Tk Pl, D Coy 6 RAR and elements of 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 10-15 enemy moving East. Contact initiated by Anti Tk Pl when what appeared to be a small recce group in advance of main body was engaged. 1 enemy KIA. Enemy wdr NE and were engaged by elements of D Coy and 3 Tp which were deployed to cut off route. 4 enemy KIA. All elements conducted follow up action. Results so far: 5 enemy KIA(BC), 1 x AK50, 8 packs, qty Cambodian and NVA money, qty docus CIA. Detailed sweep to be carried out at first light.
- (5) At 301840H at YS471835, elements of Anti Tk Pl 7 RAR engaged three enemy moving NE. 2 enemy dressed in black and 1 in green. Results unknown, sweep to be conducted at first light.
- (6) At 302009H at YS500627, elements of W Coy 6 RAR engaged with GPMG and 81mm mortar the area in which a light was observed. Results unknown, sweep to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x D8 bulldozer heavy damage.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 5 VC KIA(BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x AK50, qty docus, 8 packs, qty Cambodian and NVA money.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 5
Squad - 5
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Voice Mission. Conducted and targeted in area Eastings 68-75 Northings 66-71, Eastings 76-81 Northings 67-70 QR exploitation rallier. Total broadcast time was 45 mins.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted in area Eastings 71-80 Northings 67-71. The theme was Chieu Hoi. 350,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. RF Operations. Four RF Coys continue operation in close cooperation with ATF elements in LONG HAI Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 10,000 sq yards cleared. 1 mine detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. 1 slot 60% complete. No mines.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

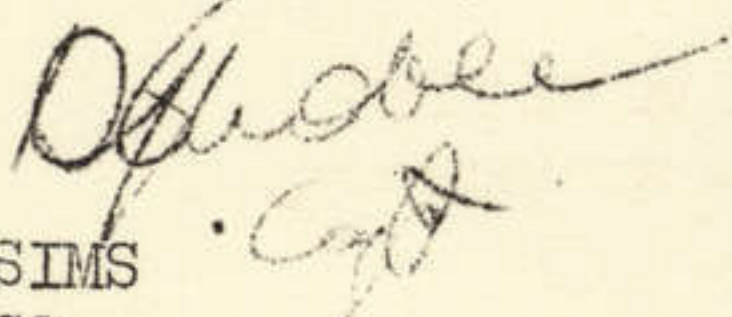
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 8 knots.

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- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) remains in AO AUCKLAND with BHQ at FSPB PAT YS6181. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains in AO TULIP.
- (8) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. Bn HQ loc at FSPB ANNE.
- (9) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain in AO BENDIGO.
- (10) Air Support.

TIME	GRID	BDA/REPORT.
0940/1020H	YS640747	10 bunkers exposed and damaged, 10mtrs trench exposed.
1110/1135H	YS640747	3 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed and damaged.

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

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. Elms remain HORSESHOE HILL. Elms remain in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One tp remains AO BENDIGO. One tp remains with engr road construction team on Route 2.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) remains in NUI DAT. One sect remains in sp 7 RAR in AO KURRAJONG. Tp(-) in sp 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO AUCKLAND. One sect remains in AO BENDIGO. Sect remains AO TULIP.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues minefield clearance DAT DO. Continues road construction Routes 2 and 23. Sp Inf Bns. Continues bridge construction Route 52.
- (4) 17 Const Sqn. Road and bridge construction continues Route 23. Road construction team and quarry team with inf and armoured elms remain vic YS4453.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) deploys N of AO AUCKLAND vic YS6095 with BHQ at FSPB TIGER YS6491. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 7 RAR. Bn(-) remains in AO KURRAJONG. BHQ loc FSPB ANNE YS5477. Elms op with 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) N of AO AUCKLAND.
- (7) 8 RAR. Bn(-) remains NUI DAT. Elms remain at AO BENDIGO to protect quarry ops.

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c. Locations.

- (1) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt. HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp TASMAN, 2 Tp YS456762, 3 Tp NUI DAT, 4 Tp SWEENEY.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp TASMAN.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 4 Fd Regt RAA NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB PAT, 106 Fd Bty FSPB ANNE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty NUI DAT, B/7/8 US Arty H'SHOE, C/2/35 US Arty NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). HQ FSPB PAT, A Coy YS719763, B Coy YS654923, V Coy YS640914, D Coy YS473885, W Coy H'SHOE.
- (5) 7 RAR. HQ FSPB ANNE, A Coy YS548925, B Coy YS596917, C Coy YS521886, D Coy YS581922.
- (6) 8 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) Mine Clearing Team. HORSESHOE.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. SWEENEY.
- (9) D & E Pl. YS288571.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 310250H at YS499618 W/6 RAR/NZ detected 3-4 VC moving. The area was engaged with mortars, but a sweep at first light revealed neg results.
- (2) At 310615H at YS511882 3/A/7 RAR contacted 2 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1xM1 carbine and 2 packs CIA.
- (3) At 311010H at YS387693 6/B/8 RAR located a Chicom stick grenade.
- (4) At 311515H at YS565596 2/W/6 RAR/NZ sighted 10-15 VC at 300M range moving south. Area engaged by arty but follow up sweep located only tracks. At 1700H LFT which has been dispatched to area YS554573 sighted 3 VC, 1 of whom was armed and carrying a pack. Result: 3 VC KBA (poss). 100M west 1 further armed VC engaged. Result: 1 VC KBA (BC). Sweep to be conducted by 2/W Coy 01 Apr.
- (5) At 311530H at YS478838 Aslt Pnr Pl 7 RAR located in area 75x75M 2 bunkers surrounded by brush fences. Area contained numerous fire places, 2 of which have been used 4-6 hrs earlier. Bunkers are 9x6x4 with 2' OHP and is estimated to be 1 yr old. Located in area were: bananas, 12 sandbags, fresh water and fruit, mosquito repellent, qty of webbing and C rations. 5 tracks lead out from area.
- (6) At 311830H at YS421727 9/C/8 RAR engaged 1 en moving south. Enemy dressed in green shirt and black trousers and carrying pack. Enemy engaged by SA with no return fire. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack, qty webbing, qty docus, qty salt and rice and new claymore CIA.
- (7) At 312145H at YS492625 elms of W/6 RAR/NZ engaged 1 light moving NE to SW with machine gun. Light extinguished and search to be conducted at first light.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KBA (BC), 3 VC KBA (poss).
 - (b) Material. 1xclaymore, qty webbing, docus, salt, rice, C ration, and fruit. 1xM1 carbine.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - 5
Squad - 6
- (2) 1 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: 1.

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(4) Results. See para 1.d.(6).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations. Four RF Coys continue to operate in close cooperation with Task Force elements in Long Hai Hills.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing Team. 35,000 square yds cleared. No mines detonated.

(2) Mine Clearing Team. Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 06 knots.

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