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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

From 1 NOV 69 To 30 NOV 69

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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 NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped starting at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of great importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be given for orders issued and received, routine returns, etc. All orders and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, ' the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Month and Year Nov 69

Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation B SQN 1 ARMED REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ A. H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 NOV		Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus support elements continued Recce and Ambush operations in AO Salot. Centre of mass VS 4581. One tp remained in AO Stuart op con to 9RAR, supporting Recce and Ambush operations. One tp remained on Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF Ready Position Force standby	E1
YS 433 737		1910H	elements of B/1 Armcd Regt sighted 20 armed VC moving east. Sigs; B Sqn (-) IATF bases, Tango Zone VS 434 749, 1 tp Horseshoe Hill, 3 Tps VS 225 829	
	2 NOV		Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued Recce and Ambush operations in AO Salot, centre of mass VS 4581. One tp remained in AO Grace op con to 5RAR on Recce and Ambush operations. one tp vacated 3/52 ARVN group deploying into AO PHI LONE and returned to Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF Ready Position Force Standby	E2

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Reference Map... SUN

Unit/Formation... BSON 1 Arm'd Regt

Commanding Officer... Maj A H Smith

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>3 Nov</u>		Elements of SHQ, one tp plus supporting elms continue recee + ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass Y54581. One tp in AO GRACE op con SPAR 1 Tp moved from Horseshoe to IATF base HOCS: B Sqn (-) IATF Base; Tango Force Y5454749; 3 Tp Y5 225829	<u>E3</u>
<u>Y5234826</u>		<u>1145</u>	3 Tp with B/SPAR located 30 bunkers with 2' OHC plus 3 open pits. Quantity of ammo and eqpt found. System to be destroyed by 3 Tp	<u>G1</u>
<u>Y5477811</u>	4 Nov	<u>1545</u>	Tango Force loc fresh tracks of approx 5 people moving NE	<u>G1</u>
	<u>4 Nov</u>		Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elms continued recee and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass Y54581. One tp remained in AO GRACE op con to SPAR <u>PLANS</u> : One tp on IATF Ready Reaction Force Elms SHQ plus one tp to op in AO SABOT One tp in AO GRACE op con to SPAR will be joined by a further tp tomorrow	<u>E4</u>

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A. H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>5 Nov</u>		<p>Elements SHQ, one tp plus supporting elms continue recee and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS 4581. One tp remained in AO GRACE op con to SRAR joined by a further tp</p> <p>LOCS: B Sqn (-) YS 466794 1 Tp YS 252841 3 Tp YS 230813 4 Tp Nui Dat on Ready Reaction Force</p>	<u>E5</u>
	<u>6 Nov</u>		<p>Elements Sqn HQ, one tp plus supporting elms continued recee and ambush ops in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS 4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to SRAR</p> <p>LOCS: Sqn (-) YS 428815 1 Tp YS 269847 3 Tp YS 229819 4 Tp Nui Dat on Ready Reaction Force</p>	<u>E6</u>
<u>YS 450796</u>		<u>1115H</u>	<p>2 Tp located a mine consisting of 2 x 105mm HE connected to a bamboo switch</p> <p>Mine was destroyed</p>	

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H SMITH

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	<u>7 Nov</u>		Elements of Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recee and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS 4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to SRAR HQCS: Sqn (-) YS 467794 1 Tp YS 279847 3 Tp YS 228818 4 Tp Nui Dat on Ready Reaction	<u>E7</u>
<u>YS 450796</u>	<u>7 Nov</u>	<u>1600H</u>	2 Tp located a mine consisting of 1x155mm HE rd and 10lb explosive. Mine was destroyed	<u>E7</u>
	<u>8 Nov</u>		Elements of SHQ, One tp plus supporting elements continue recee and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS 4581. Two tps remained op con to SRAR in AO GRACE HQCS Sqn (-) Nui Dat Tango Force YS 790782 YS 467793 1 Tp YS 275837	<u>E8</u>

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	8 Nov		3 TP YS 229819	
<u>YS 461797</u>		0922 H	Tango Force received RPG and SA fire. Found mortar base plate area with fresh tracks leading to Nui NHAN at YS 451787	E8
	8 Nov		RO part 1 serial 54/69 Number 310 issued	K2
	9 Nov		Elements of Sqn HQ, one tp and supporting elms continued recon and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS 4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5RAR. Elements deployed to HORSESHOE HILL LOCS: Sqn (-) Nui Dat 1 TP YS 279829 T Force YS 488809 3 TP YS 229819 4 TP Nui Dat on Ready Reaction	E9

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<u>YS 4359</u>	<u>9 Nov</u>	<u>0030H</u>	<u>Four Tp with Ready Reaction deployed to LONG DIEN. Returned to Nui Dat 0800H.</u>	<u>EQ</u>
<u>YS 501581</u>	<u>9 Nov</u>	<u>1040H</u>	<u>Four members of unit were wounded when a booby trap was detonated near bunker 16 in Dat Do. The four WIA were dusted off to 1 Aust Field Hosp.</u>	<u>EQ</u>
	<u>10 Nov</u>		<u>Elements Sqn HQ, one tp plus supporting elements returned to IATF Base from recon and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS 4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL</u>	<u>E10</u>
<u>YS 443642</u>	<u>10 Nov</u>	<u>1330H</u>	<u>Four Tp deployed on Reaction to YS 443642 sighting of VC. Nil sighting or contact by 4TP, returned 1700H</u>	

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	<u>10 Nov</u>		<u>LOCS Sqn HQ Nui Dat</u>	<u>E10</u>
			<u>1 TP YS 271817</u>	
			<u>2 TP Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>3 TP YS 217856</u>	
			<u>4 TP Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>SHQ Elms Horseshoe Hill</u>	
	<u>11 Nov</u>		<u>B Sqn (-) remains IATF Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5RAR. Elements of SHQ remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on IATF Ready Reaction Force</u>	<u>E11</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS: Sqn HQ Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>1 TP YS 208850</u>	
			<u>2 TP Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>3 TP YS 217857</u>	
			<u>4 TP Nui Dat</u>	
	<u>12 Nov</u>		<u>B Sqn (-) remains IATF base. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL</u>	<u>E12</u>
			<u>Locations:</u>	

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	<u>12 Nov</u>		<u>Sqn HQ Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>1 Tp VS 285783</u>	
			<u>2 Tp VS 482562</u>	
			<u>3 Tp VS 216813</u>	
			<u>4 Tp Nui Dat on IATF Ready Reaction Force</u>	
	<u>13 Nov</u>		<u>B Sqn (-) remains IATF Base. One tp is deployed with 124 RF Coy. Two tps remained in AO GRACE of con to SRAR Elements SHQ remain HORSESHOE HILL</u>	<u>E13</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS:</u>	
			<u>SHQ Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>1 Tp (-) VS 293778</u>	
			<u>2 Tp (-)</u>	
			<u>3 Tp (-) VS 228818</u>	
			<u>4 Tp Nui Dat on IATF Ready Reaction</u>	

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A H SMITH.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	14th Nov		B SON (-) remains I ATF Base. one TP is returned to I ATF base from ops with 124 RF Coy via YS4753. Two TPs remained in AO GRACE op con to SRAR. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill. Locations.	E14
			Sqn HQ. NUI DAT.	
			1 TP YS293778	
			2 TP NUI DAT	
			3 TP NUI DAT.	
			4 TP YS240769.	
	14th Nov		One TP remains on I ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two TPs op con SRAR in AO GRACE Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill.	E14.
YS493510	14th Nov	141150H	Elements of 2 TP B SON whilst supporting RF operations were engaged with SAA and sustained negative casualties.	
		141550H		
YS463577	14th Nov	141550H	2 TP B SON found Road Block on Route 326 which was cleared by mini team. The block was made of from brush and contained grenade fragments and a mine marker sign. Route 326 was cleared by RF troop with US advisors this morning.	E14

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YS482516	14th NOV	14150H.	Elements of B/1 Armd Regt. (2TP) contacted unknown number of enemy with unknown results while engaging four tunnel entrances in YS4851 and YS4850.	G 16.

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A H SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	15th NOV		B SON (-) REMAINS IATF BASE. ONE TP IS RETURNED TO IATF BASE FROM OPS WITH 124 RF COY VIC 4753. TWO TPS REMAIN IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL LOCATIONS	E15
			SON HQ (-) NUI DAT. 1 TP VS 224 263781 4 TP VS 231814	
			ONE TP REMAINS ON IATF READY REACTION FORCE STANDBY. TWO TPS OP CON SRAR IN AO GRACE. ELEMENTS REMAIN ON HORSESHOE HILL	
	16th NOV		B SON (-) REMAINS IN IATF BASE. TWO TPS REMAINED IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL LOCATIONS.	E16
			SON (-) NUI DAT. 1 TP VS 231754 4 TP VS 231814	
			ONE TP REMAINS ON READY REACTION FORCE (IATF) STANDBY. TWO TPS OP CON SRAR IN AO GRACE. ELEMENTS REMAIN ON HORSESHOE HILL.	E16.

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A H SMITH.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>YS 308756</u>	<u>16th NOV.</u>	<u>160945H</u> 160910H	<u>9/C/5 RAR CONTACTED 6 to 12 ENEMY IN BUNKER SYSTEM. ENEMY WITHDREW SOUTH WHEN 8 PL SUPPORTED BY TANKS (1TP) ASSULTED FROM NORTH RESULTS 1 AUST KIA 2 WIA.</u>	<u>E16</u>
<u>YS 310756</u>	<u>16th NOV</u>	<u>160945H</u>	<u>9/C/5 RAR CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN A BUNKER SYSTEM. THE CAMP WAS ASSAULTED BY 8 PL AND A TP OF TANKS BUT THE ENEMY HAD WITHDRAWN. RESULTS ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN, 1 AUST KIA 2 AUST WIA</u>	<u>G18 18</u>
	<u>17th NOV</u>		<u>B SON (-) REMAINS IN IATF BASE. TWO TPs REMAIN IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSE SHOE HILL</u>	<u>E17</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS. — SON (-) NUI DAT</u>	
			<u>1TP YS 306760</u>	
			<u>4TP YS 229816</u>	
			<u>ONE TP REMAINS ON IATF REAR REACTION FORCE STABBY</u>	
			<u>TWO TPs (1) & (4) OP CON SRAR IN AO GRACE. ELEMENTS REMAIN ON HORSESHOE HILL</u>	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>18th Nov</u>		<u>BSON (-) REMAINS IN IATF BASE. TWO TPs REMAIN IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL</u>	<u>E18.</u>
			<u>LOCS — SON (-) NUI DAT</u>	
			<u>1 TP YS 293756</u>	
			<u>4 TP YS 233811</u>	
			<u>ONE TP REMAINS ON IATF READY REACTION FORCE STAND BY. TWO TPs OP CON SRAR IN AO GRACE ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL.</u>	
	<u>19th Nov</u>		<u>BSON (-) REMAINS IN IATF BASE. TWO TPs REMAIN IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL</u>	<u>E19</u>
			<u>LOCS — SON (-) NUI DAT.</u>	
			<u>1 TP YS 299778</u>	
			<u>4 TP YS 231811</u>	
			<u>ONE TP REMAINS IATF READY REACTION FORCE STAND BY</u>	
<u>YS240812</u>	<u>19th Nov</u>	<u>19130 H.</u>	<u>TWO TPs OP CON SRAR IN AO GRACE. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL. 90 RFPL CONTACTED 15-20 ENEMY IN BUNKERS. ENEMY WITHDREW NW WHEN BUNKERS WERE ASSAULTED WITH TKS (4TP) APCs AND 90 RF PL RESULTS: 4RF WIA, 4VC KIA (BC) 1XAK47 1X75mm RCL ROUND, 150KG RICE, QUANTITY DOES CIA.</u>	

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Unit/Formation... B SON I ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer... MAJ A H SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS241815	19th Nov.	191145H.	ELEMENTS OF 90 RF COY, B SON I ARMD REGT (4TP) AND B/3 CAV REGT CONTACTED APPROX 20 ENEMY IN A BUNKER SYSTEM RESULTS: 4 RF WIA, 4 ENEMY KIA (BC) ONE AK47, ONE 75mm RCL ROUND AND A QUANTITY OF DOCUMENTS CAPTURED IDENTIFIED 3 BN 274 REGT.	G20 G21.

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Unit/Formation BSON 1 ARMD REGT.

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>20th Nov</u>		<u>BSON (-) REMAINS IN 1 ATF BASE. TWO TPS REMAIN IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL</u>	<u>E20.</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS - SON (-) NUI DAT.</u>	
			<u>1TP YS 228814</u>	
			<u>4TP YS 244817</u>	
			<u>ONE TP REMAINS ON 1 ATF READY REACTION FORCE STANDBY. TWO TPS (1TP/4TP) OP CON TO SRAR IN AO GRACE. ELEMENTS REMAIN ON HORSESHOE HILL.</u>	
	<u>21st Nov</u>		<u>BSON (-) REMAINS IN 1 ATF BASE TWO TPS REMAIN IN AO GRACE OP CON TO SRAR. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL.</u>	<u>E21.</u>
			<u>Locs. SON (-) NUIDAT.</u>	
			<u>1TP YS 347820.</u>	
			<u>4TP YS 244826.</u>	
			<u>ONE REMAINS ON 1 ATF READY REACTION FORCE STANDBY STANDBY TWO TPS (1TP/4TP) OP CON SRAR IN AO GRACE. ELEMENTS REMAIN HORSESHOE HILL.</u>	

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Reference Map... **SUN**

Commanding Officer... **MAJ. A.H. SMITH**

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 Nov		Sqn (-) remains in IATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp supporting land clearing op in LONG GREEN. Provide one tp for Ready Reaction.	E22
			LOCATIONS : Sqn (-) Nui Dat	
			1 TP 4S 348819	
			3 TP 4S 528603	
			4 TP 4S 246836	

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A. H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>23 Nov</u>		<u>B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.</u>	<u>E23</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS: B Sqn (-) NUI DAT</u>	
			<u>1 TP YS 339820</u>	
			<u>3 TP YS 528603</u>	
			<u>4 TP YS 257845</u>	
	<u>23 Nov</u>		<u>Ro Part 1 # Serial 23 Numbers 87-92 received from 1 ATF</u>	<u>K3</u>
	<u>24 Nov</u>		<u>B Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.</u>	<u>E24</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS: Sqn (-) NUI DAT</u>	
			<u>1 TP YS 241781</u>	
			<u>3 TP YS 528604</u>	
			<u>4 TP YS 257845</u>	

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AF - C2118 (adapted)

Month and Year... Nov 69

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Unit/Formation... BSON 1 ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>25 Nov</u>		<u>Sqn (-) remains in IATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp IATF Ready Reaction Force</u>	
			<u>LOCATIONS: Sqn HQ Nui DAT</u>	
			<u>1 tp YS 232807</u>	
			<u>2 tp YS Nui Dat</u>	
			<u>3 tp YS 528603</u>	
			<u>4 tp YS 269852</u>	
	<u>26 Nov</u>		<u>Sqn (-) remains in IATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp IATF Ready Reaction Force</u>	
			<u>LOCATIONS: Sqn (-) Nui DAT</u>	
			<u>1 tp YS 229815</u>	
			<u>3 tp YS 527604</u>	
			<u>4 tp YS 227862</u>	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>27 Nov</u>		<u>Sqn (-) remained in IATF Base. One tp of con to land clearing team in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE of con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on IATF Ready Reaction Force standby.</u>	<u>E27</u>
			<u>LOCATIONS: Sqn HQ Nui DAT</u>	
			<u>1 Tp YS 239804</u>	
			<u>2 Tp Nui DAT</u>	
			<u>3 Tp YS 525604</u>	
			<u>4 Tp YS 278852</u>	
<u>YS 238803</u>	<u>27 Nov</u>	<u>2232H.</u>	<u>1 Tp was fired on by an unknown number of enemy, fire was returned in the form of 20pdr canister and MG. A sweep will be conducted at first light tomorrow.</u>	<u>E27</u>
	<u>28 Nov</u>		<u>Sqn (-) remains IATF Base. One tp of con to LAND CLEARING TEAM in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE of con to SRAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One</u>	<u>E28</u>

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>28 Nov (contd)</u>		<u>tp remains on IATF Ready Reaction Force</u> <u>LOCATIONS: Sqn HQ Nui Dat</u> <u>1 TP YS 227818</u> <u>2 TP Nui Dat</u> <u>3 TP YS 531597</u> <u>4 TP YS 278861</u>	
	<u>29 Nov</u>		<u>Sqn (-) remains IATF Base. One tp op</u> <u>con to LAND CLEARING TEAM in LONG GREEN.</u> <u>Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to SRAR.</u> <u>Elements remain MINE CLEARING TEAM.</u> <u>LOCATIONS: Sqn HQ Nui Dat</u> <u>1 TP YS 225815</u> <u>2 TP DISCOVERY</u> <u>3 TP YS 531597</u> <u>4 TP YS 197845</u>	<u>F29</u>
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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>30 Nov.</u>		<u>Sgn (-) remains 1 ATF Base One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Two tps op con to 5RAR in AO GRACE. One tp op con to 6RAR. Elements with Mine Clearing Team.</u>	
			<u>LOCATIONS: Sgn (-)</u>	
			<u>1 TP YS 223817</u>	
			<u>2 TP FSB DISCOVERY</u>	
			<u>3 TP YS 531597</u>	
			<u>4 TP YS 223817</u>	

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

2 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report
From 010001H to 012400H Nov 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF commenced Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remained in AO STUART op con to 9 RAR. One tp remained on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 9 RAR in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 8 contact and 40 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON/DAT DO District. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued ninefield clearance vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA.
- (7) 5 RAR. Completed deployment into AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ loc FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ(-) continued ambush and recce ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued ops with 3/52 ARVN Bn in DAT DO District. One coy prepares to take over HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Completed return to 1 ATF Base from recce and ambush ops in AO STUART. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.

(10) Air Support

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0905H	YS375895	VC camp	100/30%, several holes exposed, neg further due to foliage. Additional BDA 3 4'x8' bunkers destroyed.
1045- 1230H	YS226829	VC camp	100/30%, BDA to be done by ground troops.
0830H	YS375895	VC camp	Aircraft received hits on first pass and jettisoned load

b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H Nov 69

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continues.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy continues operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn in DAT DO DISTRICT. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base.

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(5) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ 1 ATF.

(6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Continues combined operations DA^m District with D Coy

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp at HORSESHOE, 3 Tp YS225829

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) YS228841, 3 Tp(-) FSPB DISCOVERY

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS275735, B Coy YS225829, C Coy(-) YS228841, D Coy(-) YS323761.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy(-) YS637722, B Coy(-) YS583671, V Coy NUI DAT, D Coy HORSESHOE, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. NUI DAT.

(7) Tango Force. YS454749.

(8) Mine Clearing Team. YS495586.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 010805H at YS227829 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 VC in a bunker system. Results of contact were 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA, 2 Aust WIA. During a sweep of the system 15 bunkers were located.

(2) At 011100H at YS318763 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 VC. Results: Two 7.62mm Chicon SMG CIA.

(3) At 011305H at YS324763 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 VC. En withdrew South.

(4) At 011405H at YS276736 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results unknown.

(5) At 011530H at YS276738 a ptl from 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS CIA

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. - 2 Aust WIA.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. - 5 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (BT).

(b) Materiel. - 1 SKS CIA, 2x7.62mm Chicon SMG CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit actions with contact: One

(4) Results. 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (BT).

2. Combined Operations

a-b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. OP FRAGIMUS, 1 Slot complete, 1 Slot 90% complete, 1 Slot 25% complete, 1 Slot 30% complete, 1 Slot 5% complete.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. SSE at 05 Knots

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

3 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report.
From 020001H to 022400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remained in AO GRACE op con the 5 RAR. One tp escorted 3/52 group deploying into AO PHI LONG and returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nine contact and 29 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON/DAT DO District. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued ambush and recce ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6467, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued ops with 3/52 ARVN Bn in DAT DO District. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN. Commenced deployment into AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (11) 4/52 ARVN. Arrived at HORSESHOE HILL to commence retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (12) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CC-CRDS</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0905/0942	YS732892	VC camp	100/50 One poss KBA. One Mil str dan. One Mil str des. One bkr exposed.
1048/1100	YS695936	LRRP EXTRACT.	100/30 Neg further.
1115	YS695936	LRRP EXTRACT.	100/30 Neg further.
1137/1145	YS695936	LRRP EXTRACT.	100/UNK Neg further.
1520/1535	YS234827	VC camp	100/70 Four bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged, One KBA.

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

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- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continues.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy gp deploys into AO BOTANY YS7566. One coy completes deployment with 3/52 ARVN into AO PHI LONG. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys into area centre of mass YS3884 on recce ops. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ loc 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN. Completes deployment into AO PHI LONG with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (7) 4/52 ARVN. Commences retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, 2 Tp YS478801, 3 Tp 228820.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) YS218832.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, Sect C Bty 2/35 Arty(US) NUI DAT, sect C Bty 2/35 Arty(US) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3081, A Coy(-) YS286743, B Coy YS234826, C Coy(-) YS218832, D Coy(-) YS323761.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy(-) YS673697, B Coy YS591679, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 021005H at YS224827, B Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system of 15 bunkers, the system was occupied when first located on 1 Nov 69. The bunkers were destroyed. A quantity of food and clothing including 60 lb rice 2xAK magazines were destroyed.
- (2) At 021025H at YS615808, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR found a pack containing a small quantity of food and personal equipment.
- (3) At 021040H at YS214831, C Coy 5 RAR contacted 5 VC moving West. Results: 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 PW(WIA), 2 VC WIA(blood trail), 1xAK47, 1xM1 carbine CIA.
- (4) At 021100H at YS578673, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located six bunkers, which were very old.
- (5) At 021315H at YS286749, 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted at least two enemy, moving West, fire was exchanged, one chicom grenade was recovered.
- (6) At 021420H at YS234827, 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted an occupied bunker system. Airstrikes and a LFT were called in, fire was exchanged, enemy withdrew to South. Results: 5 VC KIA(BC), 1 PW(WIA), 2xAK47 CIA.

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(7) At 021430H at YS271876, Atk Pl 5 RAR ambushed 12 VC, enemy withdrew South, results two VC KIA (poss - drag marks).

(8) At 021725H at YS285749, 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located 12 bunkers last used 24 hours previously.

(9) At 021752H at YS230823, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR continuing a sweep after a contact on 1 Nov 69 located the bodies of three VC killed in that contact and the body of one VC killed by air action.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Two Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 14 KIA(BC) including three from contact 1 Nov 69. Two KIA poss dragmarks, two PW (WIA), two WIA (blood trails).

(b) Materiel. 3xAK47, 1xM1 carbine, 1xchicom grenade, 60lb rice quantity of documents, quantity of food, quantity of clothing.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results. Four VC KIA(BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 190 RF Coy. 655 RF Coy. Operated with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in ambush and recce operations in AO SABOT.

c. Engineering Operations. Mine clearing operations at Dat Do located four M16 mines, three slots complete, one slot 90% complete, two slots 40% complete.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. Easterly winds at 08 knots.

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

4 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. One tp moved from HORSESHOE HILL to 1 ATF Base.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained in 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 18 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON/DAT DO District. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vic YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continues LONG DIEN - BARIA. Commenced deployment into area of LONG GREEN vic YS5256 for land clearing ops.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued ambush and recce ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of 1 Fd Sqn. One coy gp deployed into AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668. One coy deployed into AO PHI LONG with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. One coy deployed on recce pp into vic YS3836. Bn HQ loc 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN. Completed deployment into AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 190 RF Coy.
- (11) 4/52 ARVN. Commenced retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0815H	YS323631	100/50%, Bombs in tgt area.
0830H	YS323691	100/50%, Bombs in tgt area.
0845H	YS323691	100/50%, Bombs in tgt area.
0930H	YS738892	100/50%, Neg BDA.
1216H	YS474498	80/25%, 80% of bombs within 150M of target

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect of con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continues.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy operates with 3/52 ARVN in AO PHI LONG. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce ops in vic YS3884. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ loc 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 190 RF Coy. Bn HQ loc FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat. 2 Tp YS479805, 3 Tp YS224813.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat. 2 Tp YS245832, 3 Tp YS714672.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, Sect 161 Fd Bty(NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) Nui Dat.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3081, A Coy(-) YS284755, B Coy YS234826, C Coy(-) YS224842, D Coy(-) YS323761.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy YS714672, B Coy FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, W Coy Nui Dat.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) Nui Dat, C Coy YS392861.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, Coy(-) YS272659, Coy(-) YS307692.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 031000H at YS224827, B Coy 5 RAR located a further 500 lb of rice in the bunker system reported on at 021005H.
- (2) At 031300H at YS286749, A Coy 5 RAR located 2 bunkers under construction. The bunkers were destroyed.
- (3) At 031615H at YS305793, Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR located 5 bunkers, in good condition, the bunkers had been occupied about 10 minutes previously.
- (4) At 031800H in area of YS214831, C Coy found 4 VC KIA from contact of 021040H. Results for that contact amended to include 4 VC KIA(BC), 1xAK50, 1xSKS, 1xpistol, 4 rifle grenades, 8 packs, quantity of med supplies, quantity of magazines and ammo.
- (5) At 032145H at YS234826, B Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system of 30 bunkers and 3 fighting pits, a search revealed the following items: 2xRPG2 rds, 1xRPG7 rd, 2x75mm RCL rds, 2x60mm Mor rds, 6xM26 grenades, 5xpercussion grenades, 1xM72, 1xM18AI claymore, 200 rds 7.62 short, 440 rds 5.56mm, 6 AKmagazines, wpn cleaning equipment for mortar and RCL, quantity of med supplies, quantity of documents, 250 lb rice.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

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

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(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 9 VC KIA(BC)

(b) Materiel. 1xAK50, 1xSKS, 1xpistol, 4 rifle grenades, 1xM72 6xM26 grenades, 5xpercussion grenades, 2xRPG2 rds, 1xRPG7 rd, 2x75mm RCL rds, 2x60mm Mor rds, 1xM18A1 claymores, 750 lb rice quantity of magazines and ammunition, quantity of med supplies quantity of documents, 8xpacks.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 3

Platoon - 2

Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results: 5 VC KIA(BC).

Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts

(a) Conducted by Psy Ops/RAAF targeted at Quang Giao guerilla units areas centre of mass YS5080, YS5280, and YS5480. Theme CHOI HOI. Time of broadcast 150 minutes.

b. RF Operations. 190 RF Coy deployed into AO PHI LONG op con to 3/52 ARVN. 90 RF Pl cooperated with B Coy 5 RAR on QL15 and into AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) LCT reported 5 slots 100%, 1 slot 75%, one mine detonated.

(2) Minelaying team located 7xM16 mines at YS439577, all mines destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. South Easterly at 5 knots.

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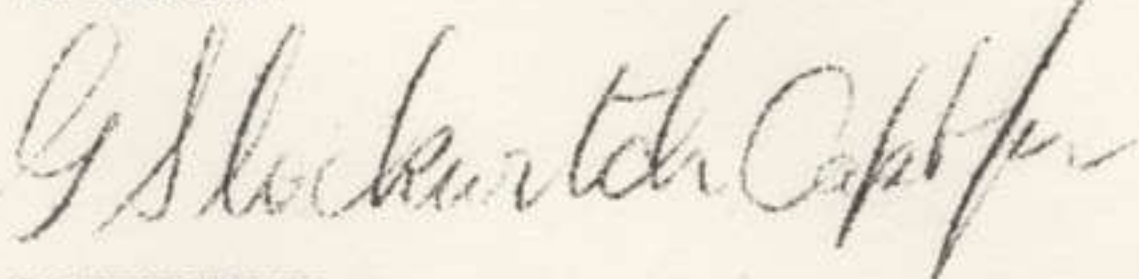
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Nov 69

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recco and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON/DAT DO District. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Completed deployment into area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5256 for land clearing ops.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recco and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains PSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recco and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues ops in AO PHI LONG with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located PSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continues recco op into vicinity YS3886. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recco and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 190 RF Coy.
- (11) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0930/0945H	YS240825	100/80. Immediate A/S for 5 RAR TIC. BDA by ground troops.
0945/1010H	YS240825	100/80. Immediate A/S for 5 RAR TIC. BDA by ground troops.
1535/1605H	YS473532	1 Poss KBA, 2 tunnel entrances damaged, 2 bunkers damaged. 100/90.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE joined by further tp.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One Tp plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continue.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy operates with 3/52 ARVN Bn in AO PHI LONG.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce ops in vicinity YS3884. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG with D Coy 6 RAR (ANZAC) and 190 RF Coy. Bn HQ located FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) YS454749, 3 Tp YS234826.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp (-) YS233821, 3 Tp FSPB BANKS YS7868.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3081, A Coy (-) YS281782, B Coy YS234826, C Coy (-) YS250839, D Coy (-) YS314762.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy (-) FSPB BANKS YS7868, B Coy (-) FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy (-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT, C Coy YS384841.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn (-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, Coy (-) YS290700, Coy (-) YS307692.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 040750H at YS236822, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown size enemy group. Small arms fire was exchanged, enemy fired RPGs. There were bunkers to the South of the contact area. Results: 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA.
- (2) At 040840H at YS235825, 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted one enemy moving South to North with nil results.
- (3) At 041300H at YS337763, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 plus enemy moving East to West. Results 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 X pack, 1 X grenade and some documents captured.
- (4) At 041445H at YS328720, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 enemy moving South to North. Results 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 X AK47, 3 packs containing food, clothing and documents captured.
- (5) At 041450H at YS340769, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 enemy moving South to North. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 X 7.62mm SMG captured.
- (6) At 041610H at YS328747, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 enemy moving South to North. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 X M1 carbine captured.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA.
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 6 VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 1 X AK47, 1 X M1 carbine, 1 X 7.62mm SMG, 4 packs, 1 grenade.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 4
Platoon - 2
Squad - 7
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Action with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 190 RF Coy continues recce and ambush ops op con to 3/52 ARVN Bn in AO PHI LONG.
- (2) 90 RF Pl continues to cooperate with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (3) ARVN Mech Pl assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in convoy escort and route security duties.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) A total of six slots completed and one slot 75% complete in mine clearing at DAT DO.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. East at 07 knots.

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6 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report
From 060001H to 062400H Nov 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR joined by further tp.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt is AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Five contact and 11 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Commenced land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues ops in AO PHI LONG with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continues recce op in vicinity YS3886. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 910 RF Coy.
- (11) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDAs</u>
0910/0919H	YS732892	100/50 Neg BDA. All bombs long
1043/1115H	YS694819	95/20 4 x large bunkers exposed

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continue.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy operates with 3/52 ARVN in AO PHI LONG.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy returns to 1 ATF Base from recce ops vic YS3884. One coy deploys on recce op vic YS3682. One coy deploys on recce op vic YS4174.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 190 RF Coy. Bn HQ located FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) YS466794, 1 Tp YS252841, 3 Tp YS230813, 4 Tp 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-), 2 Tp (-) YS242801, 3 Tp YS818718.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, Sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3081, A Coy (-) YS273808, B Coy (-) YS230813, C Coy (-) YS251842, D Coy (-) YS347753.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy (-) FSPB BANKS YS7868, B Coy (-) YS524704, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy (-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, W Coy 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy YS377821.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn (-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, Coy (-) YS303695, Coy (-) YS291683.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 050720H at YS328720, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR continued to sweep after contact at 041445H and located two more bodies. Results to be added to contact: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 x M1 carbine, 1 x .45 pistol captured.
- (2) At 050726H at YS765685, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located an old rice mill previously destroyed by A/S that was being rebuilt. There were tracks of 2 to 3 persons around mill.
- (3) At 051100H at YS769699, A Coy 6 RAR located a camp of 4 huts very recently occupied.
- (4) At 051120H at YS392830, 7 Pl C Coy 9 RAR located 7 bunkers, these were old but in good condition.
- (5) At 051245H at YS282656, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located 2 fighting pits.
- (6) At 051300H at YS812734, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a group of 7 huts very recently occupied by a group of 4 to 6 persons.
- (7) At 051333H at YS531569, LCT from 17 Const Sqn was fired on with 2 x RPG. Results; Nil.
- (8) At 051420H at YS817717, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a camp recently occupied.
- (9) At 051530H at YS233809, 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 enemy who abandoned weapons and fled South. Results: 2 x AK47s, 1 x RPG2, 3 rounds RPG2, 12 AK mags, quantity of medical supplies, documents and clothing, 100 lb rice captured.

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- (10) At 051710H at YS541679, B Coy 6 RAR located 3 trenches, 3 gallons of petrol were found and tipped out.
- (11) At 051815H at YS527563, 3 Pl A Coy 9 RAR initiated an M16 mine, Results: 1 Aust KIA.
- (12) At 051820H at YS242801, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 6 enemy with nil results.
- (13) At 051940H at YS233809, B Coy 5 RAR located 4 more bunkers in the area of their contact of 03 and 04 Nov. A further 3 x RPG2 rds, 2 Chicom per cussion grenades were captured.
- (14) At 051950H at YS340768, D Coy 5 RAR located 8 bunkers, that had been occupied within 2 hours previously.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust KIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA(BC)

(b) Materiel. 2 x AK47s, 1 x M1 carbine, 1 x .45 pistol, 1 x RPG2 launcher, 6 rounds RPG2, 12 x AK magazines, quantity of medical supplies, quantity of clothing, quantity of documents, 100 lbs rice.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 4

Platoon - 1

Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results. 1 VC KIA(BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at LONG SON Guerrillas. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was 1 hour.

(2) Aircraft Broadcasts. (Late Entry 4 Nov 69). Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Section targeted at 274 VC Regt. The theme was general hardships. The total broadcast time was 1½ hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 910 RF Coy continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG op con to 3/52 ARVN.

(2) 90 RF Pl continues ambush ops in AO GRACE in co-operation with 5 RAR.

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

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) LCT cleared area bounded by YS528562, YS528568, YS529562, YS529568; 1 x M16 mine and 1 rd RPG2 set as a booby trap was exposed.

(2) Mineclearing team reported 1 slot 50% open, 50 mm of minefield cleared, 10 mines exploded, cutting blade on dozer suffered damage.

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3. Meteorological Detail

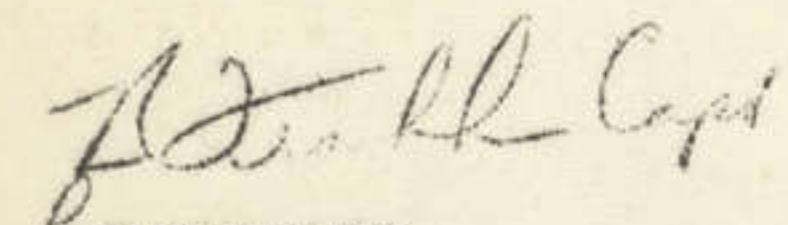
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 20 knots.

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 From 060001H to 062400H Nov 69.

TO: Commanding General
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 ATTN: AVFBC-RE

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil Contact and 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Commenced land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues ops in AO PHI LONG with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two coys continue recce op in vicinity YS3682 and YS4174. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 910 RF Coy.
- (11) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0935/0945H	YS732892	100/75 - 2 bunkers damaged, 1 military structure damaged.
0910/10C5H	YS694819	100/75 - 2 bunkers exposed.
0827/0840H	YS464541	100/75 - 1 bunker exposed.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continue.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy operates with 3/52 ARVN Bn in AO PHI LONG.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce op in vic YS3682. One coy continues recce op vic YS4174.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and 910 RF Coy. Bn HQ located FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) YS428815, 1 Tp YS269847, 3 Tp YS229819, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) YS228818, 3 Tp (-) YS777773.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3081, A Coy(-) YS273808, B Coy(-) YS228818, C Coy(-) YS270839, D Coy(-) YS355744.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy(-) FSPB BANKS YS7868, B Coy(-) YS532694, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) YS385805, D Coy(-) YS411752.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, Coy YS299673, Coy(-) YS296683.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 060515H at YS245783, 2 Tp(-) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 2 plus enemy moving NORTH to SOUTH. Two packs were captured.
- (2) At 061115H at YS450796, 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a mine consisting of 2x105mm HE connected to a bamboo switch. The mine was blown.
- (3) At 061200H at YS783753, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 2 huts near a rice field.
- (4) At 061155H at YS529569, land clearing team detonated a M16 mine. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 1xD8 dozer damaged.
- (5) At 061225H at YS233809, 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR located and destroyed 500 lb rice.
- (6) At 061300H at YS774736, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 1 hut and 4 bunkers.
- (7) At 061330H at YS768713, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 2 huts near rice fields.
- (8) At 061400H at YS806705, A Coy 6 RAR located 1 hut and 1 pit.
- (9) At 061400H at YS777773, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 3 huts, 3 bunkers and 5 weapon pits.
- (10) At 061430H at YS307674, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR and Coy 3/52 ARVN Bn located an occupied bunker system, consisting of 25 bunkers and 5 kitchens. Enemy withdrew after exchange of fire. Results: 1 ARVN KIA, 1 ARVN WIA, 1 PW, 3 enemy WIA blood trails, 6 packs, 50lb CHICOM explosive, 16 rds RPG2, 150 rds AK47, 50 detonators, 4 stick grenades, 1 transistor radio captured.

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(11) At 061530H at YS782777, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a rice crop, 300 lb rice was destroyed.

(12) At 061535H at YS785777, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 1 enemy moving EAST with unknown results.

(13) At 061620H at YS531689, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 enemy loc in area of 3 bunkers and 2 huts. Enemy withdrew SOUTH. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 100 lb rice, 20 tins of fish captured.

(14) At 062115H at YS271875, Atk Pl 5 RAR ambushed an unknown size enemy group with unknown results.

(15) At 062240H at YS776773, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt ambushed 1 enemy with unknown results.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA.

(b) Material. 1 x D8 dozer damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC PW, 3 VC WIA (blood trail).

(b) Material. 50 lb CHICOM explosive, 16 rds RPG2, 150 rds AK, 50 detonators, 4 stick grenades, 900 lb rice, 20 tins fish, quantity of clothing, 1 transistor radio.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 5
Platoon - 2
Squad - 7.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPS deployed.

(3) Nil.

(4) Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect, targeted at XUYEN MOC C70. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Face to Face. Conducted by the Audio Visual Team (HE Team), targeted at the population of AN NHUT.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 910 RF Coy. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG op con to 3/52 ARVN.

(2) One RF Coy commences recce op with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

(3) 90 RF Pl. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE in co-operations with 5 RAR.

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

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) 130 metres of minefield cleared, 500 metres ready for clearing on 08 Nov 69.

(2) Land cleared in area YS529568-529562-530568-531569, one mine incident.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 06 knots.

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8 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report.
From 070001H to 072400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Ten Contact and 23 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN-BARIA. Commenced land clearing in area of LONG GIEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues ops in AO PHI LONG with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two coys continue recce op in vicinity YS3682 and YS4174. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
- (11) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) Airstrikes.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>BDAs</u>
0910/0945	YS559896	VC Base Camp	100/20 Neg further.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H Nov 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escort continue.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy operates with 3/52 ARVN Bn in AO PHI LONG.

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- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce op in vic YS3682. One coy continues recce op vic YS4174.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ located FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) YS467794, 1 Tp YS279847, 3 Tp YS228818, 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) YS245780, 3 Tp(-) YS790782.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Fd Bty CAPE YS3081, sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3081, A Coy(-) YS265804, B Coy(-) YS228818, C Coy(-) YS271841, D Coy(-) YS372746.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy(-) FSPB BANKS YS7868, B Coy(-) YS534677, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT, A Coy(-) YS403805, D Coy YS384745.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn (-) FSPB HOA CHAU YS2766, coy YS283661, coy YS276672.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 070850H at YS293682, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR and coy 3/52 ARVN Bn detained 1 woodcutter in a forbidden area, a bunker system was found nearby that was being repaired.
- (2) At 071120H at YS365744, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 4 to 6 enemy moving SW with nil results.
- (3) At 071230H at YS804750, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a 50 lb bag of rice beside a harvested field.
- (4) At 071500H at YS799698, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a small camp area with a 50 lb bag of rice. A quantity of harvested rice was destroyed.
- (5) At 071500H at YS502592, mine clearing team was fired on by one man, with nil results.
- (6) At 071515H at YS502592, mine clearing team initiated 1 x M16 mine, results 2 Aust WIA.
- (7) At 071420H at YS273837, C Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system of 12 bunkers, 7 huts and 1 grave.
- (8) At 071600H at YS450796, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a mine consisting of 1 x 155 mm HE rd and 10 lb explosive. Mine was destroyed.
- (9) At 071700H at YS277844, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located 8 bunkers under construction.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA.
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 100 lb rice, quantity of harvested rice.

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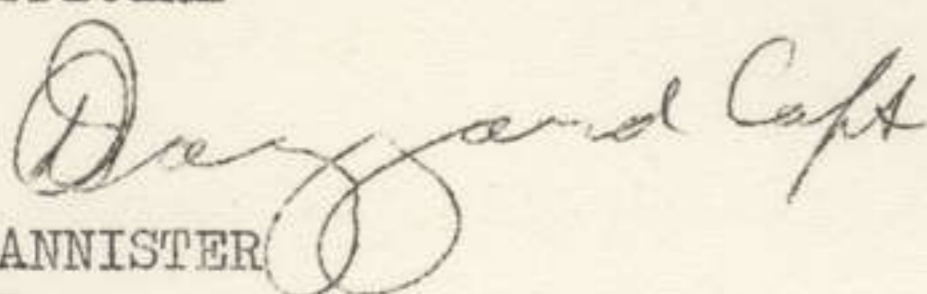
- f. Small Unit Actions.
- (1) Company - 5
Platoon - 2
Squad - 7
 - (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.
 - (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.
 - (4) Results. Nil.
2. Combined Operations.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. RF Operations.
 - (1) ARVN Mech Pl supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in convoy escort and route security.
 - c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Land Clearing Team. Land cleared in area bounded by YS529562-YS530569-YS538574.
 - (2) Mine Clearing Team. A strip of minefield 250 m wide along axis YS501589 to YS489587 was cleared.
3. Meteorological Detail.
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. South at 01 knots.

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From 080001H to 082400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 5 Contact and 37 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy returned to 1 ATF Base from ops in AO PHI LONG with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two coys continue recce op in vicinity YS3682 and YS4174. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Completed recce and ambush ops in AO PHI LONG centre of mass YS2967 with D Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and reverted to 18 ARVN Div.
- (11) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

(12) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>BDA</u>
080945H	YS834743	VC Base Camp	4 Huts destroyed, 3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 very large bunker exposed, 1 large hut 30'x20' damaged, table, pots etc damaged, 1 poss KBA.

b. Plans Summary for Period 090001H to 092400H Nov 69.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escorts continue.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base.

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(5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Coys return from recce ops vic YS3682, YS4174. One coy deploys on recce op to vic YS3680. One coy conducts recce op vic YS3459 with US N.

(6) 4/52 ARVN. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS275837, T Force YS467793, 3 Tp YS229819.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 2 Tp (-) YS224855, 3 Tp (-) YS790782, Sp Tp (-) (TA86) YS468793.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) NUI DAT, 101 Bty (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE; A Coy (-) YS265804, B Coy (-) YS228815, C Coy (-) YS275837, D Coy (-) YS371746.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy (-) FSPB BANKS, B Coy (-) YS855761, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy and W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ (-) NUI DAT, A Coy (-) YS424808, D Coy (-) YS421743.

(7) 4/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 080835H at YS454796 Possum VR received SA and RPG fire.

(2) At 080922H at YS461797 Tango Force received RPG and SA fire. Found mortar base plate area with fresh tracks leading West to NHI NHAN YS451787.

(3) At 081015H RF tps from DUC THANH in contact with 3 VC moving West. Possum VR located bunkers at YS452785. Engaged by A/S. See Air Sp.

(4) At 081225H at YS537786 elms 1 ATF captured one female PW.

(5) At 081531H at YS271876 Aslt Pnr/5 RAR contacted 2-3 VC. Results 1 VC WIA (Poss).

(6) At 081700H at YS535576, 4/B/9 RAR located 4 bunkers, 6-7 days old.

(7) At 081700H at YS808761 elms 1/A/6 RAR contacted 2 VC Poss LF. Results 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA.

(8) At 081645H at YS848766, 5/B/6 RAR were fired on by 2 VC. Friendlies returned fire and swept area. Results: Located camp of bunkers and hospital ward and 4 grass huts. Vacated minutes before B Coy's arrival. Large quantity of equipment captured.

(9) At 081702H at YS535573 elms 17 Const Sqn located 5 bunkers - 2 old, 2 new, 1 under construction.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 VC KIA (BC), 1 WIA, 1 WIA (Poss).

(b) Material. Large quantity med sups, 5 sand bags rice, quantity digging/cutting instruments, large quantity plastic hoochies, 100 injection ampoules, 2 large bottles novocaine, quantity male, female and childrens' clothing, 1 transistor, large quantity cooking utensils, quantity of batteries.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 4
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: One (LRRP)

(4) Results. 3 en KIA (BC). 1 SKS and M1 CIA and 4 packs.

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2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Audio Visual. 7 Sep (Late entry). HB, HE, APT visits to THAM THIEN, YS2182, THAI THIEN, YS2279 and PHU HAI, YS3161. Methods:

(a) THAM THIEN and THAI THIEN. Live and tape broadcasts APT face to face. Themes - recent allied ops, Chieu Hoi.

(b) PHU HAI. Tape broadcasts APT face to face.

(2) Air Broadcast. Psy Ops/RAAF target elms 274 Regt and other forces centre of mass YS2380, YS2282 and YS2184. Themes - recent allied successes Chieu Hoi. Broadcast time 150 mins.

(3) Leaflet Drop. 60,000 safe conduct passes area East of Route 15 from TAM PHUOC YS2084 to THAI THIEN YS2379.

b. RF Operations. 90 RF Coy continues ambush ops with 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations. OP FRANGIMUS. 300 metres cleared. Nil mines blown. D8 No. 5 lost 2 hours, TD15 lost 3 hours.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 04 knots.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 Contact and 11 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two coys continue recce op in vicinity YS3682 and YS4174. One coy deployed on Ready Reaction task to LONG DIEN YS4359 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0935/1010H	YS405837	Base Camp	100/50%, 2 structures destroyed, 4 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed. Fresh and extensive activity in tgt area.
1127/1140H	YS405837	Base Camp	100/unk%, 100% of bombs within 50 metres of target. 1 large command bunker destroyed.
0910/0921H	YS405837	Base Camp	100/30%, 1 structure destroyed, clothing and cooking utensils scattered in area.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H Nov 69

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp continues ops in AO SABOT. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escorts continue.

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

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce op vic YS3782. One coy deploys on recce op vic YS3459 with USN elements.

c. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat, 1 Tp YS279829, T Force YS488809, 3 Tp YS229819.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat, 2 Tp YS199841, 3 Tp YS804799, Sp Tp(-), TA86 YS468793.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) Nui Dat, 101 Bty(-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, Sect 161 Fd Bty(NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) Nui Dat.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy(-) YS265804, B Coy(-) YS208850, C Coy(-) YS271829, D Coy(-) YS362766, Atk YS328813, Aslt Pnr YS281875.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy(-) FSPB BANKS, B Coy(-) YS842757, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy and W Coy Nui Dat.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ(-) Nui Dat, B Coy(-) YS424778.

(7) 4/52 AFVN. HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(8) Mine clearing YS502588.

(9) Land Clearing: LCT YS525565.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) 090820H at YS260818, 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC who was shot by the leading scout. On sweeping the area a small bunker system under construction was located. Result: 1 VC KIA(EC).

(2) At 091000H at YS807763, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 - 4 LF VC in a large camp consisting of 20 bunkers and 12 huts. Recovered were: 1 CHICOM bolt action rifle, 2 AK magazines and a large quantity of clothing and rice. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA(dragmarks), The huts were burnt.

(3) 090935H, 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR located a blood trail and after following it to YS329812, located 5 well constructed bunkers, webbing, 2 grenades, and indications that 5 enemy were apparently carrying two others.

(4) At 091040H at YS501581, 4 Australians were wounded when a booby trap was detonated near bunker 16 Dat Do. 4 Aust WIA(Dustoff).

(5) At 091100H at YS803739, 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a small 50m x 50m clearing where dry rice was being grown, recovered was a 50 lb bag of rice.

(6) At 091235H at YS271825, Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR contacted 2 VC, who were seen crawling through the under growth by the sentry. Result: 1 VC WIA(bloodtrail).

(7) At 091500H at YS785797, element from B Sqn 3 Cav located a camp recently attacked and destroyed by Bushrangers. In the camp was found bloodstained trousers and 100 lbs rice.

Late Entries

(8) At 090800H at YS843749, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a hut under construction with a bunker beneath. Two fresh graves were also found, one only three days old. Items recovered in summary.

(9) At 091000H at YS842744, a garden some 1 acre in extent was located by 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR, a shelter and bunker were also found.

(10) At 091330H at YS837743, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located 3 huts and bunkers used within the last 7 days. Items recovered in summary.

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(11) At 091230H at YS837746, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR found another camp consisting of 5 x 8 man huts, 4 bunkers and a cache. This camp was used as recently as two days ago. Items recovered in summary.

(12) At 091400H in the general vicinity of YS830760, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a rice paddy, vegetable gardens, rice cache, rice mill, huts and bunkers covering a large area. A considerable number of items were recovered and are listed in the summary.

(13) At 091450H at YS811746, 2 Pl A Coy located 15 - 20 weapon pits.

(14) At 091500H at YS836744, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located a cache, Items recovered are listed in the summary.

(15) At 091600H at YS798776 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a small camp and recovered amongst other items a bolt action rifle, cross bow and 10 arrows.

(16) At 091620H at YS833741, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR found 5 bunkers constructed in last week. Each bunker was capable of holding up to eight persons.

Summary of items recovered by A and B Coys 6 RAR: 1 Can oil, 1 transistor radio, 1400 lbs rice, qty seeds, 10 cane cutters, 1 plough, 4 fishing nets, qty fishing tackle, qty clothing and blankets sufficient for approx 30 people, 133 lbs salt, qty cooking utensils, china pots, baskets and documents. 5 lbs CHICOM explosives; 1 bolt action rifle; 1 cross bow and 10 arrows; qty of tea and chilies; 9 hammocks; 250 plus AK rounds; 200 plus rounds .30 cal ammo; 4 electric dets; 1 torch; 2 entrenching tools; medical supplies; 12 kit bags; qty of water bottles; photographic paper; 2 mosquito nets; 5 knives and farming implements.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 4 Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

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

(b) Materiel, See summary.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - Nil.

Platoon - 3

Squad - Nil

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Air Broadcasts.

(a) Psy Ops/RAAF targets 274 Regt and other enemy forces centres of mass YS2379, YS2280 and YS2282. Themes: recent allied successes, Chieu Hoi. Time of broadcast 60 minutes.

(b) Psy Ops/RAAF target Xuyen Moc Guerilla forces centres of mass YS6563, YS6765 and YS6966. Themes dissident factions, Chieu Hoi. Time of broadcast 120 minutes.

b. RF Operations. 90 RF Coy op con to 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations

Op FRANGIMUS: 300 metres cleared, 5 mines detonated. D8 POWER lost 2½ hours, one TD15 worked for 2½ hours and one TD15 returned to base.

3. Meteorological Detail

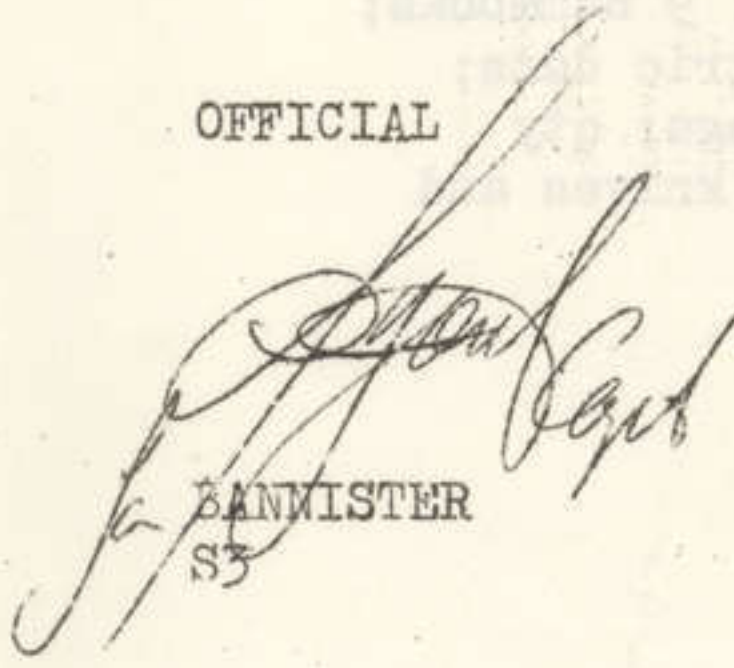
- a. Rainfall. Nil.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 04 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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11 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report.
From 100001H to 102400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

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

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements Sqn HQ plus one tp plus supporting elements returned to 1 ATF Base from recce and ambush ops in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect plus one AMC sect op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.

(4) Task Force Artillery. 4 Contact and 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

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

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.

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

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two coys continue recce op in vicinity YS3682 and YS4174. One coy deployed on recce op vicinity YS3459 with USN elements and returned to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>BDA</u>
100807/0825H	YS405837	100/50 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.
100930/0950H	YS307674	100/50 all bombs within 30M, 1 large bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 20M comms trench destroyed, wood cutting in area.
101145/1159H	YS329811 (Immediate 5 RAR)	100/100, 1xdud, all bombs within 50M.
101305/1320H	YS330821 (Immed 5 RAR)	100/unk, bombs within 10M, 1 large secondary explosion. (Grey smoke).
101410/1420H	YS330821 (Immed 5 RAR)	100/unk, bombs within 25M, BDA by ground troops.

Bushrangers. Supported contact C/S61 of 5 RAR. US LFT's Dragon 38 and 31 also supported contact. Supported troop lifts and extraction of 2 x LRRP.

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

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for ops in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escorts continue.

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

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON AND AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys from 1 ATF Base to FSPB DISCOVERY. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy continues recce op vic YS3782.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 1 Tp YS271817, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS217856, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp NUI DAT, 2 Tp(-) YS202862, 3 Tp(-) YS793788, Sp Tp(-) FSPB BANKS.

(3) 1 ATF Atillery. HQ 1 Pd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Bty sect FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068 sect FSPB BANKS YS7868, 105 Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, 161 (NZ) Bty sect HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS286797, B Coy YS224864, C Coy YS272723, D Coy(-) YS247881, AFMR YS271875, 90 RF(-) P1 YS210847.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy(-) FSPB BANKS, B Coy(-) YS827755, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, D Coy VUNG TAU, W Coy NUI DAT, Sp Coy(-) YS524702.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT Ready Reaction, B Coy(-) YS418780, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(8) Mine Clearing: YS502588.

(9) Land Clearing: YS525565.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Late entry. At 091700H at YS785795 elms of B Sqn 3 Cav located a cache containing approx 300lbs of husked rice.

(2) At 100830H at YS837760 1/B/6 RAR located a large cache comprising a hut with raised floor made of CGI and a bunker. Recovered were cooking pots, farming implements and approx 3500lbs of rice.

(3) At 100915H at YS798779 3/B/6 RAR located a small camp in which was found 30lbs of rice, qty of fish and animal traps, paludrine tabs and baskets.

(4) At 100930H at YS 419776 5/B/9 RAR contacted 1 VC dressed in green and black uniform. Sentry and en saw each other simultaneously and although the sentry fired, the VC dived into dead ground and got away. Nil result.

(5) At 101010H at YS330810 Atl P1 5 RAR contacted 10 en whilst searching the side of a creek. The en fired 3 x RPG, RPD and AK47 and 5 RAR replied with Arty, mortars, LFT and A/S. A sweep is to be conducted on 11 Nov with elms from A Coy. Results 1 Aust WIA (Dustoff), 2 VC KIA (poss).

(6) At 101215H at YS835759 4/B/6 RAR located a small garden, 2 huts and a preparation for husking and winnowing rice. 100lb of rice was found.

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- (7) At 101335H at YS269815 7/C/5 RAR sighted 1 enemy dressed in black, after an exchange of fire with at least 2, possibly 5 en, there was 1 Aust WIA (Dustoff). He was wounded by RPG shrapnel.
- (8) Late entry. At 101000H at YS824733 6/B/6 RAR located 18 huts, 2 constructed from CGI, all with bunkers. There was also a small garden and recovered were 36 sheets of CGI, a cross bow, fish traps and a qty of docs.
- (9) Late entry. At 101415H at YS828759 4/B/6 RAR located a well camouflaged bunker probably used by a family group of 5.
- (10) Late entry. At 101430H at YS841748 6/B/6 RAR located 3 huts and a bunker and recovered 100lb of salt, 3 bags of rice and a qty of docs.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 KIA (Poss), 1 KBarty (Poss).
 - (b) Material. Nearly 4000lb rice, cooking utensils, farming implements, fish and animal traps, a qty of paludrine tabs.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Audio Visual. HB, HE Teams and APT conducted line and taped broadcasts and face to face at LONG THANH. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN image.
- (2) Air Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAP and Psy Ops Sect over the LONG HAI's. Themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.
- (3) ICAP. A night ICAP was conducted at AP SUOI NGHE.

b. RF Operations. 90 RF Coy op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE.

c. Engineering Operations. Op PRANGIMUS area now covered YS496586-YS497587-YS500588-YS501587. Land clearing continues with 4 tractors in operation.

3. Meteorological Detail.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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12 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report.
From 110001H to 112400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 5 Contact and 49 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two coys continue recce op in vicinity YS3682, and YS4174. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0925/0947H	YS329813	100/25. 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged. 2 bunkers exposed.
1400/1417H	YS562798	100/unk. 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker heavily damaged, 1 KBA possible.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escorts continue.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

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(5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One coy returns to 1 ATF Base from recce op vicinity YS3782.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS208850, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS217857, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS273812, 2 Tp - NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS793788, Sp Tp(-) YS793788.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty DUC THANH -HORSESHOE, C/2/35(US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy YS338813, B Coy YS242863, C Coy YS274811, D Coy YS233880.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY - YS6060, A Coy(-) YS791789, B Coy YS521714, V Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy VUNG TAU, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy YS427767, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy YS407830.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn, HORSESHOE.

(8) Mine Clearing Team (1 Fd Sqn), YS501589.

(9) Land Clearing Team (17 Const Sqn), YS526565.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 110830H at YS245876 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy and engaged with MG fire. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK 47, webbing pack and small qty of docus recovered.

(2) At 110830H at YS234863 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy, probably MF, carrying RPG and AK 47. They were engaged by sentry but with negative result.

(3) At 110930H at YS407770 5 Pl B Coy 9 RAR contacted 2 or 3 enemy moving on the further bank of a river the ptl was following. The sect comd initiated the contact and believed one en hit. A sweep revealed a Pl sized position with food still cooking, 2 packs, 2 SMG magazines and ammo, 40 lbs rice, NVA helmet and other small items.

(4) At 110945H at YS809747 elms 3 Tp B Sqn ^{3CAV.} located a small amount of rice which was destroyed.

(5) At 111010H at YS536563 elements of the 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team detonated a M16 mine. There was no damage to eqpt.

(6) At 111120H at YS242886 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. LFT was called in and eventually the en broke contact. A search of the system revealed 500 lbs rice, 100 lbs corn and 2x60mm mortar bombs, which were all destroyed.

(7) At 111820H at YS233812 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav who were conducting a sweep following a contact by 90 RF Pl with 3-4 en moving NE, received small arms and RPG fire. Arty was called in and a further sweep is to be carried out tomorrow.

(8) At 111730H at YS223879 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR, whilst attempting to move round a flank of an occupied bunker system, were fired on with RPG - no casualties to own troops, and no further contact.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Material. 540 lbs rice, 100 lbs corn, packs, food and sundry items recovered. 1xAK 47, 2x60mm mor bombs and 2 weapon magazines CIA.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil.

Platoon - 5.

Squad - 1.

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- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Omitted.
- (4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Air broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect over areas centre of mass YS7363, YS7563, YS7673 and YS7771. Themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and Armed Propaganda Teams. Villages targeted were LONG THANH, ONG TRINH and PHUOC LOC. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total number of movies shown 9 for total of 4 hours. Total broadcast time was 5 hours. Armed Propaganda Team distributed posters and song sheets.

b. RF Operations. 90 RF Pl. Continues in op con 5 RAR and has been operating with elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Op FRANGIMUS: Area cleared 100m x 100m. Total area cleared to date 550m x 100m.

(2) Land Clearing: Area cleared bounded by YS539564-539571-530562-536561. 2 bunker systems located and to be destroyed. Grading of Route 23 area AN NHUT continues.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 06 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report.
From 120001H to 122400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil Contact and 42 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Coys returned from recce op in vicinity YS3682, and YS4174. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0907/0936	YS562798	100/80. One structure destroyed, one structure damaged.
1037/1049	YS388798	100/80. One hut destroyed, two structures destroyed and one damaged.
1204/1223	YS751660	100/50. One bunker destroyed, one bunker entrance destroyed.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force stanby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS285783, 2 Tp YS482562, 3 Tp YS216813, 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS216853, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS753827, Sp Tp(-) YS753827.

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

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy YS330812, B Coy YS234853, C Coy YS281777, D Coy YS231882.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS753828, B Coy YS508727, V Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy NUI DAT, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Complete in NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

(8) Mine Clearing Team (1 Fd Sqn). YS500596.

(9) Land Clearing Team (17 Const Sqn). YS537562.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 121010H at YS229879 whilst element of D Coy 5 RAR were clearing a bunker system one Aust was WIA by grenade fragments and was evacuated by dustoff aircraft.

(2) At 121030H at YS405832 12 Pl D Coy 9 RAR were conducting suppressive fire onto a bunker system when a soldier was wounded by a return burst from an still in the bunkers. The enemy then left the area and there was no further contact.

(3) At 121042H at YS240802 an APC from 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav detonated what was believed to be 20 lbs of CHICOM explosive with a pressure type fuze, this resulted in the rear left hand road wheels, idler and suspension being damaged.

(4) At 121515H at YS820745 and YS835726 ALBATROSS 06 sighted extensive vegetable gardens totalling some four acres. The area is to be investigated.

(5) At 121703 at YS234853 a pl from 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of VC with negative results.

(6) At 121715 at YS229880 elements of D Coy 5 RAR located 14 bunkers which appear to have been occupied some three hours previously.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 WIA.

(b) Materiel. 1 APC damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Nil

Platoon - 2

Squad - Nil

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPS deployed.

(3).(4) Nil.

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2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Air broadcast. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at areas centre of mass YS4981, YS5182, YS5084, YS8073 and YS8273. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Gvn Image. Total broadcast time was three hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT team. The themes were Gvn Image and anti VC. Total number of five movies were shown. Total movie time was two hours. Armed Propaganda team destroyed posters and talked with families.

b. RF Operations. 90 RF Pl continues in op con 5 RAR and is operating with Elms of B Sqn 3 Cav.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Op FRANGIMUS: Continues in Dat Do minefield.

(2) Land Clearing: Base location changed to YS537562, no clearing operations conducted in past 24 hours.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

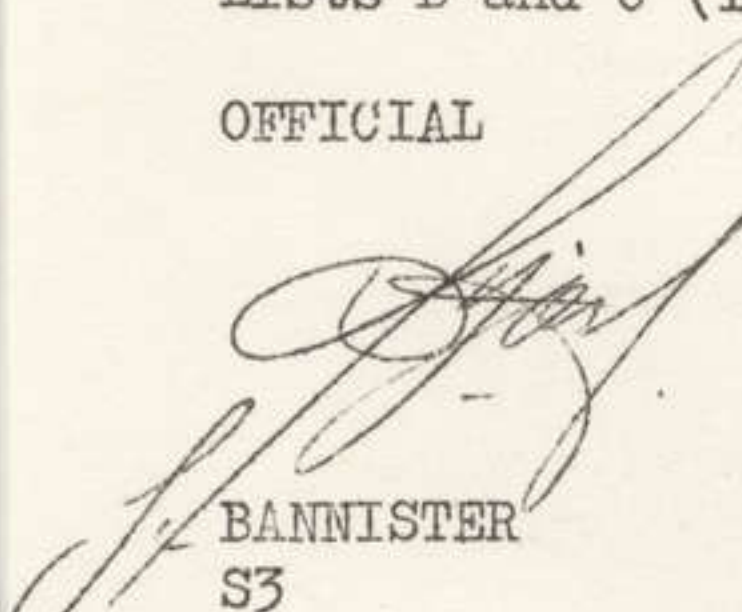
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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14 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp is deployed with 124 R^F Coy. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. SHQ
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167 and AO BOTANY centre of mass YS7668, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0915/0950	YS281844	100/40%, 2 bunkers exposed and damaged, miscellaneous clothing and articles scattered in area.
1035/1040	YS824784	100/50%, Negative BDA due to smoke in area, napalm was still burning.

b. Plans Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H Nov 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp concludes operations with 124 RF Coy.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON and AO BOTANY. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. One coy deploys from NUI DAT to AO LINTON.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

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c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp(-) YS293778. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp(-) YS228818. 4 Tp NUI DAT.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp(-) YS228818. 2 Tp(-) NUI DAT. 3 Tp(-) YS692772.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY. 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty sect NUI DAT - sect HORSESHOE. C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE. A Coy(-) YS328812. B Coy(-) YS228818. C Coy(-) YS290770. D Coy(-) YS280743.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS692772. B Coy YS488726. V Coy HORSESHOE. D and W Coys NUI DAT. Sp Coy YS518705.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy(-) and D Coy NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn, HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team (1 Fd Sqn). YS500589.
- (9) Land Clearing Team (17 Const Sqn). YS538562.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 130937H at YS233812 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR was fired on by an unknown number of enemy. Fire was returned and a sweep revealed negative results.
- (2) During the morning 13 Nov A Coy 6 RAR found bunker systems at YS315800, 50m x 80m, YS328811 30m x 30m, YS329818 1 bunker, YS329817 40m x 20m, all appear to have been used within past week.
- (3) At 131130H at YS498739 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted an estimated 3 VC. Leading elms of 6 Pl initiated contact and the subsequent sweep revealed 1 blood trail. Result: 1 VC WIA (BT).
- (4) At 131230H at YS548570 the Land Clearing Team from 17 Const Sqn located a small cache containing 3x4 gal cans full of rice and peas and 1 lb of salt.
- (5) At 131500H at YS538710 the LCT located an enemy installation of some 30 bunkers. Recovered were 1xM16 mine, 1 Chicom grenade and a quantity of personal clothing.
- (6) At 131600H at YS308830 Atk Pl 5 RAR located a temporary camp site in which they found 4 bodies and 81mm tail fins. It appears that the en were killed by mortar H and I on ni 4/5 Nov.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 4 KIA (KB Mors), 1 WIA (BT).
 - (b) Materiel. Qty rice, 1xM16 mine, 1 x grenade, qty clothing.

f. Monthly Statistics for Period 1 Oct - 31 Oct 69.

- (1) Friendly KIA - 7
- (2) Friendly WIA - 20
- (3) Contacts - 78
- (4) En KIA - 48
- (5) PW captured - 1
- (6) Total VCI killed and captured - 7
- (7) Total SA captured and destroyed - 110
- (8) Total crewserved wpns captured and destroyed - 2.

g. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - 2
Squad - Nil
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS5385, YS5585, YS8075 and YS8275. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN image. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

(2) HE/HB Team visited SCUI NGHE.

b. RF Operations.

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

(2) 124 RF Coy continues operations in DAT DO District supported by 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and AMC sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(3) 90 RF Pl continues in op con 5 RAR and is operating with 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(4) Elements of 1 Fd Sqn continued mine warfare instruction at LONG DIEN.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Mine Clearing. Mines detonated 12, mines located 5. Total area fully cleared 550m x 100m.

(2) Land Clearing. Continues in Light Green.

(3) Bridge Repair. Continuing to bridges NE and W of XUYEN MOC.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. 09 Pts.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE 06 knots.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Nov 69.

15 Nov 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp is returned to 1 ATF Base from ops with 124 RF Coy vic YS4753. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC Sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains of 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 87 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN-BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vic YS5256.

(7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements with RF tps deployed West of QL 15 on op WOLFPACK II. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remained 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0910/0928H	YS674637	100/Unk - all bombs within 20m of target. Neg BDA from air.
1045/1112H	YS533584	1 bunker damaged. 1 bunker exposed, comms trench exposed.
1145/1155H	YS533584	100/50 bombs within 30m. Additional BDA 4 bunkers damaged, 4 bunkers exposed, scattered clothing and utensils. 5 possible KBA
1420/1430H	YS482516	100/90 1 cave destroyed, scattered clothing and utensils.

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BR 71-72 engaged an occupied bunker system on the direction of Possum 25. Possum BDA revealed a direct hit on the occupied bunker, crediting the Bushrangers with the following results:

- (a) One bunker heavily damaged.
- (b) Five KBA (Possible)- indicated by heavily bloodstained clothing and rags scattered around bunker.
- (c) Rice, packs, cooking utensils, tinned food and clothing were extensively scattered around the bunker.

b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152100H Nov 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. One coy returns to 1 ATF Base. One coy remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS293778; 2 Tp NUI DAT; 3 Tp NUI DAT; 4 Tp YS240769.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS232784; 2 Tp NUI DAT - Ready Reaction Force; 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY; Sp Tp(-) NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY; 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE; 161(NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL; C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE; A Coy YS319801; B Coy (-) YS227817; C Coy (-) YS302762; D Coy (-) YS295745; 90 RF Pl YS213835.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY; A Coy FSPB DISCOVERY; B Coy YS479681; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL; D Coy YS565753; W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT; A Coy (-) NUI DAT; B Coy NUI DAT; C Coy NUI DAT; D Coy Ready Reaction Force NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) Mine Clearing Team (1 Fd Sqn). YS501588.
- (9) Land Clearing Team (17 Const Sqn). YS547575.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 141030H at YS331813 A Coy 5 RAR located an extensive bunker system that appeared to have been vacated due to the defoliation of the area.
- (2) At 141045H at YS330814 A Coy 5 RAR located a further bunker which appeared to have been used some 2 days ago.
- (3) At 141150H at YS493510 elements of 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt whilst supporting RF operations were engaged with SAA and sustained negative casualties.

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(4) At 141410H at YS547573 the LCT from 17 Const Sqn located a single bunker with 6 slabs of C4 and a length of det cord at the entrance. This was all destroyed.

(5) At 141550H at YS463577 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt found a road block on Route 326 which was cleared by a mini-team. The block was made from brush and contained grenade fragments and a mine marking sign. Route 326 was cleared by RF troops with US advisors this morning.

(6) During the afternoon 14 Nov at YS317801 A Coy 5 RAR located two bunkers probably used from 3 to 6 months ago. These were destroyed by the Engr mini-team.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 5 KBA (Poss).

(b) Materiel. 6 blocks C4 explosive.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 7

Squad - 2

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS3976 and YS4176. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was 1 hour.

(2) HE/HB teams with APT visited DAT DO (Phuoc Hoa Long, Phuoc Tho and Phuoc Thanh). The themes were GVN Image.

b. RF Operations.

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues in op con 5 RAR and is operating with 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing. 17 mines detonated, 6 mines initiated. Total area cleared 600m x 100m.

(2) Land Clearing. Continues in LIGHT GREEN.

(3) Bridge Repair. Continues to bridges East and West of Xuyen Moc.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. 52 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 02 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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

TO: Commanding General
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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 remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp is returned to 1 ATF Base from ops with 124 RF Coy vic YS4753. Two tps remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC Sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC Sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 47 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements with R¹ troops deployed West of QL 15 on Op WOLFPACK II. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. One coy remained in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0925/0955H	YS279846	100/80. 7 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged.
0825/0845H	YS687602	Neg BDA. Bombs missed target. Possum 8 observed 2 huts, 2 people one of which was carrying 1 X LMG.
1025/1045H	YS687607	BR71-72 engaged with rockets. All rockets on target. BDA to be done by ground troops.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continue op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS263781. 4 Tp YS231814.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS224818. 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081. 161 Fd Bty, Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE YS4962. Huskie Charlie 2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ (-) FSPB CAPE, A Coy YS306799. B Coy YS231814. C Coy YS313762. D Coy YS311744.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ (-) FSPB DISCOVERY. B Coy NUI DAT. V Coy HORSESHOE. D Coy YS557776. W Coy NUI DAT.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT. 2/A/9 RAR YS548575.
- (7) Land Clearing Team (17 Const Sqn). YS548575.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 150935H at YS300742 10/D/5 RAR contacted 3 VC on track. Results: 1 VC WIA (blood trail).
- (2) At 151345H at YS304742 12/D/5 RAR contacted estimated 5 VC behind sand dune. Engaged with SA. VC returned fire. Sweep revealed nothing.
- (3) At 151615H at YS542567 LCT in APC triggered M16 mine. Neg casualties. Minor damage to APC.
- (4) At 151825H at YS237804 elements of 2/A/5 RAR contacted 1 LF VC who withdrew West. Neg results.

e. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 APC minor damage.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 WIA (blood trail).
 - (b) Materiel. 5 lbs salt, 2 CHICOM grenades, AK47 mags, 1 belt ammo, small quantity documents.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - one
Platoon - five
Squad - seven

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- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted were, centre of mass YS6660, YS6860, YS5560 and YS5760. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

b. RF Operations.

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues in op con 5 RAR and is operating with 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing. 21 mines detonated, 5 mines initiated. Total area cleared 200m X 200m and 30m X 200m.

(2) Land Clearing. Continues in LIGHT GREEN.

(3) Bridge Repair. Continues on bridges East and West of XUYEN MOC.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 05 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

17 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps
remained in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO
LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One
tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort
continues.

(4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 25 H and I missions were
fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and
6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge
repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance
vicinity YS5058.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEM - BARIA.
Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.

(7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of
mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt,
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements with RF troops deployed WEST
of QL 15 on Op WOLFPACK II. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAFE YS3082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO
LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements
of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains
4/52 ARVN. One coy remained in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DIS-
COVERY YS6068.

(9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready
Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0946/1007H	YS574592	100/50 3 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker exposed and damaged. MAGPIE 61.
1300/1312H	YS584595	100/unk 3 large bunkers des, 3 large bkrs exp, 1 KBA confirmed, 1 KBA poss. TIDE 11.
1500H	YS584595	Add BDA, BLACK PONY hvy damage one bkr.

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BR 71,72 and 73 supported elements C Coy 5 RAR during contact.

ALB 06 on VOICE MISSION in area E28-32, N67-71 at approx 1140H:

1. YS295692 - sighted 4 people.
2. YS286683 - received ground fire.
3. YS287687 - 100 logs 6' x 3' neatly stacked.
4. YS306691 - directed Arty into area.

1110H sighting JADE 08 - domestic cattle unattended at YS6377. BR notified but didn't go to area because involved with contact mission.

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

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Convoy escorts continue.

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

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS231754, 4 Tp YS231814.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) YS231814, 3 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082. A Coy (-) YS303789, B Coy (-) YS231814, C Coy YS308756, D Coy (-) YS304734.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy (-) YS585604, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy (-) YS557776, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 160845H at YS266809 Atk Pl/5 RAR contacted 1 enemy carrying an M60. Enemy withdrew SW. Tracks indicated a total of 6 enemy. Results: 1 enemy WIA (blood trail).

(2) At 160910H at YS304742 12/D/5 RAR contacted 15 to 20 enemy who withdrew NE. Results: 1 VC KIA poss (drag marks), 3 VC WIA (blood trails), 1 AK47 CIA.

(3) At 160945H at YS308756 9/C/5 RAR contacted 6 to 12 enemy in a bunker system. Enemy withdrew SOUTH when 8 Pl supported by tanks assaulted from NORTH. Results: 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA.

(4) At 161210H at YS306691 a UH-1H of 9 Sqn RAAF came under ground fire. No hits were sustained. Area engaged by arty.

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- (5) At 161245H at YS328825 Pnr Pl/5 RAR located 80lb of rice.
- (6) At 161325H at YS329813 Pnr Pl/5 RAR located a further 100lb of rice.
- (7) At 161339H at YS554770 11/D/6 RAR located a bunker.
- (8) At 161445H at YS285749 11/D/5 RAR located 10 bunkers. A CBU was set up as a booby trap. All bunkers were destroyed.
- (9) At 161445H at YS328816 Pnr Pl/5 RAR located 5 bunkers last used 3 days ago. All bunkers were demolished.
- (10) At 161750H at YS250818 B/5 RAR located 9 bunkers constructed in the last 14 days and used 2 days ago.
- (11) At 161934H at YS591603 2/A/6 RAR initiated a claymore at 1 enemy approaching position. Further movement was engaged at 162015H. Results: unknown.
- (12) At 162115H A/5 RAR reported that located at YS307792 were 3 old bunkers and 50M away a further 5 bunkers used 2-3 days ago. At YS301794 there were 7 bunkers unused for 3-6 months. Some documents and a trenching tool recovered.
- (13) At 162130H C/5 RAR reported that at YS307757 there were 15 bunkers, 7 of which were under construction. This system was occupied this morning.
- (14) At 162120H at YS255780 an ambush by elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and A/B/5 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA.
- (b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 KIA poss, 5 WIA.
- (b) Material. 1xAK47, 1xCBU, 180lb of rice, some docs, 1 entrenching tool.

f. Small Unit Action.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft broadcasts conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D445 and C24/D67. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4749, YS4851, YS4753, YS2869, YS2970 and YS3069. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN image. Total broadcast time was 3 hours.

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b. RF Operations.

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues in op con 5 RAR and is operating with 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing. Continues in LIGHT GREEN along axis YS559576 to YS553577.

(2) Mine Clearing. A total of 10 mines detonated and 10 mines initiated by mine rollers.

(3) Bridge Repair. Continues at Xuyen Moc.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

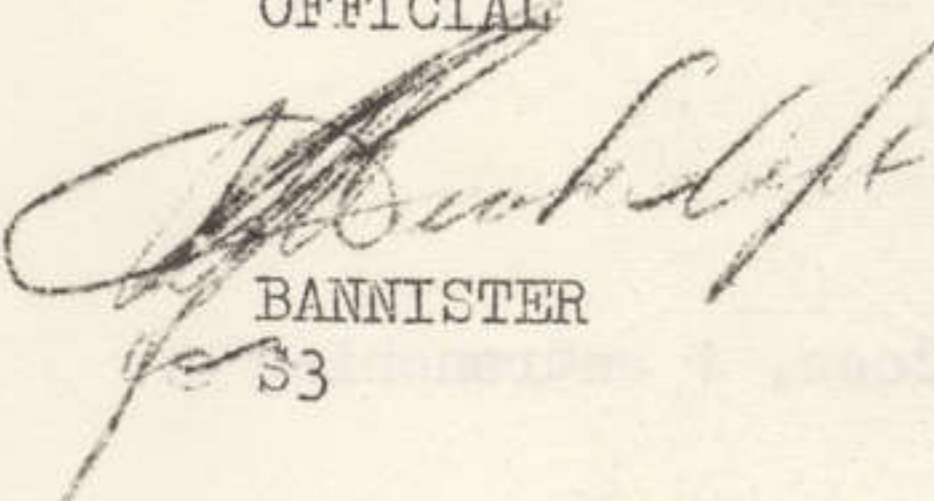
b. Prevailing Winds. EAST at 04 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

18 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues.

(4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 29 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.

(7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements with RF troops deployed WEST of QL 15 on Op WOLFPACK II. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. One coy remained in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

(10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>	
0910/0935H	YS273845	100/75.	40 metres of trench destroyed, 3 pits destroyed, 2 pits exposed.
1015/1025H	YS273845	100/60.	30 metres of trench line exposed.

b. Plans Summary for Period 180001H to 182400H Nov 69.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one tp continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. one tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements deploy to DUC THANH area with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. Convoy escorts continue.

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

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Three coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS306760, 4 Tp YS229816.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) YS231814.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt and 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3081, 161 Fd Bty RNZA Sect NUI DAT, Sect HORSESHOE YS4961. C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy YS270774, B Coy(-) YS231814, C Coy YS306760, D Coy YS288736.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy - HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy YS562777, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) NUI DAT

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 170815H at YS568786, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located 2 bunkers and 14 pits, these had been previously struck by airstrikes and were in poor condition.

(2) At 171000H at YS585596, A Coy 6 RAR located a camp that had been the target for 2 airstrikes on 16 Nov 69. A grave was located containing 1 VC killed by airstrike. Results: 1 VC KBA, 3 rds RPG2, 4 boosters, quantity of tools, 13 lbs salt, 1 gas mask.

(3) At 171230H at YS537786, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located 1 bunker.

(4) At 171330H at YS575793, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system of 2 large bunkers and 13 others. System had been hit by airstrike and abandoned approx 12 months ago.

(5) At 171500H at YS293795, A Coy 5 RAR located and destroyed 8 bunkers.

(6) At 171555H at YS310756, C Coy 5 RAR located 3x82mm mor rds and 3 spare fuzes.

(7) At 171815H at YS455556, a UH-1H of 9 Sqn RAAF, engaged movement and observed fire being returned. Area was engaged by arty.

(8) At 171640H at YS222822, 90 RF Pl, op con 5 RAR, contacted 2 VC, 1 VC withdrew EAST. Results: 1 VC PW (WIA), 1xAK47 CIA.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KBA (BC).

(b) Materiel. 3 rds RPG 2, 4 boosters, quantity of tools, 1 gas mask, 3 rds 82mm mor, 3 fuzes 82mm mor, 13 lb salt.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Nil.

(4) Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft broadcast. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted centre of mass YS6563, YS6761, YS4178 and YS4379. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT. teams. Village targeted was PHU MY. Themes were Allied Activities and GVN Image. Distributed was Psy Ops kits to children.

b. RF Operations.

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues in op con 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing. Area cleared YS545571 to YS554576 to YS552582 to YS545576.

(2) Mine Clearing. 9 mines detonated.

(3) Bridge Repairs. Continue at XUYEN MOC.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. EAST at 05 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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19 Nov 69

SUBJ: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Nov 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues. One tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl deployed on recce and ambush ops into AO SHERMAN centre of mass YS4786.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 51 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Two coys remain in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. BN HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0903/0934	YS454534	VC Camp	100/50%, 6 bunkers exposed.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp operates in DUC THANH area with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. Convoy escorts continue.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

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(5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS293756, 4 Tp YS233811.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) YS231811, 2 Tp YS468803.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, Sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy(-) YS273808, B Coy(-) YS231811, C Coy(-) YS308761, D Coy(-) YS312732.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy, B Coy and W Coy NUI DAT, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) YS562777.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 180913H at YS579797, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 2x4 gall drums of docs, 1 x typewriter.

(2) At 181200H at YS284794, A Coy 5 RAR located 5 bunkers last used 2 weeks ago.

(3) At 181225H at YS284794, A Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing 400 lb rice, 100 lb salt and a large can of soya bean oil.

(4) At 181400H at YS328813, Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR found 12 smoke grenades and 1xAK47.

(5) At 191555H at YS463812, an APC of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt hit a mine. Results: 3 Aust WIA, 1xAPC damaged.

(6) At 181655H at YS298757 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located and demolished 23 bunkers. 1xM1 (inpieces) and 2x machettes were recovered.

(7) At 181705H at YS305735, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR received 6 to 10 shots overhead.

(8) At 181820H at YS268788, 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 4 AK mags, 2 grenades CIA.

(9) At 182002H at YS308761, C Coy 5 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy who approached NDP. Results unknown.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. 3 Aust WIA.

(b) Materiel. 1xAPC damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses

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

(b) Materiel. 1xAK47, 1xM1, 4 AK mags, 2 grenades, 12 smoke grenades, 2 machettes, 400 lb rice, 100 lb salt, 1 large can soya bean oil.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

(4) Results - Nil

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS5459, YS5659, YS6359 and YS6559. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN image. Total broadcast time was 2 hours.
- (2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT team. Themes were GVN image. Village targeted was AP DINH.

b. RF Operations.

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

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Land Clearing. Continues in LIGHT GREEN along axis YS548566 to YS530554.
- (2) Mine Clearing. 9 Mines detonated, 5 more failed to detonate.
- (3) Bridge Repairs. Continued at XUYEN MOC.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. 15 Points fell during reporting period.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 10 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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20 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues. One tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl continued recce and ambush ops into AO SHERMAN centre of mass YS4786.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 35H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued lard clearing in area LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Two coys remain in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0914/0943	YS454534	VC Base Camp	100/50. Four bunkers destroyed, two bunkers damaged. Scattered clothing.

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

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

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp operates in DUC THANH area with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. Convoy escorts continue.

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

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base, provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat, 1 Tp YS299778, 4 Tp YS231811.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat, 1 Tp YS223822, 2 Tp(-) YS496888.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) Nui Dat, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, Sect 161 Fd Bty(NZ) HORSESHOE HILL, YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) Nui Dat.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS255799, B Coy(-) YS231811, C Coy(-) YS294758, D Coy(-) YS288736.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy Nui Dat, B Coy Nui Dat, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) YS567783, W Coy Nui Dat.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) Nui Dat.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL. Coy YS556786, Coy YS576781.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 190930H at YS523561, an APC of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 2 x M16 mines.

(2) At 191130H at YS240812, 90 RF Pl contacted 15-20 enemy in bunkers. Enemy withdrew NW when bunkers were assaulted by tks, APCs and 90 RF Pl. Results: 4 RF WIA, 4 VC KIA(BC), 1 x AK 47, 1 rd 75mm RCL, 150 lb rice, quantity docs CIA.

(3) At 191130H at YS611674, Sp Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC who withdrew W and SW, results nil.

(4) At 191425H at YS228795, an APC of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt was fired on by 1 rd RPG with nil results.

(5) At 191600H at YS506878, 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 2 VC with unknown results.

(6) At 191950H at YS255799, 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR engaged an unknown size enemy group approaching NDP. Results unknown.

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e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 x RF WIA.

(b) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 x VC KIA (BC-by 90 RF Pl).

(b) Materiel. 2 x M16 mines. 1 x AK 47, 1 rd 75mm RCL, 150 lb rice, quantity of docs (by 90 RF Pl).

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 3

Platoon - 2

Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS5374, YS5574, YS4177 and YS4379. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT teams. Village targeted was LONG KIEN II. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC.

b. RF Operations.

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues op con to 5 RAR and is operating with 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Land Clearing. Concluded in LIGHT GREEN.

(2) Mine Clearing. Ten mines detonated.

(3) Bridge Repairs. Continued at XUYEN MOC.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. 50 points fell during reporting period.

b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 10 knots.

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21 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H Nov 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues. One tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl continued recce and ambush ops into AO SHERMAN centre of mass YS4786.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 34 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Elements returned to 1 ATF Base from land clearing in area LIGHT GREEN vicinity YS5256.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Three coys remain in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0913/0955	YS283697	VC B/camp	100/50%, negative further.
1310-1330	YS564919	VC camp	100/75%, 3 large bunkers destroyed, 2 large bunkers exposed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, clothing and galvanized iron scattered.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp operates in DUC THANH area with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. Convoy escorts continue.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Three coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6063.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn (-) remains 1 ATF Base, provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat; 1 Tp YS228814; 4 Tp YS244817.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) Nui Dat; 1 Tp(-) YS228814; 2 Tp(-) YS416877.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) Nui Dat; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068; 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082; Sect 161 Fd Bty(NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961; C Bty 2/35 Arty(US) Nui Dat.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082. A Coy(-) YS238795. B Coy(-) YS249813; C Coy(-) YS290769; D Coy(-) YS349831.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ(-) FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068; B Coy Nui Dat; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961; D Coy(-) YS571771; W Coy Nui Dat.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn Nui Dat.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Late entry. At 191600H at YS506878, Def Pl HQ 1 ATF contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC), 1xAK50 CIA.
- (2) At 201015H at YS514551, a D8 dozer of 17 Const Sqn initiated a mine, estimated 60 lb, resulting in 2 Aust WIA, 1xD8 dozer damaged.
- (3) At 201500H at YS569776, 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a small hut and a bunker, 43 rds 7.62 mm recovered, Hut was destroyed.
- (4) At 201530H at YS238795, A Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 enemy who withdrew NW. Nil results.
- (5) At 201600H at YS266809, Atk Pl 5 RAR contacted 5 enemy who withdrew NE. Results 1 VC KIA(BC).
- (6) At 201600H at YS502592, a dozer of 1 Fd Sqn detonated a M16 mine Results: 1 Aust WIA.

e. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses
 - (a) Personnel. 3 Aust WIA.
 - (b) Materiel. 1xD8 Dozer damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel.. 2xVC KIA(BC)
 - (b) Materiel. 1xAK50, 43 rds 7.62mm (NATO)

f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts: Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect, targeted at grids, centre of mass YS5459 and YS5560. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time of one hour.

(2) Ground Broadcasts: Conducted by HE, HB and APT teams, targeted at LONG HAI Village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC.

b. RF Operations

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues op con 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing. Land clearing team returned to Nui Dat.

(2) Mine Clearing. 16 mines detonated, 30 mines failed to detonate.

(3) Bridge Repairs. Continues at Xuyen Moc, all road work complete.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. 16 pts of rain fell during reporting period.

b. Prevailing Winds. 06 knots from West.

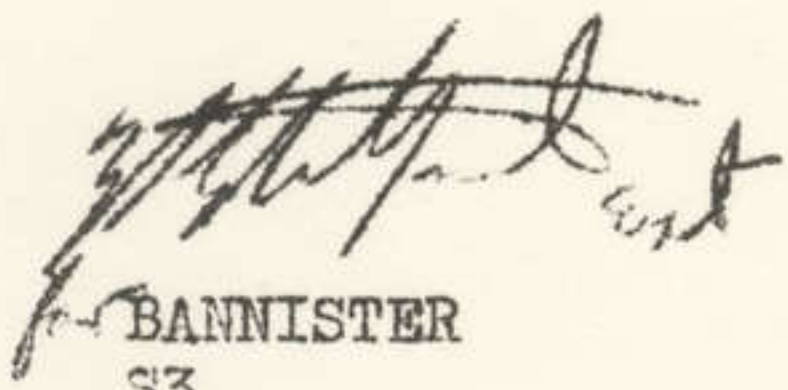
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22 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues. One tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl continued recce and ambush ops into AO SHERMAN centre of mass YS4786.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 40 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN-BARIA.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Two coys remain in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0925/1005	YS643623	VC Base Camp	100/80 5 bunkers destroyed.
	YS632609	VC Base Camp	100/80 1 mil struc dest, 1 bunker exp.
1325/1328	YS454534	VC Base Camp	100/50 5 bunkers damaged.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp operates in DUC THANH area with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. Convoy escorts continue.

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

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) remains 1 ATF Base, provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

c. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp VS347820, 4 Tp YS244826.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS209866, 2 Tp(-) YS473799, 3 Tp(-) YS417692.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, Sect 161 Fd Bty(NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS238795, B Coy(-) YS248827, C Coy(-) YS296766, D Coy(-) YS351823.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy YS569761, W Coy YS417692.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 210100H at YS438868, 2 tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Def Pl HQ 1 ATF ambushed an unknown number of enemy. Results: 6 VC KIA(BC), 2 x AK47, 1 x Chicom pistol, quantity of docs.

(2) At 210907H at YS290767, C Coy 5 RAR engaged 4 VC who approached from NE. Enemy withdrew to NE and East. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA, 1 x RPG2 CIA.

(3) At 211035H at YS244817, B Coy 5 RAR located 9 bunkers, 1 x CKC, 100 rds 5.56 mm, 40 rds 7.62 mm short, 2 x Chicom grenades, 60 lb rice recovered.

(4) At 211705H at YS349824, D Coy 5 RAR located 16 bunkers last used yesterday. 18 x Chicom grenades, 60 lb rice and quantity of docs recovered.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 7 KIA(BC).

(b) Materiel. 2 x AK47, 1 x CKC, 1 x Chicom pistol, 1 x RPG2, 20 x Chicom grenades, 100 rds 5.56mm, 40 rds 7.62mm short, 120 lb rice, quantity of docs.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcast. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4177 YS4181 YS4377 YS4381 YS4554 and YS4556. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two and a half hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT teams. Village targeted was LA VAN. The themes were GVN Image.

b. RF Operations

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

(2) 90 RF Pl continues op con 5 RAR and are conducting night ambushes with 1 tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(3) 186 RF Coy co-operated with 5 RAR in search of area West of Route 15.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Mine clearing operations at DAT DO continue, 15 x M16 mines and 2 x M26 grenades detonated, 23 mines failed to detonate.

(2) Bridge repairs continue at XUYEN MOC.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. 09 knots from NNW.

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues. One tp gp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl continued recce and ambush ops in AO SHERMAN centre of mass YS4786.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 29 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Bridge repair continued at XUYEN MOC. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Three coys remained in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0922/0955	YS461532 YS459545	100/50%, neg BDA on YS461532. 4 Bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 structure destroyed on YS459545.
1205/1225	YS475507	75/50%, 1 poss KBA, 90% bombs within 100m, 10% within 10m.
1245/1305	YS475507	85/85%, 1 poss KBA, scattered tin roofs, destroyed ladders and water tanks.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues with land clearing. Tp gp continues in DUC THANH area with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 5 RAR.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Two coys remain 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS348819, 3 Tp YS528603, 4 Tp YS246836.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) YS227813, 2 Tp(-) YS438860.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, sect 161 Fd Bty(NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS265804, B Coy(-) YS243838, C Coy(-) YS239774, D Coy(-) YS348820.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy NUI DAT, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) YS572738, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, Coy YS559641, Coy YS528600.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 221000H at YS579753, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located 2 huts and 2 bunkers previously hit by airstrike.

(2) At 221135H at YS349823, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR found 1 body, 7 to 10 days old. Tracks had come from area of contact of Atk Pl at 101010H at YS330810, contact report is amended to read 1 VC KIA (BC).

(3) At 221235H at YS565745, 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a staging camp last used 6 months previously.

(4) At 221350H at YS291772, C Coy 5 RAR located 12 bunkers, 2 pits and 1 tunnel, last used 3 to 6 days ago. Docs recovered identified B1 of C21.

(5) At 221530H at YS668639, Atk Pl 6 RAR located 7 bunkers.

(6) At 121700H at YS651642, Atk Pl 6 RAR located 1 Garand

(7) At 221747 at YS289774, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located 2 new bunkers. A small quantity of chicom explosive was destroyed.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA (BC)

(b) Materiel. 1 Garand (unsvc), small quantity of chicom explosive, quantity of docs.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 3
Platoon - 2
Squad - 7

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations

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

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(2) 90 RF Pl continued op con to 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Land Clearing Team established base.

(2) Mine clearing continued at DAT DO, 30 mines detonated, 16 failed to detonate.

(3) Bridge repairs completed at XUYEN MOC. Party returned NUI DAT.

3. Omitted.

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24 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues. One tp gp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl returned to NUI DAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEM - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Two coys remained in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4901.

(11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1015/1102	YS779807	100/80. Two bunkers destroyed, two structures destroyed, magpie 61.
1210	Additional BDA.	Ten bunkers damaged, four structures damaged.
1310	YS370713	Bushrangers sighted five persons and carried out three passes. Possible 25 investigated NPT.

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

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

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues with land clearing. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 5 RAR.

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

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

(5) 9 RAR. Bn remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS339820, 3 Tp YS528603, 4 Tp YS257845.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS230806.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS266819, B Coy(-) YS257845, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy(-) YS360821.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068 A Coy NUI DAT, B Coy(-) YS618742, V Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) YS574724, W Coy NUI DAT.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, Coy YS587705, Coy YS570710.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 231220H at YS287776, C Coy 5 RAR located two bunkers last used yesterday. A small quantity of chicom explosive and an NVA identity card were recovered.

(2) At 231300H at YS675634, ATK Pl 6 RAR located 14 x 2 man bunkers and 3 x 1 bunkers.

(3) At 231535H at YS359811, D Coy 5 RAR located a body approximately two weeks old, in a bunker system of 20 bunkers. Tracks led to the West, believed body that of VC engaged by ATK Pl on 101010H. Amend results of contact at 101010H to now read 2 VC KIA (BC). Also recovered were 1 x SKS, 1 x 7.62mm pistol, quantity of docs and photos.

(4) At 231940H at 529591, LCT of 17 Const Sqn located 7 x 1 man pits, 5 x 2 man pits and a number of spider holes.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 1 KIA(BC)

(b) Materiel. 1 x SKS, 1 x 7.62mm pistol, small qty of chicom explosive, qty of docs and photos.

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f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

- a. Psychological Operations: Nil activities.
- b. RF Operations
 - (1) ARVN Mech Pl continued to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in route security and convoy escort.
 - (2) 90 RF Pl continued op con 5 RAR.
- c. Engineering Operations
 - (1) Land Clearing Team continued to move in equipment.
 - (2) Mine clearing. Six mines were detonated and 14 initiated but failed to detonate.

3. Meteorological Detail

- a. Rainfall. A total of 25 pts fell during reporting period.
- b. Prevailing Winds. 04 knots from SW.

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25 Nov 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Nov 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 PAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5359.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>PDA</u>
0930/1005	YS501813	100/50 within 25metres, 5 bunkers exposed, 3 mil structures destroyed.
1400/1430	YS479508	100/unk 1 tunnel ent des, 4 breather holes exp, 4 small secondary explosions, Blade 07.

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

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. Two tps op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One AMC sect and one sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues with land clearing. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 5 RAR.

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

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

(5) 9 RAR. Bn remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5369.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1Tp YS241781, 3Tp YS528604, 4Tp YS257845.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn(-) NUI DAT, 1Tp YS241781.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082, 161 Fd Bty (NZ)(-) NUI DAT, 1 Sect 161 Fd Bty (NZ) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, C Bty 2/35 Arty (US) NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082, A Coy(-) YS266819, B Coy YS255845, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy(-) YS360817.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068, A Coy(-) YS673743, B Coy(-) YS612761, V Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, D Coy(-) YS587705, W Coy(-) YS637601.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn at NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961, Coy YS528604, Coy YS551622.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 240705H at YS531585 an unknown number of VC detonated a claymore type mine sited beside a trench. Mine was detonated as combined ARVN/NZ comd element passed. Results; 2 NZ KIA, 2 NZ WIA, 3 ARVN WIA incl pl comd.

(2) At 241015H at YS553648 1/V Coy with elements 4/52 ARVN Bn located a 7 man bunker which showed sign of one person having been there approx 24 hrs previously. Recovered was a small quantity of rice.

(3) At 241345H at YS245795 elements of B/5 RAR located a freshly used bunker and at YS244796 contact was made with 2 VC who returned fire with an RPG. Results; VC withdrew, no casualties to either side.

(4) At 241620H at YS241798 elements of 1Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a sandbag containing 100x7.62mm AK rounds, and 10lbs rice.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 NZ KIA, 2 NZ WIA, 3 VN WIA.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. 10lbs of rice, 100x7.62mm rounds AK.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - two
Platoon - three
Squad - eight

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has seven LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Air Broadcasts. Psy Ops Sect and RAAF targeted D67 Engr Bn in area centre of mass YS300740. Themes: Death of BA UT and party and Chieu Hoi.

(2) Face to Face Missions. HE/HB team with APT visited THAI TIEN.

b. RF Operations.

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

(2) One pl of 90 RF Coy continued op con 5 RAR.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine clearing. One mine was cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. No rain fell in the reporting period.

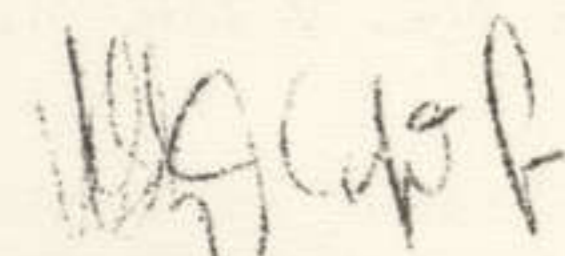
b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 02 Knots.

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26 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TACR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 21 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5359.
- (11) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0903/0928	YS430847	100/80%, 9 bunkers exposed, 1 military structure exposed, 1 pit exposed.
1255/1310	YS773661	100/20%, 1 bunker damaged, clothing scattered in the area. 3 KBA by direct hit on bunkers.

B52 strike went in today centre of mass YS3091.

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

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

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located RSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5369.

c. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ Nui Dat. 1 Tp YS232807. 2 Tp Nui Dat. 3 Tp YS528603. 4 Tp YS269852.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ Nui Dat. 1 Tp(-) YS228804. 2 Tp(-) Nui Dat. 3 Tp(-) Nui Dat. Sp Tp YS215798, FSPB DISCOVERY, LCT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt Nui Dat. 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE YS3082. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. C/2/35(US) Arty Nui Dat.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE YS3082. A Coy(-) YS266823. B Coy(-) YS269852. C Coy Nui Dat. D Coy(-) YS353816.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068. I Coy(-) YS692772. B Coy(-) YS612776. V Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. D Coy(-) YS567691. W Coy(-) YS627601.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn at Nui Dat.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL. Coy YS527605.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS527605.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 251045H at YS573698, 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a small VC camp for possibly a pl. It consisted of a hut, benches, fire places and sites for hutchies; assorted medical supplies were found and destroyed.
- (2) At 251200H at YS628604, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located 2 bunkers and a hut. Probably used a week ago by 3-4 enemy. In the area were found assorted clothing, 1xM69 grenade, 2 fuses and 1xM16 lifting device.
- (3) 251405H at YS627601, 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC who withdrew SE dropping his pack as he ran. Negative result.
- (4) At 251600H at YS353814, elms of D Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system with 8 completed dugouts and 1 under construction. All were well and soundly constructed and appeared to have been occupied a week ago; in the camp were found personal papers, song books and a red bra.

e. Results: Nil

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect. Areas targeted were, centre of mass YS2974, YS3174, YS3076, YS3683, YS3883 and YS3855. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by I.E., HB and APT team. Village targeted was AP BAC and AP TAI. The themes were GVN image.

b. RF Operations

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

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

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Mine clearing: 12 mines cleared in area 60m x 50m.

(2) Land clearing - continues.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall: Nil

b. Prevailing Winds: SE at 02 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

27 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) Remains in 1 ATF Base. One tp supports land clearing operations in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continued minifield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAFE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains in 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5359.
- (11) Air Support.

TIME	CO-ORDS	BDA
0905/0935	YS430847	100/50. 4 bnkr dest, 3 bnkr exp, 1 bnkr dest.
0710/0720	YS773661	100/Unk. 100% within 50 Mtrs tgt, neg further.
0651/0703	YS773661	100/Unk. 100% W/I 75 Mtrs of tgt, neg further.
1340/1410	YS460546	100/40. 6 bnkr dest, 3 bnkr exp,

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

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

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY 5068.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn remains in 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy for 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) remains on HORSESHOE HILL retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5369.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS229815, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS527604 4 Tp YS277862.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) YS233806, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp(-) FSPB DISCOVERY, Sp Tp, sect mine clear YS501592, sect LCT YS526604, sect YS795652.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty - 1 sect NUI DAT, 1 sect HORSESHOE, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy(-) YS273821, B Coy(-) YS277861, C Coy(-) YS255787, D Coy(-) YS370786, Aslt Pnr YS326809.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy(-) YS659769, B Coy(-) YS637739, V Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy(-) YS771662, W Coy(-) YS632608.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn complete NUI DAT,
- (7) 8 RAR. Adv Pty NUI DAT.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN(-). HORSESHOE HILL, coy YS526605.
- (9) Land Clearing Team. YS525605.
- (10) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 260900H at YS773661, D Coy 6 RAR moved into the bunker system hit by yesterday's A/S and located 300 lbs rice, 58 rds of 7.62 ammo, hair cutting implements and farming tools.
- (2) At 260945H at YS771663 D Coy 6 RAR further located 30 sheaves of rice and a qty of fishing nets.
- (3) At 261015H at YS768657 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR found a bunker and in it a knife, helmet and bottle of serum. Close by they also located 2 graves probably 2-3 months old.
- (4) At 261145H at YS572597 elements of 4/52 ARVN Bn and 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located 15 'T' shaped fighting pits with OHC and in them 120x 5.56mm rds, 5 x 7.62mm rds, 1 x AK magazine, a qty of documents and a hat.
- (5) At 261150H at YS459655 elms of 17 Const Sqn RAE located a small road block made from brush and stones - APC's with Engr mine team moved to the area to investigate and move the block but Ptl 57 from 1 ARU had previously searched the area for possible booby traps and had removed it.
- (6) At 261230H at YS673781 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located what was believed to be a transit camp for up to 60 enemy. It appeared to have been used very recently by a party of 6, and probably by a party of approximately 50 in within the past week to 10 days. In the camp were located blood stained bandages and a letter head of 1 RAR.

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(7) At 261500H at YS632607 W Coy 6 RAR located a cache in a hollow tree consisting of 2 boxes of ammunition, fishing equipment and a small medical kit.

(8) At 261630H at YS632613 elms of W Coy 6 RAR saw 3-4 enemy who dispersed East and West, Artillery was brought to bear but with negative results.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel. Nil

(b) Materiel. Approx 500 lbs rice, medical supplies, clothing, haircutting set, farming tools, fishing nets and over 400 rds of assorted ammunition.

(2) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 3
Squad - 6

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psyops sect. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS3087, YS3287, YS3487, YS6563, and YS6761. The themes were GVN Image and Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was two and one half hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT teams. Village targeted was BINH GIA. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC.

b. RF Operations

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

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

c. Engineering Operations

(1) Mine Clearing. 11 mines detonated and an area 45m x 70m cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. .02 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. N at 04 knots.

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28 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav. Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Convoy escorts continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 34 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continue minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105-Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPN DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 9 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vicinity YS5359.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>BDA/REPORT</u>
0905/0937H	YS657930	100/50 all bombs within 30m, 1 bunker exposed.
1228/1245H	YS487509	100/80 100% of bombs within 80m, 75% within 50m, 6% within 20m.
1250/1305H	YS487509	70/60 100% within 70m, 1 secondary explosion, 1 cave entrance collapsed, 1 poss KBA.
1750H	YS415842	100/50 BDA to be done on 28 Nov 69.
1825H	YS415842	100/50 6 bunkers destroyed, further BDA 28 Nov 69.
1935H	YS415842	95/20 1 secondary explosion, further BDA 28 Nov 69.

b. Plans Summary for Period 280001H to 282400H Nov 69.

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

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continued LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 8 RAR. Arrives in theatre and into 1 ATF Base ex HMAS SYDNEY off VUNG TAU.
- (6) 9 RAR. Departs 1 ATF Base for HMAS SYDNEY off VUNG TAU for return to Australia.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) based on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy carries out LCT protection in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ, 2 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS239804. 3 Tp YS525604. 4 Tp YS278852.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ, 2 Tp, 3Tp (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS234787. Sp Tp: 1 sect AO LINTON, 1 sect AO GRACE, 1 sect LCT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt, C/2/35 (US) Arty NUI DAT. 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY. 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty: 1 sect HORSESHOE, 1 sect NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE. A Coy YS266823. B Coy YS282843. C Coy YS 243788. D Coy NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY. A Coy YS647758. B Coy YS643749. V Coy HORSESHOE. D Coy YS771663. W Coy YS632609.
- (6) 9 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (7) 8 RAR (-). NUI DAT.
- (8) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn (-) HORSESHOE. 1 Coy LCT, 1 Coy YS505638.
- (9) Land Clearing Team. YS525604.
- (10) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 270130H at YS245796 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR heard movement to the rear of their night ambush position. An M18 Claymore was fired but failed to detonate. It subsequently fired with GPMG M60. A sweep was conducted this morning but failed to locate any signs of enemy being hit.
- (2) At 270920H at YS294804 Atk Pl 5 RAR located two bodies wrapped in plastic. Although drag marks and signs around the area did not show a particular direction from which enemy had come, the two VC were credited to 1 Pl A Coy as a result of their contact at YS288797 on 10 Nov 69. Result 2 VC KIA.
- (3) At 271105H at YS243790 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR saw three possibly more VC who they engaged immediately. One VC carried both a AK47 and a pistol and wore a blue shirt and black trousers, other VC carried AK47's and wore all black. Result: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (blood trail), 2 X AK47, 1 X pistol, 2 X packs and 3 maps CIA.
- (4) At 271615H at YS282843 elements of B Coy 5 RAR located an enemy camp partly under construction, in it were 8 complete bunkers with 2 - 3 ft OHP, and 1 bunker still being prepared. The area was well camouflaged with growing vegetation but signs indicated occupation by a small force some 7 - 10 days ago. Items recovered were: 1 X AK 47 mag and cooking utensils.

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(5) Late afternoon 27 Nov 69 at YS292803 Atk Pl 5 RAR located an unoccupied camp consisting of 7 bunkers, some two months old. Signs indicate that a small party passed through the area some 10 days ago.

(6) At 272232H at YS238803 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt were fired on by an unknown number of enemy, fire was returned in the form of canister 20pd and MG. A sweep to be conducted at first light tomorrow.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 5 KIA (BC), 2 WIA (BT).

(b) Materiel. 2 X AK47, 1 X M2 Carbine, 1 X pistol, 2 packs, quantity documents and maps.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2
Platoon - 3
Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions With Contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Operations. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Targeted areas were centre of mass YS2968, YS3169, YS3172, YS4072, YS4173, and YS3974. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was 2½ hours.

(2) Audio Visual. Conducted by HE, HB and APT teams. Villages targeted were PHUOC LOI and HOI MY. The themes were Anti VC and GVN Image.

b. RF Operations.

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

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

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing. Nil mines detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. NNW at 05 knots.

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

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 TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deployed with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect plus AMC sect op con to 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. One tp deployed with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Convoy escorts continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continue minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remains FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 8 RAR. Arrived in theatre and into 1 ATF Base ex HMAS SYDNEY.
- (10) 9 RAR. Departed 1 ATF Base for HMAS SYDNEY off VUNG TAU for return to AUSTRALIA.
- (11) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5359.
- (12) 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Force moved early morning to check out bunker system reported on 27 Nov 69 by VR A/C. Bunkers located, at YS416843 on eqpt recovered and bunkers destroyed. Force returned to 1 ATF Base 1800H.
- (13) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	REFERENCE	BDA/REPORT
0912/0941H	YS665908	100/Unk, 100% bombs within 25 metres.
1030H	YS415842	Additional BDA for immediate last light strike 27 Nov 69. 1. 2 Bunkers exposed, 2 structures destroyed. 2. 9 Bunkers exposed, 2 structures destroyed, 1 structure exposed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed.
1312/1319H	YS641952	100/25%, 2 military structures damaged, bombs within 50 metres, 2 dud bombs.
1805/1815H	YS659782	100/50%, 1 hut damaged, bombs within 20 metres, nap within 5 metres, 2 dud bombs.

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b. Plans Summary for period 290001H to 292400H Nov 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. Two tps op con RAR in AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continued LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 8 RAR. Commences in theatre training vic 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) based on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy carries out LCT protection in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459.

c. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS227818, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp YS531597, 4 Tp YS278861.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp (-) YS227818, 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT, Sp Tp Sects FSPB DISCOVERY, LCT, YS220825, NUI DAT.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DISCOVERY, 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE, 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect NUI DAT, 1 Sect HORSESHOE Feature, C/2/35 (US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy YS266823, B Coy YS281845, C Coy YS254788, D Coy VUNG TAU.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DISCOVERY, A Coy YS647758, B Coy YS613815, V Coy HORSESHOE HILL with 4/52 ARVN. D Coy FSPB DISCOVERY, W Coy YS615658.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn (-). HORSESHOE Feature. Coy - LCT.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS501592.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 281130H, 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR located 2 reconstructed bunkers. A quantity of food, clothing, docs and med supplies were recovered and included 1 Communist flag, SVN money, medical kit, 2 shirts, 1 pr trousers, 2 bra's, qty of Aust rats, 2 qt water bottles (Aust), assorted cooking utensils, 4 x entrenching tools, 1 x cross cut saw, 30 bundles rice, fresh vegetables, 1 pr polaroid glasses, soap and a red and white striped beach ball. Items were recovered at YS291849.
- (2) At 281140H at YS273829, A Coy 5 RAR located 15 bunkers and 2 huts, 6 rds 7.62mm short recovered.
- (3) At 281235H at YS267829, 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 enemy who withdrew N. Results: 1 Aust WIA.
- (4) At 281300H at YS222858, 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located 20 pits last used 3-4 days ago.
- (5) At 281325H at YS246795, 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a motor scooter.
- (6) At 281350H at YS282842, B Coy 5 RAR located 300 lbs rice.
- (7) At 281215H at YS416843, Reaction group entered bunker system previously hit by airstrike. Over 50 bunkers located not thoroughly searched, 12 rds 60mm mor, 1 bangalore torado, 1 CHICOM anti-tank grenade, 3 stick grenades, 1 bolt action rifle recovered

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(8) At 281400H at YS271826 A Coy 5 RAR located 15 bunkers which were used some 3-5 days ago, in the area were found 12 x 7.62 rds, 7 photographs and a pamphlet on the starlight scope.

e. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA (BC).
(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
(b) Material. 1 x bolt action rifle, 300 lbs rice, assorted clothing, med sups, cooking utensils and ammo.

f. Small Unit Actions:

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

2. Combined Operations:

a. Psychological Operations:

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Were conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4748, YS4850, YS4851 and YS4752. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. Total broadcast time was 1½ hours.
(2) Audio Visual. Were conducted by HE, HB and APT teams. Village targeted was AP PHUOC TINH. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC.

b. RF Operations:

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

c. Engineering Operations:

- (1) Mine Clearing. 3 mines detonated, area cleared 30m x 100m.

3. Meteorological Detail:

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

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30 Nov 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deployed with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force..
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus extra AMC deployed to AO LINTON. op con to 6 RAR. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 33 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continue minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN-BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remain FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 8 RAR. Commenced in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5359.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Reference	BDA/Report
0917/0952	YS656931	100/50. 5 bunkers destroyed, 110m trenching destroyed.
1347/1400	YS646939	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers exposed and damaged.
CSS 280036	YS47135273	BDA to follow.

b. Plans Summary for period 300001H to 302400H Nov 69.

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

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continued LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIXCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre trg vic 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 4/54 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) based on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy carries out LCT protection in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459.

e. Locations.

- (1) D Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS225818, 2 Tp DISCOVERY; 3 Tp YS531597, Land Clearing Team; 4 Tp YS197845.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS225818; 2 Tp DISCOVERY; 3 Tp NUI DAT; Sp Tp 1 Sect, LCT; 1 Sect YS217815; 1 Sect FSPB LICK; 1 Sect FSPB DISCOVERY.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. HQ 1 Fd Regt NUI DAT; 101 Fd Bty 1 Sect FSPB DISCOVERY; 1 Sect FSPB LION; 105 Fd Bty FSPB CAPE; 161 (NZ) Fd Bty 1 Sect HORSESHOE; 1 Sect NUI DAT; C/2/35(US) NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE; A Coy YS263823; B Coy YS274820; C Coy YS258790; D Coy VUNG TAU.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ (-) FSPB DISCOVERY, elms at FSPB LION; A Coy YS614816; B Coy 614816; V Coy YS500631; D Coy DISCOVERY; W Coy DISCOVERY.
- (6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.
- (7) 4/52 ARVN Bn(-) HORSESHOE; Coy YS500631; Coy LCT.
- (8) Land Clearing Team. YS531597.
- (9) Mine Clearing Team. YS500596.

d. Contact and Incidents.

- (1) At 290815H at YS660773 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located an unused VC Camp consisting of 6 bunkers.
- (2) At 290837H at YS233787 elms of CHQ and 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted up to 9 enemy after a scouting group from the pl heard noises and movement and went forward to investigate. SAA fire was exchanged but with no results.
- (3) At 291010H at YS246795 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted one enemy wearing a green shirt and trousers, who was wounded in the brief action. No further results.
- (4) At 291215H at YS564395 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located an unexploded 750 lb bomb, an EOD expert was flown to the area and successfully blew the blind.
- (5) Early in the afternoon on 29 Nov at YS281816 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR located a small enemy camp probably used a month ago.

e. Results.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

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b. RF Operations.

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

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

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing. 12 mines detonated, area cleared 100m x 50m and 50m x 50m.

(2) Land Clearing. 200m x 50m cleared.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

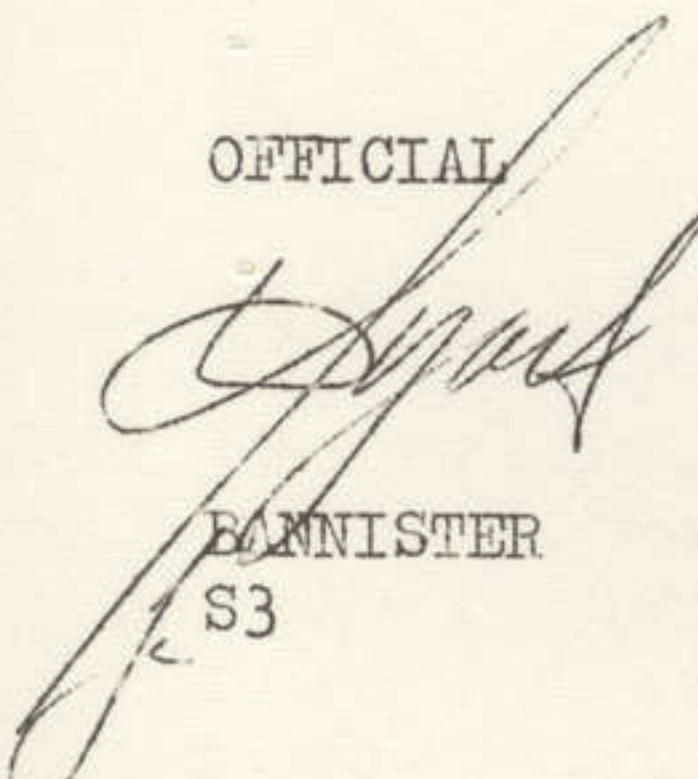
b. Prevailing Winds. NNE at 05 knots.

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains 1 ATF Base. One tp op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Two tps remain in AO GRACE op con to 5 RAR. Elements remain HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus two AMC sects op con 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO LINTON. One tp plus one AMC sect op con to 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One sect op con to Land Clearing Team in LONG GREEN. Convoy escort continues.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 55 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO GRACE and 6 RAR in AO LINTON. Road construction continued near AN NHUT. Elements continue minefield clearance vicinity YS5058.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Road construction continued LONG DIEN - BARIA. Continued land clearing in area of LONG GREEN vicinity YS5359.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3032, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sq. Bn HQ remain FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continued recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON centre of mass YS6167, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy on HORSESHOE HILL trains 4/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (9) 8 RAR. Continued in theatre training vicinity 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on HORSESHOE HILL YS4961. One coy continues LCT protection vic YS5359.

b. Plans Summary for period 010001H to 012400H Dec 69.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One tp continues with LCT in LONG GREEN. One tp op con 5 RAR in AO GRACE. One tp returns to 1 ATF Base from AO GRACE. Elements remain on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect and one AMC sect continues op con 6 RAR in AO LINTON. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One sect continues LCT protection. Convoy escorts continue. One tp plus one AMC sect op con 5 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush ops in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082. Bn HQ located FSPB CAPE YS3082.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) continues recce and ambush ops in AO LINTON. One coy HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068.
- (5) 8 RAR. Continues in theatre trg vic 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base.

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(6) 4/52 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining with V Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) based on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy carries out LCT protection in LONG GREEN vicinity YS5459.

c. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp YS223817, 2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 3 Tp YS531597, 4 Tp YS223817.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ NUI DAT, 1 Tp(-) YS216822, 2 Tp FSPB DISCOVERY, 3 Tp(-) NUI DAT, Sp Tp(-) 1 sect, FSPB DISCOVERY, 1 sect FSPB LION, 1 sect LCT,

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

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB CAPE, A Coy(-) YS266824, B Coy NUI DAT, C Coy (-) YS271796, D Coy(-) YS254786.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB LION, A Coy FSPB LION, B Coy FSPB LION, V Coy(-) HORSESHOE, D Coy DISCOVERY, W Coy FSPB DISCOVERY.

(6) 8 RAR. Complete NUI DAT.

(7) 4/52 ARVN(-). HORSESHOE, Coy LCT YS534600, Coy LCT YS528603.

(8) Land Clearing Team - YS512597.

(9) Mine Clearing Team - YS500596.

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 300815H at YS271817 elms of B Coy 5 RAR located two dead VC. It appears they were killed during a contact with 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR on 101335H at YS269815. Results 2 VC KIA(BC).

(2) At 301030H at YS237801 elms of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt exploded a mine, probably a 40 lb cylindrical type with pressure initiator. The vehicle was severely damaged but there were no casualties.

(3) At 301515H at YS268835, 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a camp who fired auto fire and ran. Follow up revealed 3 new bunkers, two empty caches and a number of tracks.

e. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. 1 APC damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses. Nil.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 21

Platoon - 2

Squad - 5

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LREPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations:

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by Psy Ops Sect and RAAF. Areas targeted were centre of mass YS4648, YS4750, and YS4851. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two and a quarter hours.

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b. RF Operations.

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

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

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Mine Clearing. 16 mines detonated, area cleared 100m x 50m and 50m x 50m. Area fully cleared to date 700m x 100m.

(2) Land Clearing. 800m x 50m cleared.

d. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Nil.

b. Prevailing Winds. WNW at 04 knots.

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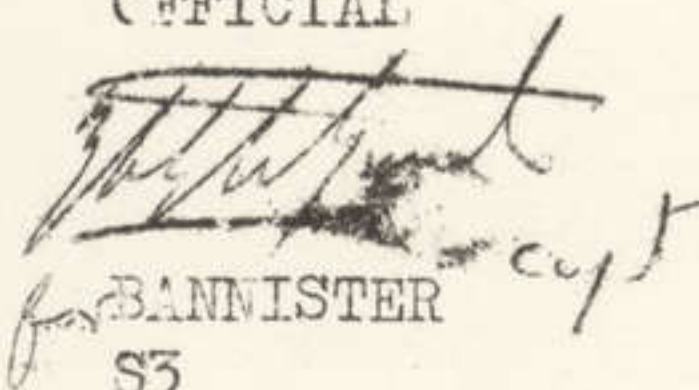
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 307/69.
2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GRACE

(a) Further to INTSUM No 305/69, para 3 a (2) (a). A further 500 lbs of rice was located and destroyed.

(b) (031120H) In vic of YS300800, Aslt Pnr/5 RAR located fresh tracks no more than 1 hr old.

(c) (031300H) At YS286749, A/5 RAR located 2 bunkers, 1 saw and 2 cane baskets were also located. All were destroyed.

(d) (031500H) At YS223841, elms of B/3 Cav Regt located an unknown number of 12.7 mm rounds.

(e) (031615H) At YS305793, elms of 5 RAR located 5 bunkers, 2 kitchens and 1 toilet. The bunkers had 2 ft OHC. Recovered were a qty of cooking utensils and clothing.

(f) (032145H) At YS234826, elms of B/1 Armd Regt and B/5 RAR located a base camp of 30 bunkers with 2 ft OHC and 3 open pits. Recovered were: 3xRPG2 rds, 1xRPG7 rd, 2x75mm RCL rds, 2x60mm Mor cleaning brush, 6xM26 grenades, 5 percussion grenades, one M72, one M18A1 claymore, 200 AK47 rds, 440x5.56mm rds, 6xAK47 magazines, 2 sets of webbing, 20 NVA waterbottles, 1 cross cut saw, 2 bush axes, qty of medical supplies, 1x75mm cleaning brush and rod, 6 entrenching tools, 250 lbs of rice, 5 lb of fish and a qty of documents. All to be destroyed by B/1 Armd Regt.

(2) AO SABOT

(a) (031545H) In vic of YS477811, elms of B/1 Armd Regt located fresh tracks made as late as this morning by approx 5 people moving NE.

b. Air Activity: Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 5 VC.

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

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 4 VC.

c.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 4.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1xAK50, 1xSKS, 1 pistol, 1xM72.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured: Unknown number of 12.7mm rds, cooking utensils, clothing, 4 rifle grenades, 5 packs, large quantity of med supplies.

(b) Destroyed: 1 saw, 2 cane baskets, 3xRPG2 rds, 1xRPG7 rd, 2x75mm RCL rds, 2x60mm Mor rds, 1x60mm Mor cleaning brush, 6xM26 grenades, 5 percussion grenades, 1xM72, 1xM18A1 claymore, 200xAK47 rds, 440x5.56mm rds, 6xAK47 magazines, 2 sets of webbing, 20 NVA waterbottles, 1 cross cut saw, 2 bush axes, qty of med supplies, 1x75mm RCL cleaning brush and rod, 6 entrenching tools.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS2266829	Rice	500 lbs	destroyed
YS234826	Rice	250 lbs	destroyed

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA - 29 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3)(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 14.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

- (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

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7 at YS439577.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/69 dated 13 Oct 69.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 306/69, para 3 a (2) (b), add the following: Four enemy KIA(BC), one AK50, one SKS, one pistol(NFI), 4 rifle grenades, 5 packs, large qty medical supplies.

(2) Reference INTSUM No 306/69 para 4 a (2) amend 14 to read 11.

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports: See Annex C attached.

e. Omitted.

f. Other items of reporting interest

(1) (031800H) At YS240801, 90 RF Coy contacted a squad plus enemy force. The enemy broke contact and withdrew East into bunkers and were engaged by Arty and airstrikes. There were numerous bloodtrails in the area of the contact.

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Annexes: C. Agent reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 307/69
DATED 3 NOV 69

1. (30/10/69) Agent report from 525 MI Gp. Eval F-6. Agent states that the composition of the guerilla unit of Phuoc Thai Village (GVN Phuoc Hoa YS180840) and Thai Thien (YS228796), Long Thanh District, Bien Hoa Province consists of the following individuals:

Squad Commander : Nguyen Van Son
Asst Squad Leader: Nguyen Van Lo
Member: Trung
Member: Nam Quang
Member: Day
Member: Quoi Wis
Member: Cha
Member: Huynh Van To

2. (291600H) Agent report from 525 MI Gp. Eval F-3. Agent states that an U/1 VC unit with a strength of approx 100 men was observed in the Phu My forest area vic YS273751. They were armed with 2 LMG, 6 RPG2, 1 RPG7 and individual weapons. Their intentions are unknown.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 307-69
DATED 3 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
031140H	vic YS4679	1 VC carrying a shotgun, moving East with large letters 'BIN BO' on back of shirt.
031330H	YS564569	Foot prints of 2 - 3 people, approx 24-48 hrs old, lead from the mouth of the creek following the creek line to YS563572, then NE.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>READOUT</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
030544H	YS484643	2 in woods	031803H	YS586624	1 in ricefield
	YS485636	1 in open		YS600628	3 in ricefield

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
021950H	YS300550	1 in open
022118H	YS695820	1 in open
	YS690815	1 in open
030020H	YS250740	1 on road

5. Omitted.

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1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 308-69.
2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were six contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) (040750H) At YS236822 6/B/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy armed with AK47 and RPG. Result: enemy casualties unknown. Aust casualties 1 KIA, 1 WIA.
- (b) (040880H) At YS235825 4/B/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. One was wearing greens and carrying a satchel or bag. Nil results.
- (c) (041300H) At YS337763 11/D/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Results: 2 KIA (BC) pack, grenade, and documents recovered.
- (d) (041445H) At YS328720 2/A/5 RAR contacted three LF enemy dressed in mixed blue and green clothing and carrying AK47. Results: 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 3 packs, food, clothing, documents and equipment captured.
- (e) (041450H) At YS340769 12/D/5 RAR contacted one enemy LF dressed in blue. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 X 7.62 SMG captured.
- (f) (041500H) At YS394841 8/C/9 RAR located 3 old bunkers still in good repair.
- (g) (041610H) At YS32747 10/D/5 RAR contacted 3 enemy dressed in greens and carrying M1 carbines. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 Aust WIA. 1 X M1 carbine captured.

(2) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (041620H) At YS463577 elements of 17 Const Sqn received SA from the North and automatic fire from the South. No casualties or damage.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted - 6 VC.

b.c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.

- (1). (4). Omitted.
- (5) RPG 2 - 1.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 3.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.
 - (a) Captured. 4 packs, clothing, documents, equipment.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 35 VC.
- (2) PW - 2.
- (3) (4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 17.
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice captured - 0.38 tons.

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
040615H	YS306610	Grass road block cleared by local forces.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

<u>AT MINES</u>	<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOBY TRAPS</u>
	1	1
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movement.
 - a. Documents taken from body, para 3 a (1) (c) refers, identifies C41 Coy CHAU DUC Concentrated Unit.
 - b. Two letters of introduction taken from a VC KIA by 8/C/5 RAR at YS214831 on 021040H Nov 69 identify BUI VAN CHINH Asst Political Officer 2 Bn 74 Arty Regt. The introductions were to all agencies of LONG THANH District requesting that every assistance be given CHINH and that he be taken to HQ SR4 to discuss the movement of strategic materials for the forthcoming winter offensive.
 NB: The letters were dated 29 Oct 69 and were valid until 15 Nov 69.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 3/69 dated 13 Oct 69.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 307-69 Para 4 f add the following (6) Omitted,
 - (7) Rice captured - 0.38 tons. (8)-(9) Omitted.
 - c.e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) Late Report (032330H) At YS993845 the PSDF at LANG GON received small arms and automatic weapons fire.
 - (2) (041715H) At YS436587 567 RF Coy requested EOD teams to remove mines and booby traps on the NW side of the compound.

Attachments

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

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 308/69
DATED 4 NOV 69

PW: NGUYEN VAN SU.

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name: Nguyn Van SU.
- b. AKA: None.
- c. Rank: Sect Comd.
- d. Unit: A3/B2/C19/274 VC Regt.
- e. Strength: 80. (C19 Engr Coy).

Circumstances of Capture.

2. a. Capturing Unit: 4/B/5 RAR.
- b. Date/Time: 021420H Nov 69.
- c. POC: YS234827.

Exploited Information.

3. The subject and 11 other VC were taking a wounded VC to the BAO BINH Hospital (NFI). The wounded VC had apparently been involved in a mine incident at TAM THIEN YS2082 on 1 Nov 69.
4. The subject and 4 VC from C19/274 together with 4 VC from C21 (Sapper recce' coy) and 3 VC from a Province Info Sect (NFI) were co-opted to carry the wounded VC, who also belonged to the Info Sect.
5. The subject left NVN in May 69 (Infil Gp unknown at this stage) and arrived RVN Oct 69, posted to C19 Engr Coy 274 VC Regt. On 31 Oct 69 he was transferred to 3/274 Regt but had not yet assumed duties. 3/274 as at 31 Oct 69 with a strength of 160 was camped along the SHOI CA.
6. Documents CIA confirm that at least some of the party belonged to C21/274 Regt.
7. The PW was wounded at the time of investigation, was stubborn and reluctant to talk.
8. Present disposition LONG BINH PW Hospital.

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 308-69
DATED 4 NOV 69

1. Agent Report from DUC THANH. Evaluation ARVN C-3 states that the CHAU DUC district cadre will be holding a meeting at NHAN SON (NANG SON) YS448729 some time 4 Nov. People going from SUOI NGHE are expected to take rice to this meeting.
Comment from DUC THANH. RF elements will search the road and set up a road block.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 308-69
DATED 4 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTINGS</u>
040630H	YS306610	Grass road block, (cleared by local forces).
041134H	YS359669	3 moving objects, possibly people.
041300H	YS786845	Grass hut or lean to. No signs of recent use.
041300H	YS793859	4 pieces of timber 8 ft long 6 in diameter stacked together. 2 small hut structures and one table.
041445H	Route 331	Nearly all paddys along Route 331 ready for harvest, piles of camouflaged rice.
	YS799752	5 pieces of green plastic with rice husks.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

042040H	YS286812	One reading.
042040H	YS690872	One reading.

4. SLAR Activity.

042045H	YS360780	One in open.
042045H	YS325888	One in open.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 309/69.
2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BOTANY

- (a) (050726H) At YS765685, 2/A/6 RAR located and destroyed a rice mill which was being rebuilt after having been damaged by an airstrike. Numerous tracks of 2 to 3 people were in the area.
- (b) (051100H) At YS769699, 2/A/6 RAR located 4 huts containing quantities of food, clothing and cooking utensils. Signs indicated approx 10 people had vacated the area 40 mins previously.
- (c) (051300H) At YS812734, 3/A/6 RAR located 7 huts in an area of 100 x 50 metres. The huts could provide space for 30 people and it appeared 4 to 6 people lived there permanently. These fled half to one hour before the pl arrived. CIA were 25 lbs of salt, a large qty of cooking utensils, 2 complete fishing nets and 6 pairs of Hoi Chi Minh sandals.
- (d) (051400H) At YS817717, 3/A/6 RAR with elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located an unoccupied camp believed to be recently vacated.
- (e) (051710H) At YS541679, B/6 RAR located a camp with 3 trenches ~~unused~~ for at least 12 months. Two drums each 3/4 full of range fuel were recovered in the area.

(2) AO GRACE

- (a) Late Report. Further to 2/A/5 RAR contact at (041445H) at YS328720 (INTSUM No 308/69 refers). A sweep through the area reveals a further 2 en KIA (BC) (total now of 4 en KIA) plus 1 x M1 and 1 x 45 cal pistol CIA.
- (b) Late Report. (042125H) At YS276789, 1/A/5 RAR heard approx 20 enemy moving WEST to EAST past their night loc. Mortar and Arty fire was engaged with unknown results.
- (c) (051100H) At YS392830, C/9 RAR located 7 bunkers in good condition but unused for some time.
- (d) (051530H) At YS233809, 5/B/5 RAR contacted 3 NVA who withdrew leaving the following behind: 2 AK 47, 1 RPG2 with 3 RPG2 rounds, 12 AK47 mags, 2 x 7.62 pistol mags, docus, 100 lb rice, med supplies, clothing, boots and webbing. A bunker system was sighted in the area by 5/B/5 RAR after the contact. A further report states the system contains 4 bunkers with 3 OHC and a well. The bunker system was in thick bamboo 150 metres from edge of clearing.
- (e) (051820H) At YS242801, 2/3 Cav Sqn contacted 6 LF en dressed in black with unknown results.
- (f) (051800H) At YS340768, D/5 RAR located 8 bunkers 8'x8'x4' with 3' OHC and 2 entrances. They were occupied within last 2 hours.

(3) OTHER AREAS

- (a) (051330H) At YS531569, LCT elements received 2 RPG rounds, which caused no casualties or damage.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E (see attached).

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust inflicted - 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

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

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust inflicted - 2 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure

- (1)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) RPG 2 - 2.
- (6) Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual - 5
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - 2 x AK47, 1 x RPG2, 1 x 45 cal pistol, 1 x M1 rifle.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured: Large quantity cooking utensils, 2 fishing nets, documents, clothing, 6 pairs Ho Chi Minh sandals, medical supplies, 12 x AK47 mags, 2 x 7.62 pistol mags, 3 x RPG2 rounds.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS812734	Salt	25 lb	Destroyed
YS233809	Rice	100 lb	Destroyed

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Nov 69

- (1) KIA - 38 VC
- (2) PW - 2
- (3)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual weapons - 22
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured - .43 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

<u>AP MINES</u>	<u>BOOEY TRAPS</u>
M16 at YS528567	RPG round and WP at YS530568.
M16 at YS525564	1 unknown type at YS522832.
M16 at YS528564	

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
051820H	YS528564	M16	1 Aust KIA

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6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. Docus recovered from a bunker system at YS305793 by Aslt Pnr/5 RAR identify C23/D67 Engr Bn. See Annex B.

b. Docus taken from a body by C/5 RAR fol a contact at YS214831 at 031700H Nov 69 identify elms of Z14 Wksp of SR 4 Rear Services. The quantity of docus captured was large and contained numerous commendations and award certificates, various receipts, notebooks of poems etc, medicine lists, personal history statements, applications to join the Party and personal letters.

A trace map of the BINH SON - AN VIENG, ONG QHE plantations and the area bounded by them was delivered to 199 LIB. Ground troops were redeployed to some U/I area marked on the map. No other tactically exploitable information was disclosed on initial readout.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM 308/69 Para 3a(1)(g). Grid Reference to read YS328747.

(2) Reference INTSUM 307/69 Para 3a(1)(f), Further items in camp are 3 x RPG2 rounds, 2 Chicom percussion grenades, 2 US trip flares, 1 portion Atk wpn sight.

c-f. Omitted.

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Annex A - Interrogation Reports.

Annex B - Captured Documents.

Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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INTERROGATION REPORT
PW: NGUYEN VAN SU

Reference: 1 ATF INTSUM 308/69 Annex A dated 4 Nov 69.

Biographical Data

1. a. Name NGUYEN VAN SU
- b. AKA Nil
- c. D/POB 1944, Thanh Hoa Province NVN
- d. Rank Sect Comd
- e. Unit 3 Sect 2 Pl C19 4 Regt
- f. Religion None
- g. Father NGUYEN VAN THUAN (deceased)
- h. Mother NGUYEN THI THAN (deceased)

Circumstances of Capture

2. a. Capturing unit 4/B/5 RAR
- b. Date 2 Nov 69
- c. Place YS232830
- d. Circumstances Subject was with group of ten others carrying a wounded VC when contacted by 5 RAR.

Past Activities

3. a. 1966 Joined Second NVA and served with 328 NVA Regt.
- b. Jan 69 Left NVN to infiltrate into SVN with Infiltration Group 228.
- c. May 69 Arrived SVN.

Exploited Information

4. Subject was a Section Comd of C19 and was transferred to a new unit Protection Cell Staff Sect 4 Regt on 25 Oct 69. Prior to joining his new unit he was tasked to carry wounded. He with 3 others from C19 went to a location near THAM THIEN where they met 7 members of the Information Section (C20 of 4 Regt). A fourth member of the Information Section had been wounded by a THAI mine on approx 1 Nov 69. The group of 11 men were tasked to carry the wounded soldier to the BAO BINH military hospital. They were two hours march from the hospital when they contacted 5 RAR. The group consisted of:

- a. LONG HONG C19
 - b. HOA DIEP C19
 - c. DIEP LONG C19
 - d. SU C19 (Subject)
 - e. 7 from the Information Section.
5. C19 is an independant Coy of 4 Regt.
 - a. Comd - NINH (killed recently).
 - b. 2IC - NHUAN.
 - c. PO - CHIN.
 - d. Str - 80.
 - e. Wpns - AK and B40.
 - f. Loc - vic SUOI CA.
 6. D3 is a combat infantry unit.
 - a. Str - 160 - 200.
 - b. Wpns - AK and B40.
 - c. Loc - vic SUOI CA

7. BOA BINH Mil hospital (NFI) was recently in the SUOI CA area but contacted allied troops and moved to new location. Its strength is 17.

Document Found on PW NGUYEN VAN SU

- 8. a. Promotion decision No 288 of 4 Regt promoting NGUYEN VAN SU from Section 2IC to Section Comd in C19 signed by NGUYEN TAN THANH Unit Comd of 8 Jul 69.
- b. Award certificate for NGUYEN VAN SU Sect Comd C19. Awarded for successful completion of tasks. Signed by GIANG Comd A54 dated 8 Jul 69.
- c. An introduction to group activities for NGUYEN VAN SU born 1942, a Sect Comd C19 who was leaving C19 to go to a new unit signed by HOANG KHAC DUAN for HQ C19 dated 25 Oct 69.

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ANNEX B (CAPTURED DOCUS)
1 ATF INTSUM NO 309/69
DATED 5 NOV 69

Unit Aslt Pnr/5 RAR
POC YS305793
DTG 031300H Nov 69

1. A small quantity of docus recovered from a bunker system by Alst Pnr/5 RAR identifying C 23/D67 Engr Bn Base Camp consisted of:

- a. One portion of a roneed newsheet. Nothing exploitable.
- b. A list of medicines, mentioning C23 with a strength of 25 personnel.
- c. A part receipt for VN\$1,000,000 (NFI) dated 12 Oct 69.

S2 Comments. C 23/D67 aka C3/D67 has not been located for many months. Rallier MINH TAM of C4/D67 on 6 Aug 69 stated that C3 had left D67 some months before on an independant mission and he was unaware of its location. It would appear that the coy has now returned to its AO.

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 309/69 dated 5 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
051530H	YS287686	Stacked timber. Timber in sizes 9" diam, 3' long and 3" diam 10-12' long.
051100H	YS336883 to YS334875	Foot activity along trail.
051400H	YS818718	6 large huts, occupied or just vacated earlier.

2-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

Maximum - YS355870

Strong - YS352862

YS353853

YS347880

YS338875

YS326858

YS318864

Minimum - YS338870

YS332850

YS325865

YS318868

YS313847

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 310/69.
2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 4 contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO BOTANY.
 - (a) (061200H) At YS783753 3/A/6 RAR located 2 huts, 6 bundles of harvested rice and 100-150m of rice paddi.
 - (b) (061400H) At YS806705 A/6 RAR located 1 hut and 1 pit last used 3 days ago by 2 people.
 - (c) (061530H) At YS782777 3/A/6 RAR located 100x200m of rice paddi being harvested prior to 3 Pls approach. Results: 300 lbs rice, 2 large plastic sheets, 2 knives, 1 minnowing mat and basket. One VC was engaged but escaped.
 - (d) (061620H) At YS531689 6/B/6 RAR contacted 4 VC in a camp. Results: One VC KIA (BC).
 - (e) (061300H) At YS774736 1/A/6 RAR located one hut and four old bunkers.
 - (f) (061330H) At YS768713 2/A/6 RAR found 2 huts used by civilians, but deserted 6 weeks ago.
 - (g) (061420H) At YS777773 3/A/6 RAR located 3 huts, 3 bunkers and five weapon pits used by family groups.
 - (h) (061630H) At YS531689 6/B/6 RAR located 2 huts, 3 bunkers, 100 lb rice, 20 tins of fish, and one diary.
 - (2) AO GRACE.
 - (a) (061915H) At YS268843 7/C/5 RAR found fresh foot-prints of one man moving SOUTH.
 - (3) AO PHI LONG.
 - (a) (061120H) At YS305682 11/D/6 RAR and 3/52 ARVN Bn located 12 bunkers and 1 hut with tables and chairs. A quantity of webbing and cooking utensils and one stick grenade were recovered.
 - (b) (061430H) At YS307674 11/D/6 RAR and 3/52 ARVN Bn surprised 40 enemy in a bunker system. Results: 4 enemy WIA, one PW, 6 packs, 50 lbs CHICOM explosives, 16 RPG rounds, 150 AK47 rounds, one pair of boots, one transistor, 50 detonators and 4 grenades. C2 company of D67 Engineer Bn was identified. The camp consisted of 20-25 new bunkers.
 - (4) AO SABOT.
 - (a) (061230H) At YS417748 10/D/9 RAR found tracks of a platoon size group moving NE and fresh diggings.
 - (5) Other Areas.
 - (a) (060515H) At YS245785 APCs from 2/B/3 Cav Regt engaged two enemy with unknown results. Two packs were recovered.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust inflicted - 1 VC.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - b. Omitted.
 - c. Detainees.
 - (1) PW - 1.
 - (2)-(6) Omitted.
 - d. Omitted.

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured. 16 x RPG rounds
 5 x Grenades
 50 lbs explosive
 50 dets
 - (b) Omitted.
- (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS782777	Rice	300 lbs	Unknown
YS233809	Rice	500 lbs	Unknown
YS531689	Rice	100 lbs	Unknown

- (4) Omitted.
- (5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
061225H	5/B/5 RAR	YS233809	500 lbs rice

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 39 VC.
- (2) PW - 3.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) Nil.
- (5) Individual weapons - 22.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) Rice captured - 1 ton.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Nil.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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One YS450796.

- (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
061115H	YS529569	M16	1 Aust WIA, 1 bulldozer damaged.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

- a. A PW captured by 3/52 ARVN Bn at YS307674 identified C2 Coy/D67 Engr Bn.

7. Estimates of Number and Type of Vehicles.

- a. Docus taken from a body in a camp for a contact by B/5 RAR at YS234826 on 030730H Nov 69, positively identify elms of C21 Sapper Recce Coy/274 VC MF Regt.
- b. The docus consisted of commendation certs for various members of C21, a nominal roll of B1 (P1) possibly of C21, some personal **unfinished** letters from **members** of C17 RR (75 MM) Coy and C23 Medical Coy to members of C21; shopping lists, medical lessons, and notebooks of poems.
- c. Nothing of immediately exploitable tactical info was disclosed on initial readout.

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d. Docus CIA following a contact by 2/A/5 RAR at YS308720 on 4 Nov 69 probably identify NGUYEN VAN SANG AKA BANG Military Postal Sect Comd of the VUNG TAU City Unit.

e. SANG was probably enroute to HQ BALONG Province when contacted and killed. The docus consisted of 2 SITREPs from VUNG TAU City Unit; two letters marked SECRET, a number of reports from various units to HQ BA LONG Province and some personal letters.

f. The bulk of the reports etc are recent and initial readout indicates that the docus could be of great value. A full report will be issued when translation is complete.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) Late Entry. (051910H) At YS221802 5 VC were contacted with unknown results.

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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 310/69 dated 6 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
060700H	YS815746	1 hut
	YS805735	Heavily used E-W track
061445H	YS544873	Camp - engaged.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
6 Nov 69	YS441549	Poss structure
	YS439549	N-S track
	YS468507	E-W track
	YS472502	Foot trail
	YS473498	Foot trail
	YS483520	Foot trail
	YS435557	Track junction, well used.
	YS437555	Poss 2 wpn pits.
	YS439554	Poss bk
	YS439552	Cave entrance
	YS465493	Poss bk/op
	YS479506	Log platform
	YS462540	Cave entrance
	YS458524	Cave entrance
	YS458523	Track junction
	YS459529	2 caves
	YS459527	Poss digging

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
YS360780	1 in open
YS325880	1 in open

5. Omitted.

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Enemy Activity in III CTZ

1. The low level of enemy activity continued throughout the week as he appears pre-occupied with re-organisation, resupply and preparations for his next campaign.

Locations

2. The week was marked by indications of considerable re-organisation of AOs.

a. 1 NVA Div. It now appears that 1 NVA Div HQ is relocating to IV CTZ and possibly 88 Regt and 101D Regt will follow. At least one of these regiments is expected to move to IV CTZ.

b. 9 VC Div. Still remains in eastern WAR ZONE "C" and appears to have assumed responsibility for that area.

c. 7 NVA Div. Has probably extended its AO to cover northern BINH LONG Province and western PHUOC LONG, with main emphasis still in northern BINH LONG.

(1) HQ possibly EAST of LOC NINH.

(2) 209 Regt WEST of LOC NINH.

(3) 165 Regt NORTH of LOC NINH.

(4) 141 Regt WEST of SONG BE in NW PHUOC LONG Province.

d. 5 VC Div. Is apparently commencing to move from PHUOC LONG Province and Hoi Chanhs have stated that the destination of the division is TAY NINH Province and various sources indicate that forward elements of the division are already in western TAY NINH. This move would be to counter allied presence in the area, to protect base supply areas and locations and compensation for the likely move of 1 NVA Div to IV CTZ.

e. MR-7. It is expected that 274 Regt will continue to avoid allied forces near the BINH SON, and at the same time prepare for offensive activity along Rte 15.

(1) 33 Regt remains in eastern WAR ZONE "D"

(2) 274 Regt

(a) HQ - NE of BINH SON Rubber.

(b) 1 Bn - West of BLACKHORSE.

(c) 2 Bn - Resupply in WAR ZONE "D".

(d) 3 Bn - Western HAT DICH North of THAI THIEN.

Enemy Activity in 1 ATF TAOI

3. Enemy activity in the 1 ATF TAOI area of SR4 has remained at a low level and those elements of HQ SR4, 2 Bn/SR4, D6/SR4 and 274 Regt which are in the area appear to be concentrating on:

a. Food resupply off Route QL 15 including BINH SON.

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b. Providing some logistic support to 274 VC Regt units.

4. The sketch map of the HAT DICH captured in a contact at YS2884 on 2 Nov 69, when related to the interrogation report of a PW captured during the contact suggests that 2 Bn/SR4 is based in the area between the SUOI LE/SUOI DA (vicinity of YS3083). The PW had been on a rice resupply mission to the BINH SON for SR4, when his unit somewhere along SUOI CA was dispersed by RTAVF/1 ATF sweeps and his party had moved SE looking for their new base. It is highly probable that his unit C210 Sapper Coy of LONG THANH District/SR4 was involved in the resupply of 2 Bn/SR4. The map also showed that, apart from journeys to BINH SON, the Bn also went to PHUOC THAI (THAI THIEN), CHOI DONG (vicinity of YS3685) and possibly on to CAM MY. Mention was also made on the map of a series of planned platoon attacks on unlisted objectives.

274 VC Regt

5. The HQ and possibly 1/274 are located between BINH SON Plantation and Route 2 (CAM MY). The Regt is:

a. Avoiding contact, possibly while preparing for another large scale ambush on Route QL 15 or perhaps for an attack on THAM THIEN Village (Several VC maps captured in the past two weeks strengthen the likelihood of an attack on THAM THIEN).

b. Deeply involved in resupply of food and munitions. (Food from Route QL 15 and QL 2 including BINH SON and CAM MY Plantation Villages).

c. Carrying out the mission assigned to it by HQ MR 7 (documents CIA on 9 Oct 69 by 199 LIB at YT658194) of taking pressure off SR 4 in the HAT DICH Secret Zone. (1 ATF INTSUM 303/69 refers).

6. Units identified by 5 RAR in the last three days include elements of HQ 274 Regt, C19 (Sapper Coy)/274 Regt, C21 (Recce Coy)/274 Regt and HQ SR 4. The fact that one wounded VC of SR 4 was being evacuated to hospital by a group of 9 sappers and recce personnel of 274 VC Regt suggest both the close co-ordination of SR 4 and 274 Regt on a common mission and the presence of a high ranking cadre of SR 4 in the person of the wounded man. The fact that this wounded cadre was involved in a mine incident near THAM THIEN Village on the night 31 Oct/1 Nov 69 also suggests that a SR 4 and 274 VC Regt operation against that town may be in preparation.

7. Chau Duc District. A Coy strength operation against a VC camp in the NUI THI VAI area (vicinity YS3068) was mounted during the week to exploit information from a SAS patrol. A base camp was located and attacked but it was found to have been vacated just prior to the assault. It consisted of 16 bunkers and showed evidence of occupation by NVA soldiers probably elements of D67 Engr Bn. The Bn is still believed to be located between this point and the civilian access area East of PHU MY. It has not been positively identified for some months and has not been very active but contacts with 5 RAR may have been made already in the past two days.

8. CHAU DUC District HQ is still believed to be located in the Southern re-entrants of NUI THI VAI.

9. C41 CHAU DUC District concentrated company is believed to be located not far to the West of the BINH BA Rubber Plantation, possibly in the vicinity of YS3875 - YS3877.

10. Agents continue to report at least one coy (Heavy Weapons Coy) of D440 LF Bn to the West of CU BI Rubber Plantation (vicinity of YS4283) but Visual Recce and ground patrols have been unable to confirm or deny the reports.

11. C41, possibly supported by elements of D440 LF Bn are believed still to have the missions of attacks on Route 2 convoys, AP NGAI GIAO and BINH BA.

12. Long Dat District. Long Dat District HQ and C25 Long Dat District Concentrated Company are still believed to be located in the Southern LONG HAI hills with missions in support of D445 LF Bn against LONG DIEN, DAT DO and Route 44 villages, particularly LONG PHUOC HAI. Contacts, sighting and Visual Recce still indicate the presents of LONG DAT District guerilla units

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and possible small elements of D445 LF Bn in the Long and Light Green and in the Dat Set/Tan Ru areas.

13. The frequency of ground probes against RF/PF and PSDF/RD Cadre posts in the two GVN districts of LONG DIEN and DAT DO has increased significantly in the past week and the possibility of a larger attack on DAT DO involving C25 and D445 remains high.

14. 1 ATF Engr Teams in the district have also been fired at on several occasions during the past week.

15. Xuyen Moc District. There has been very little enemy activity in Xuyen Moc District during the week. Another member of the District Unit rallied and reports of dissension between VC and NVA Cadre and of continuing rice shortages.

16. Illegal villagers in the EAST of the district continue to grow and harvest food crops.

17. C70 is beleived to be located to the EAST of Xuyen Moc Village.

Assessment

18. Agents, documents, PWs and Hoi Chanhs point to 15th Nov as the starting date for the next offensive. This will probably open with relatively low intensity attacks by Sub-region and Local Forces while MF division elements secure base areas across the NORTH of III CTZ. During the week there will possibly be a slight increase in attacks by fire primarily in SR-2 and SR-3. MF units are expected to remain in base areas.

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ANNEX A: D445 BASES AND TACTICS.

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ANNEX A to
1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/69
dated 4 Nov 69.

D445 BASES AND TACTICS

(The following information has been given by TRAN VAN KINH, APO D445).

Camping Arrangements.

1. When camped, the Bn is deployed in a triangular formation. Distance between elements depends on the terrain, but must be at least 10 minutes walk (150 - 200 metres).

Sentries.

2. Each Company has three sentry locations about 100 - 150 metres from the camp. Each sentry post is manned at night by one person, who uses only natural cover.

Estimation of Enemy (GVN and Allied) Situations.

3. The Bn has three main sources of information.

- a. Informants. If it is a GVN unit, they are supplied with plenty of information, such as troop displacements, length of operation, food, etc. If the enemy is an Australian unit, they cannot get information.
- b. Radios for listening to enemy frequencies.
- c. Air sentries for observation of aircraft and helicopter movement.

Counter Sweep Tactics.

4. The Unit/Subunits splits up into many Cells, Squads or Sections. If cell tactics are used, a Platoon Commander is placed in charge. If squads or sections are used, a Company Commander is in charge of the operation. These small groups go on recon patrols around the camp, moving as far as 5 kilometres from the camp, but at least 1 kilometre from it. Their task is to snipe at the enemy if he appears and there must be many of these patrols to warn of approaching enemy. Should the enemy approach from any direction they use organic forces to hold contact, no matter what casualties they suffer, until dark, when they withdraw.

Bases.

5. D445 has three main bases in Long Dat District.

- a. Long Dai, between YS569600 and YS581606, along the edge of the jungle.
- b. Ruong Nai, near Song Dao (or Kinh Dao), approx YS594613. In this base they deploy in a triangular formation.
- c. Phuoc Loi Jungle, along the edge of the jungle belt, YS558611 and YS550609.

6. In the clearings near these bases, they place in Cells to shoot down aeroplanes.

7. The Bn only moves to the Dat Set base (approx YS555678) when they have been hit.

8. Withdrawal Routes from the Bases are:

- a. During the Wet Season. They must withdraw to Bau Giong, YS540597, cross Route 23 at approx YS564620, then head through the Ba Cum Jungle YS579650, and then up to Dat Set base, YS555678.

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b. During the Dry Season. They cross Bai Co YS576615, and cross Route 23, also at YS564620, then continue on to Dat Set Base.

9. If D445 needs to cross the Song Rai they use a bridge at approx YS594659. The bridge consists of two steel ropes. They use no other point to cross, and do not use the river for any other purpose.

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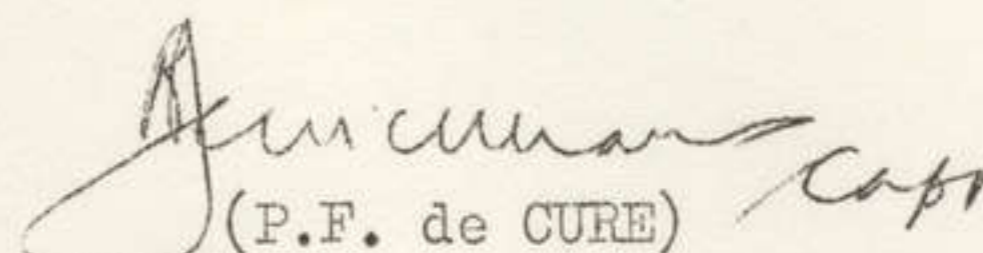
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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
7 Nov 69

SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT 11/69

1. The attached three reports are translations of documents taken from a body after a contact with 2/A/5 RAR on 4 Nov 69 at YS 328720.


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SECTION 1

SITREP FROM VUNG TAU DISTRICT UNIT TO STAFF SECTION BA LONG PROVINCE
COVERING ENEMY SITUATION AT VUNG TAU FROM 30 Sep 69-31 Oct 69

1. Points Covered

- a. Deployment of forces.
- b. Strength of the enemy in the city.
- c. Development of Training and Pacification.
- d. Extent of espionage.

2. Enemy Activity

- a. Deployment of forces
- b. Changes in designation

(1) The plan of the enemy is, that at the end of Oct 69 RF and IP will merge to form a garrison unit.

3. Enemy Reinforcements

- a. 1 Oct 69 the VUNG TAU police further reinforced the PFF by 2 platoons, these 2 platoons trained at VUNG TAU and have just finished their training.

4. Reduction of labourers

- a. US installations in VUNG TAU received information on 8-9 Oct 69 that as from 30 Dec no more labourers were to be used. During Oct 69 the number of labourers in the US installations in VUNG TAU were reduced. A number went to BIEN HOA and CAM RANH to work (not confirmed and still following up).

5. Training Centre Graduations

- a. On 29 Sep 69 the Pacification Training Centre at LAM SON (RACH DUA) graduated 3000 enemy. On 3 Oct 69 CHI LINH camp had a graduation ceremony for 700 RD Cadre. It is assessed that this group are intelligence specialists not of the type graduated from LAM SON.

6. GIA LONG Training Centre

- a. On 6 Oct 1 Coy of enemy came from SAIGON to the GIA LONG training centre to train as military policemen.

7. PSDF

- a. During Oct 69 the PSDF forces in VUNG TAU continued studying counter insurgency and military subjects. A number of PSDF at NHA THO and NGUYEN THAI HOC finished their training, received weapons so they could be used as sentries at night. There were also some females who will be used for recce and observation for intelligence. A special feature during Oct 69 was that the enemy forced a number of single girls between the age of 15 and 25 to do military training and fire weapons.

b. Troop Movements

(1) On 30 Sep 69 200 enemy marines of 4 Marine Bn at VUNG TAU went to VAN KEIP (BARIA) for training.

(2) 3 Oct 69, 1 Coy of 4/636 RF Bn arrived in VUNG TAU and are camped in the area.

(3) Approx 5-10 Oct, 2 Platoons of Engineers (Well-borers) of VUNG TAU went to BARIA and took with them a road-repair vehicle at the request of BARIA Sector.

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(4) 7 Oct 69, 500 AUSTRALIAN and KOREAN troops took off from VUNG TAU airfield for operations. (Location unknown.)

c. Supply Movement

(1) 1 Oct 69, five GMC's carrying arty ammo left VUNG TAU airfield for NUI DAT.

(2) 14 Oct 69, two US ships berthed at RACH DUA. They were carrying spare parts and war material which was transported to VUNG TAU airfield.

(3) 16 Oct 69, ten GMC's entered VUNG TAU airfield carrying arty ammo and rations.

d. Increased Checking

(1) On night 2 Oct we hit HOA LONG captured 6 PSDF and took six weapons.

(2) On nights 3 - 10 Oct there was an increase in the checks carried out by the NP in the streets and hamlets along the VUNG TAU - BARIA road. At the check points the police made very careful searches.

(3) On the 2 rivers along the VUNG TAU - BARIA road the enemy have increased the patrols by boat and ambushes.

(4) On night 2 Oct 69 a Lambretta driver was arrested on suspicion, by the police. He was released at 1330 hours.

8. Report on the Situation in LONG DAT (neighbouring VUNG TAU)

a. On 6 Oct 69, 18 ARVN Div at LONG KHANH came to LONG DIEN, DAT DO, BO DAP and PHUOC HAI. 1 Bn (which Bn unknown). The BHQ is at BO DAP.

b. 20 Oct 69, 1 Coy of 2 Bn 18 ARVN Div together with an AUSTRALIAN Platoon did a sweep at NUOC NGOT, they captured from us one sewing machine and documents. (YS545571, ARVN/6RAR at 201315H).

c. On 22 Oct the same Coy with AUSTRALIANS, again swept into NUOC NGOT we killed 3 AUSTRALIANS, wounded four and damaged an APC. (1 AUST KIA, 3 AUST WIA, 1 APC damaged).

d. On 25 Oct at LO GOM hill (HOI TRUONG hamlet) one of our mines killed 3 AUSTRALIANS. (251205H, YS508549, 2 AUST KIA and 6 AUST WIA).

e. On 26 Oct a Coy will be coming to replace 2 Coy at PHUOC HAI.

f. During the past week we have attacked and used mines against 18 Div, they are very confused and 12 have deserted. They have increased guards at bus stops.

g. On night 25 Oct a flight of three B-52's bombed the MINH DAM hills.

9. VAN KIEP

a. The total number at VAN KIEP is 7000, the military school has 1000 including training cadre and advisors. As a rule 3-5 days after we shell VAN KIEP many of the soldiers desert and against orders will not train or report sick if they are going on operations.

10. Report on Shelling of VUNG TAU

a. At 5:30 am on 16 Oct 69 we shelled VUNG TAU. At the airfield 2 shells landed. Results: 11 US MP's KIA, 12 ARVN MP's KIA, damaged: 1 helicopter, 1 jeep and 1 Peugeot (still following up). (1 US Lt Cdr KIA and 1 VN Civ KIA)

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b. According to information from B4, two shells landed in the airfield on the quarters of US personnel, six were killed and two wounded later a Major died (an aircraft technician).

11. Report on Enemy Situation on LONG SON for Oct 69

a. Points covered

(1) Sweeps, ambushes, patrols, air and arty activity used to protect the area.

(2) The pacification teams continue their activities, force the PSDF to do guard duties during the day and the night, force the people to build hospitals, schools and wells in order to be demagogic.

b. Enemy Activities

(1) Deployment of forces

(a) The number of troops in each village is from 2 Sections to 1 Platoon and they do guards throughout the day in 3 hamlets. Hamlet 1 Civil Guard, hamlet 2, PSDF, hamlet 3 police. Each group has the responsibility for one hamlet. Hamlet 1 has established a boat jetty with the intentions of transporting weapons, ammo and material for building a hospital, such as bricks and cement to LONG SON. At the jetty there is always a vessel carrying supplies.

b. The number of troops at the 4-ways position is 52 led by two AMERICANS and two lieutenants, HOAN and TUONG. The troops below the market and on the ONG TAU hill consists of 37 RF soldiers of 637 Coy with these are 5 AMERICANS, one AUSTRALIAN doctor, Capt NGUYEN BAO THAN, aspirant CHUC and Cpl TAP command this group.

(2) Increase in Forces

(a) 9 engineers and a Dodge truck to carry bricks and cement have been sent to LONG SON to build a hospital.

(3) Increases in Defence

(a) During the month 9 sweep operations from Coy to Platoon size have thrust deeply around the hamlet to the hill 2000 metres from the strategic hamlet, from the BA SEN (headland) to ONG MUI hill and back to the hamlet.

(b) Alone, on 17 Oct 69, 25 enemy of inter-group 23, that knew the RUNG SAT area, ambushed us on the BEN DIEP river (hamlet 1) and killed BUA of the Town finance-economic (section) Twice ambushes were laid 3000 metres from the post.

(4) Patrols

(a) There are always 2 river craft and outboards actively patrolling along the RACH river from the TRAM CA (Lit fish-point) back to VOI ONG BEN and ambush the TRAM CA DOI and TAT RACH HAO.

(5) Guards

(a) The PSDF and civil-guard, guard day and night the hamlet that has 1 platoon. They are well armed.

(6) Air and Arty Activity

(a) From 22 Sep to 25 Oct, three Iroquois, Cobras and Cayuses fired 30 times into suspected areas and base camps, each time there was from two to five aircraft.

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(b) There were 14 mortar barrages and Fighter, jets, C47's bombed the ONG MUI hill.

(7) Pacification Activities

(a) During the month the people were forbidden to leave the hamlets for 11 days and did forced labour for two days.

(b) Twice the AUSTRALIANS spread the rumour they were going to build a well in the area.

(c) Every day the enemy forced 70-100 people to build the maternity hospital. Especially on 7 Oct when they mobilised everyone from 17-45 years of age to work for them.

Dated 31 Oct 69
signed for HQ City Unit
by HO HANH 'UAN.

1. Military Report for Oct 69

a. Two armed units in Oct 69 (sic) have not yet been able to attack their objectives as previously reported.

b. A32. Once during the month carried out Task B on 16 Oct. They carried out recce on the targets outside on the river.

c. A31. On 14 Oct attacked their objective. The operation hit the front of an enemy ambush, we dispersed and returned to base. We lost one boat.

d. On the night 25 Oct we did a river operation, our boats were approaching the objective when we came across the enemy, both sides fired for 30 minutes, we withdrew our forces to a secure base.

2. The Task of Military Training

a. A32 studied underwater swimming for 300 hours. A31 studied the use of B40, B41 and 60mm mortars, frog swimming, carrying ammo, 350 hours. Generally speaking the two units have revised the techniques to get them through the coming missions.

3. Tasks for November 69

a. From 1 - 15 Nov we will carry out attacks against the remaining objectives of Oct 69. After 16 Nov we will follow the plan of Nov 69 as previously reported.

4. Request

a. Request province engineers to send us one or two men to teach us how to open bombs to extract the explosives. At present we have ? (could be 2) UXB's but cannot open them. We will most certainly run out of explosives in Nov 69

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SECTION II

LETTER FROM BARIA DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO K'S & H'S (POSS VILLAGE AND HAMLET COMMITTEES)

1. In order to justly defeat Nixon's obstinate plot which he is preparing to announce on 3 Nov 69, we must prepare our forces to attack the enemy on all fronts on 14-15 Nov 69 to tie in with the resistance staged by the American people demanding that Nixon's Govt stop the war and pull out all American troops.
2. The American peoples Autumn resistance, which broke out on 15 Oct all over America to demand Nixon's Govt stop the war and pull out all the troops, had the unanimous support of other countries in the world such as Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and many other countries. Over 600 Representatives from 60 countries met at Sky (Sweden) and determined to campaign for a movement of Youth and Students all over the world to demand that the Americans stop the war and pull all the American troops and their satellites out of SVN, in the face of Political defeats and extreme isolation which America has never yet suffered.
3. However, the Americans, Thieu, Ky and Khiem are stubborn and won't yet halt the war and pull all American troops and their satellites out of SVN. The American Imperialists are still holding onto the puppets, Thieu, Ky and Khiem, and won't hold sincere negotiations with the Provisional Revolutionary Govt of SVN to establish a United Provisional Govt to organize a general election for all of Vietnam, as in the 10 point formula put forward by the NLF in May 1969.
4. Along with the resistance movement of the people America and the world, in order to justly repel the American Imperialists obstinate plot to escalate the aggressive war and cause them even bigger defeats, both military and political, isolate them even more diplomatically, and force them to abandon their plot to escalate the aggressive war, force them to de-escalate the war and stop it early, and pull out all their troops and satellites, we must step up the operations in the following manner:
 - a. On the Military Side
 - (1) On a parallel to weakening, destroying, and breaking up the FSDF, Civil Defense, Security Forces and Officials (GVN), according to a monthly plan, we must carefully prepare agents in the people to join up the general movement with the Political and Troop Proselyting movement. During Nov, obtain a minimum of half the set numbers regarding all means of destroying the enemy, building up our forces and creating good conditions for going on into Dec. Achieve the standards proposed for the last Quarter. Especially, pay attention to constructing, consolidating and expanding Secret Guerillas on the inside.
 - b. On the Political Side
 - (1) Hold Political Re-orientation studies for all Party Members, Secret Group members, hard-core cadre and organizations of the people, aiming at getting them to correctly realize the situation of our victories and the enemy's defeats so that their eagerness will become actions and they will begin to campaign amongst the people.
 - (2) During the movement to proselyte and motivate the people, deal with the following subjects: our victories, enemy defeats, combine and mention our military, political and diplomatic victories which caused the American people, and people of the world, to demand that America stop the war and pull out her troops and satellites, causing even more defeats and isolation for the Americans, Thieu, Ky and Khiem. By doing this guide the public in discussions of the resistance by the American people and their anti war deeds demanding an end to the war, return to peace, hold sincere negotiations with the Provisional Rev Govt of SVN, establish a United Govt and that America will pull out all her troops and satellites. Parallel to this, have political slogans which demand oppression be abolished, abolish unsuitable taxes, demand to go to

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conscription and the PSDF. The main slogans at the present in the city area are those demanding an end to the war, return to peace, at the withdrawal of US troops and satellites.

(3) The other slogans revolve around the main ones mentioned above, creating conditions for a large movement of the people in the City opposing war and demanding peace. Get the pupils to participate in large numbers to form the hard core elm of an anti war movement demanding a return to peace which is combined with a movement of American pupils and students and of youth, pupils and students all over the world.

(4) Seek all means of destroying a number of hamlet/village officials and obstinate groups which oppress the people, in order to smash this oppressive situation and create conditions for building forces and movements to combine with the coming resistance by the American people (14/15 Nov 69). (Killing a tyrant of that time is the same as killing any other time).

(5) Troop Proselyting: Correctly execute the plan sent to K's and H's, but constantly report the situation of puppet soldiers and results and difficulties.

(6) Apart from holding Political Presentation studies expand and train a number of cadre of all branches and circles according to the set standards. Try to closely follow and discover the number of people who are actively in the movement opposing the war and so plan to make a general summary 10 days to one month later in order to create cadre and gain experience.

(7) Finances: While activiley stepping up the Political and troop proselyting movement pay attention to the problem of finances using the method which has been proposed confidentially.

27 Oct 69
for A.183
Le Minh Nguyen

(NB. A 183 is BARIA City)

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SECTION III

Information Report from B4/15CT (poss current affairs sect Committee Vung Tau) to XA/12 (ETI).

1. According to info recd (report from Comrade CONG) there are several matters to report to everyone and a number of matters to share with all in order to coordinate a movement.
2. Workers working on the airfield number about 1200, half of whom are Americans, 2/3 are VN. The enemy intends to dismiss 400 VN workers from Sep 69 onwards. But the VN workers are resolutely resisting the dismissals and are supported by US workers who state that if VN workers are sacked the US workers will stop work in sympathy. This is a severe dispute which confuses the enemy and which has not been solved.
3. The trade in useless articles (unsaleable, slow moving goods) which previously were being sold in bars, presently cannot be sold which is causing the bars to close their doors and putting thousands of people out of work, as already has happened along Rte 1 from the gates of the airfield to the crossroads in NAM THANG TAM (about 2 km). Previously there are about 100 bars and over 600 people are employed in them. Now there are no customers, the traders are going broke and have to close their shops. There are only 3 or 4 bars left and more than 600 people on this stretch of road are out of a job.
4. Rising taxes, higher prices and more and more people being dismissed, losing their jobs, the people are in dire straits and there is no way out. Before hundreds of people made a living picking such scarce items as salt, curry, clothing, waterbottles, belts etc out of rubbish discarded by the American contractors but now these contractors hire people to pick everything out before anything is discarded.
5. At a time that the masses are living in such different circumstances as have been described above, the deceitful mob of Thien, Ky and Khiem initiate their treacherous and criminal plot which they call 'Austerity Measures', raising taxes by 100% and in some cases 600% or 700%, food prices have doubled or tripled, bleeding the people white, to pay for their scheme to prolong the aggression of the American imperialists, the criminal plots of THIEU, KY, KHIEM are causing greater hardships for the people especially the working class. This situation is presently the subject of widespread conversation by the people added to discussions of our (VC) military, political and economic victories the protest movements of the Americans and people all over the world, the American imperialists and their puppets are being heavily defeated, militarily, politically, and diplomatically (in international relations) both inside and outside the country and the US must decide (has decided?) to accept defeat by us, and must withdraw its arm completely. (We have written our comrades already) These conversations (discussions, arguments, disputes) by the people over the two above subjects are spreading through all classes of the population (including the soldiers, officers and (puppet) government personnel) and are mainly spontaneous. Our efforts to guide public opinion (although we make them) are still weak, we have not yet started to guide the movement along the lines of ideology. To protect the immediate rights of the people and to give greater impetus to this movement, so as to provide a bigger and also to take advantage of the change, there are many things we should do.
 - (a) Our branches must activate our agency inside the airfield or the connections with the airfield workers (especially the branch of Comrade Khanh, must make use of the agency on the airbase), to take firm control of the situation regarding the dismissals by the enemy and to make detailed plans for leading the workers in their resistance against the dismissals "in particular during the period that the US is about to hand over the airfield to its puppets" the workers must demand that the decision is revoked completely. The workers must demand increased wages to keep up with the cost of living. There must be a struggle to get the support of the American workers and to get the sympathy of the soldiers and civilian workers employed on the airfield. Send representatives to Saigon to compel the trade unions there to support the workers. If the situation changes favourably perhaps we could carry out a strike to paralyze the airfield.
 - (b) Lead trade unions of Lambretta operators, horse cart and cycle operators etc

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and shopkeepers, stall holders; bar owners and other unions in a resistance against the imposition of higher taxes, fines (duties ?) and demand reductions in the cost of living, demand that new jobs be found for those people who have lost their jobs demand financial assistance and education for the poor girls who used to work in bars and are now unemployed, and watch the deeper meaning of the enemy's plots, so we can use them to incite hatred and actively take part, with the people in the struggle to protect our way of life.

(c) According to the changes in the struggle spread the slogans (stir up the feelings of the people to demand) "Withdrawal of US" restoration of peace" and the "overthrow of Thieu, Ky, Khiem to restore a "Peace Government" "

(d) In as much as all branches are educated for a coming struggle, they must actively prepare for a war, throughout the whole of the town, in all branches, all professions, offices and public places etc.... on (in code: AK, Ai/AA/IM = a date), any day will do, any pretext will do, depending on the requirements of the struggle. It is not necessary to concentrate on any particular object or any particular day.

(e) Concerning these uneasy conversations which are rippling through the population we must guide public opinion around to our way of thinking. Our crucial slogans are presently "Demand withdrawal of US troops", "Demand the overthrow of Thieu, Ky, Khiem "Demand the establishment of a Coalition Government" (previous letters mentioned this already). These together with our policy of Social Welfare and Democracy should be used among all social classes to spread this movement of discussions and plant the seed of struggle in the minds of the people, before we can intensify the struggle movement.

(f) Going hand in hand with the task of guiding public opinion and the struggle mentioned above, is this: we should, energetically, use association members and secret guerillas to liquidate members of the authorities, who oppress the people, (we have already sent out letters of guidance, concerning this matter) and now we must also pay attention to those who investigate tax matters, with the object of being rewarded by Thieu, Ky; guide the population to kill these persons in order to protect their own interests.

(g) Throughout our tasks there is a basic point of immediate importance, which is, the establishment and development of real revolutionary power, so that each task works as propaganda for the the political and armed struggle. Everything must serve this purpose. (all comrades must pay strict attention to work according to plan and contribute ideas about the work of enhancing our real power)

(h) If the situation changes favourably and rapidly we must keep in contact with the situation and the people and rapidly advance the movement in step with the situation.

Any of our comrades who go anywhere and have an idea about the situation in any locality should make it standard practice to report back to Current Affairs Section of Town Committee to provide timely contribution to the general leadership idea, not like it was a few weeks ago. There are branches that never have any idea of what is going on and never report back to CASTC and how can we then take timely control of the situation or report to higher authority for general leadership. So all comrades must more urgently try to overcome difficulties for the betterment of our task.

6 I remind all comrades to collect and borrow money and to send it back to us, dont keep it lying at home.

Signed 1 Nov 69 by Nguyen Ham for Current Affairs Committee of Township Committee.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 311/69.
- Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Nov 69.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were

a. Ground Activity.

(1) OTHER AREAS

(a) (071615H) At YS502592, elements of 1 Fd Sqn received one SA round with negative results.

(2) AO GRACE

(a) Late Report. (062120H) At YS271875, atk pl/5 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew NORTH WEST.

(b) (071120H) At YS365744, 11/D/5 RAR contacted four to six enemy with negative results.

(c) (07 Nov 69) At YS273837, elements of C/5 RAR located a bunker system, 100m x 50m, consisting of 12 bunkers, seven cooking huts and grave under 2'6" bamboo OHC. Last occupied 7-10 days ago but a small party was in system this morning. Recovered were one ARVN water bottle carrier, one US helmet, a small qty of cooking utensils, one pistol holster and a qty of documents.

(3) AO PHI LONG

(a) (070350H) At YS293682, 12/D/6 RAR detained one woodchopper who claimed that five other people were in the area. 12/D/6 RAR located a bunker system in same location.

(4) AO BOTANY

(a) Late Report. (062210H) At YS777773, 3/B/3 Cav Regt contacted one to two enemy who withdrew WEST with unknown results.

(b) (071230H) At YS804750, 3/B/3 Cav Regt located a cache containing 50 lbs rice, one large woven mats and a qty of 8'x8' plastic sheets.

(c) (071500H) At YS799698, 3/B/3 Cav Regt located a camp and a rice paddy partly harvested. Friendlies destroyed large amounts of harvested rice and recovered 50 lbs of rice, clothing, fishing gear and a qty of cooking utensils.

b. Omitted.

4. a.b. Omitted.

c. Detainees.

(1).(4) Omitted.

(5) Still Undergoing Interrogation - One

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1).(2) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS804750	Rice	50 lbs	Unknown
YS799698	Rice	50 lbs	Unknown

(4).(5) Omitted.

f. Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdictions and Incidents.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
070640H	YS340612	Route 15	Road block
070640H	YS253725	Route 15	Road block
070630H	YS511545	Route 44	Road block

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

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(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

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One

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

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CO-ORD

TYPE

RESULTS

071615H YS502592 1 x M16 Two Aust WIA

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus recovered from a bunker system by 2/B/3 Cav Regt at YS245785 on 060515H Nov 69 disclosed no identifications. It is possible that the gp contacted belonged to a Rear Service element of SR4 as there were numerous shopping lists requesting supplies be purchased for D2 and D6/SR4.

b. Docus taken from a body near a bunker system by C/5 RAR at YS214831 on 031600H Nov 69 probably identify NGUYEN QUYET TAM, a sect cond of the Milpo Sect SR4. The docus included a small qty of envelopes with SR4 addresses, some promotion etc; certificates and a photograph of TAM and BA LIEM dated 1 Jul 69. BA LIEM is held by OB to be OC, BA LIEM's Postal Station SR4. OB also holds a NAM QUYET Postal Station SR4. It is possible that TAM QUYET was the OC of that station.

7.10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) Platoon Cond of 1/962 Bn captured by VNMC elements on 10 Oct 69 stated that in Feb 69, 307 Bn was given three days instruction on use of gas by Dr THIEN of MRZ, who stated all units would be soon armed with gas. Delivery ordnance would include 60/82 mm mortars and hand grenades. He described the ordnance as being light grey with edcur of rotten grass and stated maximum effect range of 500 metres. Only known distinguishing marking on ordnance was word "nox" on the grenades. Dr THIEN reportedly stated the agent was to be used only when withdrawing in desperate situations. Reported effects were watering of eyes, water in lungs, difficult breathing, blistering of skin ten minutes after contact and reaction with the blood with fatal effects if blisters were broken. Captured PI Cond indicated 307 Bn received this ordnance Feb 68, 309 Bn Oct 69 and 306 Bn in latter part of 1968. These units also had charcoal filter gas marks.

S2 Comment: No evidence of this ammunition in III CTZ but present VC logistics system could supply such agents to III CTZ units just as simply as II CTZ units. As III CTZ is so much more important to the VC strategically than II CTZ, its issue in this Corps is likely if in fact it has been issued in II CTZ

(2) Late Report. (062030H) At YS446590, elements of PRU contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(3) Late Report. (062330H) At YS428597, 54 PF Pl contacted four to ten enemy with unknown results. One house was destroyed and two damaged.

(4) (070200H) At YS455748, an unknown number of enemy entered DUC TRUNG hamlet and kidnapped four rubber workers who were forced to take five kilos of rice with them.

(5) (070015H) At YS498571, RD Cadre Team Noll in PHUOC LOI received a three prong attack by estimated enemy coy plus, using 60 mm mortar, RPG, grenades and SA. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, RD Cadre - 4 KIA, 3 WIA, 1 MIA; 2 VN Civs killed, 4 VN Civs wounded. Weapons lost include one BAR, three carbines and two Garrands.

(6) (070015H) At YS499607, 480 RF Coy post received mortar fire with negative results.

(7) (070035H) At YS465795, a VC group of 20-30 infiltrated AP NGAI GIAO from the EAST using SA. At the same time VC outside the village fired AW at DUC THANH District HQ post (YS464782) from YS468794 and 60 mm mortar fire which impacted base plate position at YS464801. Results: No enemy cas; 2 RD Cadre WIA; 11 VN Civs wounded; 17 assorted weapons missing.

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(8) (070620H) At YS493587, 3/189 RF Coy detonated a grenade booby trap. Result: 2 RF WIA.

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- ANNEX A - Interrogation Report.
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.
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ANNEX 'A' to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 311/69 dated 7 Nov 69.

Initial Interrogation Report PW DAM VAN PINH.

1. Biographical Data.

- a. Name - DAM VAN PINH
- b. AKA - NI
- c. D/POB - 1950 TRANG DINH District LANGSON Province NVN.
- d. Rank - Pfc
- e. Appt - Medic
- f. Unit - C2/D67
- g. Occupation - student
- h. Education Standard - Class 8
- i. Religion - Buddhist
- j. Father - DAM VAN KE
- k. Mother - NG THI SEN

2. Circumstances of Capture.

- a. Capturing unit - D/6 RAR and 3/52 Bn
- b. Date/Time - 061430H Nov 69
- c. Place - YS307674
- d. Circumstances - Found hiding in bunker after attack on base camp.

3. Past Activities.

- 16 Feb 68 - Joined Army and did basic training in BAC THAI
28 Mar 68 - Did medical course
Mar 69 - Infiltrated into SVN with GP2142
Aug 69 - Arrived in SVN and allocated to D67

Exploited Information.

- a. C2/D67 has a strength of 54. When the base camp at YS307674 was attacked there were about 44 in the camp. On 28 Oct 69 C2 was bombed, suffered no casualties and moved back to an old base camp which was attacked on 6 Nov when subject was captured.
- b. Other units in loc: Subject knew the loc of HQ D67 and a hospital in the vicinity of the HQ. He stated he was willing to show allied and ARVN troops these base camps. The base camp of the PHUOC HOA Village Guerillas (strength 10) is loc 10 mins walk from the base camp at YS307674. No other units known.
- c. Intentions C2/D67: To attack vehicles on R15 between PHUOC HOA and BARIA, in addition they are to blow up culverts, set up road blocks, shoot down 1 aircraft and kill 50 enemy troops every month. Since 28 Oct C2 has been doing recess on R15.
- d. Supplies: Rice, milk and sugar are bought from PHUOC THAI and trips are made whenever the situation allows. From 5 to 10 men of C2 are sent on these trips. Medical supplies are obtained from HQ D67 and explosives are collected by C2 from the DONG NAI area.
- e. Casualties: C2 D67 have had only one casualty since subject joined the unit on 28 Aug 69. One of the soldiers had an AD shot himself through the hand and was evacuated to the DONG NAI area.
- f. Infiltration Group 2142: Strength when leaving NVN was 530 and only 22 were lost on the way due to illness, 32 from Gp 2142 reinforced D67.

Comments. The subject was very cooperative and sincere. He has agreed to lead ARVN/ally forces to any of the base camp locations he knows.

APPENDIX 1 to ANNEX 'A' to 1 ATF INTSUM 311/69 dated 7 Nov 69.

Tasks for D67 Engr Bn during Winter/Spring Campaign.

1. Task No. 1.

- a. In the SOUTH. Attack the cities and important enemy storage areas and base camps.
- b. Attack communications routes and destroy Route 15.

2. Task No. 2.

- a. 6 - 12 Nov 69.
(1) Ambush vehicles on R15 from YS273655 to YS270664. (B41's will be set up 200-300 metres from R15 (NFI)).

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b. 11 Nov 69.

(1) Ambush vehicles on R15 from YS284635 to YS283644.

3. Convoys of single and dual vehicles only to be ambushed. However if convoy consists of large number of vehicles, last three only are to be engaged.
4. Allied ops pre-empted op to set up mines and blow culverts at YS308610.

ANNEX 'B' (Captured Documents) to 1 ATF INTSUM 311/69 dated 7 Nov 69.

1. Cptr Unit - 2/A/5 RAR
2. DOC/POC - 4 Nov 69/YS328720
3. Circumstances - Taken from a body

First batch contains SITREP from VUNG TAU District Unit to Staff Sect BA LONG Province, covering enemy situation at VUNG TAU from 30 Sep 69 to 31 Oct 69. Second batch contains a letter from BARIA District Committee to K's and H's (poss village and hamlet committees). Third batch contains an Information Report from B4/15CT (poss Current Affairs Sect Committee VUNG TAU) to XA/12 (NFI).

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 311/69 dated 7 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
07 Nov 69	YS522578	Tunnel entrances and a small track running WEST. Freshly
	YS523578	cut timber to WEST of track.
	YS838749	Large camp. Four huts sighted. Fresh tracks to gardens at
	YS841746.	
	YS835760	Small camp and well kept gardens and rice.
	YS821754	Two huts and signs of fresh activity.
	YS824781	Occupied camp and well used track leading SOUTH.
	YS797698	100 lb bag of rice and several sheets of plastic.
	YS751660	Camp consisting of bunkers in well used area.
	YS814753	Approx 750 lb rice drying on sheets of plastic.
	YS812753	Hut in area of fresh tracks activity.
	YS835766	Hut on edge of harvested rice paddy. Rice was seen on a
		sheet of plastic.
	YS470527	Track activity in a large old camp.
	YS475520	Several footprints in area.
	YS540559	EAST-WEST track activity.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
061815H	YS519609	One emission in open.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
061845H	YS810975	Two returns on road.
	YS825970	One return on stream.

5. Omitted.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 312/69.
- 2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Nov 69.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BOTANY.

(a) (081645H). At YS848767 5/B/6 RAR contacted enemy when they fired on by 2 AK47. In the resulting sweep they located a hospital complex consisting of 1 20'x20' building, 1 unfinished building, 2 kitchens 12'x10' with meals in preparation, 1 washing point, 2 bunkers, 1 medical post, 12 chickens, quantity of digging and cutting instruments, 5 Aust water bottles, 1 basic pouch, 5 sand bags of rice, corn and food, 1 sand bag of salt, small qty .45 cal ammo, small qty of .38 inch ammo, a small qty of electric dets, 1 guitar, 48 lbs flour, 1 camouflaged NVA helmet, 3 bush hats, large qty bandages, large qty plastic hoochies, 100 injection ampules, 2 large bottles Novacaine pain killers, small qty needles, qty of mens, women and childrens clothing, sleeping gear, 1 medical text book, med documents, 1 med record book, 1 standard HI FI transistor with short wave and set on 39 to 40 mega hertz, a large qty of cooking utensils consisting of 40 to 50 pieces and a qty of D type batteries. It was a 20 to 25 bed hospital.

(b) (081700H). At YS808761 a patrol of 1/A/6 RAR contacted 2 LF on with one dressed in swimming trunks and one in black clothing. Results 1 KIA (BC) and 1 WIA.

(2) AO GRACE.

(a) (081145H). At YS227840 C/5 RAR located 11 bunkers systems with overhead cover 2ft 6ins thick. It was last occupied 10 days ago and was approx 3 months old. Recovered were 1 canteen cup and a quantity of cooking utensils.

(b) (081531H). At YS271876 Aslt Pnr/Sp/5 RAR contacted 2/3 enemy dressed in black and carrying AK47s. Results 1 WIA (Poss).

(3) AO SABOT.

(a) (080922H). At YS461797 B/1 Armd received RPG and SA fire with no results.

(4) Other Areas.

(a) (081700H). At YS535576 4/B/9 RAR located a 4 bunker system last used by 3 to 4 on wearing HO CHI MINH sandals. The bunkers were 6 to 7 days old and had water channels from the swamp for the possible use by boats.

(b) (081702H). At YS535573 17 Const Sqn RAE located a 5 bunker system of 2 old, 2 recently occupied and under construction. The bunkers were destroyed. Recovered were 1 empty packet CABOT cigarettes, 1 small rice bowl, AK47 clips and a small piece of blow up tube.

(c) (081900H). At YS453692 a patrol from 5 RAR reported 3 shots across their front from the SW.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
081015H	YS4377	Unknown	SA	Unknown	A	Unknown
080835H	YS4796	Unknown	SA & RPG	Unknown	A	Unknown

(2) Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust inflicted 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b.d. Omitted.

c. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Omitted.

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Period covered 1 Nov 69 to 30 Nov 69. Recovered were 1 canteen cup
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during the period 1 Nov 69 to 30 Nov 69.

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(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) **Captured:** Digging and cutting instruments, 5 flat water bottles, 1 basic pouch, .45 cal ammo, .38 inch ammo, electric dets, 1 guitar, camouflaged NVA helmet, 3 bush hats, bandages, plastic hoochies, 100 injection ampoules, 2 large bottles Norcaine pain killers, needles, clothing, sleeping gear, medical text book, and documents, medical record book, transistor radio, 50 pieces cooking utensils, D type batteries, 1 canteen cup, rice bowl, AK47 clips.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs.

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS3848767	Chickens	12	Captured in hospital.
YS3848767	Rice	5 sand bags	Captured in hospital.
	Corn		
	Salt	10 lbs and bag	Captured in hospital.
	Flour	48 lbs	Captured in hospital.

(4)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month of Nov 69

KIA	DAMAGE	CO-ORDS
40		
3		

(3) Individual Weapons - 22
(4) Rice Captured - 1.02 tons.

5-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATE SUPINTREP 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) (081800H). At YS383606 a VC squad entered BARLA and captured 3 x carbines and 1 Thompson SMG from the PSDF. They lectured the PSDF and warned them not to work for the GVN. They then withdrew.

(2) (081015H). At YS451787 RF from DUC THANH located the baseplate position of 82mm mortars which fired on DUC THANH on night 7 Nov/8 Nov. They also located the tracks of the attacking forces leading WEST from NGAI GIAO towards YS4578 and further on towards NUI NEON. The recon party was fired on by 3 VC.

(3) (082010H). At YS4959 an unknown number of on engaged bunkers on EAST side of DAT DO then moved to PHUOC LOI.

(4) (082105H). At YS439592 a patrol from LONG DIEN was surrounded by an unknown sized VC force. Results 1 VN WIA.

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- ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
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AN 'C' to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 312/69.

1. Agent report from DUC THANH 7 Nov (ARVN C2 1 ATF F3). An agent from BINH BA stated that the VC would attack DUC THANH District and local units to isolate Route 2. The local people were told by the VC to buy as much food as they can as the VC is continuing to operate heavily in DUC THANH District and that therefore traffic will be obstructed.

S2 Comment. Recent events and the Chau Duc District Plans for Ops Sep - Nov 69 (1 ATF INTSUM No. 275/69) help substitute these claims made by this agent.

The VC often use propaganda of this type to encourage otherwise uncooperative local villagers to store rice which can then be commandeered or purchased by VC units in the area.

2. Agent report from DUC THANH 8 Nov (ARVN C2 1 ATF F4). An agent from BINH BA stated that 1 VC Regt named 93 has just come to operate in DUC THANH District with intentions to mortar DUC THANH HQ day and night and break up New Life hamlets, DF and PS. There are 2 VC Battalions isolated and scattered BAU CHIAH area YS485810 NGAI GIAO village.

S2 Comment. The forces which have attacked AP NGAI GIAO and DUC THANH in the past two days appear from tracks found to have approached from and withdrawn to the WEST. The weapons employed are confirmed to have included 75mm RCL (CHICOM), 81mm mortars and an unidentified HMG. Enemy documents CIA, Chieu Hoi and agent reports over the past two months have consistently reported C8(Hy Wpns Coy) of D440. LF Bn in the area between NUI NHAN (YS4378) and XA BANG Post (YS454840) with the mission of attacking DUC THANH, NGAI GIAO and BINH BA. The agent report mentions 93 Regt for which there is no Orbat/AKA/Cover Designator data.

It is considered that C8/D440 LF Bn is responsible for the recent attacks in DUC THANH District and that these attacks together with the mining of Route 2 will continue. D440 LF Bn may also cooperate with elms of D445 LF Bn and local guerilla units to ambush 1 ATF Armd elements on Route 2 if the opportunity arises.

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 312/69.

1. Visual Recce.

Date

081015H YS452785 Bunkers.
081100H YS821753 Huts, well used foot tracks, cultivation.
081340H YS513864 Tracks, 3 bunker entrances, 1 table, construction possibly part of hut on ground.
081500H YS5183 NE/SW track shows significant movement.
081500H YS494816 Several well used tracks in general N to NE direction.
081345H YS480723 Smoke rising in puffs.
081200H YS720716 Fresh cut logs in crater.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports.

Date

Location

Sightings.

17 Oct 69 YS269786 Well used track.
YS275785
YS278787 Well used N-S track - there appears to be recently cut timber in area.
YS303787 Ox cart activity in cleared areas.
YS257794 Recent track activity running E to W and NW to SE.
YS263794 Recent ox cart activity mainly leading in from SW and NE. Several tracks terminate at clumps of bushes, possible underground entrances.
(Vic)YS265794 A number of old foxholes.
YS267796 Recent ox cart and foot activity. Several spider holes in the side of bomb craters.
(Vic)YS283797 Recent track activity.
YS283794 Old foot bridge.
YS306795 Old base camp hit by airstrike and does not appear to be in use.
YS305945 Old camouflaged structure along side creek - covered in dead leaves.
YS342796 Possible exposed wooden frame.
YS255802 Well used NE foot track.
YS259802 Well used NE foot track. Heavy ox cart activity in cleared areas.
YS266804 Ox cart tracks appear to terminate at old culvert. Heavy foot tracks continue along cleared area.
YS266804 A foot track branches off to the South of the cleared area and then runs approx West.
YS287804 The above track swings South.
YS254806 - Track.
YS258809
YS257805 - Track.
YS263808
YS264805 Track. June.
YS264805 - Track.
YS266810
YS264805 - Track.
YS256807
YS268803 - Track.
YS274804

3-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

Date

081200H Maximum readings at YS720716
YS733674
YS733719
YS740725
YS740714

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 313-69.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GRACE

- (a) (090820H) At YS260818, 5/B/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. One VC was sighted and engaged. During the sweep a partially completed bunker system was located. The system consisted of 2 completed bunkers and 1 bunker still under construction. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC) and two CHICOM grenades CIA.
- (b) (090840H) At YS325810, Atk Pl/5 RAR contacted 3 enemy carrying AK47's and an RPG. The VC were moving SOUTH and withdrew NORTH after the contact. A follow up revealed a bloodtrail and tracks of approx 8 VC, the tracks were lost at YS328813. Results: 2 VC WIA(bloodtrail) and 2 sets webbing and 1 shoe CIA.
- (c) (091235H) At YS271825, Assault Pnr Pl/5 RAR contacted 2 enemy. VC were observed crawling through grass and bamboo and were fired at by Aust sentry. Results: 1 VC WIA(bloodtrail).
- (d) (092000H) At YS224863, 6/B/5 RAR found a stick with a wire running from it. Wire is believed to have been used as an aerial.

(2) AO BOTANY

- (a) Late Report. (072330H) At YS783754, 2 Sect/3 Tp/B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a cache containing 1 large 8' x 8' mat, 2 harvesting knives, and a basket. The cache was marked by a 6' pole with a twist of grass tied to the top. A similarly marked cache area was located at YS780774 but all cache items had been removed by the VC.
- (b) (090800H-091620H) 6/B/6 RAR located the following installations:
- i YS843749, 1 hut under construction with a bunker underneath. 3 fresh graves, 1 in last three days containing body of a child.
 - ii YS842744, Bunker, gardens(1 acre garden and 1 acre rice field) and 1 shelter with a bunker underneath.
 - iii YS837743, 3 huts with an old bunker attached.
 - iv YS837746, 5 huts with four bunkers and a cache. Camp had been hit by RPG fire in last 24 hours.
 - v YS836744, cache.
 - vi YS833741. 5 bunkers constructed in last 5 days.

The following is a summary of items recovered from the above installations and caches: Small qty SA ammo (AK47, M1 and 7.62 rds) 1 can oil, 1 transistor radio set on 25 MHZ, 15 sandbags rice, (total 300 lbs), qty seeds (NFI), 3 axes, 10 cane cutters, 1 plough, 4 fishing nets in good condition and a qty of fishing tackle, qty of clothing and blankets, 105 lbs salt, qty cooking utensils, qty of baskets, qty of china pots, qty of documents and ID cards and 5 lbs of CHICOM explosive.

- (c) (091000H) At YS807763, 1/A/6 RAR contacted 3 - 4 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA(dragmarks) and 1 bolt action rifle and 2 AK magazines CIA. During the sweep a large base camp was located. The camp extended for 150 metres along the creek line and consisted of 19 huts and 19 bunkers. The following items were found: 1xAK47 rifle, 1100 lbs rice, 28 lbs salt, qty of tea, qty of chili peppers, fresh meat (qty unknown), 250 AK47 rds, 200 M1 rds, 4 electrical dets, 2 sets webbing, qty of documents 1 US torch, clothing for 20 people, 9 hammocks, 2 mosquito nets, qty blankets, qty medical supplies, 2 US entrenching tools, 5 knives, 1 hoe, 1 rice husker, fishing nets, 12 kitbags, large qty of water bottles and a qty of photographic paper (roll type).
- (d) (091100H) At YS303693, 2/A/6 RAR located a dry rice paddy, a small hut and a bunker, A 50 lb bag of rice was found.
- (e) (091400H) 4/B/6 RAR located the following installations:

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- i YS834760. 1 uncompleted bunker and a rice mill.
- ii YS833759. 1 hut and 1 bunker.
- iii YS830759. 1 hut and 1 bunker with OHC.
- iv YS834759. 1 large rice paddy (approx 15 acres).
- v YS835759. Veg garden.

The following items were recovered: farming tools, and assorted grains, cooking utensils, 2 chickens and an envelope dated 15 Oct 69 addressed to Coy HQ from HOA THANG.

(f) (091450H) At YS811746, 2/A/6 RAR located 15 - 20 pits each measuring 3' x 1' x 3'. Two of the pits were joined together by a tunnel.

(g) (091500H) At YS785797, elements of B/3 Cav Regt located a camp recently destroyed by airstrike. Camp consisted of 2 huts, 2 bunkers underneath huts, 2 leanto's and a well approx 30 metres from huts. All had been hit by the airstrike.

(h) (091600H) At YS798776, 3/A/6 RAR located 3 small huts beside a creek. Recovered were: 1 US bolt action rifle, 1 crossbow and 10 arrows, qty cooking utensils, 6 lb rice, carrying basket and a qty of mats. Tracks in the area had been used 1 - 2 days ago by Porter Parties carrying rice.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) Further to report in INTSUM No 312-69 para 3.a.(4)(b). Elements of 9 RAR found a further 2 bunkers and a very good track system. Signs indicate camp had been used in last 48 hours. The camp is beside a swamp and there is a small canal nearby capable of taking small water craft. Drag marks sighted on the edge of the canal seem to indicate that supplies were brought in via water. Recovered were: 2 tubes of morphine, 1 tube vitamin C, penicillin syringe, used soap, 1/2 gall plastic can and a fishing rod.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance - see Annex E attached.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 5 VC.

b.c.d. Omitted

c. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 5.

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - 1 bolt action rifle (NFI), 1xAK47, 1 US bolt action rifle (NFI), 1xSKS and 1xM1.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel

(a) Captured: 2 CHICOM grenades, webbing, matting, harvesting knives, baskets, small arms ammo, can of oil, 1 transistor radio, 3 axes, 1 plough, fishing nets and tackle, clothing and blankets, cooking utensils, qty china pots, 5 lbs CHICOM explosives, 4 elec dets, qty docs and ID cards, 1 US torch, 2 mosquito nets, qty med supplies, 2 US tools, farming tools, 12 kitbags, large qty water bottles, qty photographic paper, crossbow and 10 arrows.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Unknown	rice	300 lbs	unknown
"	seeds (NFI)	unknown	"
"	salt	105 lbs	"
YS807763	rice	1100 lbs	"
"	meat	unknown	"
YS803693	rice	50 lbs	"
Unknown	assorted		
"	grain	unknown	"
"	2 chickens		"
YS785797	rice	100 lbs	"
YS798776	rice	6 lbs	"

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
072330H	B/3 Cav	YS783754	see para 3. a. (2) i
072330H	B/3 Cav	YS780774	empty
090800H	6/B/6 RAR	YS837746	see para 3. a. (2) ii
090800	6/B/6 RAR	YS836744	see para 3. a. (2) ii

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Nov 69

- (1) KIA - 45 VC
- (2) PW - 3.
- (3)(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 27
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice Captured - .775 tons.
- (8)(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
091040H	YS501581	M16	4 Aust WIA(evac)
090800H	YS504576	Booby trap (NFI)	1 RF KIA, 1 RF DOW and 3 RF WIA.

6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.

9.10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a.-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance

Late Reports

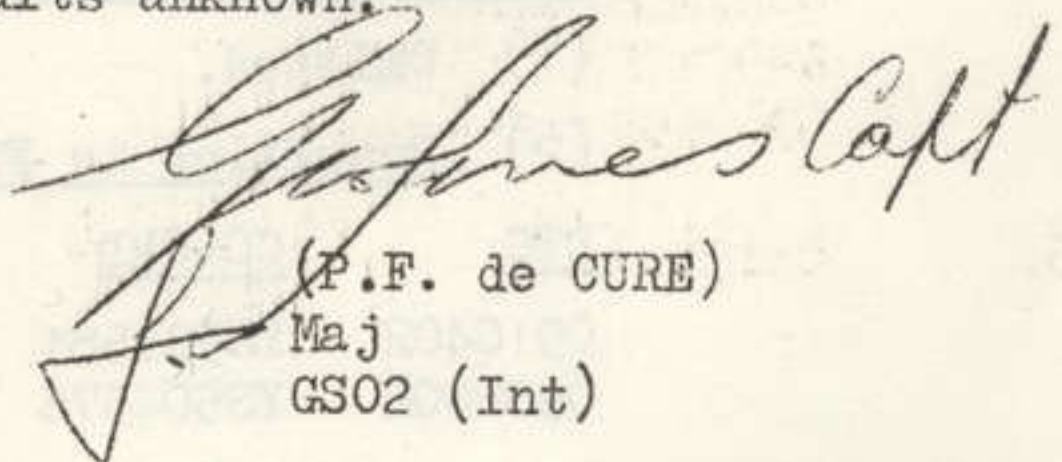
- (1) (051025H) At YS212844 a recce element of D/1 RTAVF located 14 bodies estimated dead for 10 days, credit for kills has been given RTAVF Arty. Numerous items (NFI) were found in the area and also at YS215880.
- (2) (080325H) At YT538078, elements of 199 LIB contacted 16 - 18 enemy. VC were engaged with small arms, claymore and Arty. Results: 1 US WIA. 15 enemy KIA(BC) and 3xAK47's, 4xAK54's and some documents CIA.
- (3) (081345H) At YS248968 elements of RTAVF contacted 5 - 6 VC who withdrew NE leaving bloodtrails, Results: enemy casualties unknown, 45 kilos of rice CIA.

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- (4) (081500H) At YS161781, an RTAVF mini-cav op contacted an unknown number of VC. Results: 6 VC KBA.
- (5) (081930H) At YS501575, a RF Coy AP engaged a VC force of approx 2 Pls which was approaching PHUOC LOI from NE. VC retaliated with AK47 and RPG fire and then bypassed the AP to mount a ground attack on the RD cadre post. The VC withdrew to the LONG GREEN at approx 090100H. Results: RF casualties 1 KIA, 2 WIA. Enemy casualties unknown but 3 bloodtrails.
- (6) (082105H) Further to report in INTSUM No 312-69 Para 11. f. (4). At YS439593 a 576 RF Coy AP (15 RF and 1 US Advisor) initiated an ambush prematurely with approx two sections of unidentified VC. After the initial fire fight, 8 RF withdrew back to their post and they were followed about ten minutes later by another 6 RF leaving the US Advisor and 1 RF WIA in the AP. The VC followed up the RF and entered AN NGAI hamlet of LONG DIEN and are believed to have recovered one PRC 25 radio with SOIs, one M16 rifle, eleven M79 rounds, a compass, grenades, ammunition and equipment. At approx 082200H a Ready Reaction force consisting of the District Chief, DSA, a US Advisor, 1 ATF LO, Interpreter and 10 RF later joined by another 20 RF moved toward the contact area, calling on the VC with a loud hailer asking them to Chieu Hoi. A VC squad ambushed the party at YS438592 with SA and RPG fire resulting in District Chief, DSA, US Advisor, 1 ATF LO and 4 RF WIA. VC withdrew SE with unknown casualties. During the action another RF AP at YS439586 was unable to react as they reported themselves surrounded by a large, unknown size, enemy force although no contact was initiated.

Current Items

- (7) (091635H) At YS220785, RTAVF reports that the road appears to be mined on both sides.
- (8) (092100H) Elements of 701 RF Coy contacted 5 - 6 VC with unknown results.
- (9) (092115H) Elements of 576 RF Coy sighted and engaged 20 VC. 81 mm H.E. was fired in support. Results unknown.


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Annex: E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

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18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
199 LIB
BIEN HOA TAC
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TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 313-69

DATED 9 Nov 69

Visual Recce

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
090730H	YS522563	1 VN digging on road in tracks. The VN was later apprehended for questioning.
090900H (approx)	YS619605	2 bunkers on SOUTH side of a well used E-W track.
"	YS550571	Top of large bunker with sheet of plastic over entrance.
"	YS554573	4 wpn pits and a well. No recent use.
090900H (approx)	YS910736	Very fresh foot track heading N-S.
"	YS907744	" " N-S.
"	YS913750	" " W-E.
"	YS917752	" " S-N.
"	YS926778	" " W-E.
"	YS841750- YS845760	Drag marks on very fresh W-E track.
090900H	YS405837	Bunker system. Huts, bunkers in good condition and some under construction. Tracks indicate camp is being used. Camp later hit by A/S. Further A/S's to be done.
091430H (approx)	YS491728	1-2 day old tracks of 6 people both sides of stream.
"	YS473699- YS481708	3-4 day old tracks of 2 people. Numerous small tracks branching out from YS481708.
"	YS476713- YS490713	Fresh wood cuttings.

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2. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
082345H	YS731669	2 on road.
090210H	YS420680	1 in open.
090250H	YS865570	1 on river.

5. Omitted.

2. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
082345H	YS731669	2 on road.
090210H	YS420680	1 in open.
090250H	YS865570	1 on river.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 314-69
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Nov 69.

Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 4 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BOTANY.

- (a) (091700H) At YS785795, 3/B/3 Cav Regt located a cache on a raised platform built into a tree 2ft off the ground and camouflaged with brown plastic. Recovered was 300lb of husked rice.
- (b) (100730H) In vicinity YS842757 6/B/6 RAR located one bicycle, 6 flares, qty of documents and one iron.
- (c) (100830H) At YS837760 elms of 6 RAR located a camp of one hut and one bunker estimated to have been used approx 2 days ago. Recovered were; cooking utensils, farming tools and 3500lb of rice.
- (d) (100915H) At YS798779 3/A/6 RAR located 4 huts and 1 bunker. Recovered were; 30lb of rice, qty of paludrine tablets, unk number of baskets, qty of fish and a number of traps.
- (e) (101215H) At YS835759 4/B/6 RAR located 2 small huts used for the storage and preparation of rice. Recovered was 100lb of rice.
- (f) (101500H) At YS817737 2/A/6 RAR located 8 old collapsed bunkers. Estimated to have been used approx 1 year ago.
- (g) (101530H) At YS818735 2/A/6 RAR located 4 bunkers with 1-2 ft of OHC. Capable of holding 10 persons and estimated to have been used 3 months ago. There is a well defined E-W track in the area but not used recently.
- (h) (101540H) At YS818735 2/A/6 RAR located a river crossing of 2 vines to the centre of the river where they connect to logs fixed to the EAST bank. Tracks of 1 person heading EAST in the last 12 hours was located.
- (i) (101000H) At YS824733 6/B/6 RAR located a camp of 18 huts and 18 bunkers capable of holding approx 72 persons. Estimated to have been used 3 weeks ago. Recovered were; 36 sheets of CGI, 1 cross bow, fish traps and a qty of docs. There was also a small garden 20Mx100M in the area. The camp had been struck by Arty 3 weeks ago.
- (j) (101415H) At YS828759 4/B/6 RAR located and destroyed one large camouflaged hut, one bomb shelter and farm tools.
- (k) (101430H) At YS827758 4/B/6 RAR located and destroyed one hut and a bunker under a lean to.
- (l) (101430H) At YS841748 6/B/6 RAR located a camp of 3 huts and 1 bunker. The camp was hit by Arty 3 days ago. Recovered were; 2x100M of fish net, 60lb of rice, 100lb of salt and a qty of documents.
- (m) (101500H) At YS841744-YS845745 6/B/6 RAR located gardens of 4 acres of rice, and one acre of sweet potatoes.

(2) AO SABOT.

- (a) (100900H) At YS415783 4/B/9 RAR located and destroyed a camp of 9 bunkers and 2 sentry posts in the shape of a cross. A track led SOUTH from the camp.
- (b) (100900H) At YS421775 5/B/9 RAR located a track running NW.
- (c) (100930H) At YS421776 5/B/9 RAR contacted one enemy armed with an AK47 with unknown results.

(3) AO GRACE.

- (a) (101010H) At YS330813 Atk/5 RAR engaged 10 enemy armed with 3 RPG's, 1 RPD and AK47's. Bunkers were sighted in the background of the contact area. Arty, mors, LET and A/S were used

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in support of the contact. Results: 2 enemy KIA (Poss). The enemy withdrew NORTH and one enemy withdrew SOUTH. 1 Aust WIA.

(b) (101320H) At YS269815 7/C/5 RAR sighted and engaged one enemy but fire was returned with two weapons. Tracks of 5 men and 1 dog were located. Results: enemy casualties unknown, 1 Aust WIA.

(c) (101610H) In the vic of YS2877 1/A/5 RAR were engaged by an unknown number of enemy in bunkers. 1Pl is sweeping the area. No further details are available.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. - see Annex E attached.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured; 1 bicycle, 6 flares, 1 iron, cooking pots, farming tools, qty of paludrine tablets, unknown number of baskets, animal traps, 36 sheets of CGI, 1 cross bow, fish traps, 2x100M of fish net.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS837760	Rice	3500lbs	Unknown
YS798779	Rice	30lbs	"
YS798779	Fish	unknown	"
YS835759	Rice	100lbs	"
YS841748	Salt	100lbs	"
YS841748	Rice	60lbs	"
(4)	Omitted:		
(5)	<u>Caches.</u>		

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>COMMENT.</u>
091700H	3/B/3 Cav Regt	YS785795	see para 3a (1)(a).

f. Cumulative Totals For Month

(1) KIA - 45 VC

(2) PW - 3

(3)(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Weapons - 27

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice Captured - 3.8 Tons

(8)(9) Omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Documents taken from a body by B/6 RAR at YS531689 on 6 Nov 69 possibly identify NGUYEN VAN NAM; DOB- 1945; address- Phuoc Buu, XUYEN MOC District; GVN ID Card No. 069342 issued at Baria on 8 Jul 63. There was also a certificate signed by LY KINH of Long Tan Village, LONG DIEN/DAT DO, stating that, having studied the policies of the NLF and being released, would not work for the GVN. Dated 23 Mar 69 with the stamp of the Liberation Front Committee of Long Dat District.

b. Documents taken from bodies by 1 ATF elms at YS697739 on 1 Nov 69 and at YS695936 on 2 Nov 69, containan introduction certificate signed by HUYNH VAN MOC of XUYEN MOC Pl on 24 Oct 69 for four cadre of the XUYEN MOC District force who would be guiding a supply group buying food (NFI) travelling to

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BAO BINH, LONG KHANH Province YT4803, from 24-30 Oct 69. There were a number of unopened letters from a BA LONG Province Committee LBN. It is possible that one of the bodies was a Province postman on his rounds. One letter from SAU PHUONG, Chief of Civil Health, BA LONG Province is to a girlfriend named LAN who is working in a Sub-Sector (Poss HQ). A further letter dated 17 Sep 69 from HIEN (Poss TU HIEN) of CHAU DUC Rear Services to PHUONG (see above sentence) states that SAU BE of CHAU DUC Finance Sect was CIA by PRU.

7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SOPINTSUM 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.
9. 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No 312-69 Para 3a(2)(a) amend GR to read YS270840.
 - (2) Reference INTSUM No 313-69 amend as follows:
 - (a) Para 4 of (7), total to read 1.8 Tons.
 - (b) Para 3a(2)(c), amend 1 AK47 rifle on the 6th line to read 1SKS.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Report.
 - (1) Agent report. VN eval C-3. Info received 101055 Nov 69 from Bearcat. 300 VC of C18 was located at YS235905.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.
 - (1) (092125H) At YS213800 VN forces contacted a squad of VC with unknown results. The VC withdrew EAST.
 - (2) (100040H) At YS441575 a VN outpost was engaged with 4 rds of 81MM mor. The suspected base plate position at YS4556 was engaged by mors and arty with unknown results.
 - (3) (101630H) DUC THANH reports that civilians sighted 20 VC in the area of YS510745 and are engaging with arty. Results unknown.
 - (4) (101830H) An RD Cadre reports sighting approx 70 VC at YS514607 and YS515601. Their intentions are unknown.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
FO 1 ATF INTSUM 314-69
DATED 10 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTINGS</u>
101230H	YS519577	Occupied camp. 1 male sighted at bunker entrance. Camp was engaged by arty resulting in one enemy KIA (Poss), 2 bunkers destroyed, 7 bunkers exposed, clothing hootchies and cans scattered throughout the area.
101400H	YS482513	One set of black clothing in a cave entrance and a well used foot track leads SW.
	YS477509	One large cave entrance. Cave appeared to be in use.
	YS457537	2 bunkers in good condition.
	YS465539	Old base camp. Not being used.
	YS473523	Well used N-S foot track. Used recently.
	YS475515	Old ruins with no signs of activity.
101510H	YS523576	Occupied camp of 8-10 bunkers in good condition with well used foot tracks linking them. Camp was engaged and one bunker was damaged.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
092104H	YS455840	1 on road.
092142H	YS301555	1 on stream.
092200H	YS210695	1 in open.
092213H	YS240640	2 on stream.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 315/69.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were seven contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) Late Report. (102015H) At YS203862 2/3 Cav contacted an unknown no of enemy with unknown results. Enemy withdrew NW.
- (b) Late Report. (102030H) At YS272823 C/5 RAR spotted a light to the NW of its perimeter.
- (c) (110820H) At YS278847 8/C/5 RAR located 9 bunkers and recovered 1x81mm sight.
- (d) (110830H) At YS245876 11/D/5 RAR contacted an unknown no of en dressed in khaki shirts, blue pants, webbing and pack. Results: 1 KIA (BC), webbing, pack, AK 47 magazines, 1 x AK 47 and a small qty of documents CIA.
- (e) (110830H) At YS234863 5/B/5 RAR contacted 2 poss main force en dressed in greens with one carrying an AK 47 and the other a RPG. Negative results.
- (f) (111025H) At YS2588 12/D/5 RAR located 4x4 gallon drums of med supplies and a quantity of documents approx 12 months old.
- (g) (111135H) At YS264884 12/D/5 RAR contacted an unknown no of enemy, using AK 47 in 12 bunkers. Results of search of bunkers 500 lbs polished rice, 100 lb corn and 20x60mm mortar rounds. The food was destroyed.
- (h) (111415H) At YS314800 A/5 RAR located a week old water point covered by a bunker.
- (i) (111730H) At YS223879 10/D/5 RAR was fired on by 1 RPG with negative results.
- (j) (111820H) At YS233812 elements of 3 Cav contacted 3 local VC who fired RPG and SA. Results: 2 WIA (blood Trails).

(2) AO BOTANY.

- (a) (110811H) At YS822734 2/A/6 RAR located a base camp consisting of 1 hut (20m x 5m), 4 small huts and 2 bunkers and last occupied 12 hours ago. It was poss a staging area.
- (b) (110945H) At YS809747 3/3 Cav located a cache of 50 lbs of unthrashed rice. 1 en left 30 mins before arrival.

(3) Other Areas. (110930H) At YS407770 5/B/9 RAR contacted 2 or 3 en wearing black and carrying AK 47s. Results 1 WIA poss. In the resulting sweep a pl sized position was located with food still cooking. Recovered were 2 packs, webbing, qty AK rounds, 1xM1 mag and rounds, 1xSMG mag and rounds, qty of clothing, dried fish in tins, 40 lbs rice, cooking pots and a NVA helmet.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust inflicted - 1 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1.
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown. 1 x AK 47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. 81 mm sight, AK 47 mags and rounds, M1 mags and rounds, SMG mag and rounds, 20 x 60mm mortar rounds, webbing, 3 packs, documents, 4 x 4 gallon drums of medical supplies, clothing and cooking pots.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS264884	Rice	500 lbs	destroyed
YS264884	Corn	100 lbs	destroyed
YS809747	Rice	50 lbs	destroyed
YS407770	Rice	40 lbs	destroyed

(4) Omitted

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
111025H	5 RAR	YS2588	4 x 4 gal drums of medical supplies and documents.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 46 VC.
- (2) PW - 3.
- (3)+(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 27.
- (6) Omitted.
- (7) Rice captured 4.095 tons.
- (8)+(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdictions and Incidents.

(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
110643H	YS273653	Route 15	Road block of tufts of grass
110655H	YS245758	Route 15	Road block of tufts of grass

(2) Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

M16 at YS536563.

(2) Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus CIA by 1 ATF elms following a contact at YS564780 identified the QUANG GIAO Guerilla Unit.

b. A large qty of docus consisting largely of Personal History Statements (Jul/Aug 68) and decisions covering most districts of VC BALONG Province probably identify the Current Affairs Committee of the HQ BALONG Province. The docus were in ammo liners and were recovered from a cache by 1 ATF elms at YS581795 on 6 Nov 69.

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c. Docus taken from a body by 12/D/5 RAR identify DUNG, 2IC of 6 HAU DUC Mil Postal Section. S2 Comment: The position of CHAU DUC postman is becoming progressively more hazardous. DUNG's unexpected demise takes the total of CHAU DUC postmen killed over the last four months to four (4) and one Hoi Chanh.

d. A docu taken from a bunker system at YS286749 by A/5 RAR on 3 Nov 69 is a SITREP of the situation along R15, which mentions the presence of Aust tps at PHUOC THAI (THAI THIEN), TAM THIEN and PHUOC HOA (TAM PHUOC) from 19 - 26 Oct 69. It was undated and unsigned.

e. Docus found following a contact by 5/B/5 RAR with 3 NVA at YS233809 probably identified the party as an elm of C3 - Rear Services SR4.

f. Docus taken from a body following a contact by 11/D/5 RAR contained some propaganda leaflets and a register of incoming and outgoing mail of Mil Postal Section CHAU DUC.

g. At YS809763, docus found in a large BC following a contact by 1/A/6 RAR identified the BUNH CHAU Village Guerilla and the BUNH CHAU Finance Section. The hospital located by 5/B/6 RAR at YS848767 on 8 Nov 69 was probably the XUYEN MOC District Hospital or the Convalescence Unit.

h. Docus taken from bodies KIA 110130H at YS499568 in an ambush with 48 RF Coy identify Recce Pl D445 Bn. The docs also reveal that the pl lost 3 KIA and 6 WIA in the contact at PHUOC LOI (081930H) at YS501575 and on the 7 Nov lost 2 KIA (Pl and a sect cmd) when attacking the RDC at PHUOC LOI.

i. A report with Vietnamese rating of C3 locates a D445 permanent base camp at YS628798. Unit was in location 2 to 3 days ago. It is believed their intention is to attack DAT DO.

j. A report from the National Police at DUC TRUNG (YS4574) indicates that the VC will enter the hamlet Wednesday or Friday night at either 1900H or 0300-0400H to collect rice and taxes.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

Ref INTSUM No 314/69 dated 10 Nov 69 amend the GR in Para 3a(3)(c) to YS286797.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) Late Report. (092000H) At YS455748 42 PF Platoon was ambush by an est platoon of VC. Results: 1 PF KIA when he dived into a rubber tree.

(2) Late Report. (101930H) At YS503574 480 RF contacted an unknown no of en. En fired 60mm mortar and B40 into HOI MY. Results: 5 civs WIA.

(3) (110130H) At YS499568 480 RF fired M79 and SA at unknown no of en. En returned fire with SA and B40. Sparodic contact maintained until 0400H. Results: 1 RF WIA, 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 x AK 47, 1 x M1, 1 x wallet and documents CIA. Documents indicate VC were D445.

(4) (111735H) At YS233810 90 RF supported by elms of 3 Cav contacted 2 to 3 en with unknown results.

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Attachments:

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF
INTSUM NO 315/69
DATED 12 NOV 69

AGENT REPORTS

1. An agent report from BIEN HOA (Eval US F-3) states that as at 091730H 2 coys of D440, strength 190 men, was located vicinity YS527717. They were armed with 2 x 82mm mortars, 2 x 57mm RR, 1 x 12.7mm MG, 3 x .30 cal MGs, 10 x B41, 2 x B40 and CKCs. They are equipped with 2 radios, apparently PRC 25s and wore grey uniforms, steel helmets, bamboo hats and back-packs and carried picks and shovels.
2. An agent report from BARIA (Eval Vietnamese C2) states that at 041600H D724 (Arty Unit) belonging to 5th VC Div, travelled from the direction of THUA TICH Village (XUYEN MOC) to the triangular area bounded by YS585601, YS590599 and YS583597 where they deployed and hid. They (D 724) are receiving support from C3 of D445.

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 315/69 dated 12 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
11 Nov 69	YS523577	Old camp in good condition, well used tracks in area, 2 bunkers under construction.
	YS543602	No sign of fresh activity in old camp.
	YS552588	No sign of fresh activity in old camp.
	YS590557	No sign of fresh activity in old camp.
	YS5857-5957	Numerous persons EAST of SONG RAI poss civilians.
	YS5368	Footprints of 2 - 3 persons approx 48 hours old in creek bed.
	YS562798	Occupied camp consisting of 8 bunkers, galvanised iron roofed hut, tables etc.
	YS388798	Camp consisting of two structures, tables and bunkers. Heavy trail activity suggests camp possibly in use.
	YS388390	Old comms trench and possible bunker. No recent activity and overgrown. NE/SW foot trail passed nearby.
	YS387837	Heavily used track.
	YS381847	Tracks of 4 to 6 persons across clearing.
	YS440874	Shed with new tin roof and no walls. 4 young men in poss civilian clothes were resting. Objects resembling packs on floor. Persons disappeared before next pass.
	YS387792	Small camp on NW edge of A/S camp. Bunkers in good condition. Engaged by arty.
	YS558796	Occupied base camp.
	YS510725	Tracks of 50 persons disappears into thick scrub.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

111850H	YS586650	1 in open.
	YS605640	1 near road.

4. SLAR Activity.

Late Entry. (101855H) At YS265640 - 2 in open.

5. APD (Sniffer).

11 Nov Hotspots at YS329922
YS309929
YS305938
YS314938
YS298946
YS303946
YS312953

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 316/69.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BOTANY.

- (a) Late report (111700H) At YS782805, 2/A/6 RAR located one 10 x 5 metre hut, one bunker and two tables last used five days ago. Camp has been previously hit by a LFT.
- (b) (124300H) At YS781816, 1/A/6 RAR located two huts and seven sleeping spaces used by an estimated five to six people. Tracks lead East, West and South from the camp.
- (c) (121130H) At YS783807, 1/A/6 RAR located five old overgrown bunkers for a squad sized enemy force. Estimated not used for two years.
- (d) (121400H) At YS779817, 1/A/6 RAR located a squad sized camp containing one hut and two overgrown bunkers last used three to six weeks ago.
- (e) (121530H) At YS779820, 1/A/6 RAR located eight very old, collapsed bunkers last used two years ago.
- (f) (121610H) At YS778822, 1/A/6 RAR located ten bunkers very old and overgrown.

(2) AO GRACE.

- (a) (121210H) At YS279846, elms of 5 RAR located a bunker system containing 20 bunkers, some still under construction, all in a diamond shape. The bunkers had 2' to 3" OHC and were in good conditions. Recovered were the following items:
 - (i) A quantity of fresh filleted fish, quantity of rice, US tric me fuel, cooking oil and utensils, water storage baskets, an 81mm mortar sight, 1 x chicom ATK grenade, 2 x small chicom grenades.
 - (ii) The camp also had a night early warning system with flares.
- (b) (121215H) At YS281844, 8/C/5 RAR located a bunker system containing 18 bunkers set out in a roughly diamond pattern. Eight of the bunkers were new and three to four were under construction. All bunkers were in a clean condition. Some bunkers were 6'-7' in depth. Recovered from the system were the following:
 - (i) Large qty of tric me fuel, large qty of US sand bags
 - (ii) Large qty of cooking utensils, 1 x RPD, three Chicom stick grenades, elect det flares, two RPG boosters, one US claymore, large qty of docs incl list of med supplies.
- (c) (121703H) At YS254853, B/3 RAR contacted one VC dressed in a blue shirt who withdrew NORTH with unknown results.
- (d) (121900H) At YS229800, D/5 RAR located approx 14 bunkers with 3' OHC in a 250 x 200 metre complex. The area appeared occupied up to three hours previously and was situated 200 metres from water.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) (121000H) In vicinity of YS405832, 12/C/9 RAR with elms of D/9 RAR located a very new bunker system believed to be an early warning system for a larger complex further NORTH. The enemy covered their withdrawal with fire resulting in one Aust WIA. Further details not yet to hand.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E (see attached).

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d. Omitted.

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Omitted.
- (b) Crew Served - 1.
- (c) Breakdown - 1 x RPD.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. Large qty cooking utensils, water storage baskets, 81mm mortar sight, 1 x Chicom ATK grenade, three small Chicom grenades, three Chicom stick grenades, elect detonated flares, 2 RPG boosters, one US claymore, 1 x RPD and large qty of documents, also large qty of trioxane, large qty of US sand bags.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS279846	Fresh fish	Unknown	Unknown
YS279846	Rice	Unknown	Unknown
YS279846	Cooking Oil	Unknown	Unknown

(4).(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 46 VC.
- (2) PW - 3.
- (3).(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 1.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 28.
- (7) Rice Captured - 6.73 Tons.
- (8).(9) Omitted.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mined and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

ATK MINES YS639653 - 1 x ATK mine to be recovered by Xuyen Moc RF forces.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
121042H	YS240802	20 lb Chicom block explosive	Neg cas. 1 APC damaged (2 LH rear wheels blown off)

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 4/69 dated 3 Nov 69.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

- (1) Ref INTSUM No 313 Para 3a(2)(b). Add to summary one acre (700lbs) of rice destroyed.
- (2) Ref INTSUM No 313 Para 4.o.(2). Add the following sub para. (b).
(b) Destroyed; 700 lbs rice.
- (3) Ref INTSUM No 313 Para 4.f.(7). Amend rice total to read 1.125tons.

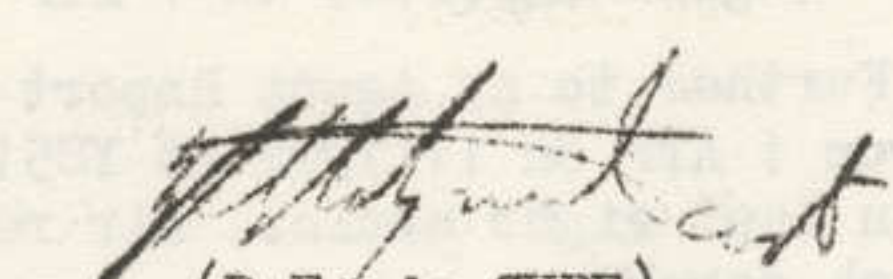
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- (4) Ref INTSUM No 314 Para 3a(1)(e). Amend rice total to read 7,000 lbs of rice.
- (5) Ref INTSUM No 314 Para 3a(1)(m). Add Results: 4 acres (2,800lbs) of rice destroyed.
- (6) Ref INTSUM No 314 Para 4.e.(2)(b). Delete omitted and insert destroyed; 2800 lbs of rice.
- (7) Ref INTSUM No 314 Para 4.f.(7). Amend rice total to read 6.43 tons.
- (8) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 3.a.(1)(a). Amend to read 2/B/3 Cav.
- (9) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 3.a.(1)(b). Add area was engaged by tanks and SA with unknown results.
- (10) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 3.a.(1)(g). Amend grid reference to read YS242886.
- (11) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 3.a.(2)(b). Amend to read 3/B/3 Cav.
- (12) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 4.f.(5). Amend weapon total to read 28.
- (13) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 4.f.(7). Amend rice total to read 6.73 tons.
- (14) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Annex E Para 1. Amend grid reference YS388390 to read YS388839.
- (15) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(a). Add after "1 ATF elements", the following, "on 8 Nov 69".
- (16) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(c). Add after "by 12/D/5 RAR" the following, "at YS340769 on 4 Nov 69". Also amend "6 HAU" to read "CHAU".
- (17) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(e). Add after "following a contact" the following, "on 5 Nov 69".
- (18) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(f). Add after "following a contact" the following, "at YS337763 on 4 Nov 69".
- (19) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(g). Add after "at YS809763" the following, "on 9 Nov 69". Also amend "BUNH" to read "BINH".
- (20) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(h) line 4. After "(P1" insert "COMD".
- (21) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Para 6(1). Amend Vietnamese rating to read C2.

c-f. Omitted.


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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 316/69 dated 12 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
120900H	YS495715	Well used track to NW used recently by many people.
120900H	YS500747	Large muddy area covered with fresh footprints.
120900H	YS471741	Suspected bunker and structure in clearing under trees.
121300H	YS351911	Large bunker in good condition. Recent activity in area.
121300H	YS345903	Well used NE-SW track passing through this co-ord.
121300H	YS351899	Two bunkers in good condition along the track.
121300H	YS348903	Bunkers sighted appeared possibly abandoned.
121515H	YS820745	Gardens covering three acre area.
121515H	YS835726	Garden covering one acre area.

2. APD (Sniffer).

- a. Maximum - YS493743
YS492691
YS508704
YS508709
YS503720 - Possibly from Possum A/C in area.
- b. Strong - YS478664
YS478667
YS478708
YS482748
YS492720
YS493694
YS508723
YS508717
YS508690
YS503696 - Possibly from colony of monkeys sighted in areas.
- c. Minimum - YS482730
YS483703
YS482698
YS492731
YS493727
YS496702
YS493688
YS493684

ANNEX 'C' (Agent Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 316/69 dated 12 Nov 69.

1. Further to an Agent Report in INTSUM No 315/69 of 11 Nov Para 1 a Reaction force from 1 ATF on 111730H at YS518714 located tracks of 50 plus people moving NW within last eight hours. Air recce followed these tracks which disappeared into thick scrub.

2. A Report from DUC THANH (Viet eval F3) states that the VC will open waves of attacks and shellings on GVN installations from the 12th to 17th Nov 69.

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ANTICIPATED ENEMY ACTIVITIES 14/15 NOV 69

1. Usually reliable agent reports plus captured documents indicate an outbreak of enemy activity on the night 14/15 Nov 69. Probable targets are:
 - a. Populated Areas. Ngai Gao, Binh Ba, Duc Trung, Long Dien, Dat Do, Phuoc Loi, Hoi My, Lang Phuoc Hai, plus installations in Baria.
 - b. Route 15. Vicinity of Phu My and Phuoc Hoa.
 - c. Vung Tau.
 - d. 1 ATF Base.
2. Attacks against populated areas are likely to involve enemy ground forces and attacks against the remaining targets are likely to be attacks by fire only.
3. To counter the threat against populated areas or to act as the TF counter attack force the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force is to marry up in an assembly area in B Sqn 3 Cav Regt's area by 1900 hrs 14 Nov, prepared for immediate deployment. The Force is to remain in the assembly area during the night 14/15 Nov 69 unless deployed. The OC RRF Coy (9 RAR) is responsible for the organization of the move to the assembly area, marrying up and reporting to HQ 1 ATF by 1900 hrs 14 Nov when action is complete in the assembly area.
4. ALL COs and OCs of units within 1 ATF base are to ensure that their units/sub-units are prepared for a possible enemy attack during the night 14/15 Nov 69.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 317/69.
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE

- (a) (130937H) At YS233812 4/B/5 RAR was fired on by 1 VC, 4 Pl returned fire with unknown results.
- (b) (131145H) At YS329817 elements of A/5 RAR located a bunker system approx 100m from the main creek in thick secondary growth. It consisted of 5 bunkers each 8'x4' and all had 2 entrances and 2' OHC. The system had been last used approx 3-4 days ago.
- (c) (131150H) At YS315800 elements of A/5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 7 large bunkers, 6 had fighting bays and blast walls. The bunkers were heavily camouflaged and had 3' OHC. The camp is believed to have been occupied 3 days ago by a small party.
- (d) (131202H) At YS294778 7/C/5 RAR found tracks of 3 persons heading **SOUTH** last night.
- (e) (131202H) At YS282777 8/C/5 RAR found tracks of 1 man made last night and heading **WEST** to **SOUTH**.
- (f) (131202H) At YS284776 8/C/5 RAR found tracks of 3 parties consisting of 10 persons heading **SOUTH EAST**.
- (g) (131230H) At YS328811 elements of A/5 RAR located a bunker system in an area 30m x 30m and consisted of 6 living bunkers, 2 cooking huts and 4 fighting bunkers. Chalk markings were found on both the cooking huts. The first hut was marked with a figure one, under that a dash and under that a diamond. The second was marked in a similar way except that a figure two was used. Assorted cooking utensils and one US 5 gal jerry can were recovered.
- (h) (131245H) At YS329818 elements of A/5 RAR located 1 bunker situated in a defoliated area. The bunker had 2' OHC and 2 entrances and had last been used approx 3-4 days ago.
- (i) (131345H) At YS284776 7/C/5 RAR found a note on a branch on a track indicating that M16-E3 had been planted.
- (j) (131600H) At YS308830 Atk Pl/5 RAR located a temporary campsite. In the camp were 4 bodies and 81mm tail fins. Enemy killed by H and I mortar fire on 4/5 Nov.

(2) AO LINTON

- (a) (131130H) At YS498738 6/B/6 RAR contacted 3 VC. Results: 1 VC WIA (blood trail).
- (b) (131430H) At YS487724 B/6 RAR detained 4 woodcutters from HOA LONG. From interrogation of the people it is believed that there is a large group of woodcutters in the AP SUOI NGHE area who fled at the approach of B Coy.

(3) AO BOTANY

- (a) (131715H) At YS725813 elements of 6 RAR located a mine marker (skull and crossbones with a black background). No mines were found.

(4) Other Areas

- (a) Further to report in INTSUM 315/69 para 3. a. (3) A qty of documents were recovered and the camp has been destroyed. Tracks shown on the map in the area are outdated and not used.
- (b) Further to report in INTSUM 316/69 para 3. a. (3) 4 bunkers at YS406832 and 5 new bunkers at YS406834 have been destroyed. There are further bunkers along the ridge from YS404839 northwards.
- (c) (131245H) At YS548570 the 17 Const Sqn land clearing team located a small cache. Recovered were: 3x4 gal cans full with rice and peas and 1 lb salt.
- (d) (131500H) At YS538571 the land clearing team located a bunker system consisting of 30 bunkers. It had last been used 9-10 days ago. Recovered were: 1 M16 mine, 1 Chicom grenade and a qty of personal clothing.

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(e) (131510H) At YS550571 the land clearing team located 2 mansize pits and 1 mattock. The pits were destroyed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E (see attached).

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted.

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

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 4 VC

c. Detainees

(1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Still undergoing interrogation - 4

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel

(a) Omitted

(b) Destroyed: Cooking utensils, 1 US jerry can, 1 M16 mine, 1 Chicom grenade and a quantity of clothing.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
YS548570	Rice and peas	3x4 gal cans	Unknown
YS548570	Salt	1 lb	

(4) Omitted

(5) Caches

<u>Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Contents/Comment</u>
131245H	17 Const	YS548570	Foodstuffs

f. Cumulative Totals for Nov 69.

(1) KIA - 50 VC

(2) PW - 3

(3)-(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual weapons - 28

(6) Crew served weapons - 1

(7) Rice captured - 6.73 tons

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

(a) Documents recovered from a camp at YS848767 by 5/B/6 RAR on 8 Nov 69 disclose no indentifications. 1 ATF INTSUM 315/69 para 6. g. refers.

(b) Documents recovered from a camp at YS401772 on 10 Nov 69 by 5/B/9 RAR identify C41 - CHAU DUC Concentrated Coy.

(c) Documents recovered from bunkers at YS835759 on 10 Nov 69 by 4/B/6 RAR disclose no identities but 84 RSG is mentioned.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

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b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM No 315/69 Annex E para 1. Amend GR YS590557 to read YS590597.

(2) Ref INTSUM No 316/69 para 3. a. (3) (a) delete the following "12/C/9 RAR with".

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) Late report (121225H) At YT495185 elements of 4/43 ARVN Bn contacted a coy plus group of VC in bunkers. An airstrike was put in at 121530H, the ARVN carried out a ground attack which was repelled and following that another airstrike was put in. At 122030H the ARVN received 20 rounds of mortar fire. The contact was resumed approx 130800H. Results: 5 ARVN KIA, 25 ARVN WIA, enemy casualties unknown.

(2) Late report (121900H) At YS450782 a member of the NGAI GIAO guerillas, DUONG VAN CHIEN, rallied to Vietnamese forces. He stated the units strength is 10 men and his mission was to guide units in attacks. The rallier was blinded and therefore was permitted to leave the VC. CHIEN is being interrogated at DUC THANH.

(3) (130755H) Elements of 2/3 199 LIB believe they have located the HQ of 274 Regt at YS272968. The area has been engaged by HKT, A/S and arty. So far 5 bunkers have been destroyed but other bunkers still occupied. Arty is still being fired into the area.

(4) (131210H) At YS218955 elements of 199 LIB contacted 20 VC who returned fire with RPG's. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, friendly casualties 2 WIA.

(5) (131230H) At YS217895 elements of 199 LIB contacted an unknown number of VC who fired SA and organic weapons. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, friendly casualties 1 WIA.

(6) (131745H) At YS441558 1-2 VC were sighted from an OP on TINH CO and were then engaged by 155mm guns. The guns were on target and VC were seen to be in impact area. A sweep has not been carried out.

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Attachments:

Annex B - Captured Documents
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ANNEX 'B'
(captured docs)
to 1ATF INTSUM
317/69 dated
13 Nov 69.

DOC: 4 Nov 69
POC: YS308720 (body)
UNIT: 2/A/5RAR
Ref: 1 ATF INTSUM 310/69 of 6 Nov 69

1. The following are summarised extracts from a letter from HOAN, Party Secretary VUNG TAU District Current Affairs Section.

- (a) Three conflicting reports had been received concerning the results of the Vung Tau units rocketing of the Vung Tau airfield on 15/16 Oct 69. The three sources worked on different parts of the airfield and all swear their info is correct. So they have decided to accept all reports as correct.
- (b) The unit intends to rocket Vung Tau airfield again on MDMG-MDMD. However the "goods" have to be brought to Vung Tau. Chau Duc is unable to bring them down and the Vung Tau and Baria units do not have anyone strong enough to do the job, as the people they have left are sick and wounded. If the "goods" (poss rockets) could be brought down in time, it would be a simple matter to rocket the base again.

S2 Comment: The dates in code mentioned above may possibly be 15 Nov-11 Dec 69.

- (c) All contact by radio and courier had been lost with Ba Long HQ for the last 6 weeks and no info or directions had been received from the HQ.
- (d) With the MORATORIUM movement in the US and the mood of the American people being what it is at present, killing one American now has the same effect as killing ten, before the movement gathered momentum. That they should capitalise on this period to maximum effect as the results would be greatly advantageous as big changes are in the offering.

2. The letter continues that he, HOAN had reported on the situation in Vung Tau, Baria and Chau Duc to Ba Long and since he had received no reply was wondering whether Ba Long had received his letters.

3. HOAN further reports that:

- (a) He has sent HUNG, SAU YEN and MUOI MOT to Ba Long to be documented with GVN papers. He relates that unless the necessary legal papers are provided then the VC agents of draft age could be arrested as a result of snap ID card inspection. However the police do not detain secret agents and since the VC have to use the roads with the public to avoid suspicion, they must have these papers identifying them as secret agents, if they are to avoid being arrested by the police and to allow these three men to infiltrate as double secret agents. Should Ba Long be unable to assist with these papers, HOAN asks that SR4 and Bien Hoa be approached for help. The more papers they get, the more infiltrators they can use.
- (b) The situation in Chau Duc is not very good and he has sent numerous letters of encouragement to them. The soldiers are so ~~discontented~~ that Province will have to rectify the position quickly.
- (c) Recently he was informed of a B52 strike in the MINH DAM Secret Zone which caused high casualties/damage to the LONG MY organisation. He was further informed on 29/30 Oct 69 that the organisations in the MINH DAM were also subjected to terrible arty and air strikes and he did not know how the comrades there had fared. He was further worried that the unit and his cadre that were there at the time have not yet returned and if Long Dat reported the disposition of his troops to Ba Long would they please inform him (HOAN).
- (d) He was disappointed to hear that MUOI SINH (Assistant Chief Long Dat District) had been seriously wounded and since BA BUI (member Long Dat Committee) had been transferred to Province HQ had any arrangements to be made to meet the vacancy.
- (e) He suggests that Chau Duc and Baria City units be merged to solve the leadership problems in Chau Duc.
- (f) Shortage of money and rice are continual problems.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 317/69
DATED 13 NOV 69

1. An agent reports that D-1 and D-2 274 Regt are located near PHU MY village in the area of YS277745. They are equipped with unknown number of 75mm RR's, 82mm mortars, 60mm mortars, HMG's, anti-aircraft weapons and long range radio sets.

2. A VC meeting was held on 101700H Nov 69. Members present included SUU, (OB holding Chairman of PHUOC BUU Supply Council) and HAI QUAN (OB holding, leader of XUYEN MOC Guerilla unit). The points discussed were:

a. To obtain 50% of the rice harvest.

b. To tax each land owner in DA TRANG YS620620 and BAU CO YS580620.

Evaluation: ARVN C/3, Aust F/3.

3. (131131H) A report from DUC THANH states that there is an unknown enemy concentration in grid square YS4981.

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 317/69
DATED 13 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
13 Nov 69	YS505829	A well camouflaged hut. In immediate area, the ground showed signs of recent use.
13 Nov 69	YS505829	From this GR a foot track headed NORTH to a very old ox cart track and then EAST to where it crossed a creek at YS510831 where it appeared to disperse.
13 Nov 69	YS505829	The area around the hut indicates the possibility of further installations under thick bamboo.
131045H	YS784925	Large logging truck with blue top.
13 Nov 69	YS388798- YS400798	EAST-WEST track. There has been considerable movement on track since A/S went into camp at YS388798 on 12 Nov 69.

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13 Nov 69

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PERIOD COVERED 030001H to 092400H NOV 69

General.

1. Enemy activity remained at a low level except for the night of 3rd - 4th November when the enemy launched numerous attacks by fire and four ground attacks, three of them of battalion size. Action was concentrated mainly in WAR ZONE "C" and northern PHUOC LONG Province and carried out in general by main force elements. Activity in the Sub-regions was at a low level during the period.

Locations.

2. 1 NVA Div HQ possibly western TAY NINH Province.
953 NVA Regt - unlocated but possibly in WEST and SOUTH WEST TAY NINH Province
101 NVA Regt - unlocated but possibly in WEST and SOUTH WEST TAY NINH Prov.
3. 9 VC Div HQ - division deployed in northern WAR ZONE "C".
HQ northern WAR ZONE "C" near COSVN Base Area.
271 VC Regt northern WAR ZONE "C".
272 VC Regt northern WAR ZONE "C".
88 VC Regt WEST TAY NINH.
4. 7 NVA Div - deployed from NORTH WEST BINH LONG to NORTH WEST PHUOC LONG.
HQ NORTH WEST BINH LONG.
165 NVA Regt NORTH of BU DOP Special Forces Camp.
141 NVA Regt WEST of SONG BE.
209 NVA Regt WEST of LOC NINH.
5. 5 VC Div intransit across northern 3 provinces except 174 NVA Regt which retains an independent status EAST and SOUTH EAST of SONG BE. Destination of the division is probably western TAY NINH.
6. MR-7
 - a. 33 Regt still in eastern WAR ZONE "D" and appears to be preparing for action against allied installations along and NORTH of Route 20.
 - b. 274 Regt
HQ NORTH EAST of BINH SON Rubber.
1 Bn WEST of BLACKHORSE (ONG QUE Rubber).
2 Bn Resupply missions WAR ZONE "D".
3 Bn Between BINH SON Rubber and Route 15 NORTH of TAM THIEN.

The Regt does not appear capable of anything more serious than harassing attacks along Route 15 or indirect fire attacks in the LONG THANH area at present.

Enemy Activity in 1 ATF TAOR

7. SR-4 Area. Enemy activity in the 1 ATF TAOR area of SR-4 has declined during the week and there are strong indications that the two infantry battalions have moved out of the area.
 - a. 3/274 Bn is believed to be located SOUTH and SOUTH WEST of BINH SON Plantation, possibly astride SOUI CA Stream.
 - b. 2 Inf Bn SR-4 has been identified in the area of YS1388 by a Chieu Hoi who rallied on 6 Nov 69. He stated that his Bn strength 300 was in the NHON TRACH District but intend moving back to build a new base camp in the HAT DICH SECRET ZONE in the near future.
 - c. HQ SR-4 and HQ 6 Hy Wpns Bn are still believed to be dispersed between Route 15, SOUI CA, SOUI CHAU FA and SOUI BEN TRAM.
 - d. Other elements of SR-4 are believed to move into the AO on food resupply missions from Route 15 villages from time to time.

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8. CHAU DUC District. Enemy activity in the district has been limited to resupply missions from villages on Route 15 to Route 2 and to evading contact with 1 ATF forces. VC units located during the period include:
- a. CHAU DUC District Concentrated Unit (C41) contacted with 8 KIA in the area of the abandoned HAT DICH village (YS3578) and astride SOU CHAU FA.
 - b. C2/D67 Engr Bn contacted in a camp at YS307674 by 3/52 ARVN and D/6 RAR on 6 Nov 69 and identified by a PW captured during the sweep of the camp after the enemy had withdrawn. This company, strength, was responsible for interdiction of Route 15 from approx AP PHU HAI (YS3161) to AP ONG TRINH (YS2568) but friendly operations forced the enemy company to withdraw NORTH WEST towards the HAT DICH through the saddle between NUI THI VAI and NUI TOC TIEN (vic YS3070). Attacks and road/culvert demolitions were planned for the period 6-11 Nov 69 but appear to have been at least temporarily abandoned partly due to 3/52 ARVN Bn operations prior to their return to LONG KHANH also to the loss of RPG ammunition and explosives during the search of the camp.
 - c. Contacts between 5 RAR and C3(C23)/D67 Engr Bn (strength 25) in the area of YS305793 on 3 Nov 69 have also dispersed that element of the battalion.
 - d. The C2/D67 Engr Bn PW also reported that PHUOC HOU Guerilla Unit was located in the vicinity of YS307674. This is the only significant local guerilla unit in the NUI THI VAI area.
 - e. The ambush of a postal courier from VUNG TAU City VC Organisation at YS328720 on 4 Nov 69 indicate that widescale attacks are planned for the 14-15 Nov 69 to demonstrate VC support for the Second US Moratorium on the 15 Nov 69 and so increase pressure on the US Government to negotiate a ceasefire on VC terms. The report also indicate that plans to fire rockets against VUNG TAU are being delayed by the inability of CHAU DUC District to transport rockets and the lack of porters in the VUNG TAU units.
 - f. No firm identification has been made of the company strength force which attacked AP NGAI GIAO and NUC THANH District Post on the nights 7/8 and 8/9 Nov 69 but weapons employed were confirmed as including 82mm mortars, 75mm RCL and an unidentified HMG suggested that C8 (Heavy Weapons Coy) D440 LF Bn was responsible.
9. LONG DAT District. Agents still report the LONG DAT District Unit (C25) and elements of D445 LF Bn in the LONG HAI Hills:
- a. Operations by company and platoon sized forces in the LONG DIEN, TAM PHUOC and DINH CO (YS4457) area tends to confirm these reports but none of the attacks have been sufficiently successful to produce any identification from enemy casualties or equipment.
 - b. Two company strength attacks on the RD Cadre post and RF ambush positions in and around PHUOC LOI (YS5057) on the nights 6/7 and 8/9 Nov 69 are reported to have been mounted by C2/D445 LF Bn, the Recce Pl of C25 and the PHUOC LOI Guerilla Unit. No identifications were made but the agent reports are probably correct.
 - c. The LONG DAT District Party Committee and HQ organisations are also believed to be located in the LONG HAI Hills.
10. XUYEN MOC District. There has been no significant enemy activity in XUYEN MOC District.
- a. The District HQ and District Unit (C70) are believed to be located close to and probably to the WEST of XUYEN MOC Village. They are known to be depleted in strength, short of food and low in morale. It is of interest to note that the female VCI, captured by 3 SAS Sqn on 8 Nov 69 at YS537786, reported that the QUANG GIAO Village Guerilla organisation had been administered by XUYEN MOC District until 1 Nov 69 when control over it was reassumed by CHAU DUC District in whose territory it lies.

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This is a further indication that the status of the VC XUYEN MOC District is declining.

b. Montagnard villages continue to be contacted in the extensive garden and dry rice areas astride the Province border with BINH TUY. There appears to be very few armed VC among them and most weapons encountered have been old and useful mainly for hunting. The cultivation appears to be part of a large scale rear services area which extends northward to the NUI MAY TAO - NUI BE MAN.


c. A map of the layout of HQ BA LONG Province was captured by 199 LIB on 8 Nov 69. It describes a large, widely dispersed complex housing the HQ, Security, Signals, Medical, Finance and Economy, Liaison and Rear Services elements of the HQ. After correlation with SAS and Air Photography information it is likely to provide a detailed layout of the complex.

d. The VCI from QUANG GIAO Guerilla Unit, captured by 3 SAS Sqn NORTH of BINH GIA reports that only 13 hard core VCI Cadre remained in the area and that these were not likely to return to government control because of physical hardships as had been the case with the large group of returnees which have reported into DUC THANH during the past month.

Assessment

11. The recent spate of offensive activity in 1 ATF TAOR is likely to continue through November and possibly until Mid-January as far as the VC are capable of providing logistic support.

12. The same trend of widescale offensive operations appears to be planned for all of III CTZ from Mid-November to Mid-January. The offensive is likely to be carried out by LF units employing sapper/guerilla tactics and be directed against PSDF and RD Cadre elements of the GVN and against US Fire Support Bases.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 318/69.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142000H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO GRACE
 - (a) (141045H). At YS331814, A/5 RAR located one bunker with two feet OHC, last used two days ago. The bunker was destroyed.
 - (b) (141045H). At YS331813, A/5 RAR located a bunker system 350 x 30 metres, consisting of four tunnel entrances, seven bunkers, 13 weapon pits and an extensive trench system. System was in poor condition and last used three to six months ago.
 - (c) (142000H). At YS317801, A/5 RAR located three bunkers, with two feet OHC, in good condition last used three to six months ago.
 - (2) AO JINTON
 - (a) (140500H). At YS670670, elms of 1 Fd Sqn received six to seven 81mm rounds in area between 200m to 500m from their area. Base plate was in area YS6465.
 - (3) 17 Construction Sqn Land Clearing AO.
 - (a) (141340H). At YS547573, elms of 17 Const Sqn located a bunker containing six slabs of C4 explosive which was recovered. The bunker was destroyed.
 - (4) OTHER AREAS.
 - (a) (141150H). At YS482516, elms of B/1 Armd Regt contacted unk number of en with unk results while engaging four tunnel entrances in YS4851 and YS4850.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E (see attached).
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a-d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: Six slabs of C4 explosive.
 - (3)-(5) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
 - (1) KIA - 50 VC.
 - (2) PW - 3.
 - (3)-(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 28.
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.
 - (7) Rice Captured - 6.73 tons.
 - (8)-(9) Omitted.

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdictions and Incidents.

(1) Interdictions

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
141550H	YS463577	Route 326	Road block of grass, earth and bamboo.

(2) Omitted.

b. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements

a. (140800H). Two MF VC Inf Bns, strength 130, located at YS380720. Evaluation C-3 (US).

b. (140800H). U/I unit of D445 Bn, local LONG DIEN local force, strength 100, located at YS460540, intending to mortar LONG DIEN and LONG HAT outpost between 14/15 Nov 69. Evaluation C-2 (US).

c. (131450H). RUNG SAT Sapper Unit, strength 120, located at YT245185, intending to continue sabotage of Route 15 from YS254746 to YS170870. Evaluation F-3 (US).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

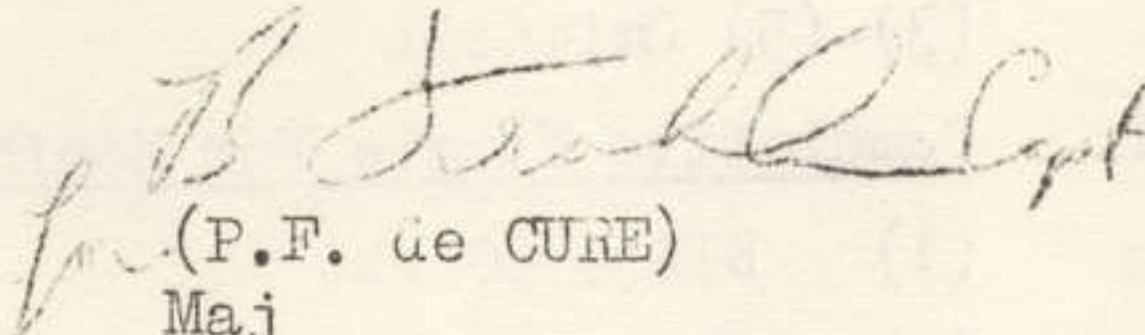
e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) At 141718H, LONG DIEN Sub sector received a Vn intel report that 700 VC were located at YS450557, YS453558, YS456560, YS457566, YS457562 and YS453568.

(2) At 141835H, BARIA Sub-sector received an intel report that one VC Bn was located at YS4458 on 141815H.

(3) (140900H). At YS215945, C Coy 2/1 Thai Bn contacted one squad of VC. Results: One VC KIA, one AK47 and 800 kilos of rice were recovered.


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Attachments:

Annex A - Interrogation Reports.

Annex C - Agent Reports.

Annex E - Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX A (INTERROGATION REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 318/69
DATED 14 NOV 69

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name: NGUYEN THI MOI
- b. AKA: BA MEC
- c. D/POB: 1941. KIM DONG Village, DUC CHIM District, HUNG YEN Province, NVN.
- d. Rank/Appt: Womens Section member
- e. Unit: QUANG GIAO Village Party Chapter.
- f. Occupation: Rubber worker.
- g. Edn Standard: Can read and write.
- h. Religion: Buddhist.
- i. Father: NGUYEN VAN HAM (deceased).
- j. Mother: BUI THI LUONG.

Circumstances of Capture.

2. a. Date/time: 081100H Nov 69.
- b. Place: YS537786.
- c. Circumstances: Captured by 1 ATF elements while drying corn.

Past Activities.

3. a. 1941-1952. Lived in NVN.
- b. 1953. Moved to SVN with parents and lived at SUOI NGHE.
- c. Apr 1963. VC infiltrated into SUOI NGHE and kidnapped 3 females (including subject). Subject worked for VC and involved in 5 transportation journeys to LONG KHANH. (loc unknown).
- d. Jun 63-Nov 69. Worked for the Womens Section, QUANG GIAO Village Party Chapter.

Exploited Information.

4. a. The subject stated that the QUANG GIAO Village unit was previously controlled by the XUYEN MOC District Committee, however since the beginning of Oct 69 it has been controlled by the CHAU DUC District Committee.
- b. Location: QUANG GIAO Village guerilla unit located at YS543794 (Nov 69).
- c. Supplies: The unit is self sufficient in the provision of supplies. Prevoiusly food was obtained from DUONG CUNG hamlet however since Sep 69 ARVN/FWMAF operations have prevented this. There is now an acute shortage of food within the unit.

Comments

5. The subject proved stubborn and hostile in the provision of information as she had been thoroughly indoctrinated by the VC. Other information provided by the subject concerning personalities agreed with current holdings of OB.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 318/69
DATED 14 NOV 69

Hoi Chanh: DAO VAN DUONG.

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name: DAO VAN DUONG.
- b. AKA: Nil.
- c. D/POB: 1941. NGAI GIAO Hamlet.
- d. Appt: Guerilla.
- e. Unit: BAU CHINH Hamlet guerillas.
- f. Occupation: Previously vegetable grower.
- g. Edn Standard: Illiterate.
- h. Religion: Nil.
- i. Father: Deceased - cannot remember name.
- j. Mother: Deceased - cannot remember name.

Circumstances of Return.

2. a. Date: 28 Oct 69.
- b. Place: AP DUCNG CUNG (Slope 30).
- c. Circumstances: Hungry - afraid of being killed.

Past Activities.

3. a. Prior 1967. Vegetable grower NGAI GIAO Village.
- b. 1967 to time of return. Guerilla activities in BAU CHINH hamlet.

Exploited Information.

4. a. BAU CHINH hamlet guerillas:
COMD: BA QUYET, 25, Garand.
2 IC: SAU THANH, 30, SKS.
MEMBERS: BA LO, 33, SKS.
 CHINH, SKS.
 BUNG, 18, SKS.
 DAO VAN DUONG (Subject).
- b. Location. Generally in area YS484515.
- c. Tasks. Early Sep 69, BA QUYET went to PHAN DUC district to receive orders. These orders stated that the guerilla members of BAU CHINH hamlet were to dig up (sic) Route 2 from YS463804 to YS461822.
- d. Supplies. The unit must be self-supporting. Usually they have to go to QUANG MI H entry/exit point to buy rice and other foodstuffs.

Comments.

5. The subject was relatively sincere during interrogation. His knowledge was poor hence the information is very limited.

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 318/69
DATED 14 NOV 69

1. The following is an agent report received at XUYEN MOC Sub-sector on 131700H Nov 69. Evaluation: VN-Ci; Aust F6.
 - a. One VC Bn located at YS7181. Its mission is to provide security for Northern VC shipment bringing weapons, ammunition and food to YS5857.
 - b. Additional Bns will support and attack throughout the province.

S2 Comment:

These reports appear to be far fetched and are two of many recent reports of bn sized groups of VC in the area between THAU TICH (YS6181) and XUYEN MOC (YS6565). 1 ATF ops and intensive visual recce have failed to find any signs of large groups moving through the area.

The information is considered improbable but recce will be continued.

2. The following information was received at BARIA Sector on 14 Nov 69.
 - a. 1000 VC will attack BARIA on 14 Nov 69 and on 15 Nov 69 1000 VC will attack LONG DIEN.

S2 Comment:

Numbers are unrealistic but information is consistent with most.

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 318/69 dated 14 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
14 Nov 69	YS532582 to YS533583	An occupied camp spread along the Southern edge of the LONG GREEN.
	YS532582	Three of four people sighted disappearing into poss bunker.
	YS534583	Two persons sitting on top of a bunker.

2-5. Omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 319/69.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) (150850H) At YS325806 A/5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 10 bunkers each 6' X 4' with 2' OHC. System last used 2 days ago by 1 - 2 men.
- (b) (150935H) At YS300742 10/D/5 RAR contacted 3 enemy dressed in black, wearing blue headbands and carrying M1 carbines. Results: 1 enemy WIA (blood trail).
- (c) (151025H) At YS316801 A/5 RAR located a base camp consisting of 9 bunkers and 2 cookhouses. The bunkers measured 8' X 6' and had 3' OHC. The system has been used as a transit camp during the last 2 weeks and showed signs of use this morning. 2 CHICOM grenades were found in the area of the camp.
- (d) (151050H) At YS231825 5/B/5 RAR located 2 open weapon pits and 6 bunkers with 1' - 2' OHC. Bunkers last used approx 3 - 6 months ago.
- (e) (151328H) At YS243806 E/5 RAR located 1 bunker 3 - 4 months old but in good condition measuring 20m X 20m. A well used track was located 100m from the bunker. Recovered were: cooking utensils and approx 5lb salt. Bunker was destroyed.
- (f) (151345H) At YS304742 12/D/5 RAR contacted an estimated 5 enemy with unknown results.
- (g) (151825H) At YS237804 a patrol of 5 RAR contacted 1 VC with unknown results.

(2) AO LINTON.

- (a) (151000H) At YS560764 D/6 RAR located a six months old hut 4' X 8' X 8' high. Hut was destroyed by D Coy
- (b) (151230H) At YS561768 D/6 RAR located 6 empty cache holes each measuring 1' in diameter by 10' - 12' deep. The holes appear to be made to store rifles and RPG launchers.
- (c) (151730H) At YS685602 A/6 RAR located signs of recent VC movement. An A/S was put into the area resulting in the collapse of one bunker.

(3) OTHER AREAS.

- (a) Late Report. (142350H) At YS395654 a patrol of 9 RAR heard movement of an estimated 3 VC to their WEST. Area was engaged with DF fire with unknown results.
- (b) (150830H) At YS546573 elements of the LCT and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located one grave approx 2 weeks old.
- (c) (150840H) At YS539570 elements of the 17 Const Sqn LCT located 2 graves. Wounds on bodies indicate that they were either killed by air or arty within the last two weeks.
- (d) (151350H) At YS532580/YS536584 1/V/6 RAR and elements of 2 Coy 4/52 ARVN Bn located a bunker system consisting of 34 X 2 man bunkers plus accomodation for a larger group along the edge of a bank and paddy field. System has been used in the last 24 hours. Recovered were: documents, clothing, AK47 mags and one belt of ammo (NFI).

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

(a) Captured. 2 CHICOM grenades, cooking utensils.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS243806	Salt	5 lbs	destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
151230H	D/6 RAR	YS561768	Empty

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 50 VC
- (2) PW - 3
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 28
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 6.73 Tons
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES

4 X M16 vicinity YS486585 and YS485582.

1 X M26 grenade with trip wire vicinity YS500596 (detonated by falling branch).

1 X M16 vicinity YS548575.

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
151615H	YS542567	M16 (Poss)	Minor damage to undercarriage of APC.

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM No 318/69 Annex A Page 2 para 4. b. amend GR to read YS484815.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) Late Report (141845H) At YS316576 a squad of VUNG TAU PRU contacted 2 VC in a sampan. Results: 2 VC KIA (Poss), 1 CKC and 1 sampan CIA.

(2) Late Report (142040H) At YT580056 elements of 18 ARVN Div contacted an estimated VC squad. Results: 3 VC KIA and 1 B40, 2 B40 rockets and 1 pack CIA.

(3) Late Report (142100H) A report from DAT DO states that lights were sighted in the area bounded by YS446570 - YS448570 and YS447578 - YS449578. Area was engaged with mortars with unknown results.

(4) Late Report (142246H) At YT646188 elements of 18 ARVN Div contacted an estimated VC squad. Results: 5 VC KIA and 1 AK47, 1 B40 and 2 B40 rockets CIA.

(5) (152115H) A US observation AC sighted a number of lights and movement in the SOUTH EAST base of the LONG HAI. The area was engaged with arty and the lights were extinguished. Results unknown.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 318/69
DATED 15 NOV 69

1. The following are extracts taken from a III Corps Agent Report:
 - (a) Location of base camp for 84 RSG is in vicinity YS265833.
 - (b) Base camp for elements of SR-4 located vicinity YS273845.
 - (c) A 10 bed hospital complex located vicinity YS328925.
 - (d) Base camp for 2nd Bn, 274 Regt located vicinity YS3196.
 - (e) A 10,000 kilo rice cache is located in area bounded by grids YT2905 - YT3105 and YT2903 - YT3103.

Evaluation: US B-3. Date of Agent Report not known. Date of signal from II FFV, 140525Z Nov 69.
2. (151700H) An agent working for 199 LIB reports that there is an unidentified unit at YS335822. Reliability of agent is good.
3. (151730H) An agent reports that there is a VC Platoon in the vicinity YS469568 - YS472562. The platoon is commanded by the PHUOC HOA LONG Party Chapter Secretary and their intention is to infiltrate PHUOC HOA LONG. Eval: VN C-3, Aust F-3.
4. (141440H) A report received from 525 M1 Gp states that 130 VC and 100 civilian labourers were sighted at YS595695. The groups intention was to move to YS680787, time unknown, and establish a large rice cache. Eval US C-3.

ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 318/69
DATED 15 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
151220H	YS578569 and YS573568	Several people sitting on beach (could be fishermen).
151300H	YS551589	Four old bunkers along-side well used track.
151305H	YS565595	Three good bunkers well camouflaged with tunnel entrances; also well used camouflaged track to the North.
151320H	YS574592	Two bunkers well camouflaged with tunnel entrances. Also bamboo table and a pair of boots.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 320-69.
- 2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Nov 69.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 5 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) Late Entry.(152210H) At YS215817 the mortar section of 5 RAR engaged a group of lights moving W-E with unknown results.
- (b) (160845H) At YS266809 Atk Pl/5 RAR contacted 6 enemy of whom one was seen carrying an M60. Results: 1 enemy WIA (heavy blood trail).
- (c) (160910H) At YS304742 12/D/5 RAR contacted 15-20 enemy moving SE. Results: 1 enemy KIA (poss) 3 enemy WIA, 1 AK47 CIA.
- (d) (160945H) At YS310756 9/C/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system. The camp was assaulted by 8 Pl and a troop of tanks but the enemy had withdrawn. Results: enemy casualties unknown, 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA.
- (e) (16 Nov 69) At YS328816 Aslt Pnrs/5 RAR located 5 bunkers last used 3 days ago. Bunkers in very good condition.
- (f) (16 Nov 69) At YS285749 11/D/5 RAR located 10 bunkers last used one month ago and a booby trapped CBU on the entrance track.
- (g) (16 Nov 69) At YS250818 B/5 RAR located 10 bunkers built in the last 14 days and occupied up to 48 hours ago. A well was also found, 70' deep, and 1½ metres wide but still under construction.

(2) AO LINTON.

- (a) (161339H) At YS554770 11/D/6 RAR located one bunker 10'x10'x6' and 1' OHC. An empty cache hole was found in the floor.
- (b) (161934H) At YS591603 2/A/6 RAR engaged one enemy with a claymore. Sounds indicated one WIA. At 2010H further movement was engaged with another claymore with unknown results.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
161210H	YS306691	2000'	AK47	Nil	Arty fired	Nil

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) US inflicted - Nil.
- (2) Aust inflicted - 1 VC
- (3) RVNAF inflicted - Nil.

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

- (1) US inflicted - Nil.
- (2) Aust inflicted - 2 VC
- (3) RVNAF inflicted - Nil.

c-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - AK47.

(2) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS328825	Rice	80lb	Destroyed.
YS229813	Rice	100lb	Unknown.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
161245H	Aslt Pnr/5 RAR	YS328825	80lb rice.
161325H	Aslt Pnr/5 RAR	YS329813	100lb rice.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

- (1) KIA - 53 VC
- (2) PW - 3
- (3) Hoi Chanh - 0
- (4) VCI - 0
- (5) Individual Weapons - 29
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 6.83 Tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - 0
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - 0

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
AP Mines YS560774 - two.

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 319-69 Para 3.a.(3)(b) and (c). Delete para (b) and the second sentence in para (c). Add to para (c): The first grave revealed a body wrapped in plastic sheet and had been killed by arty or airstrike within the last 2 weeks. The second grave, found nearby was not dug up, but was assumed by the LCT that the person had been killed by arty or air.

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c. Information Received From Voluntary Informants.

(1) (140800H) An agent reports 130 men of the 2nd VC MF Inf Bde armed with one 57mm RR at YS380720.

S2 Comment. Considered unlikely in that strength. Last reported location at PHU HOI Village NHON TRACH (YS130855).

d-e. Omitted.

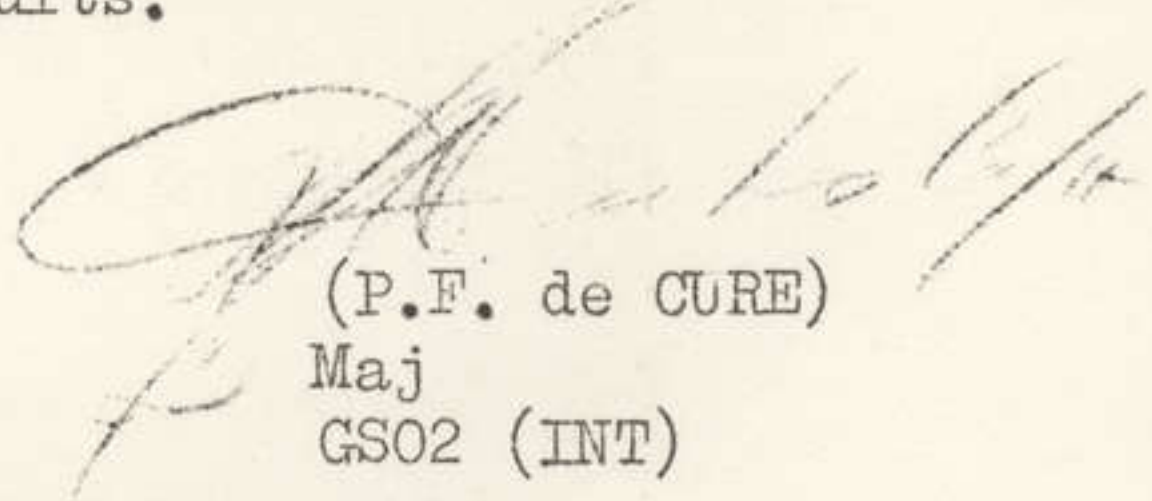
f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) LATE ENTRY (152210H) At YS463603 23 PF Platoon contacted 6 enemy attempting to infiltrate the village from the NORTH. VC casualties unknown, negative friendly casualties.

(2) LATE ENTRY (152215H) At YS493603 and estimated platoon of enemy engaged an R.D.C. ambush with RPG's and SA. VC casualties unknown, negative friendly casualties.

(3) (161650H) Bearcat Arty reports that an aircraft took AK47 fire in square YS3278 and crashed at YS1778, injuring one person. The aircraft was recovered.

(4) (160908H) At YS460570 701 RF Coy sighted an unknown number of VC. Engaged with 60mm mortars with unknown results.


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ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 320-69 dated 16 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
151155H	YS3078 and YS3178	Ox carts moving WEST towards Route 15 coming out of a restricted area.
161200H	YS584595	2 persons sighted in a camp. Engaged with A/S and arty. Results: 4 bkrs destroyed, 3 bkrs exposed, 2 bkrs damaged, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA(poss), 1 clothing, bags, tinned food scattered, one RPG in collapsed bunker.

2. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

YS235770 1 on road.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 321/69.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements. 1 contact not in reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LINTON.

- (a) (170815H) At YS568786 12/D/6 RAR located 2 bunkers with 2' OHC and 14 fighting pits. The system had previously been hit by A/S and was in a poor condition.
- (b) (171000H) At YS585596 A/6 RAR located an old platoon size position in the process of reconstruction. The following were recovered: 1 promotion certificate, certificate of commendation, 3xRPG2 rounds, 4xhand grenades, 4xRPG boosters, nose cone of an RPG7, 3 hootchies, assorted clothing, 13 lbs salt, 1 gas mask, 1 hoe, 1 machete, 1 rifle(NFI), 1 shovel, 2 tins cooking oil, 1 pistol belt and pouch. A fresh grave was found to the SOUTHWEST and it contained 1 body that had been killed by air or arty when the camp was struck on 16 Nov 69.
- (c) (171230H) At YS537786 10/D/6 RAR located a small transit camp consisting of 1 bunker 10'x10'x4' and 2 cleared sleeping areas under the tree canopy.
- (d) (171330H) At YS575793 12/D/6 RAR located a coy size bunker system consisting of 2 command bunkers 18'x12', 1x12'x12' bunker with thatched hut on top and 12x2 man bunkers. All bunkers had 2' OHC. The system has previously been hit by air, bunkers were not hit but are in a bad condition.

(2) AO GRACE.

- (a) Late Report. (162115H) At YS301794 A/5 RAR located and destroyed a bunker system consisting of 7 bunkers, each with 2' OHC.
- (b) Late Report. (162115H) At YS307792 A/5 RAR located and destroyed 3 bunkers and 1 well. 50 metres away another 5 bunkers, 1 cookhouse and a well were located and destroyed.
- (c) Late Report. (162120H) At YS255780 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 4/B/5 RAR sighted and engaged a bright light 250 metres NORTH of their loc. Results unknown.
- (d) Late Report. (162130H) At YS307757 C/5 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 15 bunkers (7 under construction), 3x1 man sentry type bunkers and 1 cooking pit. A qty of US sandbags, qty of clothing and 5 litres of rice recovered. The bunkers had effective blast walls 12" thick which appear to be good protection against hand grenades.
- (e) (171120H) At YS330815 Aslt Pnrs/5 RAR located 250 lbs rice, 6 sandbags and 1 hession bag of polished rice.
- (f) (171500H) At YS293795 A/5 RAR located a base camp consisting of 8 bunkers. Many of the bunkers had been destroyed by an airstrike about 1 month ago but the system had been used since then. Bunkers were destroyed by Engrs.
- (g) (171555H) Further to report in INTSUM No 320/69 Para 3a(1)(d). A cache of 3x82mm mortar bombs and a tin containing 3xmortar fuzes was located.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a. Omitted.

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

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

c.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Materiel Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 1.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - not known.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

- (a) Omitted.
- (b) Destroyed: See Para 3a(1)(b). Qty US sandbags, qty clothing, 6 sandbags, 3x82mm mortar bombs and 3x mortar fuzes.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS585596	Salt	13 lbs	Destroyed
YS585596	Cooking oil	2 tins	Destroyed
YS307757	Rice	5 litres	Destroyed
YS330815	Rice	250 lbs	Destroyed
YS330815	Rice	1 hessian bag	Destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
171555H	Aslt Pnr/5 RAR	YS310756	3x82mm mortar bombs and 3x mortar fuzes.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month of Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 54 VC.
- (2) PW - 3.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 30.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.
- (7) Rice Captured - 6.98 tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.


(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AP MINES

- 1 x M16 vic YS498555
- 1 x M16 vic YS296568.

(2) Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements. Documents found at YS585596 on 171000H identify C3 of D445 LF Bn.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a.-e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.
 - (1) (170800H) At YS478555 elements of 124 RF Coy found 1xM26 grenade, 1xM16 mine and a VC flag. Grenade and mine was destroyed.
 - (2) (170910H) At YS276566 elements of 637 RF Coy sighted 3 VC carrying AK47s. RF were unable to engage VC because of obstacles in between RF and VC.
 - (3) (170945H) **Civilians** have reported that 15 VC have set up an ambush site at YS447912. An aircraft was sent to investigate but no results have been received.
 - (4) (171115H) At YS245794 186 RF Coy engaged 2 enemy who withdrew WEST, RF Coy followed up and made contact with a pl size gp, continued to follow up, scout opened fire and wounded 1 VC. RF Coy followed blood trail and contacted a further gp, this time larger again. Enemy withdrew WEST from a bunker system of about 40 bunkers. Results: 1 ARVN WIA, 1 VC WIA.
 - (5) (171640H) At YS222822 90 RF Pl contacted 2 enemy who were eating a meal. Results: 1 PW (WIA), 1 AK47 and mags, food and clothing CIA. See ANNEX 'A'.
 - (6) (171955H) At YS444600 elements of 586 RF Coy contacted 5 VC approaching from the NORTH. Results: 2 VC WIA (poss).


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- ANNEX A - Interrogation Reports.
- ANNEX B - Captured Documents.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX 'B' (Captured Documents)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM 321/69
DATED 17 NOV 69

1. The following is an extract of a Captured Enemy Document Readout by CDEC:

"Establishment of a New Communication Route by the Military Postal Service, Rubber Plantation District, BA RIA - LONG KHANH Province, T7 Region, for 1969 Winter Campaign.

Letter and envelope, dated 25 Oct 69; signed by NGUYEN VAN THO, Assistant Chief of a section (possibly Military Postal Service Section, BA RIA - LONG KHANH Province Unit, T7 Region), LBN 61,203/VT, addressed to BA CHE, Military Postal Service Section, CAO SU AKA Rubber Plantation District Unit, LBN 6,286/VT-B5, states:

The Province Unit disapproved of the liaison line established by CAO SU District via XUAN LOC District and TAN PHUONG, because in the immediate future there will be many types of transient personnel, and the Province Unit does not want them to travel through friendly territory for security reasons. The Military Postal Service Section, CAO SU District, is to establish a liaison route of its own to CHAU LAC, where a permanent station should be set up for connection with B2 Station of Sub-Region 4 and B6 Station of our Province. This route must be completed by the beginning of Nov 69 to support the implementation of the (1969) Winter Campaign.

XUAN LOC District has notified us that they will end the transmission of mail and transient personnel from CAO SU District by the end of Oct 69. Please, hurry up with the establishment of your new route".

2. Documents taken from bodies after a contact with 875 RF Coy on 141700H at YS193773 reveal the following:

1 body was identified by photos and documents as NGUYEN SI LIEN, NVA, Bn XO of 2nd Bn, 74th MF Regt (poss 74 Arty Regt). Documents also contained list of US/GVN targets in BIEN HOA, NHON TRACH, PHUOC TUY and SAIGON (nothing indicating imminent attack). Documents also gave an indication of a rice shortage within the Bn. Other documents included arty range tables, instructions for use of 107mm, 122mm and RPG 2 rockets, personnel info and anti US propaganda. There was no tactically exploitable information.

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ANNEX 'E' (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 321/69 dated 17 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
170950H- 171200H	YS451551	A small structure, poss shelters, and an old bunker.
	YS454534	Base camp consisting of 5 bunkers and two tunnel entrances in side of hill. Bunkers in good condition but do not appear to be in use. 2-3 unidentified small objects in one of the tunnel entrances.
	YS461544	Underneath a large flat rock a living area with some type of construction inside. Entrances were covered with branches. There were what appeared to be articles of clothing outside drying.
171030H- 171230H	YS410782 YS407781	Well used foot track. Disappears into bamboo at YS407781. It would appear that the same track also runs through the clearings at YS414790 and YS414794. Track has been used within last 2-3 days.
171045H		2 sampans 1500 metres EAST of the mouth of the SONG RAI. More sampans were sighted a further 1000 metres to the EAST. Patrol boats were dispatched to check and move the sampans.
171340H	YS282698	Old ox-cart tracks, fresh timber cuttings and fresh bunkers.
171645H	YS782668 YS779675 YS798690 YS803700 YS803705 YS800728 YS791754	Tracks Hut and bunkers Tracks Small rice paddy Hut and bunker A possible tunnel entrance Rice paddy
171815H	YS455556	Movement in trees. Area was engaged and then muzzle flashes were seen in engaged area. Airstrike to be carried out.
171245H- 171445H	YS286716 YS282697 YS284699 YS283697 YS301693	Recently used trails lead from NORTH to WEST into a timbered area at the foothills. Recently exposed earth, and other signs of digging indicate that a new camp may be under construction. Numerous piles of cut timber on trail, junctions, most are in 4' lengths. Poss new camp under construction. Previously airstruck camp shows signs of recent activity. An L shaped bunker and large structure seen. A well used trail heads SOUTH along base of the hills.
171535H	YS635785	A bunker in good condition in heavy jungle. Also cattle in open which ran into jungle.

2.-4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
171300H	YS291910	Maximum
171300H	YS249916	Moderate

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 322/69.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE

- (a) (18 Nov 69) At YS284794 5 RAR elms located 5 bunkers and one under construction, with 2' OHC, last used 3 weeks ago.
- (b) (18 Nov 69) At YS298757 5 RAR elms located 23 bunkers and recovered one M1 carbine and 2 machettes.
- (c) (180305H) At YS313723 12/D/5 RAR engaged movement with unknown results.
- (d) (181400H) At YS328813 Aslt Pnrs/5 RAR located 12 smoke grenades and one AK47 (minus butt).
- (e) (181425H) At YS258793 5 RAR^R elms located signs of 100 persons moving through the area in the last 2-3 days.
- (f) (181820H) At YS268788 1/A/5 RAR engaged 3 enemy at 15m with M60 and claymore. Results: One enemy KIA (BC), one WIA, 2 grenades and 4 magazines captured. One of the enemy recovered the KIA weapon.
- (g) (181750H) At YS304735 11/D/5 RAR received 6-10 rifle rounds.

b. Air Activity

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E (see attached).

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

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

b-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - 2
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - M1, AK47.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured. 2 Machettes, 12 smoke grenades.
- (b) Destroyed. One incomplete typewriter.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
YS2879	Rice	400 Lb	Unknown
	Salt	100 Lb	
	Soya bean oil	Large can	

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Co-ord</u>	<u>Contents/Comment</u>
1220H	A/5 RAR	YS2879	400 lb of rice, 100 lb of rock salt and a large can of soya bean oil.
0913H	12/D/6 RAR	YS579797	2x4 gl drums of docs, 1 typewriter.

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 55 VC
- (2) PW - 3
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil.
- (5) Individual weapons - 32
- (6) Crew served weapons - 1
- (7) Rice captured - 7.2 tons

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdictions and Incidents

(1) Interdictions.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
180600H	YS347611	Roadblock and 4 booby traps. 3 PF WIA
18 Nov 69	YS467574	Roadblock and M26 grenade, wpn pit, possible ambush site.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

- (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. AP Mines - YS498555 one. Booby Traps - YS497555 one.
- (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
181555H	YS463812	Pressure 60 lbs	One APC damaged, 3 Aust injured.

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-c. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

- (1) (180920H) At YS452797 190 RF Coy contacted 4-5 VC. Results: one enemy KIA (BC).
- (2) (181200H) At YS285550 5 enemy fired one RPG2 round and SA at 58 PF Pl resulting in negative friendly casualties. Enemy casualties unknown.

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- Annex A - Interrogation Reports
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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 322/69
DATED 18 NOV 69

Name: NGUYEN BA TUOC (NVA)

Reference: A. 1 ATF INTSUM No 321/69.

1. Further info disclosed as follows:
 - a. C14/D3/274 VC Regt together with C17 75MM RCL Coy/274 VC Regt and one inf coy were camped vic YS260825 on 11/12 Nov 69.
 - b. The rice collecting party referred to in Annex A to ref A walked in a westerley direction for approx 4 hrs to get to THAI THIEN. They did not cross any stream.
2. The source disclosed that his coy had 4 RRS. They buried two in a cache which was subsequently bull-dozed over by the LCT.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 322/69
DATED 18 NOV 69

1. A coy of VC at YS3767 at 180800H armed with 2x82mm mortars and 1x.30 cal MG. No Eval.
2. At 181500H 150 men from C25 Coy and C47 Rear Services Coy at YS472514. Probably a rear services meeting tonight. Eval B-3.
3. At 181600H, C2/D445 heavily armed and 60 strong at YS445549. Possible intention to support rear services in DAT DO. Eval C-3.
4. A platoon of VC, 25 strong, armed with RPG2 at YS540621 at 181630H. Mission to infiltrate PHUOC THO. Eval C-2.
5. At 181400H, D445 totalling 250 men armed with CSW's at YS589603, YS487527, YS471537 and YS475488. Possible mission to attack PHUOC HAI and HOI MY.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 322/69
DATED 18 Nov 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
181010H	YS451558	Fire in area of previous VC movt. Engaged by arty with WP.
181330H	YS264827	Fresh tracks and footprints
2-5.	Omitted.	

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 323/69.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were five contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO LINTON.
 - (a) (191130H). At YS611674, sp coy/6 RAR contacted two en who withdrew WEST and SOUTHWEST with unk results.
 - (2) AO GRACE.
 - (a) Late report. (182000H). At YS308761, 7/C/5 RAR contacted two to three en who withdrew with unk results.
 - (b) (191145H). At YS241815, elms of 90 RF Coy, B/1 Armd Regt and B/3 Cav Regt contacted approx 20 en in a bunker system. Results: Four RF WIA, four en KIA(BC), one AK 47 and one 75mm RCL rnd, and a qty of documents captured identified 3 Bn 274 Regt.
 - (c) (191425H). At YS228795, an elm of 1/B/3 Cav Regt received one RPG rnd with neg results.
 - (d) (191950H). At YS265789, 1/A/5 RAR contacted unk number of en with unk results.
 - (3) AO SHERMAN.
 - (a) (191600H). At YS506878, D and E Pl contacted two en who withdrew SOUTHEAST with unk results.
 - b. Air Activity.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E (see attached).
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust inflicted - Nil..
 - (3) RVNAF --, 4 VC.
 - b-d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - One.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown - One AK 47.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: One AK 47, one 75mm RCL rnd, qty of docs.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS241815	Rice	150 lb	Unk.

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- (4)(5) Omitted.
- f. Cumulative Totals for Month Nov 69.
- (1) KIA - 59 VC.
 - (2) PW - 3.
 - (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.
 - (4) VCI - Nil.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 33.
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.
 - (7) Rice Captured - 7.25 Tons.
 - (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.
 - (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.
AP MINES : Twelve.
 - (2) Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
- a. Docus taken from a VC KIA by 1/A/5 RAR at YS268788 on 181820H Nov 69 identify BINH, Sect Comd C25/D525 Engr Bn.
S2 Comment: D525 Engr Bn usually operates closer to Route 1 and the reason for BINH's presence in D67 Engr Bn's AO is not clear. There have been numerous finds recently by 5 RAR of bkr systems under construction and re-construction reasonably closer to Route 15. A HOI CHANH's disclosure that bkr systems are being built close to Route 15 and the populous areas to avoid B52 strikes could explain the presence of engr's and the return of C23/D67 recently.
 - b. Docus CIA by 190 RF Coy (Op con to 5 RAR) at YS451797 on 180200H Nov 69, identify elms of CHAU DUC District unit.
 - c. Docs taken from a camp at YS585596 by A/6 RAR on 171100H Nov 69. identify C3/D445.
S2 Comment: The camp was pl size and was under reconstruction. The identification was made from two certificates in the camp for NGUYEN VAN DAU, a Sect Comd of C3/D445. C3/D445 has been away from the Bn for some three months on a special independent mission following the completion of a sapper course. It is possible that the coy has returned to D445's AO.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities: No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.

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(1) Ref INTSUM 321/69, Para 11.f.(6). Delete "2 VC WIA(Poss)".

(2) Ref INTSUM 322/69. Para 3.a.(1).(f). Add to captured material: "a qty of docs containing one 1.D. card or travel permit (poss NVA) and a qty of letters, and a small qty of tobacco.

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Significance.

(1) (191955H). At YS5056, 1 ATF MAT Team contacted an en squad with unk results.

(2) (192010H). At YS338612, elms of 4 RF Coy contacted an en squad who withdrew NORTH with unk results.

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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX "C" (Agent Reports) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 323/69 dated 19 Nov 69.

1. The following is an agent report from BIEN HOA acquired on 121800H Nov 69 (Eval US F-2).

a. Date of information is 120100H Nov 69.

b. Subject is on U/1 VC unit, of approx 100 men, which, as of 120100H Nov 69, moved from the NORTH WEST through vicinity YS152853 and continued to move to the SOUTH EAST.

c. Armament and equipment: Armed with one 60mm mortar, one unk cal MG, five B40, and individual wpns consisting of AK 47 and CKC. They had two PRC 25 radio sets. They wore green and black uniforms, canvas hats, and rubber sandals.

d. Other information: Three VC members of this unit carried three wounded VC on their backs and six other wounded VC were carried in six two man litters.

e. Comments: At 120005H Nov 69, an U/1 VC unit mortared and attacked PHUOC LAI outpost (YS1387). Two VC were KIA and wpns were captured. This could very well be the same unit which attacked the outpost. Info according to S-2 ARVN (BIEN HOA Sector) report is considered probably true.

2. The following is an agent report from 18 ARVN DIV acquired on 160830H Nov 69. (Eval ARVN C-3).

a. One U/1 VC unit of 400 men, armed with four 82mm mortars and six 60mm mortars, and various kinds of individual weapons, was sighted at YS437905.

b. Comment: The above info is considered valuable as the above area is reported to be the AO of 274/T7 Regt. It could be 1/274 VC Bn.

S2 Comments: The unit is more likely to be C8 of D445 LF Bn.

ANNEX "E" (Aerial Reconnaissance) to 1 ATF INTSUM No 323/69 dated 19 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sightings</u>
190825H	YS267562 YS268565 YS273560 YS273564	40 x 2 man bunkers.
19 Nov 69	YS484514 YS471504 YS468595 YS474520	Frame works and cave entrance. Old huts recently used. A metal object, and a rock table and seating. NORTH-SOUTH track well used in last few days.
191530H	YS636870 YS566918	Fresh soil has been turned. No other activity. SW-NE foot track well used.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAP Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
181730H	YS250900	One return on road.
182315H	YT465070	One return on stream.
	YT500090	One return on road.
190110H	YS310565	Two returns in open.
190235H	YT540150	Two returns in open.

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 324/69.
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GRACE

(a) Late report. (191950H) At YS265789, 1/A/5 RAR contacted 1 or 2 enemy on track with negative results.

(b) (201530H) at YS238795, A/5 RAR contacted 2 poss VC wearing greens and no hats. The en withdrew NW.

(c) (201600H) At YS266809, Atk P1/5 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in khaki clothing and carrying AK47 and RPG. Tracks of 5 picked up in sweep. Ambush position received RPG7 and AK47 fire. Results: 1 enemy KIA.

(2) AO LINTON

(a) (201500H) At YS569776, 12/D/6 RAR located a camp consisting of 1 small hut with bench and fireplace and 1 x 2 man bunker. Recovered were 43 rds 7.62mm, 1 claymore lead, 3 pots, 1 cross bow, 1 hoe, 1 scythe, 1 x M60 link bag, 5 lb old coin and 2 medical phials. NW of the camp was a small cultivated area.

(3) AO SHERMAN

(a) Late report. (191600H) At YS506878, elems of 3 Cav Sqn contacted 2 NVA. Results: 1 KIA and 1xAK50 CIA. 1 en withdrew SE.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
200930H	YS282706	Unk	Automatic	Nil	Nil	Nil

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 1 NVA; 1 VC.

b.c. Omitted.

d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure

(1)(5) Omitted.

(6) RPG 7 - 1.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual - 1.

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown - 1 x AK50.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 43 rds 7.62mm, 1 claymore, lead, 3 pots, 1 cross bow, 1 hoe, 1 scythe, 1 M60 link bag, 2 medical phials.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS569776	Can	5lbs	destroyed

f. Cumulative Totals for Month

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 60 VC.
- (2) PW - 3.
- (3)(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 34.
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.
- (7) Rice Captured 7.25 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

- (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

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60 lbs CHICOM explosives at YS514551.	1 at YS295933
	1 at YS507545
	1 at YS502592

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

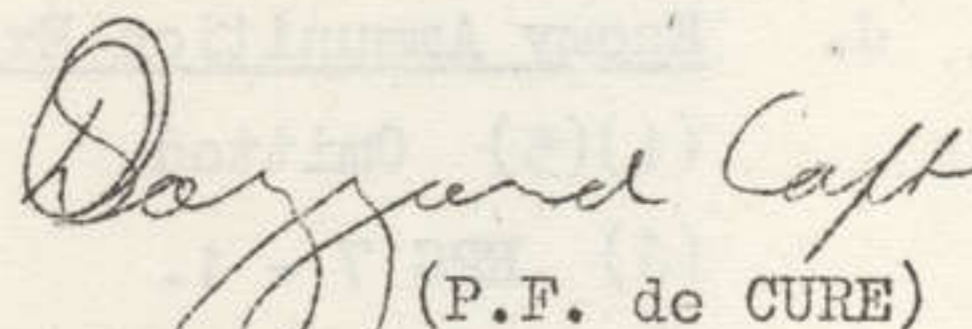
9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

- (1) (200825H) At YS443590, 570 RF Coy reported individual light signals by VC at YS192130 and YS200400. A pangi board containing 36 nails was recovered from a small farm house at that location.
- (2) (201345H) At YS626698, elements from XUYEN MOC contacted 2 to 3 VC who withdrew SE.
- (3) (201430H) At YS485585, 189 RF Coy located 2 x M16 mines and 5 dets. The mines were not armed.
- (4) (201700H) At DUC THANH a female Hoi Chanh gave herself up. 5 VC had let her go in the edge of the rubber after she had been held in a base camp in the area bounded by Eastings 38 and 40 and Northings 76 and 78. She stated that at 100900H a water party had been ambushed with 3 KIA.


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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 324/69
DATED 20 Nov 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
200930H	YS564919	A large camp, 2 large bunkers with overhead cover, tables and chairs. Iron sheets stacked in a pile cooking pots and stone jars.
200930H	YS305685	Recent movement. Suspect camp or harbour position.
	YS324698	Camp consisting of a number of bunkers beside a well used foot track leading from fire trail at YS315670.
200930H	YS283697	Living areas extending 150m up ridge.
201300H	YS564919	Very offensive smell coming from airstruck camp. Possibly old graves or latrines.

2. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
192120H	YS580850	1 on stream
201340H	YS295725	1 reading
	YS330840	1 reading
	YS759822	1 reading
201629H	YS310906	Base camp

5. Omitted.

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 324/69
Dated 20 Nov 69

1. (181900H) An agent reported to XUYEN MOC (ARVN eval C2) and stated that at 181030H 3 VC appeared at YS669712 and informed woodcutters from XUYEN MOC area to stay out of the jungle or their lives would be jeopardized. He also stated that VC had been sighted in the following areas YS590620, YS620600, YS590590, YS570590 and YS570610.

2. (201620H) Agents have reported that an unidentified VC unit of Coy strength moved into the area YS447573 on the night 19/20 Nov. They moved along the track from YS469572; base camps are alleged to be at YS447573, YS446567 and YS448570.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 325/69.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO SHERMAN

(a) (210100H) At YS438868 elms of 2/B/3 Cav Regt and D and E Pl heard movement to their front and engaged with automatic weapons. They heard groaning and sounds of dragging and again engaged with automatic weapons, claymores and mortars. A sweep this morning revealed 6 KIA(BC), two AK47's, one CHICOM pistol and a quantity of documents.

(2) AO GRACE

(a) (210935H) At YS290767 9/C/5RAR and C Coy HQ engaged 2 enemy with M79, M60 and claymores. Results: 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 WIA, 1 RPG CIA. Dead VC identified as a squad leader from B2/C24 (probably Youth Assault Coy).

(b) (211035H) At YS244817 B/5RAR located 9 bunkers built and occupied in the last 3 weeks. One SKS rifle, 100 x 5.56 mm rds, 40 x AK47 rounds, 2 grenades and 60 lb of rice recovered.

(c) (211705H) At YS349824 D/5RAR located 16 bunkers and 3 cooking pits. 18 CHICOM grenades, 60 lbs of salt and a quantity of docs recovered. Camp was occupied up to last night.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) (211715H) At YS395655 a base area patrol sighted two VC moving N - S in bamboo.

b. Omitted.

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

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted - 7 NVA - VC.

(3) Omitted.

b.d. Omitted.

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

(a) Individual - 5

(b) Crew Served - Nil

(c) Breakdown - 2 x AK47, one CHICOM pistol, one SKS, one RPG2, 100 x 5.56 mm rds, 40 x AK47 rds.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 20 CHICOM grenades.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS244817	rice	60 lb	--
YS349824	salt	60 lb	--

(4)(5) Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 67 VC
- (2) PW - 3
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual weapons - 39
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice captured - 7.3 Tons
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (200600H) At YS445745 a female released by the VC turned herself over to 655 RF Coy. NAME: TRAM THI HOA. Kidnapped from NGAI GAIO in Feb 69. Worked with a C3 Coy whose mission was to act as labourers for district and province.
- (2) (202305H) At YS407646 the 3rd PF Pl~~ong~~^{ong} 3 VC who were approaching the bunker from the WEST. Negative friendly casualties, VC unknown.
- (3) (210530H) VC shelled PHUOC LOI (YS497566) with 2 x 82 mm mortar rounds destroying one house and wounding one civilian. The VC withdrew to the LONG HAI hills.
- (4) (201840H) FSPB GREY received 5-6 mortar rounds wounding 16 THAIS and one US.
- (5) (201945H) LOC AN received one mortar round killing one THAI and wounding 4.
- (6) (202025H) At YS203891 a THAI NDP received 7-8 mortar rounds resulting in 2 THAIS WIA.

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1. EVAL VN C-1. 15 VC were sighted moving between YS729673 to YS728667 wearing mixed uniforms and carrying individual weapons. Recce elms of 2 VC battalions are reported to be in the area.
2. A report evaluated very good locates an u/i unit at YS569952 early in the afternoon, 21 Nov 69.
3. A report from a VN source states that a sizeable enemy force is in the vicinity of THAI THIEN.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 325/69
Dated 21 Nov 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
21 Nov 69	YS501813	5 bks and very fresh track leading in. Poss occupied.
210930H	YS587602	Old bks.
	YS592615	2 bks and well used track.
	YS590578	Wooden structure poss loading ramp. Engaged with rocks. Green and brown material scattered and 4 gal water container.
211400H	YS458532	3 bks and well used track.
	YS461532	Wall and living area under over hanging rock.
	YS467527	A well and 3 trucks.
	YS471525	Living area under some large rocks. Material scattered in area.

2.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
210930H	YS635618)	Could relate to old bk system at YS642617.
	YS639617)	
	YS670617	Strong
	YS635611	Poss drift from a/c.
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	YS643597	Maximum.
	YS648603	"
	YS658604	"
	YS608607	Strong.
	YS601601	"
	YS606600	"
	YS672593	"
	YS646582	Minimum.
	YS651584	"

NOTE: a. VR a/c vic YS6061.

b. A/S conducted YS643623, YS632609 at 0925H - 1005H.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 327/69.
- 2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Nov 69.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) (222315H). At YS227817, elms of B/3 Cav Regt contacted one enemy with unknown results.
- (b) (231220H). At YS287776, elms of c/5 RAR located and destroyed two bunkers, small quantity of CHICOM explosives, NVA identity card and one NVA water bottle.
- (c) (231225H). At YS286733, elms of c/5 RAR located signs of three to four people heading NE, estimated to be 24-36 hours old.
- (d) (231535H). At YS359811, D/5 RAR located a bunker complex of 20 bunkers, five cooking pits, number of hootchie spaces and two lecture huts. Bunkers had three feet of OHC and estimated last used 48 hours ago. KIA has been credited to a contact by ATK PI at 101010H at YS330813. Recovered were: One SKS rifle, qty of documents, photos and negatives, cooking utensils, clothing, two M16 magazines, 1 x 4 gal US jerry can, 1 x 7.62mm pistol, pressure lamp.

(2) AO LINTON.

- (a) (231300H). At YS675634, ATK/6 RAR located a camp of 3 x 1 man bunkers, 2 x 2 man bunkers, 12 x 12 man bunkers and two cook houses. The bunkers were in fair condition while the cook houses were collapsed. Part of the camp was occupied by six to eight people possibly one month ago while the remainder had not been used in the last six months ago. A qty of cooking utensils were recovered.

(3) OTHEP AREAS.

- (a) (232040H). At YS529591, LCT located a camp of 7 x 1 man pits, 5 x 2 man pits, numerous spider holes and trenchers. Old clothing and rubbish were destroyed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Aircraft receiving ground fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
231015H	YS476505	Unknown	AW	Neg hits.	Returned fire with organic wpns	Unk

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA occurring during this reporting period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) AUST inflicted - 2 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

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- b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period.
- (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted - 1 VC
 - (3) Omitted.
- c.-d. Omitted.
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed
- (1) Captured Weapons.
 - (a) Individual - 2.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown -- 1 SKS, 1 x 7.62mm pistol.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: Photos and negatives, cooking gear, clothing, 2 M16 magazines, 1 x 4 gal US jerry can, pressure lamp.
 - (b) Destroyed: Qty of CHICOM explosives, NVA identity card, 1 NVA water bottle.
 - (3)-(5) Omitted.
- f. Cumulative Totals For Month.
- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 71 VC
 - (2) PW - 5
 - (3)(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 42
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
 - (7) Rice Captured - 7.5 Tons.
 - (8)(9) Omitted.
5. Omitted.
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
- (a) Documents located in a bunker system at YS348820 by elms of 5 RAR on 23 Nov 69 identify DOAN 10/SR4.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.
9. Omitted.
10. VCI/GUERILLA ORBAT.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. GUERILLA ORBAT.
 - (1)(4) Omitted.
 - (5) Capture or Rally of Significant Cadre.
- | <u>DOC</u> | <u>POC</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>DISPOSITION</u> |
|------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 221400H | NUI NHON
OUT POST | LE VAN KY | ADJT | DAT DO SUB SECTOR |
- (6) Omitted.

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1. Omitted.

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Attachments

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

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 327,
dated 23 Nov 69

NAME: LE VAN KY AKA BAY KY.
RANK/APPT: ADJT, FWD Supply Council of LONG DAT District.
D/POB: 1918. BA TRAO, LONG LE.
FATHER: LE VAN LIEP
MOTHER: NGUYEN THI HUU
OCCUPATION: WORKER
LOCATION: LANG DAI, BA CUU jungle YS575605. On 12 Oct 69 it was at YS574655.
Rallied at NUI NHON outpost on 221400H Nov 69.

EXPLOITED INFORMATION: The Forward Supply Council consists of 13 persons (4 female) I.T. F. 18. Before the subject rallied five persons of the Forward supply Council were with him as well as nine other of different organisations. At YS575605, there are 100 litre of rice.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM N327/69
dated 23 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce

DTG Location Sighting

23 Nov 69 YS460546 A base camp of six bunkers, bamboo tables and structures which was engaged by arty. Results: two bunkers, two structures destroyed.

231015H69 YS476505 Tracks, cleared areas under rocks and a black wooden container in the shape of a barrel with wicker work lid. Two other lids were near by. LFT engaged the area with out damaging the container. An A/C from 161 Recce engaged and destroyed the container.

YS472504 Poss living area under rocks. LFT engaged the area with unknown results.

231310H YS570713 Five persons.

231640H YS585578 Loading ramp area which was engaged by LFT. Results: Loading ramp damaged, clothing scattered in the area.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports

18 Nov 69 YS635907 Many NW foot tracks running from NE oxcart track.

YS642915 Numerous foot and oxcart tracks.

YS654903 Vehicle track well used.

YS700985

YS667901 Track running South well used.

YS714886 At least 12 fighting pits on North side of clearing.

YS659908 Poss trench line.

YS704960 At least two small bunkers or graves.

YS7089 Well used track complex.

YS717887 Well used track running NW.

YS7094/ Well used track complex.

YS7095

3. Red Haze Activity

DTG Location Readout

230640H YS840970

4. SLAR Activity

DTG Location Readout

222159H YS410650 One in open CONFIDENTIAL

5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 328/69.

Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Nov 69.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

(a) (241345H) At YS245795 B/5 RAR located one freshly used bunker.

(b) (241345H) At YS244796 B/5 RAR contacted 2 VC who fired 1 RPG. Results unknown.

(c) (241620H) At YS241798 APC's working with 5 RAR located a sandbag containing 100xAK rounds, 4 electric detonators, 1 knife, 1 pr trousers, 1 shirt, 1 note book, 1 packet of tobacco, 1 VC hoochie, 1 pr Aust type socks, documents showing civilian access pass and 10lbs rice.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) (241015H) At YS553648 V/6 RAR located a 6 to 7 man bunker last occupied by one person in the last 24 hours. A small quantity of rice was recovered.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-c. Omitted.

d. (1)-(4) Omitted.

(5) RPG 2 - 1

(6) Omitted.

e. (1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: 100 AK rounds, 4 electric dets, 1 knife, 1 pr trousers, 1 shirt, 1 note book, 1 pct tobacco, 1 VC hoochie, 1 Pr Aust socks, documents showing civilian access pass, 10lb rice.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS241798	Rice	10lbs	Destroyed.

(4)(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA; 71 VC.

(2) PW - 5

(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 42

(6) Crew Served - 1

(7) Rice Captured 7.5 Tons

(8)(9) Omitted

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Resultin Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
240705H	YS531585	Command Detonated	2 NZ KIA, 2 NZ WIA (incl sect comd), 3 ARVN WIA (incl pl comd).

6-7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

- a-c Omitted.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (241200H) At YS446497 3 VC wearing civilian clothing with one carrying an unknown type weapon entered HAI DIEN hamlet. PF intercepted them: results- 2 VC PW, 1 VC with weapon withdrew EAST.

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Attachments.

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

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ANNEX A (Interrogation Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 328/69
dated 24 Nov 69.

1. Further to IO 1 ATF interrogation of woman at DUC THANH on 23 Nov 69, she has admitted to:-
 - a. being a member of the Womens Assoc of CAO SU Village,
 - b. being a member of BA LONG Province Finance and Economy Section,
 - c. being a member of BALONG Province Military Intelligence Cell, and
 - d. knowing BA UT and TU XICH.

ANNEX C (Agent Report)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 328/69
dated 24 Nov 69.

1. Agent report to DAT DO (Eval ARVN B3) 241200H at YS528593 C1/D445 and guerillas of PHUOC HOA LONG and PHUOC LOI, strength 90 men armed with 1x60mm mortar, 2xHMG, 5xB40/B41 and 2xM79. Their intentions are to infiltrate DAT DO and collect supplies.
2. Agent report to DAT DO (no eval) 241000H at YS570600 elements of D445 strength 200 men are located with intentions to enter and attack DAT DO and PHUOC TRING, PHUOC THOI hamlets of PHUOC THO village within the next few days.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 328/69
dated 24 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
240750H	YS583669	One sampan moving up SONG RAI.
240900H	YS562576	12 sets of tracks 2 days old moving from swamps WEST to top of land cleared area.
	YS571598	2 bunkers in good condition.
	YS561574	Several old bunkers and weapons pits.
	YS565595	Well used NS track stops on NORTH side of swamp. One tunnel entrance located . Possible bunkers in area.
241130H	YS430853	Start point of very large heavily used track.
	YS438470	Track leads into a camp with one bunker with an entrance 4ft by 4ft. Two bunkers 25 metres EAST and WEST. Extensive track system indicates possibility of more bunkers in area.
241145H	YS474523	NW/SE track with recent activity.
	YS475520	2 bunkers in good condition. No sign of recent activity.
	YS473518	3 bunkers in good condition beside fresh track.
	YS479508	Fresh tracks leading from hill YS477520 to camp area. 1 VC sighted wearing black trousers, no shirt and moving to cave entrance. Constructions sighted in rock crevices. Breathing hole 40 metres from cave entrance suggesting very large caves. Very fresh track activity to NE and SW.
	YS475505	Tracks joining at camp.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 326/69.
2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) Late report (212150H) At THAI THIEN (YS2279) elms of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, A/5 RAR and 452 RF Coy contacted three groups of twenty enemy who were gathering food in the village. Results: 200 kilos of rice and 10 kilos of other food CIA, two female PW and two suspects detained
- (b) (221135H) At YS349823, 10/D/5 RAR located one en KIA, seven to ten days old, in a bunker system of contact of Atk Pl/5 RAR on 10 Nov 69
- (c) (221240H) At YS291772, C/5 RAR located eight well constructed NVA bunkers and three good wells. The system was last used six days ago. Documents CIA identify B1 of C21 which is a Sapper/Recce Coy of 274 Regt. Results 12 bunkers dest, three wells rendered useless, a qty of sandbags, sandals and cooking utensils were recovered.
- (d) (221747H) At YS289774, 9/C/5 RAR located two fresh bunkers and tracks of four people heading WEST. Also located was a small qty of chicom explosives. The two bunkers of very solid construction are part of a larger system.

(2) AO LINTON.

- (a) (221000H) At YS579753, 10/D/6 RAR located an enemy squad sized camp containing two palm huts and two bunkers last used one year ago.
- (b) (221235H) At YS565745, 11/D/6 RAR located a staging camp, squad sized and last used six months ago. Recovered were one hat, a qty of docs and a qty of medical supplies.

b. Air Activity.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted.

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

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

c. Detainees

- (1) PW - Two
- (2) (5) Omitted
- (6) VCI suspects - Two

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual - One
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown - One Garand

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured. A small qty of chicom explosives. A qty of medical supplies. A qty of cooking utensils.

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(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS2279	Rice	200 kilos	Unknown
	Food	10 Kilos	

f. Cumulative Totals for Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA, 68 VC
- (2) PW - 5
- (3)-(4) Omitted
- (5) Individual weapons - 40
- (6) Crew served weapons - 1
- (7) Rice captured 7.5 tons

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus taken from bodies KIA by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and D and E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF ay YS438868 on 21 Nov 69 identify three of the VC killed as:

- (1) NGUYEN DUC HOAT - Deputy Chief of Staff Mil Region 7 (MR 7)
AKA BA UT
AKA NGUYEN UT
- (2) NGUYEN HUU LOC - Deputy Chief of Political Staff MR 7
AKA NGUYEN LOC
AKA BA LOC
- (3) LAM VAN DOI - Coy Comd C195 Special Sapper Recce Coy

b. For further details see Annex B.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (220215H) At YS297570, 612 RF Coy contacted three VC with neg results.
- (2) (221920H) At YS483594, an RDC Unit contacted a VC squad trying to infiltrate DAT DO. VC withdrew SOUTH with unk results.
- (3) (221930H) At YS487611, 613 RF Coy contacted ~~est~~ VC squad trying to infiltrate DAT DO from the NORTH. VC withdrew NORTH with unk results.

Attachments:

Annex B - Captured Documents
Annex E Aerial Reconnaissance

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Capturing Unit: B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and D and E Pl HQ Coy 1 ATF.
POC: YS438868.
DOC: 21 Nov 69.

SUMMARY OF DOCUS

1. The captured docus consisted of:
 - a. Numerous promotion certificates dated 16 Nov 69, as yet undelivered. See Appendix I to this Annex.
 - b. Reassignment decisions for BA UT and MAI HIEN THAI aka BA THAI from HQ Balong Province to HQ MR 7 dated 20 Sep 69.
 - c. A number of personal notebooks, belonging to UT and LOC.
 - d. Two nominal rolls of T7 units.
 - e. Notebooks on Troop Proselytising.
 - f. A number of TOP SECRET docus variously dated in 1968 and dealing with trg, indoctrination et al for Sapper tps.
 - g. Letters from T7 to various units on how to submit returns.
 - h. One letter dated 28 Oct 69 entitled "Results of Autumn Activities of GP12B".
 - i. Directive No 129/CT-NT dated 8 Nov 69 dealing with taking advantage of the anti-war movement of the people of the US.
 - j. A directive on the org of an intermediary station at D6 (poss D6/SR4) to contact units subordinate to Group 12B by radio and express messenger.
 - k. Letter from 274 Regt to Political Section T7 stating that the political re-orientation phase has been completed and that the Regt was preparing for the Winter Phase, but that morale was low due to lack of rice, and continual harrassment from Special Forces and Allied sweeps.
 - l. A number of introductory letters for LOC and UT from T7 Staff and Rear Service Sections.

S2 Comment: These high ranking cadre were possibly on their way down from HQ MR7 to -

1. Do a familiarisation, fact finding tour of SR4 and VC Baria Province consequent upon assuming their new appts.
2. Endeavour to solve the morale and food problems of 274 VC MF Regt.
3. Endeavour to solve the severe morale problems in CHAU DUC District and VUNG TAU City Unit mentioned in their Sitreps CIA by 5 RAR on 10 Nov 69.
4. Discuss the political re-orientation phase just completed by MR7 units.
5. Discuss the Winter Offensive.

The loss of these high ranking officers in MR7 ranks should cause some concern at a time when captured docus indicate extensive morale problems throughout MR7 units.

1. Promotion Certificates.

- a. NGUYEN DUY KY of D6 from Coy 2IC to Coy Comd.
- b. NGUYEN CONG DAO of D6 from Coy APO to Coy PO.
- c. VU TRONG HANG of D6 from Bn APO to Bn PO.
- d. LE TRONG KEN of D6 from Bn 2IC to Bn Comd.
- e. NGUYEN CHAN THIEN of E4 from Bn Comd to Regt 2IC.
- f. NGUYEN HUY LIEU of B HOA Prov Unit from Coy 2IC to Coy Comd.
- g. LE MINH DUNG of B HOA Prov Unit from Coy 2IC to Coy Comd.
- h. LE TAN PHONG of B HOA Prov Unit from Coy 2IC to Coy Comd.
- i. NGUYEN DUC HOAT from Bn 2 IC to Regt 2IC.

2. Serials a-h were signed by DANG QUANG for HQ T7 on 16 Nov 69. Serial i was signed by TRAN QUOC VINH for SVNLA HQ dated 6 Jun 69 and was among UT's personal papers.

Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
211600H	YS637747	One old bunker
	YS672756	One camouflaged structure
	YS666603	Fresh tracks
	YS622618	Fishing nets
22 Nov 69	YS471525	NE-SW track to YS472527
	YS472527	Old bunker system with heavy fresh tracks activity in area. Tracks lead to YS472509 through saddle feature.
	YS473508	Track activity from NORTH and WEST. Track to YS475505.
	YS475505	Camp located and one VC seen.
	YS448570	Many tracks, one hut and three bunkers.

2-3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
220125H	YS760685	One return on road
220310H	YS750860	Two returns in open
	YS765795	One return on road
	YS850840	One return on road

5. APD (Sliffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
211515H	YS639757	Strong
to	YS623619	Strong
211630H	YS664794	Minimum
	YS668784	Minimum
	YS667777	Minimum
	YS626769	Minimum

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2. Period covered from 250001H Nov to 252400H Nov 69.

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3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO LINTON

(a) (251045H) At YS573698, 10/D/6 RAR located several huts and hoochie spaces. Recovered a Vietnamese battery and assorted medical supplies.

(b) (251200H) At YS628607, 1/W/6 RAR located 2 bunkers and a hut (poss cook house). Recovered 1 pr black sandals, 1 pr O.G. trousers, qty sandbags, 1 raincoat, 1 M16 lifting device, 1 M69 grenade and 2 fuses.

(c) (251405H) At YS627601, 2/W/6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results: enemy casualties unknown, 1 pack recovered.

(d) (251600H) At YS694786, 3/A/6 RAR located a transit camp consisting of 1 hut without a roof and 30 cleared bed spaces. Camp was approx 3 months old.

(2) AO GRACE

(a) (251430H) At YS269844, elements of 5 RAR located a bunker in a bamboo thicket. The bunker was last used this morning by 3 VC who departed in an Easterly direction. Recovered 2 sets clothing and 1 water bottle. Bunker was destroyed.

(b) (251650H) At YS353814, elements of 5 RAR located 8 bunkers (1 still under construction). Bunkers were well constructed and solid. Built by a construction group of approx 20 persons approx 4-7 days ago. Recovered 2 sheets of roofing iron, 1 personal letter, song book and womens clothing.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a.-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Assorted medical supplies, M16 lifting device.

(b) Destroyed: Vietnamese battery, assorted clothing, qty sandbags, M69 grenade, 2 fuses, pack, water bottle, 2 sheets roofing iron.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Nov 69

(1) KIA - 1 NVA; 71 VC.

(2) PW - 5.

(3) Hoi Chanh - Nil

(4) VCI - Nil

(5) Individual Weapons - 42.

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.

(7) Rice Captured - 7.5 tons.

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Omitted.

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(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses

	<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
	250945H	YS398602	claymore	1 civilian KIA and 1 civilian WIA. Caused by accidental detonation of claymore in front of VN PF post.
6.	Omitted.			
7.	Omitted.			
8.	<u>Capabilities and Vulnerabilities.</u> No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 5/69 dated 13 Nov 69.			
9,10.	Omitted.			
11/	<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
a.	Omitted.			
b.	<u>Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.</u>			
	(1) Reference INTSUM No 327-69, Annex E para 2. Amend GR YS700985 to read YS700895.			
	(2) Reference INTSUM No 324-69, Para 11.f. sub-para (1) line 2. Delete YS before the two lots of six figures and insert hours after figures.			
c.	Omitted.			
d.	<u>Agent Reports.</u> See Annex C.			
e.	Omitted.			
f.	<u>Other Items of Reporting Interest</u>			
	(1) (251215H) At YS304673, elements of 614 RF Coy located a base camp consisting of 10 bunkers and some huts. The camp was occupied by 2 VC who withdrew when they were fired on with M16s. Results unknown.			
	(2) (251310H) At YS628718 elements of 236 RF Coy contacted approx 24-28 enemy (poss MF). Results: 1 enemy KIA(Poss) and 2 packs containing clothing, documents and rice CIA.			

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Annex: C. Agent Reports
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 329-69
DATED 25 NOV 69

Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
250800H- 251000H	28E to 32E &73N to 78N	Many well used foot and ox cart tracks. Area is extensively used by wood cutters.
250830H- 250955H	YS430847	A maze of extremely heavily used tracks lead SOUTH WEST and SOUTH from a camp at YS430847. The track system suggests there is another camp in the area even though no bunkers were sighted.
251100H- 251430H	YS769662	Seven large drying mats covered with rice, 1 large bunker, clothing, packs and cooking pots around entrance to bunker. A rice pile, 12 ft in diameter and 6 ft high, was also sighted beneath trees. Bunker was occupied. Bushrangers suppressed area with fire damaging several stacks of drying rice, matting, boxes and cooking utensils. The bunker was later entered and a large qty of clothing and various other items were recovered.
251100H- 251430H	YS772662	Five drying mats covered with rice, 1 large camouflaged bunker and 2 small bunkers (occupied). Boxes, cane baskets, clothing, plastic sheets and cooking utensils around bunkers. Bunkers were later hit by A/S resulting in 3 KBA(Poss), 1 bunker damaged, clothing and material scattered around area.
251230H- 251435H	YS775664	A large well used foottrack heading N-S with numerous footprints on it.
25 Nov 69	YS539597	1 person ran across a small clearing and disappeared into jungle. Area was engaged with arty with unknown results.
25 Nov 69	YS457560	Poss occupied camp consisting of at least 2 bunkers. Extremely fresh tracks in camp area.
25 Nov 69	YS472528	Several bunkers alongside a well worn, recently used track.
25 Nov 69	YS471537	Bunkers and fresh tracks.

2. Photo Interpretation Reports

<u>Date</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
1 Nov	YS386764	Woodcutting activity
"	YS382797	" "
"	YS408785	Poss entrance to under-ground storage area. Tracks leading into area not recently used.
"	YS377814	Poss river crossing point.
"	YS377753	" "

3-5. Omitted.

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ANNEX C (AGENT REPORTS)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 329-39
DATED 25 NOV 69

1. On 20 Nov 69, 150 VC were sighted at YT335050. The VC's intention is to move to YT330020 then to YT260010. Eval VN F-3.
2. (241100H) Replacements for 274 Regt arrived during the last week. Present locations are YS310835 and YS335830. Intentions are to attack villages and bases vic YS3760, YS4367 and YS4363. Eval NV F- 3.
3. (251035H) An agent reports that 1/274 Bn is located at YS315900. He is also reports that a weapons cache is located at YS315910. It consists of 4x81 mm mortars, 2000x81 mm rounds, 8xMG's, 62xAK47's, 40xB40 launchers, 20xB41 launchers, 1xflamethrower, and 1xAA gun. The cache is marked by a large white cloth sign in a tree near the cache area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 330-69.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO LINTON

(a) (261230H) At YS673781, 2/A/6 RAR located a transit camp. It appears that the camp had been used by 50-60 enemy in the last 2 days and even more recently by a smaller party of approx 6 enemy. A track system runs S through the camp.

(b) (261335H) At YS675781, A/6 RAR located an ox cart in good condition. Estimated to have been in this location for approx 3 months and had not been used in this time.

(c) (261500H) At YS632607, W/6 RAR located a cache in a hollow tree. Recovered were: 2 boxes of ammunition, fishing gear and a small medical kit.

(d) (261625H) At YS630618, elms of W/6 RAR sighted one VC. Arty engaged the area with unknown results.

(e) (261630H) At YS632613, elms of W/6 RAR sighted 3-4 enemy.

(f) (261810H) B/6 RAR located track running N from YS639719 to YS635739. Tracks were made by up to 15 persons within the last 24 hours and moving N. Another track joins at this point from the SE. This track shows signs of use by up to 30 VC. After joining the tracks head NE. A/6 RAR reports tracks run SW from a camp at YS673781. This track continues to run SW through grid YS6677 and YS6576 possibly in continuation of the track sighted by B Coy.

(g) (261115H) At YS673781, A/6 RAR located a staging camp for 60-80 persons and last used within past 24 hours. The camp was built not more than 7 days ago. A quantity of blood stained bandages and a portion of piquet list letter head was recovered.

(2) OTHER AREAS

(a) (260900H) At YS773661, D/6 RAR located 3 bunkers with 1 foot of OHC near a creek. There was also a pit for 2 men in each sleeping area above ground. Recovered were: 300 lbs of rice, fishing net, cooking utensils, old sand bags, part of an old pressure lamp, webbing, 58 AK47 rds, 1 pr of scissors, 1 pr of hair cutters, medical supplies, 1 hoe and 1 sichel.

(b) (260945H) At YS771663, D/6 RAR located a rice drying area. Recovered were: 30 sheaves of rice, qty of fishing nets, air cargo net, assorted Australian rations.

(c) (261015H) At YS768657, 12/D/6 RAR located one 2 man bunker used 3-4 days ago. Recovered were: 1 knife, 1 helmet and 1 large bottle of serum. 2 graves 2-3 months old were found in the vicinity of the camp.

(d) (261145H) At YS572597, elms of V/6 RAR and 4/52 ARVN Bn located 15 x 2 man T shaped fire trenches with OHC approx one month old. Recovered were: 120 M16 rds, 1 AK47 magazine, 1 black PF style hat, 1 RF type badge, 1 machette, 5 AK47 rds, assorted documents and several empty 4 gal rice tins.

(e) (261345H) At YS766650, 12/D/6 RAR located an empty cache hole. Tracks lead South and West. Around this cache hole they found a lot of empty rice bags.

(f) (261345H) At YS779658, 11/D/6 RAR located tracks of 6-8 persons moving East.

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b. Air Activity. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured. Fishing net, cooking utensils, old sand bags, part of an old pressure lamp, webbing, 58 AK47 rds, 1 pr of scissors, 1 pr of hair cutters, medical supplies, 1 hoe, 1 sichel, fishing nets, air cargo net, assorted Australian rations, 1 knife, 1 helmet, 1 large bottle of serum, 120 M16 rds, 1 AK47 magazine; 1 black PF style hat, 1 RF type badge, 1 machette, 5 AK47 rds, several empty 4 gal rice tins.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS773661	Rice	300 lbs	Destroyed.
YS771663	Rice	30 sheeves	Destroyed.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
261500H	W/6 RAR	YS632607	See para 3a(1)(c).
261345H	12/D/ 6 RAR	YS,66650	See para 3a(2)(e).

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 71 VC
- (2) PW - 5
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 42
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 7.65 tons.
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. LOC Interdiction and Incidents

(1) Interdictions

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>OCCURRENCE</u>
261150H	YS459655	Bte 52	Road block of stones and branches.

b. Omitted.

6.7. Omitted.

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

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

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b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 328-69, ANNEX E Para 1, amend GR from YS438470 to YS430847.

c.e. Omitted.

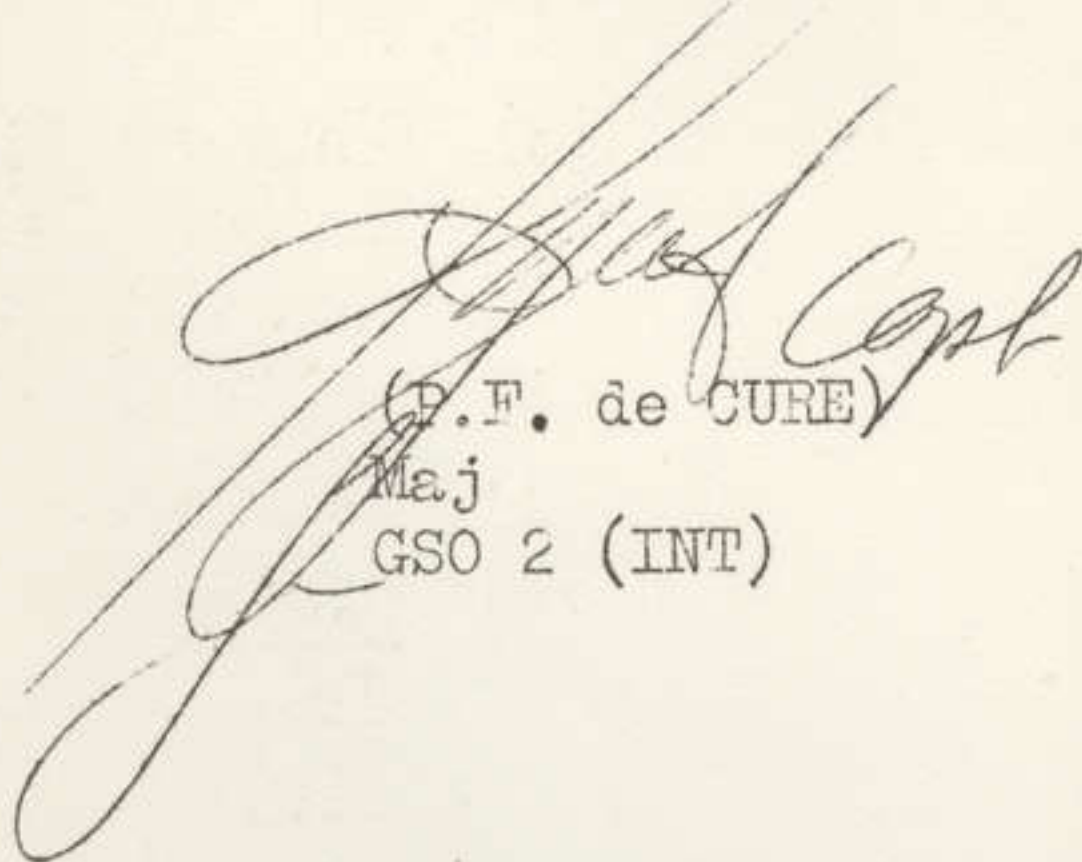
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (252000H) At YS503577, 124 RF Coy received one mor round fire. There were no friendly casualties.

(2) (252040H) At YS437592, RDC contacted an unknown number of VC with unknown results.

(3) (252340H) At YS464592, RDC Team No 14 in an AP were engaged by an unknown number of VC. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact at 2350H. The VC withdrew SE with unknown results.

(4) (261125H) At YT655005, elms of 199 LIB located a base camp of 26 bunkers with OHC and a mess hall for 18 persons. A quantity of food stuffs was captured.


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ANNEX C - Agent Reports.

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

List A
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MACV-CICV
RTAVF
18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 330-69
DATED 26 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
251100H	YS3273	Fresh track activity.
250800H	YS476510	Fresh track activity in area.
	YS476511	Fresh track activity on Northern side of rocky srea.
260825H	YS760620	1 sampan.
260830H	YS523578	A camp which was engaged by Arty. Results: 5 bunkers destroyed, 1 hammock destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, clothing and cooking utensils scattered in area.
261250H	48E-50E & 52N - Rte 326	Several well used foot tracks from the East into the foot hills.
26 Nov 69	YS664608	3 vegetable gardens.
	YS665610	Tracks lead to a hut in this location.
261730H	YS548562	Occupied camp which was engaged with WP rockets. Results: 1 bunker exposed, 4 packs destroyed, 1 enemy KBA(Poss).

2.5. Omitted.

ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM No 330-69
DATED 26 NOV 69

1. A Police Special Branch agent reported that on 13 Nov 69 a Regt (93 or 97 Regt) was located East of the MAY TAO hills. The Regt had come from War Zone D and was moving SW and carrying 18 days rations. 1 ATF eval F-6.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 331-69.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were four contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO GRACE.

- (a) (270130H) At YS245796, 9/C/5 RAR contacted 2 enemy moving East with unknown results.
- (b) (270920H) At YS294804, Atk Pl 5 RAR located 2 graves containing 2 bodies dressed in black and wrapped in plastic. KIA's have been credited to 1/A/5 RAR's contact at 101700H Nov 69 at YS286797. (INTSUM 314-69 refers).
- (c) (271015H) At YS292803, Atk Pl 5 RAR located 7 bunkers (2 incomplete) with 2ft OHC estimated to be 2 months old. Last used approx 2 months ago although a small party passed through 10 days ago.
- (d) (271105H) At YS243790, 8/C/5 RAR contacted 3 - 4 enemy who after contact withdrew SW and NW. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (blood trail), 2 AK47, 1 pistol (NFI) and 2 packs.
- (e) (271615H) At YS282843, elements of 5 RAR located a bunker system of 9 bunkers (1 incomplete) and one sentry pit. Bunkers has 2 - 3 ft OHC and last occupied 7 - 10 days ago. Recovered were: cooking utensils and 1 AK47 magazine.
- (f) (271715H) At YS289848, 4/B/5 RAR contacted 2 enemy moving SE. Results: 1 VC WIA (blood trail), 1XM2, 1XM2 magazine.

b. Omitted.

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

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

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

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

c.d. Omitted.

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

- (a) Individual - 4
- (b) Crew Served - Nil
- (c) Breakdown - 2 AK47, 1 pistol (NFI), 1 M2.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Materiel.

- (a) Captured. 1XM2 magazine, cooking utensils and 1xAK47 magazines.
- (b) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month Nov 69.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 76 VC.
- (2) PW - 5.
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil.

- (4) VCI - Nil.
 - (5) Individual Weapons - 46.
 - (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1.
 - (7) Rice Captured - 7.65 Tons.
 - (8).(9) Omitted.
- 5.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69 dated 24 Nov 69.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
- a. Omitted.
 - b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Ref INTSUM No 330-69, Para 3 a (1) (a) delete all reference.
 - c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (262320H) At YS436594, RDC Team No 4 contacted a squad of enemy with unknown results.

Attachments.

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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- II FFORCE V
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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
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dated 27 Nov 69

1. (271600H) Agent Report from DAT D0. VN eval C-2. 1 VC recon squad plus a pl of guerillas, strength 20 men, are located YS515575.
2. (271530H) Agent Report from DAT D0. VN eval C-2. C1/D445, strength 90 men, are located at YS448555. At the same time C25 and C47 RSG, strength 120 men are located at YS452557. Possible intentions are to infiltrate TAM PHUOC, AN NHUT and LONG DIEN tonight.

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ANNEX E (AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE)
TO 1 ATF INTSUM NO 331-69
DATED 27 NOV 69

1. Visual Recce.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTINGS</u>
26 Nov 69	YS565577	Fresh tracks running W - E leading to rectangular holes in the ground. Possibly old cache area.
	YS548562	A camp. LFT engaged the area resulting in 1 bunker exposed, 4 packs destroyed, 1 enemy KBA (Poss).
261720H	YS418845	2 bunkers.
	YS415841	Heavy track movement in an area 30m X 50m. Suspect a camp is in this area.
	YS413845	Smoke from a cooking fire. A fresh track links this area with YS415841. Smoke ceased to rise after A/C arrived in this area.
270815H	YS657934	Numerous old bunkers and comms trench,
271000H	YS477511	Rocky outcrop. Small constructions under rocks.
	YS476507	Heavy tracks joining these grids.
	YS474506	
	YS479505	Rocky outcrop. Small constructions under rocks.
	YS483506	Heavy tracks joining these grids.
	YS485505	
	YS486574	1 small cave entrance with wooden constructions inside.
	YS488510	Large caves and 1 VC. A/S was called in. Results: 1 cave entrance destroyed, 1 VC KBA (Poss).
271430H	YS843776	Charcoal cooking fire and 1 large hut.
	YS827758	Cultivations currently being worked.
	YS829761	Cultivations currently being worked.
	YS833760	Cultivations currently being worked.
	YS833758	Cultivations currently being worked.
	YS832722	Cultivations currently being worked also a small hut on side of cultivation.
	YS764642	2 old bunkers.
	YS855740	6 bunkers on both sides of a well used E - W track.
	YS845792	Log across stream with considerable fresh tracks on both sides.
271630H	YS413842	For approx 800m radius around this grid is extremely heavy foot tracks. Approx 15 bunkers and structures were sighted. Also clothing. 2 Airstrikes were put in on the system but due to failing light only 6 bunkers were sighted. Camp is believed to be occupied. BDA is to be done tomorrow.

2.3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
262027	YS755690	1 on stream

5. Omitted.

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2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Nov 69.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE

- (a) Late report. (272231H). At YS239804, elements of B/3 Cav Regt contacted an unknown no of enemy with unknown results.
- (b) (280140H). At YS239804, elements of B/3 Cav Regt contacted an unknown number of enemy who withdrew SOUTH EAST with unknown results.
- (c) (280815H). At YS292849, 4/B/5 RAR located one bunker and recovered a qty of rice.
- (d) (280935H). At YS273829, 1/A/5 RAR located two fairly new bunkers.
- (e) (281130H). At 291849, 4/B/5 RAR located two reconstructed bunkers with three feet OHC in good condition. Recovered were a qty of docus, a comprehensive medical kit, one Russian flag, a small qty of male and female clothing, 30 lbs rice and an assorted qty of food and miscellaneous equipment.
- (f) (281140H). At YS273829, A/5 RAR located an enemy camp consisting of 15 bunkers and two cook houses with two feet OHC and last used two to three days ago. Recovered were six 7.62mm short rounds, one water bottle and one spade.
- (g) (281235H). At YS267829, 1/A/5 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew WEST with unknown results.
- (h) (281300H). At YS222858 elements of B/3 Cav Regt located a company sized enemy installation consisting of 20 weapon pits last occupied three to four days ago by unknown number of enemy who vacated the area in a Westerly direction.
- (i) (281325H). At YS246795 8/C/5 RAR located one motor scooter in good condition.
- (j) (281350H). At YS232842, B/5 RAR located 300 lbs of rice in US sandbags on a platform.
- (k) (281700H). At YS271828, A/5 RAR located an enemy camp consisting of 10 bunkers and two cook houses with two feet of OHC last used three to four days ago. Recovered were 12 x 7.62mm short rounds, seven photos and one pamphlet on starlight scope.

(2) OTHER AREAS:

- (a) (281545H). At YS416843, 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force located an enemy camp consisting in excess of 50 bunkers. Recovered were: six AP blast grenades, three anti tank grenades, one SKS rifle, 12 x 60mm mortar bombs, a qty of shovels, a qty of AK47 rounds, one band saw, one (Mor/RCL) tool kit, one pair recently used sandals, one grenade launcher, and one serum drip bottle. Camp was occupied by approx 150 enemy up to 27 Nov 69. Signs indicate force withdrew when camp was airstruck. Main withdrawal route was NW. Docus recovered identify elements of D440. (Comment: Poss C8/D440).

b. Omitted.

4. a-d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) Individual - Two.
- (b) Crew Served - Nil.
- (c) Breakdown - One SKS rifle, one grenade launcher.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

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(a) Captured: One medical kit, a small qty male and female clothing, one water bottle, one spade and a qty of shovels, one motor scooter, one band saw, one (Mor/RCL) tool kit, one serum drip bottle, 18 7.62mm short rounds, six AP blast grenades, three atk grenades, 12 rifles grenades, six Bangalore torpedoes, 12 x 60mm mortar bombs.

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS291849	Rice	30 lbs	Unknown
YS282842	Rice	300 lbs	Unknown

(4)-(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 76 VC
- (2) PW - 5
- (3) Hoi Chanh - Nil
- (4) VCI - Nil
- (5) Individual Weapons - 48
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured 7.30 tons
- (8) 122mm Rockets (complete) - Nil
- (9) 107mm Rockets (complete) - Nil

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.

a. Docus CIA by 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force on 281545H at YS416843 identify D440 LF Bn.

7. Omitted.

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

9-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late report. (271550H). At YS312910, elements of 199 LIB contacted an unknown no of enemy. Results: One VC KIA, two VC KBA, one VC KB Arty, three chicom grenades and one B40 were captured.
- (2) (281920H). At YS652660, elements of 236 RF Coy contacted unknown number of enemy. Results: One VC KIA (BC), one M2 Carbine CIA.

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Attachments

- ANNEX C - Agent Reports.
- ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution

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

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 332/69
dated 28 Nov 69

1. An agent report received by BARIA Sector states that on 271600H Nov 69 at YS285585, a VC pl. was sighted. Their intentions are to ambush GVN patrols in this vicinity. Evaluation: VN C-3.

ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. 332/69
dated 28 Nov 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
27 Nov 69	YS879745	Two bunkers, one structure, two concrete or stone water containers. Obviously occupied due to cut thatching drying in sun.
	YS877743	One bunker and one structure that appeared to be occupied.

2. Omitted.

3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
280020H	YS310720	One return in open.
	YS460770	Two returns on road.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 333/69.
2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Nov 69.

Summary of Enemy Activity. There was two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LINTON

(a) (290815H) at YS660773 2/A/6 RAR located a system of 6 bunkers with 3 ft overhead cover and a small hut on top. It would hold 10 to 15 en and was last used 10 months ago.

(2) AO GRACE

(a) (290837H) at YS255787 C/5 RAR contacted nine enemy. Enemy used SA and a grenade. Results: Own cas ril, en cas unknown.

(b) (291010H) at YS246795 C/C/5 RAR contacted one enemy dressed in a green shirt and waering a US cap. Results: 1 en WIA.

(c) (291200H) at YS281816 3/A/5 RAR located a system of bunkers in good condition. They had to 3 ft overhead cover and were last used one month ago.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a-e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Total For Month.

- (1) KIA - 1 NVA 76 VC
- (2) PW - 5
- (3)-(4) Omitted.
- (5) Individual Weapons - 48
- (6) Crew Served Weapons - 1
- (7) Rice Captured - 7.80 tons.
- (8)-(9) Omitted

5-10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Reference INTSUM No 332/69 Annex C (1). Amend GR from YS285585 to YS285545

c-e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (291545H) at YT306016 elms of 199 LIB engaged 4 enemy moving towards base camp. Results: 2 VC KIA; 2 AK47 CIA.

Attachments:

ANNEX C - Agent Reports
ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

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

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ANNEX C (Agent Reports)
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dated 30 Nov 69.

11. (281430H) An agent report to BARIA (US eval C3) at YS401750 2 Coys D440 strength 150 men with unknown mission.
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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No 333/69
dated 30 Nov 69.

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
290815H	YS784926	Yellow logging truck stationary.
29 Nov	YS659782	A camp which appears to be in use.
	YS671793	Old camp in disrepair.
	YS6781	NS track along EAST edge BAU NON. To the SOUTH of links up at YS671789 with track marked on map and onto R329. Track well used in last week.

2-3. Omitted.

4. STAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
282310H	YS930945	one on stream

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1 ATF SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT 13/69.

VC-NVA BUNKER SYSTEMS

1. Attached as ANNEX A and B are answers to queries put to two HOI CHANHs by the AUSTRALIAN BATTLE ANALYSIS TEAM which is currently working at HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
2. The queries concern VC/NVA bunkers and the principles and tactics used to site bunkers, construct them, to fight from them and when necessary, withdraw from them.
3. The information provided should be read by all, arms comds down to Sect comd level but it should be remembered that the comments by the HOI CHANH from D445 VC (LF) Bn refer specifically to that battalion and do not necessarily apply in detail to all VC or NVA battalions or regiments.

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ANNEX A. COMMENTS BY LE DINH LONG.
ANNEX B. COMMENTS BY TRAN VAN KINH.

Distribution:

B Sqn 1 Armd Regt	4
B Sqn 3 Cav	4
1 Fd Regt	5
1 Fd Sqn	4
17 Const Sqn	1
104 Sig Sqn	1
5 RAR	10
6 RAR	10
7 RAR	5
8 RAR	10
3 SAS Sqn	4
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	1
1 ARU	4
Horseshoe Coy	1
Det 1 Div Int	1
TFMA	4
HQ Coy	2
1 ALSG	1
Int Centre	1
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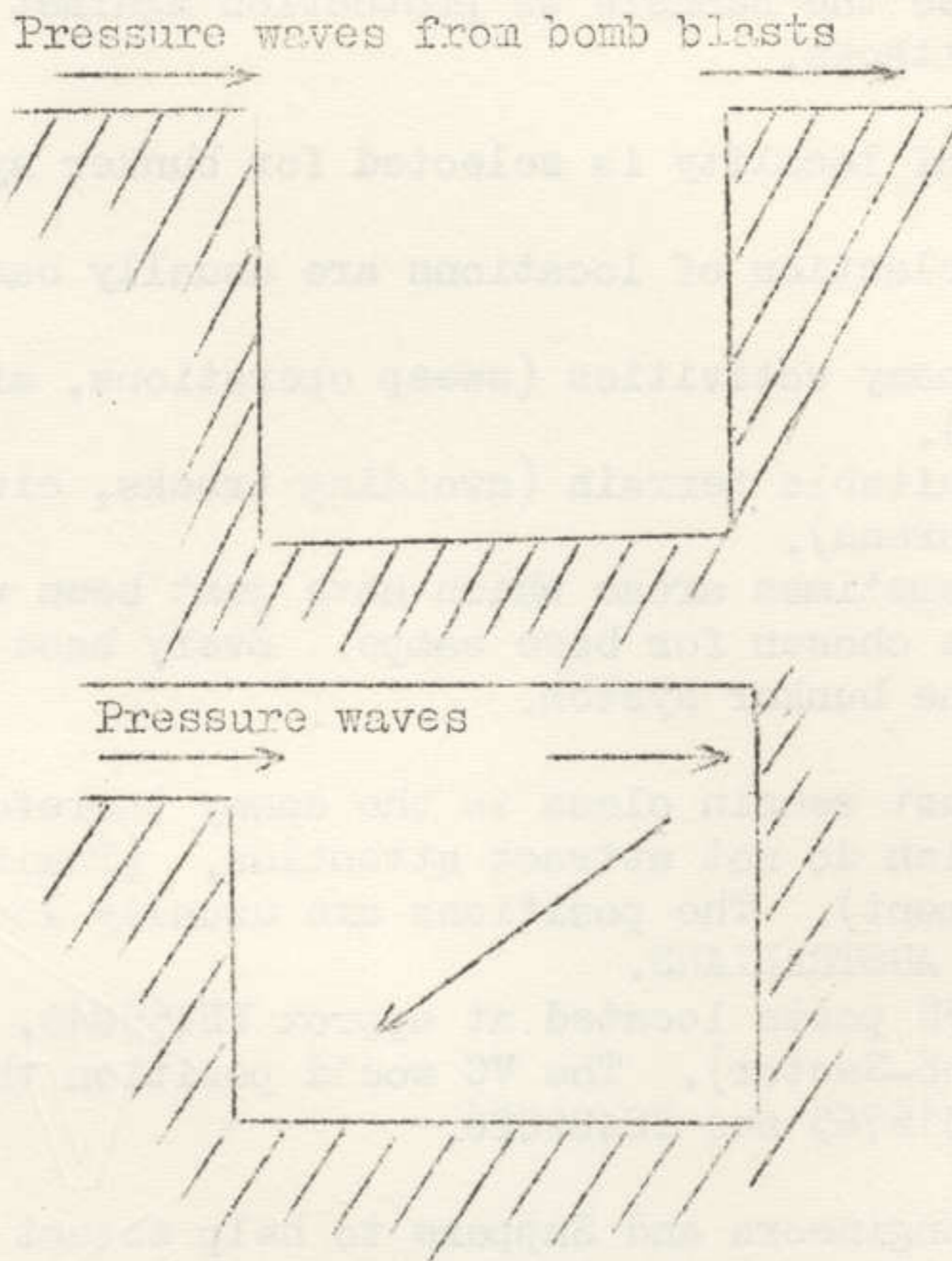
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ANSWERS BY LE DINH LONG COMMO PL COMD, STAFF SECT,
BA LONG PROVINCE UNIT.

Question 1 (a). What is the criteria for the construction of individual or groups of bunkers.

Answer 1 (a). In accordance with the Resolutions from COSVN and the orders from Unit HQ, at present, the VC and NVA usually build their bunkers in a "T" shape to avoid concussion and blast from B52 airstrikes.



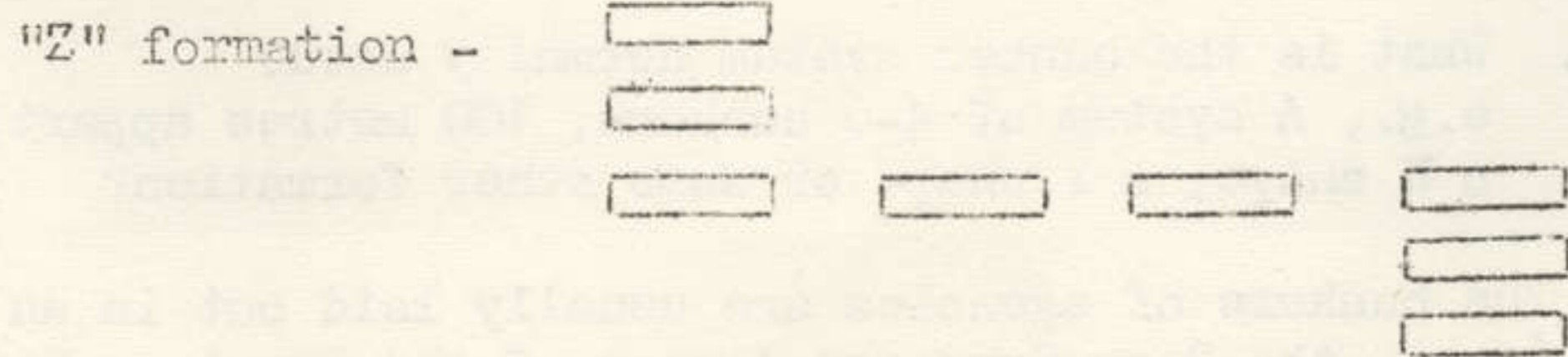
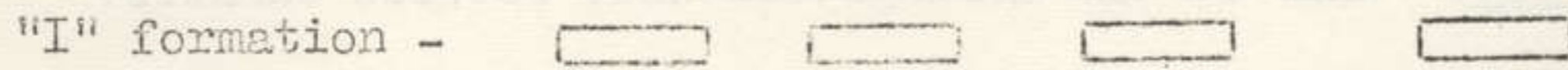
Approximately 6 persons sleep in each bunker.

Question 1 (b). Who decides on the position of the bunkers?

Answer 1 (b). The commander or Chief of Staff of the Province Unit, and the commanders of mobile battalions position the bunkers.

Question 1 (c). Is there usually a system used for positioning bunkers?

Answer 1 (c). The bunker systems are usually formed in an "I" or "Z" formation. e.g.,



The maximum distance from one bunker to another is: 70m (for agencies)
30m (for troops)

The aim of the bunker system is to afford as much protection as possible from Arty and B52 Strikes. From experience the VC have noted that bombs dropped in B52 strikes are spaced 50 metres apart and in line.

Question 1 (d). What is the best method for destroying bunkers?

Answer 1 (d). The best methods are: Bombs, artillery or tear gas - after that by using air-burst shells.

Question 2 (a). Why do NVA and VC have bunkers?

Answer 2 (a). NVA and VC use the bunkers as protection against artillery/air-strikes and ground attacks.

Question 2 (b). What type of locality is selected for bunker systems?

answer 2 (b). Agencies. Selection of locations are usually based on the following principles:

- (1) Enemy activities (sweep operations, air/arty strikes, Rangers).
- (2) Suitable terrain (avoiding tracks, civilians and near jungle areas).
- (3) Sometimes areas which have just been vacated by the enemy could be chosen for base camps. Every base camp must have at least one bunker system.

Infantry. Must remain close to the enemy therefore, they must choose locations which do not attract attention. (Taking advantage of the surprise element). The positions are usually located near ARVN posts, but not near AUSTRALIANS.

e.g., The ARVN posts located at approx YS455840, YS445746 and Duc Thanh (Sub-Sector). The VC would position themselves at approx YS437847, YS416765 and YS482826.

Question 2 (c). Are there Engineers and Sappers to help select the sites and construct the bunkers?

Answer 2 (c). The agencies construct the bunkers themselves.

Question 2 (d). Why are bunkers normally situated on straight tracks and trails?

Answer 2 (d). All bunkers are situated in line in order to avoid arty/airstrikes, especially B52 strikes.
VC and NVA base camps have to be located well away from any track or trail. If there are tracks in the area caused by VC/NVA traffic, they must be camouflaged.

Question 2 (e). What is the average distance between bunkers?

Answer 2 (e). The average distance between bunkers is 60 metres.

Question 2 (f). What is the bunker system normally used?
e.g., A system of 4-6 bunkers, 100 metres apart, in a circle, a U shape, a Y shape or some other formation?

Answer 2 (f). The bunkers of agencies are usually laid out in an "I" formation (e.g., the Rear Services Agency of the Province Unit).

Question 2 (g). What happens when a bunker system is attacked?

Answer 2 (g). Agencies. The commander of the agency will give the order to withdraw without any counter-fire (incase the enemy is very close), or everyone runs for his life (if they are attacked).

Question 2 (h). Who gives the command to withdraw if they are defeated?

Not Answered.

Question 2 (i). Who is the last to leave?

Not Answered.

Question 2 (j). How many persons (percentage or fraction) must stay in the bunkers to delay enemy attacks?

Not Answered.

Question 2 (k). After leaving the bunkers how far must they go?

Answer 2 (k). If anybody becomes lost after running away from the base camp, he should ask commo-liaison about the location of the Province Unit. (Only the commander knows the location of the reserve base camp.)

Question 2 (l). When does the Recce team return to the bunkers?

Answer 2 (l). The Recce team returns to the base the day after an attack to investigate the condition of the camp and the situation.

Question 2 (m). What type of attack (with regards to AUSTRALIAN Forces) has the most results on bunkers?

Answer 2 (m). The VC has suffered many casualties from raids by AUSTRALIAN Rangers (SAS), but generally, they are able to avoid casualties during sweep operations. The (SAS) raids harassed the VC also by causing them, after many casualties, to move to different locations. They realised that the old base would be either bombed or visited during sweep operations.

Question 2 (n). How do they set up sentries? Where are they placed?

Answer 2 (n). Agencies: If they receive information about Ranger (SAS) raids, or if they see helicopters flying in the area or landing near the base camp, or even just hearing the sound of aircraft, they will set up sentries that night. The recce team patrols around the camp during the day.

If the enemy is in the area, the agency will establish a watch tower (lookout) facing the probable direction of enemy approach. The watch tower team consists of two persons and is located about 50 metres from the camp.

Question 2 (o). What type of fire control do the VC and NVA have?

Not Answered.

Question 2 (p). Are snipers specifically trained for this task?

Not Answered.

Question 2 (g).

When the enemy leave the bunkers:

- (1) For how far do the NVA and VC need to keep in contact with the enemy?
- (2) Do they have scouts to watch the movement of the enemy?
- (3) How much material is salvaged from old bunkers to construct new ones?

Answer 2 (g).

- (1) They do not leave any recce group near the old camp after being attacked.
- (2) Not Answered.
- (3) If possible every man carries 40kg of goods from the old base. They hide it in a cache approx 7 to 8 hours walking distance away. Other material is hidden about 700 to 800 metres from the base.

ANSWERS BY TRAN VAN KINH
EX-BATTLEFIELD REPORTERS CELL LEADER OF D445

Question 1 (a). What are the criteria for the construction of individual or groups of bunkers?

answer 1 (a). Any VC combat unit must always have bunkers; that is the order from its HQ and it is also a decision and directive from COSVN.
Bunkers are built:
(1) To protect them against artillery and airstrikes by ARVN or Allied forces.
(2) In order to have conditions for countering raids and sweep operations by ARVN and Allied forces.

Question 1 (b). Who decides on the positioning of bunkers?

Answer 1 (b). The direct commander of the unit.
e.g., D445 is Commanded by SAU THU. He positions the Companies. The Company Commander then deploys his Company and the position of the bunkers.
The type of bunkers are decided by the Command Section of the Province Unit. (This includes the directions as to length, width, depth and the techniques for digging them.)

Question 1 (c). Is any unusual system used for positioning bunkers?

Answer 1 (c). Nil.

Question 1 (d). What is the best method for destroying bunkers?

Answer 1 (d). Only use Air/Arty strikes and surprise attacks against VC communication trenches.
e.g., Use assault forces, carrying explosives and grenades, in secret and continuous attacks on VC bunkers or communication trenches. (Use Arty and assault tactics.)

Question 2 (a). Why do NVA and VC have bunkers?

Answer 2 (a). See Answer 1 (a).

Question 2 (b). What type of locality is selected for a bunker system?

Answer 2 (b). In jungle areas which offer secrecy, on high hills, near water (in the dry season, along suitable streams).
There are many areas which the AUSTRALIANS have been in, but where they did not destroy the bunkers, or where Artillery or bombs have not affected the base camp. (Meaning the base still provides secrecy or can be repaired.)
e.g., The base camp of D445 at TA LUNG Stream, YS558708 to YS569706, which had just been completed at the end of Aug 69.
The base camp on both sides of the TAM BO Stream YS557809.

Question 2 (c). Is any Engineer or Sapper assistance given in selecting the site or in the construction of the bunkers?

Answer 2 (c). No. Units build the bunkers themselves, without outside help.

Question 2 (d). Why are bunkers normally placed on straight tracks or trails?

Answer 2 (d). When the VC choose a site for the building of a new base, there are no tracks. But after a while tracks will start to be evident. (This will be faster in the rainy season than it is in the dry season.) The VC know this and will open tracks into the camp but in such a manner as to give protection against discovery by aircraft.

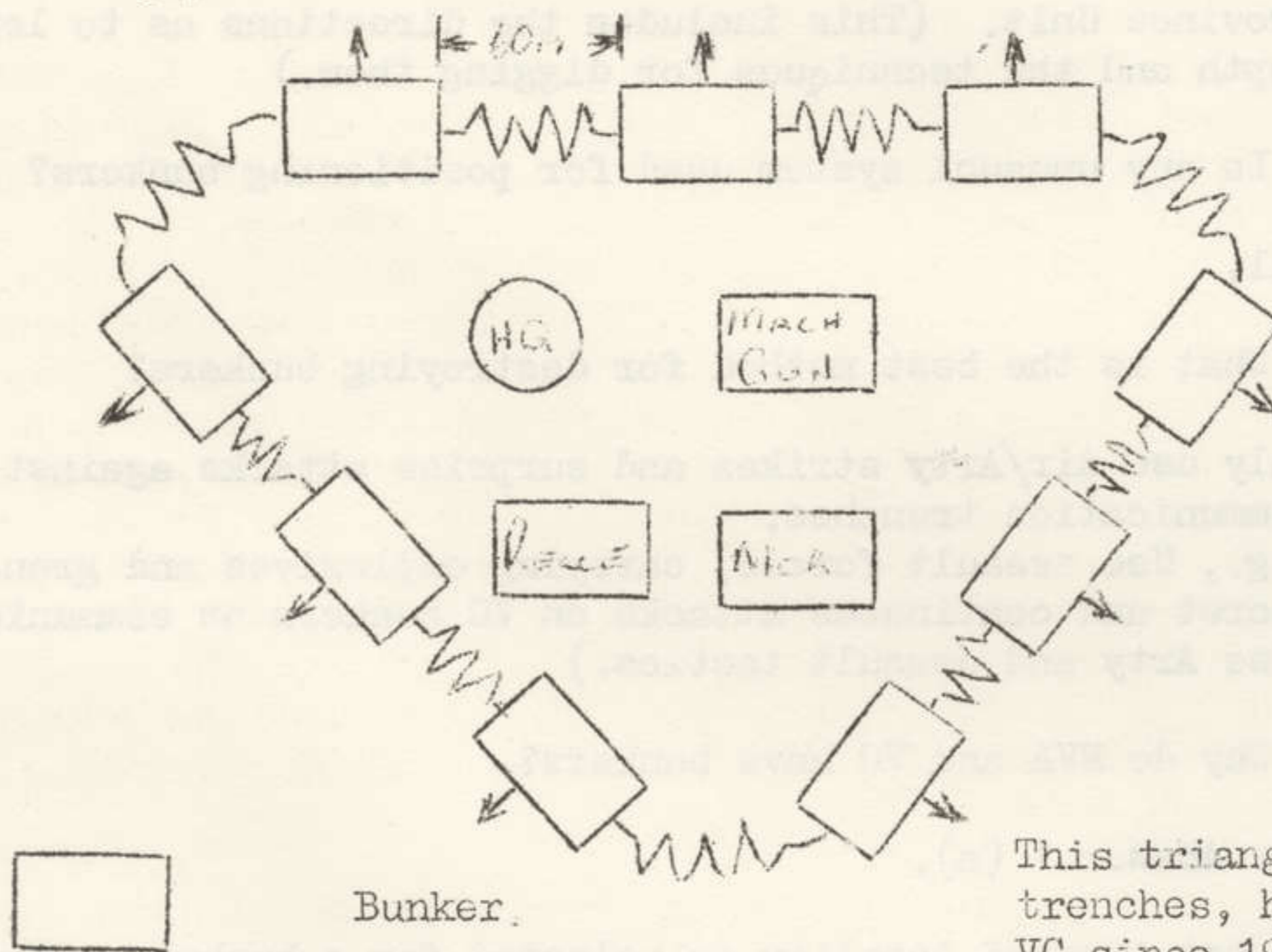
Question 2 (e). What is the average distance between bunkers?

Answer 2 (e). The average distance between two bunkers is from 50 to 60 metres. They are this far apart to avoid damage from artillery or aerial bombardment, especially B52. In case of B52 strikes on the base, if one bomb hits one bunker, the next bunker escapes being hit.

Question 2 (f). What is the normal lay-out of a bunker system?

Answer 2 (f). The bunker system is built in a triangular formation. Each bunker is 2.6 metres long; 1.5 metres wide; if there are no rocks it will be 1.2 metres, 1.4 metres or 1.6 metres deep. If there are rocks then the depth will only be 0.8 metres to 1.0 metres deep. At Company level, each platoon digs and deploys in one side of the triangle.

e.g.,



This triangle formation with trenches, has been used by the VC since 1968.

Question 2 (g). What is done when the bunker system is attacked.

Answer 2 (g). Only the side which is attacked has the right to counter fire. Other sides stay in their positions and only reinforce when needed. When the base is caught in a surprise attack, the VC do not use 61mm or 82mm Mortars. They mostly use B40 or B41 to fire into the machine gun position of the attackers. AK's fire short bursts. Other companies could come to reinforce the company which is under attack by routes through the jungle which have been previously prepared, in accordance to an established plan for defense. Platoons which go to reinforce another platoon (in the same company, in the same bunker system) do so via the communication trenches.

Question 2 (h). Who gives the command to withdraw, if they are defeated?

Answer 2 (h). The highest, direct commander of the unit.
e.g., An independent platoon has a company 2 i/c to give the order.
A company has a battalion 2 i/c to give the order.
In a batalion the decisions are reached in discussion between the Battalion Commander and the Battalion Political Officer, with the final decision resting with the Political Officer.

Question 2 (i). Who is the first to leave?

Answer 2 (i). Depends on the orders given by direct commander.
e.g., The Battalion Commander orders 1 Company to withdraw, then 2 Company, then 3 Company, then 4 Company under fire support by 1 Company. 1 Company withdraws about 100 metres, then they must deploy to guard (support) the withdrawl of 2 Company. (The withdrawl is along prepared or preveiously agreed routes.) When the base is attacked and the order of withdrawl is given, they usually leave a section of Infantry-Recce behind, or if there is a lack of these Recce-Sappers, to keep an eye on the situation (they do not fire any weapons). In special circumstances D445 usually leaves 3 Company behind, as 3 Company consists totally of Infantry-Recce and Sappers. Withdrawl from each bunker is in accordance with orders by the direct commander (bunker commander).
e.g., Bunker 1 receives orders to withdraw. The assault soldiers of cell 1 go first, followed by cell 2 (machine gun section), then the bunker-commander followed by cell 3 (B40 or B41 cell - there is only one launcher).

Question 2 (j). How many people (percentage or fraction) are left in the bunkers to delay the advance of the enemy?

Answer 2 (j). The VC usually leave behind one cell or one section (Infantry-Recce or Sapper-Recce). If terrain is favorable, they could leave a company. D445 usually leaves C3 behind to keep an eye on the situation and for sniping, as C3 consists entirely of Sappers.

Question 2 (k). After leaving the bunkers, how far must they go?

Answer 2 (k). They usually leave the attacked camp about 8 hours walking behind them.

Question 2 (l). When does the Recce team return?

Answer 2 (l). As soon as the enemy forces leave, the Recce team is back in the old camp.

Question 2 (m). What type of attack is the most successful?

Answer 2 (m). The AUSTRALIAN tactics are the best, namely to take advantage of opportunity - rainy weather, rest periods such as lunch (12 noon) or evening meal (8 at night). From 2130 hours (Hanoi time) until until 1000 hours (Hanoi time), the VC post sentries and send out many patrols around the base, up to 2km away from the camp. If they hear observer aircraft, then they establish 2 beats for the patrols, one at least 8kms away from the camp and the nearest about 200 to 300 metres away.
Surprise attacks, ambushes, claymores cause the VC the most casualties and these are the things the VC fear most.

Question 2 (n). How are sentries posted? Where are they placed?

Answer 2 (n). Each company organises two to three guardposts, that is each side has a lookout post. These are 150 metres to 200 metres from the camp. They take advantage of a termites nest or the trunk of a tree to sit behind at a distance of about 5 metres from a track.

Question 2 (o). What type of fire control do the VC have?

Answer 2 (o). The VC usually employ their machine guns to support the infantry - B 40 and B 41 to destroy the enemy's firing position - AK's for sniping (short bursts) and handgrenades to break up enemy assaults.

Question 2 (p). Are snipers specifically trained for this task?

Answer 2 (p). No. Nobody is trained as a sniper. In D445 there is only a man named QUANG, who is a "Hero of the Liberation Front" because he knocked-out a tank with a B40.

Question 2 (q). When the enemy leave the bunkers:

- (1) For how far do the VC need to keep contact with the enemy?
- (2) Do they have sentries to watch the movements of the enemy?
- (3) How much material is salvaged from the old bunker system to build new bunkers?

Answer 2 (q). They leave observers behind to follow the enemy wherever they go, so that when the enemy leaves the VC know immediately. These observers are at times as close as 5 or 10 metres from the enemy.
Other times the enemy is observed through binoculars. Materials usually are hidden about 10 minutes to $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour's walk away from the base (about 1000 metres).

Question 2 (r). How far away from an old bunker system is a new bunker system built?

Answer 2 (r). Very far. Sometimes it takes a day and a night to walk from the old camp to the new one. At least 10 hours and the most 24 hours walking.

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 6/69

Period Covered 170001H - 232400H Nov 69.

Enemy Activity in III CTZ.

1. Enemy activity remained at a low level during the week in III CTZ and consisted of scattered harassing attacks and light ground probes primarily in the northern provinces where divisional elements are located. There were no major ground attacks reported.

Enemy Locations.

2. Locations of enemy units show little change from last week.

a. 5 VC Div

- (1) HQ, NORTH of BU DOP.
- (2) 275 VC Regt, probably located near Div HQ.
- (3) 174 NVA Regt, SOUTH EAST of SONG BE along Route 14.
- (4) 95 NVA Regt, unlocated.

b. 7 NVA Div

- (1) HQ, NORTH WEST PHUOC LONG Province.
- (2) 141 NVA Regt, NORTH WEST of SONG BE.
- (3) 165 NVA Regt, WEST of BU DOP.
- (4) 209 NVA Regt, WEST of LOC NINH.

c. 9 VC Div

- (1) HQ, SOUTH EAST of KATUM.
- (2) 271 VC Regt, NORTH EAST WAR ZONE "C".
- (3) 272 VC Regt, NORTH WEST of NUI BA DEN.
- (4) 95 C NVA Regt, NORTH Central TAY NINH Province.

d. 1 NVA Div

- (1) HQ, unlocated.
- (2) 101D NVA Regt, unlocated.
- (3) 88 NVA Regt, probably SOUTH-SOUTH WEST of TAY NINH City.

e. MR-7

- (1) HQ, eastern BINH SON Rubber.
- (2) 33 NVA Regt, southern LA NGA Base Area.
- (3) 274 VC Regt, HQ, eastern BINH SON Rubber.

Enemy Activity in 1 ATF TAOR.

3. SR-4 Area. Enemy activity in the HAT DICH (SR-4 area) during the week has continued at a low level although food resupply missions have been made to villages on Route 15. Only the HQ and elements of HQ support units of SR-4 are believed to be in the HAT DICH at the moment.

4. Fresh sign and captured documents indicate that HQ SR-4 is currently located in the vicinity of YS3583 and although they have been forced to vacate their bunkers by 5 RAR, they probably have not moved very far from this area.

5. Other elements of SR-4 are considered to be located as follows:

- a. 2nd Inf Bn - WEST of Route 15 and SOUTH of LONG THANH City (vicinity of YS1685)
- b. 4th Inf Bn - Western NHON TRACH (vicinity of YS001830)

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- c. 6th Heavy Wpns Bn - NORTH EAST BINH SON Rubber.
 - d. DOAN 8 - EAST of SAIGON, western BIEN HOA Province.
 - e. DOAN 10 - RUNG SAT Special Zone.
6. 3rd Bn 274 Regt is located EAST of Route 15 in the PHUOC HOA Jungle near the SOU CA in the vicinity of YS2288 although documents CIA to the EAST of THAI THIEN identify elements of 3/274 and HQ sub units of 274 Regt futher SOUTH.
7. CHAU DUC District. The most significant incident in this district during the week was the ambush by D&E Pl on the night 21/22 Nov at YS438868. A total of 6 VC were killed in the ambush and these have been identified as high ranking VC Cadre. (1 ATF INTSUM 326/69 dated 22 Nov 69 refers).
8. The loss of these party members should cause concern and possibly minor alarm within BA LONG Province HQ and to a lesser degree in MR-7 HQ.
9. D 67 Engr Bn is still considered to be located to the EAST of PHU MY and now that 5 RAR has moved out so that the area can once again be classified a civil access area, their resupply difficulties will be solved. The Bn HQ and one Company of the battalion is thought to be located in this area and another company located in the southern and SOUTH WEST NUI THI VAI.
10. CHAU DUC District Unit (C41) is still considered to be located to the WEST and NORTH WEST of BINH BA but no firm contact or identification has been made this week.
11. The Coy of D440 (LF) Bn thought to be located to the WEST of NGAI GIAO, has not been heard of during the week and there is a possibility that it has moved NORTH EAST to join the remainder of the battalion in the area SOUTH EAST of XUAN LOC (vicinity of YS5595).
12. LONG DAT District. Agents continue to report the LONG DAT District Unit (C25) and elements of D445 VC (LF) Bn in the LONG HAI Hills. Visual Reconnaissance over the past week indicates a significant amount of movement with in the hill complex and also to and from DAT DO and villages on Route 44.
13. Reports received concerning the presence of C3/D445 in the LONG GREEN have been substantiated by documents recovered by A Coy 6 RAR at YS585596 on 17 Nov 69 and C3 is considered highly likely to be responsible for the command detonated mine incident with V Coy and 4/52 ARVN Bn in the LONG GREEN at 240705H Nov 69 at YS531585 which resulted in 2NZ KIA, 2 NZ WIA and 3 ARVN (incl the Pl Comd) WIA.
14. XUYEN MOC District. There has been little activity in this district over the past week and the XUYEN MOC District Unit (C70) remains unlocated. A few light contacts to the NORTH and NORTH WEST of XUYEN MOC and also sightings by elements of 6 RAR of apparent recce groups near FSEB Discovery suggest that surveillance of that area is being maintained by local force guerillas.
15. Sightings of minor significance and sign of recent movement in the DAT SET and TAN RU areas suggest that caretaker groups and possibly recce parties are looking for sign that 6 RAR has moved out of the area. Once this can be established D445 VC (LF) Bn, in keeping with the policy of deploying in areas recently vacated by AUSTRALIAN troops, will probably move back into that area from the LONG HAI.

Conclusions.

16. During the coming week activity will probably increase in the northern

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part of the III CTZ where divisional elements are targetted against Allied FSB's and Special Forces Camps astride enemy Lines of Communication. Primary threat areas are northern TAY NINH Province where 9 VC Div is deployed and the BU DOP/BO DUC area in PHUOC LONG Province where 7 NVA Div elements are located. An increase in activity in these areas may occur within the next one or two days.

17. Apart from an expected increase in NORTH WEST HAU NGHIA Province (SR-2), activity in the remaining Sub-regions is expected to consist of harassing attacks by fire only as SR forces are considered incapable of mounting any concentrated or sustained attacks at present.

18. Within 1 ATF TAOI enemy activity will probably remain at the present low level with Main Force and Sub-region forces relocating bases, re-establishing supply routes and trying to avoid contact.

19. Local Force and district units will no doubt be concentrating on collecting Agricultural Tax and procurement of up to 50% of rice harvested in accordance with directives issued to the LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC Finance and Economy sections.

20. Although infiltration, harassment and propagandizing of hamlets and villages by local guerillas is expected to continue, no evidence of a HIGH POINT within the coming week has been received or is expected.

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List A
II FFORCE V
MACV J2
MACV C1CV
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18 ARVN Div
3 TAC Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
199 LIB
BIEN HOA TAC
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ANNEX "A" to 1 ATF
OP Instr 97/69
dated 26 Nov 69.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OP MARSDEN (AO GULLIVER)

SEEN 29A

General

1. OP MARSDEN has been targeted against HQ VC BA LONG Province in the NUI MAY TAO area. VC BA LONG Province, also known as SR-9 embraces the GVN provinces of PHUOC TUY and LONG KHANH. The HQ controls the Local Force VC throughout the six districts of BA LONG Province - XUAN LOC, DINH QUAN, CAO SU, CHAU DUC, KUYEN MOC and LONG DAT - and is subordinate to HQ Military Region 7.

2. In addition to the six district units and their concentrated companys, HQ BA LONG Province has two manevre battalions D440 and D445 also known as D1 and D2.

ENEMY

1. Organisation. Outline organisation is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Strength. The strength of HQ BA LONG Province is not known. However, in the area of AO GULLIVER, embracing the likely locations of the HQ and logistic echelons, there is thought to be in the vicinity of 2000 people.

3. Locations. A trace issued separately depicts suspected unit locations of HQ BA LONG Province. This information came from a sketch map captured by 199LIB on 8 Nov 69.

4. Data Base. Separate traces have also been issued showing SAS Ptl routes, contacts and incidents together with a data base.

5. Terrain. Going maps have been issued separately.

6. Likely Enemy Reaction. The HQ is highly mobile as required, though it has been static in the MAY TAO location for approximately four months, during which time it has been subjected to a number of B52 Strikes none of which appears to have influenced the HQ to move. This factor together with numerous VR reports suggest that the complexes are solid if not also large.

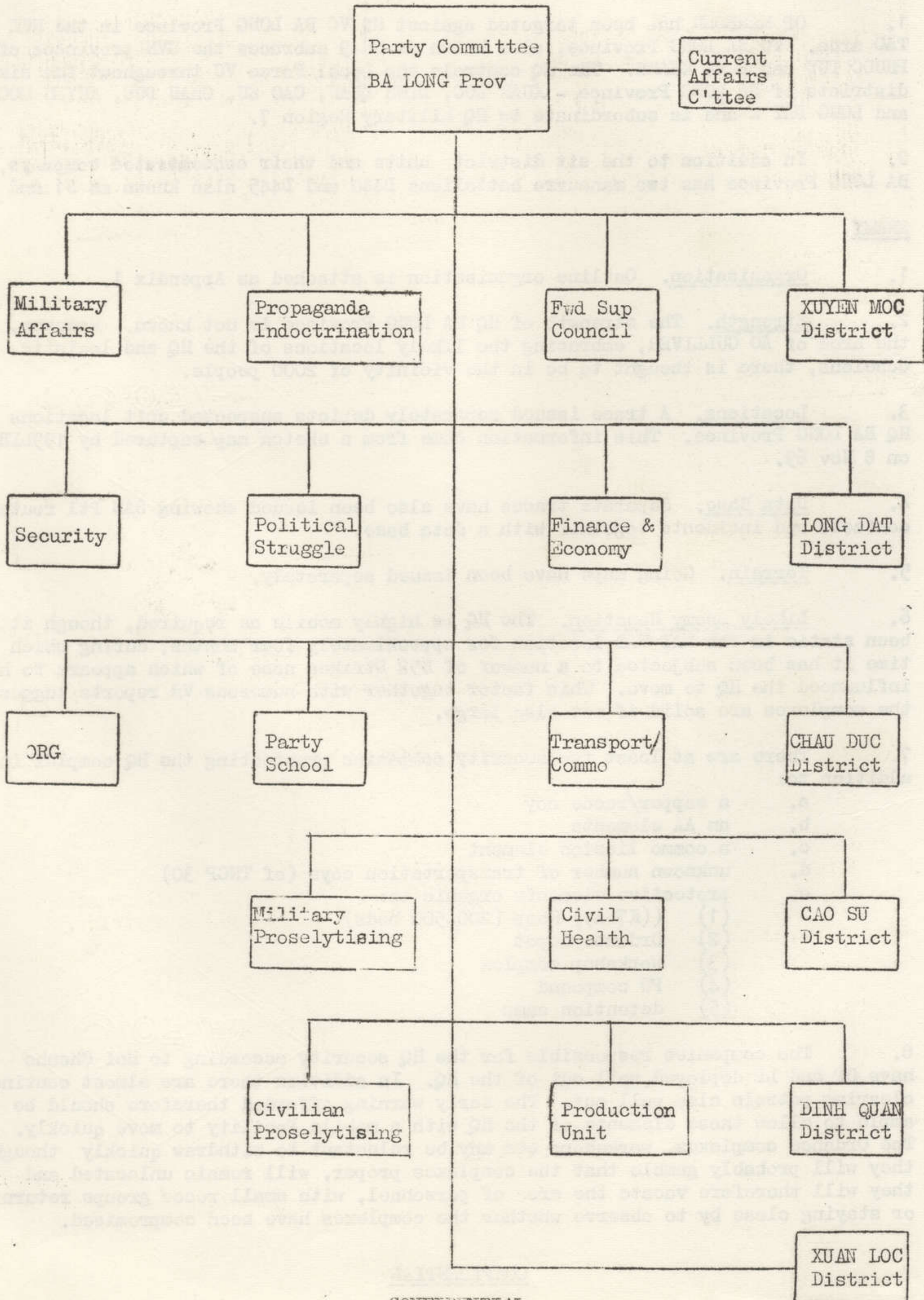
7. There are at least two security companies protecting the HQ complex in addition to:

- a. a sapper/recce coy
- b. an AA elements
- c. a commo liasion element
- d. unknown number of transportation coys (of TNGP 30)
- e. protective elements organic to:
 - (1) ((K76A)) Hosp (200-500 beds)
 - (2) Ordnance depot
 - (3) Workshop complex
 - (4) PW compound
 - (5) detention camp

8. The companies responsible for the HQ security according to Hoi Chanhs have OP and LP deployed well out of the HQ. In addition there are almost continuous clearing patrols also well out. The early warning afforded therefore should be ample to allow those elements of the HQ with a mobile facility to move quickly. The Ordnance complexes, workshops etc may be reluctant to withdraw quickly though they will probably gamble that the complexes proper, will remain unlocated and they will therefore vacate the area of personnel, with small recce groups returning or staying close by to observe whether the complexes have been compromised.

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Appendix 1 to Annex A
to 1 ATF OP Order 97/69
dated 26 Nov 69



- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 334/69.
- 2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Nov 69.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE

(a) (300815H) At YS271817, elements of B/5 RAR located 2 bodies killed by GSW. KIA's have been credited to 7/C/5 RAR's contact at 101320H Nov 69 at YS269815 (INTSUM 314-69, para 3.a.(3)(b) refers).

(b) (301515H) At YS268835, a patrol from 2/A/5 RAR were engaged by one enemy while checking out a small bunker system. The patrol returned fire and the enemy withdrew WEST with unknown results. The bunker system consisted of three new bunkers, with three feet OHC and two cook houses.

(c) (301615H) At YS265786, 9/C/5 RAR sighted one VC approx 400 to 500 metres from the above grid reference. In the same area 9 Pl located ten ox-carts, a bike and 30 people. 9 Pl were checking the people and have reported nothing further.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

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

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aust. Inflicted - 2 VC.

c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.

(a) Captured: Small quantity of cooking utensils.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff.

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS268835	Tinned supplies	Unknown	Destroyed

(4) Omitted.

(5) Caches.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS/COMMENT</u>
301515H	2/A/5 RAR	YS268835	2 small caches containing a small quantity of tinned supplies and cooking utensils.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month.

(1) KIA - 1 NVA 78 VC

(2) PW - 5

(3)(4) Omitted.

(5) Individual Weapons - 48

(6) Crew Served Weapons - 1

(7) Rice Captured - 7.80 Tons.

(8)(9) Omitted.

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5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
301030H	YS237801	15 lbs of explosives pressure detonated	1 APC damaged, neg casualties.

6.7. Omitted.

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

9 - 11. Omitted.

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GSC-2 (Int) Division

Attachments

ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance.

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

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ANNEX E (Aerial Reconnaissance)
to 1 ATF INTSUM No. _____
dated 30 Nov 69

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
301230H	YS575601	Fresh track of 3 to 4 people.
	YS557588	6 graves beside two old bunkers. Graves approx 2 weeks old.
301330H	YS660892	Camp in good condition.
	YS6889	Heavily used tracks lead into square.
	YS634929	Well used foot track crossing river and leads into a small camp.
30 Nov 69	YS392868	Well used EAST to WEST track, follows fire trail WEST of this grid to Countney Rubber area.
	YS388865	A fighting pit near track.
301630H	YS712811	Heavily used tracks, one bunker and one fighting pit.
	YS672782	A well used resting area next to creek crossing.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
Late Report		
292358H	YS268898	1 emission.
300105H	YS296801	Unknown.
300125H	YS500538	1 emission.
	YS485502	3 emissions.
	YS298898	1 in open.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
300025H	YS830720	1 emission (Shadow fired on this target).
	YS795700	1 emission (Shadow engaged area which resulted in one secondary explosion).
300535H	YS830720	1 on trail.
	YS799675	1 on beach.
	YS795700	1 on road.
	YS824715	1 on trail.
	YS770670	1 on road.
	YS840735	1 in open.
	YS775740	1 in open.
	YS435670	1 on road.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout</u>
300930H	YS334895	Maximum.
EASTING 30 to 300		Continuous high-reading in area bounded by
NORTHING 895 to 900		these co-ordinates.
	YS340895	Strong.
	YS354896	
	YS355900	
	YS359895	
	YS383894	
	YS346880	
	YS360870	
301700H	YS637933	Maximum.
	YS660925	
	YS630910	

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Readout.</u>
301700H	YS628867	Maximum.
	EASTINGS YS620	Continuous maximum readout in area bounded
	to 630. NORTH-	by these co-ordinates.
	INGS YS915 to	
	920	
	YS620952	Strong.
	YS624938	
	YS628929	
	YS664927	
	YS628925	
	YS665919	
	YS641917	
	YS665915	
	YS665912	
	YS664907	
	YS626965	
	YS643903	
	YS621898	
	YS627899	
	YS621888	
	YS671883	
	YS679882	
	YS639868	
	YS645868	
	YS647868	
	YS664867	
	YS669867	
	YS673867	

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
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303	Rubbish Trucks and Tip
304	Medals
305	NUI DAT Dam
306	Fire Restrictions 1 ATF
307	Statements to the Press
308	Remittance of Cash to Places Other Than Aust.
309	Meals - Officers on R & C Leave - VUNG TAU

302. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
3 Nov 69	WO2 Kludas	Sgt Browning
4 Nov 69	WO1 Kendrick	Sgt Smith
5 Nov 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt Straughair
6 Nov 69	Capt Gilchrist	Sgt Summers
7 Nov 69	WO2 Dingle	Sgt Hilton
8 Nov 69	WO2 Buckell	Sgt Wilson
9 Nov 69	Lt Blackney	Sgt Angus

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<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
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4 Nov 69	LAD	Composite
5 Nov 69	Composite	4 Troop
6 Nov 69	LAD	Composite
7 Nov 69	Composite	4 Troop
8 Nov 69	LAD	Composite
9 Nov 69	Composite	4 Troop

DUTY PROJECTIONIST

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Projectionist</u>
3 Nov 69	Tpr Hamilton
4 Nov 69	Tpr Harris
5 Nov 69	Tpr Hamilton
6 Nov 69	Tpr Harris
7 Nov 69	Tpr Hamilton
8 Nov 69	Tpr Harris
9 Nov 69	Tpr Hamilton

303. RUBBISH TIP AND TRUCK

1. Drivers of rubbish trucks will ensure that loads are covered by tarpaulins outside unit lines and vehicles driven at laid down speed limits.
2. No unauthorised dumping at the tip is permissible, rubbish will be dumped under supervision of the tip NCO.
3. A chain across the gate denotes that the tip is closed.

304. MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal, and is subject to verification by CARO.

Sgt Smith Sgt Straughair Cfn Mathews Cfn Milne

The Vietnamese Campaign Medal

1. The following people are authorised to wear the ribbon of the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, subject to verification by CARO.

Tpr Smith G.J.

305 NUI DAT DAM

1. With immediate effect the dam is out bounds to all persons.

306. FIRE RESTRICTIONS - 1 ATF

The following restriction apply within 1 ATF:

- a. Open fires are to be lit only between 0700 and 0900 hours.
 - b. Fires are not to be lit upwind of nearby tentage.
 - c. No fire is to be lit within 50 meters of tentage.
 - d. Rubbish is to be burnt in approved incinerators. All incinerators must be fitted with a spark arrestor.
 - e. Fires may be lit in approved incinerators at any time during the day.
 - f. Leaves are not to be burnt indiscriminately throughout unit areas. They are to be collected and burnt either in safe areas or unit incinerators.
 - g. All burning off is to be supervised by at least an NCO.
 - h. Under no circumstances is petrol to be used when burning rubbish or burning off.
 - i. All teantage within 100 meters of burning off fires is to be picqueted by a fire party equipped with suitable fire equipment. The fire party is to remain in the vicinity of the tents until the person responsible for the supervision of the task is satisfied that there is no possibility of fire out breaks.
2. All units are to ensure that all fire fighting equipment is checked for servieability at least once a week. Any shortage of fire fighting equipment, including extinguisher refills, is to be reported to the 2 IC 1 Fd Sqn, who is 1 ATF Fire Officer. At the same time the unit is to take necessary action to obtain the deficient equipment. Shortages of equipment are to be reported to the HQ 1 ATF Fire Officer.
3. Where loss or damage to stores and equipment is caused by fire the unit is to advise thas Headquarters, This report is to contain information as detailed in MBI 129-6 paragraph 42b.

307. STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS

1. On arrival in Australia and in the period prior to their RTA members of 1 ATF mat be approached by members of the press for inter-views or comments on their service in Vietnam. These may seek to obtain information on the highlights of their service or other impressions.

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2. There is no objection to such interviews being granted in Vietnam provided that prior advice of the interview and an indication of the topics likely to be discussed is given to HQ 1 ATF. A PR officer is to be present at any interview and his attendance will be arranged by HQ * ATF.
 3. If any member is interviewed he is not to comment on or discuss:
 - a. Any matter of Government policy.
 - b. Any matter which is subject to public or political controversy or is likely to effect Australia's relations with another Government.
 - c. Any matter relating to policy, administration, plans, equipment or conditions of service.
 4. If a member is in doubt as to whether or not he may make a statement the best policy is to answer "No comment".

308. REMITTANCE OF CASH TO PLACES OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA

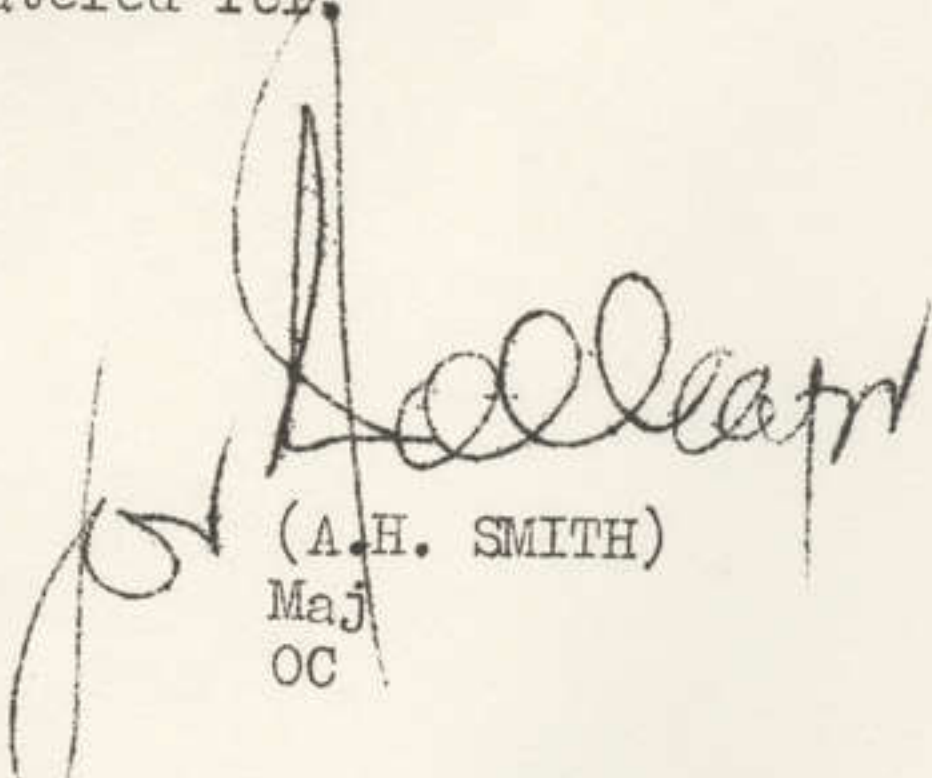
Reference R357-10-2

1. Remittances of cash from members serving in SVN for payments other than in Australia will not be accepted at AFV Cash Offices. Where members require to send cash to other countries they are to make private arrangements for payments eg through Australian Banks.

309. MEALS - OFFICERS ON R AND C LEAVE ... VUNG TAU

Reference 66-1-30

1. Officers on R and C leave have no entitlement to rations at public expense; they are expected to make their own arrangements for the purchase of meals.
2. Meals cannot be purchased at the Beach Annex Officers Mess. Only those officers in residence can be catered for.


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NOTICES

1. CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS - RESTRICTION ON IMPORT INTO NSW.

Subtended is an extract of a letter from the Assistant Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Department, outlining that Department's policy on the import of captured enemy weapons into NSW:

"..... over recent months, there has been a number of applications from Australian Servicemen stationed in Vietnam seeking approval to import into NSW "Military Rifles" and sub-machine guns, notably captured 7.62 mm Chicom AK47 assault rifles, and in all instances have been refused. However, in view of the large number of such applications being received,.... the NSW Police Department will not issue a "Form of Authority to Import" to permit servicemen returning from Vietnam to bring captured "Military Rifles" and/or sub-machine guns into NSW".

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8 Nov 69

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SUBJECT

310

Duties

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DUTIES

Date

Duty Officer

Duty Sergeant

9 Nov 69
10 Nov 69
11 Nov 69
12 Nov 69
13 Nov 69
14 Nov 69
15 Nov 69

Lt Sweeney
WO2 Kludas
WO1 Kendrick
Capt Sullivan
Capt Gilchrist
WO2 Buckell
WO2 Dingle

Sgt Browning
Sgt De Turt
Sgt Angus
Sgt Nicholson
Sgt Straughair
Sgt Hilton
Sgt Sawyer

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DUTY PROJECTIONIST

Date

Duty Projectionist

10 Nov 69
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Tpr Harris
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- 87. ALLOWANCES AND ROLL BOOK MARKINGS.
 - 1. To enable audit of "Out-of-Saigon Allowance" entitlements the following procedures are to apply in 1 ATF:
 - a. 1 TALU Roll Book is to be used as the "Allowance" roll book for all personnel detached to 1 TALU. Personnel detached to 1 TALU are to be marked "Y" in parent unit roll books.
 - b. Where personnel are detached from 1 ATF for liaison duties outside the Province e.g., 18 ARVN Div, 199 LIB etc, they are detached on a 1 ATF det instr to HQ Coy 1 ATF for administration. Where 1 ATF does not provide rations and quarters HQ Coy is to mark these personnel with a RED P (ie Aust Living Out procedures). These roll book markings will be used for justification of the appropriate allowances.
 - c. In other units where rations and quarters are not provided for any personnel detached the procedure in sub-para b. above is to apply.
 - 2. All roll book entries in relation to "Allowances" must contain in the "Remarks" column a 1 ATF authority for the detachment. It is therefore essential that all changes in manning of 1 TALU and other detachments be processed through HQ 1 ATF.
- 88. VISITORS - DAILY RATION STRENGTH RETURN.
 - 1. Where rations are claimed for "Visitors" documents must be maintained to justify the rations claimed. It is appreciated that a number of visitors do not 'march-in' to 1 ATF on AAF Mob 3's and consequently supporting documentation becomes difficult.
 - 2. The following documents are to be maintained to support rations claimed for visitors. (Audit authority will be necessary before their destruction).
 - a. AAF Mob 3s or Movement Orders. (Corresponding roll book entry).
 - b. HQ 1 ATF Visit Itineraries.

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c. Visitors Meal Record. (Each Mess is to maintain a book in which either casual visitors record their name and meal consumed, or a book in which the Mess NCO records the name of the visitor and meal consumed).

3. Para 2c is not to apply to HQ 4 ATF Officer's Mess where special circumstances exist. Separate instruction will be issued by HQ Coy re the method of rationing for visitors

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89. PARACHUTES

1. The following types of Parachutes are not to be hung in buildings, store houses, messes or tents:
 - a. Parachutes of silk material.
 - b. Parachutes of rayon type material.
2. They are a fire hazard and are to be pulled down immediately.
3. Units with parachutes hanging in ceilings who are unsure of the type of parachute they have are to contact the FSI on Ebony 78.
4. The FSI will then inspect the parachutes.

90. FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGES

1. The FSI has limited stocks of cartridges/recharges for most fire extinguishers. Cartridges and powder for Dry Powder Extinguishers are still unavailable.
2. Unit fire Officers/NCOs who do not have extinguisher recharges may contact the FSI on Ebony 78.
3. Units may hold 10% spare recharges for fire extinguishers.

91. PRECAUTIONS RELATED TO LIQUIFIED GAS CYLINDERS/CONTAINERS

1. Where liquified gases are in use, a warning notice is to be displayed near the point of connection to a building or decanting point. The minimum precaution is to take the form of a notice board large enough to be seen from 15 metres:

WARNING

LIQUIFIED GAS

Do not smoke, burn rubbish or allow naked light within 15 metres of cylinder or containers

Keep all dry grass and similarly flammable material at least 15 metres from cylinders/containers

Do not allow motor vehicles within 15 metres of cylinders/containers

In the event of any gas leak being detected, immediately inform 198 Wks Sect and TFEA

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1 ATF FIRE BRIGADE

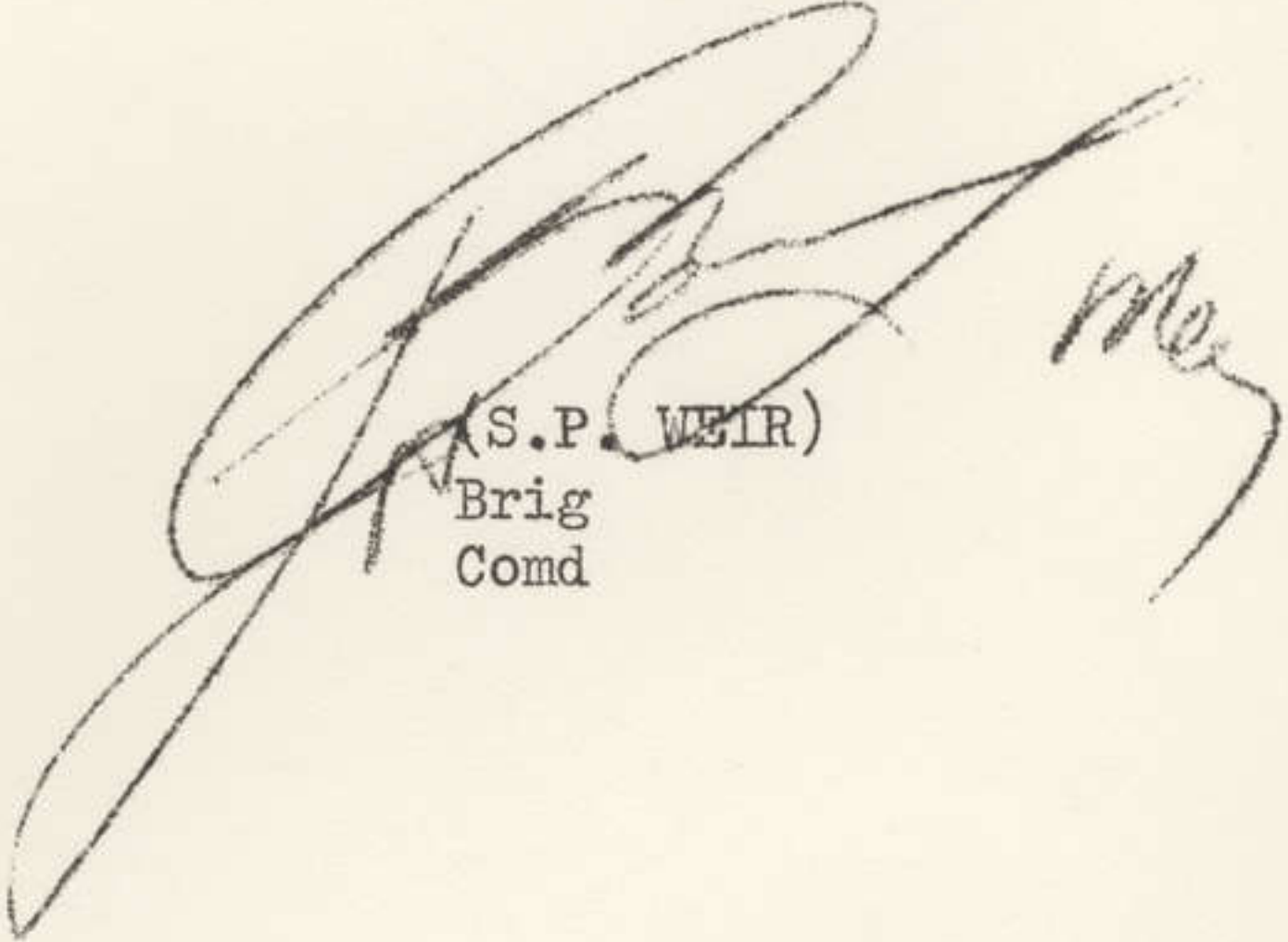
1. The 1 ATF Fire Brigade is commanded by the TF Fire Service Inspector (FSI) who is responsible for the training and operation of the Fire Brigade. The crew for this Brigade is provided by 21 Engr Sp Tp. Fire Brigade duties are a secondary role for crew members who operate on a standby basis only.

2. In the event of a fire in a unit area, which cannot be controlled by unit resources, the Fire Brigade is to be called out. This is not to be done indiscriminately. Unit personnel are to fight fires in unit areas. The unit Fire Officer/NCO is to call out the Brigade only after he has assessed that the fire cannot be controlled by unit resources.

3. The Fire Brigade is called out by contacting the following units during the times shown below:

- a. 0800 hrs to 1630 hrs, daily - 21 Engr Sp Tp (Ebony 29)
- b. All other times - 1 Fd Sqn Gp (Elevate)

4. When a unit calls out the Fire Brigade it is to advise the FSI, Ebony 78 (0800 hrs to 1700 hrs daily) or Elevate (all other times).


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OC B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
317	Duties
318	Medals
319	Projectionist Course
320	Captured Weapons
321	RTA 17 Dec - Anti Malarial Pills

317. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
2 Dec 69	Capt Gilchrist	Sgt Smith
3 Dec 69	WO2 Dingle	Sgt Summers
4 Dec 69	WO2 Buckell	Sgt Browning
5 Dec 69	WO2 Kludas	Sgt Hilton
6 Dec 69	Capt Streeting	Sgt Fairhead
7 Dec 69	Lt Sweeney	Sgt Sawyer
8 Dec 69	Lt Blackney	Sgt Bennier

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218. MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal, and is subject to verification by CARO.

Capt Streeting	Tpr Henderson	Tpr Hardy
Cfn Burton	Cfn Prentice	Cfn Arnold
Cfn Kearns	Cfn O'Neill	Pte Johns

The Vietnamese Campaign Medal

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, subject to verification by CARO,

Lcpl Ferrari	Cfn Skurrie	Tpr Perceval
Tpr Thomas RJ	Pte O'Leary	Tpr Grey
Lcpl Avis	Tpr Burgess	Tpr Eyre
Tpr Davies MF		Cpl Cromie

319. MAINTENANCE 16MM FILM PROJECTOR COURSE

1. The undermentioned members will attend this course to be held in the Model room of The Pearson Community Centre, on the date and time shown:-

Tpr	P.J. Harris	1600 hrs	4 Dec 69
Cpl	G.P. Heywood	1600 hrs	19 Dec 69

2. The abovementioned members will be in possession of the following equipment and documentation:-

Current 16mm Licence
Projector - Log Book
Unit Projector
Power Lead
Cleaning Materials

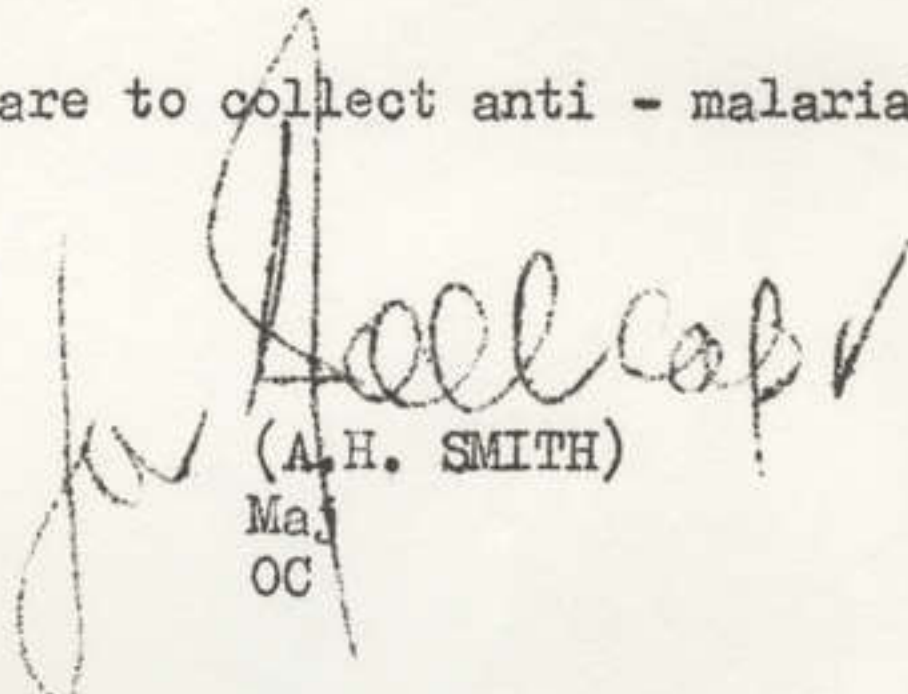
320. CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS

1. Instances have occurred where parts from several damaged enemy weapons scheduled for destruction have been used to make up one complete weapon. This made up weapon has then been used for souvenir or presentation purposes.

2. This practice is to cease forthwith.

321. RTA - 17 DEC - ANTI MALARIAL PILLS

1. All members for RTA on 17 Dec are to collect anti - malarial pills from RAP prior to 3 Dec.


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NOTICE

1. Approval has been given for the Royal Australian and Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps to be allied. Formal Promulgation of the alliance will follow shortly.