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## PART 3

# COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### 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.

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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, starting at B.

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

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Commanding Officer Maj. A.H. SMITH.

Month and Year. APR 69

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Apr 69		BSON (-) remained FSPB KERRY YT1313 ; 1Tp remained IATF BASE ; 2Tp moved into AO LOIS VS 3965 as part RRF deployment 4Tp with 2Sec 3Tp ASQN 3CAU Regt and elements of HQ IATF Def PL conducted RIF in AO BELCONNEN and ARUNDA LOCS BSON (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313 ; 1TP IATF BASE ; 2TP VS 385 635	E1
	2 Apr 69		BSON (-) FSPB KERRY ; 1Tp IATF BASE as RRF 2Tp returned to IATF BASE from RIF in area IATF BASE ; 4Tp moved with 2SEC 2TP ASQN 3CAU REGT and elements of HQ IATF DEF PL into AO BELCONNEN to conduct RIF LOCS BSON (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313 ; 1&2 Tp IATF BASE ; 4Tp YT 149 081	E2



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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Unit/Formation... BSON 1st Armored Regt...

Month and Year... Apr 69...

Reference Map... SVN...

Commanding Officer... Maj AH Smith...

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	3 Apr 69		BSON (-) moved from FSPB KERRY to FSPB JILLIAN; 1Tp remained IATF BASE as RRF; 2Tp moved with 1Tp ASQN 3CAV REGT and V Coy 4RAR to check reports of VC activity in area YS 4773; NO PW contacted. Some bunkers located, force returned to IATF BASE. 1730 hours 3Tp moved from FSPB KERRY to FSPB WATTLE YS 3546; 4Tp moved from over night room to FSPB JILLIAN.	E3
			LOUS: BSON (-) FSPB JILLIAN Y13306 1 & 2 Tp IATF BASE; 3Tp FSPB WATTLE YS 3546	
	4 Apr		SHQ remained FSPB JILLIAN; 1 & 2 Tp remained IATF BASE; 3Tp remained op con to 9RAR; 4Tp conducted RIF AD REID with 1 Dec 3Tp ASQN 3CAV REGT and elements of HQ IATF DEF PL	



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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year... Apr 69...

Reference Map... SVN...

Unit/Formation... BSON 1ARMD REGT...

Commanding Officer... Maj A.H. SMITH...

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	4 Apr	(Cont'd)	until 1400 hours and under Op con 5RAR Locs: BSON (-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 1st Tp IATF BASE; 3Tp FSPB WATTLE YS 3591 and 4Tp YT 329 009	E4
	5 Apr		SHQ remained FSPB JILLIAN; 1st Tp remained IATF BASE; 3Tp of con 9RAR; 4Tp remained of con 5RAR Locs BSON (-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 1st Tp IATF BASE; 3Tp FSPB WATTLE YS 3591 and 4Tp YS 315991 Po 106 to 110 issued Periodic Summary 30 Mar 5 Apr received	ES     K1  O1
	6 Apr		BSON (-) FSPB JILLIAN; 1Tp IATF BASE 2Tp deployed with D Coy 4RAR and 1Tp BSON 3CAU REGT at 1530 hours on RIF in BERIA AREA; 3Tp of con 9RAR; 4Tp of con 5RAR	E6



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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Unit/Formation... BSON. 1ARMD REGT.

Commanding Officer... Maj AH SMITH

Month and Year... Apr 69

Reference Map... SVN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	6 Apr	(cont'd)	Locs: BSON(-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 1 Tp IATF BASE ; 2Tp YS 392 636 ; 3Tp FSPB WATTLE YS 3591 ; 4Tp YS318994	
	7 Apr		BSON(-) FSPB JILLIAN ; 1Tp IATF BASE RRF ; 2Tp returned IATF BASE with Bcom 4RAR ; 3Tp Opcon 9RAR ; 4Tp released from Opcon 5RAR and returned to FSPB JILLIAN Locs: BSON (-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 1&2Tp IATF BASE ; 3Tp YS 340 871	E7
	8 Apr		BSON(-) Deployed from FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 to FSPB MARTINE YS 2575 1&2Tp remained IATF BASE ; 3Tp remained Opcon 9RAR Locs: BSON(-) FSPB MARTINE YS 2575 1& 2Tp IATF BASE ; 3Tp FSPB WATTLE YS 3591	E8



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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Unit/Formation. BSDN 1 ARMED REGT

Commanding Officer. May AH SMITH

Month and Year.....APR 69.....

Reference Map.....SUN.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	9 Apr		BSON (-) remained FSPB MARTINE YS2575 1#2 TP remained IATF BASE 3TP remained @ con GRAR LOCS BSON (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1#2TP IATFBASE ; 3TP FSPB WATTLE YS3591	E9
	10 Apr	1426 H	BSON (-) FSPB MARTINE ; 1#2 TP IATF BASE ; Whilst returning to FSPB MARTINE from GRAR a Centurion tank from 3TP detonated a mine at 1426 hours at YS 253 802 tank received moderate damage no crew casualties. 4tp carried out RIF in AO CAMDEN with 2TP BSON SCAR REST LOCS BSON (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575 1#2TP IATF BASE	E10



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Unit/Formation. BSON 1 ARMED REGT

Commanding Officer May A.H. SMITH

Month and Year... Apr 69...

Reference Map. SVH.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	11 Apr		BSQN(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE; 1Tp IATF BASE; 2Tp with 1Tp(-) ASSN 3CAU REGT carried out a march in area of YS 5763 returning to IATF BASE at 1700 hrs; 3Tp moved to FSPB JUANITA YS 2277 and became Op con to GRAR. 4Tp carried out RIF in AO CAMDEN with 2Tp ASSN and elements of HQ IATF Def Pl	E 11
		1140 H	at 1140 hrs at YS 283709 Two (2) persons were sighted moving into a cave the cave entrance was destroyed by 4k fire Locs BSQN(-) FSPB MARTINE YS 2575 1 & 2 Tp IATF BASE; 3Tp YS 213788	



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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year... Apr 69

Reference Map... SVN

Unit/Formation... BSN 1st Armored Regt

Commanding Officer... Maj A.H. Smith

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12 Apr		BSN (-) remained in FSPB MARTINE VS2575 1st Tp IATF BASE ; 3Tp Op con QRAR ; 4Tp engaged several caves, tunnels intrenches and bunkers in the NUI THI VAI Mountains without incident Locs BSN (-) FSPB MARTINE 1st Tp IATF BASE 3Tp VS 213 825	E12
	13 Apr		No CHANGE Loc 3Tp VS223832	E13
	14 Apr		BSN (-) FSPB MARTINE ; 1st Tp IATF BASE ; 3Tp Op con QRAR ; 4Tp with 3Sec 3Tp ASSN 3rd Armored Regt and elements of HQ IATF Defense PO Carried out RIF in AO CAMDEN without contact Locs BSN (-) FSPB MARTINE VS2575 ; 1st Tp IATF BASE ; 3Tp FSPB JUANITA VS 2277 Periodic Summary (6-12 Apr) issued RO III - 116 Issued	<del>E13</del> E14       O2 K2



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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year... Apr 69

Reference Map... SVN

Unit/Formation... B SQN 1 ARMO REGT

Commanding Officer... Maj. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	14 Apr	(cont'd)	Enemy situation report received for AO GLENELG COOGEE BRIGHTON	G1
	15 Apr		B SQN(-) returned to IATF BASE. 1 & 2 Tp remained IATF BASE, 3 Tp remained op con 9RAR until 1700 hrs then returned Locs B SQN IATF BASE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME B SQN HAVE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE 11 FEB 69 A TOTAL OF 61 DAYS. HOWEVER AS B SQN TOOK OVER FROM C SQN DEPLOYED IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ALL TANKS HAD BEEN TOGETHER FOR 133 DAYS	E15
			Enemy situation report received for AO BAROSSA	G2
	16 Apr		B SQN(-) remained IATF BASE. 2 and 3 Tp provided security for the establishment of FSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379 4 Tp op con 9RAR Locs B SQN(-) IATF BASE; 2 & 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA	E16



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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year..... Apr 69

Reference Map..... SVN

Unit/Formation..... B SQN 1 ARMO REGT

Commanding Officer..... Maj A H SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16 Apr	(cont'd)	YS4379 4Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061 NEW EN WPNS AND TAC issued from HQ IATF "FUZE DELAY 81 mm MORTARS"	N1
	17 Apr		B SQN (-) IATF BASE 2Tp Op Con 4RAR 4Tp Op Con 9RAR Loc B SQN (-) IATF BASE 2Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379 4Tp AO GLENELE YS575604	E17
	18 Apr		B SQN (-) IATF BASE 2Tp Op Con 4RAR 4Tp Op Con 9RAR	E18
		1220	At 1220 hrs YS4489 2Tp engaged 2VC with negative results at	
		1301	1301 hrs YS4590 2Tp were fired on by en from Houses. Loc B SQN (-) IATF BASE ; 2Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379 4Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061	



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Month and Year.....Apr 69.....

Reference Map.....

Unit/Formation. 52ND ARMORED

Commanding Officer. Maj AH SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 Apr		BSQN (-) IATF BASE ; 2Tp 4RAR ; 4Tp QRAR	E 19
			Locs BSQN (-) IATF BASE 2Tp FSPB VIRGINIA VS 4379 4Tp FSPB MARDI YS 6061	
			En situation PHUC TUY Province 4-18 Apr received	G3
	20 Apr		BSQN (-) IATF BASE ; 2Tp 4RAR ; 4Tp QRAR.	E20
		1200	At 1200 hrs 2 and 3 tp supported W Coy 4RAR with fire during a sweep through suspected en Camp in VS 4276. 3Tp returned to IATF BASE 1500 hours	
			Locs BSQN (-) IATF BASE 2Tp FSPB VIRGINIA VS 4379 ; 4Tp VS 580 628	



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AF - C2118 (added)

Unit/Formation... B SQN 1 Armored REGT

Commanding Officer. May A H SMITH

Month and Year..... Apr 69.....

Reference Map.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	21 Apr		BSON (-) IATF BASE; 2TP OP CON 4RAR 2TP conducted an operation to move illegal squatters from area at YS 467 883 to DUC THAN POST 4TP OP CON 9RAR Loes BSON (-) IATF BASE. 2TP FSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4TP FSPB MARDI YS 6061 RD 116-120 issued	E21
	22 APR.		BSON (-) IATF BASE; 1TP MOVED WITH 5RAR INTO FSPB BRUISER; 2TP OP CON 4RAR; 3TP IATF BASE; 4TP REMAINS OP CON 9RAR. Loes BSON (-) IATF; 1TP FSPB BRUISER YS 6464; 2TP FSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4TP YS 573634.	K3
	23 APR.		BSON (-) IATF BASE; 1TP OP CON 5RAR; 2TP OP CON 4RAR. 4TP CARRIED OUT ESCORT DUTIES IN AO'S GLOWKLG AND COOGRE. Loes BSON (-) IATF BASE; 1TP YS 638615; 2TP FSPB VIRGINIA; 4TP FSPB BRUISER.	
	24 APR.		BSON (-) IATF BASE; 2TP OP CON 4RAR. 4TP RELIEVED 1TP OP CON 5RAR.	



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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year... APR 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
	24 APR.	Cont	B SQN Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP PSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4TP PSPB BRUISER YS 6464.	
	25 APR.		B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE. 2TP REMAINED OP CON 4RAR. 4 TP REMAINED OP CON 5RAR. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP PSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4 TP PSPB BRUISER YS 6464.	E22
	26 APR.		B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP REMAINED OP CON 4RAR. 4 TP REMAINED OP CON 5RAR. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP PSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4 TP PSPB BRUISER YS 6464. RO 124-132 ISSUED.	E23   K4.
	27 APR.		B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP REMAINED OP CON 4RAR. 4 TP REMAINED OP CON 5RAR. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE. 2TP PSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4 TP PSPB BRUISER YS 6464.	E24
	28 APR.		B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP REMAINED OP CON 4RAR. 4 TP REMAINED OP CON 5RAR. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE. 2TP PSPB VIRGINIA YS 4379; 4 TP PSPB BRUISER YS 6464.	E25
	29 APR.		B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 2TP REMAINED OP CON 4RAR. 4 TP REMAINED OP CON 5RAR.	E26



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## COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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Unit/Formation. B. Son 1st and 2nd

Month and Year.....APRIL 69......

Reference Map..... *SW* .....

Commanding Officer. MAJ. A. H. SMITH.

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2 Apr 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
Period 010001H Apr to 012400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO MAJURA and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB KERRY YT1313.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained in FSPB KERRY YT1313. 1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp moved into AO LOIS YS3965 as part of RRF deployment. 4 Tp with 2 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF Def Pl conducted RIF in AOs BELCONNEN and ARUNDA. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS385635.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained FSPB KERRY YT1313. 1 Tp (-) moved into AO LOIS with V Coy 4 RAR and 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, as part of a RRF deployment. 2 Tp (-) conducted RIF in AO ARUNDA with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl (-). 3 Sect 2 Tp remained op con D Coy 9 RAR. 1 Sect 3 Tp remained op con to D Coy 5 RAR. 2 Sect 3 Tp supported 3 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF Def Pl in AOs ARUNDA and BELCONNEN. Sp Tp (-) continued on escort duties on QL15. 1 Sect Sp Tp became op con D Coy 9 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB KERRY YT1313; 1 Tp (-) YS385636; 3 Sect 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 2 Tp YT169098; 1 Sect 3 Tp YT134144; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect Sp Tp YT169098.

(c) 4 RAR (-) remained 1 ATF Base. D Coy remained on HORSESHOE Hill YS4692. V Coy deployed into AO LOIS YS3965 with 1 Tp (-) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt as a RRF deployment. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE Hill YS4692; V Coy YS385636.

(d) 5 RAR continued operations in AO ARUNDA and MANUKA. At 1155H at YT275044 8 Pl C Coy found 35 bunkers. At 1200H at YT275044 B Coy found a fresh weapon pit. At 1540H at YT321033 Aslt Pnr Pl found 20 bunkers and some RPG 7 booster cartridges. At 1715H at YT278051 C Coy contacted 4 enemy resulting in one enemy KIA (Possible). At 1955H at YT299039 B Coy located 12 bunkers and some documents. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB SALLY YT2906; A Coy YT292042; B Coy YT299039; C Coy YT275046; D Coy YT133144; G Tp 11 ACR FSPB SALLY.

(e) 9 RAR continued operations in AOs BELCONNEN and REID. D Coy investigated area vicinity YT183080 which had been engaged by artillery previous night and found tracks of approximately 30 men. Crossed sticks used for rocket launching were also found but no scorch marks. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JILLIAN YT3306; A Coy YT376013; B Coy YT374014; C Coy YT372013; D Coy YT169098; E Tp 11 ACR FSPB JILLIAN.

(f) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
011314H	YS758751	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 3 bunkers exposed, 3 huts damaged, 1 hut exposed, 1 tunnel ent exposed, 10 metres trench collapsed
011457H	YS773705	VC Base Camp	1 hut destroyed, 5 huts damaged, 3 bunkers exposed, 4 L shaped pits exposed, 3 tables exposed, clothing scattered throughout area

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(h) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES : Nil.

2 ENEMY LOSSES

a Personnel : 1 KIA (Poss)

b Materiel : Quantity of documents, 68  
bunkers located

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact : Nil.

(4) Results : Nil.

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(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remained at FSPB KERRY. HQ 2 Tp and 2 Sect 3 Tp plus 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF Def Pl carried out a RIF in AO BELCONNEN. 3 Tp(-) carried out a RIF in AO ARUNDA with elements of the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. 1 Sect Sp Tp remained op con to 5 RAR. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB KERRY; HQ 2 Tp and 2 Sect 3 Tp YT149081; 1 Sect Sp Tp YS332979.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 27 H and I missions and 3 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB SALLY YT2906; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS357917.

(d) 4 RAR continued to operate in the vicinity of 1 ATF Base without contact. W Coy carried out a RIF in AO ABINGDON centre of mass YS3871 without contact. Locations: 4 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS399713.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AOs MANUKA and ARUNDA. At 1400H at YT333006 G Tp 2/11 ACR contacted 2 persons dressed in civilian clothes, without result. A further 2 persons were contacted at 1450H at YT335979. At 1500H at YT301067 6 Pl B Coy fired on a person heard running away from a bunker system without result. At YT293989 1 Pl A Coy located 12 small bunkers. At 1730H at YT332988 an APC of G Tp 2/11 ACR detonated a mine, probably pressure type. 2 US WIA were dusted off and the veh badly damaged. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB SALLY YT297067; A Coy YT302986; B Coy YT294022; C Coy YT272047; D Coy YT133144.

(f) 9 RAR moved from AO REID to AO GOULBURN centre of mass YS3595 with the following results. At 0705H at YS388958 an APC of E Tp 2/11 ACR detonated a mine. 2 US WIA were dusted off and the APC is a suspected combat loss. At 1600H at YS352908 E Tp 2/11 ACR contacted approx 20 persons without result. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE; A Coy YS328942; B Coy YS314944; C Coy YS329925; D Coy YS354906.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1304H	YS773705	VC Base Camp	1 hut exposed, 1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers exposed one of which had structure on top. 1 cylinder 12 inches dia by 2 ft long glowed brightly then exploded.
1335H	YS292982	-	LZ Prep
1350H	YS294985	-	LZ Prep
1650H	YS415817	Occupied Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed

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(h) Results.

1 Friendly Losses:

- a Personnel: 4 WIA (US) (DUSTOFF)
- b Materiel: 2 x APC badly damaged.

2 Enemy Losses: Nil.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

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4 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) Continuing Operation TOAN THANG III 1 ATF vacated AO MAJURA and moved to AO HUME centre of mass YS3397. AO MAJURA reverted to control of 18 ARVN Div with effect 031200H Apr 69. HQ 1 ATF (Main) moved to FSPB JILLIAN YT 3306.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) moved from FSPB KERRY to FSPB JILLIAN. 1 Tp remains in 1 ATF Base as RRF. 2 Tp moved with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and V Coy 4 RAR to check reports of VC activity in area YS4773. No enemy contacted - some bunkers located. Force returned to 1 ATF Base at 1730H. 3 Tp moved from FSPB KERRY to FSPB WATTLE YS3546. 4 Tp moved from overnight position to FSPB JILLIAN. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JILLIAN; 1 Tp, 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) vacated FSPB KERRY and occupied FSPB JILLIAN. 1 Tp carried out a RIF vicinity YS4773 (para 1a(1)(a) refers). 2 Tp and HQ 1 ATF Def Pl (-) carried out a RIF in AO REID without results. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JILLIAN; 1 Tp, Sp Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp AP's at YT360049 and YT350035.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 21 H and I missions and 14 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty, B Bty 2/35 Fd Bty (US) FSPB SALLY YT 2906; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

(d) 4 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base. V Coy carried out a RIF vicinity YS4773 (para 1a(1)(a) refers). W Coy returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO MANUKA. At 0847H at YS 312984 1 Pl A Coy contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail). At 0940H at YS313985 1 Pl A Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 2 enemy WIA (bloodtrail). At 0957H at YS317985 2 Pl A Coy contacted 2 enemy with unknown results. At 1100H at YS328972 G Tp 2/11 ACR (US) contacted 8 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (possible). At 1328H at YT273045 C Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC). At 1615H at YS314988 6 Pl B Coy contacted 3 enemy with unknown results. At 1700H at YS314976 2 Pl A Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (possible). At 1640H at YS316987 3 Pl A Coy came under automatic fire without casualties. Enemy withdrew without casualties. At 1845H at YS318993 D Coy located a well constructed bunker system. At 1000H A Coy captured a large amount of documents and maps from a bunker system at YS312984. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB SALLY; A Coy YS314985; B Coy YS319024; C Coy YT273046; D Coy YS318993; G Tp 2/11 ACR (US) YS332975.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN. At 0501H at YS 358901 approx 15 enemy approached a night AP at E Tp 2/11 ACR (US) and were fired on by the AP with unknown results. At 1140H at YS356906 11 Pl D Coy contacted one enemy with unknown results, 1 Aust was WIA (Dustoff). At 1242H at YS313946 4 Pl B Coy contacted 1 enemy plus resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 and webbing being captured. At 1515H at YS328952 A Coy contacted 1 enemy with unknown results. At 1626 at YS350907 10 Pl D Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (poss). At 1703 at YS350906 11 Pl D Coy were fired on by an unknown number of enemy without friendly casualties. Enemy withdrew with unknown results. At 1720H at YS318948 a patrol of 4 Pl B Coy contacted 5 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy wia (bloodtrail). At 1825H at YS390965 E Tp 2/11 ACR (US) contacted 3 enemy with unknown results. At 2005H at YS355939 E Tp 2/11 ACR contacted 2 enemy with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE; A Coy YS326953; B Coy YS306945; C Coy YS 327909; D Coy YS345902; E Tp 2/11 ACR (US) FSPB WATTLE.

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(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1213H	YS642829	VC Base Camp	1 bunker exposed
1305H	YS773705	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed 2 bunkers exposed 1 structure destroyed 1 structure exposed 2 tables exposed 1 claymore exposed
1305H	YS758751	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 3 bunkers exposed 1 structure destroyed 2 structures exposed 1 bunker entrance exposed

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: 1 WIA (Aust) (Dustoff).

b Materiel: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 3 KIA (BC)  
4 WIA (bloodtrails)  
3 WIA (Possible)

b Materiel: 1 x AK47

Large amount of documents and maps.

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours:  
Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 0

Squad - 10

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
Period 040001H to 042400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operations TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) is located in FSPB JILLIAN YT3306.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JILLIAN YT3306. 1 Tp and 2 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remained op con to 9 RAR. 4 Tp conducted RIF in AO REID with 1 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF Def Pl until 1400H and then came under op con 5 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 4 Tp YT329009.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained FSPB JILLIAN YT3306. 1 Tp remained 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp conducted RIF in AO REID with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl (-). 1 Sect 3 Tp operated with 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in RIF operations in AO REID. 2 Sect 3 Tp carried out convoy escort tasks. 3 Sect 3 Tp conducted a recon for MEDCAP. Sp Tp (-) continued on security and escort tasks on QL 15. 1 Sect Sp Tp remained op con 5 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp (-) YT360048; 2 Sect 2 Tp (-) YT333031; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect Sp Tp YT332979.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 6 H and I and 6 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB SALLY YT2906; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

(d) 4 RAR continued to operate in vicinity of 1 ATF Base without contact. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE Hill YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO MANUKA. At 0105H at YT338019 5 Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (Poss), 1 enemy WIA. At 0500H at YT318020 4 Pl contacted 30 enemy resulting in 4 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy WIA, 1 x AK 47, quantity ammo, 3 transistor radios, docs, med supplies, 4 bags of rice and 40 batteries captured. At 0705H at YS318995) D Coy (-) came under heavy SA, claymores and RPG rocket fire while searching a bunker system. D Coy (-) pulled back to bring in an airstrike. Results were 2 Aust KIA, 11 Aust WIA, enemy unknown. At 1000H at YT314021 6 Pl contacted 6 enemy resulting in 3 enemy WIA. At 1240H at YS318981 2 Pl contacted 4 enemy resulting in 2 Aust WIA, 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 2 x AK 47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB SALLY YT2906; A Coy YS314958; B Coy YS333995; C Coy YT268036; D Coy YS318998; G Tp 2/11ACR YS332979.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN. At 0730H at YS302953 6 Pl located a cache containing 5 x 81mm WP rounds, 15 x 4.2in mortar bombs. At 1650H at YS315953 a recon patrol from 5 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 x AK 47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; A Coy YS338952; B Coy YS315950; C Coy YS309910; D Coy YS331901; E Tp 2/11 ACR YS368981.

(g) Air support. There was one airstrike in support of D Coy 5 RAR, results are unknown.

(h) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES

a Personnel : 2 KIA (Aust)  
13 WIA (Aust (DUSTOFF)).  
b Materiel : Nil

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6 Apr 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
Period 050001H to 052400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY  
a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB JILLIAN YT3306.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ remained in FSPB JILLIAN YT3306. 1 Tp and 2 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remained op con to 9 RAR. 4 Tp remained op con to 5 RAR. Locations B Sqn(-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE; 4 Tp YS315991.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ remained FSPB JILLIAN YT3306. 1 Tp supported 4 RAR. 2 Tp and 3 Tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl conducted RIF operations in AO REID. 2 Tp and elements of HQ 1 ATF Def Pl occupied ambush positions at dusk. At 0553H at YT360048 2 Tp contacted 8 to 12 enemy with unknown results. At 0915H at YT393037 3 Tp was fired on by a sniper with negative results. At 1423H at YT335026 2 Tp discovered a bunker complex of approximately 150 bunkers. At 2200H at YT360042 2 Sect 2 Tp fired on two groups of 20 enemy resulting in 6 enemy KIA (BC) and 5 KIA (Poss). Locations A Sqn(-) FSPB JILLIAN YT3306; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp(-) YT349035; 2 Sec 2 Tp YT343050; Sp Tp(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sec Sp Tp YS332979.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 15 H and I and 3 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB SALLY YT2906; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YT3591.

(d) 4 RAR continued to operate in vicinity of 1 ATF Base. Locations 4 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO MANUKA. D Coy searched bunker system vicinity YS324987 resulting in quantities of documents, rice, ammo, and medical supplies. At 1620H at YT300004 a Chieu Hoi was apprehended. At 2200H G Tp 2/11 ACR contacted 1 enemy with unknown results. Locations Bn HQ FSPB SALLY YT2906; A Coy YS314985; B Coy YS332983; C Coy YT266017; D Coy YS314992; G Tp 2/11 ACR YS332979.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN without contact. Locations Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; A Coy YS342958; B Coy YS315952; C Coy YS300901; D Coy YS324924; E Tp 2/11 ACR FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1835H	YS531863	Occupied Base Camp	1 bunker exposed. Negative further due to SMOLIAGE

(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil.
- 2 Enemy Losses:
  - a Personnel: 6 KIA (BC)  
5 KIA (Poss)  
1 Chieu Hoi
  - b Materiel: Qty of docs, food, ammo and med supplies.

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- b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.
- c. Small Unit Actions:
- (1) Company - One  
Platoon - Nil  
Squad - Twelve
  - (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 10 LRRPs deployed.
  - (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
  - (4) Results: Nil.

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8 APR 69	-	2LT McNEILAGE
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10 " "	-	LT SERLE
11 " "	-	2Lt RITCHIE
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13 " "	-	WO1 KERR
14 " "	-	WO2 DINGLE
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DUTY SERGEANT

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14 " "	-	SGT SAWYER
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107. 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.

CFN SMITH	TPR DICKSON	2LT McNEILAGE	TPR LEIHY
CFN PERRY	CPL KEYS	CPL COUGHLIN	TPR UMMELS
CFN GARDINER	TPR SPRAGUE	TPR SMITH D.J.	TPR KERR
TPR MARTIN	CPL HANHAM	CPL MUNSELL	
TPR ROUHAN	SGT TWOMEY	TPR HALE PJ.	



108. VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. The following members are authorised to wear the ribbon of the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, subject to varification by CARO:-

CPL CLARK  
L/CPL ACHAMMER

109. MEAL TIMES

- a. Breakfast - 0700 - 0730 hrs
- b. Lunch - 1215 - 1230 hrs
- c. Evening Meal - 1745 - 1815 hrs

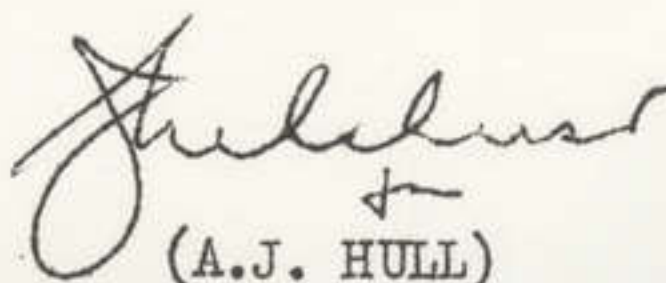
110. TANKS UNDERGOING REPAIR IN LAD/WKSP

Reference: Sqn SOP, Para 382.

1. All tanks that are called into the LAD or 106 Fd Wksps for repair will be accompanied by a full crew. If, because of shortages of personnel, it is not possible to provide a full crew the LAD/Wksp ASM will be consulted. A reduced crew may be acceptable dependant upon the nature of the repair to be carried out.

2. Crews accompanying vehicles will report to the ASM of the repair agency immediately their vehicle has been receipted. Crews will remain under control of the ASM until released.

3. In the case of vehicles in 106 Fd Wksp the ASM will brief crews on their responsibilities in the workshop and workshop routine that they will be required to observe until their vehicle is released.

  
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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past week enemy initiated actions continued at a reduced rate throughout the III CTZ. Of the divisions, elements of the 9th were the most heavily committed, while the elements of the other divisions either engaged in small size contacts or avoided contact.
2. The 271st Regiment lost 54 KIA in two attacks SE of BEN SOI (XT 1142), and the 2-272nd Regiment suffered 81 KIA at FSB DIAMOND (XT 342 155). In other actions, an element of the 95C Regiment lost 20 KIA E of TAY NINH City (XT 3446), and the 209th Regiment lost 38 KIA in contacts in and N of the MICHELIN Plantation.
3. Of the Sub-Regional Regiments, the 3-268th Regiment suffered 49 KIA ENE of TRANG BANG (XT 556 219), and the 1st NVA Regiment, in its first major action since it entered III Corps, suffered 43 KIA in a clash with ARVN forces NW of BEN LUC (XS 614 772).
4. During the week, IIFV determined that the 320th NVA Regiment was also referred to by the enemy as the 209th NVA Regiment. In order to avoid any further confusion between the AKAs (also known as) of the 1st NVA Regiment and the 320th NVA Regiment, IIFV has decided that the 320th NVA Regiment will, in future, be referred to as the 209th NVA Regiment.
5. Captured documents have revealed that the THU DUC VC Regiment has been disbanded, and its battalions have been resubordinated to Sub-Region 4 as "spearhead" units.
6. Statistics for the week showed that there were 80 enemy initiated attacks compared with 113 last week. Of these, there were 21 mortar attacks and 14 rocket attacks compared with 30 mortar attacks and 35 rocket attacks last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents are:-
  - a. At 301025H, XT 560 555, in BINH DUONG Province B/1-4th Cav received RPG fire from an UNKNOWN SIZE NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by artillery and airstrikes. Results: 38 NVA KIA; 7 US KIA and 9 US WIA. 9 AK-47 rifles, 1 SKS rifle, 1x60mm mortar, and 1 RPG-2 RL captured.
  - b. Between 011035H and 012230H, from XT 809 119 to XT 821 079, in BINH DUONG Province, 2-505th Abn, LRRP Team 17, and 120th Avn received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team. Results: 15 VC KIA and 1 VC PW; 3 US WIA. 5 AK-47 rifles, 1x.45 cal pistol, 6 AK-47 mags, 180 rounds of SA ammunition, 6 grenades and 3 RPG-2 rounds captured.
  - c. At 031700H, XS 648 565, in BINH LONG Province, A/2-60th Inf received AW fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and gunships. Results: 11 enemy KIA; 1 US WIA. 3 AK-47 rifles, 1 M-1 carbine and 2x9mm pistols captured.
  - d. At 050130H, XT 342 155, in TAY NINH Province, FSB DIAMOND received SA, AW, RPG, HMG, and mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by artillery, a light fire team, a Spooky and airstrikes. Results: 31 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 4 US KIA and 13 US WIA. One RPG-7 round, 12 AK-47 rifles, 1 RPG-7 sight, and 1 RPD MG captured. One 107mm rocket, 11 AK-47 rifles, 8 RPG-7 rounds, 81 grenades, 9 bangalore torpedoes, 12x75mm RR rounds and 34 RPG-7 rounds were destroyed.

Enemy Locations

7. The latest available information on the probable locations of enemy Main Force elements is:

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<u>1st NVA Div HQ</u>	NW of NUI BA DEN.
<u>18B NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of NUI BA DEN.
<u>95C NVA Inf Regt</u>	E of TAY NINH City (XT 353 485).
<u>101D NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW of NUI BA DEN (XT 1871).
<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Southern War Zone "D".
<u>33rd NVA Inf Regt</u>	SE of XUAN LOC
<u>95th NVA Inf Regt</u>	NE of TRANG BOM
<u>174th NVA Inf Regt</u>	Southern War Zone "D".
<u>275th VC Inf Regt</u>	Southern War Zone "D".
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	FISH HOOK.
<u>141st NVA Inf Regt</u>	FISH HOOK.
<u>165th NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of the MICHELIN Plantation (XT 5662).
<u>209th NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of MINH THANH (XT 6177).
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	Unlocated, possibly in the ANGELS WING area.
<u>271st VC Inf Regt</u>	SE of BEN SOI (XT 116 425).
<u>272nd VC Inf Regt</u>	ANGELS WING area.
<u>273rd VC Inf Regt</u>	Elements SW of TAY NINH City and possibly in the ANGELS WING area.
<u>1st NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of BEN LUC (XS 6177)
<u>88th NVA Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI - HO BO Woods area.
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods (XT 573 361).
<u>268th VC Inf Regt</u>	TRANG BANG area (XT 5521).
<u>274th VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH area (YS 3185).
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed between binh my and AN SON with elements NE of LAI KHE.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

8. The present indications are that the bulk of the enemy Main Force elements are being withdrawn to more secure base areas in order to regroup and to absorb replacements, and the probability of large scale co-ordinated attacks has diminished.

9. It is estimated that the 9th Division retains the capability to carry out sharp localized attacks along the Cambodian border from W of TAY NINH City to the ANGELS WING area, while the other divisions will probably concentrate on harassment and ambushes to protect their base areas and supply routes.

10. It is assessed that the enemy is presently analysing the failures of his current Offensive and reassessing his strategy while the bulk of the Main Force units are being given time to rest and refit before resuming large scale activities. It is expected that the immediate enemy actions will consist of harassment, ambushes, and attacks by fire of varying intensity, at scattered locations in the III CTZ. It is possible that large scale enemy actions could develop around the TAY NINH City area.

Enemy Losses.

11. For the week there were 1209 enemy KIA (BC), 106 PWs, and 147 returnees (Hoi Chanh). There were 346 individual weapons and 81 crew-served weapons captured and 24.72 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

12. Results in Campaign TOAN THANG III (Complete Victory) for the week were:

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Enemy losses: 874 KIA, 143 detainees; 191 SA, 28 crew-served weapons, 21,494 SA rounds, 235 HE rounds, 153 grenades, 38 mines, 1 sampan, 4.60 tons of rice and .8 tons of salt captured; 22 SA, 22 crew-served weapons, 3,260 SA rounds, 330 HE rounds, 163 grenades, 10 sampans, 37 mines, 27 booby traps and 26.7 tons of rice destroyed. Friendly losses: 49 KIA, 332 WIA; 9 helicopters, 3 tanks, 8 APCs, 2 ACAVs, 7 trucks, 3 ROME plows, 2 boats and 1 M42 damaged; 3 helicopters, 5 APCs, 1 truck and 1 boat destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 81 operations resulting in 239 enemy KIA against 29 ARVN KIA.

Section 2. SOUTH VIETNAM (excl III CTZ) and NORTH VIETNAM

(A) Enemy Activity

13. Country wide the number of attacks and ambushes decreased this week, and preliminary reports indicate that there were 12 attacks in I CTZ; there were 16 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ; and there were 9 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

14. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 11 FW and 16 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1009 enemy KIA against 89 friendlies KIA.

15. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 13 FW and 21 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 265 enemy KIA against 22 friendlies KIA.

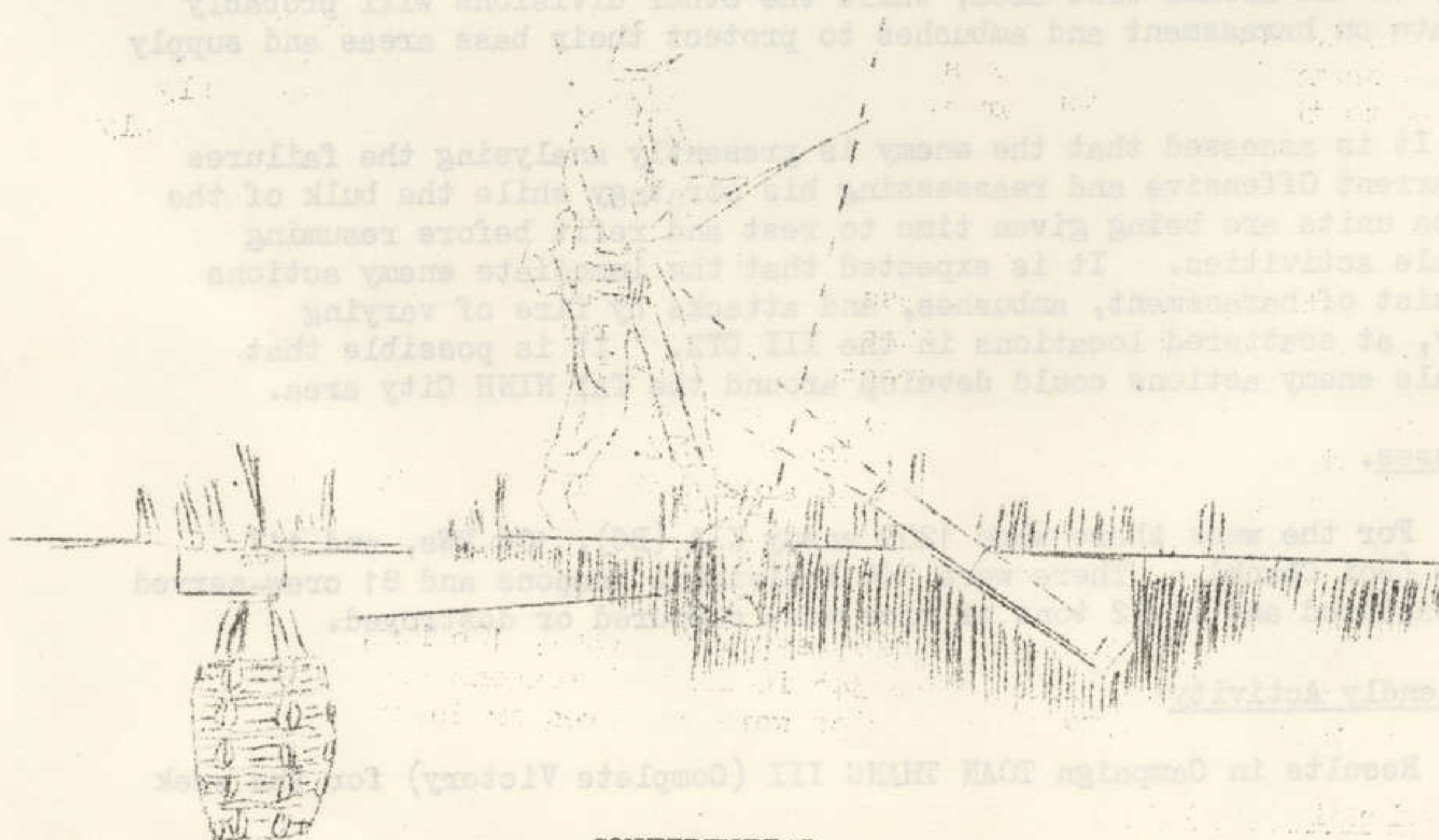
16. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There was 1 US and 92 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1015 enemy KIA against 69 friendlies KIA.

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

17. The number of friendly large unit operations increased from 227 to 236. The number of operations with contact remained at 111. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 4664 (adjusted) to 3220.

OTHER INFORMATION: New Booby Traps. Recently it has been noted that enemy forces are displaying more patience and ingenuity in rigging booby traps in order to make them more effective. Details of some of the new booby trap techniques detected are:

a. An expended LAAW, (any souvenir or eye catching device could also be used) was half buried in the centre of a trail. Approximately 12 inches in front of it was a buried grenade fitted with a pressure firing device with the prongs barely evident at ground level. This type of rig has also been found with a pressure activated electrical contact hooked up to the LAAW and the grenade with electrical blasting caps. Both rigs are set to go off by either pressure on the grenade fuze or tampering with the LAAW.

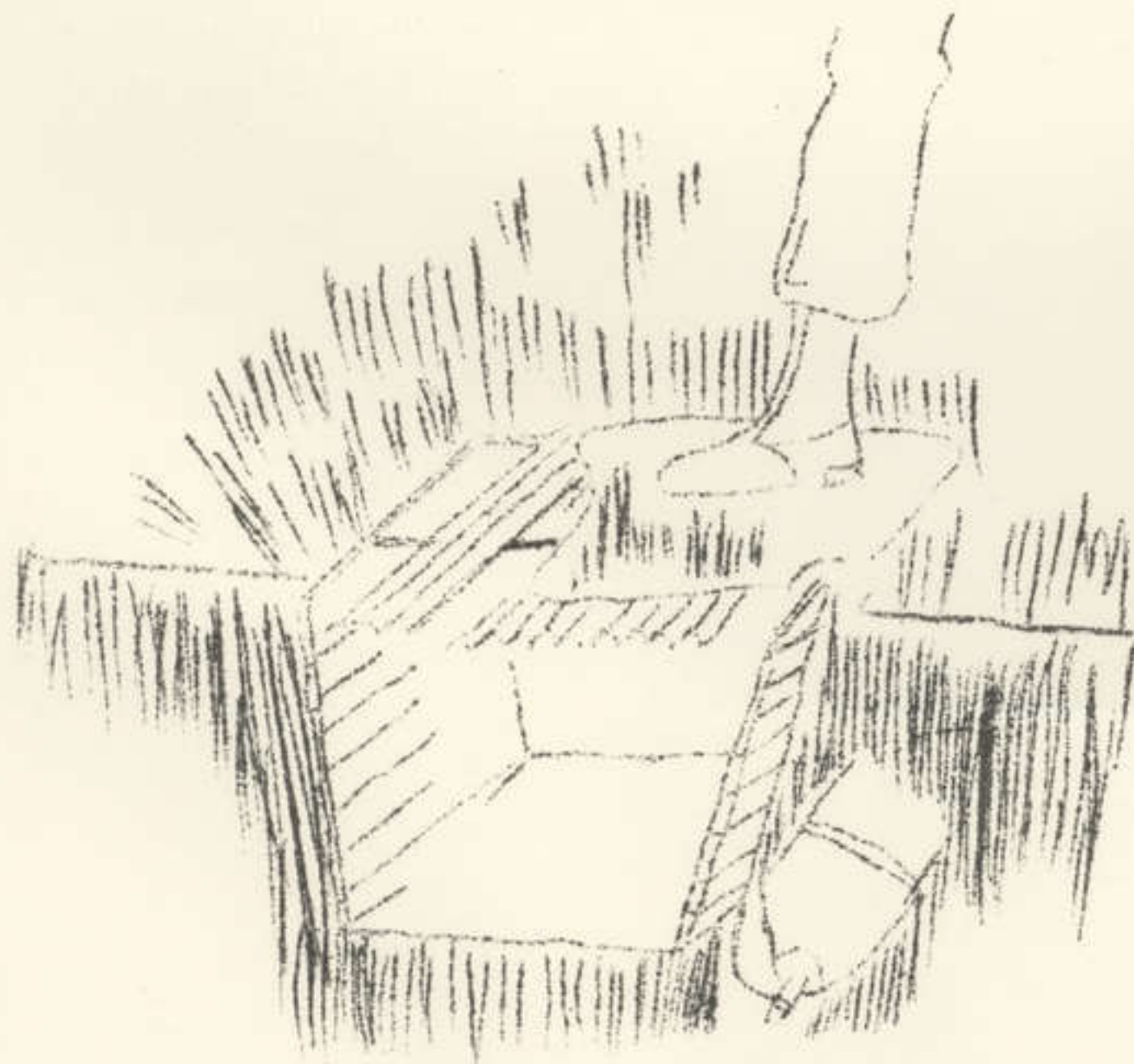
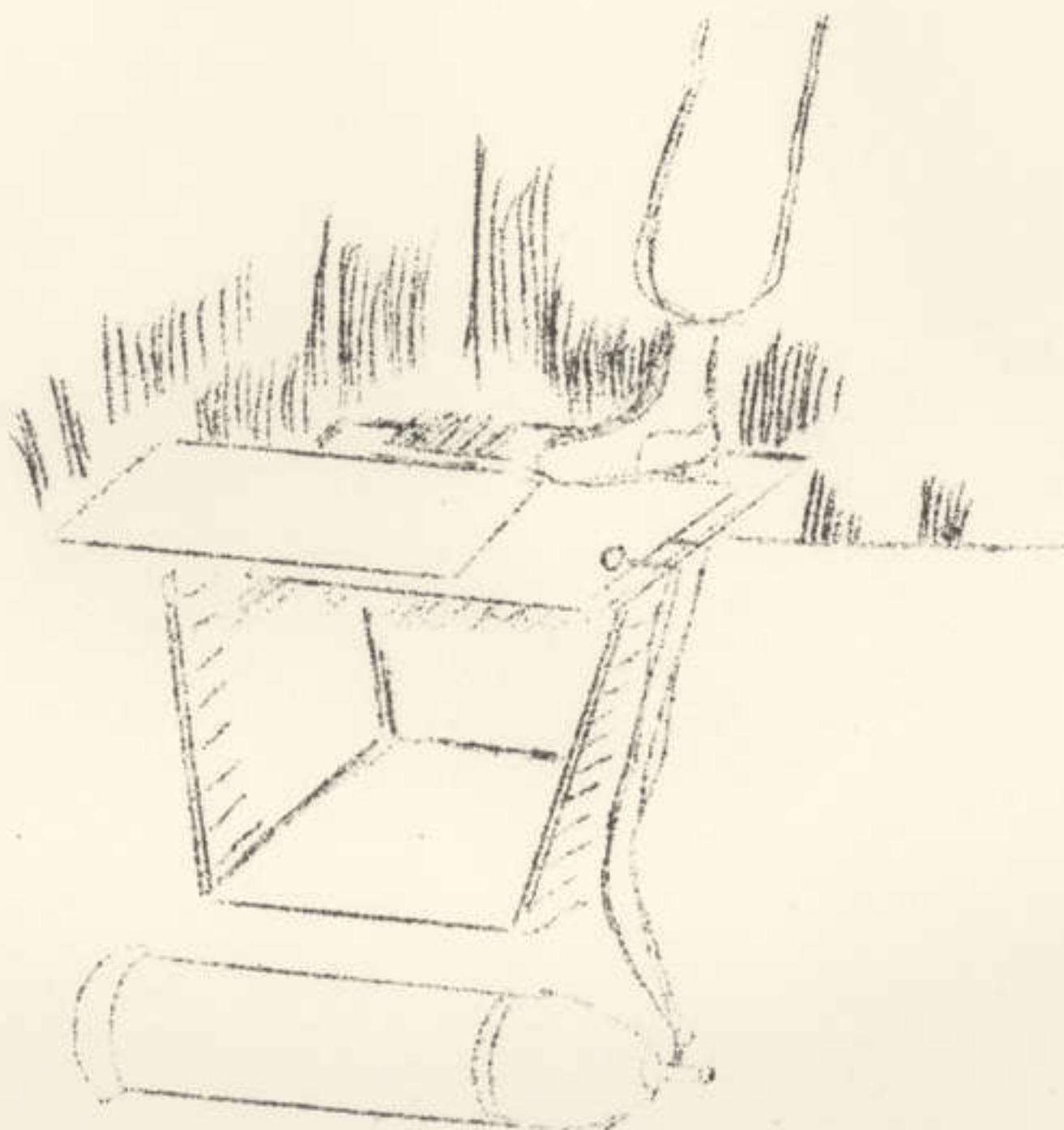




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b. Another device consisted of a 105mm round placed under a hole (about 8" X 12") located in the centre of a trail. The hole was lined with wood on two sides and covered with soft bamboo. Over this a sheet of tin, with wires leading down to the booby trap, was placed and then the trap was covered with a piece of parachute silk and finally covered over with dirt. This booby trap had a combination pressure/pull firing device as a fuze, similar to those on hand grenades, as a detonated. Another similar trap was discovered with a trip wire rigged under the tin and with the booby trap beside the hole.



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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From Period 060001H to 062400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR.  
HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB JILLIAN YT3306.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained at FSPB JILLIAN. 1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp deployed with D Coy 4 RAR and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 1530H on a RIF in the BARIA area. 3 Tp remains op con to 9 RAR. 4 Tp remains op con to 5 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB JILLIAN; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS392636; 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 4 Tp YS318994.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained at FSPB JILLIAN. SHQ carried out convoy escort duties from FSPB JILLIAN. 1 Tp (-) supported D Coy 4 RAR and 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt on a RIF in the BARIA area. 2 Tp carried out a RIF in AO REID. 3 Tp supported 9 RAR during troop redeployment. Sp Tp (-) carried out escort duties on QL 15. At 1200H at YT353065 elements of the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl contacted 1 plus enemy. Fire exchanged without apparent results. One pack containing hand tools recovered. At 0750H a Hoi Chanh surrendered at FSPB JILLIAN. He was one of the group ambushed by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 052200H. He surrendered with 1 x AN PRC 25 radio set. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB JILLIAN; 1 Tp (-) YS392636; 2 Tp (-) YT360048; 2 Sect 2 Tp YT350035; Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 4 H and I missions and 2 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB SALLY YT 2906; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YT3591.

(d) 4 RAR (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. D Coy plus 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt deployed on a RIF in the BARIA area. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy (-) YS392636.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO MANUKA without contact. At 1810H at YS314985 A Coy found 300 lbs of rice and 1xAN PRC 25 radio set. B Coy located 4 bunkers at YS325991 and 1 Pl A Coy located a bunker system possibly a hospital at YS315978. At 2130H FSPB SALLY came under SA fire - Nil casualties. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB SALLY; A Coy YS314985; B Coy YT321020; C Coy YT270001; D Coy YS318994.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN. At YT277013 8 Pl located a cache of 6x82mm mortar rounds. At 1523H A Coy came under automatic fire at YS350898. 2 enemy were seen and engaged without results. At 2046H at YS338999 E Tp 2/11 ACR engaged 2 enemy with unknown results. At YS299901 C Coy located 98 bunkers including a hospital area. At YS353906 D Coy located a camp and bunker complex. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JILLIAN; A Coy YS359894; B Coy YS347973; C Coy YS 299901; D Coy YS353906.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1306H	YS470877	Occupied VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 3 bunkers damaged. 3 bunkers exposed. 10 mtr trench damaged.
1403H	YS470877	Occupied VC Base Camp	3 huts destroyed. 1 bunker destroyed. 4 large bunkers exposed, scattered clothing & container type boxes. 2 bikes in area.
1510H	YS470877	Occupied VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 1 bunker damaged. 4 bunkers exposed. 1 tunnel entrance exposed. 1 table exposed, boxes scatted in area. 1 secondary explosion.

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(h) Psyops. Following Psyops carried out during the reporting period.

- 1 District: XUAN LOC.
- 2 Coordinates: YT2506 - YT3706 - YT2590 - YT3790.
- 3 Date: 6 Apr 69.
- 4 Purpose - To take advantage of enemy disruption caused by operations of ground troops.
- 5 Type of Operation: Airdrop of 145,000 leaflets (SP2228), Plus one hour loudspeaker.
- 6 Forces: 1 ATF Psyops Det.
- 7 Remarks: Unknown.

(i) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
  - a Personnel: 1 Hoi Chanh.
  - b. Material: 2xAN PRC 25, 6x82mm mortars, 320 lbs rice, addition to contact at 052200H. 300 rounds AK47 ammo, 4xAK47 magazines, 8xAK47 rifle grenades, 4xRPG boosters.

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours:

Present Operations Continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - 2  
Platoon - 0  
Squad - 12
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil.

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From 070001H to 072400H Apr 69.

TO: Commanding General  
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB JILLIAN YT3306.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained at FSPB JILLIAN. 1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base as RRF. 2 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base with B Coy 4 RAR. 3 Tp remained under op con 9 RAR. 4 Tp released from op con 5 RAR and returned to FSPB JILLIAN. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB JILLIAN: 1 Tp, 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS340871.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remains at FSPB JILLIAN. 1 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base with B Coy 4 RAR. 2 Tp carried out a RIF in AO REID without results. 3 Tp(-) supported 9 RAR in AO GOULBURN. Sp Tp(-) carried out escort duties on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB JILLIAN; 3 Tp(-) YS340871; Sp Tp(-), 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations 8 H and I and 5 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB SALLY YT2906; 161 Fd Bty(-) FSPB WATTLE YS3591; One Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB TASMAN YS3487.

(d) 4 RAR remains in 1 ATF Base. B Coy returned to 1 ATF Base from RIF without results. Locations: 4 RAR complete 1 ATF Base.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO MANUKA. At 0815H an M113A1 of G Tp 2/11ACR struck a VC mine at YT303083 resulting in 5 (US) WIA (DUSTOFF) and 1 x M113A1 badly damaged. An engr ptl located a further two Chicom plastic mines at YT303089 and YT30300835. At YT324028 4 Pl located 5 bunkers in good condition. At YT311978 A Coy located an area, believed to be a hospital containing a quantity of drugs. At YT294074 Sp Coy elements located 33 gals of rice. At YT295977 C Coy located 12 bunkers and 6 weapon pits, all old but in good condition. At YT323950 A Coy located an extensive bunker system containing medical supplies and documents. The system showed signs of having been evacuated in a hurry. At YT323982 A Coy located 9 bunkers containing one typewriter and a quantity of chicom claymores. At YT311978 A Coy located graves plus 4 bodies killed recently by SA. These 4 are believed to be from the D Coy contact on 4 Apr. At 1900H at YT295086 2 VC were observed following a clearing ptl. VC made off without contact. At YT295072 the clearing ptl located one body in a grave. At 1920H the same clearing ptl found a cache containing a small amount of ammo and explosives. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB SALLY; A Coy YS323982; B Coy YT317062; C Coy YS286977; D Coy YS296987.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN. At 0740H at YS360894, 2 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA (DUSTOFF) and unknown en cas. At 0657H 11 Pl contacted 1 en with unknown results. At 1334H 10 Pl came under fire from an unknown number of en. No friendly cas. At 1451H at YS357904 10 Pl contacted 1 en with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE: A Coy YS362895; B Coy YS340871; C Coy YS298898; D Coy YS351902.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
071310H	YS588614	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 bunker exposed

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(h) Combined Operations. The following operations involving PSYOPS were carried out during the reporting period.

- 1 District LONG DIEN.
- 2 Coordinates YS4449.
- 3 Date 7 Apr.
- 4 Purpose. To advance GVN image in PHUOC TUY Province.
- 5 Type of operation. Only PSYOPS elements involved; leaflets, speaker and films.
- 6 Forces. 1 ATF PSYOPS Det plus HE Team of US Unit.
- 7 Results. Unknown. Recipients appeared hostile.

(i) Results.

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES

- a Personnel : 1 Aust KIA  
1 Aust WIA (DUSTOFF)  
5 US WIA (DUSTOFF)
- b Materiel : 1 x M113 (badly damaged).

2 ENEMY LOSSES

- a Personnel : 4 KIA (BC)  
3 KIA (Old graves)
- b Materiel : 1 AK 47, 1 chicom pistol, Qty explosives and ammo, 1 typewriter, 33 gals rice.

b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. At 061530H at YS535891 a LRRP from 3 SAS Sqn contacted 4 plus VC resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK 47 and 1 chicom pistol being captured. During extraction RAAF UH1D fired on further party of en resulting in one VC KIA (BC) and one VC KIA (Possible).

(4) Results.

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES : Nil

(b) ENEMY LOSSES :

- 1 Personnel : 5 VC KIA (BC)  
1 VC KIA (Possible)
- 2 Materiel : 1 x AK 47, 1 chicom pistol.\*

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9 Apr 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 080001H to 082400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) moved from FSPB JILLIAN to FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) deployed from FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 to FSPB MARTINE YS2575. 1 Tp and 2 Tp remained 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remained op con 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) deployed from FSPB JILLIAN YT3306 to FSPB MARTINE YS2575. 1 Tp supported 4 RAR in their deployment in AO MARULAN. 1 Sect 3 Tp reverted from op con 9 RAR to under comd A Sqn. 3 Sect 3 Tp remained op con 9 RAR. 1 Sect Sp Tp reverted from op con 5 RAR to under comd A Sqn. 3 Sect Sp Tp continue route security on QL15. At 1350H at YS358904 3 Tp(-) was fired on by an unknown strength enemy party results were nil. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp(-) YS266733; 3 Sect 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591; Sp Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 3 H and I missions and 5 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE.

(d) 4 RAR moved from 1 ATF Base to AO MARULAN centre of mass YS2984 and commenced operations without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DYKE; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS335863; D Coy YS298831; V Coy YS311831.

(e) 5 RAR vacated AO MANUKA and returned to 1 ATF Base. A Coy was placed op con 9 RAR with effect 081200H. Locations: 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS324982.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN. At 0823H at YS352903 12 Pl D Coy contacted approx pl strength en in bunkers who engaged 12 Pl with SA, RPG and Claymores. 12 Pl withdrew from the area of contact and a Lt Fire Team engaged the en. Results: 3 AUST WIA(DUSTOFF) (1 subsequently DOW), 4 AUST WIA (Remained on duty). En cas 1 WIA (probable). Between 1310H and 1635H A Coy engaged an en force in a camp and bunker complex at YS372892. By 1800H A Coy had cleared 20 bunkers. Results: 1 AUST WIA (DUSTOFF), 1 en KIA (probable), 1 en WIA. 1 AUST WIA, remained on duty. At 1600H 9 Pl C Coy engaged 3 - 4 en without results. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE; A Coy YS370894; B Coy YS361876; C Coy YS305891; D Coy YS354902.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1142H	YS641829	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed, 1 structure exposed, 1 hut damaged
1410H	YS543893	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 100 metres trench exposed
1715H	YS485535	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged, 1 hut destroyed, 2 weapon pits exposed, cooking utensils scattered around area

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(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: 1 AUST DOW  
3 AUST WIA (DUSTOFF)  
5 AUST WIA (Remained on duty)
- 2 Enemy Losses:
  - a Personnel: 1 en KIA (probable)  
2 en WIA (possible)
  - b Materiel: Nil

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). (Issued separately to II FFV only).

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10 Apr 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 090001H to 092400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained in FSPB MARTINE YS 2575. 1 Tp and 2 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remained opcon 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB MARTINE YS 2575. 1 Tp and 3 Sect Sp Tp conducted convoy escort on QL 15. 3 Tp (-) conducted RIF in vicinity THAI THIEN YS2279. 3 Sect 3 Tp remained opcon 9 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp (-) YS217803, 1 Sect 3 Tp (-) YS230802, 3 Sect 3 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591; Sp Tp 1 ATF Base. At 2220H at YS217803 3 Tp (-) contacted 1 sampan with 2-3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) 1 enemy KIA (poss) and 1 sampan captured.

(c) 1 ATF Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 7 H and I and 5 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WATTLE YS 3591; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(d) 4 RAR. 4 RAR (-) continued operations in AO MARULAN. At 0825H at YS297833 12 Pl located 6 old bunkers. At 0855H at YS333859 9 Pl contacted 1 enemy, results are unknown. At 1300H at YS255797 Antk Pl located a number of caches totalling 400 lbs of rice. At 1527H at YS317840 1 Pl V Coy contacted 8 to 10 enemy dressed in black and green, resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC) 3 WIA (bloodtrails) 1xAK47, 1xchicom pistol, 3xpacks, 1xtransister radio and quantity of photographs and documents captured. At 2010H at YS255793 Antk Pl initiated ambush on small party of enemy with unknown results. B Coy continued on security of HORSHOE HILL YS4962. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS335859; D Coy YS298831; V Coy YS319846; W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; Atk Pl YS255793.

(e) 5 RAR. 5 RAR, remained in 1 ATF Base. At 2147H at YS 407685 an ambush patrol contacted 2 to 4 enemy with unknown results. A Coy remained opcon to 9 RAR. At 1120H at YS332989 1 Pl contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1xM16, 1xM26 grenade, quantity of documents and 30,000 piastre were captured. A Coy returned to 1 ATF Base approximately 1500H. Locations: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR. 9 RAR continued RIF operations in AO GOULBURN. At 0730H at YS356878 4 Pl contacted 5 enemy with unknown results. At 0750H at YS370877 6 Pl contacted two enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1xAK47 captured. At 0945H at YS302881 9 Pl came under fire with nil results. At YS371891 A Coy completed searching 25 bunkers, resulting in 1xRPG2 (complete) and 1xSLR captured. At YS 354902 D Coy located 55 bunkers. At 1220H at YS367883 4 Pl contacted 1 enemy with unknown results. At 1845H at YS371891 A Coy located a coy area of at least 25 bunkers. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE YS3591; A Coy YS371891; B Coy YS370882; C Coy YS320882; D Coy YS354902.

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(g) Air support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
Late Entry 041450H	YS315988	Occupied Base Camp Tps in contact.	Orig Neg BDA. Ground BDA 1 KBA, 1 bunker destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged
091402H	YS595690	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 fighting pit exposed, 10 metres trench exposed, 10 metres trench damaged.
091735H	YS485535	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 12 bunkers exposed, clothing and boxes scattered in area.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2. Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 7 enemy KIA (BC)  
1 enemy KIA (poss)  
3 enemy WIA

b Materiel: 4xAK47s, 1xM16, 1xSLR, 1xM26 grenade, 1x  
Chicom pistol, 1xRPG2 (complete), 1xtransister radio, 30,000 piastre, quantity of  
rice (400 lbs +), 5xpacks, quantity of documents and photographs, 1xsampan damaged,  
100 (-) bunkers located.

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours.  
Present Operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 0

Platoon - 1

Squad - 0

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 10 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: 3.

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). (Issued separately to II FForce V only).

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11 Apr 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 100001H to 102400H Apr 69.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains at FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE. 1 and 2 Tps remain at 1 ATF Base. Whilst returning to FSPB MARTINE from 9 RAR a Centurion tank from 3 Tp struck a mine at 1426H at YS253802. Tank received moderate damage with no crew casualties. 4 Tp carried out a RIF in AO CAMDEN with 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Locations; B Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE. Further to contact of 3 Tp(-) at 2220H at YS217803; a sweep this morning revealed 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy KIA (probable), 1 sampan sunk, 1 M1 carbine and a quantity of drugs, clothing and documents recovered. At 0105H at 1 ATF Base A Sqn elements engaged 1 person on their perimeter with unknown results. 1 Tp(-) deployed B Coy 5 RAR to West of 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp plus 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl conducted recce and RIF actions in AOs PICTON and CAMDEN. 3 Tp(-) carried out a RIF in vicinity of THAM THIEN YS2182. Sp Tp(-) carried out escort duties on QL15. Locations; A Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp, Sp Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp APs at YS230800, YS230804, YS216803.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 1 contact mission was fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) FSPB MARTINE; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 105 Bty, HQ Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Bty FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN. Further to the contact of Atk Pl at 092010H at YS255793; a sweep this morning revealed 7 enemy KIA (BC), 3 enemy WIA (blood and drag trails), 6 AK47, 19 AK47 magazines and 2 RPG grenade propellants. At 1015H at YS261793 Atk Pl fired on suspected enemy movement. Pl was following drag marks from previous contact. At 1508H at YS302848 10 Pl D Coy contacted 2 - 5 enemy in bunkers with unknown results. At YS316847 2 Pl V Coy located a bunker system that had been used in last 48 hours. At 1035H an aircraft sighted 3 suspect enemy at YS268760. Locations: 4 RAR(-) FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS335859; D Coy YS298831; V Coy YS318846.

(e) 5 RAR(-) remained at 1 ATF(Base). B Coy deployed on a RIF to vicinity of YS3766. Locations: 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS375661.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GOULBURN. At 1600H at YS338878 9 Pl C Coy contacted 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 AK47 and 150 rounds AK47 ammunition being recovered. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB WATTLE; A Coy YS361920; B Coy YS367864; C Coy YS338875; D Coy YS361915.

(g) Air support: Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1122H	YS642826	VC Base Camp	1 bunker with hut on top exposed. 1 military structure exposed.
1745H	YS773705	VC Base Camp	5 large huts destroyed. 2 secondary explosion.

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel - NIL

b Material - 1 Centurian Tank moderately damaged by mine.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel - 10 KIA (BC)

1 KIA (probable)

3 WIA (blood and drag trails)

b Material - 1 sampan sunk, 7xAK47, 19xAK47 magazines 1xM1 carbine, 2xRPG grenade propellants, quantity of drugs, clothing and documents.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present Operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 0

Squad - 12

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Results: NIL

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to II FForce V only.

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12 Apr 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 110001H to 112400H Apr 69.

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

## 1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

## a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB MARTINE (YS2575).

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE. 1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp with 1 Tp(-) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt carried out a search in the area of YS5763 returning to 1 ATF Base at 1700H. 3 Tp moved to FSPB JUANITA YS2277 and became op con to 9 RAR. 4 Tp carried out RIF in AO CAMDEN with 2 Tp A Sqn and elements of the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl. At 1140H at YS283709 2 persons were sighted moving into a cave. The cave entrance was destroyed by tank fire. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp, 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS213788.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE. 1 Tp(-) carried out a search in area of YS5763 with 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp carried out a RIF in AO CAMDEN with 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Tp(-) supported move of 9 RAR into AO PICTON. Sp Tp(-) carried out escort duties on QL15. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp, Sp Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp APs at YS228739, YS265731, YS263691.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 1 mission was fired on an en base camp during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) FSPB MARTINE; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 105 Fd Bty, HQ Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JUANITA; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN. At 0755H at YS261794 1 Pl W Coy found a cache containing: 1700 metres of 36 inch black cloth, 85 tins milk, 180 metres nylon hammock material. At 0910H at YS263794 1 Pl W Coy found an empty coy sized en camp. At 1015H at YS319846 V Coy contacted 3 en resulting in 1 en KIA(BC) and 1 en WIA (blood trail). 1 AK47 and 2 sets of webbing were also recovered. At 1030H V Coy located a cache containing; 1 x 7.92 Mauser rifle, 2 x Garand rifles, 1 x SKS rifle, 3 Aslt rifles less butts plus some tools. All weapons rusty except SKS. Locations: Bn HQ, W Coy FSPB DYKE; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS333859; D Coy YS297830; V Coy YS319846.

(e) 5 RAR(-) remained in 1 ATF Base. B Coy continued on RIF operation to the South West of 1 ATF Base. At 2045H at YS393639 the night loc of B Coy came under RPG and SA fire resulting in 1 AUST KIA, 2 AUST WIA and 1 ARVN Interpreter WIA. En cas unknown. Locations: 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy YS393639.

(f) 9 RAR moved from AO GOULBURN to AO PICTON centre of mass YS2578. At YS240791 8 Pl C Coy located a large underground cache. A search has so far revealed 50 sandbags of rice. A tunnel leads off the cache and more caches are suspected. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JUANITA; A Coy YS257791; B Coy YS224842; C Coy YS241796; D Coy YS220786.

(g) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

(h) Results:

## 1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: 1 AUST KIA  
2 AUST WIA (Dustoff)  
1 ARVN WIA (Dustoff)

b Materiel: Nil.

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2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 KIA(BC)  
1 WIA (blood trail)

b Materiel: 1700 metres black cloth; 85 tins milk; 180 metres nylon hammock material; 1 AK47; 1 x 7.92mm Mauser rifle; 2 Garand rifles; 1 SKS rifle; 3 Aslt rifles; qty tools; 50 sandbags rice.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to II FFORCE V only.

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13 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains at FSPB MARTINE YS2575. 1 Tp and 2 Tp remain at 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remains under opcon 9 RAR. 4 Tp engaged several caves, tunnel entrances and bunkers in the NUI THI VAI mountains without incident. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS213825.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) supported 9 RAR operations in AO PICTON. 1 Tp (-) and elements of Sp Tp supported 5 RAR operations in AO QUINTUS centre of mass YS3869. Convoy escort tasks on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1 Tp and Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect Sp Tp FSPB JUANITA YS2277.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 missions were fired in support of contacts. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JUANITA YS2277; 105 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN without contact. At 1305H at YS311843 V Coy located an estimated Coy sized bunker system. In the system were 5 large bunkers, a classroom in which was a blackboard dated 7 Apr 69, a cookhouse, a number of small bunkers and a bunker containing a furnace, claymore moulds and 50 grenade fuze assemblies. Also found in the system were:- 1xM1 carbine, 35 claymores, 1xmauser, 1xAK47 minus butt, parts of B52 bombs, 1x fire extinguisher, 1xtypewriter, quantity of CBUs, quantity mild steel rod cut into pellets for claymores, 60 feet of 30 inch galvanised iron, 4 gallons of petrol, 6x RPG rounds, quantity of books and documents, quantity of clothing, 2x105mm shells and 1x82mm mortar bomb rigged as booby traps, 2xsets of stocks and dyes, quantity of drills and spanners, 1xbicycle, 2xM57 firing devices, 1xM16 bayonet, 5xM16 magazines, 1xpair ARVN boots, quantity of SA ammunition, 5xM1 carbine magazines, 1xchicom grenade, 2xM26 grenades, 1xtin of black pellets of unknown type, 1xclock, quantity of women's clothing, 1xtransister car radio, 50 feet of steel cable, 1xtin of medical supplies, 1xmedical notebook, 34xbars of solid solder, 1xcigarette lighter, 1xwatch, 1x20mm rocket. 1x155mm shell rigged as a booby trap, 1xshell of unknown type, 1x large vice, quantity of bicycle parts, 1xcomprehensive dental kit, 1xpair crutches, 22xbottles of Adrenoxyl, 16xanti-gangrene serum containers, 2xSphygmonometers, 1x blood transfusion device, quantity of assorted medical bottles containing unknown type medicines, 6xpots, moulds for beehive charges, 5xRPG2 motor, 50xelectric detonators, 150xpercussion detonators, 1xmetal guillotine, 1xlarge metal vertically mounted hand drill, 3000xblank detonators, 3x30 feet lengths of safety fuse, 8x quart tins of assorted paints, 300xgrenade igniters, 1xsmall hand drill, 450 rounds of 9mm ammunition, 1xpistol, holder, 1xbottle vodka and a quantity of foodstuffs. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; C Coy YS334852; D Coy YS298831; V Coy YS312842; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR (-) remained at 1 ATF Base and continued close patrolling. A sweep of the contact area of 5 Pl (112045H at YS393639, previously reported) at first light revealed 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1xAK50 and 4 magazines. D Coy relieved B Coy in AO QUINTIS centre of mass YS3869. Locations: 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy YS346693.

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(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO PICTON with minor contact. At 0857H at YS278781 an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt under opcon of 9 RAR struck a mine resulting in 1 Aust WIA and light damage to the APC. At 1030H at YS218831 a patrol from 5 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy without result. At 1115H at YS224834 5 Pl contacted 3 enemy resulting in 2 Aust WIA and 2 enemy WIA (1 bloodtrail, 1 dragmark). 1xM1 carbine was captured. At 1805H at YS223830 5 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy in a camp. 5 Pl was engaged by RPG and MG fire resulting in 1 Aust WIA. Enemy casualties are unknown. 8 Pl continued to search the area of the cache (located at YS240791, previously reported) and found a further 150 bags of rice making a grand total of approximately 2 tons captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JUANITA YS2277; A Coy YS263792; B Coy YS215842; C Coy YS246803; D Coy YS297776.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1330H	YS376887	Base Camp	3 bunkers damaged 1 bunker exposed 1 military structure destroyed 1 small table destroyed
1409H	YS322707	Base Camp	1 bunker damaged 2 bunkers exposed 2 structures exposed 1x500lb bomb exposed

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: 4 WIA (evacuated).

b Materiel: 1 APC lightly damaged.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (BC)

2 enemy WIA (bloodtrail, dragmark)

b Materiel: 1xAK50, 4xmagazines, 1xM1 carbine, 150 bags of rice, 1xM1 carbine, 35 claymores, 1xmauser, 1xAK47 minus butt, parts of B52 bombs, 1x fire extinguisher, 1x typewriter, quantity of CBUs, quantity mild steel rod cut into pellets for claymores, 60 feet of 30 inch galvanised iron, 4 gallons of petrol, 6xRPG rounds, quantity of books and documents, quantity of clothing, 2x105 mm shells and 1x82mm mortar bomb rigged as booby traps, 2xsets of stocks and dyes, quantity of drills and spanners, 1xbicycle, 2xM57 firing devices, 1xM16 bayonet, 5x M16 magazines, 1xpair ARVN boots, quantity of SA ammunition, 5xM1 carbine magazines, 1xchicom grenade, 2xM26 grenades, 1xtin of black pellets of unknown type, 1xclock, quantity of women's clothing, 1xtransister car radio, 50 feet of steel cable, 1xtin of medical supplies, 1xmedical notebook, 34xbars of solid solder, 1xcigarette lighter, 1xwatch, 1x20mm rocket, 1x155mm shell rigged as a booby trap, 1xshell of unknown type, 1xlarge vice, quantity of bicycle parts, 1xcomprehensive dental kit, 1xpair crutches, 22xbottles of Adrenoxyl, 16xanti-gangrene serum containers, 2xsphygmometers, 1xblood transfusion device, quantity of assorted medicine bottles containing unknown type medicines, 6xpots, moulds for beehive charges, 5xRPG2 motors, 50xelectric detonators, 150xpercussion detonators, 1xmetal guillotine, 1xlarge metal mounted hand drill, 3000xblank detonators, 3x30 feet lengths of safety fuse, 8x quart tins of assorted paints, 300xgrenade igniters, 1xsmall hand drill, 450 rounds of 9mm ammunition, 1xpistol holder, 1xbottle vodka and a quantity of foodstuffs.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours:

Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two

Platoon - Nil

Squad - Thirteen

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

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14 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remain at FSPB MARTINE YS2575. 1 Tp and 2 Tp are located in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remains under opcon 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 1 Tp and 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS223832.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ supported the HQ 1 ATF Def Pl during water borne operations in AO CAMDEN without incident. 2 Sect 2 Tp supported 9 RAR redeployment in AO PICTON. 3 Sect 2 Tp supported land clearing operations in AO CAMDEN. 3 Tp supported 4 RAR operations in AO MARULAN. At 0734H at YS256802 an APC of 3 Tp struck a mine resulting moderate damage to the APC but no personnel casualties. Convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 2 Tp (-) YS261726; 2 Sect 2 Tp YS265733; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS256680; 2 Sect Sp Tp FSPB JUANITA YS2277; 1 Tp and Sp Tp (-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 8 H and I missions and 3 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) FSPB MARTINE YS2575; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JUANITA YS2277; 105 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN with minor contact. At 0650H at YS282840 the Anti-tk Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47 captured. V Coy continued to search the camp at YS311843 (previously reported) and found the following additional items: 200 lbs rice, 50 lbs salt, quantity of SA rounds, 1 x primus stove, 4 gallons petrol, quantity of medical supplies and records, quantity of documents, quantity of clothing and linen, an assortment of cooking pots and utensils, 1 x M16 bayonet and a quantity of nurses aprons. At 1013H at YS311841 V Coy located a camp consisting of 14 bunkers. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; C Coy Y YS314799; D Coy YS298831; V Coy YS310843; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(e) 5 RAR (-) remained at 1 ATF Base and provided TAOR patrols. D Coy continued ambush operations in AO QUINTUS without contact. Locations: 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy (-) YS383686.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO PICTON with minor contact. At YS264791 A Coy located a camp consisting of 5 bunkers, 2 structures and a kitchen. The following items were found in the camp: 1 x chicom grenade, 30 lbs rice, 12 x torch batteries, 1 x M1 magazine, 2 x AK47 magazines (full), set of webbing, quantity SA ammunition, quantity of clothing and documents. At 1230H at YS222831 a patrol from 5 Pl contacted 1 enemy resulting 1 enemy KIA (BC), 3 x AK47 magazines and a set of webbing captured. At 1850H at YS260785 1 Pl contacted 2 enemy with unknown results. A sweep of the contact area was terminated because of failing light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JUANITA YS2277; A Coy YS263792; B Coy YS223832; C Coy YS312791; D Coy YS225773.

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(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
120240H	YS540895	Base Camp	6 bunkers damaged, 8 bunkers exposed, 6 pits exposed, 60 metres of trench exposed.
121835H	YS580917	Base Camp	10 bunkers destroyed, 10 bunkers damaged.
131412H	YS376887	Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker exposed, 1 platform exposed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 small platform destroyed, 6 ventilation holes exposed.
131733H	YS642826	Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker exposed, 1 hut exposed, 2 tables exposed, 1 fighting pit exposed, 10 metres trench exposed, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

- a Personnel: Nil.  
b Materiel: 1 x APC moderately damaged.

2 Enemy Losses

- a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC).  
b Materiel: 1 x AK47, 5 x AK47 magazines, 1 x M16 bayonet, 1 x chicom grenade, 1 x M1 magazine, 230 lbs rice, 50 lbs salt, quantity SA rounds, 1 x primus stove, 4 gallons petrol, quantity medical supplies and documents, quantity clothing and linen, assortment of cooking pots and utensils, quantity nurses aprons, 12 x torch batteries, 2 x sets webbing.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to II FFORCE V only.

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15 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB MARTINE YS2575.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE. 1 Tp and 2 Tp located 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remains under opcon 9 RAR. 4 Tp with 3 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and elements of HQ 1 ATF D and E Pl carried out a RIF in AO CAMDEN without contact. Locations: B Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp, 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB JUANITA YS2277.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remains at FSPB MARTINE. 1 Tp supported 5 RAR operations in AO QUINTUS. 2 Tp(-) occupied ambushes at YS227739, and YS264734 without contact. 3 Sect 2 Tp supported land clearing operations vicinity YS2568. 3 Tp(-) supported operations in AO PICTON including Psyops and a search of THAI THIEN YS2279. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB MARTINE; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp(-) YS227739, YS264734; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS266675; Sp Tp(-) 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 5 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) FSPB MARTINE; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 105 Fd Bty, HQ Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB JUANITA; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB MARTINE.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN with minor contact. At 1213H at YS312799 7 Pl C Coy contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 AK47 with 3 magazines, 1 pack radio and some medical supplies being recovered. At 1635H at YS307796 9 Pl C Coy contacted 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). 1 AK47, 1 AK type weapon dated 1963, 1 US compass and some documents were recovered. At YS312795 7 Pl located a bunker/camp area, apparently used for training, and recovered: 500lbs rice, a quantity of fish and a quantity of clothing. Locations: 4 RAR(-) FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962; C Coy YS312799; D Coy YS307861; V Coy YS310843.

(e) 5 RAR(-) remained in 1 ATF Base and continued TAOR patrols. C Coy relieved D Coy on ambush operations in AO QUINTUS. Locations: 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS378665.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO PICTON with minor contact. Further to contact of 1 Pl at 131850H at YS260785. A sweep this morning revealed 2 blood trails and 2xAK47s. Tracks of 10 - 15 were found. At 0922H at YS261787 1 Pl contacted 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At approximately 1920H 4 enemy approached 7 Pl C Coy at YS243791 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC wounded (probable). At YS255794 3 Pl A Coy located 3 bunkers containing the following: 3 sets 1956 pattern web equipment, 6 water bottles and 1 old RPG2. At YS253794 3 Pl located 6 bunkers containing the following: quantity 35mm film, transformer for a projector, 2 audio amplifiers, portable screen, spares for 35mm projector, 1 Roneo duplicating machine, large quantity of paper, 1 Polaroid camera, large quantity of material for VC flags, quantity of clothing, 2 chicom claymores, web equipment and footwear. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB JUANITA; A Coy YS263792; B Coy YS217829; C Coy YS241791; D Coy YS223782.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1407H	YS376887	Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 2 bunkers exposed. 1 table destroyed. 5 vent holes exposed.

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TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1753H	YS376887	Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged 3 bunkers exposed 2 tables destroyed 1 gas cylinder destroyed

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: NIL

2 Enemy Losses :

a Personnel: 5 VC KIA (BC)  
2 VC WIA (Blood trails)  
1 VC WIA (Probable)

b Material : 4xAK47, 1 x AK type weapon, 8 x AK47 magazines, 1 pack radio, quantity of medical supplies, 1 US compass, several sets of web equipment, 500lbs rice, quantity of clothing and VC flag material, 6 x water bottles, 1 old RPG2, quantity 35mm film, transformer for a projector, 1 Roneo duplicating machine, large quantity of paper, 1 Polaroid camera, 2 chicom claymores, assortment of footwear.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours:  
Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: NIL

(4) Results: NIL

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to IIFORCE V only.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone.

1. During the past week, enemy initiated activities continued at a reduced level throughout the TAOR, although harassment, particularly attacks by fire at scattered locations, showed a slight increase towards the end of the period.

2. There was one particularly successful enemy rocket attack against the Sector HQ Compound in TAY NINH City on the night of 11th April. Incoming rockets hit the ground floor of the three story Sector HQ building, of which, the upper stories housed RF troops, and the ground floor was used for munitions storage. The results of this attack were: 30 RF KIA, 77 RF WIA; 5 civilians killed, 9 civilians injured; also 50 PWs, detainees, and draft dodgers were injured. The following material was destroyed: 6 jeeps, 7 Dodge trucks, 2 GMC trucks, 2 Gas Tankers, 5 tons of rice, 20,980 gallons of MOGAS, 7,699 gallons of oil, 804x155mm rounds, 5,157x105mm rounds, 92x3.5 rockets, 7,678x81mm rounds, 3,667x60mm rounds, 77,188x.50 cal rounds, 149,476x.30 cal rounds, 598,409xM-16 rounds, 8,202 M-79 rounds, 2,089x38 cal rounds, 37,585x45 cal rounds, 109,487 Garand rounds, 99,358 BAR rounds, 4,167x4.2 mortar rounds, 4,312xM-26 hand grenades, 183xM-72 LAWS, 2,2024xAP mines and 314 claymores.

3. During the week the 3-271st VC Regiment lost 34 KIA S of BEN SOI (XT 0939); the K4-1st NVA Regiment lost 47 KIA SE of BEN LUC (XS 6472), and the 2-268th VC Regiment lost 33 KIA NW of TRUNG LAP (XT 5620). Other major enemy manoeuvre elements continued to avoid contact.

4. Statistics for the week showed that there were 50 enemy initiated attacks compared with 80 last week. Of these, there were 12 mortar attacks and 13 rocket attacks compared with 21 mortar attacks and 14 rocket attacks last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents are:-

a. At 100930H, YT 106 259, in BIEN HOA Province, a 9th Div Ranger Team received SA and AW fire and a command detonated booby trap from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by artillery and ground reinforcements. Results: 11 VC KIA; 1 US KIA and 3 US WIA.

b. At 101830H, XT 007 574, in TAY NINH Province, a 25th Avn Sniffer Ship received HMG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, gunships, and airstrikes. Results: 63 NVA KIA; negative US losses.

c. At 111100H, XT 582 537, in BINH DUONG Province, B/2-34th Inf received SA and AW fire from an unknown size VC force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, gunships, and airstrikes. Results: 11 VC KIA; 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

d. At 110320H, XT 560 280, in HAU NGHIA Province, B/1-5th Inf received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an estimated enemy company. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, Spooky, and a light fire team. Results: 33 enemy KIA; negative US losses.

Enemy Locations

5. During the week IIFV assessed that the 33rd NVA Regt is no longer subordinate to the 5th Division which is now operating in a three regiment configuration. The 33rd Regiment is presently believed to be subordinate to MR-7.

6. The latest available information on the probable locations of enemy Main Force units is:

1st NVA Div HQ	NW of NUI BA DEN.
18B NVA Inf Regt	NE of NUI BA DEN (XT 3171).
95C NVA Inf Regt	E of TAY NINH City (XT 3649).
101D NVA Inf Regt	SE of THIEN NGON.

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2nd VC Div HQ S War Zone "D".  
95th NVA Inf Regt NE of TRANG BOM (vic YT 2615)  
174th NVA Inf Regt S War Zone "D".  
275th VC Inf Regt S War Zone "D".

7th NVA Div HQ FISH HOOK.  
141st NVA Inf Regt FISH HOOK.  
165th NVA Inf Regt N of the MICHELIN Plantation.  
209th NVA Inf Regt N of MINH THANH.

9th VC Div HQ Possibly in the ANGELS WING Area.  
271st VC Inf Regt S of BEN SOI (XT 0939).  
272nd VC Inf Regt ANGELS WING area.  
273rd VC Inf Regt Possibly in the ANGELS WING Area.

1st NVA Inf Regt SE of BEN LUC (XS 6472).

33rd NVA Inf Regt Probably S of XUAN LOC.

88TH NVA Inf Regt BOI LOI - HO BO Woods area.

101st NVA Inf Regt BOI LOI Woods.

268th VC Inf Regt NE of TRANG BANG.

274th VC Inf Regt HAT DICH area.

DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Between BINH MY and AN SON with elements NE of LAI KHE.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

7. During the past week enemy actions have been characterized by scattered attacks by fire and, while the enemy has employed elements of his Main Forces in forward attack positions, the majority of the regiments are believed to have been withdrawn to secure base areas to regroup and refit, and it is estimated that the overall combat readiness of the enemy is again increasing.

8. There are no indications of any enemy plans to resume large-scale Corps wide operations, and it is asessed that the enemy is revising his strategy after his failures to breach the approach routes to SAIGON.

9. It is estimated that there is no major threat against the Capital Military District at this time, but enemy forces are capable of harassment, particularly attacks by fire, against Allied installations and Provincial centres throughout the Corps Zone and with an increasing ground attack capability in the TAY NINH City region and in other areas to the N and NW of the TAOR.

10. Until such time as the enemy determines his strategy, his immediate course of action will probably continue to consist of scattered attacks by fire and limited ground actions throughout the III CTZ.

Enemy Losses

11. For the week there were 1019 enemy KIA (BC), 59 PWs, 155 returnees (Hoi Chanh); there were 373 individual weapons and 85 crew-served weapons captured; and there wer 29.05 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity - Omitted

Section 2. SOUTH VIETNAM (excl III CTZ) and NORTH VIETNAM - Omitted

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary - Omitted

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<u>Number</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
111	DUTIES
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114	LIVE AMMO
115	DFRB CONTRIBUTIONS
116	CLEANING OF SMALL ARMS

111. DUTIES

DUTY OFFICER

15 APR 69	-	2LT SULLIVAN
16 " "	-	LT SERLE
17 " "	-	2LT RITCHIE
18 " "	-	WO2 KLUDAS
19 " "	-	WO1 KERR
20 " "	-	WO2 DINGLE
21 " "	-	SGT WILSON
22 " "	-	2LT McNEILAGE

DUTY SERGEANT

15 APR 69	-	SGT TWOMEY
16 " "	-	SGT TOCOCK
17 " "	-	SGT NICHOLSON
18 " "	-	SGT JONES
19 " "	-	SGT GREY
20 " "	-	SGT HILTON
21 " "	-	SGT SAWYER
22 " "	-	SGT TWOMEY

112. VIETNAM MEDAL

1. The following members are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vi Vietnam Medal. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal, and is subject to varification by CARO.

CPL TOMLINSON	TPR SMITH C.O.
CEN SHIRVINGTON	TPR STOW.
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113. TEST FIRE PIT

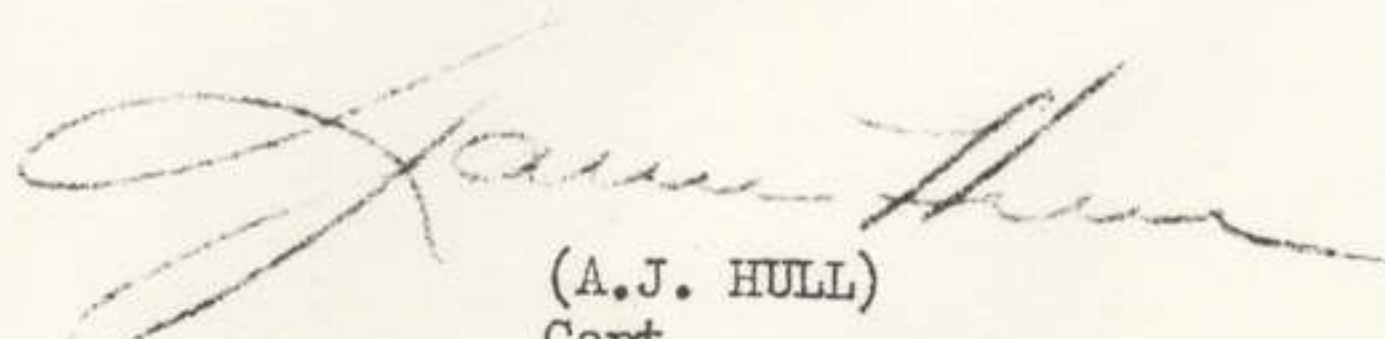
1. When .30 inch machine guns are being test fired, they are to be mounted on a ground mount and the firer is to be positioned behind the gun in the pit on the step. .30 inch machine guns are not to be fired from tanks into the test pit.

114. LIVE AMMO

1. Live ammo is not to be placed in dust or garbage bins. The rubbish truck operator is to ensure that live ammo does not get dumped on the tip.

115. DFRB CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Members whose pay has been increased as a result of the revised pay grouping system are required to pay increased DFRB contributions.
2. A pre-1959 entrant who has previously elected not to pay additional contributions will not pay any additional contributions, neither will he receive a higher rate of pension.
3. A pre-1959 entrant who has not made such an election and who finds the additional contributions now required too heavy to pay may make arrangements as follows:-
  - a. Elect not to pay the additional contributions, in which case he becomes entitled to the Commonwealth share only of the additional category numbers. Such an election is irrevocable and applies to all further increases in category number. Full details are given in ARO 117/67. Elections must be made on DFRB Form 130 within 4 months of the date of occurrence, or
  - b. If his total contribution exceeds 5% of his pay, apply to the DFRB Board to defer all or part of the additional contribution. Applications must be made on DFRB Form 121. In this case, the amount of contribution deferred is payable, plus 5% compound interest, on termination of service. A member entitled to a pension on retirement must repay the amount owing within 1 month of retirement, or if he does not do so, receive an actuarially reduced pension.
  - c. The DFRB Act also provides that the DFRB Board may pay the premiums on certain assurance policies held by members. Full details are available from the DFRB Board.
4. Any such election must be made before 23 Apr 69.
5. The DFRB Board may accept an election made after 23 Apr 69 if special circumstances exist. Any election submitted after 23 Apr 69 must have a written explanation of the lateness of the submission attached to the election form.

  
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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF OPO 31/69  
(OP SURFSIDE)  
DATED 13 APR 69

ENEMY SITUATION - AOS GLENELG COOGEE BRIGHTON

1. D445 Bn traditionally operates in the area of the LONG HAI hills, the LONG GREEN and in the area to the South of XUYEN MOC.
2. Available intelligence indicates that elements of up to two companies are located in the eastern end of LONG GREEN, and that HQ D445 Bn with one company is probably located South of XUYEN MOC in the general area of YS6663. Other elements of the battalion are probably dispersed in the LONG HAI hills and on supply missions in other areas of PHUOC TUY Province.
3. C23, the XUYEN MOC Platoon, is reported to be located in the vicinity of YS6868.
4. Minefields laid in the western LONG GREEN by 1 ATF in previous years have been tampered with and have been spread into other areas of the LONG GREEN and constitute a hazard.
5. VC forces in this AO probably obtain rice, salt and fish supplies from the populated areas of DAT DO, LONG DIEN and BARIA. Vegetables are grown in an increasing number of garden areas in the CAPE TAMBO - BINH CHAU (YS8069) area included in AO BRIGHTON (to be defined). Some of the gardens probably support the personnel of D445 Bn while some is probably moved North and North West to the 84th Rear Services Group complexes in the PHUOC TUY - LONG KHANH border area.
6. The CAPE TAMBO area is also believed to be used from time to time as a ship to shore supply transfer point for stores en route to the 84th Rear Services Group complexes.
7. Elimination of D445 and C23 and destruction of installations, caches and food growing areas in AOS GLENELG, COOGEE and BRIGHTON would significantly reduce VC influence in PHUOC TUY Province.

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16 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) returned to 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) returned to 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp and 2 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp remained opcon 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) returned to 1 ATF Base. Elements of 1 Tp covered the deployment of a section from B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) to Horseshoe Hill YS4962. 2 Tp covered insertion of two LRRPs. 3 Tp escorted a convoy from Baria to FSPB JUANITA. Sp Tp (-) provided escort on QL 15. 1 Sect Sp Tp supported land clearing operations. 2 Sect Sp Tp remained opcon 9 RAR.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Nil N and 1 and contact missions were fired during the reporting period. One Sect of B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) deployed into Horseshoe Hill YS4962, the other Sect returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB DYKE YS2780; 161 Bty 1 FSPB JUANITA YS2277; Sect D Bty 2/35 Arty (US) Horseshoe Hill YS4962; B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN with Contact at 0935H at YS299794 3 pl W Coy contacted estimated 6 VC in Bunkers. Negative En casualties 2 NZ WIA. Contact was broken, at 1224H. Contact was made again resulting in 1 VC KIA Poss. 3 NZ WIA. Airstrikes and Arty supported this contact. Location: Bn HQ FSB DYKE YS2780; B Coy Horseshoe Hill YS4962; C Coy YS327798; D Coy YS308861; V Coy YS309844; W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780.

(e) 5 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and provided TAOR patrols. C Coy continued Ops. in AO QUINTUS without contact. Locations 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C (-) Coy YS379663.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO PICTON with minor contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSB JUANITA YS2277; A Coy YS238783; B Coy YS217829; C Coy YS241790; D Coy YS217804.

(g) Air Support Significant Air Strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
151330H	YS376887	V.C. Base Camp	100% on target 30% coverage 1 bunker exposed and damaged, 1 table destroyed, scattered clothing and cooking utensils over area.
151521	YS297792	V.C. Base Camp	100% on target, 70% coverage. 4 bunkers uncovered, 1 large cross shaped, bunker uncovered, 2 tunnel entrances exposed, clothes and documents exposed.



(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: 5 WIA

b Material: Nil

2 Enemy Losses

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA Poss.

b Material: Nil

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: Present Operations Continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Four  
Squad - Eleven

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact.

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to II FForce V only.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
151300	Y252687	V.C. Base Camp	100% on target 30% coverage 1 bunker exposed and damaged, table destroyed, scattered clothing and cooking utensils over area.
151551	Y252792	V.C. Base Camp	100% on target, 70% coverage A bunker uncovered, 1 large cross shaped bunker uncovered, tunnel entrance exposed, clothes and documents exposed.



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ANNEX A TO  
1 ATF OP INSTR 32/69  
(OP STAFFORD)  
DATED 14 APR 69

ENEMY SITUATION - AO BAROSSA

1. Enemy forces at present in AO BAROSSA are believed to include:
  - a. Elements of HQ 274 Regiment and possibly one of its battalions.
  - b. C41, CHAU DUC Company.
  - c. Guerilla units and Party Committee members of districts and villages adjacent to the AO.
2. BINH BA Rubber Plantation has been reported to have become a major rice supply centre and transfer point for VC in the AO and for VC in areas further into the HAT DICH and CAM MY base areas.
3. Tracks through the AO are known to be used as communications, liaison and supply routes between populated areas on Routes QL15, LTL2 and the HAT DICH and CAM MY base areas.
4. Destruction of the enemy forces, caches and installations in AO BAROSSA and disruption of enemy L of C through the AO would seriously affect VC offensive capability throughout Military Region 7.

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17 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained at 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained in 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp and 3 Tp are providing security for the establishment of FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379, 4 Tp is opcon to 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp and 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in 1 ATF Base. 2 Sect 1 Tp came under opcon 4 RAR, 3 Sect 1 Tp came under opcon 9 RAR. 1 Tp (-) and 3 Sect Sp Tp supported the move of 9 RAR from 1 ATF Base to AO GLENELG centre of mass YS5861. 3 Tp supported move of 9 RAR from FSPB JUANITA YS2277 to 1 ATF Base. SpTp (-) continued escort duties on QL 15. 1 Sect Sp Tp remains opcon 5 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 1 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 3 Sect 1 Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. Two counter missions and nil H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSP B DYKE YS2780; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARDI YS6061; One Sect of 105 Bty 1 ATF Base; One Sect of 105 Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO MARULAN. W Coy moved back into the camp at YS299794 and found a quantity of grenades, but otherwise the camp was deserted. Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy FSPB DYKE YS2780; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS327798; D Coy YS308861; V Coy YS309856.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations out of the 1 ATF Base. At 0810H at YS390648 9 Pl found 2 bodies believed killed during a contact with D Coy on night 11/12 Apr 69. At 1330H at YS276657 a patrol from 4 Pl discovered a single grave. Locations: 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS377667.

(f) 9 RAR deployed from AO PICTON into AO GLENELG without incident. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARDI YS6061; A Coy YS589620; B Coy YS555589; C Coy YS568619; D Coy YS591594. At 1950H at YS593606, 11 Pl D Coy night location was attacked by an unknown enemy force with SA, MG and B40 from the SW. 11 Pl returned fire with SA and 81mm mortars and a spooky supported the contact. Result was 1 VC KIA (BC); 3 Aust WIA.

(g) Air Support, Significant Airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0823H	YS302793	VC Base Camp	7 bunkers exposed 2 metres of trench exposed
1046H	YS302793	Base Camp	5 bunkers with overhead cover destroyed, 1 large communication trench destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 6'x6'x2' pit, burning tins of food scattered in the area.
1341H	YS396853	Base Camp	2 L shaped pits damaged 5 metres of trench damaged 1 bunker entrance exposed 1 breather hole exposed.

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly: 3 WIA (Aust)

2 Enemy:

a Personnel: 1 KIA (BC)  
3 KIA (Graves)

b Material: Small quantity of grenades.

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours:

Present Operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 2

Platoon - 1

Squad - 12

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil.

2. COMBINED OPERATIONS (Psyops).

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NEW ENEMY WEAPONS AND TACTICS

Reference: A. 1 ATF S-19-23 dated 20 Mar 69.

1. An enemy document on 3 Apr 69 at BT 217140, states as follows:  
"In the immediate future, 82mm mortar units will use fuse delay ammunition. Delay fuse ammunition for 82mm mortar should be used only in ABF against enemy (FVMAF/RVNAF) strong points, depots, airfields and rear base areas. Delay fuse ammunition will not be used for ABF which will be followed by infantry assaults."
2. No cases of the use of this ammunition have yet been recorded in III CTZ, however, addressees are requested to advise this HQ, if and when any of these rounds are encountered.

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18 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained at 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp is opcon to 4 RAR, 4 Tp is opcon to 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) and 3 Tp in 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379, 4 Tp AO GLENELG YS575604.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in 1 ATF Base. 2 Sect 1 Tp sp the move of 4 RAR to FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379, 3 Sect 1 Tp remains opcon 9 RAR. At 0920H at YS256802 an APC of 3 Sect exploded a mine causing moderate damage to the vehicle. At 1050H at YS255801 an LAD vehicle of A Sqn move to assist the damaged vehicle detonated a mine causing light damage to the vehicle. There were no injuries to persons in either incidents. Both vehicles were recovered to 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 1 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 3 Sect 1 Tp AO GLENELG YS580628; 3 Sect 2 Tp LCT YS275653.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. Four contact mission, nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARDI YS6061; B Bty 2/35 (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR redeployed from AO MARULAN to AO BAROSSA centre of mass YS4282. At 1320H 3 VC approached 3 Pl V Coy from EAST on push bikes. Enemy move SE on contact. 3 push bikes captured. At 1216H at YS470885 3Pl V Coy contacted unknown size enemy moving EAST with unknown results. One SKS rifle and one bicycle were captured. At 1730H 12 Pl contacted unknown size enemy in base camp with unknown results. 5 AUST WIA (evac). At 1842H at YS473882 Ptl 50C contacted unknown size enemy with nil results. At 1945H at YS473885 3 Pl V Coy contacted unknown size enemy resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). Locations: Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE; C Coy YS453870; D Coy YS392848; V Coy YS473882; W Coy FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379. Anti tank Pl YS274807.

(e) 5 RAR continued ops out of 1 ATF Base without contact. Locations: 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy YS377677.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GLENELG. At 1232H at YS473882 an area containing one cook house and hoochies, one water point. 2 bicycles and one possible tunnel were discovered. At 1440H at YS553590, 6 Pl sighted 3 VC in mixed dress who withdrew SW and W. One VC KIA, one AK47, one pack containing personal items and 30lbs rice were captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARDI YS6061; A Coy YS588623; B Coy YS552589; C Coy YS577604; D Coy YS591594.

(g) Air Support, Significant Airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1335H	YS742742	Base camp under construction	100% on target 30% coverage RESULTS: 1 Structure destroyed

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly

- a Personnel: 5 WIA (AUST)  
b Material: 2 APC damaged

2 Enemy

- a Personnel: 3 KIA (BC)  
b Material: 1 AK47, 1 SKS, 2 bicycles, 1 cook house and hoochies, 1 pack with personal items and 30lbs rice.

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours:

Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 2  
Squad - 8

(2) 3 SAS has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. COMBINED OPERATIONS (Psyops)

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19 Apr 69

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TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG III in AO HUME and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained at 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remains in 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp is opcon to 4 RAR, 4 Tp is opcon to 9 RAR. At 1220H at YS4489, 2 Tp engaged 2 VC with negative results. At 1301H at YS4590 were fired on by enemy from houses. Locations: B Sqn(-) and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379, 4 Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remained in 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp supported 4 RAR resupplied and escorted Husky Bravo in Artillery raid to DUC THANH. 2 Sect 1 Tp continued opcon to 4 RAR. 3 Sect 1 Tp continued opcon to 9 RAR. 3 Sect 2 Tp returned with land clearing tram. 2 Sect Sp Tp opcon to 4 RAR. Location: A Sqn(-) in 1 ATF Base. 2 Sect 1 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp at FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379. 3 Sect 1 Tp at YS613620.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. One contact mission and nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. B Bty 2/35 US moved to DUC THANH to support 104 Bty negative employment returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARDI YS6061; B Bty 2/35 (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor contacts. At 0700H a sweep by 3 Pl V Coy revealed a further 1 VC KIA (BC), 3 x AK47 captured attributed to contact at 171945H at YS473885 (reported in SITREP 17 Apr 69). Anti Tk Pl at 172215H at YS272805 engaged with claymores and M79 an estimated enemy Pl moving East to West in squad sized groups resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 x AK47, 1 x M1 carbine, 1 lb documents captured; enemy withdrew East. Contact was supported by Spooky. At 1228H at YS473884 a platform cache was located resulting in, 100 lbs of rice, 100 lbs of grain, 100 lbs of peanuts, 3 pushbikes and one ammo case containing 4 x 1 gallon tins of paint, 105 U/1 fuses, 1 x 105mm shell with shipping plug, being captured. At 1200H at YS448846, 7 Pl contacted 6 - 7 VC, 3 were carrying packs and weapons, on sweeping the area 2 civilians were detained in a house. A further sweep located 1 Honda Number 116593, 3 x 44 gallon drums of seed rice, 12 lbs of tea, 10 lbs of sugar, 15 lbs of raw coffee, 50 lbs clean rice, 4 lbs pepper, 8 tins fish, 1 large set of scales resulting in capture. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. C Coy YS453870. D Coy FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379. D-Coy YS394849. V-Coy YS473882. Aslt Pnr Pl YS443799.

(e) 5 RAR completed ops out of 1 ATF. Location: 5 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GLENELG at 0910H at YS578588 12 Pl sighted an enemy 500 metres to their South moving East West at 1014H a further 3 were sighted in the same vicinity. At 1330H at YS562594 B Coy located a truck loading to a B52 bomb hole believed to be a VC water hole. At 1314H a patrol clash occurred between 10 and 11 Pls D Coy resulting in 1 WIA (Aust) (evacuated). At 1332H at YS613617 2 Pl A Coy located 30 transit bunkers unused for a long time. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARDI YS6061. A Coy YS599621, B Coy YS570587, C Coy YS582611 D Coy YS591594.

(g) 3 SAS Sqn at 171010H at YS309699 Pt1 33 contacted 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 pistol and 1 lb of documents captured.

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(h) Air Support, Significant Airstrikes

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0813H	YS393846	Base Camp	Neg BDA - 3 dud bombs
1335H	YS589859	Base Camp	1 Structure destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 table destroyed.
1559H	YS302729	Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers exposed and damaged, 30 metres communications trench exposed, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 spider hole uncovered.

(i) Results:

- 1 Friendly:
  - a Personnel: 1 WIA (Aust)
  - b Material: Nil
- 2 Enemy:
  - a Personnel: 5 KIA (BC)  
2 Detained
  - b Material: 4 x AK47, 1 x M1 carbine, 1 pistol, 1 Honda, 3 bicycles, 105 U/1 fuses, 1 set large scales, 2 lbs documents, 1 x 105mm shell, 259 lbs assorted food, 150 lbs rice, 3 x 44 gallon drums seed rice.
- b. Plans summary for next 24 hours:  
Present Operations continue.
- c. Small Unit Actions:
  - (1) Company - 1  
Platoon - 0  
Squad - 9
  - (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
  - (3) Small Unit actions with contact: Nil.
  - (4) Results: Nil
2. Combined Operations (Psyops)  
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20 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY  
a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR.  
HQ 1 ATF remains at 1 ATF Base

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base.  
2 Tp remains under op con 4 RAR. 4 Tp remains under op con 9 RAR. Locations:  
B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base.  
1 Tp (-) supported 9 RAR in AO GLENELG. At 0830H at YS613623 an APC of 3 Sect  
1 Tp hit a mine resulting in moderate damage to the veh and 4 lost WIA (evac).  
2 Sect 1 Tp continued to support 4 RAR in AO BAROSSA. Locations: A Sqn (-)  
1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB MARDI; 2 Sect 1 Tp, Mor Sect Sp Tp FSPB VIRGINIA;  
3 Sect 1 Tp YS580626.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF  
Operations. 2 Contact missions were fired during thereporting period. Locations:  
1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARDI; B Bty  
2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor  
contact At YS439860 C Coy located 9 bunkers and a tunnel system. At YS471884  
1 Pl V Coy found 2 caches containing 4 gals rice wine; 2 x 4 gal tins SAE 30 oil;  
1 bicycle; 1 US type water trailer, 24 sheets corrugated iron; 50 sticks solder;  
13 cans axle grease; qty documents; 2 bunkers and 1 unregistered tractor  
(confiscated). At YS4589 C Coy confiscated a further unregistered tractor. At  
19 H at YS473884 3 Pl V Coy contacted 2 VC. Fire was exchanged with  
unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ, W Coy (-) FSPB VIRGINIA; B Coy HORSESHOE HT  
YS4962; C Coy (-) YS453870; D Coy (-) YS394849; V Coy (-) YS473882.

(e) 5 RAR remains in 1 ATF Base with ptls operating with  
contact in the 1 ATF Base AO. Location: 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GLENELG without cont  
At YS602613 elements of Sp Coy located a fresh camp including a boat landing point.  
At YS605612 further bunkers containing fishing eqpt, webbing and water bottles  
NVA type. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARDI; A Coy (-) YS580627; B Coy (-) YS583587  
C Coy (-) YS587610; D Coy YS616593.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bo b Damage Assessment
1340H	YS372880	Base Camp	2 bunkers exposed 1 bunker damaged 1 structure damaged 1 pit exposed 1 tunnel entrance exposed
1440H	YS742742	Base Camp	1 hut damaged 2 huts exposed 4 bunkers exposed 3 tunnel entrances exposed

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1. a. (1) (h) Results:

1. Friendly Losses:

- a Personnel: 4 Aust WIA (evacuated)
- b Material: 1 APC moderately damaged

2 Enemy Losses:

- a Personnel: Nil
- b Material: 4 gals rice wine; 8 gals SAE 30 oil; bicycle; 1 US type water trailer; 24 sheets corrugated iron; 50 sticks solder; 13 cans axle grease; qty documents: some fishing eqpt: webbing and water bottles NVA type.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - Nil

Squad - 12

(2) 3 SAS Sen has 4 IRRPs destroyed

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact - Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to 11 ACR only.

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ENEMY SITUATION IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE  
041200 H TO 181200 H APR 69

General

1. Enemy initiated incidents within the province have decreased significantly during the reporting period. However, due to Operation OVERLANDER, enemy activity along the WESTERN and NORTHERN border areas of the province has increased.

WEST of Route 2

2. Enemy activity in this area was the most significant for the reporting period.

- a. HAT DICH. Most enemy units contacted in this area appeared to be moving EAST. This trend, together with identifications, suggest that:
  - (1) Elements of HQ 274 VC Regt, 2/274 and 3/274 were located from the SUOI LE, SUOI DA stream area, vicinity YS 3185 to the SONG CA river area vicinity YS 3884, but have now moved further EAST, NORTH EAST and SOUTH EAST.
  - (2) SR-4 units operating in AO HUME, initially appeared to move closer to areas occupied by 274 VC Regt but, as Op OVERLANDER progressed, gradually drifted out of the AO and avoided contact. Within 48 hours of the occupation of AOs MARULAN and PICTON, most enemy supply movement had ceased.
  - (3) D 440 LF Bn elements have been engaged while on rice carrying tasks between ROUTE 15 and its base area SOUTH EAST of XUAN LOC. This is possibly to supplement storage areas being exhausted by 33 NVA Regt and elements of HQ MR-7 which appear to be in that area.
  - (4) There has been a significant number of friendly initiated contacts in this area, resulting in large quantities of materiel being captured and many caches, base camps and bunker complexes have been destroyed or made unusable for enemy occupation.
- b. DUC THANH. Little significant enemy activity has been reported in this AO during the reporting period, although agent reports indicate that it may be developing into an important enemy rice collection area again, as MF elements in the LONG KHANH - PHUOC TUY Province Border area increase.
- c. NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15. Reports are still being received concerning enemy activity in the mountain complex but no positive identifications of units has been made. Two road blocks have been set up during the reporting period and a route security post at YS 271661 received three RPG-2 rounds and small arms fire on 13 Apr 69. There were no friendly casualties. It is considered that an element of D 67 Sapper Bn is still in this area and that it will continue to interdict Route 15 with the assistance of local guerrillas.

SOUTH of 1 ATF TAOR

3. Enemy activity in this area has again decreased during the reporting period. There were two friendly initiated and six enemy initiated incidents in the DAT DO - LONG DIEN area and it is considered that C 25 Company and local village guerrilla units were responsible.

EAST of ROUTE 2

4. There has been considerable track and trail activity in this area but no firm locations or identifications have been made.

- a. LONG GREEN - LIGHT GREEN. There has been considerable movement of stores across the beaches adjacent to this area, together with confirmed movement of large groups through the LONG GREEN. Contacts during the opening phase of Operation SURFSIDE have failed to identify the small groups of enemy encountered. However, a number of agent

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reports tend to indicate the presence of at least one company of D 445 LF Bn.

- b. XUYEN MOC - NUI TAM BO. There has been no confirmation of the presence of large groups of enemy in the area to the SOUTH and SOUTH EAST of XUYEN MOC. However, a significant number of reports from different sources indicate that D 445 LF Bn has established its headquarters and a training area to the EAST of the NUI MO ONG - NUI KHO complex. It is probable that the XUYEN MOC District guerrillas are also in the area EAST of XUYEN MOC, and that elements of 84 Rear Services Group are located in the XUYEN MOC District engaged in logistic support of LF and MF units in the EASTERN half of PHUOC TUY Province.

NORTHERN BORDER AREA

5. This area is becoming more significant due to a probable influx of Main Force units which have been forced out of the WESTERN HAT DICH border area by recent 1 ATF Operations. The WEST-EAST movement across Route 2 towards the SONG RAI and possibly towards the MAY TAO area by large numbers of enemy has been reported by many sources. It is considered that Main Force elements of MR-7 may intend to use this area as a secure base in which they can carry out regrouping and retraining for future operations.

CONCLUSIONS

6. There are no indications of a buildup of enemy forces near the population centres of the SOUTH but sporadic harrassing raids by local guerrilla units can be expected to continue. Due to 1 ATF operations, particularly the HAT DICH area, food, equipment and materiel support has been denied to the majority of Main Force units and greater efforts by Rear Services elements to furnish depleted logistic supplies can be anticipated. An increase in track and trail activity throughout the Province should be noticeable.

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21 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR.  
HQ 1 ATF remains at 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base.  
2 Tp remains under op con 4 RAR. At 1200H 2 Tp and 3 Tp supported W Coy 4 RAR with fire during a sweep through a suspected enemy camp in YS4276. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base 1500H. 4 Tp remains under op con 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp YS580628.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp supported Engr party repairing culverts on LTL 23. At 0850H at YS613644 an APC detonated a Claymore mine resulting in 1 Aust WIA (evacuated) and light damage to the APC. 2 Sect 1 Tp remains under op con 4 RAR. 3 Sect 1 Tp remains under op con 9 RAR. 1 Sect 2 Tp carried out escort duties on QL 2 and QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061; 2 Sect 1 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS580627.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 2 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARDI YS6061; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA without contact. At YS466881 1 Pl V Coy located a small cache containing; 1 gallon Soy Sauce, 9 packets noodles and 12 cakes soap. At 1200H 2 Pl W Coy supported by 2 and 3 Tps B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 2 Sect 1 Tp 3 Cav Regt commenced moving into a suspected enemy camp at YS424768 following artillery preparation. At this location platoon located a cache containing; 12 bundles linen, 60 buttons, 300 bottles penicillin totalling 150 million units, quantity of pills of unknown type, 150 lbs of rice, 8 tins egg powder, 24 tins fish, 15 lbs split peas. Locations: Bn HQ, W Coy FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS429861; D Coy (-) YS394849; V Coy (-) YS473882.

(e) 5 RAR maintains patrols in the 1 ATF Base AO without contact. Locations: 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO GLENEILG with minor contacts. At 0045H 4 armed VC were engaged by 9 RAR elements from the 1 ATF Base with unknown results. At YS584609 C Coy located a two week old camp consisting of 20 bunkers and 2 wells. At 1525H at YS558588 a patrol of B Coy contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and the recovery of 1 AK50, 1 pair binoculars and 1 set web equipment. At YS604610 7 Pl C Coy located a possible minefield in an enemy camp. 2 mines with anti-lift devices located, search continuing. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARDI YS6061; A Coy (-) YS580627; B Coy (-) YS557588; C Coy YS592602; D Coy (-) YS605584.

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(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrike were

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1337H	YS371892	Base Camp	100% on target, 30% coverage. <u>Results.</u> 1 bunker exposed, 1 table damaged.
1505H	YS294758	Base Camp	100% on target, 60% coverage. <u>Results.</u> 1 hut destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged; 1 large bunker exposed, 1 spider hole exposed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).

b Materiel: 1 APC lightly damaged.

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC).

b Materiel: 1 AK50; 1 pair binoculars; 1 set web equipment; 1 gallon Soy Sauce; 9 packets noodles; 12 cakes soap; 12 bundles linen; 60 buttons; 300 bottles penicillin totalling 150 million units; quantity of pills of unknown type; 150 lbs rice; 8 tins egg powder; 24 tins fish; 15 lbs split peas; 2 anti personnel mines.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psyops). Issued separately to II FFORCE V only.

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22 Apr 69

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

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

1. a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR.  
HQ 1 ATF remains at 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp, 3 Tp remain in 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp remains under op con 4 RAR. 2 Tp conducted an operation to move illegal squatters from area at YS467883 to DUC THANH Post. 4 Tp remains under op con 9 RAR. Locations: B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp FSPB MARDI YS6061.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remains in 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp continued to support Engrs repairing culverts on LTL 23. 2 Sect 2 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp remain under op con 4 RAR. 3 Sect 1 Tp remain under op con 9 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 1 Tp, 2 Sect Sp Tp FSPB VIRGINIA; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS573631.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 2 contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 161 Fd Bty FSPB MARDI; B Bty 2/35 US Arty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor contacts. At 1130H at YS425853 7 Pl C Coy contacted 1 VC with unknown results. At 1520H at YS395864 10 Pl contacted 3 VC with unknown results. 160 lbs rice, 2 grenades recovered. At 1559H one further VC was contacted in the same area with unknown results. At 1600H at YS431855 8 Pl fired on 1 VC who returned fire with RPG 2. Unknown results. At 1720H at YS473884 2 VC approached an ambush set by 3 Pl V Coy. En engaged with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ, W Coy FSPB VIRGINIA; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy (-) YS425883; D Coy (-) YS394849; V Coy (-) YS474862.

(e) 5 RAR maintains patrols in the 1 ATF Base AO without contact. Locations: 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base.

(f) 9 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA without contact. At 0835H at YS557588 2 VC were seen but not engaged by 4 Pl. At YS547575 5 Pl B Coy located a cache containing 500 lbs rice and an M18 claymore complete. At YS545574 5 Pl B Coy located a coy sized staging camp which included 35 single man pits with overhead cover. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB MARDI; A Coy (-) YS573631; B Coy (-) YS557588; C Coy YS564599; D Coy YS622607.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1340H	YS395882	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed and damaged, 2 bunkers exposed.
1710H	YS383903	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers exposed, 1 large bunker under construction exposed, 1 large structure exposed.
1840H	YS383903	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker destroyed, 50 gallon oil drum exposed.

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 660 lbs rice; 2 grenades; 1 M18 claymore complete.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops). Issued separately to II FFORCE only .

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2	REGISTRATION OF ATTRACTIVE PERSONAL ITEMS
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116. DUTIES

DUTY OFFICER

22 APR 69	-	2LT DOERR
23 " "	-	SGT STEER
24 " "	-	WO2 BUCKELL
25 " "	-	2LT SULLIVAN
26 " "	-	SGT JONES
27 " "	-	WO2 DINGLE
28 " "	-	WO1 KERR
29 " "	-	SGT WILSON

DUTY SERGEANT

22 APR 69	-	SGT DE TURT
23 " "	-	" SPARGO
24 " "	-	" BAILEY
25 " "	-	" FAIRHEAD
26 " "	-	" GREY
27 " "	-	" HILTON
28 " "	-	" SAWYER
29 " "	-	" LOWE



117. SENTRIES

1. Outside 1 ATF base area by day at least one sentry is to be posted by each troop or equivalent sub unit. By night each troop will post sentries in pairs and relieve them alternately. Sentries must:

- a. NOT smoke during the hours of darkness.
- b. NOT read nor listen to commercial radios nor permit their attention to wander by any other means.
- c. At all times remain awake and alert and observe and listen closely in their area of responsibility.
- d. Maintain their weapons at Stage 2 readiness.
- e. NOT leave their post until fully relieved and they have briefed their relief.

118. TRANSMISSION OF ALCOHOLIC LICQUOR THROUGH THE MAIL

1. 1 ATF RO 35/69 is to be modified. Licquor may be sent to Australia by mail under the following conditions:-

- a. Proof rating below 85 proof(US) or 74 proof(UK).
- b. Safely packaged so that no damage will occur to other mail should the bottle break.
- c. The member is prepared to pay duty. Customs concessions do not apply for liquor sent by mail.

2. Most spirituous licquors available in South Vietnam are within the approved limits however the proof ratings must be checked by scrutinising the label or checking with the PX.

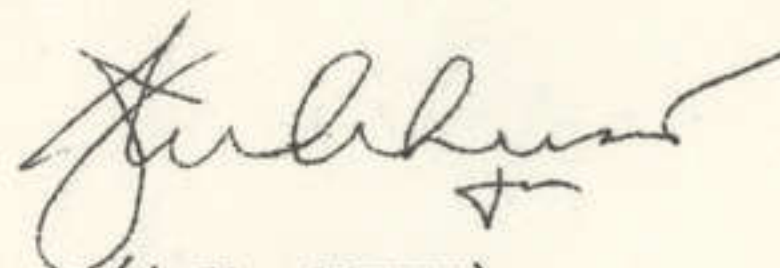
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2 JUN 69	-	SGT TOCOCK
8 JUN 69	-	CPL APLIN
15 JUN 69	-	CFN BURRIS
18 JUN 69	-	TPR PRIEST
22 JUN 69	-	SGT CORKRAN
23 JUN 69	-	TPR WEBBER (2nd Flight)
27 JUN 69	-	TPR WORNES
30 JUN 69	-	CFN TRAINOR

120. REC HUT

1. Globes are not to be taken from the Rec Hut for tents. Globes are available from the Q Store.

2. The TV in the Rec Hut is for your enjoyment. Failure to turn it "OFF" after screening or abuse of the set will ensure its removal.

  
(A.H. SMITH)  
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NOTICE

1. TASK FORCE GUN CLUB

- a. It is proposed to commence a Task Force Gun Club, with the intention of allowing personnel to take part in Clay Pigeon shooting.
- b. Any member interested should submit their name through their sub unit to SHQ before 25 Apr 69.

2. REGISTRATION OF PERSONAL ATTRACTIVE ITEMS

- a. Several instances have occurred where cameras, radios and tape recorders have been lost or left behind by members who have been medevac or RTA for various reasons.
- b. Difficulty has been experienced in tracing the articles. To enable easy identification of the articles, members are advised to record in some way the registered numbers, and in addition register the items in a book kept for this purpose at SHQ.
- c. If a member wishes he may deposit any valuable articles in the Adjutant's Safe.

3. MOTHERS DAY

- a. Flowers can be sent to relatives and friends to all states of Australia. Contact Capt MACINTYRE 10 to 14 days to expedite.
- b. Mothers Day is the 11 MAY .

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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26 Apr 69

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

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

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained in 1 ATF Base. 2  
Tp remained under op con 4 RAR. 4 Tp remained under op con 5 RAR. Locations:  
B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained at 1 ATF Base. 1  
Tp (-) carried out convoy escort tasks on QL 15. 2 Sect 1 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp  
remained under op con 4 RAR. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained under op con 5 RAR.  
Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 1 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS  
4379; 3 Sect 1 Tp FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations.  
One contact mission and One H and I mission was fired during the reporting period.  
Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) and B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty  
FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty and 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB BRUISER YS  
6464.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor  
contact. At 1715H at YS473884 3 Pl V Coy contacted nine NVA resulting in one NVA  
KIA (BC), one AK47, one pack and two sets webbing captured. At 2135H at YS442869  
7 Pl engaged two enemy who approached their night location. Indications that  
the enemy were wounded were heard and a sweep is to be conducted at first light.  
Locations: Bn HQ and W Coy (-) FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962;  
C Coy (-) YS450861; D Coy (-) YS405813; V Coy (-) YS471884.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO COOGEE with minor contact.  
At 1010H at YS658611 3 Pl located a bunker system consisting of 10 bunkers which  
had been recently used. At 1125H at YS660612 1 Pl detonated an enemy laid AP  
mine resulting in 3 Aust WIA (one of whom was evacuated). At 1435H at YS675634  
elements of D Coy detonated a booby trapped grenade resulting in two Aust WIA  
(evacuated). At 1740H at YS660612 1 Pl found one home manufactured rifle, two  
grenades and one loud hailer. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB BRUISER YS6464; A Coy (-)  
YS660609; B Coy (-) YS654583; C Coy (-) YS699608; D Coy (-) YS671647.

(f) 9 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted Base AO patrols.  
Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Co-ordinates	Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1345H	YS599884	Base Camp	Negative BDA
1825H	YS569900	Base Camp	Four bunkers exposed. Clothing exposed

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly Losses:

a Personnel: Five Aust WIA (of which three were evacuated)

b Materiel: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: One NVA KIA (BC)

b Materiel: One AK47, one pack, two sets webbing, one home manufactured rifle, two grenades and one loud hailer captured.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours:  
Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One

Platoon - Nil

Squad - Nine

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit actions with contact: At 1808H at YS452703 a base AO patrol from 5 RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results.

(4) Results: Unknown.

2. Combined Operations: (Psy Ops). Issued separately to II FFORCE V only.

(C.M.I. PEARSON)

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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27 Apr 69

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

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

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HQ 1 ATF remained at 1 ATF Base.

(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) remained at 1 ATF Base.  
2 Tp remained under op con 4 RAR. 4 Tp remained under op con 5 RAR. Locations:  
B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained at 1 ATF Base.  
2 Sect 1 Tp was relieved by 3 Sect 2 Tp under op con 4 RAR. 3 Sect 1 Tp was  
relieved by 1 Sect 2 Tp under op con 5 RAR. Convoy escort tasks on QL 15  
continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 2 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp  
FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF  
operations. One contact mission and one H and I mission were fired during the  
reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) and B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF  
Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty and 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty  
(US) FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor  
contact. A first light sweep in the area of 7 Pl contact at 252135H (previously  
reported) revealed the following results: One enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA  
(bloodtrail) and one wpn of unknown type captured. At 1030H at YS471883 a ptl  
from 2 Pl V Coy located a cache containing 40 lbs rice, 10 lbs salt, 35 lbs sugar,  
30 lbs split peas, 569 tins condensed milk, five tins fish, six lbs tea and 20  
packets noodles. At 1130H at YS438848 a ptl from 8 Pl contacted three enemy  
resulting in three enemy KIA (BC), one AK 47, two AK 47 magazines, one RPG,  
four RPG rounds, one M79 and seven M79 rounds captured. Locations: Bn HQ and  
W Coy (-) FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy (-) YS451860;  
D Coy (-) YS404809; V Coy (-) YS459889.

(e) 5 RAR contained operations in AO COOGEE with minor  
contact. At 1810H at YS685643 D Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy who  
fired RPG's at close range resulting in one Aust WIA (evacuated). Locations:  
Bn HQ FSPB BRUISER YS6464; A Coy (-) YS680580; B Coy (-) YS644590; C Coy (-)  
YS696618; D Coy (-) YS684645.

(f) 9 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted Base AO  
ptls. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ordinates	Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1733H	YS325810	VC Base Camp	one structure destroyed, three breather holes exposed, one large bunker exposed, two bunkers exposed, one tunnel entrance exposed, five metres trench exposed, one structure exposed, one bunker entrance exposed, one person seen in camp prior to strike.

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(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: One Aust WIA (evacuated).

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: Four enemy KIA (BC)  
One enemy WIA (bloodtrail)

b Materiel: One wpn of unknown type, 40 lbs rice, 10 lbs salt, 35 lbs split peas, 569 tins condensed milk, five tins fish, six lbs tea, 20 packets noodles, one AK 47, two AK 47 magazines, one RPG, four RPG rounds, one M79 and seven M79 rounds captured.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops). Issued separately to II FFORCE V only.

(K.S. MCKENZIE)

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BY

MAJOR A.H. SMITH

OC B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

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26 APR 69

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DUTIES

DUTY OFFICER

29 APR 69	-	2LT MCNEILAGE
30 " "	-	2LT DOERR
1 MAY 69	-	LT SERLE
2 " "	-	WO2 BUCKELL
3 " "	-	2LT SULLIVAN
4 " "	-	WO1 KERR
5 " "	-	SGT WILSON
6 " "	-	SGT LOWE

DUTY SERGAENT

29 APR 69	-	SGT JONES
30 " "	-	SGT BAILEY
1 MAY 69	-	SGT CORKRAN
2 " "	-	SGT STEER
3 " "	-	SGT JONES
4 " "	-	SGT BAILEY
5 " "	-	SGT GREY
6 " "	-	SGT SAWYER

125.

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 verigication by CARO.

Tpr BASTIAN

Capt SULLIVAN



126. PROJECTIONIST

1. The projectionist on completion of screening is to return the film to the Squadron Postal Orderly by 0700hrs the following morning.

127. DUTIES ORDERLY SERGAENT

1. He is to mount duty at 1630 hrs daily.
2. He is to be responsible for the mounting and supervision of all picquets and clearing patrols.
3. He is to inspect all picquets at least twice durning his tour or duty durning the hours of darkness. One inspection is to be made after midnight.
4. He is to report to the Orderly Officer the results of all inspections.
5. He is to ensure that all picquets Stand To correctly.
6. He is to attend all meals at the ORs Mess during his tour of duty.
7. He is to inspect the ORs Canteen during night trading hours and ensure that the Bar and counter service is closed at 2130 hrs. (during relaxed night routine).
8. He is to conduct defaulter parades during his tour cf duty, ie. Inspection, Drill work etc.
9. He is to report to the SSM or his representative at 1400hrs on the day of mounting.
10. He may sleep in his own quarters but is to ensure that the duty operator is fully aware of the location of his sleeping quarters.

ALL PREVIOUS RO's AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE HEREBY CANCELLED.

128. DAMAGE TO WATCHES WRIST

1. These watches are designed to be moisture proof only, and immersion allows entry of water into the case. Technical examination of watches damaged internally shows case where they have been affected by bath salt and fresh water.
2. Members are not to wear these watches while swimming or showering.

129. IMMUNIZATION - ASIAN FLU

This is now compulsory for all serving members.

On MON 28 APR 69 at times indicated below, all members, stationed at Nui Dat are required to report to the RAP for injections.

0900hrs	3TP
0930hrs	1TP
1030hrs	FWD DEL TP
1100hrs	SEEC EQPT TP
1130hrs	LAD
1330hrs	SHQ TP
1400hrs	ADMIN/Q TPs.

TP Sgt's are to provide up to date Tpr's nominal rolls on reporting at RAP.



130. DUTIES OF KEY PERSONNEL

1. 2IC

- a. Be fully up to date on operations and be prepared to assume command of the Squadron at all time.
- b. Act for OC in his absence.
- c. Is responsible to the OC for phase Two Pacification as it affects the Squadron.
- d. Co-ordinate all A and Q matters affecting the squadron.
- e. Supervise functions of QM, SSM and Orderly Room Sergaent.
- f. Supervise the operation of any admin rear links and monitor the command rear link.
- g. Command any operational portion of the squadron as directed by the OC.
- h. Base defence cmd.
- i. supervise the function of the squadron CP (rear).
- j. PMC Officers Mess.
- k. President of the committee of management of the Squadron Regimental Funds.

2. TECH OFFR

- a. Responsible to the OC for the technical efficiency of the squadron.
- b. Act as the 2IC in his absence.
- c. Supervise the allocation of the B vehicle usage within the squadron.
- d. Prepare and implement any squadron technical plans for recovery, repairs, replacement or servicing of vehicles, weapons, radios and mechanical apparatus.
- e. allocate priorities to WKSP and LAD.
- f. Supervise the operation of the CP (FWD), and monitor the Admin net.
- g. Act as troop commander Special Equipment Troop.
- h. Squadron recce Officer.
- i. Squadron auditor.

3. LO

- a. Provide liason to higher HQ/ supporting areas.
- b. Assist OC in planning.
- c. Assist the Tech Offr in his recce tasks.
- d. Unit Emplanning Officer.
- e. PR Officer and correspondent.
- f. Treasurer for the committee of management of Squadron Regimental Funds.
- g. Be prepared to take the duties of a troop leader.
- h. Act as troop leader for SHQ troop.



4. QM

- a. Responsible to the OC for the correct and timely procurement, storage, issue, return and replacement of all stores on charge to the Squadron.
- b. Co-ordinate all air resupply.
- c. Maintain constant record of holdings of ammo, POL, rations and water.
- d. Detailed supervision of squadron catering.
- e. Responsible for the submission of all routine Q returns.
- f. Responsible to the Tech Offr for the technical efficiency of vehicles w weapons, radios and mechanical apparatus held in the Q store.
- g. Sgt Mess supervising Officer.
- h. ORs canteen supervising Officer.
- i. President of the Unit Messing Committee.

5. LAD

- a. Responsible to the OC for technical advise through the Technical Officer.
- b. Responsible to the OC for the discipline of the LAD.
- c. Supervision of the repairs and recovery of unit vehicles and Equipment following the privrities laid down by the Tech Offr.
- d. Responsible for the readiness of all vehicles in his charge.
- e. To assist the 2IC in light enginering tasks for the up keep of of barrack type instalations.
- f. To assist the 2IC in light enginering tasks, with in the need of phase Two Pacification.
- g. Unit Fire Officer.
- h. Secertery of the Officer Mess.

6. FWD DEL TP OC

- a. Responsible for the training of replacement personabl
- b. Responsible for the maintenance of replacement tanks in a state of immediate battle worthiness.
- c. Deliver replacement tanks where and when required by the OC.
- d. Prepare and backload all unservicable Squadron vehicles including LAD vehicles.
- e. Unit Security Officer.
- f. Treasurer of the Officer Mess.

7. SSM

- a. Responsible to the OC for squadron, discipline, health and hygiene.
- b. Compile all duty rosters fprharbour routines and designated security measure at Nui Dat.



c. The manipulation, supervision of servicing of all B vehicles under the direct control of the Tech Officer,

d. Responsible for the resupply of the squadron from A echelon.

Responsible for the protection and security of A echelon.

f. PMC of Sgt Mess.

8. RD NCO

a. Act as squadron intelligence Officer and Regimental police sergaent.

b. To assist the LO in the proformance of his duties.

c. To understudy the SSM.

d. Procurement and shorage of napsand air photos etc.

e. Maintenance of the operational files.

f. Processing of captured enemy material and document.

g. Traffic control.

h. Maintenance of squadron going maps.

i. Responsible to the unit security officer for the security of all classified maps and int material.

9. SIGNAL SGT

a. Act as squadron signal officer, producing signal instructions asrequired distr ibution of SOIs and codes.

b. Senior control operator.

c. Compile duty operators roster.

d. Responsible for the continuous operation of the CP.

e. Responsible to the unit security officer for the radio security, classified signal info.

131. 18 ARVN DIV RECIPROCAL MOBILE TRAINING TEAM,

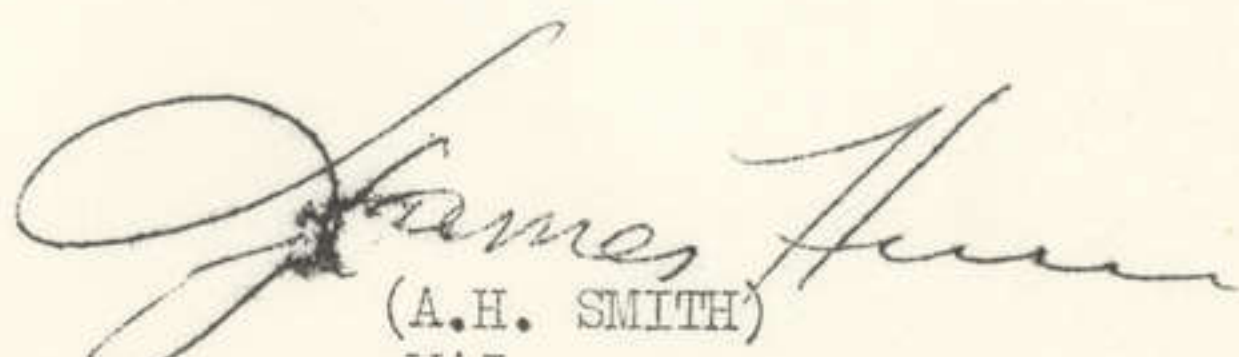
1. The training team will visit B Sqn on the 4 May 69 at 0800hrs to 0945hrs.

2. All members of the Squadron not on operations, except for key duties are to attend.

3. Location of lecture is to advised by the SSM.

132. CS CRYSTALS

The Aust Forces Vietnam does not use CS gas. AFV does employ CS crystals in certain operations. All ranks are to refrain from refering to CS crystals as CS gas in relation to AFV operations.

  
(A.H. SMITH)  
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NOTICE

The Sqn Tech Officer, Capt Toll, is offering a \$25-00 (MPC) bounty to anyone who fines the Sqn 2IC, Capt A.J. HULL, smoking a cigarette between the 1630hrs 27 April 69 and 2400hrs 15 July 69.

Anyone wishing to claim the bounty must be prepared to give evidence on oath to the effect that he/they did see Capt Hull smoking a cigarette between the times stated above.



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28 Apr 69

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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF  
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(a) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) remained at 1 ATF Base.  
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Locations: B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 4 Tp FSPB BRUISER  
YS6464.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remained at 1 ATF Base.  
3 Sect 2 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp remained under op con 4 RAR. 1 Sect 2 Tp  
remained under op con 5 RAR. Convoy escort duties on QL 15 continued.  
Locations: A Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 2 Tp and 2 Sect Sp Tp FSPB VIRGINIA  
YS4379; 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF  
operations. Seven contact missions and eight H and I missions were fired  
during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt(-) and B Bty(-) 2/35  
Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty and 1 Sect  
B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor  
contact. At 1240H at YS401801 11 Pl contacted four enemy resulting in two  
enemy KIA(BC), one AK47, one RPG2 and two RPG2 rounds captured. At 1505H  
at YS400801 11 Pl contacted one enemy with unknown results. At 1542H at  
YS445898 2 Pl V Coy contacted one enemy resulting in one enemy KIA(BC), one  
grenade, one pack and one transistor radio captured. Locations: Bn HQ and  
W Coy(-) FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy(-) YS451861;  
D Coy(-) YS403787; V Coy(-) YS456903.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO COOGEE with minor  
contact. At 0815H at YS684645 10 Pl were fired upon by RPG without  
sustaining casualties. At 1515H at YS687630 11 Pl contacted three enemy  
with the result of one AK47 magazine captured. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB  
BRUISER YS6464; A Coy(-) YS643612; B Coy(-) YS670667; C Coy(-) YS701638; D  
Coy(-) YS686646.

(f) 9 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted Base AO  
ptls. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil.

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: Three enemy KIA(BC).

b Materiel: One AK47, one AK47 magazine,  
one RPG2, two RPG rounds, one  
grenade, one pack and one  
transistor radio captured.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: present operations continue.

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c. Small Unit Actions:

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

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops). Issued separately to II FFORCE V only.

(C.M.I. PEARSON)

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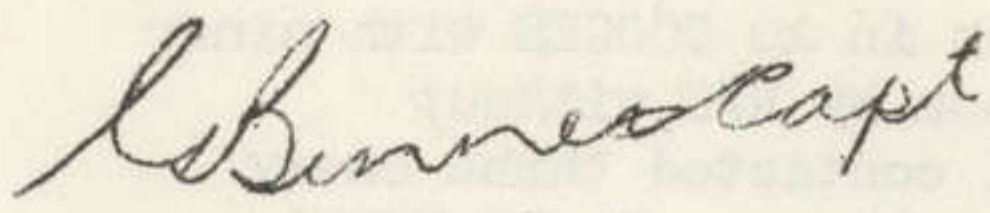
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
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(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Six contact missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) and B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty and 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor contact. At 0123H at YS452899 1 Pl V Coy contacted approximately eight enemy resulting in three enemy KIA (BC), three AK47s and three packs captured. After being engaged by 1 Pl the enemy moved WEST and into 2 Pl V Coy ambush at YS445898. The result of the latter contact was enemy PW (WIA) and one pack containing documents captured. At 1237H at YS396796 two enemy engaged 10 Pl who were searching a bunker system. No casualties were sustained. The bunker system was engaged by medium artillery. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy (-) YS399742; D Coy (-) YS403787; V Coy YS456903; W Coy (-) YS438800.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO COOGEE with minor contact. At 1120H at YS687645 11 Pl found 250 lbs of rice in a drum. At 1335H at YS686646 D Coy contacted one enemy with unknown results. At 1920H at YS686646 D Coy contacted two enemy with unknown results. A sweep will be conducted at first light. At 2100H at YS688644 10 Pl contacted two enemy with unknown results. A sweep will be conducted at first light. Locations Bn HQ FSPB BRUISER YS6464; A Coy (-) YS642619; B Coy (-) YS694679; C Coy (-) YS712643; D Coy (-) YS686646.

(f) 9 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted Base AO ntls. Locations: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target description	Bomb Damage Assessment
261317H (late entry)	YS563903	Fase Camp.	one bunker destroyed one structure destroyed one bunker damaged three bunkers exposed 10 Metres trench collapsed. Clothing scattered in area.



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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
26 Apr (late entry)	YS325800	Base Camp	<u>Additional BDA:</u> Five bunkers destroyed Three bunkers exposed one hut damaged
271329H (late entry)	YS397882	Base Camp	one bunker destroyed three bunkers damaged one hut damaged one metal cylinder exposed
271743H (late entry)	YS301895	Base Camp	Two bunkers exposed Two bunkers damaged
1335H	YS333816	Base Camp	Two small pits exposed One tunnel entrance exposed
1750H	YS328818	Base Camp	One structure damaged Three bunker ent exposed. One table exposed Two bunkers exposed 10 pits exposed Two large pits exposed Two structures destroyed.

(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil.

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: Three enemy KIA (BC)  
One enemy PW (WIA)

b Material: Three AK47s, four packs (one containing documents), 250 lb rice captured

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

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(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained at 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp supported 4 RAR redeployment in AO BAROSSA. 1 Sect 2 Tp remained under op con 5 RAR. 2 Sect 3 Tp provided convoy escort to HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 and FSPB BRUISER YS6464 and returned to 1 ATF Base. Convoy escort and route security tasks on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp and Sp Tp (-) FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Two H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) and B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; 105 Fd Bty and 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy (-) YS412754; D Coy (-) YS415777; V Coy (-) YS433742; W Coy (-) YS439772.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(f) 9 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted Base AO patrols. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were: 29 Apr 69.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1125H	YS304903	Base Camp	Two bunkers exposed. Two breather holes exposed.
1708H	YS582912	Base Camp	One bunker damaged. Six bunkers exposed. One tin hut damaged. One structure damaged. One small hole exposed.

(h) Results.

- 1 Friendly losses: Nil.
- 2 Enemy losses: Nil.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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



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(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact : Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

1. For the fortnight, significant enemy initiated activity was continued at a moderate level, although, an increase in attacks by fire was noted towards the end of the period. The 9th VC Division has been the most active of the enemy Main Force regiments. Two of its battalions, the 271st and the 272nd, have suffered heavy losses, and it is now likely that these battalions are resting and refitting in Cambodian sanctuaries.

2. A summary of significant enemy initiated ground actions and losses for the fortnight is:

The 272nd VC Regiment lost 198 KIA and 8 PWs captured in an attack against US FSB DIAMOND (XT 327 215); the 271st VC Regiment lost 213 KIA and 6 PWs captured in an attack against US FSB FRONTIER CITY (XT 190 287); the 18B NVA Regiment lost 102 KIA in two contacts N and NW of DAU TIENG (XT 4557 - XT 4360); and the K4-1st NVA Regiment lost 31 KIA NW of RACH KIEN (XS 6871).

3. On 16th April, friendly forces carrying out a ground sweep operation SW of THIEN NGON (XT 0379) found the bodies of 93 enemy KBA. They were probably killed as a result of a B-52 strike placed in the area on 6th April. No identification of the enemy unit has been reported, but it is possible that it could have been an element of the 101D NVA Regiment.

4. Statistics for the week ending 26th April showed that there were 73 enemy initiated attacks compared to 80 the previous week. Of these there were 18 mortar attacks and 24 rocket attacks compared with 12 mortar attacks and 14 rocket attacks in the previous week. Details of some of the enemy initiated incidents are:

a. At 150315H, XT 327 215, in TAY NINH Province, FSB DIAMOND received SA, AW, RPG, HMG, and 82mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack from an estimated two battalions of NVA. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team, Shadow, Spooky, and airstrikes. Results 198 NVA KIA and 8 NVA PWs; 13 US KIA and 9 US WIA. Eight AK-47 rifles and 9 RPG-2 RLs captured.

b. At 170225H, XT 327 215, in TAY NINH Province, PB DIAMOND III received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, Shadow, and a light fire team. Results 20 NVA KIA; negative US losses.

c. At 181845H, XT 433 600, in TAY NINH Province, Team B/1-11th Cav received SA and AW fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, airborne rocket artillery, and was reinforced by Team A. The contact continued throughout the day and finally was broken at 1930H. Results: 80 NVA KIA; 7 US KIA and 27 US WIA.

d. At 212145H, XT 573 263, in HAU NGHIA Province, B/1-5th Inf night defensive position received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team and a Shadow. Results: 26 NVA KIA; negative US losses.

e. At 261100H, XS 598 604, in LONG AN Province, B/2-47th Inf received SA, AW, RPG-2 and M-79 fire from an estimated two platoons of VC. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by airstrikes, gunships, and arty. Results: 53 VC KIA; 2 US KIA and 15 US WIA.

f. At 260035H, XT 202 292, in TAY NINH Province, FSB FRONTIER CITY received 20 rounds of 107mm rocket fire and 275 rounds of 82mm mortar followed by a ground attack from an unknown size NVA force firing SA, AW, HMG, RPG, and 60mm mortar. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, a light fire team, a Spooky, and airstrikes. Results 213 NVA KIA and 6 NVA PWs; 1 US WIA. One HMG, 25 AK-47s, 6 RPG2 RLs, 1 LMG, 1x75mm RR, 4x60mm mortars, 10 SKS rifles, 1x82mm mortar, and 1x107mm RL were captured. One 82mm mortar round, 30 RPG-2 rounds, 102 grenades, 17x60mm mortar rounds, 6x75mm RR rounds, 4x57mm RR rounds, 100 lbs of web gear, and 8700 rounds of SA ammo were destroyed.

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Enemy Locations

5. Documents and a PW captured SW of KATUM revealed that the 95C Regiment has relocated from its AO, E of NUI BA DEN, and has been replaced by the 18B Regiment. 9th Division elements are operating from sanctuaries within CAMBODIA against targets from W of TAY NINH City southwards to the ANGELS WING area. The 141st Regiment is probably still regrouping N of the FISH HOOK in CAMBODIA. Full details of the probable locations of enemy Main Force units is:

<u>1st NVA Div HQ</u>	NW of NUI BA DEN.
18 B NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG.
95C NVA Inf Regt	SW of KATUM (vic XT 2783).
101D NVA Inf Regt	NW of NUI BA DEN (vic XT 1774).
<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Central War Zone "D".
95th NVA Inf Regt	BACH DANG Hill area (YT 1620).
174th NVA Inf Regt	S War Zone "D".
275th VC Inf Regt	S War Zone "D".
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	FISH HOOK.
141st NVA Inf Regt	FISH HOOK.
165th NVA Inf Regt	N of the MICHELIN Plantation.
209th NVA Inf Regt	NE of MINH THANH (vic XT 7674).
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	Unlocated, possibly in the ANGELS WING area.
271st VC Inf Regt	ANGELS WING area (vic XT 0939).
272nd VC Inf Regt	ANGELS WING area.
273rd VC Inf Regt	W of TAY NINH City (vic YT 9657).
<u>1st NVA Inf Regt</u>	BEN LUC area. (vic XS 6474).
<u>33rd NVA Inf Regt</u>	Unlocated, possibly S of XUAN LOC.
<u>88th NVA Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI - HO BO Woods area.
<u>101st NVA Inf Regt</u>	TRAPEZOID (XT 5741) with elements in BOI LOI Woods (XT 5133).
<u>268th VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of TRANG BANG.
<u>274th VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH (vic YS 3991).
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed between BINH MY and AN SON with elements NE of LAI KHE.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions.

6. The enemy appears to be concentrating on resupply and replacement activities, but at least one regiment from each of the divisions is being held in forward attack positions. Limited and local attacks are probably planned by these elements, but there are no immediate indications of a renewal of a co-ordinated offensive within the Corps Zone.

7. It is assessed that the Winter-Spring Campaign finally faltered and ended in March, and Agent reports now state that a Summer-Autumn Campaign is being planned. It is probable that enemy forces will conduct small actions with a concentration on attacks by fire, in order to conserve manpower, until such time as the start of the new Campaign is determined. It is also possible that there could be a sharp increase in enemy initiated activities towards the middle of May to climax with a high point on 19th May on the occasion of HO CHI MINH's birthday.

Enemy Losses

11. For the week ending 19th April, there were 1019 enemy KIA (BC), 106 PWs, 148 returnees (Hoi Chanh); there were 369 individual weapons and 97 crew-served weapons captured; and there were 52.10 tons of rice captured or destroyed.



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12. For the week ending 26th April, there were 1148 enemy KIA (BC), 113 PWs, and 152 returnees (Hoi Chanh); there were 386 individual weapons and 59 crew-served weapons captured; and there were 29.50 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

(B) Friendly Activity

13. Results in Campaign TOAN THAN III (Complete Victory) for the week ending 19th April there were: Enemy Losses: 962 KIA, 199 detainees; 165 SA, 31 crew-served weapons, 17,560 SA rounds, 1,083 HE rounds, 183 grenades, 14 mines, 1 sampan, 58.55 tons of rice and 5.02 tons of salt captured; 43 SA, 46 crew-served weapons, 56,172 SA rounds, 1,128 HE rounds, 587 grenades, 124 mines, 18 sampans, 59 booby traps, 6.85 tons of rice and .30 tons of salt destroyed. Friendly losses: 54 KIA, 305 WIA; 13 helicopters, 3 tanks, 10 APCs and 3 ACAVs damaged; 2 helicopters 5 tanks, 5 APCs, 2 ACAVs, 2 trucks, 1 ROME plow and 1 howitzer destroyed.

14. Results in Campaign TOAN THANG III (Complete Victory) for the week ending 26th April there were: Enemy Losses: 985 KIA, 113 detainees; 176 SA, 30 crew-served weapons, 96,310 SA rounds, 676 HE rounds, 381 grenades, 34 mines, 1 booby trap, 2 sampans, 9.00 tons of rice, .41 tons of salt and .05 tons of miscellaneous food were captured; 17 SA, 4 crew-served weapons, 6,313 SA rounds, 335 HE rounds, 125 grenades, 50 mines, 47 booby traps, 56 sampans, 22.45 tons of rice and .01 tons of miscellaneous food were destroyed. Friendly losses: 38 KIA, 267 WIA, 2 MIA; 12 helicopters, 14 tanks, 6 APCs, 4 ACAVs, 6 trucks, 3 dozers and 1 ROME plow damaged; 3 helicopters, 3 APCs, 3 ACAVs and 2 trucks destroyed.

Section 2. SOUTH VIETNAM (excl III CTZ) and NORTH VIETNAM

(A) Enemy Activity

15. For the week ending 19th April, the number of countrywide enemy attacks and ambushes increased. There were 13 attacks in I CTZ; there were 17 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ; and there were 23 attacks in IV CTZ.

16. For the past week the number of countrywide enemy attacks and ambushes decreased. There were 16 attacks in I CTZ; there were 14 attacks in II CTZ; and there were 19 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity (Period 12th - 26th April 1969)

17. In I CTZ there were 24 FW and 33 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1288 enemy KIA against 122 friendlies KIA.

18. In II CTZ there were 25 FW and 45 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 304 enemy KIA against 23 friendlies KIA.

19. In IV CTZ there were 2 US and 185 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1762 enemy KIA against 89 friendlies KIA.

(C) Other Items

20. Enemy Use of Delay Fuse Mortar Ammunition. A document captured 12 kilometres southwest of TAM KY City (BT 217 14Q) in QUANG TIN Province by A/2/1 Infantry on 3rd April and dated 13th January 1969 states: In the immediate future, 82mm mortar units will use delay fuse ammunition. Delay fuse ammunition should be used only in attacks by fire against enemy strong points, depots, airfields, and rear base areas. Delay fuse ammunition will not be used for attacks by fire which will be followed by infantry assaults. (Extracted from III MAF PIR 15-69).

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

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21. For the week ending 26th April, the number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 234 to 227. The number of operations with contact decreased from 115 to 98. The number of enemy killed increased from 3379 to 3662.

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(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Three combat and 17 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) relocated from FSPB BRUISER YS6464 to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 Fd Regt (-) and B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base, 104 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379, 105 Fd Bty FSPB BRUISER YS6464.

(d) 4 RAR continued operations in AO BAROSSA with minor contact. At 0740H at YS411780, 10 Pl ambushed one enemy resulting in one enemy KIA (BC) and one SKS rifle captured. At 1145H at YS417764, 11 Pl sighted three enemy. A sweep of the area was conducted and the enemy withdrew NORTH WEST without results. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, C Coy YS432740, D Coy YS436764, V Coy YS433742, W Coy YS435766.

(e) 5 RAR continued operations in AO COOGEE and AO GLENELG with minor contact. At 1550H at YS556589, 1 Pl ambushed three enemy resulting in three enemy KIA (BC), one AK 47, one 7.62mm pistol and two chicom grenades captured. At 1210H at YS619602, C Coy found blood stained bandages and a small quantity of medical supplies in an old enemy camp, which had been used in the last two days. At 1800H at YS612600, C Coy found a cache containing three greased rifles, one SMG, 12 partly completed chicom claymores, one mortar bomb, one electric drill, one press and bench vice and a quantity of small arms ammunition. The area will be checked thoroughly at first light. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB BRUISER YS6464, A Coy (-) YS556589, B Coy (-) YS696656, C Coy (-) YS612600, D Coy (-) YS686644.

(f) 9 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base and conducted Base AO patrols.  
Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1335H	YS582912	Base Camp	One bunker destroyed Two structures destroyed Four bunkers exposed One bunker entrance exposed

(h) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: Four enemy KIA (BC)

b Material: One SKS rifle, one AK 47, one 7.62mm pistol, two chicom grenades, three greased rifles of unknown type, one SMG, 12 chicom claymores, one mortar bomb, one electric drill, one press and bench vice, small quantity of SA ammo, small quantity of medical supplies.

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b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours; Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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