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Narrative, Annexes

1-30 June 1969

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) James Lunn Capt  
Appointment SIC BSN 1 ARMD REGT  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation BSQ 1 ARMD REGT  
From 1 JUN 69 To 30 JUN 69

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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.

COMPILATION

- 6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant annexes are to be included, starting at B.

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**DISPOSAL**

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

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ANNEX Z to

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

From..... to..... (Dates)

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

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF - C2119 (Adapted)

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Month and Year JUN 69.....

Reference Map SVN.....

Unit/Formation BSON IARMD REGT.....

Commanding Officer MAJ A H SMITH.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 JUN		1 Cp returned to IATF base north of 6RAR. Elements remain op com 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO Algate. Lois; B Sqdn (-) IATF Base, 3 Cp FSPB Thrust, YS 4954; 4 Cp FSPB Virginia YS 4380.	E1
	2 JUN		Elements remain op com to 6RAR in AO Vincent and to 9RAR in AO Algate. Lois; B Sqdn (-) IATF Base, 3 Cp FSPB Thrust YS 4954; 4 Cp FSPB Virginia YS 4380	E2
			Vietnam Digest received, period 24th - 31 May 69	O1
	3 JUN		Elements remained op com to 6RAR in AO Vincent and to 9RAR in AO Algate. Lois; B Sqdn (-) IATF Base, 3 Cp FSPB Thrust YS 4954; 4 Cp FSPB Virginia YS 4380	E3
	4 JUN		Elements remain op com to 6RAR in AO Vincent and to 9RAR in AO Algate. Lois; B Sqdn (-) IATF Base, 3 Cp FSPB Thrust YS 4954	E4

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Month and Year JUN 69

Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation B SQN IARMD REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	4 JUN (CONT)		Htp FSPB Virginia YS 4380	
	5 JUN		Elements remain op con to 6RAR in AO Vincent and to 9RAR in AO aldgate. Lois; B SQN (-) IATF Base, 3tp FSPB Thust YS 4954, Htp FSPB Virginia YS 4380	E5
			RO's Issued 160/184	K1
	6 JUN		Elements remained op con to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO aldgate. at approx 1300H Htp ceased op con to 6RAR and became op con to 5RAR for an operation in Binh Ba YS 4474. 1tp was also deployed from the IATF Base RRF to take part in this operation at 0720H at YS 452737 a container (20E) was struck and penetrated by an RPG7. Fire was returned and enemy casualties suspected. 1 Aust was WIA and evacuated from Duc Thanh Post.	E6

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Month and Year... JUN 69 .....

Reference Map... SVN .....

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

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	6 JUN (CONT)		<p>Commencing at approx 1100H until 1830H, B and D Coys 5RAR, 1 and 2, tp B Sqn 1 Armv Regt elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Duc Thanh RF/PF were engaged with an estimated Company plus, in the village of Binh Ba, YS 4474. Results approx, 27 enemy (KIA) 2 enemy PW. Friendly losses, 2x Centurion MBT's moderately damaged but remained in battle, 1 Aust KIA, 8 Aust WIA (evacuated). Total B Sqn 1 Armv Regt cas for this action was 6 WIA (wgs).</p> <p>Sp Sdy of 21, dodged RPG 2 which cut his back in passing. All cas caused by RPG 7 strikes on the Tanks. Many enemy casualties were caused by heavy tank fire and assault. Aerial sweep was conducted with tank leading. At the following times 1525H, 1653H, 1930H, 2030H, IATF have received approx 15 rockets on unknown calibre incoming. There were no cas and no damage.</p> <p>Lois: B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3 tp YS 468567, 4 tp YS 451739          P.O. Issued 185</p>	K2

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Month and Year. JUN 69.....

Reference Map. SVN.....

Unit/Formation. BSON. 1ABND REGT.....

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	7 JUN		<p>Elements remained op con to 5RAR in AO Anvil and 9RAR in AO Aldgate. 1st Tp became op con to C Coy 5RAR to act as part of RRF in Hoa Long YS 420 640. B Coy 5RAR formed a block whilst D Coy and 4th B Sqn 1ABND REGT swept through Binh Ba. Cumulative results from 06 0800 JUN. 1 Aust KIA, 6 Aust WIA (Cas), 51 VC KIA, 11 VC PW. Enemy casualties Hoa Long. See operation TONG after action Report Laos; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1st Tp Hoa Long, 5th FSPB Thrust YS 4954, 4th Tp YS 445 738.</p>	E 7
			<p>RO Issued, 186</p>	K 3
	8 JUN		<p>Elements remained op con to 5RAR in AO Anvil 9RAR in AO Aldgate, and the RRF in Hoa Long. Elements op con to 5RAR reverted to op con 6RAR and elements with the RRF returned to the IATF Base PM on completion of operations Laos; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3th FSPB Thrust YS 4954, 4th FSPB Virginia YS 4379</p>	E 8



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Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation BSON I ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	9 JUN.		Elements remained op com to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO aldgate. At 091500H at YS 458758 a tank from B Sqn detonated a CHICOM mine approx 30LB. No casualties to troops. The tank suspension and 2 road wheels were damaged Lois; B Sqn (-) I ATF Base, 3 Tp YS 478564, 4 Tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379	E9
			Vietnam Digest Received, period 1-6 Jun 69	O2
	10 JUN		Elements remained op com to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO aldgate. Lois; B Sqn (-) I ATF Base, 3 Tp YS 478564, 4 Tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379	E10
	11 JUN		Elements remained op com to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO aldgate Lois; B Sqn (-) I ATF Base, 3 Tp YS 478564, 4 Tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379	E11
			RO Issued 187	K4

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Unit/Formation... BSON IARMD REGT .....

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12 JUN		Elements remained op con to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO Aldgate. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3tp YS 478564, 4tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379	E12
	13 JUN		Elements remained op con to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO Aldgate. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3tp YS 478564, 4tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379	E13
	14 JUN		Elements remained op con to 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO Aldgate. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3tp YS 478564, 4tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379.	E14
	15 JUN		Elements under op con 9RAR in AO Aldgate released to op con 5RAR and 5RAR assuming responsibility for AO Aldgate. Elements remain Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3tp YS 478564, 4tp FSPB Virginia YS 4379 PO's Issued 188/194	E15 K5-

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Month and Year JUN 69

Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation 1ST BN 1 ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ A H SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16 JUN		Elements remain under op con 5RAR in AO oldgate. Elements remain under op con 6RAR in AO Vincent Sols; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 477548, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E16
			Vietnam Digest received, period 7-14 Jun 69	03
	17 JUN		Elements remain op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent Sols; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 483551, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E17
	18 JUN		Elements remain under op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent. Sols; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 477548, 4 tp FSPB Virginia YS 3479	E18
	19 JUN		Elements remain under op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent	E19

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Reference Map... SVN .....

Unit/Formation... BSON IARMD REGT .....

Commanding Officer... MAJ AH SMITH .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 JUN (CONT)		Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1 tp VS 462545, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	
	20 JUN		Elements remained under op con SPAR in AO aldgate and BRAR in AO Vincent. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1 tp VS 477548, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E 20
	21 JUN		Elements remained under op con SPAR in AO aldgate and BRAR in AO Vincent. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1 tp VS 477548, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E 21
	22 JUN		Elements remained under op con SPAR in AO aldgate and BRAR in AO Vincent. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1 tp VS 477549, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E 22
	23 JUN		Elements remained op con SPAR in AO aldgate and BRAR in AO Vincent - Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1 tp VS 477548, 2 tp FSPB Thurst, 3 tp FSPB Virginia	E 23

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Month and Year... JUN 69 .....

Reference Map... SVN .....

Unit/Formation... B SQN 1 ARM'D REGT .....

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	24 JUN		Elements remained under op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 477548, 2 tp FSPB Thust, 3 tp FSPB Virginia	E24
	25 JUN		Elements remained under op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 477548, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E25
			Vietnam Digest Received, Period 14-21 Jun 69	04
	26 JUN		Elements remained under op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 485546, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E26
	27 JUN		Elements remained op con 5RAR in AO oldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent. Locs; B SQN (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 tp YS 488542, 4 tp FSPB Virginia	E27

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	28 JUN		Elements remain op com 5RAR in AO aldgate and 6RAR in AO Vincent Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1tp Ys 485 546, 4tp Ys 523 894	E28
	29 JUN		Elements remain op com 5RAR in AO aldgate, 6RAR in AO Vincent and 9RAR in AO Low Thumb. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1tp Ys 478 549, 2tp FSPB Flinders, Ys 5289, 4tp FSPB Virginia	E29
	30 JUN		Elements remain op com 5RAR in AO aldgate 6RAR in AO Vincent, until released 1800H, and 9RAR in AO Low Thumb. Elements deployed in support 2/48 ARVN in AO Gudgeon. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1tp Ys 485 546, 2tp FSPB Flinders Ys 5289, 3tp FSPB Longreach	E30
			Vietnam Digest received - Period 21-28 Jun 69	05
			Special Int Report 3-69 Received	G1

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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2 Jun 69

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

TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF. 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base with 5 RAR. Elements remain op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements with 5 RAR in AO ILLAWARRA returned to 1 ATF Base with 5 RAR. 2 Tp assisted with move of 5 RAR. Elements continued in sp of 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 3 contact missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO's FARMER and ALDGATE and bunker construction and road improvement in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR ceased operations in AO ILLAWARRA and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0659H	YS578795	VC Base Camp	100% on target. 50% coverage. 4 bunkers uncovered and damaged. 1 large bunker under construction uncovered.
1023H	YS407868	LZ prep for combat assault	100% on target. 100% coverage. No results.
1020H	YS365822	LZ prep for combat assault	100% on target. 100% coverage. 3 bunkers damaged.
1201H	YS566914	VC Base Camp	95% on target. 60% coverage. 1 hut damaged. 1 structure destroyed. 1 bunker exposed. 15 meters trench exposed.
1704H	YS548902	VC Base Camp	100% on target. 60% coverage. 2 bunkers destroyed. 1 bunker damaged. 2 bunkers exposed. 20 meters trench exposed and 1 dud bomb.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0801H at YS433837 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted two VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA and 1 AK 47 being recovered.
- (2) At 0940H at YS409877 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown number of VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK 47, 1 AK 50, 3 packs containing a quantity of explosives, detonators and documents being recovered.

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(3) At 1526H at YS419893 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA (blood trail, drag marks) and 1 M1 rifle, 2 packs containing a quantity of documents and 30 cal ammo being recovered.

(4) At YS475898 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing: 237 stick grenades, 11 Chinese blast grenades, 9 X 20 lb anti tank mines, 6 X 60 mm mortar bombs, 3 X 70 mm RCL rds, 2 Chinese and 1 US 2.75 mm rockets and a quantity of documents.

(5) At 2035H at YS419893 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 enemy with unknown results.

(6) At 2120H at YS501589 a Ptl from D Coy 9 RAR contacted at least 2 enemy with unknown results.

(7) At YS473885 D Coy 6 RAR located some tunnels hidden in buildings. 12 Pl located and destroyed 1 X 105 mm shell.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses:

(a) Personnel: 5 enemy KIA (BC).  
2 enemy WIA.

(b) Material: 3 AK 47, 1 AK 50, 1 M1 Carbine, 237 stick grenades, 11 Chinese blast grenades, 9 X 20 lb anti tank mines, 6 X 60 mm mortar bombs, 3 X 70 mm RCL rds, 2 Chinese and 1 US 2.75 mm rockets, quantity 30 cal ammo, quantity explosives and detonators, quantity of documents.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4380.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. HQ 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 1 Sect 3 Tp YS462572, 2 Sect 3 Tp FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.

(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS424753, B Coy YS373808, V Coy (-) YS410879, D Coy (-) YS473883, W Coy (-) YS434828.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS487542, B Coy (-) YS469567, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, D Coy (-) YS495586.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts Phase 2 ops in LONG LE District from 1 ATF Base and provides ready reaction company.

(2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT Centre of Mass YS437797 Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE Centre of Mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, defence development DAT DO VIC YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST VIC YS4954.

(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank Tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction Force.

(5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt provides elements to 6 RAR and 9 RAR and provides 1 Tp to 1 ATF reaction force.

(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops VIC YS4656 within AO ALDGATE under op 9 RAR, YS402715 within AO FARMER under op con HQ Coy 1 ATF, under op con 9 RAR in AO BLOCK SE corner DAT DO YS5059.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - one.  
Platoon - two.  
Section - seven.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.



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(3) Small unit actions with contacts: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

2 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 020001H to 022400H Jun 69.  
TO: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF. 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained at 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Sp Tp (-) carried out escort duties on QL 15. 1 Tp plus HQ 1 ATF det Pl and one sect Mortar Pl 5 RAR redeployed into AO SCORPION centre of mass YS 7368.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 2 combat missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and bunker construction and road improvement in AO BLOCK. LCT completed operations in AO FARMER and returned to 1 ATF Base at 1800H.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR continued in 1 ATF Base and carried out Base AO Ptl's.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1124	YS 326834	VC Base Camp	100% on target 40% covered Results: 3 bkrs destroyed, 1 bkr exposed.
0939	YS 593614	VC Tunnel System	100% on target 30% covered Results: 1 bkr damaged, 3 bkrs exposed, 1 bkr destroyed, 1 small structure destroyed, 50m of trench exp

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0931H at YS 409877, 2 enemy entered a 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR ambush and were engaged with unknown results.
- (2) At 0927H at YS 419823, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (blood trail) and 1 NZ WIA (evacuated to 1 ATF Base).
- (3) At 1720H at YS 418827, 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 being recovered.
- (4) At 0945H at YS 476539, 1 Pl A Coy 9 RAR engaged 2 enemy in a cave with unknown results.
- (5) At YS 424742, A Coy 6 RAR found a small cache containing 5 ponchos, 12 torch batteries and a small quantity of food.

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c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses: 1 NZ WIA (evacuated to 1 ATF Base).
- (2) Enemy Losses:
  - (a) Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (BC).  
1 enemy WIA (blood trail).
  - (b) Materiel: 1 AK47, 5 ponchos, 12 torch batteries and a small quantity of food.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS 4954, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS 4380.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp plus HQ 1 ATF Def Pl and one sect Mor Pl 5 RAR YS 661600, HQ 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 1 Sect 3 Tp YS 469567, 2 Sect 3 Tp FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR (-). 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS 405748 B Coy YS 373808, V Coy (-) YS 422887, D Coy (-) YS 474885, W Coy (-) YS 434828.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS 487542, B Coy (-) YS 469567, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962, D Coy (-) YS 495586.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE District from 1 ATF Base and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (2) 6 RAR Coys ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS 437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS 437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and rif ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS 4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn Land Clearing in AO ALDGATE, def development DAT DO vic YS 500589 in AO BLOCK, Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS 4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS 7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops vic YS 4656 within AO ALDGATE under op 9 RAR, under op con 9 RAR in AO BLOCK SE corner DAT DO YS 5059.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.  
Platoon - two.  
Squad - eight.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.
- (4) Results - Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FForce V only.

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity was at a low to moderate level throughout the period, reflecting in part the truce period commemorating Buddha's birthday. Only five main force elements were identified in contact, these were the 18B, 33 and 141 NVA Regts and 268 and 274 VC Regts, and other manoeuvre elements remained out of contact. The enemy has apparently now entered a period of refitting and resupply after the increased action on 23rd May. Enemy actions were characterised by movement into new operational areas and reconnaissance of new objectives, and conducted only harassing attacks by fire as he prepares for a new phase of offensive activity possibly to commence during the second week of the month.

2. Statistics for the week show there were 87 enemy initiated attacks in III CTZ compared to 180 the previous week. Of these there were 15 significant mortar and twelve rocket attacks compared to 15 and 28 respectively for the previous week.

Enemy Locations

3. Apart from confirmation of the move of 88 NVA Regt from the Boi Loi/Ho Bo Woods area to the NW of Nui Ba Den (Tay Ninh Province) and the move of 273 VC Regt to the IV Corps area there have been no significant changes. 88 NVA Regt has been tentatively placed subordinate to HQ 9VC Division. Full details of probable locations and strengths of main force units are:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT STRENGTH</u>
<u>1 NVA Div HQ</u>	NW of Nui Ba Den	4,575
<u>18 B NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW of Dau Tieng (XT457543)	1,300
<u>95 C NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW WZ C (XT277786)	950
<u>101 D NVA Inf Regt</u>	NE of Nui Ba Den (XT423748)	1,300
<u>5 VC Div HQ</u>	Central War Zone "D"	4,800
<u>275 VC Inf Regt</u>	N of Gia Tan (YT449289)	1,200
<u>174 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of Dinh Quan (YT5534)	1,175
<u>95 NVA Inf Regt</u>	NE U-1 Province (YT221184)	1,200
<u>7 NVA Div HQ</u>	Vic FISHHOOK	4,900
<u>165 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW Binh Long Province (XT554734)	1,250
<u>141 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of An Loc (XT683869)	1,100
<u>209 NVA Inf Regt</u>	W Binh Long Province (XT750900)	1,100
<u>9 VC Inf Div HQ</u>	Lo Go Area (WT9775)	4,800
<u>271 VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of Tay Ninh (XT1241)	1,000
<u>272 VC Inf Regt</u>	NW of Tay Ninh (XT3221)	1,350
<u>*88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW of Nui Ba Den	1,200
* Tentative		
<u>1 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed Long An Province	1,500
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of XUAN LOC (YS569988)	1,130
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic Nth TRAPEZOID (XT 531314)	1,100
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	Boi Loi area	1,100
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH - BINH SON (YS194916)	900
<u>Dong Nai VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of Lai Khe	1,225
<u>Quyét Thang VC Inf Regt</u>	N of Hoc Mon	unknown (poss 1,100)

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Enemy Losses

4. During the reporting period in III CTZ there were 1,061 enemy KIA (BC) 61 PW, 96 Hoi Chanh and 443 individual and 64 crew served weapons captured. There were 103 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

5. In 9 VC Div a possible change of forces was noted as documents captured on 23rd May NW of Nui Ba Den strongly suggest that the 88 NVA Regt was either subordinate to the div. or closely associated with it. There are indications that 273 VC Regt has relocated to its place of origin in CHAU DOC Province IV CTZ. It appears that 9 VC Div augmented by 3 local force battalions has the mission of operating in the western portion of War Zone "C".

6. Activity of 1 NVA Div was marked by a shifting of AOs. With the movement of 7 NVA Div out of the SAIGON River corridor, 1 Div has apparently assumed responsibility for this area and has probably given portion of its western AO to 9 VC Div. Lack of activity in the past 2 weeks by 1 NVA Div may indicate that rotation of regiments is occurring.

7. During the week, major elements of 7 NVA Div entered into a lull period (except for 141 Regt on 24th/25th May) after its 23rd May activity but continued reconnaissance in preparation for future missions. Captured documents and the tactical posture of the division indicate that it is planning operations against allied installations in the An Loc area, while the long range goal of the division is to control the area of southern Binh Long and northern Binh Duong Provinces.

8. During the week 5 VC Div avoided/<sup>un</sup>identifiable contact. Aerial sensor indications of activity east Nui Chua Chan may indicate that 5 Div forward elements have moved SE into their former base areas. It is estimated that the division AO lies between the Dong Nai River and QL1.

9. Elements of 33 NVA Regt were contacted repeatedly to the north of MR-7 base area and this location was confirmed by aerial sensors. Other elements possibly the 3/33 NVA were also identified east of BLACK-HORSE in the vicinity of the old 33 Regt Base area.

10. 1/274 Regt was identified in a light contact NE of LONG THANH confirming the regiments continued presence in the area.

11. The enemy is continuing his reconnaissance and preparations for a forthcoming increase in offensive action which various sources suggest may be scheduled during the first half of the month. As the enemy must claim control of population and area to achieve any hope of success towards his goal of a coalition government, it is expected that he will shift his forces to positions in which they can be used to exert such influence.

12. The enemy intends to achieve his goals through what he terms "The Three Fronts" - military, political and proselytising, an interlocking programme each of the three components being considered of equal importance. His efforts to upgrade his infrastructure and expand his control include the introduction of NVA into local units, shifting of AOs, transfer of units and commanders to area of their origin, and combined operations between divisional and LFs directed at destroying the image of the GVN. This would include attacks on military installations and provincial capitals.

(B) Friendly Activity

13. Allied forces continued with their sweep operations inflicting moderate casualties on the enemy in a series of small scale engagements.

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Several large caches were discovered, as follows:-

- a. 3 caches found by 1 US Cav Div (AM) in War Zone "C" at XT5380, XT4365 and XT445780 yielded approx 62 tons of rice, 10 tons salt and an amount of ammunition;
- b. 9 caches found by 1 US Cav Div (AM) north and north west of DINH QUAN (LONG KHANH) close to the DONG NAI River yielded about 18 tons rice, 24½ tons salt, 4½ tons of Sugar, 1½ tons beans, 1 ton peanuts plus further assorted foodstuffs, medical supplies, cooking and eating utensils, and varied ammunition.
- c. At YS566987 - 13 Km East of BLACKHORSE an 11 ACR element discovered a cache containing 8 BARs, 27 SKS rifles, 2 60 mm mortars complete, 10 bangalore torpedoes, 63x60 mm rounds and assorted other ammunition.

14. Main friendly initiated actions were:-

- a. On 25th May, XT683669, 8 Km SW of An Loc (BINH LONG) elements of 11 ACR and 1 US Inf Div engaged an unknown size element of 141 NVA Regt resulting in 32 enemy KIA and 1 PW.
- b. On 26th May, XT605155, 7 Km NW of Cu Chi (HAU NGHIA) 25 US Inf Div and RF elements engaged an estimated enemy platoon resulting in 16 enemy KIA; enemy unit unidentified.
- c. On 28th May, XS596744, 6 Km W of Ben Sue (LONG AN) 9 US Inf Div troops engaged an unknown size enemy force. SA/AW fire was exchanged with support from LFT and arty; result 27 enemy KIA and 4 AK-47 and 1xM-16 captured.
- d. On 28th May, YT500000, 8 Km SW of Gia Ray (LONG KHANH), 11 ACR troops engaged elements of possibly 33 NVA Regt, resulting 18 enemy KIA, 2 tons flour, other food and medical supplies taken.
- e. On 29th May, XT575230, 2.5 Km North of Trung Lap (BINH DUONG) 25 US Inf Div troops engaged an element of possibly 268 VC Regt, supported by LFT and arty, resulting in 59 enemy KIA/KBA and 1PW.
- f. On 29th May, YS569988, 13 Km East of BLACKHORSE, 11 ACR troops engaged probable 33 NVA Regt elements in bunkers resulting in 21 enemy KIA and 1PW.
- g. On 31st May, XT641298, 6 Km SE of Ben Sue (BINH DUONG) 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an enemy platoon with SA/AW and supported by arty and Tac air inflicted 25 enemy KIA.

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

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary - Omitted

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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4 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 030001H to 032400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Sp Tp (-) protected 1 Fd Sqn party reconstructing road between HOA LONG YS4264 and LONG DIEN YS4260 (OP OPENUP). 1 Sect continued RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 4 combat missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and bunker construction and road improvement in AO BLOCK. Operation OPENUP was largely completed during the day.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out Base AO ptls and Phase 2 operations.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0907H	YS564805	Base Camp	80% on target 30% covered <u>Results:</u> 1 Bunker exposed
1210H	YS693803	VC Base Camp	100% on target 80% covered <u>Results:</u> 50m trench exp 3 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker damaged 1 bunker exposed
1517H	YS311796	VC Base Camp	100% on target 30% covered <u>Results:</u> 1 bunker exposed 1 bunker damaged 1 table exposed 1 structure Dest

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. On 11 May 69 RAAF LFT supporting a contact by 2/48 ARVN vicinity YS5659 killed 7 en (BC). Reported by US advisor with 2/48 ARVN.

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(2) At 2042H at YS473889 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 3-4 en resulting in 2 en KIA (BC).

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses: Nil
- (2) En losses:
  - (a) Personnel: 9 en KIA (BC)
  - (b) Materiel: Unknown.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954 - 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4380.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp plus HQ 1 ATF Def Pl and one sect Mortar Pl 5 RAR YS651601; 1 Sect 3 Tp YS462574; 2 Sect 3 Tp FSPB THRUST; HQ 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy YS383750; B Coy YS350812; V Coy (-) YS434886; D Coy (-) YS473889; W Coy (-) YS427883.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS487542; B Coy (-) YS469567; C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy (-) YS495586.

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- (2) 6 RAR Coys ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn Land Clearing in AO ALDGATE, def development DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK, Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops vic YS4656 within AO ALDGATE under op con 9 RAR in AO BLOCK SE corner. DAT DO YS5059.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two  
Platoon - two  
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FForce V only

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. 1 Tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl and one Sect Mortar Pl 5 RAR continued RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 5 combat missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and bunker construction and road improvement in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out Base AO Ptls. Phase 2 operations were carried out in LONG LE District.
- (7) 6 RAR. Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt carried out RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1706H	YS773741	VC Base Camp	100% on target. 30% covered. Results: 1 bunker damaged, 2 bunkers under construction exposed.
1700H	YS343802	VC Base Camp	100% on target. 30% covered. Results: 1 bunker destroyed, 2 spider holes exposed.
0901H	YS773741	VC Base Camp	100% on target. Results NBDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Ref contact at 032042H at YS473889 (reported on previous sitrep). Enemy eliminations now 3 en KIA(BC), 1 en WIA(PW) and 2 AK 47 and 1 SKS were recovered.
- (2) At 0430H a Ptl of D Coy 9 RAR were engaged with RPG and M79 fire without friendly casualties. Fire was returned with unknown results.
- (3) At 1500H a 1 ATF LFT (RAAF) assisting an ARVN contact at YS523566 engaged 1 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA(BC).

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- (4) At 1550H at YS459557 an RPG was fired at a LCT vehicle without friendly casualties.
- (5) At 1245H at YS351830 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 VC WIA(PW).
- (6) At 1905H at YS390775 A Coy 6 RAR were engaged by an estimated 2 enemy Pls without friendly casualties. Fire was returned with unknown results.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses: Nil.
- (2) En Losses:
  - (a) Personnel: 6 KIA (2 previously reported) 2 WIA(PW).
  - (b) Material: 2 AK 47, 1 SKS.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954; 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4380.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp plus HQ 1 ATF Def Pl and one Sect Mortar Pl 5 RAR YS640613; HQ 2 Tp and 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA: 2 Sect, 3 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy YS389775; B Coy(-) YS352813; V Coy(-) YS492888; D Coy(-) YS473889; W Coy(-) YS428832.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy(-) YS487542; B Coy(-) YS469567; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy(-) YS499608.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE District from 1 ATF Base and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (2) 6 RAR Coys ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, def development DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK, Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops vic YS4656 within AO ALDGATE under op con 9 RAR in AO BLOCK SE corner DAT DO YS5059.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - two  
Platoon - two  
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.
  - (a) At 1305H at YS636627 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located and destroyed a 45 16 Chicon mine.
  - (b) At 1420H at YS637635 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt were engaged by an unknown number of enemy without friendly casualties. Fire was returned with unknown results.
- (4) Results:
  - (a) Friendly Losses: Nil
  - (b) Enemy Losses
    - 1 Personnel - Nil
    - 2 Material - 1 x 45 16 mine.

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3. Reference II FForce V LTR AVFB-DCS, Subject Monthly Statistical Report dated 19 Jan 69. Following information submitted for period 1 May - 31 May 69.

- (1) Friendly KIA - 8
- (2) Friendly WIA - 61
- (3) Contacts - 72
- (4) Enemy KIA - 62
- (5) PW captured - Nil
- (6) Total VCI killed and captured - 13
- (7) Total SA captured and destroyed - 33
- (8) Total crewserved weapons captured and destroyed - 2

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1. The Duty Officer is to collect Ord Room Key and log book (from CP) and any pertinent information applicable to his tour of duty by 1700 hrs daily.
2. The Duty Officer is to mount at 1815 hrs and dismount at 0715 hrs.
3. He will attend the Picquet briefing conducted by the SOS at 1815 hrs daily.
4. He will remain in the CP for the duration of his tour of duty.
5. He will supervise the functioning of the CP.
6. He will ensure that all picquet vehicles remain on the defence net at all times.
7. He will supervise the actions necessary to correct any technical defect appertaining to picquet vehicles which arise during his tour of duty.
8. He will receive from the SOS at 0700 a detailed report of the picquet vehicles technical condition, condition of stowage and any loss of stores and/or equipment. He will then report any information to the 2IC and/or Tech Offr as appropriate.
9. He will ensure the SOS and Picquet Commanders understand and carry out their respective duties satisfactorily.
10. At 0715 hrs he will brief the Squadron Signals Sgt of the Tactical/Technical posture of the Squadron. The Sqn Sig Sgt will then assume responsibility for the functioning of the CP.
11. He will record all occurrences in Duty Officers Log.
12. He will not consume alcoholic beverages during his tour of duty.

161. DUTIES OF ORDERLY SERGEANT

1. He is to mount duty at 1630 hrs daily.
2. He will parade all personnel rostered for picquet duty that evening at 1815 hrs and brief them about their duties. Location: outside the CP. The Duty Officer will attend this parade and briefing.
3. He is to be present when the picquet commanders brief their picquet members as to their duties, areas of responsibilities, challenging, Rules of Engagement, reports, radio callsigns.
4. He is to ensure the picquet commanders understand the operation of the Centurion Tank auxiliary generator and that the auxiliary generator must be run for 10 minutes every 30 minutes throughout the night.
5. He will inspect the picquet vehicles at stand to to ensure all stowage and attractive items are secure. (including rations)
6. He will inspect the picquet vehicles immediately after standdown in the morning to ensure all stowage and attractive items are secure, the vehicles are clean and that the vehicle has no technical defects contributable to the picquet members. He will report on vehicle condition to the Duty Officer by 0700 hrs.

/7. He is to

7. He is to inspect all picquets at least three times during his tour of duty during the hours of darkness. Two inspections are to be made after midnight.
8. He is to report the results of all inspections to the Duty Officer.
9. He is to ensure all picquets Stand To correctly.
10. He is to attend all meals at the OR'S Mess during his hours of duty.
11. He is to inspect the OR'S kitchen and mess for cleanliness at 1900 hrs. He will report his findings to the Duty Officer.
12. He is to inspect the OR'S Canteen during night trading hours and ensure that the Bar and Counter Service is closed at 2115 hrs. (or at the time specified by OC B Sqn)
13. He is to conduct defaulter parades during his tour of duty. ie. inspection and drill work etc.
14. He is to report to the SSM, (or his representative when the SSM is absent) at 1400 hrs on the day of mounting duty.
15. He will not consume any alcoholic beverages during his tour of duty.
16. He will sleep in the Sqn SOS Room. He will ensure that his bedding is folded and stored and is clear of Sqn SOS Tent by 0700 hrs daily. He will ensure the Sqn SOS Room is left in a clean and tidy condition.

162. DUTIES OF PICQUET COMD

1. He is to mount picquet under supervision of the SOS.
2. He is to ensure the picquet Stands To correctly at the times stated.
3. He is to ensure that the picquet is alert at all times.
4. He is to check the picquet a minimum of four times during the hours of darkness. The checks are to be conducted at odd intervals.
5. He is not to allow any member of the picquet to leave the picquet area without permission from the Duty Officer.
6. In the presence of the SOS he is to brief the picquet as to their responsibilities:-
  - ie. Area of responsibility
  - Challenging
  - Rules of Engagement
  - Reporting of lights, noise, movement etc.
  - Picquet Callsigns
  - Movement of Sqn Clearing patrols.
7. He is to ensure that at least one man on each picquet shift understands the use of the Centurion Auxiliary Generator controls and that the Auxiliary Generator is run for 10 minutes each 30 minutes throughout the night.

/8. He is to

8. He is to ensure that all technical defects that occur to the picquet vehicle during the night are reported promptly to the Duty Officer via radio to the CP.

9. He is to ensure that the stowage of the picquet vehicle is not tampered with during the night. He will warn of members of his picquet that illegal consumption or removal of rations from the picquet vehicle is stealing and thus a chargeable offence.

10. He will inspect his picquet vehicle immediately before Stand To in the evening and immediately after Stand Down in the morning for correct stowage and security of all stores. He will report his findings to the SOS.

11. He will ensure his picquet vehicle is returned to its correct location within the Sqn lines, immediately after Stand Down in the morning and that the vehicle is left in a clean and tidy condition with radios and master switch turned OFF. \* In addition he will ensure the area surrounding the picquet tent and vehicle is left in a clean and tidy condition.

12. He will not Stand his picquet down until permission to do so is given by the CP.

13. He is to, in conjunction with the other picquet commander roster the picquet for the day OP duties from Stand Down to Stand To, and hand to the SSM daily by 0815 hrs the picquet roster.

14. He is to ensure the members of the picquet do NOT enter the accommodation tents.

15. The picquet commander from the 22 area with two men from each picquet, is to conduct the clearing patrol, and is responsible for the locking of gates and checking of flares.

163. UNSERVICEABLE 20 PR AMMUNITION

1. Tp Sgts are to ensure that any unserviceable 20 pdr ammunition, returned to the ammunition point, has the safety clips attached.

164. MICROPHONES No 5, No 6 AND HEADSETS

1. When not being physically worn, all headsets and microphones on the tank are to be stored in a satchel signal. The satchel signal is to be located inside the turret or in the case of the driver, inside the drivers compartment.

165. FLAK JACKETS

1. Due to the increasing amount of damage being done to flak jackets whilst being carried on the commanders cupola, this practise is to cease immediately. The jackets should be carried inside the turret where possible.

166. SPOT CHECKS - CONTROLLED STORES

1. When spot checks of controlled stores are requested the person doing the check is to physically see all items and physically check all serial numbers.

/167. CONTROLLED STORES



167. CONTROLLED STORES

1. Loss of a control store is to be reported to the QM within 24 hours of the loss occurring. No, rank and name of member is required along with the serial No of the lost item. Controlled stores are:-

- Pistol 9mm
- Rifle 5.56mm
- Rifle 7.62 LIAI
- Rifle 7.62 Auto L2A1
- Grenade Launcher M79
- Binoculars
- Compasses
- Wrist Watches
- Field Clinometers
- Boresights 20 pdr
- Boresights .50 Cal
- Radio 25 Sets
- Handsets 189/U (for 25 set)

2. The report of the loss is to be followed up within 48 hrs by an L & D for the item. The L & D is to be submitted to the QM.

168 Q STORE TIMINGS

LAUNDRY	-	0800 - 0930	1600 - 1630
CLOTHING STORE	-	1030 - 1200	
TECH STORE	-	0800 - 1130	
SUNDAYS	-	ALL Stores closed.	

169. SCORPATUS

1. Requests for Scorpatus are to be into the CP by 1600 hrs daily.

2. Any additional Scorpatus items, unless operationally urgent will be delivered on the subsequent days resupply.

3. Items of a personnel nature are only to be requested after the first seven days of an operation and then subsequently every seven days. Requests at any other times will be ignored.

170. OR'S CANTEEN TIMINGS

DAILY	-	1000 - 1020	-	DRY CANTEEN
		1200 - 1230	-	DRY CANTEEN
		1630 - 1730	-	WET CANTEEN
		1930 - 2115	-	WET CANTEEN

SUNDAYS (only if designated as Rest Days by the OC) - 1300 - 1400 Wet Canteen.

171. SUNDRY PACKS

1. The entitlement to Sundry packs is one per 100 rations. A ration is the amount of food required for 3 meals. The Sundry packs are issued irregardless of whether the people in the bush are on fresh or combat rations. They are issued including the first 48 hrs of an operation.

Example:- Troop strength - 20 men  
Moves out 2 Jun  
First pack received 9 Jun  
Second pack received 14 Jun

2. And so on every 5 days thereafter. Sundry packs cannot be backdated nor accumulated from operation.

/172. PETROL PUMPS

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1. Tp Sgts are responsible for the condition and serviceability of the petrol pump allocated to his troop. He is to ensure that all the hoses and fittings are complete. He is to ensure that the pump is carried in the troop whenever it moves outside a Fire Support Base or Nui Dat irregardless of the duration of the operation.

173. CLOTHING AND PERSONEL EQUIPMENT

AFV SOP Part 3 Para 1177 states,

1. "Clothing necessaries and personal equipment rended unserviceable by fair wear and tear due to climatic or operational conditions may be exchanged on a one for one basis, a record of issue being in accordance with paragraph 1175 above. Lose or damage due to neglect carelessness etc on the part of a member are to be replaced at the members expense."

2. The above paragraph will be strictly enforced in the Squadron.

174. TROOP STORE

1. The following stores are to be drawn by the respective member on their F12's and they are responsible for their security and condition.

<u>Tp Ldr</u>	<u>Tp Sgt</u>	<u>Tp Cpl (B)</u>
Binoculars	Binoculars	Binoculars
Compass	Compass	Compass
Wrist watch	Wrist watch	Wrist watch
Radio ANPRL 25	Radio ANPRC 25	
Handset for 25 set	Handset for 25 set	<u>Tp Cpl (C)</u>
Long antenna for 25 set	Long antenna for 25 set	Binoculars
	Boresight 20 pdr	Compas
	Field clino	
	Petrol pump	

175. TANK CES - TANK TROOPS

1. Troop leaders are responsible for all the tanks, and their associated CES, within their own troop. The troop leaders are to sign for their troops tanks by the 20 Jun 69. The relevant documents are available from the QM.

176. SHQ AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TROOP

1. The crew commanders of their respective vehicles in Special Equipment troop are responsible for the CES on those vehicles. They are to sign for them by the 20 Jun 69. The relevant documents are available from the QM.

2. The crew commanders of 20D and 20E are responsible for their individual vehicles and are to comply with the instruction relating to the special equipment crew commanders.

3. The driver of 20A, 20B, and 20C is to sign for the CES of his particular vehicle. He is responsible for the security of the vehicle and its CES.

177. CHANGE OF CREW COMMANDER

1. In the case of a change of crew commander for any reason including R & R, R & C or hospitalization the person taking over is to, within 24 hrs, check the CES of the vehicle and report only discrepancies to his Tp leader.

m 2. Tp leaders are to sign for their troop within 24 hrs of taking over the troop.

/178. PERSONAL ISSUES

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PERSONAL ISSUE

1. In the case of hospitalization of a member, all items on his F12 are to be returned to the Q Store within 24 hrs. The Tp Sgt, or in his absence the Tp Leader is to ensure that the above instruction is carried out.

179.

PERSONAL GEAR

1. If a member is hospitalized his Tp Sgt, or in his absence, his Tp leader, is to within 24 hrs, collect all his gear, inventory it and deliver it to the Q Store.

180.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. BATTERY SERVICING

a. Batteries are to be serviced twice weekly.

b. Under no circumstances will potable water (as provided by 1 ATF) be used to top up batteries. This water contains chlorine which in turn provides Hydrochloric acid and will make batteries unserviceable very rapidly.

c. Distilled water in 4 gallon cans may be procured at the Q Store. Each tank troop will carry distilled water.

2. AMMUNITION STOWAGE

a. The ammunition Technical Officer (ATO) at Vung Tau has advised the Squadron that, had 20 pdr HE been stowed at the bottom of the 20 round bin in 169005 secondary explosions could have occurred.

b. Therefore, to avoid this risk all 20 rd bins will be stowed with APCBC at the bottom, CANNISTER in the centre, HE at the top.

181.

CUSTOMS LIMITATIONS ON MEMBERS RTA

1. The concessions available to travellers to Australia, and extra concessions made to servicemen on return to Australia, are explained in:

a. Department of Customs and Excise booklet - Australian Customs Information.

b. AHQ Administration Instruction No 8 Annex C.

2. Where members send dutiable goods to Australia through the post and particularly through MFO in advance of their RTA, they must expect that any goods in excess of the \$A50 per calendar year permitted under the concessions are liable to duty. Members are advised to take advantage of the more liberal concessions available on RTA, and take these goods as accompanied baggage where possible.

182.

BREACHES OF CUSTOM REGULATIONS

References: A. AFV (Army Component) SOPs Part 3 Chap 1 Section 6.  
B. AHQ Administrative Instruction No 8.  
C. R352/5/1.

1. Department of Customs advises that an increasing number of parcels are being sent to Australia through the postal system with misleading declarations attached. A common example is a toy animal with a built in transistor radio being described and valued as a toy and not a radio.

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2. A substantial number of parcel are being opened by customs. Members are warned of the implications of making false customs declarations. In addition certifying officers are to rigidly enforce the provisions of Reference B paras B paras 1131 - 1133.

183. PERSONNEL REQUIRING NEEDLES

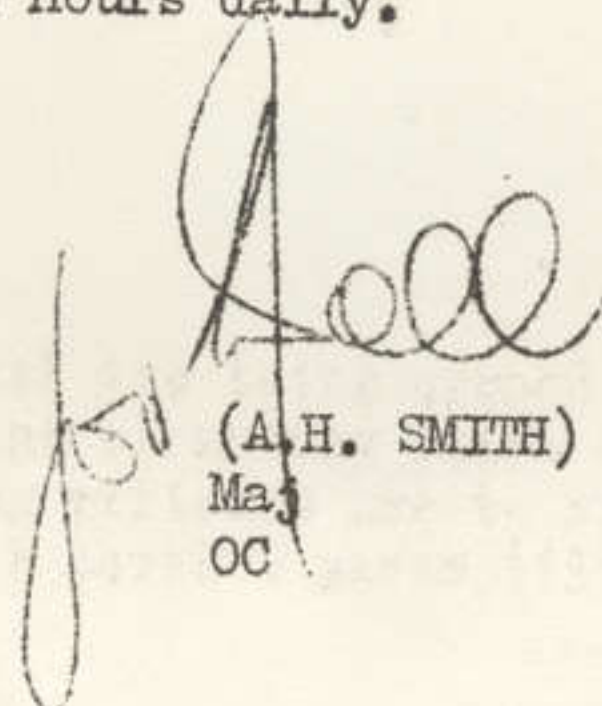
1. All members of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, Det 1 Fwd Del Tp and B Sqn Sect 1 Armd Regt LAD are to report to the Sqn Aid Post for FLU (2) Needles on Thur 12 Jun 69 by Troops at the following times.

0830 - SHQ  
0845 - ADMIN/Q  
0900 - 1 Tp  
0915 - 2 Tp  
0930 - LAD  
0945 - DET 1 FWD DEL TP

2. Personell in camp whose troops are not mentioned above are to report to the SAP at 1030 hrs.

184. MAIL

1. The mail departs SHQ at 0615 hours daily.

  
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NOTICE

GIFT SHOP

1. The Red Shield Hut is now operating a gift shop. The shop will be open from 1845 hrs to 1930 hrs daily.

2. Laundry left for dry cleaning into be left at the times stated in para one. It will not be accepted at any other time.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

6 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 050001H to 052400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. 1 Tp with HQ 1 ATF Def Pl and one Sect Mortar Pl 5 RAR continued RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 6 combat missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and bunker construction and road improvement in AO BLOCK. Operation OPEN UP was completed.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out Base AO Ptl's. Phase 2 operations were carried out in LONG LE District.
- (7) 6 RAR. Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt carried out RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Air Support. One immediate airstrike was flown in support of W Coy 6 RAR contact. Tgt YS424844, negative BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 050005H at YS442888 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 6 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA possible and 2 AK47 being recovered.
- (2) At 051030H at YS424844 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR made contact with a pl plus en force. This contact continued for approx 2 hours. Aust and US LFT's were used to support the contact. A UHID from 1 ATF LFT (RAAF) made an emergency landing at YS430815 following receipt of ground fire. Aircraft was secured by ground troops and recovered by US CH47. W Coy suffered 1 NZ KIA during action. En losses were 1 en KIA (BC) and 1 en WIA.
- (3) At 1400H at YS341823 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 en resulting in 1 Aust DOW, 1 Aust WIA (evacuated) and 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 being recovered.
- (4) At 1930H at YS473889 approx 15-20 en entered a D Coy 6 RAR ambush resulting in 2 en KIA (probable) plus an unknown number of en WIA. Sweep will be conducted in morning.
- (5) At 2300H elements in 1 ATF Base engaged unknown number of en in vicinity of YS455666 with unknown result.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses:

- (a) Personnel: 1 NZ KIA, 1 Aust DOW, 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).

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(b) Materiel: Nil

(2) En Losses:

(a) Personnel: 5 en KIA (BC), 3 en KIA (probable), unknown en WIA.

(b) Materiel: 3 AK47.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954; 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4380.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS655686; HQ 2 Tp and 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA; 2 Sect 2 Tp YS462574; 3 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.

(4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy YS391775; B Coy (-) YS351830; V Coy (-) YS413882; D Coy (-) YS473889; W Coy (-) YS427830.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS485545; B Coy (-) YS469567; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; D Coy (-) YS499608.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE district from 1 ATF Base and provides ready reaction company.

(2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF op in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, def development DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK.

(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.

(5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elem: conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.

(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR vic YS4656 within AO ALDGATE in AO BLOCK South East corner DAT DO YS5059.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FForce V only.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

7 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 060001H to 062400H Jun 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 Base and in AO ALDGATE.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. At approx 1300H 4 Tp ceased being op con to 6 RAR and became op con to 5 RAR for an operation in BINH BA YS4474. One Tp was also deployed from the 1 ATF RRF to take part in this action.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and to 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Elements deployed from 1 ATF Base to take part in BINH BA action at approx 1000H. All elements of Sqn returned to 1 ATF Base at approx 1900H except one sect Sp Tp which remained in BINH BA area.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 31 contact missions during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO BLOCK.

(6) 5 RAR. At approx 1000H D Coy was placed op con to 6 RAR to carry out an operation in conjunction with the DUC THANH District Chief at BINH BA. At approx 1300H B Coy was deployed to the BINH BA action and comd of the action was taken by CO 5 RAR in conjunction with DUC THANH District Chief. This operation continued until approx 1830H. B and D Coys remain at BINH BA.

(7) 6 RAR. Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 ARMD Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT. At approx 1000H CO 6 RAR took comd of BCoy 5 RAR and further elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in conjunction with the DUC THANH District Chief commenced operations against an enemy force in BINH BA. At approx 1300H the 1 ATF participation in the action came under the comd of CO 5 RAR.

(8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK.

(9) Air Support. BDA of airstrike in support of W Coy 6 RAR contact on 5 Jun 69 resulted in following BDA:

TIME	COORDINATES	TGT DESCRIPTION	BDA
051637H	YS424844	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% coverage. 2 Bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 structure damaged, 30 meters of trench exposed and collapsed. 1 VC KIA (BC).

b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Ref contact of D Coy 6 RAR at 051930H at YS473889. Sweep this morning revealed 6 enemy KIA (BC) (previously reported as 2 enemy KIA probable) and 2 PW (WIA) plus 1 AK 47 and 1 pistol recovered. Total enemy force now known to be 30 plus.

(2) At 060015H at YS500550 9 RAR FSPB THRUST received 25 - 30 82mm mortar rds resulting in 1 Aust KIA and 6 Aust WIA (4 evacuated).

(3) At 0720H at YS452737 a Centurian tank of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt was hit by RPG fire and damaged. 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).

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(4) Commencing at approx 1100H and continuing until 1830H B and D Coys 5 RAR, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, element of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and DUC THANH District RIF/PF troops were engaged in an action with an estimated 90 enemy in the village of BINH BA YS4474. Results of the action were 27 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy PW. Friendly losses were 2 Centurian tanks moderately damaged, 1 Aust KIA, 8 Aust WIA (evacuated).

(5) At 0912H at YS412887 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 6 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA WIA (bloodtrail) and 1 AK 47 with grenade launcher being recovered.

(6) At 0945H at YS352832 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 - 4 enemy resulting in 2 Aust WIA (evacuated) with unknown enemy casualties.

(7) At the following times, 1525H, 1653H, 1930H and 2030H 1 ATF Base NUI DAT received a total of approximately 15 rockets of undermined calibre. There were no casualties and no damage.

(8) At 1825H at YS462548 9 RAR elements engaged 2 enemy with unknown results.

(9) At YS351834 6 RAR located a bunker/cache/tunnel complex approx 7 days old.

(10) At 2230H at YS501607 an AP at D Coy 9 RAR contacted an estimated 10 enemy with unknown results.

(11) At 2300H at YS612712 an AP at 2 Sect 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted an estimated 8 VC with unknown results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel: 2 Aust KIA, 17 Aust WIA (15 evacuated).

(b) Material: 3 Centurian tanks moderately damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel: 1 KBA (BC) (from Airstrike 051636H), 34 KIA (BC), 4 PW, 1 WIA (bloodtrail).

(b) Material: 2 AK 47, 1 rifle grenade launcher, 1 pistol.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp YS468567, 4 Tp YS451739.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS608743, HQ 2 Tp, 1 Sect 2 Sp, FSPB VIRGINIA YS4380, 2 Sect 2 Tp YS462572, 3 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ YS464783, A Coy, C Coy 1 ATF Base, B Coy YS448737, D Coy YS453738.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy YS398796, B Coy (-) YS351831, V Coy (-) YS418782, D Coy (-) YS472884, W Coy (-) YS427833.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS485545, B Coy (-) YS469567, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, D Coy (-) YS499608.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR continues BINH BA operation and provides Ready Reaction Company.

(2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALFGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE; Def development DAT DO VIC YS500589 in AO BLOCK, Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.

(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and Ready Reaction Force.

(5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.



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(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops VIC YS4656 within AO ALDGATE under op con 9 RAR, under op con 9 RAR in AO BLOCK SE corner DAT DO YS5059.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.  
Platoon - two.  
Squad - eight
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - One.
- (4) Results - Nil.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

8 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
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1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ALDGATE.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ANVIL and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. 1 Tp and 2 Tp became op con to C Coy 5 RAR to act as part of RRF in HOA LONG YS420640.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT, 5 RAR in AO ANVIL and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. 1 Tp Gp continued ambush operations in AO FROG. 3 Tp was deployed to HOA LONG as part of 1 ATF RRF.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 7 combat missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. B and D Coys continued to operate in AO ANVIL in conjunction with Sector forces. At approx 1400H C Coy was deployed to HOA LONG in support of Sector Forces as part of the 1 ATF RRF.
- (7) 6 RAR. Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Significant Air Strikes:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1750H	YS287777	Bunker complex	100% on target, 30% covered. Results: Negative BDA.
0920H	YS345822	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 70% covered. Results: Unknown due to smoke and foliage.
0900H	YS444550	Base Camp	100% on target, 30% covered. Results: Cut 1 trail.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 070048H at YS501607 elements D Coy/9 RAR sighted and engaged an estimated 10 enemy. Results: Neg friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.
- (2) At 070320H at YS446738 4 Pl B Coy/5 RAR engaged 2 enemy with claymore and GPMG. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC).
- (3) At 070600H at YS448737 B Coy(-) 5 RAR contacted an enemy squad. Results: Negative friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.
- (4) At 070820H at YS399796 6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (5) B Coy 5 RAR supported by 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt formed a block while D Coy 6 RAR swept through the area of yesterday's contact at BINH BA YS4573. Cumulative results from 060800H: 1 Aust KIA, 6 Aust WIA (Evacuated) 51 VC KIA (BC), 11 VC PW.

- (6) At 071409H at YS4469 1 ATF base received approx 5 x 107 mm rockets.
- (7) At 071540H at YS405798 A Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 NVA. Results:  
1 KIA (BC).
- (8) At 071745H at YS401800 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR engaged 2 NVA. Results:  
2 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47 CIA.

c. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses - Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses - 30 KIA (BC), 7 PW.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF base, 1 Tp, 2 Tp HOA LONG, 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954, 4 Tp YS445738.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp(-) YS605743, 2 Tp(-) FSPB VIRGINIA, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 Tp HOA LONG.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty F PB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty(-) FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ YA464783, A Coy 1 ATF Base, B Coy YS452751, C Coy HOA LONG, D Coy YS445738.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy(-) YS403799, B Coy YS365828, V Coy YS418883, D Coy YS477886, W(-) Coy YS427832.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS478564, B Coy(-) YS469567, C Coy HORSESHOE, D Coy(-) YS499608.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE district from 1 ATF Base and provides ready reaction company.
- (2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797.  
Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, def deployment DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR vic YS4656 within AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4959.
- (7) 3 SAS LRRPS recce vic YS5288, YS2580m YS5977, YS6385, YS6481, YS6676, YS5574,

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - three.  
Platoon - two.  
Squad - eight.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - one.
- (4) Results - unknown.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
9 Jun 69	Lt Sullivan	Sgt Steer
10 Jun 69	Lt Ritchie	Sgt Atkins
11 Jun 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt Twomey
12 Jun 69	WO2 Buckell	Sgt Jones
13 Jun 69	WO2 Kludas	Sgt Fairhead
14 Jun 69	WO2 Dingle	Sgt Hilton
15 Jun 69	Capt Toll	Sgt Nicholson
16 Jun 69	WO1 Kerr	Sgt Sawyer

PICQUETS

	22 AREA	24 AREA
10 Jun 69	2 Troop	LAD
11 Jun 69	2 Troop	Composite
12 Jun 69	1 Troop	LAD
13 Jun 69	2 Troop	Composite
14 Jun 69	1 Troop	LAD
15 Jun 69	2 Troop	Composite
16 Jun 69	2 Troop	LAD

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1.     AUSTRALIA

2 Jul 69	Cpl	Heywood
4 Jul 69	Capt	Macintyre
6 Jul 69	WO2	Dingle
7 Jul 69	Cpl	Briant
B Flt		
9 Jul 69	Tpr	Lean
11 Jul 69	Cpl	Robertson
A Flt		
11 Jul 69	Cpl	Mills
B Flt		
13 Jul 69	Cfn	Francetich
14 Jul 69	Capt	Hull ✓
16 Jul 69	Cfn	Wilkins
18 Jul 69	Cfn	South
20 Jul 69	Tpr	Sullivan
21 Jul 69	Cfn	Willis
23 Jul 69	2Lt	Doarr
25 Jul 69	Cfn	Bell
27 Jul 69	Cfn	Nixon
A Flt		
28 Jul 69	Lcpl	Lockett
30 Jul 69	Cfn	Mundy

1A. Late bookings for Australia for the month of JUNE

15 Jun 69	Tpr	Graupner
23 Jun 69	Tpr	Myles

2.     TAIPEI

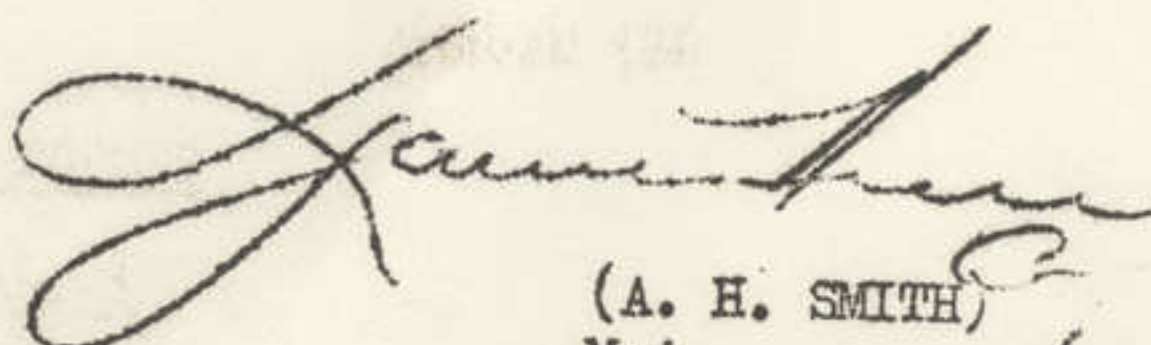
4 Jul 69	Tpr	Skinner
16 Jul 69	Sgt	Spargo
29 Jul 69	Cpl	O'Loughlin

3.     BANKOK Note All members going to Bangkok are to depart Wallaby 3 the day prior to R and spend the night at Camp Alfa.

9 Jul 69	Tpr	Zeugofsga
A Flt		
30 Jul 69	Tpr	Connell
B Flt		

4.     HONG KONG

4 Jul 69	Tpr	Pobar
16 Jul 69	Tpr	Berghofer

  
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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9 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation report (SITREP)  
From 080001H to 082400H Jun 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 Base and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ANVIL 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE, and the RRF in HOA LONG. Elements op con to 5 RAR reverted to op con 6 RAR and elements with the RRF returned to the 1 ATF Base late pm on completion of operations.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ANVIL, 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. 1 Tp returned from AO FROG and remained in 1 ATF Base. Elements with 5 RAR and RRF returned to 1 ATF Base late pm.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 2 combat and 13 H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO BLOCK. Elements commenced clean up ops in AO ANVIL.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR continued operations in AO ANVIL and HOA LONG. All sub units returned to the 1 ATF Base late pm on completion of operations.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav continued ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AO ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) AIRSTRIKES. Significant air strikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Target Description</u>	<u>Bomb Damage Assessment</u>
1645H	YS343802	Base Camp	100% on target 30% coverage. Results: 1 Bkr exposed and damaged, 1 table destroyed, 2 weapon pits exposed.
0910H	YS343802	Base Camp	100% on target 30% coverage. Results: 80 metres trench exposed, 1 LRG Bkr destroyed, 4 Bkrs exposed, 1 Bkr damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 080730H at YS403799 A coy 6 RAR contacted 8 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) 4 grenades and 2 packs recovered.
- (2) At 081214H at YS434872 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 WIA (female) who escaped, 1 x 45 cal pistol (US) qty of med eqpt, clo and food.
- (3) At 081210H at YS447880 3 Pl V Coy contacted 3 VC who are as yet unclassified. One subsequently DOW.
- (4) For the period 1600 7 Jun - 1700 8 Jun 69 at HOA LONG YS420640 resulted in 4 VC KIA (BC), 4 PW, 1 RPG 7, Qty of M 26 grenades, CHICOM claymores, SA ammo, RPG 2 and 7 rds duquand webbing recovered. A more comprehensive list will be submitted when available.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses -

- a. Personnel - 6 VC KIA (BC) 4 PW, 3 VC unclas one who DOW.  
 b. Material - 1 RPG 7, Qty M 26 grens, CHICOM claymores, SA ammo, RPG 2 and 7 rds, docu and webbing.

Amendment. The amended figures for operations in AO ANVIL are 51 VC KIA (BC) - 43 to 1 ATF and 8 to RF/PF, 8 PW, 6 WIA poss (blood trail) 1 Hoi Chonh and 28 male detainees. The following equipment was recovered: 6 x AK 47, 1 x 75 mm RCL, 1 x 60 mm Mortar, 3 x M16 rifles, 1 M1 rifle, 1 RPG 7, 1 RPG 2, 1 RPD, 2 x 9 mm K54 CHICOM pistols, 82 mm mortar baseplate and bipod, Qty SA ammo and RPG rds and boosters, morse transmitter and headphones, CHICOM fd telephone, transistor radio, med sups, packs, webbing, etc.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379.  
 (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.  
 (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB THRUST.  
 (4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.  
 (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy YS407807, B Coy YS378810, V Coy (-) YS441865, D Coy YS476864, W Coy (-) YS427832.  
 (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS478564, B Coy (-) YS457575, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy (-) YS494609.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE district from 1 ATF Base and provides ready reaction company.  
 (2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.  
 (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, def deployment DAT DO VIC YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST VIC YS4954.  
 (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.  
 (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.  
 (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR VIC YS4656 within AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4959.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - three.  
 Platoon - Nil.  
 Squad - Seven.  
 (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LLRPs deployed.  
 (3) Small unit actions with contact - one.  
 (4) Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) - LRRPS.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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10 Jun 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANH III in the 1 ATF Base and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Phase 2 ops continued in AO SCORPION after a short period in 1 ATF Base. Other elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 2 combat and Nil H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO Ptls and phase 2 ops in Long Le District.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification operations in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0910H	YS455562	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% covered. Results: Neg BDA, 1 DUD bomb (NAPALM).
0845H	YS455562	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 40% covered. Results: Neg BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 090830H at YS405805 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 en resulting in 1 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47 recovered.
- (2) At 091353H at YS441865 1 Pl V Coy engaged 1 en resulting in 1 en KIA (BC), 1 SKS rifle (new) recovered.
- (3) At 091510H at YS402802 2 Pl A Coy engaged 1 en resulting in 1 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47 recovered.
- (4) At 091500H at YS458758 a tank from B Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated a Chicom mine approx 30lbs resulting in no casualties to troops. The tank suspension and 2 bogies were damaged.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses: 1 x Tank moderate damage.
- (2) Enemy Losses:
  - a. Personnel 3 en KIA (BC)
  - b. Material 2 x AK47s and 1 SKS rifle (new).

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d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS478564; 4 Tp VIRGINIA YS4379.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS642678; 2 Tp (-) THRUST YS4954.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. Regt HQ (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy (-) YS400797; B Coy (-) YS378810; V Coy (-) YS441865; D Coy (-) YS476875; W Coy (-) YS428837.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS478564; B Coy (-) YS457575; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL; D Coy (-) YS499608.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts Phase 2 ops in Long Le District from 1 ATF Base and provides Ready Reaction Company.
- (2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, def deployment DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR vic YS4656 within AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4959.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two.  
Platoon - Nil.  
Squad - Seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FTV only.

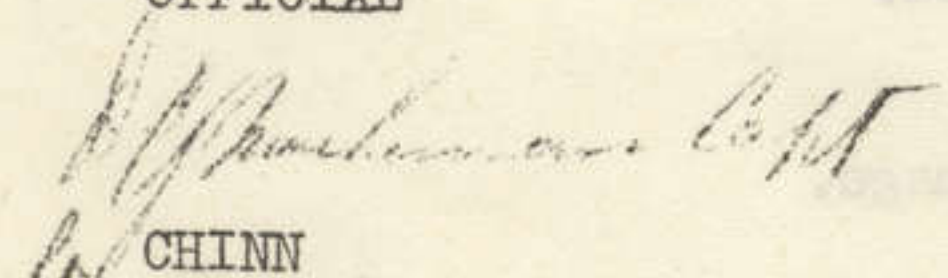
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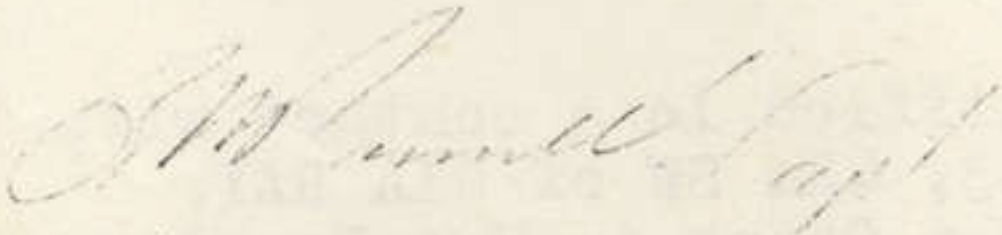
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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity increased very sharply on the night of 5th/6th June after a period of very low activity on the preceding three days. Enemy activity was characterised principally by low intensity attacks by fire punctuated by more intense actions against selected allied installations mainly in TAY NINH, BINH LONG and BINH DUONG provinces, including ground attacks by elements up to regimental size. The enemy effort tapered off after the night of 6th/7th June. Enemy initiated attacks in VC BA BIEN province included 5 significant attacks by fire on 6th June, and one ground attack against an ARVN unit 14Km west of XUAN LOC.

2. During the week there were 122 enemy initiated attacks in III Corps compared to 87 last week of these there were 33 significant mortar and 27 rocket attacks compared to 15 and 12 respectively the previous week.

3. The heaviest enemy initiated actions were an attack by 3-272 VC Regiment against FSB Crook (XT055915) in TAY NINH province on 6th June when the battalion lost 76KIA and 2PW. The following night 2 and 3-88 NVA Regiment were identified in a second attack on FSB Crook. The ground attack followed SA/AW, RPG's mortars and 107mm rocket fire; which was returned with organic weapons supported by arty, TAC air, LFT, ARA and Shadow aircraft resulting in 323 enemy KIA and 10PW.

4. Also on 6th June at XT148423, 8Km SW of BEN SOI (TAY NINH) a 5 ARVN Abn NDP received SA/AW, RPG and mortar fire from an estimated two enemy battalions; fire was returned with organic weapons, ARVN arty, LFT and Shadow aircraft resulting in 60 enemy KIA. On the same day at XT766700, 10Km North of CHON THANH (BINH LONG Province) a 5 ARVN Div convoy was ambushed by an unknown size enemy force which was engaged by 1 US Inf Div resulting in 49KIA and 2PW. The enemy unit was identified as an element of 101 NVA Regiment.

Enemy Locations

5. The most significant moves noted for the period were those of 7 NVA Div towards South and SE BINH LONG Province in a possible attempt to isolate the provinces of MR-10 and facilitate future operations east into PHUOC LONG Province or south into BINH DUONG Province. 101D NVA Regiment has been located SW of ANLOC acting in conjunction with 165 NVA Regiment and it appears to have assumed the AO abandoned by 141 NVA Regiment.

6. The 9VC Div remains deployed along western TAY NINH Province border and the division participated in the June action phase in attacks against FSB Crook, ARVN Airborne units South of BEN SOI and against the outskirts of TAY NINH city.

7. In the 5VC area 95 NVA Regt was identified in a contact with ARVN and 11 ACR forces on 2nd June at YT613063, 6Km SW of GIA RAY. 95 Regt was last identified by a 13th April Hoi Chanh in U-1 Province. It is believed that 95 Regt has now joined other 5VC Div units operating in BA BIEN Province.

8. Full details of probable locations of enemy main force units are:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
1st NVA Div HQ	NW of NUI BA DEN	4575
18 B NVA Inf Regt	NW fo DAU TIENG (XT3944)	1300
95C NVA Inf Regt	NE of NUI BA DEN (XT4971)	950
101D NVA Inf Regt	N of MINH THANH (XT6781)	1300

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<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Central War Zone "D"	4750
<u>205 VC Inf Regt</u>	S War Zone D	1200
<u>174 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of DINH QUAN	1175
<u>95th NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of GIA RAY (YT6107)	1150
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	Vic FISHHOOK	4575
<u>165 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of AN LOC (XT7183)	1150
<u>141 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of AN LOC (XT6887)	1100
<u>209 NVA Inf Regt</u>	N BINH LONG Prov (XT7292)	875
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	LOGO area (WT9775)	4300
<u>271 VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of TAY NINH (XT1241)	1000
<u>272 VC Inf Regt</u>	NW of TAY NINH (XT0660)	1190
<u>88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	W of NUI BA DEN (XT0660)	860
<u>1st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed LONG AN Prov	1500
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of XUAN LOC (YS4474)	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic N TRAPEZOID (XT5937)	1050
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods (XT5035)	750
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH-BINH SON (YS3583)	900
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of LAI KHE (XT3353)	1225
<u>QUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	N of HOC MON (XT8205) Poss	1000

Enemy Losses

9. Enemy losses for the period in III CTZ were 2159 KIA (BC), 175 PW, 64 Hoi Chanh, 558 individual and 111 crew served weapons captured. There were 34 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

10. On the evening of 5th/6th June the enemy opened the June action period throughout the III CTZ with attacks which were probably staged to emphasise the enemy's continuing capabilities to conduct offensive action throughout South Vietnam, for the benefit of the Presidential meeting at MIDWAY. The enemy appears to be directing his emphasis during the early stages of the June action period towards Allied installations which could hinder somewhat his consolidation of outlying areas.

11. The shifting of forces into BINH LONG Province suggests that emphasis is placed on isolating the Provinces of MR-10, possibly in the implementation of his stated plan to expand his control of the rural areas.

12. The pattern of enemy activity apart from continuing to indicate emphasis on outlying area suggest phasing his offensive in a series of cyclic high points. Usually reliable agents and documents have indicated that the summer offensive is to last at least through July with climaxing points in each month.

13. The immediate intentions of 5 VC Div remain difficult to judge as the unit appears content to remain in the eastern TAOI and the level of enemy initiated action in the divisional area of operation remains lower than that of other main force units. Despite the move of 95 Regt south east towards the northern PHUOC TUY - LONG KHANH border it is more than likely that 5 VC Division is still interested in the GVN controlled areas from DINH QUAN to XUAN LOC with some elements participating in future attacks against the LONG BINH - BIEN HOA area. An attack on XUAN LOC would fit in with enemy policy of hitting provincial capitals and allied installations.

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14. MR-7 forces appear to be oriented both east and west of the HAT DICH base area. 33 Regt is operating in split configuration with two battalions located in base areas east of BLACKHORSE and a third battalion west of Route 2 in northwest PHUOC TUY province. 33 Regt will probably remain in its base area for a time to refit and resupply after its actions in May. 274 Regt is in a position to harass RTAVF forces in the LONG THANH area or exert pressure south eastwards into PHUOC TUY Province.

Friendly Activities

15. Sweep operations during the week resulted in some heavy contacts in which the enemy suffered moderate to heavy casualties. Only one significant cache at YT430387 13Km West of DIN U QUAN (LONG KHANH Province) was discovered and this yielded 10 tons of rice and over 5 tons of flour.

16. Major friendly operations were:-

- a. On 2nd June, YT529439, 7Km NW of DINH QUAN air elements of 1 US Cav Div (AM) engaged an estimated enemy company resulting in 31 enemy KBA.
- b. On 5th June, XT568255, 4.5 Km NW of TRUNG LAP (HAU NGHIA Province) 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an unknown size enemy force later identified as 1 and 3-268; result 72 enemy KIA, 3 PW.
- c. Also on 5th June 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an estimated enemy company at XT289319, 13 Km NW of GO DAU HA (TAY NINH Province); 45 enemy were KIA; enemy unit not identified.
- d. On 6th June a series of engagements involving 1 US Inf Div took place around the BINH LONG Provincial capital of AN LOC. At XT720925, 3Km NW of AN LOC 61 enemy were KIA and 3 PW; 2.5 Km NW of AN LOC 214 RF Co inflicted 36 KIA on a unit of 209 NVA Regt; 209 Regt suffered another 115 KIA in yet another engagement with 1 US Div 3 Km NW of the city and finally SW of AN LOC (XT712835) 165 NVA Regt lost 95 KIA to 1 US Inf Div.
- e. On 6th and 7th June several engagements occurred in and around TAY NINH. On 6th at XT245534, 2.5 Km North of TAY NINH 25 US Inf Div killed 10 enemy; this was followed by a 548 RF Co engagement 1 Km north of the city; the area was illuminated and showed a large number of enemy at XT250515; the area was engaged with artillery at 0515H and at 0700H 5 RF Co began moving South to North with 25 US Inf Div blocking to the north; an unknown number of enemy was engaged with SA/AW; result 26KIA 1 PW. On 7th in TAY NINH RF elements engaged an unknown size enemy force with SA/AW; 5 ARVN Marines linked with the RF elements at 1045H and at 1500 engaged an estimated 42KIA killing 42 and taking 1 PW; 1 Km north of TAY NINH an engagement by 8ARVN Airborne supported by LFT and arty resulted in 29 enemy KIA and 2 PW and finally in the same area 25 US Inf Div elements killed another 19 enemy.
- f. On 7th June at YT613063 7 Km SW of GIA RAY (LONG KHANH Province) 2/5 ARVN Cav and B/1-11 ACR engaged an unknown size enemy element resulting in 41 KIA and 1 PW. The PW and documents identified 3-95 NVA Regt.

- g. On 6th June and 7th June 1ATF elements and RF troops engaged an enemy force at YS440740 6.5 Km North of NUI DAT. The final score was 71 enemy KIA 6 WIA 12PW and a quantity of munitions captured. Enemy troops were identified as belonging to 1-33 NVA Regt.

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

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary - Omitted.

Other Information

17. Following are extracts from an enemy document captured by 11 US ACR on 5th March in BINH DUONG Province. The document concerns Sapper training material compiled by the Military Staff Department, HQ. SUNLA on tactical concept and lays down the "Three Strong Tactics" - Attack Strongly, Assault Strongly, Pursue Strongly.

TACTICAL CONCEPT  
THREE STRONG TACTICS

Attack Strongly

18. To attack strongly is the basic method used to destroy the fortifications and defense system of the enemy, creating favorable conditions for our troops to assault strongly.

19. In regards to sapper and special action units; to attack strongly does not mean only to fire intensively and violently. The main requirement is to hit home within a short period of time, to know how to make the best use of their equipment to attack the main part of the objective, and how to use any weapons and equipment seized from the enemy during combat.

20. Only by hitting hard and home can we end the battle quickly and eliminate many difficulties for us during our withdrawal, even if we have to move through many defense lines of the enemy.

21. To fire at random, to miss the target, or to prolong the attack is very risky, because we not only could not destroy the main objective but also have to face many difficulties (the enemy strength still remains relatively intact; the enemy ranks are not confused; our capabilities are limited; the route of withdrawal is far... as in the case of our attack on the Camlo airfield).

22. Therefore, we must strive to secretly bring our forces close to the enemy, penetrate the objective, and effect coordination in such skillful manner that every element may use its own equipment and means to hit home at the objective, and at the same time to attack the enemy in a sudden and violent manner.

23. After penetrating the inner perimeter in order to annihilate the enemy, the main requirement is to depend on the weapons and equipment in hand and those seized from the enemy to attack him strongly in a systematic, and closely coordinated manner. It is impossible for us to depend on reinforcements received from outside.

Assault Strongly

24. Taking advantage of the moment when the enemy suffers casualties caused by our fire, his ranks are disorderly and confused, he is at a loss to know what he still holds and what he has lost at our hands or what he should do to cope with the situation, we suddenly and unexpectedly rush in, using submachine guns, shaped charges, and grenades to annihilate him.

25. With regard to sapper or special action units, to assault strongly does not mean that the entire unit, shouts and violently opens fire, and tosses grenades repeatedly. Doing this will not be advantageous to us. On the contrary, it will cause difficulties to us because the enemy can easily discover the direction of our attack and the strength of our force. Thus, only one stubborn enemy soldier could hinder our attack or cause difficulties to us. In addition, observation is restricted at night. So, while attacking in several directions with several arrows at the same time, within one small and narrow area, if we toss grenades repeatedly, we may cause hindrance to one another.

26. Regarding sapper and special action units, to assault strongly means that as soon as the explosive charges and shaped charges explode, or the support fire from friendly elements ceases, we rush in close to the enemy positions, fire with submachine guns, or drop shaped charges and grenades down into loop-holes, trench entrances and houses etc..(sic). Although these actions are quiet, they are very strong, quick and dangerous.

27. To be successful, all members (of sapper and special action units) must thoroughly understand, be taught and strictly execute, all rules concerning the use of weapons of various types, especially grenades, and concerning the combat movements to be adopted during the assault phase

28. In conditions when the enemy is still superior to us in technical weapons, to assault strongly implies a great significance because it is a method by which we mingle with the enemy while fighting him, thus preventing him from making good use of his airforce, artillery and mechanized vehicles.

29. Realities have shown that to attack strongly and assault strongly may cause the enemy force, which is numerous at the beginning, to become weak quickly and lose even its resistance capability, and allow itself to be annihilated, because we have taken advantage of his weaknesses which are his flabby morale, his fear of fighting at close quarters and his reliance on his fortifications, artillery and airforce.

30. To attack strongly and to assault strongly, we must anticipate the direction in which the enemy would run away and the area or object which he might take advantage of, so that we may have a plan to counter him in such circumstances, especially because when we attack him with many arrows and from many directions, we are not allowed to make errors or mistakes. If the enemy runs away and can find a place for concealment, he will be able to counter our assault.

### Pursue Strongly

31. With an enemy force which has already been severely battered, we must pursue it strongly, that is to say, we must continue to strike it hard to knock it down for good.

32. In this circumstance, the enemy is often demoralised; his ranks confused and broken up. Therefore we must pay special attention to the following: Develop the spirit of adventure; do not stop out of self-satisfaction; do not wait for order; overcome tiredness; it is necessary to pursue strongly to the end in order to gain complete victory and annihilate the entire enemy unit.

33. When the enemy soldiers run away, they get out of their fortifications. Moreover, as they have been severely battered by us, everyone of them wishes to run as fast as he can to avoid being killed by us. At this moment, if we pursue strongly, we shall not miss a good opportunity. When we catch up with them, if we attack and assault them strongly, usually we can capture a large number of prisoners of war by using only a small force.

34. During the pursuit, we must take full advantage of the state of confusion of the enemy troops to closely follow them, and mingle among their fortifications. It is sufficient for us to mingle among them in only a few seconds.

35. If we do not pursue them, the enemy troops will not hurriedly run away. We shall waste our efforts which we made some before to violently attack the enemy troops. If they can reach position where they can reorganize themselves to resist us, they will cause additional difficulties to our continuous attacking actions.

36. No matter whether the enemy troops are battered and run away in disorder, or run away in organized formation, we must pursue them strongly. When we catch up with them, the attacking method employed by us is different according to each specific circumstance.

37. With enemy troops that run in disorder, we must not hesitate; we must quickly overtake them.

38. With enemy troops that run in organized formation, we must quickly organize ourselves for combat when we catch up with them. We must deploy our force, directing our main efforts at a principal element of the enemy troops. We must attack them violently, endeavoring to annihilate them while they are still on the move.

39. We must promote the valiant fighting spirit of our troops, daring to use a smaller force to attack and defeat a larger force of the enemy. Other units and detachments must actively effect coordination with friendly units, not letting them fight the enemy alone, not missing any opportunity. High ranking cadre must be positioned near the front to command their men.

40. In regards to sapper and special action units which usually pursue and annihilate the enemy within the limits of the objective, the distance of the pursuit is usually not far (as a result of the tactics of attacking at flank, from the rear, from within, with a small force, which is different from the infantry tactics of engaging the enemy on a large battlefield). Because the enemy has fortifications at hand, and many places for concealment, we must pursue him strongly and closely all the more to annihilate him before he withdraws into his fortifications. Only by so doing, can we end the battle quickly and have favourable conditions to conduct attacks against the enemy in a continuous manner.

41. Regarding enemy troops who run out of their objective, we shall mainly use firepower to pursue them because at any cost we have to liquidate the objective or accomplish the mission assigned by higher echelon regarding this objective.

#### Conclusion

42. If we successfully apply the "three-strong" tactics, we can fully develop the tactical concept regarding: Attack at close quarters; attack in night time; and continuous attack.

43. Previously and presently, in any battle, if we know how to apply the method of "deploying forces, with efforts directed at a main objective", and if we carry out the "three-strong" tactics during combat, no enemy force can resist us. If we only concentrate our troops and fire power, and encircle the enemy without applying the "three-strong" tactics, it will be difficult for us to fulfil the requirement of annihilating the enemy.

44. In the present situation, the US troops, satellite troops and puppet troops depend mainly on their technical weapons.



45. As far as morale is concerned, the full application of the "three-strong" tactics will considerably reduce the effect of their modern technical weapons; sometimes it even neutralizes their effect.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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11 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 100001H to 102400H Jun 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 and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Phase 2 ops continued in AO SCORPION. Other elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Route Security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired one combat and five H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations, bunker construction and road improvement in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and phase 2 ops in Long Le District.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0830	YS693803	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% covered. Results: 8 bunkers exposed, 5 bunkers destroyed, 60 metres of trench exposed, 10 metres of trench destroyed.
1055	YS338815	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 50% coverage. Results: 50 metres trench exposed, 1 wire net exposed, 1 bunker exposed, 2 bunkers damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 101407 at YS418838 1 Pl W Coy contacted 2 to 3 en resulting in 1 en KIA (BC), 1 WIA (blood trail), 1 AK47 and Chicom grenade recovered, 1 NZ WIA (evacuated).

c. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses. 1 NZ WIA (evacuated)
- (2) Enemy Losses.
  - a. Personnel. 1 en KIA (BC)  
1 en WIA (blood trail)
  - b. Material. 1 AK47, 1 Chicom gren.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp YS478564, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp(-) YS673673, 2 Tp(-), THRUST YS4954.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. Regt HQ(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.

(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy(-) YS400798, B Coy(-) YS384813 V Coy YS433873, D Coy(-) YS479869, W Coy(-) YS428837.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS478564, B Coy(-) YS457575, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy(-) YS499603.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in Long Le District from 1 ATF Base and provides Ready Reaction Company.

(2) 6 RAR Companies ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE, def deployment DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.

(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of YS7369.

(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR vic YS4656 within AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4959.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two

Platoon - Nil

Squad - Seven

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small actions with contact: nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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12 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From Period 110001H to 112400H Jun 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Phase 2 ops continued in AO SCORPION. Other elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired one combat and three H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations, bunker construction and road improvement ops in AO ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and phase 2 ops in Long Le District.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AO ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1040H	YS338802	VC Base Camp	90% on target. 30% covered. Results: 1 bunker destroyed.
0900H	YS693803	VC Base Camp	100% on target. 30% covered. Results: 1 bunker destroyed. 1 structure exposed 1 pit exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 110700H at YS479864 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 enemy resulting in 3 enemy KIA (BC). 1 enemy WIA (PW), 2 X AK 47 and 1 RPG 7 recovered.
- (2) Spotrep: At 1655H B Coy 6 RAR received sniper fire from an unknown number of enemy, resulting in 4 Aust WIA (evacuated). B Coy withdrew from first contact and were contacted again, resulting in 3 Aust WIA. Enemy casualties are unknown. Spooky and LFTs are still in the area.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Loses. 7 Aust WIA (evacuated).
- (2) Enemy Loses.
  - (a). Personnel. 3 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA (PW).
  - (b). Material. 2 X AK 47, 1 X RPG 7.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp YS478564, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS700672, 2 Tp (-) FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. Regt HQ (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS395757, B Coy (-) YS393818 and moving, V Coy (-) YS402870, D Coy (-) YS467884, W Coy (-) YS417828.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS478564, B Coy (-) YS459577, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy (-) YS489613.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in Long Le District from 1 ATF Base and provides ready reaction company.
- (2) 6 RAR companies ambush in AO VINCENT Centre of Mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE Centre of Mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn lqnd clearing in AO ALDGATE, defence deployment in DAT DO VIC YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST VIC YS4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION Centre of Mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR VIC YS4656 within AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4959.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.  
Platoon - nil.  
Squad - six.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact : one.

g. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
  - (a) Personnel: 4 Aust WIA (evacuated).
  - (b) Material : 1 X M113 severely damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses. Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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187. MEMBERS RETURNING TO UNIT

1. All members of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, LAD and Det 1 Fwd Del Tp are to report to the Orderly Room on return from Courses, Hospital, R and R, R and C and Detachments during normal working hours or the Duty Officer during the night at the CP.
2. All documents on return are to be left at the Orderly Room.
3. The RAP Sergeant or in his absence the Cpl Med Asst is to notify the Orderly Room immediately any member of the Squadron is admitted to hospital.
4. Failure to comply with the above will result in disciplinary action.

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NOTICE

The Jeparit will be bringing new stores to the PX at 1 AFT on approx 20 Jun 69. All members who wish to purchase goods through the unit bulk purchase scheme are to place their orders with Cpl Winstanley at the Orderly room incl money by 20 Jun 69 No orders will be taken after this date

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM  
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12 Jun 69

**SUBJECT:** Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 120001H to 122400H Jun 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 and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Phase 2 ops continued in AO SCORPION. Other elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 1 combat and 5 H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations, bunker construction and road improvement in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. Land clearing commenced in AO SCORPION along Route 23.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting AO patrols and phase 2 ops in LONG LE District.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, continued ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0747	YS 4084 YS 4184 YS 4284	VC Base Camp	100% on target 50% covered Results: Neg. Further.
1135	YS 395843	VC in the open	100% on target 100% covered Results: 3 spider holes uncovered.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late entry. Further to B Coy 6 RAR's contact of 111655H at YS 395818. A search of the contact area resulted in 9 enemy KIA (BC).
- (2) At 121020H at YS 3986, 1 Pl V Coy contacted 20-30 VC resulting in 7 enemy KBA (Possible). V Coy swept through the contact area and at 1302H, were in contact again resulting in 3 enemy KIA (BC), 11 enemy WIA (Possible - blood trails), 82mm Mortar Bipod, 1 AK47, 100x12.7 rds, 2xhvy MG sights (one for use in AA role), 1 kilo Indian Hemp, Pl Comds roll book with designator B1-23 on front. Further sweeps to follow.
- (3) At 122031H at YS 430574, Ptl 25 from B Coy 9 RAR contacted 3 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 WIA (Possible), 1xSMG and 1xM2 recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses. Nil.

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- (2) Enemy losses.  
a. Personnel. 14 enemy KIA (BC), 7 enemy KBA (Poss)  
12 enemy WIA (Poss - blood trails)  
b. Material. 1xAK47, 1xSMG, 1xM2, 1x82mm Mortar Bipod,  
2xHvy MG sights (1xAA), 100x12.7 rds,  
1 kilo Indian hemp, 1 Pl Comds Roll Book  
with designator B1-23.

- d. Locations.  
(1) B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp YS 478564, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA  
YS 4379.  
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS 700672  
2 Tp (-) FSPB THRUST YS 4954.  
(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB  
VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.  
(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.  
(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy YS 389823, B Coy  
YS 392822, V Coy (-) YS 411873, D Coy (-) YS 465884, W Coy (-)  
YS 419825.  
(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS 478564, B Coy (-)  
YS 459574, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy (-) YS 489613.

- e. Plans Summary.  
(1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE District from 1 ATF  
Base and provides Ready Reaction Company.  
(2) 6 RAR Coys ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS 437797.  
Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS 437797.  
(3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of  
mass YS 4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn Land Clearing in AO ALDGATE  
def deployment Det Do VIC YS 500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc  
FSPB THRUST VIR YS 4954.  
(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and  
1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.  
(5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conduct phase 2 ops  
XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS 7369.  
(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under ops con 9 RAR  
VIC YS 4656 with AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK Det Do YS 4959.

- f. Small Unit Actions  
(1) Company  
Platoon  
Squad  
(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.  
(3) Small Unit Actions with contact : one - LRRPs.

- g. Results.  
(1) Friendly Losses - nil.  
(2) Enemy Losses - 4 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations (Pay Ops) issued to II FFV only.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

14 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 130001H to 132400H Jun 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 and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Phase 2 ops continued in AO SCORPION. Other elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired nil combat and 16 H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations, bunker construction and road improvement in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. Land clearing along Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC continued.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and phase 2 ops in LONG LE District.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements from B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt completed ambush ops and commenced RIF and ambush ops with emphasis on installation search and destruction.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
2115H 12 Jun	YS55139182	VC Base Camp	Neg BDA
1040H	YS457549	VC Base Camp	100% on target 50% covered Results: 2 bnkr dest, 7 bnks exp, 1 breather hole exp. Scattered clothing, cooking utensils and containers in the area.
1605H	YS378889	VC Base Camp	100% on target 80% covered Results: 1 Command bnkr dest, 2 bnkr dest, 2 tunnel ent exp.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late entry. Further to Ptl 25 of 9 RAR's contact at 122031H at YS430574. A further body was found during search of contact area. Amend report to read 3 en KIA (BC), 1 x SMG, 1 x M2 rifle and 1 x M1 rifle recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Enemy Losses.
  - a. Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC) (late entry)
  - b. Material: 1 x M1 rifle (late entry)

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp YS478564, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS665705, 2 Tp (-) FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS390834, B Coy (-) YS392822, V Coy (-) YS414887, D Coy (-) YS465884, W Coy (-) YS427838.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS478564, B Coy (-) YS463172, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy (-) YS489613.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts phase 2 ops in LONG LE District from 1 ATF Base and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (2) 6 RAR Coys ambush in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4745 and protects 1 Fd Sqn Land Clearing in AO ALDGATE def deployment DAT DO vic YS500589 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) Det B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elements conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 9 RAR vic YS4656 with AO ALDGATE, in AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4959.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two  
Platoon - nil  
Squad - eleven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

g. Results.

- (1) Late entry. Additional to 4 VC KIA (BC) reported 12 Jun 69 the fol wps have been recovered. 1 x 7.62mm Chicom pistol, 1 x M79, 1 x RPG2, 1 x AK47.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued to II FF only.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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15 Jun 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THIANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Phase 2 ops in AO SCORPION. Other elements remained op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT and 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Route security and convoy.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired nil contact and 17 H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations, bunker construction and road improvement in AO ALDGATE and AO BLOCK. Land clearing along route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC continued.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and phase 2 ops in LONG LE District.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush ops in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AO ALDGATE and BLOCK.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:-

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1045H	YS404734	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% covered. Results: 8 bunkers exposed, 30 metres of <del>coms</del> trench exposed.
1110H	YS378867	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% covered. Results: 100m trench destroyed 100m trench exposed. 1 Dud Bomb.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1200H at YS478818, A/Tk Pl 6 RAR contacted 2-3 enemy. The contact was initiated by A/Tk Pl who saw the enemy about to fire on them. Negative results.

c. Results.

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

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp YS478564, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp(+) YS665705, 2 Tp(-) FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 161 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy(-) YS395844, B Coy(-) YS398825, V Coy YS397877, D Coy(-) YS465884, W Coy(-) YS427838.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS478564, B Coy(-) YS461577, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy(-) YS489613.

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e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4745. One Coy conducts RIF op in AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and defence development DAT DO vic YS480600 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides ready reaction Coy.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4860.
- (7) 3 SAS LRRPs recce vic YS6072, YS5573, YS2680, YS6581, YS6485, YS6989, YS6778, YS3574.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Nil  
Squad - Seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

g. Results.

Nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) negative report.

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16 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 150001H to 152400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements under op con 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE released to op con 5 RAR on 5 RAR assuming responsibility for AL ALDGATE. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued Phase 2 Operations in AO SCORPION. Elements under op con 9 RAR in AO ALDGATE released to op con 5 RAR on 5 RAR assuming responsibility for AL ALDGATE. Elements remain op con to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT. Route security and escort duties continued.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired one combat and 25 H and I missions during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.

(6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) deployed into and assumed responsibility for AO ALDGATE and AO BLOCK. A Coy deployed into AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7072. Bn is supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.

(8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR ceased operations in AO ALDGATE and AO BLOCK and returned to 1 ATF Base.

(9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assisment
1044H	YS404734	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 4 bunkers exposed, 1 structure exposed

b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 1115H at YS489534 whilst deploying into DAT DO D Coy 5 RAR detonated an enemy anti-personnel mine resulting in 2 Aust KIA and 24 Aust WIA (evacuated).

(2) At 2030H 7 mortar rounds of unknown calibre impacted near FSPB THRUST YS4954 without causing damage or casualties.

(3) At 2030H at YS480589 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 6 en resulting in 1 en KIA (BC).

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses: 2 Aust KIA, 24 Aust WIA evacuated.

(2) Enemy Losses: 1 en KIA (BC)

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS478564; 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA YS4379.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS746726; 2 Tp (-) FSPB VIRGINIA; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB VIRGINIA.

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(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS746726; B Coy (-) YS464572; C Coy (-) YS477564; D Coy (-) YS480584.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy (-) YS397844; B Coy (-) YS403825; V Coy YS397877; D Coy (-) YS466867; W Coy (-) YS427838.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4745. One coy conducts RIF op in AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and defensive development DAT DO vic YS480600 in AO BLOCK.

(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR conducts Phase 2 ops LONG DIEN district from Nui Dat and provides ready reaction coy.

(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.

(5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elms conduct Phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district AO SCOPRION centre of mass YS7369.

(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under opcon 5 RAR vic YS 4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4860.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

g. Results: Nil

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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188. DUTIES

	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
17 Jun 69	Lt RITCHIE	SGT GRAY
18 " "	Capt GILCHRIST	SGT CORKRAN
19 " "	Lt McNEILAGE	SGT BAILEY
20 " "	WO2 BUCKELL	SGT DE TURT
21 " "	WO2 KLUDAS	SGT TOCOCK
22 " "	Lt DOERR	SGT STEER
23 " "	WO2 DINGLE	SGT ATKINS

PICQUETS

	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
17 Jun 69	FWD DEL TP	3 TROOP
18 " "	2 TROOP	LAD
19 " "	COMPOSITE	3 TROOP
20 " "	FWD DEL TP	COMPOSITE
21 " "	2 TROOP	LAD
22 " "	COMPOSITE	3 TROOP
23 " "	2 TROOP	LAD

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189. MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

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

L/Cpl THOMAS  
Tpr MURPHY  
" TALLIS  
" FOOTER  
" REARDON  
" WEBBER

Vietnamese Campaign Medal

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

TPR WEDMAIER  
L/CPL JAENKE  
L/CPL HENDERSON  
TPR HAMILTON  
TPR MADDEN  
TPR McLAUGHLIN  
TPR McGUIRE  
TPR RALPH  
TPR SMITH L.P.  
TPR WEBBER  
TPR STEVENS  
TPR HILL

190. REFUEL POINT

1. Crew Comds are to ensure that tanks are not turned on the road along side the Refueling Point, nor run onto the Helicopter Pad.

2. Light track vehicles are only to run on the Helicopter Pad when authorised by QM or SSM.

191. DEGREES OF READINESS OF PERSONAL WEAPONS

References: A. Training Information No 3/69 dated 30 Apr 69  
B. Manual of Army Safety, Section 15.

1. The degrees of weapon readiness listed below are to be introduced as standard to meet operational needs:

a. "Empty"

- (1) No magazine or rounds on the weapon.
- (2) Breech empty
- (3) Working parts forward.
- (4) Safety device ON.

b. "Loaded"

- (1) Breech empty
- (2) Working parts forward.
- (3) Safety device ON
- (4) Magazine with rounds or belt on the weapon.

/c. "Action"



- c. "Action"
  - (1) Round in chamber.
  - (2) Sights up.
  - (3) Safety device ON.
  - (4) Finger outside the trigger guard - NOT on the trigger.
- b. "Instant"
  - (1) Round in chamber.
  - (2) Sights up.
  - (3) Safety device OFF
  - (4) Finger outside the trigger guard - NOT on the trigger.

192. CUSTOMS DUTY ON ATTRACTIVE GOODS

1. The attention of members should be drawn to the fact that the Customs concessions shown in Annex B to AHQ Admin Instr No 8 specifically exclude the following high duty items from the \$260 duty free and 25% dutiable concessions:

- a. Tobacco products.
- b. Fur apparel.
- c. Radio receivers and transmitters.
- d. Television sets.
- e. Spirituous liquors.
- f. Tape recorders and players and dictating machines.
- g. Vehicles.

2. These items must be specifically declared and may be admitted free of duty only under the special provisions covering:

- a. Personal effects.
- b. Furniture and household goods, which have been in possession and use for 12 months prior to departure for Australia.
- c. Cigarettes and liquor.
- d. Motor vehicles.

3. As an example, advice received from the Ship's Army Staff of HMAS Sydney indicates that the minimum duty on a portable TV set which does not qualify for 12 months ownership is \$100.

193. VEHICLE ACCIDENT - REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

1. All vehicle accidents, however minor, are to be reported to Det AFV Pro Unit and A Branch HQ 1 ATF immediately. The initial report may be given verbally but is to be confirmed by signal within 12 hrs of the accident.

2. When the property or persons of other nations are involved, the report is to be made in the form of the Crash One and Crash Two signals as set out in AFV SOP Part 2 Ch 2 Sect 7 Annex A.

3. Unless otherwise directed by HQ 1 ATF, a unit investigation is not required. Units are to make any relevant AAF G2, G4, or G13 available to Det AFV Pro Unit on request.

4. A guide for drivers in the event of an accident is shown as Annex A. Units are to reproduce this guide and issue it to all drivers. A copy of the guide is to be carried by all drivers of vehicles.

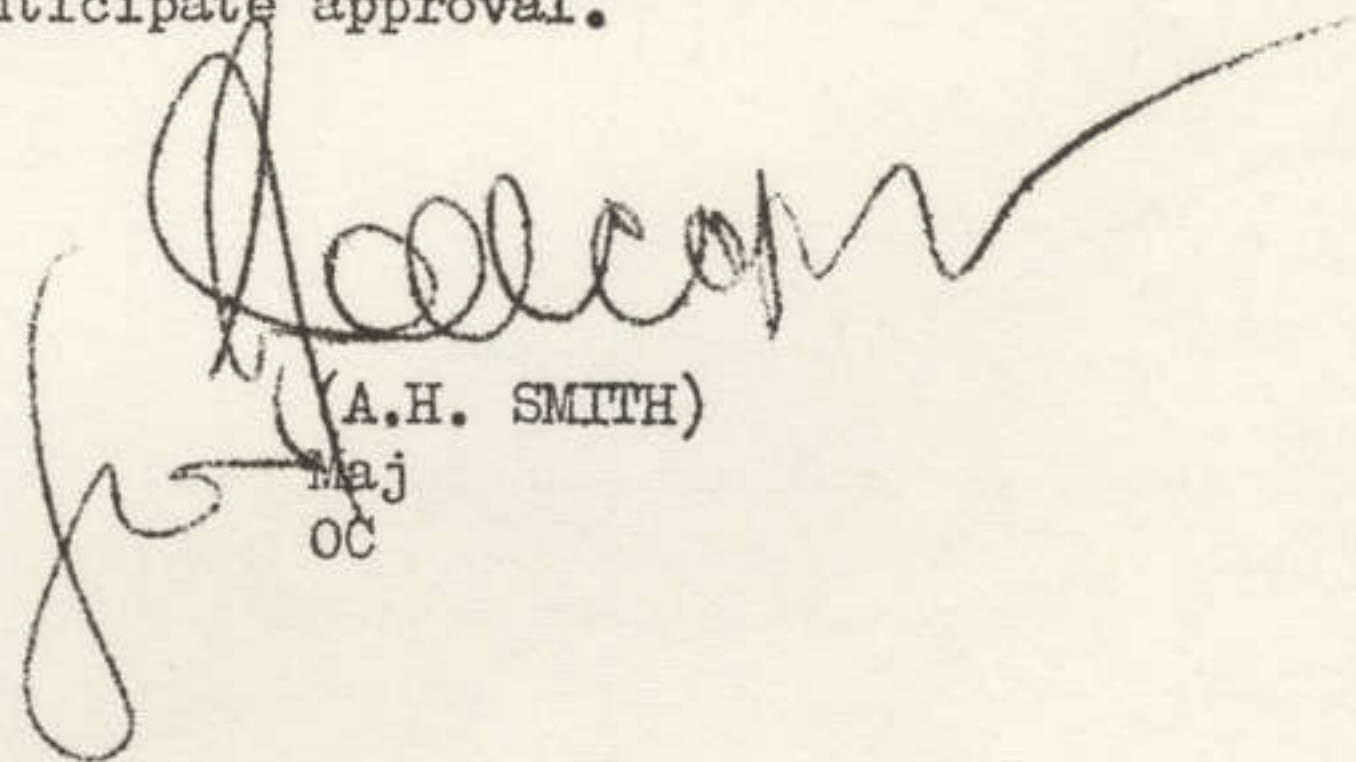
194. CONTROL OF VEHICLES MOVEMENT

1. The movement of 1 ATF vehicles from 1 ATF Base is only permitted under the following circumstances:

- a. As part of a convoy authorised by HQ 1 ATF or
- b. When the AAF G2 has been specifically authorised by an officer of A Branch HQ 1 ATF, or
- c. When the driver carries a special pass issued by HQ 1 ATF to a Unit eg. CA, Div Int.

2. A record of special authorizations under sub paras 1 b and 1 c is to be maintained in A Branch HQ 1 ATF and the front gate log sheet is to be checked against this list daily.

3. Special authorizations will be made only in the most exceptional circumstances and units are not to anticipate approval.



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NOTICE

OCS JAN 70 ENTRY

- 1. Application for entry to OCS close in approx Sep 69.
- 2. Personnel wishing to apply are to notify the Orderly Room.

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17 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 160001H to 162400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remain under op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Elements remain under op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued Phase 2 Operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 25 H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE. Bn is supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION. D Coy 5 RAR continued search and ambush operations in AO BLOCK.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) remained in 1 ATF base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and TAOR patrols.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1040H	YS377837	VC Base Camp	90% on Tgt, 50% covered. Results: 5 bunkers destroyed. 5 bunkers damaged. 1 bunker exposed.
1121H	YS392813	VC Base Camp	100% on Tgt, 20% covered. Results: 1 spider hole exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 160215H at YS480589, 10Pl D Coy 5 RAR were engaged with SA and RPG by an unknown enemy force. Results: 4 VC KIA(BC), 1 AUST KIA, 2 AUST WIA. One SKS, one M1 and AK47, and one M16 CIA.
- (2) At 161410 at YS447584 elements of B Coy 5 RAR and RF contacted unknown size enemy force. Results: 2 RF WIA.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses: 1 Aust KIA, 2 AUST WIA, 2 RF WIA.
- (2) Enemy Losses: 4 VC KIA(BC).

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS477548, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp(-) YS745725 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.

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- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; B Bty(-) 2/35 Arty(US) FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy(-) YS753737; B Coy(-) YS455573; C Coy(-) YS477548; D Coy(-) YS480584.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy(-) YS419862 B Coy(-) YS403824; V Coy(-) YS422892; D Coy(-) YS466867; W Coy YS427878.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts RIF op in AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn and clearing in AO ALDGATE and def development DAT DO VIC YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ location FSPB THRUST VIC YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ location FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT and provides ready reaction Coy.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides TK Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with infantry elements conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR VIC YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1) Company - TWO  
Platoon - NIL  
Squad - SEVEN
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 11 LRRPS deployed.

g. Results.

NIL.

2. Combined Operations (Pr Ops) issued separately to II FF V only.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

1. During the period enemy initiated activity was light to moderate as enemy units regrouped following heavy losses suffered during the previous weeks high points. Enemy activity was characterised mainly by attacks by fire but included two significant ground attacks, one against an ARVN NDP SE of BEN SOI (TAY NINH) on 9th June and the other against LZ JOY (LONG KHANH) on 12th June. Enemy activity was greatest in TAY NINH, BINH LONG, BINH DUONG and LONG AN provinces.

2. Enemy activity in VC BA BIEN province was light to moderate with only 3 significant attacks by fire reported. 174 Regt remained out of contact South of DINH QUAN (LONG KHANH). Elements of 275 VC Regt were identified by PWS in a 12th June contact 10 Km SW of VO DAT (LONG KHANH). This represents the initial identification of the regiment in the area. The 95 Regt is believed to be located south of GIA RAY (LONG KHANH). The Heavy Weapons Company of 33 Regt was identified by documents captured in a sharp 12th June contact 11 Km NW of NGAI GIAD (PHUOC TUY). 274 Regt remained in its base area in the HAT DICH.

3. During the week there were 95 enemy initiated attacks in III CTZ compared to 122 last week of these, there were 24 significant mortar and 31 rocket attacks compared to 24 and 27 respectively last week.

4. Details of major enemy initiated attacks are:-

- a. 9th June at XT142430, 6 Km SE of BEN SOI (TAY NINH) a 5 ARVN Abn NDP was hit by 300 x 82mm mortar rounds followed by a ground probe by an unknown size enemy force. Fire was returned with organic weapons and support by US/ARVN arty, LPT, Spooky, resulted in 50 enemy KIA and 2PW. The enemy unit was identified as 2-272 VC Regt.
- b. 12th June at YT676258, 10 Km SW of VO DAT (LONG KHANH) - LZ JOY 1US CAV DIV (AM) elements received a ground attack by an estimated enemy battalion. The result was 35 enemy KIA and 2PW and 6 x B40 RLS, 22 AK-47 rifles, 2 x B41 RLS, 6 x RPD MGS and 1 CHICOM radio set were captured. Documents identified 1/3 - 275 VC Regt while PWs identified 1/2 2-275 VC Regt.

Enemy Locations

5. Most significant movements of main force units were those of 141 NVA Regt in BINH LONG province and 275 VC Div in LONG KHANH province. Documents found in a base camp at XT844828 9 Km SE of AN LOC identified 141 Regt in this location. Documents and PWs taken in the attack on LZ JOY (LONG KHANH) identified elements of all 3 battalions of 275 Regt which probably indicates that the bulk of the Regt is currently operating SE of DINH QUAN.

6. Full details of probable locations of enemy main force units are:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>
1 NVA Div HQ	NW of NUI BA DEN	4525
18 B NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG (XT3944)	1300
95C NVA Inf Regt	NNW of DAU TIENG (XT3870)	900
101D NVA Inf Regt	N of MINH THANH (XT6781)	1300
5 VC Div HQ	Central War Zone D	4710
275 VC Inf Regt	SE of DINH QUAN (YT6826)	1160
174 NVA Inf Regt	S of DINH QUAN (YT4640)	1175
95 NVA Inf Regt	S of GIA RAY (YT3647)	1150

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<u>7 VA Div HQ</u>	Vic FISHHOOK	4575
<u>141 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SE of AN LOC (XT6887)	1100
<u>165 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of AN LOC (XT7183)	1150
<u>209 NVA Inf Regt</u>	W BINH LONG prov (XT7090)	875
<u>9 VC Div HQ</u>	LO GO Area	4250
<u>271 VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of TAY NINH (XT2737)	1000
<u>272 VC Inf Regt</u>	NW of TAY NINH (XT1443)	1140
<u>88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW of NUI BADEN (XT2352)	860
<u>1 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed LONG AN prov	1500
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of XUAN LOC (YS3986)	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic Nth TRAPEZOID (XT5837)	1050
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods	750
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH Area (YS3583)	900
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of LAI KHE (XT8353)	1200
<u>QUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	Nth of HOC MON	poss 750

Enemy Losses

7. Enemy losses for the period in III CTZ were 1298 KIA (BC), 82 PW, 101 Hoi Chanh, 574 individual and 113 crew served weapons captured. There were 27 tons of rice destroyed or captured.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

8. Intelligence obtained during the period indicates the enemy will initiate another high point, possibly greater in intensity than the 5th/6th June period, to occur between 15th - 20th June. The enemy appears to be continuing his efforts towards outlying areas, and it is expected that route interdictions and attacks by fire will increase, particularly in TAY NINH and BINH LONG provinces and in the SE part of the CTZ. The positioning of enemy forces appears to be designed for response to allied actions, and either the continuation of widespread offensive actions or consolidation of his presence and control over land and people.

9. It is expected that continuing military and political pressure will be applied against the GVN. Enemy Documents have stated that the US was on the verge of settling the war and all that is necessary is for the enemy to maintain the pressure in order to gain a favourable settlement. Other documents have indicated that a concerted effort is being made to weaken GVN presence in the countryside, and the announced formation of a Provincial Revolutionary Government by the NLF is further evidence of enemy preparations for domination of any future government.

10. Enemy documents have indicated also that the purpose of the Summer Campaign is largely to influence US policy towards conditions more favourable to the enemy. The statement in the document that the campaign is not designed to be a decisive one and is limited in objectives, indicates that even though the enemy has focused his immediate efforts against US forces and government policy, he realises that the long term struggle is between himself and the GVN.

11. It is expected that a widespread terrorist campaign will take place in SAIGON during late June or early July and will probably coincide with high peaks in the Summer offensive.

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Friendly Activities

12. Sweep operations by friendly forces during the week resulted in several sharp clashes and unearthed some sizeable caches of food and munitions. Main friendly initiated actions were:-

- a. 8th June, XT404571 7Km SE of PHOUC HOA (TAYNINH) 1 US Cav (AM) night hawk engaged an area around 3 campfires with organic weapons - result 40 enemy KIA.
- b. 9th June, XT820870, 2.5Km SE LZ ANDY (BINH LONG) 1 US Inf Div engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 36 enemy KIA.
- c. 9th June, Xt125426, 6Km SE of BEN SOI (TAY NINH) 6 ARVN Abn engaged an unknown size enemy force result 31 enemy KIA and 2PW who identified element of 271 VC Regt.
- d. 9th June, XT387504, 10.5Km NW of DAU TIENG (TAY NINH) 25US Inf Div Company engaged the enemy with SA/AW, LFT and Spooky Supported, and with another company reinforcing eliminated 57 enemy KIA. Captured documents identified an element of 95C NVA Regt.
- e. 10th June, XT985753, 10Km west of DONG XOAI (PHUOC LONG) 1 US Cav Div (AM) LOH spotted an enemy base area; an airstrike was called in resulting in 40 enemy KBA.
- f. 11th June, XT426486, 7Km NW of DAU TIENG (TAY NINH) a 25 US Inf Div Company engaged an unknown size enemy force with SA/AW, supported by, LFT, arty and FAC and reinforced by another 4 companies, friendly forces inflicted 62 KIA and captured 3PW; enemy was identified as 2-95C NVA Regt.

13. Details of main caches found are:-

- a. XT435700, (TAY NINH) on 10th June 1 US Cav Div elements found a bunker complex of 55 bunkers which contained 300 Bangalore torpedos; on 11th June in the same area discovered additional cache sites, one containing 260 US Bangalore torpedos and another containing 106 more torpedos of unknown origin; on 12th June at XT4370 yet another cache was found containing 645 Bangalore torpedos and other assorted ammunition. This brought the total of Bangalore torpedos found in three days in this area to 1311. It is likely that the Bangalore torpedos were found in a trans-shipment area and were probably destined for enemy sapper elements.
- b. On 14th June at XT455855 (TAY NINH) 1 US Cav Div elements on a BDA after a B-52 strike observed 250 x 200lb bags of rice.
- c. At YT512433, YT511431 and YT512424 (LONG KHANH) along the DONGNAI River 1 US Cav Div elements located 42 tons of salt  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of sugar, 5 tons of flour and a varied assortment of foodstuffs, medical supplies, weapons and other equipment. This general cache area was discovered about three weeks ago and since then a large amount of food and equipment has been found in which is probably a base storage area.

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



Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary. Omitted.

Other Information

NVA Induction Process

14. Recently two PWs reported on the method by which they were inducted into the NVA. Both reports bear similarity. Both PWs stated their draft notices contained no reporting instructions; neither received inoculations or a written examination. Neither was informed of the length of service commitment.

15. On 20th July 1967 the first PW was notified at the factory where he worked that he would be drafted into the NVA 10 Days later. The draft notice contained no directions for the method of induction or location of his reporting station, nor did he receive a physical examination after the receipt of his draft notice. He had been given a physical 21 months prior at which he was classified A-3 because he was slightly deaf and had suffered an intestinal illness as a child. He received no inoculations, had never taken a written examination, nor had he ever been administered the oath. On 30th July 1967 a truck arrived at the PWs place of work to transport him and 2 others to basic training. There were already 7 men on the truck. The draftees ages ranged from 18-26 years and their respective educational levels were unknown. The PW was at the time 23 and had 4 years of formal education and he was the only draftee on the truck who was classified A-3, the others were either A-1 or A-2.

16. The source stated that there were only 2 types of exemption from service in the NVA:-

- a. Sole surviving sons did not have to serve; and
- b. The sons of parents who had been killed fighting the French did not have to serve.

17. The PW was not informed as to how long he would have to serve in the NVA. Although the draftees received no clothing, equipment, or political indoctrination until after arrival at their basic training camp, the morale of the men was high because each man understood his duty of serving NVN.

18. The second PW was born in THANH HOA province NVN in 1948 and had received 7 years of formal education. On 23rd February 1968 he received his "Decision of Recruitment" from the village recruitment council official. The "Decision of Recruitment" stated:- "The army is happy to welcome a new soldier. At 1500 hours 23rd February 1968, you will report to the village aid station for a pre-induction physical. There were 35 other draftees at the physical examination. There were no inoculations or written examinations. The physical was conducted by a doctor, 2 medics and 2 medical technicians. Before the physical administrative details were completed and all names were checked off on a master list and an officer delivered a short welcoming speech describing the glorious opportunities to serve one's country.

19. There were 7 examining stations which covered the following sections of the physical:-

- a. Handing in of personal data forms, height and weight measured; min. height 4'10" and min weight 88lbs.
- b. Eyes, ears, nose mouths and throats checked at Station 2. The men also undressed here for checks on body deformities.

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- c. Check by stethoscopes of heart and lungs; there was no X-ray taken.
- d. Station 4, checks on abdomen, reflexes and co-ordination; questions on medical history and notations of same by doctor.
- e. Blood pressure and pulse read at Station 5.
- f. Blood samples taken at Station 6 to determine blood type.
- g. At Station 7 the men undressed again for rectum and genitals examination.

20. After the examination the men were given a physical classification either A-1, A-2, A-3, B-1, B-2 and B-3. B-3 was the only category meriting exemption.

21. If one passed the physical he was sure to be drafted as in 1967 a "General Mobilisation Plan" decreased the number for exemption. At present there are 2 temporary exemptions:-

- a. A student preparing to take the university was exempt unless he failed and he then became re-eligible.
- b. If an only son was unmarried he was exempt but once married he was eligible again.

The only permanent exemption were for those with a critical industrial skill, physically or mentally unfit, or those holding key government or party positions. Under the General Mobilisation Plan the length of service was changed from 3 years to an indefinite period. Max draft age was increased from 26 to 36, the min remained at 17 though 16 year olds could volunteer.

22. On 25th February the PW received a letter informing him he had passed the pre-induction physical and to report to the local induction centre later that afternoon. The following morning the PW walked to the district induction centre where the district chief made a speech to all the new inductees of how proud their country was that so many young men willingly left their families and told them they would be able to return home in a very short time.

23. At the basic training camp the men were given another physical almost identical to the pre-induction physical and were then issued 2 pair new NVA fatigues, 1 pair sandals, 1 field pack, 1 straw mat, 2 sets of cooking utensils per squad, 2 sets of underwear, 1 NVA cap, 1 blanket, 1 mosquito net and 1 rice bowl. The men were then instructed to send their civilian clothes home. The next two months were then spent in political indoctrination, work details, infantry training and infiltration training. (Extracted from II FFV Perinterp 24-69)

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18 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 170001H to 172400H Jun 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, and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remain under op con <sup>RIFIA</sup> 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT. <sup>RIFIA</sup>
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired 6 <sup>RIFIA</sup> contact missions and two H and I missions during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE. The bn is supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION. D Coy 5 RAR continued search and ambush operations in AO BLOCK.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb damage Assessment
0810H	YS298835	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 50% coverage Results: 7 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker exposed.
1380H	YS366901	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 20% covered Results: Neg BDA
1530H	YS338802	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers exposed and damaged, 100 metres of comm trench uncovered 1 tunnel entrance exposed
CSS	YS61239125	VC Base Camp	Bombs on target. Negative further BDA.
CSS	YS37758370 YS38108510 YS39208130	VC Base Camp	1 "L" shaped pit exposed at YS38108510.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (Late Entry). At 152030H at YS480589, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 6 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC).

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(2) At 171558H at YS252727 elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, escorting a US convoy, were engaged with RPG by an unknown number of VC. A LFT supported. Results: 1 AK47 captured.

(3) At 171630H at YS431907 2/V/6 RAR were engaged by approx 4 enemy. Results: 4 VC KIA (BC). During the sweep 2/V/6 RAR was again engaged by SA and RPG.

(4) At 171711H at YS500895 10/D/6 RAR contacted 4 enemy. Results: 1 enemy KIA (BC). The enemy withdrew East then South.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses: 1 NZ KIA, 4 Aust WIA.

(2) Enemy Losses: 5 VC KIA (BC).

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS483551, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp(-) YS745725, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, B Bty(-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB VIRGINIA.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy(-) YS757757, B Coy(-) YS451574, C Coy(-) YS477541, D Coy(-) YS480584.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy(-) YS428894, B Coy(-) YS403824, V Coy(-) YS431896, D Coy(-) YS471891, W Coy YS427851.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

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(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides ready reaction coy.

(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.

(5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elms conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.

(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, under op con B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - two  
Platoon - nil  
Squad - seven

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed. 1 LRRP contacted 2 enemy.

g. Results

(1) 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 CHICOM pistol CIA.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. The following Psy Ops were conducted during the reporting period:

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. (Quick Reaction) mission targeted on 274 VC Regt at areas centre of mass YS3185, YS3183, YS2983. The themes were along the surrender or Chieu Hoi lines based on the recent VC defeat by Royal Thais in the Bin Son Rubber area on 15 Jun 69.

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The broadcast was conducted by HE team from RAAF aircraft for a total broadcasting time of 1 hour.

(2) Face to Face missions targeted on the population of Ap Long Cat village Long Le District. The themes were based on the GVN Image lines, stressing prosperity, growth, patriotism and general information. The mission was conducted by the HE team screening a total of 6 movies for a total screening time of 4 hours.

b. Neither of the above operations produced ralliers and no information of intelligence value was obtained.

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(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Task Force Artillery fired two contact missions during the reporting period. Fourteen H & I missions were fired.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and on Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.

(6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE. The bn is supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION. D Coy 5 RAR continued search and ambush operations in AO BLOCK.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.

(8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.

(9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb damage Assessment
0840H	YS290832	VC Base Camp	80% on target 80% coverage. 5 bunkers destroyed 2 bunkers damaged.
0905H	YS457549	VC Base Camp	100% on target 30% coverage. 1 breather hole exposed 2 bunkers uncovered 1 structure exposed 1 concrete bunker exposed.
0930H	YS287777	VC Base Camp	100% on target 20% coverage. 2 bunkers exposed 5 metres of trench exposed.
1120H	YS438862	VC Base Camp	100% on target 50% coverage. 1 bunker damaged 5 spider holes damaged.
1345H	YS662900	VC Base Camp	100% on target 30% coverage. Negative BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 180645H at 466546 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted one enemy without result.

(2) At 180930H at YS438862 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted two enemy resulting in one enemy KIA (poss). Four packs, two SKS and some documents were recovered from a hut in the vicinity of the contact.

(3) At YS182034H at YS413584 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR Engaged one en with unknown results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy losses: 1 KIA (poss).

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS477548, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA (YS4379).
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS745725, 2 Sect, 1 Tp YS673672, 3 Sect 1 Tp YS743736, 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST (YS4955), 3 Sect 2 Tp YS478548.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS753736, B Coy (-) YS457574, C Coy (-) YS477548, D Coy (-) YS479584.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS435897, B Coy (-) YS390826, V-Coy (-) YS436898, D Coy (-) YS472891, W Coy YS427851.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9-RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL (YS4961).

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- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797 Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO SCORPION centre of mass YS7369.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR VIC YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, under op con B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.  
Platoon - one  
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.

g. Omitted.

h. Miscellaneous.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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20 Jun 69

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

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

1.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained under op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued Phase 2 Operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and elements op con A Coy 5 RAR moved into AO FROG. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Seven H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and on Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION and later moved with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt elements to AO FROG to carry out further RIF and ambush operations.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.
- (9) Airstrikes. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0824	YS320780	Bunker complex	100 metres of trench exposed.
0916	YS320780	Bunker complex	1 - KBA (Poss).
1330	YS667900	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 10 metres of trench.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 190357H at YS413589 D Coy 5 RAR engaged 10-12 suspected Local Force VC. Sub Sector confirmed that 4 civilian curfew breakers had been wounded in the contact.
- (2) At 191030H at YS492583 a 1 Fd Sqn bulldozer detonated a mine (M16) resulting in one Aust WIA and light damage to the bulldozer.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses: 1 WIA
- (2) Enemy Losses: Nil

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS462545, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS623E  
1 Sect 1 Tp YS673672, 2 Sect and 3 Sect 1 Tp YS618811, 1 Sect  
2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 Sect 2 Tp YS477548,  
1 and 2 Sect Sp Tp YS501897.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB  
VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US)  
FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS623842, B Coy (-)  
YS463572, C Coy (-) YS477548, D Coy (-) YS479584.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS442898, B Coy (-)  
YS390826, V Coy (-) YS436898, D Coy (-) YS501897, W Coy (-)  
YS427851.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of  
mass YS4754. ONE COY CONDUCTS RIF OP IN AO FROG centre of mass  
YS6481. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and  
def development. DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB  
THRUST vic YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of  
mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT  
and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF  
Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conduct phase 2 ops  
XUYEN MOC district AO FROG centre of mass YS6481.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR  
vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859. Under op  
con B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - TWO  
Platoon - ONE  
Squad - SEVEN
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.

g. Results. NIL.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) The following were conducted during the period 12 Jun-  
18 Jun 69.
  - (a) Aircraft Broadcasts. Three night missions were flown  
over areas centre of YS3373, YS2878, YS3475. The themes  
were on Chieu Hoi using "Wandering Souls" tape. Four day  
missions were flown over areas centre of mass YS3270, YS3069,  
YS3476. The theme was Chieu Hoi. These missions were  
targeted at C41, D67 on Local Guerillars.
- (2) The following were conducted on 18 Jun 69.
  - (a) Aircraft Broadcasts. A quick Reaction mission was  
targeted of C41 Chieu Duc Coy at areas centre of mass YS2870,  
YS3169, YS3365, YS3566. Theme was Chieu Hoi exploiting a  
rallier. The broadcast were conducted by HB Team from RAAF  
aircraft for a total broadcast time of one and half hours.
  - (b) Face to Face. Face to face missions were targeted at  
the population of PHU HAI village and PHUOC LE village.  
The theme dealt with the GVN Image. The mission was con-  
ducted by the HE team, screening a total 10 movies for a  
total screening time of five hours.

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(3) The following were conducted on 19 Jun 69.

(a) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcast missions were targeted at the population of PHUOC HOA and LONG CAT villages. The themes dealt with GVN Image and Anti VC. The missions were conducted by the HB team for a total broadcast time of four hours.

(b) Face to Face. Face to face mission was targeted at the population of LANG LONE HUONG village. The themes dealt with GVN Image. The mission was conducted by the HE team, screening a total of eight movies for a total screening time of four hours.

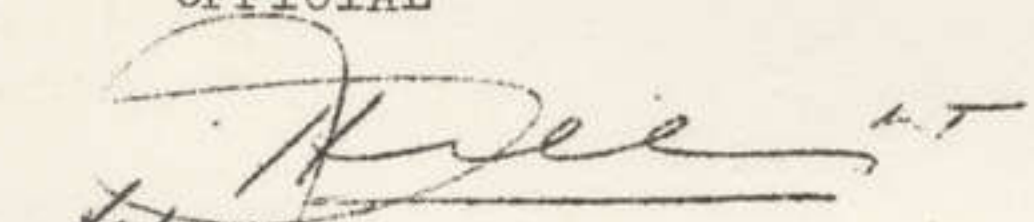
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21 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 200001H to 202400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained under op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued Phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and elements op con A Coy 5 RAR in AO FROG. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AP BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO FROG.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) remained in 1 ATF base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.
- (9) Significant airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1335/1350	YS269850	VC Base Camp	6 Bunkers damaged, 2 breather holes exposed, 3 packs exposed, 30 metres trench destroyed, 20 metres trench exposed and damaged.
1330/1345	YS667900	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 10 metres trench destroyed.
1210	YS328687	VC Base Camp	80% On target, 20% covered. Results Negative BDA, 3 dud bombs.
0710	YS311796	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% covered. Results: 2 Bunkers exposed, 35 metres trench exposed, 1 breather hole exposed, 1 possible KBA.
2012	YS551897	VC Base Camp	All bombs on target, 30 metres communications trench destroyed.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 200645H at YS498896 10/D/6 RAR contacted 60 VC. Results: 22 VC KIA (BC), 6 AK47, 26 Blast grenades, 1 RPG launcher, a quantity of assorted small arms, documents and medical supplies.
- (2) At 200930 at YS441898 1/A/6 RAR contacted three en. Results: 1 M1 Carbine CIA.

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(3) At 201130H at YS500907 12/D/6 RAR contacted two en. Results 1 en KIA (BC).

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses; Nil
- (2) Enemy losses: 23 KIA (BC)

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS477548, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp(-) YS626825, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 2 Tp(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 Sect 2 Tp YS477548, 3 Tp(-) 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS623842, B Coy(-) YS464571 C Coy(-) YS477548, D Coy(-) YS480584.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy(-) YS450904, B Coy(-) YS374828, V Coy(-) YS445893, D Coy (-) YS501897, W Coy YS398850.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4961.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts RIF op on AO FROG centre of mass YS6481. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elements conduct phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district AO FROG centre of mass YS6481.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, under op con B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION

f. Small Unit Actions

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

g. Results. NIL

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) The following were conducted during the reporting period.
  - (a) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcast mission was targeted at the population of PHU HAI village. The themes dealt with GVN image and anti VC. The mission was conducted by HB Team for a total broadcast time of two hours.

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(b) Face to Face. Face to face mission was targeted at the population of PHOUC LE village. The themes dealt with GVN image, public safety, and anti VC/NLF. The mission was conducted by the HE team, screening a total of seven movies for a total screening time of four hours.

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22 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 210001H to 212400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained under op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued Phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and elements op con A Coy 5 RAR in AO FROG. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four combat missions and 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO FROG.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.
- (9) Significant Airstrikes.

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1340H	YS595675	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers exposed
1535H	YS594880	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 hut damaged, 1 bunker exposed, 10 meters of trench exposed, 1 structure destroyed

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 211150H at YS490905 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR sighted three enemy at a range of 400 meters. The Pl moved to a position 100 meters from the enemy and engaged them without results.
- (2) At 211310H at vic YS 444874 V Coy 6 RAR located 1 1/2 tons of rice and 400 ft of demolition cable. There was also a suggestion of illegal storage of rice eg 2 1/2 X 44 gallon drums of rice in one house. National Police with V Coy arrested the manager of the area.
- (3) At 210940H at YS464550 a member of C Coy 5 RAR detonated a mine. Result 1 Aust WIA.
- (4) At 210940H at YS553590 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Result 1 enemy KIA (BC).
- (5) At 210950H at YS553590 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. Result 3 enemy KIA (BC). 1 X M1 rifle captured.

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(6) At 211650H at YS552589 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted 2 plus enemy Result 3 Aust WIA, 1 enemy WIA (poss).

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses: 4 WIA.
- (2) Enemy losses: 4 KIA (BC).  
1 WIA (poss).

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS477548, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA (YS4380).
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS623842, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS673673, 2 and 3 Sect 1 Tp YS626825, 2 Tp (-) FSPB THRUST (YS4955), 1 Sect 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, 3 Sect 2 Tp YS478548, 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS623842, B Coy (-) YS463572, C Coy (-) YS477548, D Coy (-) YS476092.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS450904, B Coy YS354826, V Coy FSPB VIRGINIA, D Coy (-) YS502897, W Coy (-) YS378846.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL (YS4961).

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, Centre of Mass YS4754. One Coy conducts RIF ops in AO FROG, Centre of Mass YS6481. One coy conducts ambush ops in AO MANUS Centre of Mass YS2976. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and defence development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT Centre of Mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR supports phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides Ready Reaction Company.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank troops to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with infantry elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District AO FROG Centre of Mass YS6481. Provides sects to 5 RAR, 6 RAR. Provides Ready Reaction Troop and convoy escorts.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, under op con B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.  
Platoon - two.  
Squad - seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Leaflet drop. An aircraft drop mission was carried out by USAF aircraft targeted at C41 Coy in areas Centre of Mass YS3171 and YS3468. The mission was a quick reaction exploitation of the Chieu Hoi who rallied at HOA LONG on 17 Jun. A total of 80,000 leaflets were dropped.

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23 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 220001H to 222400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained under op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and elements op con A Coy 5 RAR in AO FROG. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact missions and 16 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 East of Xuyen Moc. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) continued Rif and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted Rif and ambush operations in AO FROG. B Coy 5 RAR deployed for Rif and ambush operations in AO MANUS, centre of mass YS 2679.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Bty 2/35 Arty (US), elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Rif and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.
- (9) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1150-1153H	YS680882	VC Base Camp	3 metres trench destroyed 4 tunnel entrances exp, 4 huts exposed.
1315H	YS377847	Occupied VC Base Camp	100% on target, 100% coverage, BDA to be carried out by ground troops.
1340H	YS680882	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% coverage, 2 huts damaged (one extensively), 1 bunker exposed (Second strike).

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 220835H at YS 377848, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted a bunker system. 2 VC were sighted and the Pl was engaged with RPG and SW fire. Bunkers were engaged by Artillery, LFT and airstrike. Results: 2 NZ WIA.

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- (2) At 221710H at YS 245786, 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR sighted 2-3 VC moving West.  
(3) At 221920H at YS 240803, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR sighted 9 VC moving along fire trail East to West.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses - 2 WIA.  
(2) Enemy losses - Nil.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS 477549, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.  
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS 673673, 2 and 3 Sect 1 Tp YS 626825, 2 Tp (-) FSPB THRUST, 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA, Sp Tp (-) FSPB VIRGINIA.  
(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.  
(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS 623842, B Coy (-) YS 245790, C Coy (-) YS 477548, D Coy (-) YS 476592.  
(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy FSPB VIRGINIA, B Coy (-) YS 352828, V Coy (-) YS 483829, D Coy YS 498857, W Coy YS 378846.  
(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL (YS 4961).

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts Rif and ambush ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS 4754. One Coy conducts ambush ops in AO WANIMO, centre of mass YS 2377. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and def development Dat Do vic YS 480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS 4954.  
(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and Rif ops in AO VINCENT, centre of mass YS 437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS 437797.  
(3) 9 RAR supports phase 2 ops Long Dien District from Nui Dat and provides Ready Reaction Coy.  
(4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.  
(5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conducts phase 2 ops Xuyen Moc District. Provides Sects to 5 RAR and 6 RAR. Provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.  
(6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR, vic YS 4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK Dat Do YS 4859, under op con B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION, develops 2/52 ARVN FSPB vic YS 5261 in AO TACKLE.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Three.  
Platoon - Nil.  
Squad - Nine.  
(2) 3 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcast. An aircraft broadcast mission was conducted by the Psy Op Sect and RAAF targeted at 274 VC Regt in areas centre of mass YS 2987, YS 3187, YS 3387, YS 4591, and YS 4791. The mission was a quick reaction exploitation of the Chieu Hoi who rallied to 6 RAR in AO VINCENT on 20 Jun 69. Broadcasting for a total of one hour.

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24 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 230001H to 232400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued Phase 2 ops in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact missions and 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Coy 5 RAR supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO SCORPION. B Coy 5 RAR concluded operations in AO MANUS and commenced RIF and ambush operations in AO VANIMO (YS2376).
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.
- (9) Significant airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1345H	YS444550	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 70% coverage. Results: 1 bnkr dest, 1 bnkr exp, 1 table damaged
1320H	YS444500	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 60% coverage. Results: 1 bnkr/cave ent collapsed
1507H- 1525H	YS683891	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% coverage. Results: 15m comm trench exp, 2 wpn pits exp.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 230835H at YS375850 the follow up to W/6 RAR contact revealed 16 packs, 400 lb rice, medical supplies, 1 VC KBA.
- (2) At 231340H at YS351829 4/B/6 RAR contacted 5 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (Bloodtrails), 1 pistol and a qty of documents CIA.
- (3) At 231432H at YS469545 an M113 ran over a mine. There were no casualties and no damage to the vehicle.

c. Results:

- (1) Friendly losses: Nil.
- (2) Enemy losses:
  - (a) Personnel - 1 KIA (BC), 1 KBA (BC), 2 WIA (Bloodtrail).
  - (b) Equipment - 1 pistol, 400 lb rice, 16 packs.

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d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS477548, 2 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS673673, 2 Tp (-) FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy YS738671, B Coy (-) YS232758, C Coy (-) YS477548, D Coy (-) YS476592.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS400799, B Coy (-) YS352828, V Coy (-) YS502835, D Coy (-) YS502849, W Coy YS378846.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One coy conducts ambush ops in AO V ANIMO, centre of mass YS2377. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797, Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.
- (3) 9 RAR supports Phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (4) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (5) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District. Provides sects to 5 RAR and 6 RAR. Provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.
- (6) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, with op con one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION, develops 2/52 ARVN FSPB vic YS5261 in AO TACKLE.
- (7) The fol LRRPs will be deployed YS2783, YS6188, YS5859.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Three  
Platoon - Nil  
Squad - Seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcast missions targeted at 274 VC Regt were conducted by RAAF and HB team over areas centre of mass YS3087, YS3287, YS3085 and YS3285 and at C41 over areas centre of mass YS3170, YS3370 and YS3368. The themes were on Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour and 25 minutes.
- (2) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcasts were targeted at population of DAT DO village. The themes used were GVN image, anti VC/NFL and VIP. The mission was conducted by the HB team for a total broadcast time of one hour.
- (3) Face to Face. Two face to face missions were targeted at the population of DAT DO village. The themes were GVN image and roi and new life development. The missions were conducted by the HE team showing a total of seven movies for a total screening time of three hours.

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25 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 250001H to 252400H Jun 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, in AO ALDGATE and in AO VANIMO. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO's ALDGATE and VANIMO and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.

(4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact missions and 18 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Fd Sqn continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Route improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.

(6) 5 RAR(-) Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ALDGATE supported by B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 105 Fd Bty. B Coy 5 RAR continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VANIMO. C Coy 5 RAR continued RIF and ambush operations in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass YS3366.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZA). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.

(8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and maintained a Ready Reaction Force and Base AO patrols.

(9) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1525H	YS388381	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 6 bunkers exposed, 2 breather holes exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 0825H at YS294712 5 RAR Radio Relay station contacted 5 or 6 en. Results 1 en KIA (BC), 2 WIA (Bloodtrails), 1 x 7.62 mm pistol, 1 x trip flare and documents captured.

(2) At 1100H at YS294715 Possum 29 received ground fire.

(3) At 1400H at YS375855 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR located 10 bunkers. Recovered, quantity documents, quantity tobacco, 300 rounds 7.62 short, 2 chicom grenades, 650 lbs rice.

(4) At 1400H A Coy 6 RAR located 350 metres of tunnel. Recovered were 2 x M16 rounds, 2 chicom grenades, 1 AN/PRC radio, cooking utensils.

(5) At 1355H Pt1 13A 5 RAR at YS553589 contacted estimated en platoon. Resulting in 2 en KIA (POSS), 1 WIA (bloodtrail), 3 grenades captured. Friendly casualties 1 VN KIA.

(6) At 1400H at YS553589 Possum 22 received ground fire and had tail rotor damaged. Landed safely.

(7) At 1710H at YS552589 Pt1 13A 5 RAR contacted estimated enemy pl. Resulting in 7 VN WIA (Not evacuated - wounds minor). Enemy casualties unknown. The contact was supported by Aust and US LFT.

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(8) At 1600H at YS653697 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located a pressure mine made up of 40 lbs of HE. The mine was destroyed.

(9) At 1330H at YS742670 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav located a pressure mine made up of 2 RPG rounds and 30 lbs of explosive. The mine was destroyed.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy losses:

a. Personnel - 1 KIA (BC), 2 WIA (POSS).

b. Equipment - 1 x 7.62 pistol, 1 trip flare, 300 x 7.62 short rounds, 2 chicom grenades, 1 AN/PRC, 650 lbs rice, qty documents.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS477548; 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS673673; 2 Tp FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; Sect 105 Bty YS261681.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS477548; B Coy (-) YS221784; C Coy (-) YS323668; D Coy (-) YS476592.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA; A Coy (-) YS399803; B Coy (-) YS341816; V Coy (-) YS520040; D Coy YS468832; W Coy YS378840.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy HORSESHOE.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One coy conducts ambush ops in AO VANIMO centre of mass YS2377. One coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass YS3366. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE and def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK.

(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR supports phase 2 ops LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT and provides ready reaction coy.

(4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF OP READBACK (test) in AO GUDGEON centre of mass YS5577.

(5) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.

(6) B Sqn 3 Cav regt with inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district. Provides sects to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE ready reaction tp and covoy escorts.

(7) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 withing AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859c with op con one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - three  
Platoon - nil  
Squad - seven

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has two LAMP's deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Op Section targeted at LONG DAT district log over area centre of mass YS455550 and at illegal residents in area centre of mess YS7568. The themes were CHIEU HOI and return to GVN respectively. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Ground Broadcast. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the HB team targeted at the population of HOI MY and DAT DO villages. The themes were

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GVN Image, RD, New Life Development and VIP. The total broadcast time was four hours.

(3) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by the NE team targeted at the population of HOI MY and DAT DO villages. The themes were GVN Image, Public Safety, Roi and New Life Development. A total of nine movies were screened for a total screening time of five hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. Armed propaganda team conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families or DAT DO and PHY MY villages. The themes were CHIEU HOI and VIP. The team operated for a total time of five hours.

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27 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 260001H to 262400H Jun 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, in AO ALDGATE and in AO VANIMO. HQ 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 9 combat and 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Road improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR (-). 5 RAR (-) supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO VANIMO. C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO DREIKIKIR.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush ops in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and provides the Ready Reaction Company. Elms of C Coy deployed into AO GUDGEON on OP READBACK centre of mass YS5577 with 2/48 ARVN and conduct RIF operations (test).
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN remained op con to 1 ATF and deployed into AO GUDGEON on OP READBACK (test) and conduct RIF operations.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO TACKLE. Ops are company size with one ptl of 5 RAR with each company.
- (11) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
0905H	YS444550	VC Base Camp	90% on target, 30% covered Results: 2 bunkers destroyed 5 metres tunnel collapsed, clothing scattered in area.
0930H	YS444550	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% covered 1 bunker damaged, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 KBA (Poss).
1605H	YS588907	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 100% covered Negative BDA due to SMK and foliage.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1130H at YS326668 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted 4 to 6 enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (Poss) and 1 x 7.92 SMG (French) captured.

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(2) At 1325H at YS554767 7 Pl 2/48 ARVN contacted 3 pers dressed in black resulting in negative casualties to either side. A hut 12' x 12', a wallet and documents were located.

(3) At 1745H at YS570603 a Coy of 2/52 ARVN contacted a possible Coy size en group resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 RPG 2, 1 AK47 and eqpt recovered. 1 ARVN KIA and 6 ARVN WIA (remained on duty).

c. Results.

(1) Friendly losses: 1 ARVN KIA, 6 ARVN WIA (remained on duty).

(2) Enemy losses:

a. Personnel - 3 VC KIA (BC) 1 to ATF 2 to 2/52 ARVN  
2 WIA (Poss) (1 ATF).

b. Material - 1 x 7.92 French SMG, 1 RPG 2 and 1 AK47.  
Documents and equipment.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS485546,  
4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS673673,  
2 Tp FSPB VINCENT and FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB  
VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty (-) FSPB THRUST, Sect 105 Fd Bty YS261681,  
Sect 161 Bty FSPB LONGREACH YS5276.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS477547, B Coy (-)  
YS221783, C Coy (-) YS324674, D Coy (-) YS476592.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS399803, B Coy (-)  
YS341816, V Coy (-) YS480811, D Coy (-) YS472887, W Coy (-)  
YS369862.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754.  
One Coy conducts ambush ops in AO VANIMO centre of mass YS2377.  
One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass  
YS3366. Elements protect 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE  
and def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc  
FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of  
mass YS437797. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR supports phase 2 ops LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT  
and provides Ready Reaction Coy.

(4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF Op READBACK (test) in AO GUDGEON  
centre of mass YS5577.

(5) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF  
Ready Reaction Force.

(6) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN  
MOC district. Provides sects to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE.  
Provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.

(7) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conduct land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR  
vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, with op  
con one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has two LRRP'S deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

At 1904H at YS446747 an M113 of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated  
a mine resulting in negative friendly casualties and  
moderate damage to the APC.

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g. Results.

(1) Friendly Casualties

a. Personnel Nil.

b. Material 1 APC moderate damage.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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27 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 27001H to 272400H Jun 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 in AO ALDGATE and in AO VANIMO. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 EAST of Xuyen Moc. Road improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO VANIMO. C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO DREIKIKIR.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and provides the Ready Reaction Company. Elements of C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in conjunction with 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN remained op con to 1 ATF and continued RIF and ambush ops in AO GUDGEON.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE.
- (11) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0837H	YS329671	Occupied VC Base Camp	100% on target 100% covered. Negative further. Due to troops in area.
1210H	YS329671	Occupied VC Base Camp	100% on target 100% covered. Results: Negative BDA due to troops in area.
1535H	YS320780	VC Base Camp	100% on target 50% covered. Results: 1 Bkr exposed. 15 metres of trench exp.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. At 262220H at YS325675 C Coy 5 RAR ambushed 9-14 enemy, resulting in 6 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy WIA possible, 2 x M1 Carbines, 2 x SKS rifles, 1 x 7.62 rifle, 2 Chicom anti tank grenades, a transistor radio, docus, rice and 200 rds AK 47 were captured. There were negative friendly casualties.

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(2) Late Entry. A sweep of contact area of 2/52 ARVN at 261745H, at YS570603 located, 28 x 2 man bunkers, a well with good water, 2 Chicom grenades, 4 RPG 2 rds, 1 RPG 7 rd and 100 rds AK 47.

(3) At 271650H at YS451888 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 5 plus enemy resulting in negative casualties. 3 packs were recovered.

(4) At 271559H at YS451883 V Coy 6 RAR detained a suspect. An SKS rifle was found 25 metres away. He is being treated as PW at this stage as it appears certain that he is a VC from a new military district.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil

(2) Enemy Losses:

(a) Personnel: 6 enemy KIA (BC).

(b) Material: 3 x SKS rifles, 2 x M1 Carbines, 1 x 7.62 rifle, 2 x Chicom grenades, 2 x Chicom anti tank grenades, 4 x RPG 2 rds, 1 x RPG 7 rds, 200 rds AK 47, transistor radio, docus and rice.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS488542, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS673673, 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA and FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty (-) FSPB THRUST, Sect 105 Fd Bty YS261681, Sect 161 Bty FSPB LONGREACH.

(5) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS488542, B Coy (-) YS221783, C Coy (-) YS326674, D Coy (-) YS476598.

(6) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS396777, B Coy YS347797, V Coy (-) YS447893, D Coy (-) YS472886, W Coy YS379682.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.

(7) 2/49 ARVN. Bn HQ (+) FSPB LONGREACH, Coy YS572781, Coy YS534742.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. Coy YS565599, Coy YS583611,

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754, 1 Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass YS3366. One Coy protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE. One Coy protects def development DAT DO VIC YS480590 in AO BLOCK. **Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST VIC YS4954.**

(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Two Coys return to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR deploys into AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF Ops READBACK (TEST) in AO GUDGEON centre of mass YS5577.

(5) 2/52 ARVN conducts RIF ops in AO TACKLE centre of mass YS5359.

(6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district. Provides sects to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.

(8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 5 RAB VIC YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, with op con one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: One. At 271920H at YS228739 TA2 and Ptl 24 contacted 3 enemy dressed in black carrying weapons and packs with negative results. Two persons probably fisherman were located in the contact area and will be held pending investigation.

g. Results.

(1) Friendly losses - Nil.

(2) Enemy losses - 2 detainees.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops section targeted at LONG DIEN District and LONG LE District. Broadcast over LONG LE District (centre of mass YS3464) was targeted at elements of Viet Cong in LONG HAI range and exploited HOI CHANH from TAM PHUOC and Naval gun fire. Theme was CHIEU HOI. Total broadcast time was 2 hours.

(2) Ground Broadcasts. Ground Broadcasts were conducted by HB team targeted at the population of DAT DO village and THANH LONG Hamlet. Themes were GVN image and Report/Reward. Total broadcast time was 3 hours.

(3) Face to Face. Face to face mission was conducted by HE Team and was targeted at the population of THANH LONG Hamlet. The themes were GVN image, FWMAF image and ante VC/NLF/NVA. A total of 9 movies were shown for a total screening time of 3 hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. Armed Propoganda team conducted person to persons conversations targeted at the known VC families of THANH LONG Hamlet, DAT DO village. The themes were CHIEU HOI and VIP. The team operated for a total of 3 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES VIETNAM

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29 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 280001H to 282400H Jun 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, in AO ALDGATE and in AO VANIMO. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 6 RAR in AO VINCENT. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One combat and nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Road improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy returned to 1 ATF Base. C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO DREIKIKIR.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush ops in AO VINCENT.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and provides the Ready Reaction Coy. Elements of C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in conjunction with 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN remained op con to 1 ATF and continued RIF and ambush ops in AO GUDGEON.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE.
- (11) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0820H	YS392773	Occupied VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% covered. Results: BDA to be accomp by ground troops.
1045H	YS589606	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% covered. Results: Neg further BDA.
1220H	YS684870	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% covered. Results: 1 large bunker dest, 2 fighting pits exp, 1 military structure exp.
1500H	YS678892	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 50% covered. Results: 2 galvanized tin huts des, 1 galvanized tin hut dam, 4 bnks exp, 1 bnkr des.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. At 272000H at YS471572 Ptl 34 5 RAR contacted 15 en resulting in 1 en KIA (poss) 4 en WIA (poss), negative friendly casualties.

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- (2) At 281510H at YS521887 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR were fired on with by an unknown number of en resulting in 2 Aust WIA (evac).
- (3) At 281030H at YS389776 A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 1 x 60mm mortar and bipod, 2 x Thompson sub-machine guns, 1 x Soviet rifle, qty magazines and ammo. Search is not complete. Cache is in bunker system.
- (4) At 281950H at YS4953 Ptl 12A of 5 RAR contacted 10 en moving EAST resulting in 1 Aust WIA (remained on duty). At 282220 at YS486526 Ptl 12A were again in contact receiving RPG fire. There were neg casualties, sweep in progress.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses:

(a) Personnel: 3 Aust WIA ( two evac, 1 remained on duty).

(2) Enemy Losses:

(a) Personnel: 1 KIA (poss), 2 WIA (poss).

(b) Material: 1 x 60mm mortar and bipod, 2 x Thompson sub-machine guns, 1 x Soviet rifle, qty ammo and magazines.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS485546, 4 Tp YS523894.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS786682, 1 Sect 2 Tp YS523894, 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 Sect 2 Tp YS485546.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, Sect 105 Fd Bty YS261681, Sect 161 Bty FSPB LONG REACH.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS485546, B Coy 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) YS327676, D Coy (-) YS476592.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy (-) YS389774, B Coy (-) YS350788, V Coy (-) YS425883, D Coy (-) YS523894, W Coy YS369862.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ (+) FSPB LONGREACH, Coy YS566791, Coy YS546739, Coy YS525759.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB DARWIN, Coy YS558607, Coy YS556601.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754, one coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass YS3366. One Coy protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE. One coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR conducts ambush and RIF ops in AO VINCENT centre of mass YS437797. Two coys return to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ loc FSPB VIRGINIA YS437797.

(3) 9 RAR deploys into AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF ops READBACK (TEST) in AO GUDGEON centre of mass YS5577.

(5) 2/52 ARVN conducts RIF ops in AO TACKLE centre of mass YS5359.

(6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with Inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC district. Provides sects to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.

(8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, with op con one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION.

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- f. Small Unit Actions.
- (1) Company - Three  
Platoon - Nil  
Squad - Seven
  - (2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.
  - (3) Small unit actions with contact: One LRRP.
- g. Results.
- (1) Friendly Losses - Nil.
  - (2) Enemy Losses - 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA.
2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) issued separately to II FFV only.

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30 Jun 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 290001H to 292400H Jun 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 and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained ip con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO VINCENT, and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained ip con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO VINCENT, and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 20 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Road improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy deployed to HORSESHOE HILL relieving C Coy 9 RAR. C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO DREIKIKIR.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT. V and D Coys returned to the 1 ATF Base, and provide the Ready Reaction Coy.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) deployed into AO TOM THUMB on op MATHEW. Elements of C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in conjunction with 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON. A Coy and elms C Coy remained in the 1 ATF Base,
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN remained ip con to 1 ATF and continued RIF and ambush ops in AO GUDGEON, supported by one sect 161 Fd Bty.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE.
- (11) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0913H	YS292875	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 60% coverage Results: 6 bkrs exposed, 4 bkrs destroyed, 2 command bkrs destroyed, 2 tunnel ent exp, 20 metres comms trench exposed.
0950H	YS292875	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 40% coverage Results: 3 bkrs destroyed, 1 bkr exposed, 1 tunnel ent exp, 40 metres comms trench exposed.
1334H	YS627896	Base Camp	100% on target, 30% coverage Results: 2 military struc- tures damaged, 1 bkr damaged
1520H	YS588907	Base Camp	100% on target, 50% coverage Results: Neg BDA smoliage



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b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) 291200H at YS389776, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 62 x ½lb CHICOM explosive, 3 x WP grenades, 1 x 30 cal M1 carbine, 2 x Soviet rifles (old), 9 x auto rifle mags, 200 rounds 30 cal ammo, 18 x M79 HE rounds, 1 x RPG2.

(2) During 28/29 Jun 69, 2/52 ARVN located an enemy camp at YS587602, 150x50 metres with pits laid out in a circular pattern. Occupied four days previously. A dispensary was located in the camp containing used blood plasma bottles and penicillin containers.

(3) During 28/29 Jun 69 Ptl 11A of 5 RAR located an enemy camp at YS481543 containing 32 bunkers in an area 200x100 metres. Some bunkers had been dug seven days previously. Old medical supplies were scattered over the area. Camp was destroyed by engineers.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses. Nil

(a) Personnel: Nil

(b) Material: 62 x ½lb CHICOM explosive, 3 x WP grenades, 1 x 30 cal M1 carbine, 2 x Soviet rifles (old) 9 x auto rifle mags, 200 rounds 30 cal ammo, 18 x M79 HE rounds, 1 RPG2.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS478540, 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289, 4 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS673673, 2 Tp FSPB VIRGINIA and FSPB THRUST.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty VIRGINIA, 105 Fd Bty(-) FSPB THRUST, Sect 105 Fd Bty YS261681, Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB LONGREACH, Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS485546, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy(-) YS327676, D Coy(-) YS476592.

(5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB VIRGINIA, A Coy(-) YS389774, B Coy(-) YS350788, W Coy YS368362, V and D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS, B(-) YS563933, G Coy(-) 1 ATF Base and AO GUDGEON, D Coy YS505930.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ(+) FSPB ONGREACH, Coy YS563787, Coy YS547739 Coy YS537779.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. Coy YS553588, Coy YS587602.

e. Plans Summary

(1) 5 RAR conducts DIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass YS3366. One coy protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE. One Coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480390 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST vic YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base for phase 2 ops and responsibility for provision of Ready Reaction Coy.

(3) 9 RAR deploys into AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF ops READBACK (TEST) in AO GUDGEON centre of mass YS5577.

(5) 2/52 ARVN conducts RIF ops in AO TACKLE centre of mass YS5359.

(6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction force.

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District. Provides sects to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE provides Ready Reaction tp and convoy escorts.

(8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, with op con one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION.

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f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - two  
Platoon - nil  
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: One, LRRP.

g. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses
  - (a) Personnel - 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC KIA(POSS).
  - (b) Material - 1 x SKS and 1 x PPSH rifle (Soviet)

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) The following were conducted during the period 19 Jun to 25 Jun 69:
  - (a) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at areas centre of mass YS3576, 3777, 3977, 6487, 6687, 6887, 7087, 3066, 3266, 3466, 3666, 3682, 3882, YS4082. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was three and one-half hours.
  - (b) Aircraft Leaflet Drop. Aircraft leaflet drops were conducted by USAF targeted of areas centre of mass YS3576, 3777, 3977, 6487, 6687, 6887, 7087, 3066, 3266, 3466, 3666, 3682, 3882, YS4082. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. A total of 479,000 leaflets were dropped.
- (2) The following were conducted on 26 Jun 69:
  - (a) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Op section targeted at LONG DAT District VC Unit over areas centre of mass YS4654, 4652, 4650, 4850, YS4852. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. This was a quick reaction mission exploiting Naval firepower. The total broadcast time was two hours.
  - (b) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcast were conducted by HB team targeted at the population of AN NHUIT and DAT DO villages. The themes were GVN image, New Life Development and VIP. The total broadcast time was three hours.
  - (c) Face to Face. Face to face missions were conducted by HE team targeted at the populations of LONG PHUOC HAI. The themes were GVN Image, Public Safety, RD and New Life development. A total of nine movies were screened for a total screening time of three hours.
  - (d) Armed Propaganda Team. Armed propaganda teams conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families at AN NHUIT and DAT DO villages. The themes were CHIEU HOI and VIP. The team operated for a total of three hours.
- (3) The following were conducted on 28 Jun 69.
  - (a) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and HB team targeted at C41 and D67. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.
- (4) There were no Psy Ops conducted on 29 Jun 69.

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1 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ALDGATE. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO VINCENT until release 1800H, and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Elements deployed in support 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO VINCENT until released 1800H, and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 17 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 EAST of XUYEN MOC. Road improvement and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF ambush and pacification ops in AO's LADGATE and BLOCK. B Coy training ops HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO DREIKIKIR
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR supported by 101 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt completed RIF and ambush operations in AO VINCENT, and returned to 1 ATF Base. Provide the Ready Reaction Coy.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB. Elements of C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in conjunction with 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN remained op con to 1 ATF and continued RIF and ambush ops in AO GUDGEON.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE.
- (11) Significant Airstrikes.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0705H	YS627898	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 80% covered Results: 3 bunkers exposed, 1 hut damaged, 1 hut exposed

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 300800H at YS563933 a sentry of 6 Pl B Coy 9 RAR observed three en approaching the Pl loc. As the sentry moved to warn the Pl the en engaged the Pl loc. Result: 1 Aust KIA. Five en packs were recovered containing 7 lbs rice, cooking utensils, duplicating ink.
- (2) At 302047H at YS295715 the Radio Relay Station of 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of en resulting in 1 en WIA (poss), drag noises were heard after the contact.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. 1 Aust KIA.
- (2) Enemy losses.
  - (a) Personnel. Nil
  - (b) Material. 5 Packs, 7 lbs rice, cooking utensils, duplicating ink

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- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS485546, 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289, 3 Tp FSPB LONGREACH.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS744721, 2 Tp(-) FSPB THRUST, Sect Sp Tp FSPB LONGREACH, Sect Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty(-) FSPB THRUST, Sect 105 Fd Bty YS261681, 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS485546, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL C Coy(-) YS326674, D Coy(-) YS476592.
- (5) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy(-) FSPB FLINDERS, B Coy(-) YS562936, C Coy(-) 1 ATF Base and AO GUDGEON, D Coy YS590910.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ(+) FSPB LONGREACH, Coy YS553796, Coy YS568743 Coy YS525780.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ(+) FSPB DARWIN, Coy YS572602, Coy YS537584.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO DREIKIKIR centre of mass YS3366. One Coy protects 1 Fd Sqn land clearing in AO ALDGATE. One Coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480390 in AO BLOCK Bn HQ vic YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOMTHUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF ops READBACK (Test) in AO GUDGEON centre of mass YS5577.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN conducts RIF ops in AO TACKLE centre of mass YS5359.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elms conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District. Provides Sects to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.
- (8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE, AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859, with op con 1 Sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Activities.

- (1) Company - two  
Platoon - nil  
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops) - Nil operations.

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References: A. CMIC Report Number 6 029 0590 69 of 5 Jun 69  
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General

1. The following information concerning Basic Training in the NVA, has been extracted from PW Interrogation reports listed at References A and B.

- a. DO VAN TIEN, Asst Squad Leader 9B Arty Bn, 9 VC Div.
- b. NGUYEN HUNG HAI, Asst Squad Leader, 12 Sapper Bn, SR-2

NVA Basic Training

2. a. DO VAN TIEN, Asst Squad Ldr 9B Arty Bn, 3 Inf Regt, 9th VC Div.

(1) Assignment. Source was assigned to the 7th squad, 3 Platoon, 8 Company, 2 Bn, 2 Regt, 330 Div, at the end of Mar 67 and remained there until he completed basic training at the end of Jun 67. He remained at the training center for three months after that for an unknown reason. During this time he did nothing (sic). Source's Bn was engaged in basic training but source did not know whether the other units in the Division were training units or not.

(2) Training:

(a) Rifle Training. The trainees learned to clean, assemble and disassemble the RPD, the CKC and the AK-47. They fired 12 rounds with the AK-47 at a range of 100 metres, six rounds at fixed targets and six rounds at moving targets. With the RPD, they fired 12 rounds at fixed targets 150 metres away and 12 rounds at moving targets 200 metres away. Night firing consisted of three rounds fired with the CKC at a 100 metre target. There was training with dummy grenades but none with live grenades.

(b) Tactical Training. The men were taught to assault a house and an outpost. When attacking the house, one man would provide cover with an RPD while two men assaulted with AK-47s. The same tactic was used to assault an outpost, except that an entire squad or platoon was used. There was no training in ambush tactics.

(c) Physical Training. There was 30 minutes of physical training during the dry season and 15 minutes during the rainy season. Source did not remember any of the exercises, except that they included running.

(d) Other Training. There was one political lecture during the training cycle concerning the psychological attitude one should assume if wounded. Another political lecture was given just before graduation but source could not remember the subject presented. There was no other political training. There was no infiltration Training. In first aid training the men learned how to bandage wounds and carry wounded personnel.

(e) Training Schedule.

0430: Reveille  
0430 to 0550: Personal hygiene and Physical Training  
0530 to 0600: Breakfast  
0600 to 1100: Training  
1100 to 1400: Lunch; Rest period  
1400 to 1700: Training  
1700 to 1730: Personal hygiene; Rest period  
1730 to 1800: Supper  
1800 to 2000: Review of Training  
2000: Lights Out (sometimes at 2100 )

f) Miscellaneous

(1) Morale. Morale was very high, although source did not know why. He thought this might have been the reason why there was so little political training.

(2) Logistics. The Company Adjutant was given 72 cents (NVN) per day per man to buy food. This was mainly used to buy fish, meat, and vegetables. In addition, every man received 900 grammes of rice per day. The adjutant picked up supplies from Bn. He used labourers to carry them to the Company, but the source did not know who these personnel were. The Bn had a dispensary. Source went there once for a stomach ache and was given inoculations for a few days until he felt better. He did not know what the inoculations were, or what other medicine the Bn had, nor did he know how the medicine was obtained. The men had been issued their uniforms at the induction center and all they were issued at the training center was a shovel.

(3) Mail and Pay. Source received approximately three or four letters while in basic training. He did not write very often, but this was due to choice. Source knew of no limit on the amount of mail he could send or receive. As Privates, the trainees were paid five piasters (NVN) per month.

(b) NGUYEN HONG HAI

(1) Equipment and Clothing Issue. After leaving the Induction Center in CAM GIANG, source boarded a train which stopped at the VAN HO Railroad Station in HANOI. Here, spent a day and a half. He was issued clothing immediately after arriving and spent the rest of the time resting. His initial issue consisted of the following items:

One Field Pack  
 One Hard Hat  
 One Soft Hat  
 Two sets of uniforms  
 Two sets of underwear  
 One pair of jungle boots  
 One pair of low quarter shoes  
 Two pairs of socks  
 One nylon rain cover (2m square)  
 One mat

(2) Source did not know of any other Bns in the 3 Regt and had no information on OB of any higher units. The 17th Bn was divided into four companies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Companies. Each company had four platoons and each platoon 3 squads. The squads were further broken down into four man cells.

(3) Military Training. Source was given training in the following areas: military courtesy, assembly and disassembly of the CKC and AK-47, weapons firing and firing positions, foxhole construction and camouflage techniques. When firing the rifles, the men used half-silhouette targets, placed 100 metres away.

(4) Physical Training. Source had 30 minutes of exercise each morning. The majority of the 30 minutes was devoted to running.

(5) Political Training. Source had political training one day a week for varied periods of time, depending on the subject covered. Some of the subjects covered were:

Rules of the Army  
 Rules for Discipline  
 Fighting Tradition of the People  
 Our Country is rich and beautiful  
 Wounded soldiers  
 Prisoners

(5) Infiltration Training. Source had to march varying distances with approximately 40 kilograms of rocks in his pack. These marches occurred every other week approximately and the distances varied up to three miles.

(6) Daily Training Schedule. Source's unit followed the following schedule with the exception of Sunday, which was their day off.

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0500:	Reveille
0500 to 0530	Physical Training
0530 to 0600	Personal hygiene
0600 to 0630	Breakfast
0630 to 0700	Prepare for training
0700 to 1100	Training
1100 to 1200	Lunch
1200 to 1330	Rest
1330 to 1730	Training
1730 to 1830	Supper
1830 to 1900	Rest
1900 to 2100	Review daily training

3. COMMENT.

While the two prisoners were of average intelligence and were fairly co-operative, approximately two years had passed since they had undergone basic training and in some instances, it was difficult for them to remember exact details.

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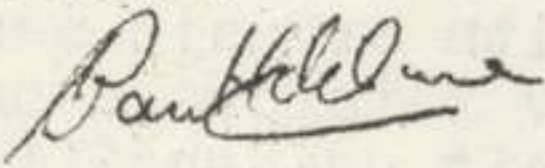
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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity was above normal during the week reflecting the enemy's second phase of the June action period reaching a peak on the 19th and 20th. However the attacks did not have either the intensity or scope of those of the previous high point on 5th/6th June. Action followed the pattern suggested by captured documents which indicated co-ordination within enemy units was to be accomplished but corps wide synchronisation was not necessary. TAY NINH and BINH LONG were again the provinces where enemy activity was greatest.
2. Enemy activity in VC BA BIEN Province was highlighted by 7 significant attacks by fire against allied installations whilst in SR-4 there were 4 significant attacks by fire reported and one major ground attack on a RTAVF post 3.5Km SE of LONG THANH.
3. During the week there were 170 enemy initiated attacks in III CTZ compared to 95 last week of these there were 39 significant mortar and 41 rocket attacks compared to 24 and 31 respectively last week.
4. Details of major enemy initiated actions are:-
  - a. 15th June, XT720855, 3.5Km S of AN LOC (BINH DUONG) province 1-9 1 US CAV (AM) received hostile fire followed by a ground attack; LFT and arty supported and with another company re-inforcing 72 enemy KIA were accounted for.
  - b. 16th June, YS166916, 3.5Km SE of LONG THANH (BIEN HOA) A/& D/2-1 RTAVF received an unknown number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack from an estimated 2 enemy battalions which resulted in 212 enemy KIA and 1 enemy PW. 16 AK-47s, 20 c/s weapons, 21,500 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 832 Chicom grenades 65 field packs and other supplies and ammunition were captured. Captured documents identified elements of all 3 battalions of 274 Regt, K21 Sapper Reconnaissance Company and rear elements of 274 Regt.
  - c. 19th June, XT266396, 5Km S of TAY NINH city C/3-4 Cav 25 US Inf Div received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force; fire was returned with organic weapons and LFT and arty supported. B/3-4 Cav reinforced and the result was 105 enemy KIA; enemy unit unidentified.
  - d. 19th June, XT146568, FSB WASHINGTON, 3.5Km W of TRANG SUP (TAY NINH) received an unknown number of mortar rounds and rockets followed by a ground probe; fire was returned using SA/AW, LFT, Spooky, Night Hawk and artillery supported resulting in 35 enemy KIA and 6PW. PWs identified 3-88 NVA Regt, 9 VC Div.
  - e. 20th June, XT338719, LZ IKE, 13Km N of PHUOC HOA (TAY NINH) received number of 82mm rounds and 107mm rockets followed by a ground attack from an estimated enemy battalion. 2-5 1 US Cav (AM) reported 90 enemy KIA and 5PW. PWs identified elements of both 18B and 95C NVA Regts; 33 individual and 21 crew served weapons, 400 Chicom grenades and other ammunition was captured. This follows a previous attack by 1 NVA elements on LZ IKE on 18th June when the enemy lost 37KIA and 3PW.

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Enemy Locations

5. 9VC Division remained in Western TAY NINH province, oriented on allied installations to the S and NW of TAY NINH as well as TAY NINH city itself. 88 Regt was identified at FSB WASHINGTON and within TAY NINH city and attacks to the South at BEN SOI could probably be attributed to 271 and 272 Regts.
6. In 1 NVA Div the 95C and 18B Regts continued their co-operative efforts in Eastern War Zone C. The 95C was identified east of the CAU KHOI whilst 18B Regt and 28 Sapper Battalion were targetted against LZ IKE. The 101D Regt is firmly established as having a mission along Hwy 13 north of CHON THANH.
7. PWs, Hoi Chanh, and documents all indicate that 7 NVA Div is deployed around AN LOC and is targetted against the city. 141 Regt is east of the city, while 209 Regt is to the west and NW with 165 Regt to the south and SW.
8. In 5VC Div TAOI aerial sensors indicate enemy presence in the LA NGA Base Area and agents have indicated that 275 Regt may have returned to that area after its attack on LZ JOY on 12th June. The rest of the division is unlocated in LONG KHANH province. Captured documents have referred to a food shortage in the area, and large food caches were found along the DONG NAI River in late May and June. It is possible that the division has dispersed its elements to the N and E in an effort to find rice.
9. Action in MR-7 was highlighted by the 16th June attack by 274 Regt against a RTAVF NDP S of LONG THANH. This assault which resulted in heavy enemy losses has probably rendered the Regt marginally effective as a regimental size combat force. It is assessed that the remnants of the regt have withdrawn to their HAT DICH base area and will probably remain there for at least a month, until replacements are received. Captured documents indicate that 33Regt will operate in an AO from BLACKHORSE to NW of XUAN LOC; the documents also indicate that a serious food shortage exists within the regt and this may greatly degrade its combat capability.

10. The details of probable locations of enemy main force units are:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
<u>1 NVA Div HQ</u>	NW of NUI BA DEN	4425
18B NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG (XT3472)	1200
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG (XT3472)	900
101D NVA Inf Regt	N of Minh Thanh (XT6781)	1300
<u>5VC Div HQ</u>	Central Wra Zone "D"	4710
275 VC Inf Regt	SE of DINH QUAN (YT6826)	1160
174 NVA Inf Regt	S of DINH QUAN (YT4639)	1175
95 NVA Inf Regt	GIA RAY (YT3648)	1150
<u>7 NVA Div HQ</u>	VIC FISHHOOK	4575
165 NVA Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC (XT7085)	1150
141 NVA Inf Regt	SE of AN LOC (XT8690)	1100
209 NVA Inf Regt	W BINH LONG (XT7085)	875
<u>9 VC Div HQ</u>	LOGO Area	4250
* 271 VC Inf Regt	SW of TAY NINH	1000
272 VC Inf Regt	NW of TAY NINH	1140
88 NVA Inf Regt	W of NUI BA DEN	860

\* On 16th June 2 Hoi Chanh on interrogation stated that 271 VC Regt was composed of 95% NVA soldiers and the officers are mostly VC.

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<u>1 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed LONG AN province	1500
<u>*33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of XUAN LOC	1075
* Documents captured south of BLACKHORSE (YS4488) on 8th June disclosed that the possible strength of 33 NVA Regt was 660 personnel.		
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI WOODS	750
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic TRAPEZOID	1050
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH Base Area	650
<u>DONGTNAI VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of LAI KHE	1200
<u>QU YET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	N of HOC MON	poss 1000

Enemy Losses

11. Enemy losses for the period in III CTZ were 1879 enemy KIA (BC), 88 PW, 138 Hoi Chanh, 414 individual weapons and 150 crew served weapons captured. There were 35.6 tons captured or destroyed.

Assesment of Enemy Intentions

12. The enemy characterised his efforts during the second high-point of the June action period by activity in each of the areas he terms as fronts - political, military and proselytising. Of a significance was the announcement of the formation of a Provisional Revolutionary Government, and a Hoi Chanh's statement that such bodies were to be announced whenever the military action could claim control of a GVN district or provincial seat. For example, there are consistent reports that 9 VC Div will attempt to continue to attack TAY NINH city in an effort to gain temporary or sufficient control of a part of the city to lend credence to a claim of an established Revolutionary government.

13. The marked increase in enemy efforts to conduct propaganda and indoctrination is further evidence of his emphasis on attempting to sway the allegiance of the population, and his military actions seemed slanted towards furthering the same goal. His aspirations and plans have consistently been in excess of his actual capability and the consistent failures of his ground efforts spotlight this inability to actually consolidate or control land area. However the enemy continues to threaten the outlying areas, and he is expected to continue to focus his efforts in this direction into the next high point.

14. Meanwhile it is estimated enemy ground actions against allied installations will decrease while he makes preparation for the next high point, possibly to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Peoples Party of Vietnam on 30th June.

Friendly Activities

15. Allied sweep operations during the week resulted in some heavy contacts in which moderate to heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Numerous small caches were found corps wide and one large haul of rice, 21 tons was taken from a cache (xt4686) WAR ZONE C and reported 18th June.

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16. Major friendly actions were:-

- a. On 15th June, XT482243, 5.5Km N of TRANG BANG (TAY NINH) 25 US Inf Regt engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 40 enemy KIA.
- b. 15th June, XT237497, TAY NINH city, 25 US Inf Div and 8 ARVN Abn elements engaged an unknown size enemy force with organic weapons, LFT supported resulting in 37 enemy KIA, possibly elements of 9 VC Div.
- c. 16th June, YT580210, 10Km NW of GIA RAY (LONG KHANH), 52 Regt Z and R Co 18 ARVN Div engaged an unknown number of enemy. Result 35 enemy KIA.
- d. 17th June, XT570296, 6Km S of BEN SUC (BINH DUONG) 25 US Inf Div with 116 AHC engaged an unknown size enemy force; 32 enemy KIA; documents identified element of 268 VC Regt.
- e. 18th June, XT704854, 6.5Km SW of AN LOC (BINH LONG) elements of 11 ACR and 5 SFGA engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 31 enemy KIA, 1 PW, 1 Hoi Chanh. The PW identified 209 NVA Regt and the Hoi Chanh identified a 165 NVA Regt element.
- f. 19th June, XT180410, 7Km SW of TAY NINH 6 ARVN Abn Recon. Plat. engaged an unknown number of enemy, LFT, arty and TAC air supported resulting 101 enemy KIA/KBA. Possibly element 271 VC Regt.
- g. 19th June, XT205387, 7Km SE of TAY NINH elements of 6 RVN Marine Bn engaged an estimated enemy company with SA/AW; arty, LFT and TAC air supported and reinforced with a US Co resulted in 72 KIA.
- h. 19th June, XT237497, TAY NINH city, 25 US Inf Div and 8 ARVN Abn engaged an unknown size enemy force with organic weapons, LFT supported and 37 enemy were KIA.
- i. 20th June, YS498896, 11.5Km N of NGAI GIAO (PHUOC TUY) elements of D/6 1ATF engaged an estimated 60 enemy resulting in 22 enemy KIA, 6 AK-47s, 2RPGs and quantity documents captured. A Hoi Chanh who rallied after the contact identified his unit as 1-274 VC Regt. Friendly casualties nil.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

17. Country wide the number of attacks and ambushes decreased. Probable VC/NVA initiated activity by Corps zones is assessed as:-

- a. I CTZ. In the B5 front the enemy is expected to increase pressure against allied forces between CON THIEN and the coast. In MR TRI-THIEN-HUE the enemy will probably continue to react to friendly operations currently threatening his infiltration and logistics activities in THUA THIEN province. In front 4 southern I CTZ the enemy can be expected to conduct limited indirect and ground attacks.

- b. II CTZ. Enemy activity probably will continue to be centred around BEN HET and consist of indirect fire and ground attacks. In the remainder of II CTZ enemy activity will probably remain light and scattered. Attempts to interdict Hwy 19, both east and west of AN KHE.
- c. IV CTZ. Enemy activity will probably continue at a low level and consist of limited indirect fire and light ground attacks.

(B) Friendly Activity

18. I CTZ. There were 15 FW and 14 ARVN large unit operations. Casualties in I CTZ were - enemy KIA - 1171 friendly KIA - 83.
- II CTZ. There were 12 FW and 12 ARVN large unit operations. Casualties in II CTZ were - enemy KIA 519 friendly KIA - 96.
- IV CTZ. There were 1 FW and 87 ARVN large unit operations. Casualties in IV CTZ were - enemy KIA 789 friendly 65.

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM SUMMARY

19. For the week ending 21st June the number of friendly large unit operations increased from 234 to 239. The number of operations with contact increased from 94 to 113. The number of enemy killed decreased from 4504 (adjusted) for the previous week to 3988.

Other InformationVC Administration Difficulties

20. A directive captured by 1ATF was listed "Administration and Employment of Personnel, Equipment, Property and Funds. Practice of Thriftiness and elimination of Corruption and Waste". The document states that the enemy's (GVN/FWMAF) fierce attacks on our (VC/NVA) installations, rear service agencies and rear areas have caused many difficulties and large expenditures. Corruption has also increased - "Some units have picked up rice and clothing for 10,000 people while their real strength is only 6000". The document further stated - "Waste and misuse of rice, poor maintenance and loss of weapons and ammunition is prevalent. In combat, booty or weapons left behind by wounded soldiers are not collected. Depots are not properly protected. The quantity of weapons and rice lost in depots and during movements is sometimes larger than the quantity used in combat. Waste and misuse of clothing and medicines is also prevalent. Torn clothing is not mended. After each battle the clothing replacement rate in some units reaches 90%. The directive orders that a political indoctrination campaign be conducted in order to emphasize self-sufficiency and responsibility. Strength reports must be accurate - "Personnel already killed in action should not be included in strength reports nor should they be issued supplies". The directive was promulgated by the Military Affairs Party Committee of SVNLA HQ. (Extracted from II FFV Perintrep 25-69)

VC/NVA Relations

21. Reports continue to indicate friction between the VC/NVA and the Cambodians. One report stated that the VC/NVA mortared a Cambodian company resulting in 20 Cambodian soldiers KIA. Several Cambodians units were sent to reinforce the company and a sweep was conducted; 9 more Cambodians and 50 VC/NVA were killed. Four VC/NVA medical stations along with several rice caches and 200 cases of small arms ammunition were destroyed. In another operation 36 VC/NVA were captured by the Cambodians.

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22. Another report stated that the 3-271 VC Regt and the D16 TAY NINH Provincial Battalion were sent to reinforce a VC/NVA hospital at BO BA TAY (XV1627) in Cambodia.

23. The Cambodian police are attempting to prevent trade between the Cambodians and VC/NVA and liaison activity between BO BA TAY and BA THU in Cambodia has been disrupted. Another report (ARVN C-1, US F-6) stated that on 14th June the Cambodian government ordered all VC troops taking shelter in Cambodian territory to move all their bases supplies, hospitals and shops to Vietnamese territory prior to 14th June (sic). After this date, the Cambodian troops will sweep and destroy anything in Cambodian territory.  
(Extracted from II FFV Perintrep 25-69)

Comment: The projected plan of the Cambodians mentioned in the last report seems rather grandiose and is considered beyond the capabilities of the Cambodian Armed Forces to implement. There are no doubt also parties with vested interests in Cambodia who would not wish to see such action occur.

VC EQUIP GUERRILLA SQUADS WITH GRENADE LAUNCHERS IN IV CTZ

24. During late May 1969 the VC AN GIANG (P) unit equipped regional and local guerrillas of the province with grenade launchers to be mounted on the CKC rifle. Each regional squad and each guerrilla squad was reportedly equipped with the launchers. The source reported that the round is about twice as long as a regular grenade (NFI), is shaped like a B-40 rocket round and its power is equal to that of an M-26 grenade. The maximum range of the launcher is reportedly 300 metres (Evaluation F-3)

Comment: The Chico 7.62mm carbine type 53 (AKA NVN AT-44, Soviet M1944) commonly known as the CKC is more or less a standard weapon of LF troops not equipped with the AK-47. The NVN version of this weapon is equipped with a spigot type grenade launcher. This weapon utilises rifle grenades with 22mm diameter tail booms and the 7.62 X 54 rifle grenade launching cartridges.  
(Extracted from COMNAFORV INSTUM 145-69)

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy activity decreased quite considerably as he concluded the June phase of the Summer Offensive and avoided contact to refit, resupply and reconnoitre allied positions and installations in preparation for the next phase of the offensive. Activity during the week was characterised by a low level of indirect attacks by fire. Major units of 1 NVA and 7 NVA divisions avoided significant contact whilst none of 5VC Div main elements was in identifiable contact. Elements of 88 Regt 9VC Div suffered a total of 117 KIA and 3PWs in actions E and SE of NUI BA DEN in TAY NINH in the only major contact of the week.

2. The only enemy initiated action of any significance occurred on 27th June at XT1551 when TAY NINH base camp was hit by 30 X 82mm and 10 X 120mm mortar rounds; friendly units returned fire with organic weapons and with US arty support inflicted 23KIA; enemy unit was believed to be an element of 83 NVA Regt, 9VC Div.

Enemy Locations

3. The 9VC Div remained deployed in Western TAY NINH Province and its tactical actions evidenced a continuing interest in the province capital.

4. The 1 NVA Div has probably continued reconnaissance and planning for attacks by fire and sapper actions against allied positions from LZ ST BARBARA (XT275682) to DAN TIENG.

5. The 7 NVA Div appears to remain in central BINH LONG Province and to be the central entity in one of the most involved task force groupings yet observed. Elements of provincial district and LFs have been identified by agents and PWs as working in co-ordination with the division.

6. Little intelligence has developed on 5VC Div during the period and its disposition at present is unclear. However a 22nd June Hoi Chanh from a 5VC Div element stated that 174 and 275 Regts had returned to War Zone "D" about 12th June and that 95 Regt was to follow. The Hoi Chanh's statements are partially substantiated by aerial sensor patterns and agents have stated that the Div is withdrawing to re-establish food supplies and will then return to its former AO. There are sufficient agent reports to substantiate a food shortage in the 5 Div TAOI,

7. In MR7 the main body of 274VC Regt probably remains in base areas in the HAT DICH recovering from recent heavy losses. 33 Regt is possibly SW of XUAN LOC.

8. Full details of probable locations of enemy main force units are:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
1st NVA Div HQ	NW of NUI BA DEN	4525
18 B NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG	1200
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG	1000
101D NVA Inf Regt	N of MINH THANH	1300
5th VC Div HQ	Central War Zone D	4710
275 VC Inf Regt	Southern War Zone D	1160
174 NVA Inf Regt	Southern War Zone D	1175
95th NVA Inf Regt	North of GIA RAY	1150

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<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	Vic FISHHOOK	4575
<u>165 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of AN LOC	1150
<u>141 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SE of AN LOC	1100
<u>209 NVA Inf Regt</u>	W BINH LONG Prov	875
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	LOGO Area	4250
<u>271 VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of TAY NINH City	1000
<u>272 VC Inf Regt</u>	NW of TAY NINH City	1140
<u>88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic NUI BA DEN	760
<u>1st NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed S LONG AN Prov	1500
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of XUAN LOC	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic TRAPEZOID	1000
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods	800
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH	650
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of LAI KHE	1200
<u>QUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	N of HOC MON	Poss 800

Enemy Losses

9. Enemy losses for the period in III CTZ were 976 KIA (BC), 75 PW, 103 Hoi Chanh, 381 individual weapons and 51 crew served weapons captured. There were 60 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

10. The lack of substantive information and the low level of activity on the part of 1, 5 and 7 Divs indicate that these units are in a stand-down phase between the periods of the summer campaign. However, documents, agents and PWs state that the enemy is accelerating his propaganda and anti-pacification efforts and increasing his emphasis on control of the populace. The enemy continues his plans for the culmination period of the Summer Campaign but the scope of this planned action is not yet clear.

11. Agents and documents have suggested the phase is to end with an all out effort against the capital city but there are no signs at present of preparation for such an action. It is estimated that the focus of intense action during the July period will again be TAY NINH and BINH LONG provinces. Agents report that COSVN has issued orders that TAY NINH city must be occupied, presumably during the next high peak, and the purpose of the occupation will be to declare the city the Capital of the provisional government. Lighter but concentrated action against allied positions in PHUOC LONG and LONG KHANH province can be expected. Attacks by fire and smaller ground actions are likely to occur on a co-ordinated basis throughout the CTZ, commencing the first week in July, but no attempt is likely to be made to sustain action over the entire area.

12. The 5VC Div has remained relatively inactive during the current offensive but is expected to take a more aggressive role during the July phase. However supply difficulties may upset the division's timetable. At present, it is believed the division still remains targetted against objectives in LONG KHANH province.

13. MR-7 forces are assessed as having the mission of harassing allied installations and LOCs in S LONG KHANH and E BIEN HOA provinces possibly in co-operation with 5VC Div operations N of XUAN LOC.

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Friendly Activities

14. Sweep operations during the week resulted in only one significant contact and generally clashes were small as enemy units avoided contact. Largest caches discovered were:-

- a. 26th June, XS553803, NW of BEN LUC (HAU NGHIA) elms of 1-50 ARVN found a cache containing 1 X 60mm mortar, 100 X 60mm mortar rounds, 68 assorted rifles, 1 X M-60 MG, 1 X 57mm, 100 lbs of TNT.
- b. 28th June, XT412796, WAR ZONE C 1 US CAV Div (AM) conducting a BDA of a 25th June airstrike observed a 350 X 200lbs bags of rice destroyed and 100 X 200lbs bags damaged.
- c. 28th June, Vic XT4078 9 US Inf Div elements engaged an unknown number of enemy with SA/AW fire. A sweep of the contact area resulted in the capture of 800 bottles of streptomycin, 12 X 5 gallon cans of penicillin, 3600 lbs of rice, 40 packages of penicillin tablets, 25 gallons of sulphamethoxazole, 5 gallons of sulphamethoxazole tablets, 5 operating kits, 2 bottles of glucose, 225 pressure dressings, 1200 individual medical kits, 2 X 20 lb cans of vitamin B, 1 X 5 gallon can of intravenous supplies, 54 quarts of ether and 50 bottles of anti-tetanus serum.

15. Main friendly actions were:-

- a. 22nd June, XT557178, 5Km SW of TRUNG LAP (HAU NGHIA) 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an unknown number of enemy resulting in 29 enemy KIA.
- b. 27th June, XT758170, 5Km NW of PHU CUONG (BINH DUONG) 25 US Inf elements engaged an unknown size enemy force with SA/AW fire and LFT, TAC Air and arty supported resulting in 44 enemy KIA possibly from the QUYET THANG Regt.
- c. 27th June, XT292570, 4.5Km SW of PHOUC HOA (TAY NINH) 25 US Inf Div elements and 158 RF Coy engaged an enemy force with SA/AW; TAC Air, LFT, Flame Bath and arty supported resulting in 94 enemy KIA and 3PW from 1-88 Regt.
- d. 28th June, XT570667, 5Km SW of MINH THANH (BINH LONG) 1 US Cav Div elements found 54 enemy KBA as the result of an airstrike.

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

16. Probable VC/NVA activity (29JUN - 5JUL) is assessed as follows:-

- a. ICTZ. Enemy activity expected to remain low except in W MR TRI - THIEN - HUE where the enemy will probably continue to react to friendly ops threatening his logistic and infiltration activities.
- b. IICTZ. The enemy will continue to apply pressure on BEN HET whilst interdicting Rte 512 into the area. An attack on the CIDG camp may be attempted probably by the 28th and 66NVA Regts supported by 40NVA Arty Regt. Minor ground and indirect fire attacks can be expected throughout the rest of the front to prevent redeployment of friendly forces to BEN HET.

c. IVCTZ. Enemy activity will probably consist primarily of indirect fire attacks and isolated ground probes in the CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

a. ICTZ. There were 15 FW and 13 ARVN large unit operations. Casualties in ICTZ were - enemy KIA-824, friendly KIA-62.

b. IICTZ. There were 10 FW and 14 ARVN large unit operations. Casualties in IICTZ were - enemy KIA-685, friendly KIA-180.

c. IVCTZ. There were no FW and 91 ARVN large unit operations. Casualties in IVCTZ were - enemy KIA-979 friendly KIA-35.

d. Friendly casualties in IIICTZ were:-  
US - 40 KIA 100 WIA 2 MIA  
THAI - 5 KIA 55 WIA  
AUST - 2 KIA 7 WIA  
ARVN - 11 KIA 118 WIA 1 MIA

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

18. For the week ending 28th June the number of friendly large unit operations increased from 238 adjusted to 257. The number of operations with contact decreased from 114 (adjusted) to 94. The number of enemy killed decreased from 4260 (adjusted) to 3333.

Other Information

Enemy use of New AK-47 Ammo

19. On 1st May 1969 elements of 50th Infantry Division (ICTZ) captured 5 magazines of AK-47 ammo. There was a total of 148 rounds, 54 of which were of a new type not previously seen in the area. The new type of ammunition is identical in size and shape to regular AK ammo, however instead of a brass casing, the casing is made of aluminium or another light alloy and is painted dark olive drab green. The new ammo is slightly lighter and the head-stamp is a double entry "2 X 180" with the two numerals 64 and 21, the latter indicating manufacture in Poland. No further details are available.  
(Extracted from III MAF Perintrep 24-69)

Paint Cans Used for Explosive Casings

20. Seven locally fabricated explosive devices intended for use in an hotel in SA DEC (IVCTZ) were siezed by local security personnel. The devices consisted of ordinary used one gallon paint cans filled to within one inch of the top with dark green Chicom plastic explosive. A quarter inch plastic tube is inserted in the plastique. Also captured were numerous clear glass vials, 2" X  $\frac{3}{8}$ " filled with a clear acid which is poured into the fusing tube. After 15-20 minutes, the acid eats through the tube and the device detonates.

21. This type of device could be planted easily, if it were not expected, especially at any buildings where the use of Vietnamese painters is common.  
(Extracted from COMNAVFORV Intsum 146-69)

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New Table of Organisation and Equipment in MR5

22. A document (CDEC LOG No 06-1892-69) captured on 11th June, near HOI AN (ICTZ) dated 21NOV68, prepared by HQ Front 4, outlines the details of a new Table of Organisation and Equipment (TOE) for infantry units, prescribed by HQ MR-5. It instructs all subordinate units and district units to strictly apply the new table which is intended "to increase the combat effectiveness of units by increasing their organic personnel and weapons".

23. The new TOE is as follows:-

Rifle Squad:- 6 men (2AK, 2CKC, 1 automatic rifle or B-40).

Rifle Platoon:- 22 men (8AK, 6CKC, 1 automatic rifle, 1 B-40 and 1 M-79).

Rifle Co:- 85 men (1 60mm mortar, 1 B-41, 30 AK, 20 CKC, 3 automatic rifles, 3 B-40 and 3 M-79).

Fire Spt Co:- 39/41 men incl a 22 man 82mm mortar platoon (2 mortars) a 9-11 man MG Plat (2 MGS) and an 8 man Co HQ.

Inf Bn:- 360/367 men (112 AK, 71 CKC, 9 automatic rifles, 9 B-40, 3 B-41, 9 M-79, 3 60mm mortars, 2 82mm mortars, 2 MGS and 1 57mm RR.

Inf Regt:- 2016 men (incl 3 Inf Bns, 1 Training Bn, 1 Security Guard Plat, 1 Engr Plat, 1 82mm mortar Co, 1 Rifle Co, 1 Sig Co, 1 Trans Co and 1 Med Co. Organic wpns incl; 542 AK, 340 CKC, 42-54 automatic rifles, 32-35 B-40, 9-18 B-41, 9 60mm mortars, 6-9 LMGs, 6 12.7 HMGs, 4 75mm RR and an unspecified number of pistols.

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