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Royal Australian Armoured Corps

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**Item: B Squadron 1 Armoured
Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-31 July 1969

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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.

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

From 1 JUL 69 To 31 JUL 69

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
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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.

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

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

AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Unit/Formation B.SQN. 1 ARMD REGT

Month and Year July 69

Reference Map SYN

Commanding Officer Maj. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 JUL		B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, Elements remained Op Con 5RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6RAR in AO VINCENT until release 1800H and 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Elements deployed in sp of 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON LOCS: B SQN (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS485546; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 3 Tp FSPB LONGREACH.	E1
	2 JUL		Elements remained op con 5RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB, elements deployed in sp 2/48 ARVN in AO GUDGEON. LOCS: B SQN (-) 1 ATF BASE; 1 Tp YS485546; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289; 3 Tp FSPB LONGREACH	E2
	3 JUL		Elements remained op con 5RAR in AO ALDGATE carrying out RIF ops, and op con to 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB 2/48 ARVN ops completed this day, 3Tp returns NUI DAT. LOCS; B SQN (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS483543	E3

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Unit/Formation B SQN 1 ARMD REGT

Month and Year JUL 69

Reference Map SVN

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	3 JUL (CONTD)		2 Tp YS 527898.	
	4 JUL		Elements remained op con SRAR in AO ALDGATE and GRAR in AO TOM THUMB LOCS B SQN (-) IATF BASE, 1 Tp YS 485539, 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289. 2 Tp reports ground difficult and extremely boggy conditions at FSPB FLINDERS.	E4
	5 JUL		Elements remained op con SRAR in AO ALDGATE and GRAR in AO TOM THUMB. LOCS B SQN (-) IATF Base, 1 Tp YS 485539. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	E5
	6 JUL		VIETNAM DIGEST ISSUED Period 28 Jun - 5 Jul 69 Elements remained op con SRAR in AO ALDGATE and GRAR in AO TOM THUMB. 3 Tp came under op con GRAR for operations in AO MOON LOCS: B SQN (-) IATF BASE; 1 Tp YS 483539; 2 Tp YS 5289 FSPB FLINDERS; 3 Tp YS 2475 FSPB NELSON. Received En Sit in PHUOC TUY province 29 JUN - 6 JUL 1969. also VIETNAM DIGEST issue no 26/69	E6 01

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

Month and Year... JUL 69.....

Reference Map... SVN.....

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	7 JUL		Elements remained op con to 5RAR in AO ALDGATE 6RAR in AO MOON and 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB 1Tp on LCT ops protection had a 1Fd Sqn, RAE, LCT dogs hit by an RPG NFTR at this time. LOCS; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 484540; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289; 3Tp FSPB NELSON YS 2475.	E7
			Enemy Situation Phase Two Progress 29 Jan - 6 Jul 69	G-2
	8 JUL		Elements remained op con to 5RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6RAR in AO MOON, 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB. LOCS; B SQN (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 484540; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289; 3Tp FSPB NELSON YS 2475.	E8
	9 JUL		Elements remained op con to 5RAR in AO aldgate 6RAR in AO Moon, and 9RAR in AO Tom Thumb Locs: B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 484540 2Tp FSPB Flinders YS 5289, 3Tp FSPB Nelson YS 2475	E9

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

Month and Year... JULY 1969

Reference Map... SVN

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
-	10 JUL		Elements remained op con to SRAR in AO ALDGATE 6 RAR in AO MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS 484540; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289; 3 Tp FSPB NELSON YS 2475.	E10
	11 JUL		Elements remained op con to SRAR in AO ALDGATE and to 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB 1 Tp returned to NUIDAT from LCT ops LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB BUFFALO; 3 Tp YS 484540.	E11
	12 JUL		Elements remained op con to SRAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS; 3 Tp YS 484540.	E12
			Vietnam Report issued period 6th-12 Jul 69	O2

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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Unit/Formation.. B Sqn.. 1 Armd Regt..

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

Month and Year... JULY... 1969

Reference Map... SVN.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	13 JUL		Elements remained op con SRAR in AO ALDGATE and 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB. LOCS; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS 3Tp 484540 Received VIETNAM DIGEST no 27/69.	E/3
	14 JUL 69		Elements remained op con SRAR in AO ALDGATE and 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB LOCS; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS; 3Tp YS 484540.	E/4
	15 JUL		Elements remained op con in AO ROSSLEA to 6RAR and in AO TOM THUMB to 9RAR. 9RAR ops continue in AO's TOM THUMB, TRANSVERSE and TANUNDA. LOCS; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS; 3Tp YS 484540. Received En sit in PHUOC TUY Province 7-13 JUL 69	E/5 G/3

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AF - C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year... JUL 1969

Reference Map... SVN

Unit/Formation... B Sqn... 1 Armd Regt

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16 JUL		Elements remain op con in AO ROSSLEA to 6RAR and in AO TOM THUMB to 9RAR LOCs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1Tp YS 395626, 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS, 3Tp YS 484540.	E16
	17 JUL		Elements remained op con to 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Elements deployed into AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779 and commenced pacification operations in conjunction with the DUC THAN District Chief LOCs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 395627; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289 and 4Tp 420B YS 480525.	E17
	18 JUL		Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779. LOCs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 399628; 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS; 4Tp YS 479525.	E18

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1st Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A. H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 JUL		<p>Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779.</p> <p>Locs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 2 and 3 Tp YS 443880; 4 Tp YS 479525</p>	E19
			<p>Vietnam Digest issued. period 15th-19 Jul 69</p>	03
	20 JUL		<p>Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification tasks in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779.</p> <p>Locs; B Sqn (-) YS 424764; 2 Tp YS 461783.</p> <p>Received VIETNAM DIGEST no 28/69</p>	E20
	21 JUL		<p>Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and cont'd pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779.</p> <p>Locs B Sqn (-) IATF Base; Elements SHQ, 2Tp, 3Tp at YS 442830; 4 Tp YS 500516</p>	E21

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1st Armd Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 JUL		Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779 Locs; B Sqn (-) LATE Base ; B Sqn (-) YS 448780; 1Tp YS 464791; 2Tp 3Tp YS 480804; 4Tp YS 500516. Received en sit in PHUOC TUY PROVINCE 13-20 JUL 69	E22
	23 JUL		Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification ops in AO MICK Centre of Mass YS 4779. Late Late entry; 221400H at YS 460764, B Sqn located a camp consisting of 8 weapon pits with overhead cover Locs; B Sqn (-) YS 466791; 4Tp YS 500516.	E23
	24 JUL		Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779. At 241615H at YS 567763 B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a cornfield, food, shelters and tripwires leading to chicom grenades.	E24

1 B P Coy 275/65-55m

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1 Armcd Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. A. H. SMITH.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	24 JUL (CONTD)		Locs ; B Sqn (-) YS 558748 ; 3Tp YS 532756 ; 4Tp YS 497507 ; 1Tp YS 647661. Received amendment #12 To IATF SOP's	
	25 JUL		Elements remain op con to 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continue pacification operations in AO MICK, centre of Mass YS 4779. Locs, B Sqn (-) YS 547777 ; 2Tp YS 547777 ; 4Tp YS 500516	G425
	26 JUL		Elements remain op con to 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continue pacification operations in AO MICK centre of Mass YS 4779. Loc's B Sqn (-) IATF Base ; SHQ YS 466775, 4Tp YS 500516	E26
			Vietnam Digest issued period 20th-26th Jul 69	04

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 10th Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	27 JULY		Elements remain op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO Mick centre of mass YS 4779 one tp deployed to op con 9RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHYRY (extended). Loc's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; SHQ YS 465791; 4Tp YS 500516	E27
	28 JULY		Elements remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO Mick centre of mass YS 4779. One tp deployed to op con 9RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHYRY (extended). Loc's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; Sqn HQ YS 452798; 1Tp YS 305824 (LCT); 3Tp YS 452798; 4Tp YS 500516	E28

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn Ccmd Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ A H SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	29 JUL		<p>One tp op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779.</p> <p>One tp deployed op con to 9RAR in AO PORPHYRY (extended) for protection LCT.</p> <p>At 291115H at YS 440870 Elements of TANGO Force contacted two enemy. 1 Rifle and two haversacks captured, also documents taken in the haversacks.</p> <p>Locs; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1Tp YS 306823; 3Tp YS 460860.</p>	E29
	30 JUL		<p>One troop op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continues pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779.</p> <p>One troop op con 5RAR in AO PORPHYRY (extended) for LCT protection.</p> <p>Locs; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1Tp YS 306823; 3Tp YS 549777.</p>	E30

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. A. H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	31 Jul		<p>Continued pacification operations in AO Mick centre of mass YS 4779. One tp op con 5RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHYRY (extended)</p> <p>At 311530H at YS 534797 elements of Sp Tp, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt op con to B Sqn, sighted 1 en and heard voices. Engaged area with organic weapons. Negative results.</p> <p>Loc's: B Sqn (-) ATF Base; SQN HQ and 3 Tp YS 538773; 1 Tp YS 305823.</p>	E31
			Issued this day SQN RO's PTI no 239.	K1
			Received special IntREP #5/69. also VIETNAM DIGEST #29/69	G1.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

2 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Jul 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. 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 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 and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact 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, 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 training ops HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO DREIKIKIR.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base, conduct Base AO patrols and provide the Ready Reaction Company.
- (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 Bn in AO GUDGEON.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN Bn remained op con to 1 ATF and continued RIF and ambush ops in AO GUDGEON.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN Bn continued RIF ambush ops in AO TACKLE.
- (11) Significant Airstrikes. Negative airstrikes due to weather.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 010905H at YS563937 4 Pl B Coy 9 RAR exchanged fire with an unknown number of enemy, resulting in 1 AUST WIA (Evac) and 1 VC WIA (bloodtrail), 25 lbs rice and 10 lbs tobacco and one pack recovered.
- (2) At 011705H at YS491519 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR were fired on by one enemy resulting in 1 VC WIA (bloodtrail).

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. 1 AUST WIA (Evac).
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 VC WIA (bloodtrail).
 - (b) Material. 1 x pack, 25 lbs rice, 10 lbs tobacco.

d. Locations.

- (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 YS673675, 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.

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- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS485546, B Coy HORSESHOF HILL, C Coy (-) YS321678, D Coy (-) YS480609.
- (5) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS, B Coy (-) YS562932, C Coy (-) 1 ATF Base and AO GUDGEON, D Coy YS588913.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ (+) FSPB LONGREACH, Coy YS563770, Coy YS551779, Coy YS527775.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ (+) FSPB DARWIN), Coy YS563605, Coy YS548589.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480390 in AO BLOCK. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST 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 TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Bn conducts RIF Ops READBACK (TEST) in AO GUDGEON centre of mass YS5577.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn 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.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (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.

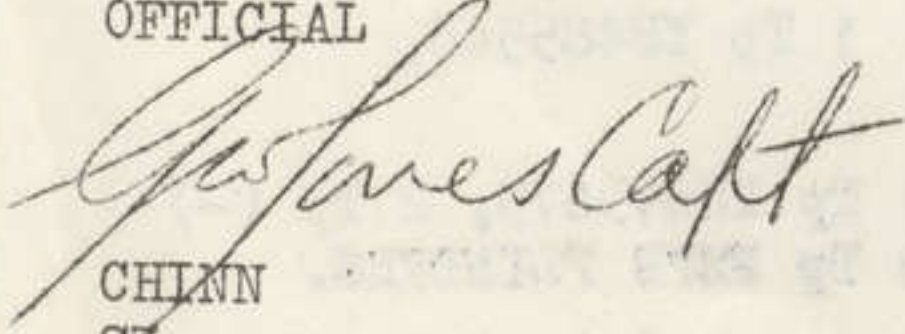
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

3 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 020001H to 022400H Jul 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 AO BLOCK. 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 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One combat and 18 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 improvements and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy training ops HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy returned from AO DREIKIKIR to AO ALDGATE. A Coy relieved D Coy in AO BLOCK. D Coy moved to commence RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base, conduct Base AO patrols and provide Ready Reaction Company.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB. Elements of C Coy completed ops in AO GUDGEON and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN completed ops in AO GUDGEON and returned to HORSESHOE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE.
- (11) Air Support - Significant Airstrikes.

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1045H	YS290880	VC Base Camp	100/50. 100 meters trench exposed, one large tunnel entrance exposed and damaged, 3 fighting pits exposed and damaged.
1045H	YS302792	VC Base Camp	100/100. Negative BDA.
1145H	YS302793	VC Base Camp	100/50. 1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 1 weapon pit exposed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1 spider hole exposed, 1 table destroyed.
1445H	YS302793	VC Base Camp	100/30. 25 meters trench destroyed, 75 meters trench exposed, 2 bunkers collapsed, 1 bunker destroyed.
0505H	YS29238755 (CSS)	VC Base Camp	100/30. 300 meters exposed, 20 meters trench exposed.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At YS587909 at 1020H D Coy 9 RAR sighted 2 enemy, did not engage due to restricted field of fire.

(2) At YS587909 D Coy located compound caches. Recovered 11 X SKS rifles, 1 X M1, 1 X Gerrand rifle, 1 X PPS, 1 X RPD, box of 12.7 ammo, part of 12.7 mm tripod, 8 X E 90 grenades, 1 X B 40 grenade, 1 X 82 mm round, qty of med supplies, qty of SKS ammo, qty of PPS ammo, 1 X stick grenade, 1 X SKS rifle (rusty), 79 claymore leads, 2 X 4 gallon drums of documents, 1 X ammo box of documents.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses:

(a) Personnel: Nil.

(b) Material: 12 X SKS rifles, 1 X Gerrand rifle, 1 X PPS, 1 X RPD, 8 X E 90 grenades, 1 X B 40 grenade, 1 X 82 mm round, box 12.7 ammo, qty med supplies, qty SKS ammo, qty PPS ammo, 1 X stick grenade, 79 claymore leads, 2 X 4 gallon drums of documents, 1 X ammo box of documents.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp YS673675. 2 Tp NUI DAT, 3 Tp NUI DAT,

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp YS483543. 2 Tp YS527898. 3 Tp and 4 Tp NUI DAT.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS480609. B Coy HORSESHOE. C Coy (-) YS368644. D Coy (-) YS 480609.

(5) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS. B Coy (-) YS562932. D Coy (-) YS584964.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. HORSESHOE.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. FSPB DARWIN.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE centre of mass YS4754, one company conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD, One company protects defence development DAT DO in AO BLOCK, Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Company. Two companies conduct ambush/RIF ops in AO MOON, centre of mass YS237773.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667, Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN moves from HORSESHOE to FSPB DARWIN for preparation for further ops.

(5) 2/52 ARVN moves to HORSESHOE for training.

(6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tank troops to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt with inf elements conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District. Provides sections to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO ALDGATE. Provides Ready Reaction Troop 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 section B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Route 23 AO SCORPION.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - three.
Platoon - one.
Squad - six.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and HB team targeted at D67 and C41 over areas centre of mass YS2973, YS2971, YS2969, YS3368, YS3666, YS3364. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one and one half hours.

(2) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcasts were conducted by HB team targeted at the population of LONG PHUOC, AN HOA, AN PHUOC hamlets. The themes were GVN image and Anti VC. The total broadcasts time was one and one half hours.

(3) Face to Face. Face to face missions were conducted by HE team targeted at the population of AP BAC, AN HOA, AN PHUOC and LONG PHUOC hamlets. The themes were GVN image and Anti VC. A total of 10 movies were screened for a total screening time of three and one half hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. Armed propaganda team conducted person to person conversation targeted at the known VC families at AP BAC, AP DON, AN HOA, AN PHUOC and LONG PHUOC hamlets. The themes were Chieu Hoi and VIP. The team operated for a total of four hours.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Jul 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 AO BLOCK. 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 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements continued phase 2 operations in AO SCORPION. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 25 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. Bridge construction continued on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Road improvements and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) remained in the 1 ATF Base, conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Company. A Coy and Sp Coy deployed into AO MOON centre of mass YS2377.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN occupied FSPB DARWIN and prepares for future operations.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN completed RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE and moved to HORSESHOE HILL YS4692 for retraining.
- (11) Air Support - Significant Airstrikes.

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0730H	YS309802	Base Camp	5 bunkers collapsed
0800H	YS309802	VC Base Camp	100/30. 50 metres trench exposed, 1 bunker destroyed, 2 metal cylinders exposed (4' long x 6" diameter.)
0815H	YS29238755		Neg BDA, bombs fell 500 metres South of target.
1515H	YS629898	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker exposed, 1 table exposed.
0710H	YS309802	VC Base Camp	100/50. 5 bunkers collapsed.
1450H	YS629898	VC Base Camp	90/30. 1 bunker exposed 1 bunker destroyed, 1 table exposed

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b. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At YS450583 engr element with 5 RAR located and destroyed one enemy positioned M16 mine.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses: One M16 mine.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS485539; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS673675; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS485539; Elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty(-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; One sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy(-) YS483539; D Coy(-) YS361660.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy(-) YS263764; Sp Coy(-) YS254796.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy(-), C Coy FSPB FLINDERS; B Coy(-) YS568923; D Coy(-) YS576892.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. FSPB DARWIN YS5261.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans summary for period 040001H to 042400H Jul 69:

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects def development DAT BO vic YS480390 in AO BLOCK. One Coy prepares to train 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 Ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two Coys conduct RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS237773.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN Bn prepares for Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885 commencing 5 Jul.

(5) 2/52 ARVN Bn commences retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(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.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and 1 ATF Psy Op Sect targeted at 274 VC Regt over areas centre of mass YS3081 and YS3079. The theme was Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was half hour.

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(2) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcasts were conducted by HB team targeted at the population of LONG SON, LONG BINH and LONG LIEN hamlets. The themes were GVN image, New Life development and Anti VC. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(3) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by HE Team targeted at the population of LONG SON, LONG BINH and LONG LIEN hamlets. The themes were GVN image, Anti VC. A total of seven movies were screened for a total screening time of two hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. Armed Propaganda team conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families at LONG SON, LONG BINH and LONG LIEN hamlets. The themes were Chieu Hoi and VIP. The team operated for a total of three hours.

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1. Operations Summary

a. General

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- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE and Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Bridge construction continued on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Road improvements and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt continued RIF, ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) remained in the 1 ATF Base, conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Company. A Coy and Sp Coy deployed into AO MOON centre of mass YS2377.
- (8) 9 RAR. 9 RAR continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN occupied FSPB DARWIN and prepares for future operations.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN completed RIF and ambush ops in AO TACKLE and moved to HORSESHOE HILL YS4692 for retraining.
- (11) Air Support - Significant Airstrikes.

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0730H	YS309802	Base Camp	5 bunkers collapsed
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0710H	YS309802	VC Base Camp	100/50. 5 bunkers collapsed.
1450H	YS629898	VC Base Camp	90/30. 1 bunker exposed 1 bunker destroyed, 1 table exposed

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b. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At YS450583 engr element with 5 RAR located and destroyed one enemy positioned M16 mine.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses: One M16 mine.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS485539; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS673675; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4954; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS485539; Elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty(-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; One sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy(-) YS483539; D Coy(-) YS361660.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy(-) YS263764; Sp Coy(-) YS254796.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy(-), C Coy FSPB FLINDERS; B Coy(-) YS568923; D Coy(-) YS576892.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. FSPB DARWIN YS5261.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans summary for period 040001H to 042400H Jul 69:

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects def development DAT BO vic YS480390 in AO BLOCK. One Coy prepares to train 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 Ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two Coys conduct RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS237773.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN Bn prepares for Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885 commencing 5 Jul.

(5) 2/52 ARVN Bn commences retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(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.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and 1 ATF Psy Op Sect targeted at 274 VC Regt over areas centre of mass YS3081 and YS3079. The theme was Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was half hour.

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(2) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcasts were conducted by HB team targeted at the population of LONG SON, LONG BINH and LONG LIEN hamlets. The themes were GVN image, New Life development and Anti VC. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(3) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by HE Team targeted at the population of LONG SON, LONG BINH and LONG LIEN hamlets. The themes were GVN image, Anti VC. A total of seven movies were screened for a total screening time of two hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. Armed Propaganda team conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families at LONG SON, LONG BINH and LONG LIEN hamlets. The themes were Chieu Hoi and VIP. The team operated for a total of three hours.

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From 050001H to 052400H Jul 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 AOs MOON, ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.

(2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. 3 Tp came under op con 6 RAR for operations in AO MOON.

(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 MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.

(4) Task Force Artillery. 54 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. Bridge construction continued on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC. Road improvements and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK.

(6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt continued RIF ambush and pacification ops in AO's ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continue training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) remained in the 1 ATF Base, conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Company. A Coy and Sp Coy(-) continued operations in AO MOON. V Coy was deployed into AO MOON.

(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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.

(9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN deployed into AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS4588 and commenced RIF and ambush training.

(10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remains on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.

(11) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0705H	YS680882	Base camp	100/80% Negative BDA due to smoke & foliage.
1130H	YS3179	Intellegence Tgt	1 hut exposed, 2 x tunnel entrances exposed, 1 structure destroyed. 1 breather hole exposed, 7 bunkers exposed 6 bunkers destroyed.
1433H (HEAVY ARTY)	YS280790	Base camp	Results. 10 bkr des, 9 bkr exp, 1 struct destroyed.
1445H	YS587606	VC Base camp	100% on target 100% covered. Results. 1 bkr dest, 4 bkr exp, 1 table dest, 1 desk destroyed.
1502H	YS320780	VC Base camp	100% on target 50% covered. Results. 1 bkr dest, 1 tunnel ent exp.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1115H at YS446897 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted approx 20 enemy during an LZ securing operation. Results 1 VC KIA(BC) 3 VC WIA bloodtrails; four packs containing a quantity of documents; medical supplies and 9MM ammo were recovered.
- (2) At 1510H at YS349642 a Ptl of 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR engaged three enemy resulting in one enemy KIA BC, one enemy WIA and 1 Aust WIA (evacuated). One 7.62MM SMG and a pack containing documents were recovered.
- (3) At 1745H at YS612681 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted approx 20 enemy with unknown results. One Aust was WIA and evacuated.
- (4) At 1730H at YS261802 V Coy 6 RAR contacted four enemy with unknown results. Four packs containing food and cooking utensils were recovered.
- (5) At 1905H at YS442884 elements of 2/48 ARVN contacted 2-3 enemy resulting in one VC WIA and one pack being recovered.
- (6) At approx 2100H at YS263802 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR engaged approx six enemy with unknown results. Sweep to be conducted in morning.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Two Aust WIA (evacuated).
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Two enemy KIA(BC) five enemy WIA (four to 1 ATF and one to 2/48 ARVN).
 - (b) Material. Six packs containing a quantity of food, medical supplies, documents and cooking utensils, one 7.62 SMG, small quantity SAA.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS483539; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 3 Tp FSPB NELSON YS2475.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS644676; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS484539; Elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; one Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; one Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy(-) YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy(-) YS483539; D Coy(-) YS348641.
- (5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy(-) YS266782; V Coy(-) YS262802.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS; A Coy(-) YS536905; B Coy(-) YS563907; C Coy(-) YS604873; D Coy(-) YS566886.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BUFFALO YS4488; one Coy YS442883; one Coy YS442896.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans summary for period 060001H to 062400H Jul 69:

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480390 in AO BLOCK. One Coy prepares to train 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 Ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two Coys plus conduct RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS285775.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

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- (4) 2/48 ARVN Bn commences Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn continues retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 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, 6 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.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Four
Platoon - Two
Squad - Five
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations. Nil Return.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy activity was at a very low level for the second consecutive week as enemy units appeared to have withdrawn for re-organisation and re-fitment prior to initiation of the July action period of the Summer Offensive. Divisional forces for the most part withdrew to base areas leaving provincial forces and sub-region units to harass Allied forces and installations. The same pattern was reflected in the I, II and IV Corps areas.

2. Enemy activity was again confined to indirect attacks by fire and no significant ground actions were reported. The only main force elements identified in major contact were those of possibly 83NVA Regt and 58 Arty Bn which lost 44 KIA on 1st July in an engagement with 25th US Inf Div elements.

Enemy Locations

3. 9VC Div remains deployed along the Cambodian border with its 88 Regt in War Zone "C" north of TAY NINH city. The 88 Regt was identified SE of NUI BA DEN early in this week and late last week where a series of contacts accounted for 182 enemy KIA.

4. 1NVA Div elements were not in identifiable contact during the week and this combined with the small number of agents reports concerning the div plus the general dispersal of sensor activity in the area preclude drawing a clear picture of the units present location and future intentions. The identification of a PW from 101D Regt in central War Zone "C" indicates that elements of the unit may be moving to rear base areas, however it is estimated that the bulk of the Regt remains in west central BINH LONG province.

5. Little intelligence was developed on 7NVA Div during the week. 7 Div elements were not/identifiably contacted during the week making the div's current disposition obscure. Aerial sensor patterns suggest that 141 Regt may be deployed along the SONG BE corridor NE of ANLOC, with 209 Regt located in base areas along the Cambodian border north of FISHHOOK. 165 Regt is unlocated. Numerous agent reports, probably referring to 7NVA Div elements, place unidentified enemy elements throughout BINH LONG province.

6. 5VC Div appears to have withdrawn into central War Zone "D". Lack of enemy activity or sensor patterns in areas south of the DONG Nai River formerly occupied by elements of the div, coupled with a series of light contacts and new sensor patterns north of the river indicate the div has withdrawn. A number of low level agents have indicated that the div was forced to relocate into War Zone "D" because of lack of food and supply difficulties experienced south of the DONG NAI.

7. In MR-7, 274 Regt elements returned to base areas in the HAT DICH. In the area north of NUI THI VAI freshly renovated base camps and bunker complexes appearing to have been recently occupied indicated that elements of the regt had been assembling in the area. 33 Regt was not identified during the period, although a series of contacts on 3rd July SE of TRANG BOM may be with elements of 33 Regt.

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
18B NVA Inf Regt	N of NUI BA DEN	1200
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of DAU TIENG	1000
101D NVA Inf Regt	N of MINH THANH	1300

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<u>5 VC Div HQ</u>	Central WZ "D"	4710
<u>275 VC Inf Regt</u>	Southern WZ "D"	1160
<u>174 NVA Inf Regt</u>	DINH QUAN area-	1175
<u>95 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Southern WZ "D"	1150
<u>7 NVA Div HQ</u>	Vic FISH	4575
<u>165 NVA Inf Regt</u>	SW of AN LOC	1150
<u>141 NVA Inf Regt</u>	N and E of ANLOC	1100
<u>209 NVA Inf Regt</u>	North of FISHHOOK	875
<u>9 VC Inf Div</u>	LO GO area	4150
<u>271 VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of TAY NINH	1000
<u>272 VC Inf Regt</u>	NW of TAY NINH	1140
<u>88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	North of TAY NINH	760
<u>1 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 (XT5535)	1000
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods	800
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH	700
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	NE of LAI KHE	1200
<u>QUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	North of HOC MON	800

Enemy Losses

9. Enemy losses in III CTZ for the week were 903 KIA(BC), 98 PW, 183 Hoi Chanh, 295 and 45 individual and crew served weapons captured. There were 13 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

10. The enemy's plans and intentions for the July period are not yet clear. The divisional forces appear to have moved to more secure areas probably to refit and prepare for a resumption of offensive action. SR forces have also been inactive although reliable agents have indicated that these forces will attempt to keep allied forces occupied while the Divs prepare for attacks later in the month. TAY NINH and BINH LONG provinces continue to appear as the focal points for the next phase.

11. However the enemy retains considerable flexibility. From present positions he can withdraw his MF div's to bases along the Cambodian border should he consider this politically expedient and still maintain a semblance of pressure on allied forces through use of LF and SR units. He can also remain in his present posture almost indefinitely awaiting developments. Again SR forces would probably to maintain a presence.

12. The enemy is expected to continue his effort on propaganda and on his attempts to revitalize his shadow government, both linked to military action. The most likely cause of enemy action during July is to maintain a low to moderate level of action during the early part of the month, primarily conducted by other than MF units. However, arty elements and possibly some sapper units from the MF div's may support these efforts. It is expected these attacks will be primarily directed at villages in the vicinity of provincial capitals and to be aimed at preparing the way for further efforts by divisional forces.

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These MF units may then be committed against these targets if COSVN believes such efforts will favourably influence their bargaining position or enhance their in-country potential.

13. Of more immediate interest, the intentions of 5 VC Div are not clear but after a period of re-fitting it could return south to operate against allied installations along Routes 1 and 20, move north into PHUOC LONG province in an attempt to expand VC/NVA presence there, or conduct action against the PHUOC VINH Base camp.

14. In MR-7 the exact intentions of 274 Regt are not known but it is still in a position to threaten the BINH SON - LONG THANH area or interdict Route 15. It is estimated that 33 Regt remains targetted against the TRANG BOM - BLACK HORSE - XUAN LOC - BINH LOC areas.

Friendly Activities

15. Friendly activities again consisted of corps sweep operations which resulted generally in minor clashes. Only one large cache was found, this in WAR ZONE "D" by 2MSF elements at YT422474, 17 Km NW of DINH QUAN and the following items were recovered:-

296	B-41 rounds
643	B-40 "
73700	rounds 7.62 ammo
224	grenades
521	rounds 75mm (HE, AT and AP)
67	107mm rockets
6970	rounds 12.7mm ammo

and lesser quantities of assorted ammo and equipment.

16. Main friendly initiated actions were:-

- a. 30th June, XS697644, 2.5 Km NW TAN TRU the LONG AN PRU engaged an enemy platoon with arty support resulting in 37 enemy KIA and 3 PW and quantities of munitions and radio equipment captured. Documents identified the 2/107mm Rocket Coy (Poss AKA 2Co/3 Arty Bn SR3)
- b. 1st July, XT295576, 4 Km SW of PHUOC HOA (TAY NINH) 25 US Div elements engaged an unknown size enemy force with SA/AW and supported by flame bath, FAC, LFT, TAC Air and arty inflicted 44 KIA. Documents identified 58 Arty Bn which possibly supports 88 NVA Regt in operations in the area.
- c. 2nd July, XT640365, 6 Km NE of BEN SUC (BINH DUONG) 1-11 ACR secured a tunnel believed to have been an enemy hospital complex. The action resulted in 30 enemy KIA and 2 Hoi Chanh. Documents identified C-10 Medical Unit SR-1, 2-101 Regt and other military infiltration units.
- d. 2nd July, XT58589, 12Km NW of DAU TIENG (TAY NINH) 1 US Cav Div elements engaged an unknown number of enemy in bunkers with SA/AW; ARA, TAC Air and arty supported resulting in 32 enemy KIA.
- e. 4th July, XS654826, 6.5 Km NE of BEN LUC (LONG AN), 9 US Inf Div elements engaged an enemy platoon, arty, LFT and TAC Air supported result 36 enemy KIA/KBA. Documents identified 267 VC MF Bn of SR-2.

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

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary - Omitted

Other Information

Enemy Use of CHICOM. RKG - 3T Anti-Tank Grenade

17. A XXIV Corps report indicated that during recent sapper activities in the corps the enemy has had in his possession quantities of the CHICOM RKG-3T anti-tank grenade. This anti-tank grenade designed to be used against tanks and other armoured vehicles employs the shaped charge principle. Stabilisation of the grenade in flight is accomplished by a drag type parachute, which is ejected from the grenade when it is thrown. On impact, the inertia-activated firing pin detonates the grenade.

18. The RKG-3T grenade is packed in three separate parts (body, fuze, handle) which are assembled immediately prior to use. The grenades discovered in the Corps AO have been modified to accept the common Chicom friction fuze and igniter. This indicates that the grenade is intended to be hand emplaced in the target objective. The grenade will effectively penetrate 5.1" of armour which makes all armoured vehicles, artillery pieces and bunkers vulnerable to damage or destruction.

(Extracted from III MAF Perintrep 25-69)

VC/NVA Monitoring of Allied Communications III CTZ

19. A PW and a rallier have given good information on VC/NVA monitoring of Allied Communications in III CTZ. The rallier from the Technical Reconnaissance Section (TRS) of MR-7 stated that the TRS consisted of a combined command staff and an administration section. It had two subordinate elements:-

- a. Short Wave (HF) Element (CW interception)
- b. Ultra-Short Wave (UHF) Element (Voice interception)
(See organisational chart)

the command staff of TRS consisted of a Chief, Asst Chief and political Officer (PO). The admin section consisted of 16-18 men, including a transport and mess sqd of approx 5 men. The UHF Element was composed of approx 16 men:- Element leader, Asst Ldr, and 14 radio ops. The HF Element consisted of about 12 men:- Elm Ldr, Asst Ldr, and 10 radio ops.

20. The mission of the TRS was to intercept US, Australian and ARVN voice and CW radio transmissions and to relay any info obtained to MR-7 HQ.

21. The UHF Element was equipped with 4 PRC-25 US made transceivers with both short sectional antennas and long wire antennas. The HF Element had 6 PHILLIPS 4 band commercial receivers of Dutch origin. The mission of the UHF Element was to gather int on enemy activity, particularly of impending air and arty strikes by intercepting Allied ARVN voice transmissions and to relay this information to HQ MR-7 for appropriate action. There were 6 English Linguists assigned to 2 of the PRC-25 radios and 8 non-linguists assigned on the other 2 sets. Usually 2 operators monitored 1 set by means of 2 sets of headphones spliced into one jack. Those operators usually worked 1-6 hours during daylight hours only. The length of a shift depended on the amount of traffic being transmitted and the intensity of friendly and or enemy activity in the area. Usually only 4 specific freqs were monitored. These freqs were :-

- a. HQ of an Australian Unit and/or the US advisors to 18

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ARVN Div (1 freq)

- b. An Australian arty set, to include 4FSBs, the fire control centre and a heliborne observer (1 freq)
- c. A number of unknown ARVN units (2 freqs)

22. When an English linguist-operator intercepted a transmission, he was to write down everything he understood in particular significant abbreviations (eg "Alpha Sierra" for airstrike) and any corresponding Co-ords. A message requiring immediate attention, ie one containing a request for an air or arty strike in an area where a VC unit was operating would be given urgent treatment which often allowed sufficient time to notify the unit concerned, thus allowing it time to evacuate the target area. Usually the UHF element operated only during the day but if a VC unit was to launch a night attack the element would assign a night shift to intercept transmissions requesting air or arty strikes in defense of the Allied/ARVN position under attack.

23. Occasionally 1 or more elements, each consisting of 2 ops and 1 PRC-25 were attached to a VC unit for an operation, reportedly only to regt-size or larger operations. The intercept Elements set up their equipment in the op area normally up to 4 Km from the objective. These Elements co-operated closely with the radio ops at the CP comcentre who maintained communications between the CP and attacking units, so that any important info intercepted could be acted on immediately.

24. With the long wire antennas the PRC-25 radios had a reception range of about 30 Km. With the sectional antenna, the reception range was reduced to approx 15 Km. Flashlight size "C" batteries supplied the power for these radios, 12 X 1.5V batteries wired in series supplied sufficient operating power for 5-9 days. All 4 PRC-25s were used as receivers only and the element had no capability for either jamming or deception despite the presence of the transmitters.

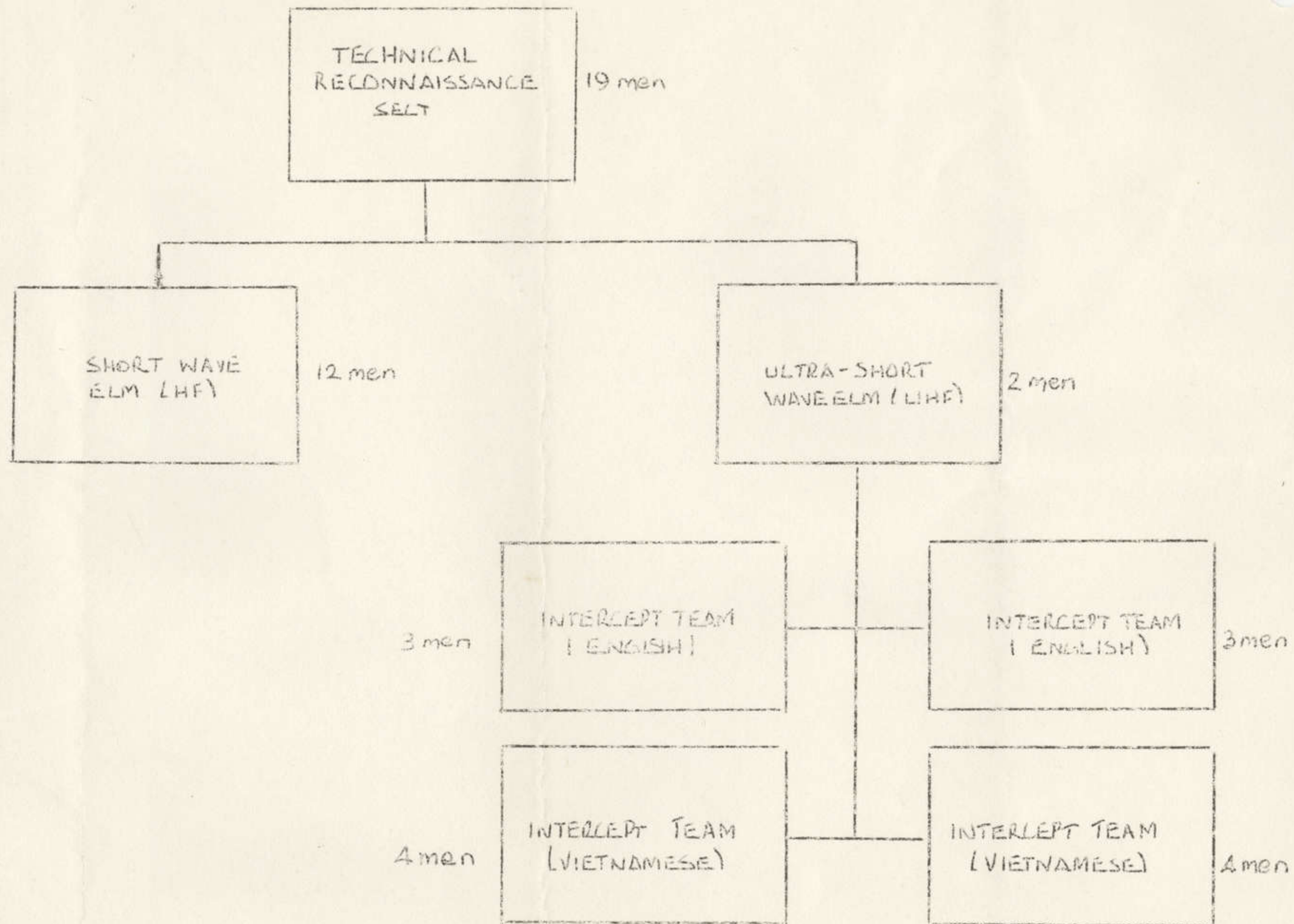
25. In his training the rallier received instruction in map reading, operation of the PRC-25, enemy radio procedures to include phrasing and common abbreviations, phonetic alphabet and enemy callsigns which usually came over his freq. The rallier quoted the following call-signs:- 20, 30, 40 and 50 were Australian FSBs, 95 was the fire control centre; 29 or TONOME was the callsign of an U/I overall command HQ and 39A belonged to a heliborne observer. The rallier's practical training consisted of standing shifts monitoring the Australian arty set frequency in tandem with another operator. He also estimated that the Australians gave co-ords in the clear for air and arty strikes approx 60% of the time, basing this figure on overall transmissions, incl both messages from base camps or installations where the Australians always used a letter code and messages from units in contact, where they almost always gave co-ordinates in the clear. He had also heard that US advisors always gave co-ords in the clear when requesting air or arty support.

(G-2 Comment:- It is obvious that the enemy derives much info of great tactical value from intercepted radio communications. The necessity for the use of correct communications security cannot be over-emphasised)

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

TO : II FFORCE V G3 TOC
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1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AOs MOON, ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (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 MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 4 contact and 74 H & 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 improvements and bunker construction continued in AO BLOCK. Bridge construction continued on Route 23 East of XUYEN MOC.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) supported by 105 Fd Bty, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 3 Cav Regt continued RIF ambush and pacification ops in AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continue training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Company. A Coy, V Coy and Sp Coy (-) continued operations in AO MOON.
- (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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush operations in AO TRANSVERSE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remains on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0705H	YS586588	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 100% covered. Results: 5 Bkrs dest. 1 Bkr exp and badly damaged.
1510H	YS322810	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 30% covered. Results: 1 Bkr exp. 1-80' observ platform destroyed.
1710H	YS299798	VC Base Camp	100% on target, 20% covered. Results Neg BDA

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0850H at YS561881 10 Pl D Coy 9 RAR contacted approx 6 en resulting in 1 Aust KIA and 1 Aust WIA (evacuated). En losses unknown.
- (2) At 1035H at YS277787 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted approx 2 en with unknown results.
- (3) Centred at YS273788 A Coy 6 RAR located an en camp spread over an area 250 m by 25 m. Camp consisted of ten bunkers and would hold 60 - 80 tps. Located 105 mm shell and 3 booby trap switches. Camp had been used within previous 12 hours and had been hit by airstrike and arty. Part of a body was located.
- (4) At 1150H at YS475536 a bulldozer of 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine estimated at 50 lbs HE. No cas - dozer moderately damaged.
- (5) At 1600H at YS274798 V Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 en with unknown results.

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- (6) At YS438880 2/48 ARVN located and destroyed a 30 lb Chicom anti tank mine.
- (7) At YS483536 C Coy 5 RAR located and destroyed a year old coy size bunker system.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).

(b) Materiel. 1 bulldozer moderately damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 KBA.

(b) Materiel. 1 x 105 mm shell; 3 booby trap switches; 1 x 30 lb Chicom A tk mine.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS484540; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 3 Tp FSPB NELSON YS2475.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS645677; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS495534; Elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; one sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON; 105 Fd Bty FSP THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; one sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy YS484540; D Coy (-) YS340643.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy (-) YS277787; V Coy (-) YS271804; Sp Coy (-) FSPB NELSON.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS; A Coy (-) YS528908 B Coy (-) YS565903; C Coy YS605874; D Coy YS560889.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ 1 Coy FSPB BUFFALO YS4888; 2 Coy (-) YS460882; 3 Coy (-) YS441912.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

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(2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 Ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two Coys plus conduct RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS285775.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5667. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS, YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN Bn continues Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885.

(5) 2/52 ARVN Bn continues retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following Psy Ops were conducted during the reporting period.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and 1 ATF Psy Ops Sect targeted at the illegal inhabitants over areas centre of mass YS7669 YS7869, YS7671, YS7871, YS7667, YS7867. The themes were - return to GVN. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

From 070001H to 072400H Jul 69.

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- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 28 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continue training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy. V Coy and Sp Coy (-) continued operations in AO MOON. B Coy replaced A Coy in AO MOON.
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- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were :

Time	Coordinates	Tgt Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1450H	YS680882	VC Base Camp	100% on tgt 50% covered Results: 1 tunnell ent exp 1 hut dam, 1 hut dest, 1 bkr dest, 2 50 gal drums dest.
1600H	YS328687	VC Base Camp	100% on tgt 30% covered Results: 2 bkrs exp, 1 footbridge dest.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0830H, North of FSPB BUFFALO YS4388, a Hoi Chanh presented himself to 2/48 ARVN Bn.
- (2) At 1030H, at YS336640, D Coy 5 RAR contacted five enemy resulting in 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail).
- (3) At 1035H, at YS432908, 3 Coy 2/48 ARVN Bn contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA (BC) and one enemy WIA (PW) who DOW. One carbine was recovered.
- (4) At YS342642, D Coy 5 RAR located and destroyed an old bunker system consisting of 35 bunkers.
- (5) At 1530H, at YS478531, a bulldozer of 1 Fd Sqn was hit and damaged by an RPG. Nil casualties.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 Bulldozer damaged.
- (2) Enemy losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 enemy KIA (BC), 1 enemy WIA (PW) DOW, 1 Hoi Chanh (all credited to 2/48 ARVN), 1 enemy WIA (bloodtrail).
 - (b) Materiel. 1 Carbine (captured by 2/48 ARVN).

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS484540. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289. 3 Tp FSPB NELSON YS2475.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp (-) YS645677. 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST, YS5055. 3 Sect 2 Tp YS484540. Elements Sp Tp FSPB NELSON. 3 Sect Sp Tp ONG TRINH YS260680.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS, B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS. 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS480609. 2 Pl FSPB DARWIN YS5261. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692. C Coy (-) YS484540. D Coy (-) YS334653. 1 Sect Mor Pl ONG TRINH.
- (5) 6 RAR. Bn HQ (-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy (-) YS278790. V Coy YS291799. Sp Coy (-) FSPB NELSON.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS. A Coy (-) YS520921. B Coy (-) YS560900. C Coy YS583861. D Coy YS554885.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BUFFALO YS440880. 1 Coy (-) YS442889. 2 Coy (-) YS466884. 3 Coy (-) YS454906.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans Summary for period 080001H to 082400H Jul 69.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. One Coy trains 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two Coys plus conduct RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS285775. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5687. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Bn continues Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455835.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn continues retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 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, 6 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 and AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - five.
Platoon - two.
Squad - five.
- (2) 3 SAS Ser has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.
- (4) Results - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following Psyops was conducted during the reporting period :

(1) Aircraft Broadcast.

Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and HB Team targeted at C41 and D67 over areas centre of mass YS3168, YS3368, YS3166, YS3366, YS3165 and YS2772, YS2770 and YS2869. Themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(2) Ground Broadcast.

Ground broadcast were conducted by HB Team targeted at the population of LONG LIEN and LONG PHUONG Hamlets. Themes were GVN Image and Anti VC/NLF. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(3) Face to Face.

Face to Face operations were conducted by the HB Team targeted at the population of LONG LIEN and LONG PHUONG Hamlets. The themes were GVN Image, Public Safety and Anti VC/NLF. A total of five movies were screened for a total of two hours screening time.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team.

APT conducted person to person conversations targeted at known VC families in LONG LIEN and LONG PHUONG Hamlets. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Third Party Inducement. The team operated for a total time of two hours.

(5) 1 CAP.

A 1 CAP was conducted by the HE Team, HB Team, Mitsup, Int, VIS and PT, targeted at the population of DAT DO Village. The 1 CAP was conducted for a period of two and a half hours.

(6) Chieu Hoi.

A Chieu Hoi rallied to 2/48 ARVN Bn (Op con 1 ATF) in AO TRANSVERSE. The Chieu Hoi is under interrogation and if he is of Psycho value, he will be exploited 8 Jul 69.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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8 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Jul 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 AOs MOON, ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements ceased Phase 2 ops in AO SCORPION and returned to 1 ATF Base. Elements remained op con 5 RAR, 6 RAR in AO MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 13 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continue training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy. B Coy and V Coy continued operations in AO MOON. TAC HQ remains at FSPB NELSON.
- (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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TRANSVERSE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0735	YS767692	VC Base camp.	100/100. Results: 4 structures destroyed. 4 structures exposed. 2 bkr ent exp. 1 small shelter des. 1 rice mill exp and damaged.
1455	YS 290873	VC Base camp	100/50. Results: Neg further due to smoke and foliage.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0006H 5 RAR FSPB THRUST YS5055 received 12 rounds 82mm mortar resulting in 3 Aust WIA (evacuated). Base plate appeared to have been at YS504532.
- (2) At 0500H at YS643677 elements of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt were engaged with two claymores with negative casualties. A sweep this morning revealed two further claymores; 1 US and 1 Chicom.
- (3) At 0745H at YS333638 one enemy was shot and killed by a sentry of 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR. One pack and one 7.62mm SMG were recovered.
- (4) At YS290800 V Coy 6 RAR located a two Coy sized camp

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consisting of huts and squad sized bunkers. Camp had been used two to three days ago.

(5) At YS259794. B Coy 6 RAR located a Coy(-) sized camp consisting of shelters and bunkers. Camp had been used two to four days previously. Recovered were: small quantity rice and sugar; 420 piastres; 20 containers penicillin and other antibiotics; 11 field dressings. One grave containing one enemy KIA from GSW was ~~discovered~~. Body was three days old.

(6) At YS331654 D Coy 5 RAR located an occupied enemy camp. An attack on the camp is planned for 9 Jul.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 Aust WIA (evacuated)

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 enemy KIA(BC).

(b) Material. One 7.62mm SMG; one pack; small quantity rice and sugar; 420 piastres; 20 containers penicillin and other antibiotic drugs; 11 field dressings.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS484540; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 3 Tp FSPB NELSON YS2475.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS485538; elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS; elements Sp Tp FSPB NELSON; 3 Sect Sp Tp ONG TRINH YS2686.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; one Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty(-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty(US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy(-) YS580609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy YS484540; D Coy(-) YS334653; 1 Sect Mor Pl ONG TRINH.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; Tac HQ FSPB NELSON; B Coy YS291794; V Coy YS296800.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy FSPB FLINDERS; B Coy YS566904; C Coy YS576871; D Coy YS560892.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BUFFALO YS4488; 1 Coy(-) YS433884; 2 Coy(-) YS477883; 3 Coy(-) YS463905.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans summary for period 090001H to 092400H.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. One Coy trains 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS5055.

(2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two Coys plus conduct RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS285775. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base. Tac HQ at FSPB NELSON YS2475.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5687. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN Bn continues Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885. Bn HQ FSPB BUFFALO YS4488.

(5) 2/52 ARVN Bn continues retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

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- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt provides Sects to 5 RAR, 6 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 and AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following Psy Ops were conducted during the reporting period.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcast were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at 274 VC Regt, SR 4 units and LONG SON ISLAND Guerillar Unit. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was two hours.
- (2) Ground Broadcasts. Ground Broadcasts were conducted by HB Team targeted at the population of LONG TAM and LONG TUAN hamlets. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC/NLF. The total broadcast time was four hours.
- (3) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by HE Teams targeted at the population of LONG TAM and LONG TUAN Hamlets. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC/NLF. A total of seven movies were screened for a total screening time of four hours.
- (4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families of LONG TAM and LONG TUAN Hamlets. The themes were Chieu Hoi and third party inducement. The APT operated for a total time of four hours.

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10 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Jul 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 AOs MOON, ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE, 6 RAR in AO MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR, 6 RAR in AO MOON and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 30 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continues training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy. B Coy and V Coy continued operations in AO MOON. TAC HQ remains at FSPB NELSON.
- (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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TRANSVERSE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1430	YS571792	VC Base Camp	100/30. Results: 3 bkrs dest, 1 str dam, 1 table dest, 15 metres comms trench dest.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 090722H at YS330651, D Coy 5 RAR entered a VC Base Camp. Enemy withdrew NE and the attack was not pressed due to presence of women and children. Enemy males were wearing greens and yellow scarves. A second camp unoccupied was located at YS332654. Both camps appeared to have been used recently and consisted of a number of caves up to 50 feet deep. CIA: 1 Garrand rifle, 1 Russian ATK grenade, 250 .30 cal rounds, qty of medical supplies, qty of documents, 2 packs containing clothing and food.
- (2) At 090757H at YS296800, 2 Pl. V Coy 6 RAR contacted 3 VC. Result: 1 KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 CI. The VC had apparently reoccupied part of a bunker system being searched by V Coy. At 091335H, V Coy reported 25 major bunkers, 30 rounds 12.7mm ammo, 1300 rounds SA ammo, qty of medical supplies and 1 ton of rice.
- (3) At 091000H, B Coy 6 RAR located an old bunker system, vicinity YS301790 to YS302789, estimated to have not been used.

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for 1 to 2 months. Camp estimated to hold 2 Platoons and small qty of medical supplies was recovered.

(4) At 091455H at YS332637, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted VC (LF) carrying AK47s. Results: 1 VC WIA - blood trail. Also located an extensive base camp at YS331639.

(5) At 091736H at YS321798, B Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC (LF). Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA.

(6) At 091142H at YS478539, 3 Sect 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a 3 - 5 lb blast charge (mine). It was destroyed in site.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 enemy KIA (BC).

1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail).

(b) Material. 1 Garrand rifle, 2 AK47 rifles, 1 Russian ATK grenade, 250 rounds .30 cal ammo, 30 rounds 12.7mm ammo, 1300 rounds SA ammo and 1 ton of rice.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS484540; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 3 Tp FSPB NELSON YS2475.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS485539; elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS; elements Sp Tp YS214787; 3 Sect Sp Tp ONG TRINH YS2686.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; one Sect 101 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy (-) YS484540; D Coy (-) YS334653; 1 Sect Mor Pl ONG TRINH.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; Tac HQ FSPB NELSON; B Coy (-) YS321798; V Coy YS296795.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS; A Coy (-) YS534893; B Coy (-) YS572907; C Coy YS576871; D Coy YS559893.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 (-) FSPB BUFFALO YS4488; 2 Coy (-) YS448890 3 Coy (-) YS444910.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans Summary for period 100001H to 102400H.

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD, centre of mass YS3566. One coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. One coy trains 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS5055.

(2) 6 RAR remains 1 ATF Base for phase 2 ops. Responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy. Two coys plus conclude RIF/ambush ops in AO MOON centre of mass YS285775, and return to 1 ATF Base.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5687. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN Bn continues Op BLOCKADE in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885. Bn HQ FSPB BUFFALO YS4488.

(5) 2/52 ARVN Bn continues retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

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

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt 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 and AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three

Platoon - One

Squad - Eleven

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations.

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

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at the illegal inhabitants east of XUYEN MOC. The themes were return to GVN. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(2) Ground Broadcasts.

Ground broadcasts were conducted by HB team targeted at the population of AH NGAI. The themes were GVN Image and anti VC/NLF. The total time was one hour.

(3) Face to Face.

Face to Face missions were conducted by the HE team targeted at the population of PHY MY village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. A total of five movies were screened for a total screening time of two and a half hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda.

The APT conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families of PHU MY village. The themes were Chieu Hoi and third party inducement. The APT operated for a total time of two and a half hours.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme.

(ICAP) An ICAP was conducted at AN NGAI village. The ICAP was conducted for a total time of two and a half hours.

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11 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Jul 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continues training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy. TAC HQ, B Coy and V Coy returned to 1 ATF Base on completion of Op WAIOURU in AO MOON.
- (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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO TRANSVERSE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0845H	YS456525	Base Camp	BDA to be done later.
1450H	YS772683	VC Base Camp	100/50. Results: 3 bunkers exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 1320H at YS559893, D Coy 9 RAR located a cache containing a tape recorder, 5 tapes, and 5 reams of duplicating paper.
- (2) At 1402H at YS331638, 5 RAR located a base camp of 35 caves last used 24 hours ago. Recovered: 5 jerry cans, qty of mess tins, 1 megaphone (all Aust), qty of food, eating utensils and 100m of plastic sheeting. A temple was being used as a HQ and was equipped with tables, chairs and a photo of HO CHI MINH. All items destroyed.
- (3) At 1430H at YS333649, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 4 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA(BC), 1 enemy WIA(blood trail), 1 x pack, 1 x CHICOM grenade, 1 x 50,000 metre map showing BARIA and BIEN HOA. 4 Traces and overlays showing uninstalations.

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(4) During 10 Jul 69, 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a platoon size camp in caves at YS330647. Cookhouse constructed with galvanized iron, 30 lbs rice in cache. All destroyed in site.

(5) At 1443H at YS5691, 6 Pl B Coy 9 RAR located an enemy camp used five to seven days ago. 1000 lbs of rice recovered. Old rifle butts and qty rifle oil. Possible workshop area.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses:

(a) Personnel. 1 enemy KIA(BC)

1 enemy WIA(blood trail).

(b) Material. 1030 lbs rice, 1 x tape recorder, 5 x tapes, 5 reams paper, 1 x pack, 1 x CHICOM grenade, 1 x 50,000 map, 4 traces and overlays.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS484540; 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS485538; elements Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS; 3 Sect Sp Tp ONG TRINH YS2686.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty(-), 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy(-) YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy(-) YS484540; D Coy(-) YS338651; 1 Sect Mor Pl ONG TRINH.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS; A Coy(-) YS534893; B Coy(-) YS567916; C Coy YS573854; D Coy YS559893.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48(-) FSPB BUFFALO YS4488; 2 Coy(-) YS448878; 3 Coy(-) YS445897.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

(1) 5 RAR conducts RIF ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One coy conducts ambush/RIF ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One coy protects def development DAT DO vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.

(2) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base, responsible for provision of ready reaction coy.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5687, assumes responsibility for AO TRANSVERSE from 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.

(4) 2/48 ARVN concludes RIF and ambush ops in AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS 455835 and deploys to AO WIANGARIE centre of mass YS560600.

(5) 2/52 ARVN Bn undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(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. 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 and AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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

(3) Small Unit Action with contact - two.

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(3) (a) At 1845H at YS547555 a light aircraft was fired on with SA. The aircraft fired a rocket and saw one enemy blown into stream and not surface. Arty engaged area and covered area where other enemy was hiding. Pieces of clothing in area. Result: 1 enemy KBA(air), 1 enemy KBA(Arty).

(b) LRRP's: 1 enemy KIA(BC), 4 enemy KIA(POSSIBLE)

g. Results

(1) Friendly Losses: Nil

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel: 1 enemy KIA(BC), 1 enemy KBA(Air), 1 enemy KIA(Arty). 4 enemy KIA(POSSIBLE)

(b) Material: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

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

(1) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by the HE Team targeted at the population of TAM PHUOC Village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC/NLF. A total of 4 movies were shown for a total screening time of one and a half hours.

(2) Armed Propaganda Team. The Armed Propaganda Team conducted person to person conversations targeted at the known VC families of TAM PHUOC Village. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Third Party Inducement. The team operated for a total time of one and a half hours.

(3) Integrated Civic Action Programme. An ICAP was conducted at HOA LONG village. The duration of the ICAP was two hours.

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SUBJECT Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP).
From 110001H to 112400H Jul 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con to 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continues training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy.
- (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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN completed RIF and ambush ops in AO TRANSVERSE and redeployed into AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1445H	YS680682	VC Base Camp	100/90. Results: 2 Mil structures destroyed. 2 Mil structures damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 1740H at YS540888 1 Pl A Coy 9 RAR located 40 bunkers. Search still in progress. Have found what is believed to be a flame thrower.
- (2) At 1045H at YS558896 12 Pl D Coy 9 RAR located 6 x bunkers, 18 x 20 ft. Possible hospital area. Area contained 30 lbs TNT, quantity of chophytol, chloroquin di phosphate and powdered penicillin.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses: Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel: Nil
 - (b) Material: 1 x Flamethrower (to be cfm), 30 lbs TNT, quantity of chophytol, chloroquin di phosphate and powdered penicillin.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB BUFFALO; 3 Tp YS484540.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055; 3 Sect 2 Tp YS484540; elements Sp Tp FSPB BUFFALO; 3 Sect Sp Tp ONG TRINH YS4686.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(.) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS; B Bty(-), 2, 35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS; 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

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- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy(-) YS480609; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692; C Coy(-) YS484540; D Coy(-) YS343641; 1 Sect Mor Pl ONG TRINH.
- (5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS; A Coy(-) YS541889; B Coy YS567916; C Coy(-) YS506896; D Coy YS558891.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 Bn FSPB DARWIN.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF Ops in AO ALDGATE, centre of mass YS4754. One Coy conducts ambush/RIF Ops in AO NOMAD centre of mass YS3566. One Coy protects DREF development DAT DO VIC YS480590 in AO BLOCK. One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn loc FSPB THRUST YS4954.
- (2) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base, responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush Ops in AO TOM TIUMB centre of mass YS5687, AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF and ambush Ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ loc FSPB DARWIN YS525612.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (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. 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 and AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has nine LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: one.
- (4) At 1445H on 15/4/78 an APC of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine resulting in one Aust WIA (evacuated) and 1 APC destroyed.

g. Results

- (1) Friendly Losses.
- (a) Personnel: 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).
- (b) Material: 1 APC destroyed.
- (2) Enemy Losses: Nil

Combined Operations

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

- (1) Armed Propoganda Team
The Armed Propoganda Team conducted person to person conversations at the known VC families of LAN; PHUOC HOA village. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Third Party Inducement. The team operated for a total time of two hours.
- (2) Aircraft Broadcasts
Aircraft Broadcasts were conducted by RAAF, HB Team and USAF at C41 and 274 VC Regt. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Surrender. Total time of broadcasts were four hours.

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and eight H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continues training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy.
- (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 and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continues RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0820H	YS773741	VC Base Camp	100/30. Results: 2 bkr dest. 1 bkr exp.
1445H	YS680882	VC Base Camp	2 military strds dest. 2 military strds dam.
1540H	YS346898	Occupied Camp	100/50. 1 mil str dest 3 bkrs exp. 1 bkr under constr exp. 6 packs and clothing scattered.
1645H	YS346898	Occupied Camp	100/50. 4 bkrs dest 3 bkrs exp. 1 table dest. Clothing scat. 1 KBA.
2000H 2015H 2043H	YS346886	Nightowl Mission on suspected Occupied camp.	100/70. Unk results. BDA to be done later.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 121215H at YS556887, 11 Pl D Coy 9 RAR were engaged with SA and RPG by enemy in a bunker system 100 metres away. Results: 2 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).

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c. Results.

- (1) Friendly losses:
 - (a) Personnel. 2 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA (evacuted)
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy losses: Nil.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS. 3 Tp YS484540.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055. 3 Sect 2 Tp YS491530. Elms Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS. 3 Sect Sp Tp ONG TRINH YS2686.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS. B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB FLINDERS. 1 Sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS480609. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692. C Coy (-) YS484540. D Coy (-) YS343641. 1 Sect Mor Pl ONG TRINH.
- (5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS. A Coy (-) YS537886. B Coy YS552915. C Coy (-) YS433873. D Coy YS556886.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn FSPB DARWIN.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

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- (2) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base, responsible for provision of Ready Reaction Coy.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB, centre of mass YS5687, AO TRANSVERSE, centre of mass YS455885. Bn HQ loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890.
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- (8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ALDGATE and AO BLOCK Dat Do YS4859.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - one.
Platoon - one.
Squad - seven.
- (2) 3 SA: Sqn has nine LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

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

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. After a sharp increase of activity on the night of 5th-6th July, enemy initiated incidents rapidly diminished to the low level noted during the previous week. Despite indications from various sources that increased hostile action was imminent, such action failed to occur as enemy main force units again generally avoided ground contact. The main enemy initiated ground action of the week occurred on 9th July when 3 companies of 165 NVA Regt ambushed a US convoy 4.5 Km NW of AN LOC, resulting in 22 enemy KIA and 1 PW.

2. During the week there were 71 enemy initiated attacks in III CTZ compared to 46 the previous week. Of these, there were 17 significant mortar and 15 rocket attacks compared to 5 and 5 respectively last week.

Enemy Locations

3. 9 VC Div remained out of contact and has not been identified since 27th July when the 1-88 NVA Regt was contacted east of NUI BANH.

4. 1 NVA Div elements continued to avoid identifiable contact. The Regts are believed to be relocating into base areas in northern WAR ZONE C and Cambodia to resupply, reinforce and train. Agent reports reveal that the division will probably return to eastern WAR ZONE C after completion of these activities.

5. Two regts of 7 NVA Div were identified with indications that the division may be moving north also to resupply and train in base areas in western BINH DONG province and Cambodia. 141 Regt was not identified.

6. At least part of 5 VC Div appears to have withdrawn into central WAR ZONE D. Lack of enemy activity and sensor patterns south of the DONG HAI River coupled with a series of light contacts and sensor patterns north of the river indicate that at least a portion of the division is in WAR ZONE D. It is believed that 275 VC and 174 NVA Regts have relocated there while 95 NVA Regt possibly remains in VC BA BIEH Province.

7. In MR-7 274 Regt probably remains near its normal HAT DICH base area, despite a series of B52 strikes, TAC Air strikes and arty fires placed in the area daily in the week. These allied actions have undoubtedly disrupted the regiments planned actions in the LONG THANH area. Although little intelligence was developed on 33 Regt it is estimated that it is still in the XUAN LOC area.

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

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH
165 NVA Div HQ	W of NUI BA DEN	4525
18B NVA Inf Regt	N of NUI BA DEN	1200
95C NVA Inf Regt	NW of PAU TIENG	1000
101D NVA Inf Regt	E of MINH THANH	1300
5th VC Div HQ	Central WAR ZONE D	4800
275 VC Inf Regt	S WAR ZONE D	1150
174 NVA Inf Regt	S WAR ZONE D	1175
95 NVA Inf Regt	Poss N of GIA RAY	1150
7th NVA Div HQ	Vic FISHHOOK	4575
165 NVA Inf Regt	NW of AN LOC	1150
141 NVA Inf Regt	E of AN LOC	1100
209 NVA Inf Regt	NW of AN LOC	875

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<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	LO GO Area	4150
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 BADEN	760
<u>1 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed S LONG AN Prov	1500
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of XUAN LOC	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic TRAPEZOID	1200
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods	775
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH - BINH SON	700
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of PHUOC VINH	1200
<u>QUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	N of HOC MON	poss 800

Enemy Losses

9. Enemy losses in III CTZ during the period were 902 KIA (BC), 81 PW, 193 Hoi Chanh, 245 individual and 50 crew served weapons captured. There were 13 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

10. Indications of enemy intentions are conflicting. The enemy continued to conduct reconnaissance of allied positions in WAR ZONE "C" and TAY NINH province and usually reliable agents reported on planned attacks in both the SE and west central portion of the CTZ. Such indications were supported by reports of planning conferences completed, replacements received, ambushes conducted on the main LOC in BINH DONG province (Route 13), attempted infiltration by sapper elements into SAIGON and the low level of enemy action.

11. However the above reports are somewhat contradicted by enemy force dispositions. The 1NVA Div has possibly withdrawn towards northern WAR ZONE "C", 9 VC Div remained in its traditional base areas in Cambodia, 7 NVA Div was identified in only small scale actions and 5 VC Div remained out of contact, possibly in rear base areas in WAR ZONE "D". Recent reports from fairly reliable sources suggest that the enemy is emphasising his propaganda, proselyting and political activities in efforts to influence the military situation.

12. The possibility of a higher level of enemy military activity being initiated before the 20th July however cannot be ruled out. Such action will probably be characterised primarily by indirect attacks by fire and sapper actions against selected units. Some ground actions can be expected in attempts to gain a basis for claims of control in TAY NINH and ANLOC. Regardless of his actual military or political situation, it is anticipated that the enemy will maintain some degree of tangible military pressure, as the key factor in his efforts is the threat of a large scale action.

13. The location and intentions of 5 VC division are unclear. The division remains in relatively secure base areas in central WAR ZONE "D" and has the capability to move into PHUOC LONG province, towards PHUOC VINH base camp, towards LONG BINH - BIEN HOA complex, into southern LONG KHANH province or remain in place until committed by COSVN order.

14. In MR7, 274 Regt was thwarted in any projected attempt to interdict Route 15 though probably still has the LONG THANH area as its objective. 33 Regt is assessed as still being targetted against LOC's and installations in the XUAN LOC area.

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Friendly Activities

15. Although allied forces continued their sweep operations contacts were generally light as most main force elements avoided contact. Most significant of these contacts were:-

- a. 8th July, XT65164, 3 Km N of PHU CUONG (BINH DUONG) elements of 3 RF Coys engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 18 enemy KIA; the enemy unit was identified as 2/2 QUYET THANG Regt assisted by elements of C10 LF unit.
- b. 9th July, YS230810, 7 Km NW of PHU MY (BIEN HOA) Province Bien Hoa Sector PRU platoon and 1 platoon 316 RF Coy engaged 30-40 enemy resulting in 19 enemy KIA and 5 PW who identified elements of 3 battalions 274 VC Regt.
- c. 9th July, XT 592279, 5.5 Km N of TRUNG LAP (BINH DUONG) 25 US Inf Div units engaged an enemy force later identified as 3-268 VC Regt resulting in 17 enemy KIA.
- d. 10th July, XJ972349, 9 Km S of BODUC (PHUOC LONG) 1 US Air Cav units engaged an unknown size enemy force, there were 17 enemy KIA.
- e. 12th July, XT273604, NUI BA DEN (TAY NINH) 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an unknown size enemy force; result 31 enemy KIA; the enemy unit was unidentified.

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

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary (OMITTED)

Other InformationEnemy Imitative Communications in III CTZ

16. An Imitative Communications Deception attempt was made on a 228 Avn In Chinook pilot recently. At 0900H 24th June, the pilot was attempting to contact LZ WESTCOTT when an individual came up on his frequency and identified himself as LZ JILL (previous name for WESCOTT) control. The Chinook pilot asked for directions because the weather was bad and he was flying just over the tree line. The individual gave him directions and told him the area was secured. By that time the weather had worsened causing the pilot to break off back towards QUAN LOI. On investigation it was discovered there were no friendly units in the area given by the "LZ JILL Control".

17. This is a good example of the enemy's capability to come up on Allied radio sets and by using perfect English trying to pass false information. The best defence against Imitative Communications Deception is constant use of authentication.
(Extracted from II FFV Perintrep 28-69)

VC Financial and Logistics Problems in MR-7

18. A 15th June document states that due to financial difficulties arising from a tax deficit, efforts should be made to minimise expenditures. The use of currency was temporarily suspended. Subsistence allowances have been reduced to the following levels:- combat troops and personnel transporting strategic goods will continue to receive 25 Kg of rice per month. Military Postal Service Personnel will receive 15 litres of rice plus 10 litres of rice substitute. Other non-combatant personnel will receive 5 litres of rice and 5 litres of substitute.

Use of "Flying Charges"

19. The VC are using satchel charges, captured artillery rounds and bombs as "flying charges" propelled by explosives placed in a hole underneath the bombs and shells. In this manner they have propelled objects as large as a 500 lb bomb into friendly positions. The range of these devices is limited to several hundred metres.

20. The launching device for the satchel charge for example is merely a hole with a 40°- 45° forward slope dug into soft ground (hard or sandy soils are avoided). The propelling charge is placed at the bottom of the firing pit and then covered with soil. Enough soil is placed on the propelling charge to bring the top of the explosive charge to ground level. The operator is located in a foxhole approx. 100 metres from the launch site. When he closes the electrical circuit the propelling charge will blast the explosive pack towards the target. (Extracted from USNACV Perintrep MAY 69)

Rumanian 1967 model 7.62mm Assault Rifle

21. On 16th April 1969 a 7.62mm Assault Rifle Kalashnikov (AKM) Rumanian 1967 model was captured by friendly forces in the western portion of II CTZ. It is the first model of this type recovered in the Republic of Vietnam. The weapon is similar in design to the Soviet AKM; however there have been several modifications. The most prominent of these is the addition of a front pistol - type handgrip. All other modifications are slight and do not affect the overall appearance or performance of the weapon.

Hungarian Model 7.62mm Assault Rifle

22. A Hungarian model 7.62mm Assault Rifle Kalashnikov (AKM) was captured for the first time in South Vietnam recently. The major differences between this and the Soviet model are the Hungarian AKM's shorter barrel, single piece folding stock, combination flash suppressor/compensator and front handgrip. The Hungarian model is 27mm (approx 1" shorter than the Soviet model with the stock extended. The rear of the receiver has been modified to support the folding stock and stock locking mechanism. The Hungarian AKM does not have the wooden front handguard which usually encloses the gas cylinder. The front handguard is made of stamped steel, with ten ventilation holes cut into each side of the handguard. A pistol grip is identical to the rear grip on this weapon, except it is mounted in a reverse angle.

VC Use of Bakelite Shoe Box Mine

23. On 20th April an element of the 1st US Marine Div discovered a bakelite shoe box mine in an enemy munitions workshop in I CTZ. This is the first known appearance of this mine in Vietnam. The mine consists of a brown plastic block with wells for a fuse and TNT charge, and a hinged plastic top which pivots downwards when pressure is applied. This activates the fuse.

24. The mine is approx 7" X 2" X 2" and it weighs about 14oz, including the fuse and TNT charge. The mine is similar in appearance and identical in function to the Soviet PMD-7ts Wooden Shoebox Mine. It employs a 75 gram cylindrical TNT charge, and an MUV fuse with MD2 detonator or home made equivalent. The country of origin is not known.

(Above 3 items extracted from USNACV Perintrep MAY 69)

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NUI DAT

14 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Jul 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and ten H and I and two smoke missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 FD Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continues training ops HORSESHOE HILL. D Coy completed RIF and ambush ops in AO NOMAD and returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy.
- (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 and ambush ops in AOs TOM THUMB, TRANSVERSE, and TANUNDA.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0930H	YS346886	VC Base Camp	100/70. Results 2 bkr dest. 1 str dest, 4 bkr exp&dam
1600H	YS410760	VC Base Camp	100/30. Results 1 bkr exp&dam, 2 Tables dest and scattered cans and clothing in area

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 131010H at YS496607 a Hoi Chanh led the 1 ATF LO DAT DO, 1 ATF Intelligence sergeant, an elm of A Coy 5 RAR and an elm of RF to a tunnel in the middle of a minefield. The entrance to the tunnel was pulled back and the enemy throw a grenade out, wounding two Aust and one VN. A member of A Coy threw a grenade into the tunnel entrance. Result; 2 Aust WIA (evacuated) and one VN WIA, 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 M16 and 1 M1 rifle recovered.
- (2) At 131600H at YS349901 a patrol from 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR contacted four enemy resulting in 1 en KIA(BC) and 1 AK50 recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel; 2 Aust WIA (evacuated) 1 VN WIA.
 - (b) Material; Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel; 2 en KIA(BC)
 - (b) Material; 1xAK50, 1xM16, 1xM1.

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d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 2Tp FSPB FLINDERS
3 Tp YS484540.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Sect 2 Tp FSPB THRUST
YS5055. 3 Sect 2 Tp YS484540. Elms Sp Tp FSPB FLINDERS.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST.
161(-) Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS. Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB BUFFALO. B Bty
2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy(-) YS480609. B Coy HORSESHOE
HILL YS4692. C Coy(-) YS484540. D Coy 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS. A Coy(-) YS344897. B Coy
YS552918. C Coy(-) FSPB BUFFALO. D Coy YS556887.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR conducts RIF OPS in AO ALDGATE, Centre of mass YS4754.
One Coy protects Def developement DAT DO Vic YS480590 in AO BLOCK.
One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST YS4954. One Coy returns to 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.
- (2) 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base responsible for provision of Ready Reaction
Coy. Two Coys deploy to AO WESTEND centre of mass YS5456 to conduct
RIF and ambush OPS. One Coy deploys to XUYEN MOC to conduct Phase 2
OPS.
- (3) 9 RAR conducted RIF and ambush OPS in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass
YS 5687, AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885, AO TANUNDA centre of
mass YS3489. Bn HQ(-) loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890. Elm Bn HQ Loc FSPB
BUFFALO.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Conducted RIF and ambush OPS in AO WIANGAREE centre of
mass YS560600. Bn Hq loc FSPB DARWIN YS525642.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Underwent retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provided Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF
Ready reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provided Sects to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO
ALDGATE. Provided Ready Reaction Tp and Convoy escorts.
- (8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducted land clearing ops under op con 5 RAR Vic
YS4754 within AO ALDGATE and AO BLOCK DAT DO YS4859.

f. Small Unit Action.

- (1) Company - one.
Platoon - one.
Squad - seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn had nine LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

Psychological Operations.

The following were conducted during the reporting period:

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft Broadcasts were conducted by RAAF
and HB team targeted of D445 and LONG DAT District platoon over area
centre of mass YS4456, 4654, 4652, 4851. The theme was Chieu Hoi.
The total broadcasting time was one hour.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

15 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Jul 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 5 RAR in AO ALDGATE and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three combat and Four H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ALDGATE. Road improvements 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 AOs ALDGATE and BLOCK. B Coy continues training ops HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting Base AO patrols and providing Ready Reaction Coy. A Coy deployed to AO WESTEND centre of mass YS5456. B Coy deployed to XUYEN MOC AO STRAND centre of mass YS6569.
- (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 and ambush ops in AOs TOM THUMB, TRANSVERSE, and TANUNDA.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0815H	YS754807	Base Camp	100/50% neg further due to SMK and foliage
1300H	CSS YS32568702	Base Camp	Bombs on tgt. Results unknown.
1510H	YS407837	Base Camp	100/50%, 1 bkr dest, 3 bkr exp, 2 tables exp, 1 str exp, clothing and cooking pots scattered, one poss KBA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0930H at YS352904, a patrol of 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR contacted three en resulting in one enemy KIA (Poss). Coy HQ, 1 and 2 Pls swept through a camp towards 2 Pl. One VC KIA (BC) was located in the camp plus two heavy bloodtrails.
- (2) At 1215H at YS446895 C Coy 9 RAR detained two persons who have been identified by a HOI CHANH. The woman was identified as a supplier for 84 Rear Services. The man was an ARVN deserter. Both are held at 1 ATF Base for interrogation.
- (3) At 1220H at YS345898 A Coy HQ and 3 Pl of 9 RAR located a cache containing; 100lbs rice, 300 x AK47 rds, 5 x AK47 mags, 1 x Chicom grenade.

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(4) At 1305H vic YS484540 7 Pl 5 RAR located a cache containing quantity of nuts and bolts, bottle of substance, possibly liquid explosive, large quantities of batteries, number of personal packs.

(5) At 141450H at YS635699 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 7 to 8 VC resulting in 2 VC WIA (bloodtrail) 1 x 7.62 short drum mag, 80 x 7.62mm rds, 1 x Chicom Anti Tk mine, 1 x RPG Booster, 2 bags rice, 2 tents, 1 pack.

(6) During 14 Jul 69 a road block at DAT DO YS4859 detained a total of seven persons. Two were recognised by a HOI CHANH, three were apprehended on a bus all dressed in same civilian dress. The civilian dress was the same as found on VC in a past operation. The **first** two were dressed in RF uniforms with incorrect insignia. They ran from the bus when the other three were apprehended.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC WIA (bloodtrail) 7 x detainees all VC suspects.

(b) Material. 1 x Chicom Anti Tk mine, 1 x Chicom grenade, 380 x AK47 rds, 6 x 47 mags, 1 x RPG Booster, 100 lbs rice plus 3 bags. Large quantity of batteries, 2 tents, quantity of packs, large quantity of nuts and bolts and a bottle of substance that could be liquid explosive.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS. 3 Tp YS484540.

(2) B Sqn 3 Coy Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST. YS5055. 2 Sect 1 Tp YS485538. Elms Sp Tp FSPB BUFFALO II.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 (-) Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS. Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB BUFFALO II B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS480609. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692. C Coy (-) YS484540. D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, A Coy (-) YS544570, B Coy (-) YS650700.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS. A Coy (-) YS352902, B Coy (-) YS549922, C Coy (-) FSPB BUFFALO II, D Coy YS553886.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. BHQ FSPB BATON YS557617, 1 Coy (-) YS567614, 3 Coy YS546611.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR (-) completes ops in AO ALDGATE and BLOCK and returns to 1 ATF Base. One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(2) 6 RAR two coys continue RIF ops in AO WESTEND centre of mass YS5456. One Coy continues phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC. Two Coys deploy to AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4754 and conduct RIF ops. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOMTHUMB centre of mass YS5687, AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885, AO TANUNDA centre of mass YS3489. Bn HQ (-) loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890. Elm Bn HQ loc FSPB BUFFALO II.

(4) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.

(5) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

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(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides Sects to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO ROSSLEA. Provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.

(8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 6 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4754.

f. Small Unit Action:

- (1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn had seven LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following were conducted during the reporting period.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at the LONG DAT District population over areas centre of mass YS4556, YS4454, YS4653, YS4753, YS4757 and YS4750. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(b) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at the SR4 units over areas centre of mass YS3283, YS3483, YS3281, YS3481, YS3279, YS3479, YS3378, and YS3574, YS3774, YS3974, YS4076, YS4176 and YS3673, YS3873. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by HE Team targeted at the population of LO GOM village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. The team operated for a period of two hours.

(3) Armed Propaganda Team. APT conducted person to person conversations targeted at the population of LO GOM village. The Themes were GVN Image Anti VC and third party inducement. The team operated for a period of two hours.

(4) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted at AN NHUT Village. ICAP operated for a period of three hours.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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16 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Jul 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 ~~TACH~~ and in AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One combat and 11 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR returned to 1 ATF Base, conduct base AO patrols and provide the ready reaction company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR A Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO WESTEND. B Coy continued RIF and ambush ops in AO STRAND. V Coy, D Coy and W Coy deployed to AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4854 and conduct RIF ambush ops.
- (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 and ambush ops in AOs TOM THUMB, TRANSVERSE and TANUNDA.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN continued RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out retraining.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0944H	YS353664	VC Base Camp	100/20. Results: 1 Mil Structure destroyed.
1815H	YS456525	VC Base Camp	100/50. Results: 1 weapon pit exposed, 1 wooden frame destroyed, containers and clothing scattered in area.
1820H	YS464539	VC Base Camp	100/70. Results: 2 possible KBA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1021H at YS352905, A Coy of 9 RAR contacted one enemy who approached bunker system occupied by A Coy, he was engaged by the sentry with negative results.
- (2) At 1240H at YS352905 a patrol of A Coy 9 RAR located a cache containing a Chicom radio in good condition, a quantity of documents, clothing, SA ammunition, RPG rounds. Detailed list to be advised.
- (3) At 1620H at YS554570, A Coy (-) of 6 RAR contacted two enemy with negative results.
- (4) At 1630H at YS551573 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted three enemy resulting in two enemy KIA(BC) and 2 AK47's recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses - Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 2 enemy KIA(BC)
 - (b) Material - 2 x AK47, 1 Chicom radio, quantity SA ammunition, RPG rounds and documents.

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d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS. 3 Tp YS484540.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055. 2 Sect 1 Tp YS485538. Elm Sp Tp FSPB BUFFALO II.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB FLINDERS. Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB BUFFALO II B Bty. 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692.
- (5) 6 RAR. 6 RAR Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS544570. B Coy (-) YS650700. V Coy (-) YS440571. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS480609.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB FLINDERS. A Coy (-) YS351909. B Coy (-) YS549922. C Coy (-) FSPB BUFFALO II. D Coy YS544879.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. BHQ FSPB BATON YS557617. 1 Coy (-) YS584616. 2 Coy (-) YS536596. 3 Coy YS FSPB BATON.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR (-) Remains in the 1 ATF Base, supports phase 2 ops in LONG LE District and provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (2) 6 RAR. Coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WESTEND centre of mass YS5456. Coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC. In AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4754, coy conducts RIF ambush ops, coy conducts RIF ops and protects land clearing ops vic YS4854, coy conducts observation and ambush NORTH LONG HAIS centre of mass YS4456. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 9 RAR Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5687, AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885, AO TANUNDA centre of mass YS3489. Bn HQ (-) loc FSPB FLINDERS YS526890. Elements Bn HQ loc FSPB BUFFALO II.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO ROSSLEA. Provides Ready Reaction Tp and convoy escorts.
- (8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn Conducts land clearing ops under op con 6 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4854.
- (9) 3 SAs. Seven LRRPs deployed.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - one
Platoon - one
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: two.
 - (a) LRRPs 2 x VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) At 1600H at YS457548 a H-13 rotary wing aircraft received approximately six rounds of ground fire resulting in damage to starboard fuel tank, loss of rotar controls, holes in airframe and exhaust. Negative personnel casualties.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following were conducted during the reporting period:

- (1) Armed Propaganda Team. APT conducted person to person conversations targeted at the population of AP SOUIE NAHE. The team operated for a period of three hours.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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17 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Jul 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 ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No combat and 11 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting base AO patrols and providing the ready reaction company. The ready reaction company with supporting elements from B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt were deployed to a position 2000 metres NORTH of BARIA. A platoon sized element was deployed in AO DAMON (centre of mass YS3264) operating in conjunction with two Coys of RF from PHUOC TUY Sector.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs WESTEND, STRAND and ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elms of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elms of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs TOM THUMB, TRANSVERSE and TANUNDA.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0812	YS407837	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 2 Bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.
1140	YS464539	VC Base Camp	100/50%, neg further.
1251	YS353669	VC Base Camp	100/10%, neg further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0550H at YS506518 a patrol of 6 RAR contacted three to five enemy leaving a village resulting in one enemy KIA (BC).
- (2) At 0920H at YS429554 a command detonated 105MM shell mine was detonated against a patrol of 6 RAR. There were no casualties.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses - Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses
 - (a) Personnel - 1 enemy KIA (BC).

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS395626, 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS, 3 Tp YS484540.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. BSqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 2 Sect 1 Tp YS485538, 3 Tp YS395626, 1 Sect Sp Tp YS650700, 3 Sect Sp Tp FSPB BUFFALO.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 161 Fd Bty(-) FSPB FLINDERS, Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB BUFFALO II, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, A Coy YS395626, B Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Hq 6 RAR FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS54570, B Coy(-) YS650700, V Coy(-) YS440573. D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy YS477600.

(6) 9 RAR. HQ 9 RAR FSPB BUFFALO, A Coy YS358900, B Coy(-) YS549923 C Coy(-) FSPB BUFFALO, D Coy YS531891.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. HQ 2/48 ARVN FSPB BATON, 1 Coy(-) YS576614, 2 Coy(-) YS574605. 3 Coy(-) FSPB BATON.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR(-) remains in the 1 ATF base, supports phase 2 ops in LONG LE District and provides ready reaction coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(2) 6 RAR. Coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WESTEND centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC. In AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4754 cmm one coy conducts RIF and ambush ops, one coy conducts RIF ops and protects land clearing ops, one coy conducts observation and ambush NORTH LONG HAI centre of mass YS4456. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.

(3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS5687, AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885, AO TANUNDA centre of mass YS3489. Bn HQ(-) located FSPB FLINDERS, elm Bn HQ located FSPB BUFFALO II.

(4) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962

(5) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS557617.

(6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt provides sects to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and LCT AO ROSSLEA. Provides ready reaction Tp and convoy escorts.

(8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 6 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4854.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) There are no LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

The following were conducted during the reporting period.

(1) Ground Broadcasts. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the HB Team targeted at the population of LONG HUONG Village. The themes were GVN image, anti VC and Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Face to Face. Face to face missions were conducted by the HE Team targeted at the population of LONG HUONG Village. The themes were GVN image and anti VC. A total screening time of two hours

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- (3) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in LONG HUONG Village for a total time of two hours.
- (4) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted at PHUOC LOI Village for a total time of three hours.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Jul 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 ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9 RAR in AO TOM THUMB. Elements deployed into AO MICK centre of mass YS4779 and commenced pacification operations in conjunction with the DUC THANH District Chief.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and 9 RAR in AOs TOM THUMB and TRANSVERSE. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 Contact and 17 II and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting base AO patrols and providing the Ready Reaction Company. The Ready Reaction Company with supporting elements from B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt remain deployed 2000 meters NORTH of BARIA. A platoon sized element continued operating in conjunction with two Coys of RF from PHUOC TUY Sector in AO DAMON.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs WESTEND, STRAND and ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs TOM THUMB, TRANSVERSE and TANUNDA. Supported by 161 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Elements commenced moving into AO PORPHYRY centre of mass YS3586.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained on HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0830H at YS554570 A Coy 6 RAR contacted one enemy with unknown results.
- (2) At 1310H at YS480525 a 1 Fd Sqn Bulldozer was hit by a RPG resulting in 1 Aust WIA (evacuated) and negligible damage to the dozer. Contact area was swept without result.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).
 - (b) Material. 1 Bulldozer negligible damage.
- (2) Enemy Losses. Nil.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS395627. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS YS5289. 4 Tp YS480525.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect, 2 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055. 3 Tp YS395627. 1 Sect Sp Tp YS650700. 6 Sect Sp Tp FSPB BUFFALO II YS4489.

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- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB FLINDERS. one sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB BUFFALO II. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base. A Coy (-) YS335656. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692. C Coy YS395626.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS554570. B Coy (-) YS650700. V Coy (-) YS440572. W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy FSPB FLINDERS. A Coy YS358900. B Coy YS359862. C Coy FSPB BUFFALO II.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ, 3 Coy FSPB BATON YS5561. 4 Coy (-) YS548595. 2 Coy (-) YS562610.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR (-) remains in the 1 ATF Base, supports phase 2 ops in LONG LE District and provides ready reaction Coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (2) 6 RAR. Coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WESTEND centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC. In AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4754, one coy conducts RIF and ambush ops, one coy conducts RIF ops and **protects** land clearing ops, one coy conducts observation and ambush NORTH LONG HAI centre of mass YS4456. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 9 RAR conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO PORPHYRY centre of mass YS3586, AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS455885. Bn HQ located FSPB DAMPIER, YS3686.
- (4) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (5) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt provides Sects to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and ICT AO ROSSLEA. Provides ready reaction Tp and convoy escorts.
- (8) Dets 1 Fd Sqn conducts land clearing ops under op con 6 RAR vic YS4754 within AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4854.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One.
Platoon - Three.
Squad - Seven.
- (2) There are no LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations. The following were conducted during the reporting period.

- (1) Face to Face. Face to face missions were conducted by the HE Team and Psy Ops Sect targeted at the population of BINH BA Village. The themes were GVN image and Anti VC. A total of four movies were screened for a total screening time of two hours.
- (2) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the HB Team targeted at the population of BINH BA Village. The themes were GVN image and Anti VC. Broadcast time one and a half hours.

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(3) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in BINH BA Village for a total time of two hours.

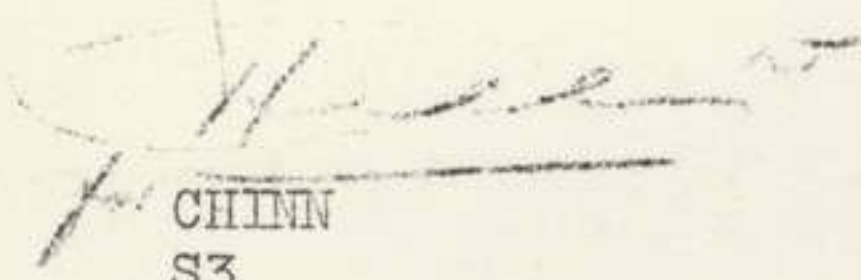
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19 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Jul 69.

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 and established combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-25 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn (-) and one sect moved with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provided 1 sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nine contact and 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting base AO patrols and providing the Ready Reaction Company. The Ready Reaction Coy with supporting elements remains deployed 2000 metres North of Baria. Platoon sized element completed operations in conjunction with two Coys of RF from PHUOC TUY Sector in AO DAMON.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Deployed into AO PORPHYRY centre of mass YS3586 and commenced RIF and ambush operations and continued RIF and ambush operations in AO TRANSVERSE.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0425H	Arclight	VC Base Camp	3 bkrs des, 1 tunnel exp and dam, 1 well exp and dam.
0950H	YS382745	VC Base Camp	90/50. Results: 1 bkr exp, Long white cyl exp.
1010H	YS382745	VC Base Camp	100/100. 1 bkr exp and dam.
1420H	YS457537	VC Base Camp	100/70. Results: 1 bkr and tunnel complex exp, 3 bkrs exp, 1 long comms trench exp, numerous trenches exp.
1513H	YS457537	VC Base Camp	100/60. Results: 5 bkrs exp, 10-12 wpn pits exp, 30m trench exp.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 180800H at YS605701, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR sighted 10 VC with packs at 500 metres moving West to East. Enemy was not engaged.
- (2) At 180900H at YS547561, 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a camp consisting of 22 bunkers last occupied 24 hours ago. Located were approx 400 metres telephone wire, 4 bunguliere torpedoes, 4 chicom grenades and 1 x M72.
- (3) At 180935H at YS438575, C Coy 6 RAR located an M16 mine.
- (4) At 180950H at YS626720, 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.
- (5) At 181200H at YS481524, the land clearing team detonated an M16 mine. There was no damage or injury.
- (6) At 181410H at YS604702, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR sighted 2 VC moving from North to South.
- (7) At 181515H at YS361906, 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR contacted unknown number of enemy. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (poss) - hit by claymore at 5 feet but body was dragged away - 2 AK47 and 3 packs captured. Enemy unsuccessfully attempted to drag other bodies away.
- (8) At 181550H, 1 Pl A Coy 9 RAR sighted 3 enemy moving West to East and engaged with M60, M79 and Arty with unknown results.
- (9) At 181630H, A Coy 6 RAR located 5 new bunkers, recovered were documents and bunguliere torpedo set up as a command detonated booby trap.
- (10) At 181715H, 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR engaged 3 or 4 enemy moving from South East. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (poss) blood trails, 1 pack containing medical supplies recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - nil.
 - (b) Material - nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 3 KIA (BC), 1 KIA (poss), 1 WIA (poss).
 - (b) Material - 2 AK47, 1 M72, 5 bongulone torpedoes, 1 M16 mine, 4 chicom grenades, 4 packs, 400 metres telephone wire, medical supplies.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS399628. 2 Tp FSPB FLINDERS. 4 Tp YS479525.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect FSPB THRUST YS5055. 2 Sect 1 Tp YS480525. 2 Tp YS404625. 3 Tp YS395627. 1 Sect Sp Tp YS652700. 6 Sect Sp Tp FSPB BUFFALO II YS4489.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB DAMPIER. One Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB BUFFALO II. B Bty 2/35 (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base. A Coy, C Coy (-), D Coy NUI DAT. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS539565. B Coy (-) YS650700. V Coy YS440572. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER. A Coy YS364910. B Coy YS359863. C Coy YS407906. D Coy YS350865.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561. A Coy (-) YS544604. B Coy (-) YS560605. C Coy (-) FSPB BATON.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF Fwd deployed at FSPB CLARE YS2083, estb combined HQ with ARVN Marine Bde HQ to direct Op Hat Dich 18 - 25 Jul 69.
- (2) 5 RAR (-) remains in the 1 ATF Base, supports phase 2 ops Long Le District and provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at Horseshoe Hill YS4962.
- (3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4754. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in Xuyen Moc District on AO STRAND, centre of mass YS6470. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

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- (4) 9 RAR. Four coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY centre of mass YS3686, on Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Op Hat Dich, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde.
- (5) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS4679. Provides tk tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn (-) plus one sect loc with HQ 1 ATF Fwd FSPB CLARE. One tp conducts phase 2 ops Xuyen Moc District. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROOSLEA. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.
Platoon - nil.
Squad - seven.
- (2) There are no LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following were conducted during the reporting period,

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

- (a) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D67 in the Nui Thi Vai's. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (b) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41 in the Nui Dinh. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (c) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D440 over area centre of mass YS3976. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (d) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at the Long Son Village Guerrilla unit, at Long Son Island. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (e) Aircraft broadcast were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C25 in the Long Hais. Airstrikes, artillery and naval gunfire were exploited. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(2) Face to Face.

Face to face missions were conducted by the HE Team targeted at the population of Ngai Giao Village. The themes were GVN Image, Anti VC and New Life. The team operated for a total time of two and a half hours.

(3) Ground.

Ground operations were conducted by the HB Team targeted at the population of Ngai Giao Village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. The team operated for a total time of two and a half hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team.

The APT operated in Ngai Giao Village for a total time of two and a half hours.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme.

1 CAP was conducted in Hoa Long Village for a total time of three hours.

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone1) Enemy Activity

1. Significant enemy initiated activity continued at a low level with little indication of future intentions. Only the 1-101D Regt, 1 NVA Div was identified losing 6 KIA and 1 PW in an attack on a convoy north of CHON THANH on route 13, BINH LONG Province on 17th July. Other MF elements avoided identifiable contact. Scattered attacks by fire throughout the Corps were generally of low intensity and showed no discernible pattern. The same pattern was reflected in I, II and IV Corps areas.

Enemy Locations

2. 9 VC Div remained out of contact. 271 Regt and 2 and 3-88 Regt are believed located in the 9 VC Div Base Area along the Cambodian border area east of NUI BA DEN. The 1-88 maybe located east of NUI BA DEN in the area of its last contact on 27th June. 272 Regt is located west of the Straight Edge Woods.

3. The only element of 1 NVA Div to be identified was 101D Regt following the attack on the convoy on 17th July. A PW revealed that the enemy element was 1 - 101D Regt. Both 18B and 95C remained out of identifiable contact. They are possibly in northern WAR ZONE C conducting training and resupply. The 101D Regt is probably NE of MINH THANH.

4. 7 NVA Div elements remained out of identifiable contact possibly to prepare for future offensive operations in the AN LOC area. 209 Regt is currently believed to be located NW of AN LOC, 141 Regt east of AN LOC and 165 Regt just NW of AN LOC. Current location of 7 Div elements puts them in an ideal position for attacks on AN LOC or LOC NINH.

5. 5 VC Div elements also remained out of contact. An analysis of low level agent reports and sensor patterns in northern VC BA BIEN Province and WAR ZONE "D" suggests that all 3 Regts have returned to base areas in WAR ZONE "D". At present the reason for the division's apparent withdrawal to WAR ZONE "D" and its future intentions are unclear.

6. In MR-7 274 Regt remains in the HAT DICH while 33 Regt is believed to be located north of XUAN LOC.

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
<u>1st NVA Div HQ</u>	NW of NUI BADEN	4525
18B NVA Inf Regt	N of NUI BA DEN	1200
95C NVA Inf Regt	NE of NUI BA DEN	1000
101D NVA Inf Regt	SSW of AN LOC	1300
<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Central WAR ZONE "D"	4800
275 VC Inf Regt	WAR ZONE "D"	1150
174 NVA Inf Regt	WAR ZONE "D"	1175
95 NVA Inf Regt	WAR ZONE "D"	1150
<u>7th NVA Inf Div HQ</u>	Vic FISHHOOK	4575
165 NVA Inf Regt	NW of AN LOC	1150
141 NVA Inf Regt	ENE of AN LOC	1100
209 NVA Inf Regt	NW of AN LOC	875
<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	LO GO Area	4150
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	760

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<u>VVA Inf Regt</u>	Dispersed S LONG AN Prov	1500
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of XUAN LOC	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic TRAPEZOID	1200
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods	775
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH - BINH SON	700
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of PHUOC VINH	1200
<u>GUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	N of HOC MON	800

Enemy Losses

8. Enemy losses in III CTZ for the week were 696 enemy KIA (BC), 114 PW, 141 HOI Chanh, 417 individual and 48 crew served weapons captured. There were 33 tons of rice captured or destroyed. Enemy personnel losses are the lowest since the week ending 22nd February, just prior to the 1969 Tet offensive.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

9. Numerous reports received during the early part of July indicated that the enemy intended to climax his summer campaign with a 10 day action period culminating on 20th July. So far he has failed to conduct his July action period and has kept his activity to an abnormally low level. While some agents have attributed the delay in his time schedule to allied preemptive operations. The fact that the bulk of his main force units have remained out of contact for several weeks, suggests that the continued lull has another explanation.
10. Large scale commitment of his forces with accompanying high casualties would render the enemy incapable of posing a significant threat for some time to come. The enemy may have elected to preserve his divisional forces by placing them in relatively secure areas, yet in position to pose a continuing threat to key population centres in TAY NINH and BINH LONG provinces and allied bases in WAR ZONE "C". This course of action is supported by the present disposition of the 1, 7 and 9 Divs while the possible move of 5 VC Div into southern PHUOC LONG province may represent the enemy's intention to increase pressure in the NE portion of the Corps, thereby threatening all 3 northern provinces. He may try to maintain this posture for some time, employing elements of his forces against limited objectives to force the continued deployment of allied forces in the outlying areas.
11. In the SRs, documents, PWs and agents indicate a continuing emphasis on attacking GVN forces and the pacification program. Although recent activity by sub regional forces has been at low level, during future high points these units will probably direct their efforts to undermining the GVN presence in the populated areas.
12. Although the scope and duration of the next high point is unclear, it is probable it will be of only short duration, about 3 or 4 days and will consist primarily of attacks by fire and some limited ground action, with the major activity occurring in the vicinity of TAY NINH city and northern BINH LONG provinces.
13. In MR7, 274 Regt is still probably targetted against the LONG THANH-BINH SON area and Route 15, but there are no indications of immediate impending attacks against these targets. It is estimated that 33 Regt has as its objectives, LOCs and installations in the XUAN LOC area.

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Friendly Activities

14. With the withdrawal of MF units into base areas, allied operations resulted in generally small scale actions, the discovery of numerous minor and two large caches. Details of these two larger caches are:-

- a. On 16th, 18th and 19th July, 199 USLIB elements discovered a series of caches NW of DINH QUAN (LONG KHANH) :-
 1. YT521432, 1500lbs salt, 6600lbs sugar, 9000lbs beans;
 2. YT521427, 15000lbs beans, 3000lbs sugar and 6 X 55 gallon drums of petrol;
 3. YT523427, 9000lbs beans and 100lbs peanuts.
- b. In WAR ZONE "C" a series of 5 caches located by 1 US Cav Div (AM) yielded 27 tons of rice, 15 X 5 gallon cans containing tubes of penicillin, antibiotics and 9 units of blood plasma, other medical equipment and miscellaneous tools and NVA uniforms.

15. Details of main friendly actions are:-

- a. 13th July, XS655689, 6 Km N of TAN TRU (LONG AN) 174 RF Coy engaged an estimated enemy coy, LFT, TAC air, US/ARVN Arty and 4-50 ARVN supported resulting in 21 enemy KIA and 7 PW. PWs identified K4 - INVA Regt and N15 and N16 battalions of SR - 6;
- b. 14th July, XS662688, 5 Km N of TAN TRU (LONG AN) 188 and 478 RF Coys engaged an unknown size enemy force; LFT supported - result 15 enemy KIA and 7 PW who identified K4 - 1NVA and N15 battalion SR-6;
- c. 18th July, XT300580, 3.5Km W of PHUOC HOA (TAY NINH) 25 US Inf Div elms supported by LFT and FAC killed 27 enemy from an unidentified unit;
- d. 19th July, XT578273, 6 Km N of TRUNG LAP (BINH DUONG) 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an unknown size enemy force; supported by LFT, TAC air and arty. There were 47 enemy KIA, 4 PW and 6 detainees. PWs identified 83 RSG and 88 NVA Regt while documents identified A-17 hospital of N CU CHI District and 83 RSG.

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

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM summary (OMITTED)

Other Information

Report on Czechoslovakian Grenade, MOD RG-4 (MOD T34)

16. This report contains information on the Czechoslovakian grenade, MOD RG - 4 (MOD T-34) which was captured by the Americal Div in I Corps. This is the first reported instance of this grenade being used in the Americal TAOR.

Description

17. The MOD RG-4 grenade (formerly designated MOD T-34) is sometimes referred to as the "Jedlicka". The designation RG (RUCNI GRANAT) means hand grenade. The grenade is a hand thrown offensive type used against personnel and light material. It is in-flight armed, and detonates upon impact by an "All - Ways" action feature.

18. The grenade is black and identifying markings are stencilled in red top of the grenade, and sometimes on the bottom. The first line specifies the main charge, the second specifies the type modification and the third identifies the manufacturer. The grenade body is a one piece sheet cylinder 3.3" high and 2.2" in diameter sealed with a single - roll crimped cover. It weighs .97 lbs and contains 4.5 oz of TNT.

19. A pull ring assembly, consisting of a pull ring, safety fork and a safety clip is mounted transversely on the grenade body midway between the ends. The safety fork extends through the grenade body and is locked in place to a safety fork housing by the safety clip with attached pull ring. The prongs of the safety fork protrude from a slot on the opposite side of the grenade. The safety clip is secured by a safety clip support. A $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide gold coloured brass safety band wraps around the grenade. This band is weighted at one end and secured to the grenade body by the safety clip. Attached to its unweighted end is a safety slide that extends into the grenade body, 90° from the safety fork. The safety clip is secured to the weighted end of the safety band by a safety wire and a round crimped lead seal.

20. To use, the grenade is held so the safety band is secured against the grenade body. The pull ring is lifted upward to break the safety wire and then pulled away from the grenade to withdraw the safety fork and release the weighted end of the safety band. When the grenade is thrown, the safety band unwinds, withdrawing the safety slide. The creep spring expands and the grenade is armed. When the grenade impacts at any angle, creep spring resistance is overcome and the firing pin strikes the detonator to initiate the explosive train.

21. This grenade is readily recognisable by its unique physical appearance and, when unarmed, by the gold coloured brass band around the grenade body.
WARNING: DO NOT DROP OR STRIKE THIS GRENADE. IF THE GRENADE HAS IMPACTED AND FAILED TO DETONATE IT IS STILL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY MOVEMENT OR DISTURBANCE MAY CAUSE IT TO DETONATE.

(Extracted from III MAF. Perintrep 27-69)

Special Report on Use of a DH-10 Claymore Package
Description

22. A recent search conducted around a US FSB in I CTZ on 4th July produced among other items 48 DH - 10 Claymore mines, arranged in a configuration not seen before. A sandbag like sack filled with dirt had one mine attached to the bottom and another mine placed flat on top. Four bamboo splits were evenly spaced around this stack and the whole package was held together with wire. Its height was approx 15", diameter approx 8". The package was placed in a hole slightly larger in diameter than itself and 6" - 7" deep. When emplaced, the package was inclined at an angle of about 45° toward the target area. Fusing consisted of an electric blasting cap on the lower mine and a pull friction delay (4-5 secs) fuse on the upper mine.

Employment

23. When employed, the lower mine is detonated, propelling the upper mine toward the target. The fuse of the upper mine is activated at a point between 3' to 10' from the ground. This is accomplished by tying a length of string to the upper fuse pin and securing the other end to the ground. Four to five seconds after pin extraction, detonation of the second mine occurs.

24. At the FSB the mines were employed in 2 separate strings. The first string was approx. 100 yds from the perimeter and consisted of 16 mine packages linked together. The second string was 20' behind the first and consisted of 8 packages. The strings were wired so that all mines in a particular string would go off simultaneously. The strings themselves were independent of each other. In this case none of the mines had been fired. A subsequent test firing propelled the upper mine about 100 yds laterally and 75' high into the air. The DH - 10 mine has an effective range of 150 - 200 yds against infantrymen. It is believed that the mines are employed in this manner so that air bursts may be obtained. This would prove extremely effective against helicopters in or approaching an LZ.
(Extracted from III MAF Perintrep 28-69)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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20 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD remains deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 as a combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-25 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn (-) and one sect remains with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provided 1 sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 9 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting base AO patrols and providing the Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
182015H	YS723658	VC Base Camp	100/100%. Neg BDA due to darkness.
182045H	YS723658	VC Base Camp	100/100%. Neg BDA due to darkness.
190700H	YS457537	VC Base Camp	95/50%. 2 bkrs des, 5 bkrs exp and dam.
191045H	YS381771	VC Base Camp	90/00. Neg BDA.
191110H	YS381771	VC Base Camp	90/20. 1 bkr exp.
191615H	YS276848	VC Base Camp	100/50%. Neg further BDA ground troops to get BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents:

- (1) At 191002H at YS535558, 1 pl A Coy 6 RAR located a freshly constructed bunker system which had recently been occupied.
- (2) At 191100H at YS534559, A Coy 6 RAR located 3 new bunkers and 2 caches containing 14 x 4 gal drums of rice.
- (3) At 191412H at YS573605, 2 Coy 2/48 ARVN Bn located a battalion sized base camp.
- (4) At 191540H at YS535560, 2 pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Nil results.
- (5) At 191628H at YS389906, 7 pl C Coy 9 RAR contacted 2VC approaching a water point. 1 VC KIA(BC) 1 VC WIA.

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- (6) At 191630H at YS535560, 2 pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted 2 VC. results 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC PW, 1 M1 carbine and a large quantity of misc equipment captured.
- (7) At 191730H at YS385906, C Coy 9 RAR contacted an estimated pl sized force in bunkers. Arty and LFT supported. Results, VC cas unknown, 1 Aust KIA, 8 Aust WIA.
- (8) At 190903H at YS615705, 5 pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted approx 4 en who fired claymore and SA. The en withdrew South - west with nil results.
- (9) At 191100H at YS601700, 6 pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 4 en. Results unknown.
- (10) Elements of B Coy at 191300H assaulted a camp centre of mass YS600700. Heavy AK47, RPG and MG fire. Results, 3 VC KIA(BC), 4 Aust WIA.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly losses.

- (a) Personnel - 1 Aust KIA, 13 Aust Wia.
(b) Material - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel - 6 KIA(BC), 1 WIA, 1 PW.
(b) Material - 14 x 4 gal drums rice, 1 M1 carbine.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2&3 Tp YS443880, 4Tp YS479525.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 sect 1 Tp FSPB CLARE, 2 sect 1 Tp YS410525, 3 Tp YS672657.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER, B Bty 2/35 (US) Arty 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS534577, B Coy(-) YS603700, D Coy(-) YS500516, V Coy(-) YS440572, W Coy(-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER, A Coy(-) YS357906, B Coy(-) YS361877, C Coy(-) YS385906, D Coy(-) YS341882.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, A Coy(-) YS529593, B Coy(-) YS579603, C Coy FSPB BATON.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD deployed at FSPB CLARE YS2083, estb Combined HQ with ARVN Marine Bde HQ to direct op HAT DICH (18-25) Jul.
- (2) 5 RAR(-) in the 1 ATF Base, supports phase 2 ops LONG LE District and provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLIA, centre of mass YS4754. Element protects protects Land Clearing ops in Vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND, centre of mass YS6470. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 9 RAR. Four coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, on Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Op HAT DICH, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde.
- (5) 2/48 ARVN conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS560600. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK on centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) plus one sect loc with HQ 1 ATF FWD FSPB CLARE. One Tp conducts phase 2 ops XUYEN MOC District. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLIA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction force. Provides convoy escorts.
- (9) LRRPS deployed - Nil.

f. Small unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.
Platoon - Nil.
Squad - seven.
- (2) There are no LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operation. Omitted.

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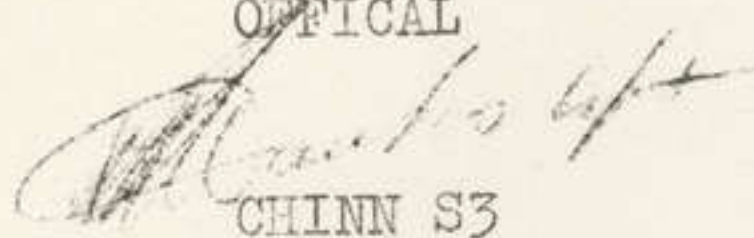
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21 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD remains deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 as a combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-25 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn (-) and one sect remains with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provided 1 sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp deployed into TWINKLETOES on operation GARRYOWEN. Route security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and eight H and I were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Remained in the 1 ATF Base conducting base patrols and providing the Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO's WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGARBE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1015H	YS469540	VC Base Camp	100/50. Negative BDA.
0940H	YS461539	VC Base Camp	100/30. Results: Negative BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 200730H at YS442798, 3 civilians activated a mine. Results: 2 civilians WIA.
- (2) At 200940H at YS441576, V Coy 6 RAR located a M16 mine.
- (3) At YS434762, support section 3 Cav located 4 bunkers with overhead cover.
- (4) At 200945H at YS449706, ptl 51 from 1 ARU sighted 4 VC at 450 metres. The enemy were not engaged.
- (5) At 200930H at YS533560 V Coy 5 RAR located a bunker with trap door. Recovered were 2 lbs of chicom explosive.
- (6) Reference contact 191730H at YS385906, 7 Pl C Coy 9 RAR located a quantity of enemy equipment. Recovered were 2 entrenching tools, 1 pair sandals, 1 shirt, 5 x 60 mm mortar rounds, 3 x RPG 2 rounds, 2 x 81 mm rounds.
- (7) At 200635H at YS603600 located an enemy base camp. Recovered were 3 x RPG 7 rounds, 3 x RPG 7 Cooters, 6 x RPG 2 rounds, 2 x Anti tk grenades, 10 grenade bags, 2 machettes, 400 lbs rice, quantity clothes, plastic sheets, 1 x 5 gallon water bag, 1 drum mags with 7.62 rounds, 1 x transistor radio, enemy body in shallow grove from yesterday's contact.

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- (8) At 201030H at YS531555 A Coy 6 RAR located 8 bunkers and numerous pits, last occupied two days ago. Recovered were 8 x M16 mine fuses, 2 x M18 A1 firing devices, 1 claymore test device, 50 ft of cable, 3 pair wire cutters, 1 pair pliers, 1 x XM72, 1 x RPG 7 round, 4 x M26 grenades, 3 x ammunition boxes containing documents, 1 x NSU butterfly bomb, 40 rounds x M16 ammunition, 1 x chicom 7.62 rifle, 1 Japanese 7.7/99 rifle, 4 x electric fuses.
- (9) At 201645H at YS272657, 2 US trucks and jeep were ambushed by enemy. Rear truck was hit by B40 and SA fire, LFT and Arty fired in support. Results: 8 US WIA evacuated. Enemy casualties unknown.
- (10) At 201745H at YS730670 3 Tp 3 Cav contacted 1 enemy. Negative results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel - 1 KIA(BC) (Body in grove)
- (b) Material - 2 lbs chicom explosive, 40 x M16 rounds, 9 x RPG 2 rounds, 1 x 7.62 chicom rifle, 2 x 81 mm rounds, 1 x 7.7/99 Japanese rifle, 5 x 60 mm rounds, 4 x electric fuses, 2 x entrenching tools, 4 x RPG 7 rounds, 2 x Anti tk grenades, 2 x machettes, 400 lbs rice, 1 x drum mag with 7.62 rounds, 1 x transistor radio, 8 x M16 mine fuses, 1 x M16 mine, 2 x M18 1A firing devices, 3 x pair cutters, 1 x pair pliers, 1 x M72, 4 x M26 grenades, 3 x ammo boxes with document, 1 x NSU butterfly bomb.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) YS424764, 2 Tp YS461783.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) FSPB CLARE, 1 Sect 1 Tp, 2 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 3 Sect 1 Tp YS213787.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER, B Bty 2/35 (US) Arty 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, b Coy HORSESHOE.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS532555, B Coy YS629703, V Coy (-) YS440572, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER, A Coy (-) YS365908, B Coy (-) YS369880, C Coy YS390903, D Coy (-) YS333892.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy (-) YS543612, 2 Coy (-) YS560602, 3 Coy (-) FSPB BATON.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD FSPB CLARE YS2083, combined HQ with ARVN Marine Bde HQ to direct OP HAT DICH 18-25 Jul.
 - (2) 5 RAR(-). Bn HQ and 2 coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO PANTHER, centre of mass YS7471. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL. YS4962. Bn HQ FSPB ELAINE YS7167.
 - (3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4754. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND EXTENDED, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
 - (4) 9 RAR. Four coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, on Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Op HAT DICH, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde.
 - (5) 2/48 ARVN(-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.
 - (6) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
 - (7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
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- (8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn (-) plus one sect with HQ 1 ATF
FWD FSPB CLARE. Provides Sects to 5 RAR in AO PANTHER 6 RAR
and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force.
Provides convoy escorts.
(9) LRRPs deployed - 6.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Seven
(2) There are no LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following were conducted during the reporting period:
(1) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by the Psy Ops section
and RAAF in support of ARVN ops in area centre of mass YS4158.
The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast
time was one and a half hours.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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22 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD remains deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 as a combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-25 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) and one sect remains with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provided 1 sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp deployed in AO PANTHER supporting 5 RAR operation DISTANT TRUMPET. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 21 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Deployed in AO PANTHER on op DISTANT TRUMPET supported by 1 sect 105 Fd Bty. One company remained in base providing the Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO's WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Cordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0940H	YS274904	Base Camp	100/100 Results: Neg further BDA.
1005H	YS284909	Base Camp	100/100 Results: Neg further BDA.
1120H	YS386908	VC Base Camp	100/40 Results: Neg BDA. Immediate airstrike requested by 9 RAR before moving into bunker complex.
1445H	YS410760	VC Base Camp	100/70 Results: One command Bkr Des. One hut Des. Scattered clothing and documents. Five tunnel entrances exposed. One military structure exposed. One KBA confirmed.
1625H	YS377683	VC Base Camp	100/50 Results: Two weapon pits destroyed. One weapon pit exposed. Diggings also exposed.
1417H	YS353669	VC Base Camp	Results: Four Bkrs Exp. Two tunnel ent collapsed, one table des.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 210335H at YS443558 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted six to seven enemy. Results: Four VC KIA(BC), one VC WIA(blood trail)-one

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colt .45, one AK47, one M1, one PPSH 6 packs, qty documents, large quantity food captured.

(2) At 210515H at YS449518 D Coy 6 RAR contacted three enemy with negative results.

(3) At 210940H at YS525564 3 Pl A Coy activated one M16 mine. Results: One AUST KIA 18 AUST WIA. (All evacuated).

(4) At 21100H at YS443577 V Coy 6 RAR located two x M16 mines.

(5) At 211415H at YS525564 3 Pl A Coy activated M16 mine. Results: One AUST KIA five AUST WIA. (All evacuated). At second area of mine incidents the following were located in 8 foot deep cache, four by M26 grenades, eight anti lift devices, 60lbs chicom explosive, 750lbs rice (in 15 drums) one by M1 bayonet, cooking utensils, one gal cooking oil, small quantity docs, 31 by 7.96 rounds, 96 by .30 cal rounds, one transistor radio and two watches.

(6) At 211600 at YS554603 3 Coy 2/48 ARVN contacted ten enemy with negative results.

(7) At 211845 at YS694774 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav contacted four enemy with negative results.

(8) At 211920 at YS758737 1 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted approximately seven enemy. Results: Two VC KIA(BC) and one AUST WIA (not evacuated at this stage).

(9) At YS722659 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a camp consisting of 50 bunkers last used three months ago.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel - one AUST KIA. 24 AUST WIA. (All evacuated).

(b) Material - Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel - six KIA(BC), one WIA(poss).

(b) Material - one colt .45, one AK47, one M1, one PPSH, six packs, qty docs, two M16 mines, four by 26 grenades, eight anti lift devices, 60lbs chicom explosives, 750lbs rice, 96 by .30 rounds, one transistor radio and two watches. One by M1 bayonet, 31 by 7.96 rounds.

d. Plans Summary.

(1) HQ 1 ATF FWD FSPB CLARE YS2083, combined HQ with ARVN MARINE Bde HQ to direct op HAT DICH 18-25 Jul 69.

(2) 5 RAR(-). Bn HQ and two Coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO PANTHER, centre of mass YS7471. Provides ready reaction Coy. One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ FSPB ELAINE YS7167.

(3) 6 RAR. Three Coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4754. Element protects Land Clearing ops VIC YS4854. One Coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One Coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC district in AO STRAND EXTENDED, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

(4) 9 RAR. Four Coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, on Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Op HAT DICH, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde.

(5) 2/48 ARVN(-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two Coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.

(6) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

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(7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) plus one sect loc with HQ 1 ATF FWD FSPB CLARE. Provides sects to 5 RAR in AO PANTHER 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

(9) LRRPs deployed - eight.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

The following were conducted during the reporting period:

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and HB Team. Targeted at various local force units and D445 located in the LONG HAIS. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was two and a half hours.

(2) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted at TAM PHUOC. The total time for ICAP was three hours.

b. ARVN Marines.

Nothing to report.

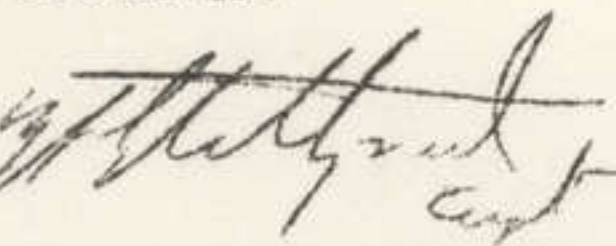
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22 Jul 69

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

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

1. The following paragraphs are to be added to 1 ATF SITREP period 210001H to 212400H Jul 69.

a. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; Elements Sqn HQ, 2 Tp, 3 Tp YS442830; 4 Tp YS500516.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp, 3 Tp YS470801; 4 Tp YS500516; B Sqn (-) FSPB CLARE; 1 Sect and 2 Sect 1 Tp THRUST; 3 Sect and 1 Tp CLARE; 2 Tp 3 Cav NUI DAT; 3 Tp HQ YS694775; 1 Sect 3 Tp YS697781; 3 Sect 3 Tp ELAINE.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 105 Fd Bty (-) Nui Dat. Sect FSPB ELAINE YS7267. 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER. B Bty 2/35 (US) Arty 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR
Bn HQ FSPB ELAINE. A Coy (-) YS764732. B Coy HORSESHOE. C Coy Nui Dat Base. D Coy (-) YS763687.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS531554. B Coy (-) YS628702. V Coy (-) YS440575. W Coy YS477600. D Coy (-) YS500516.

(6) 9 RAR Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER. A Coy (-) YS356908. B Coy (-) YS372882. C Coy YS385910. D Coy (-) YS334895.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON. 1 Coy YS632647. 2 Coy YS633652. 3 Coy YS554650.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

(9) B Bde ARVN Marine Div. Bde HQ (-) FSPB CLARE YS2083. 3 Bn (-) YS257882. 5 Bn (-) YS283903.

b. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - One
Squad - Seven

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

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23 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD remains deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 as a combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-25 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) and one sect remains with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp supported 5 RAR operations in AO PANTHER. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact and 10 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PANTHER supported by sect 105 Fd Bty and 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav. One company remained in base providing the Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0525H (Late Entry 21 Jul)	YS75367514	VC Base Camp	100/20%, bombs on target North/South trail exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 220945H at YS697781 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav contacted one NVA. Results: 1 NVA PW (wounded).
- (2) At 221040H at YS327885 6 Pl B Coy 9 RAR contacted one enemy. Results: One VC WIA (blood trail). At this location a large bunker system was located.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One NVA PW WIA (evacuated). One VC WIA.
 - (b) Material. Nil.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) YS448780. 1 Tp YS464791. 2 Tp, 3 Tp YS480804. 4 Tp YS500516.

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- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) FSPB CLARE, 3 Sect 1 Tp FSPB CLARE YS2083. 1 Sect 1 Tp, 2 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST YS4955. 3 Tp(-) YS697781. 3 Sect 3 Tp FSPB ELAINE YS7267.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS4955. 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. B Bty 2/35 (US) Arty (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect HORSESHOE.
- (4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) Bn HQ FSPB ELAINE YS7267, A Coy(-) YS766744, B Coy HORSESHOE, C Coy NUI DAT, D Coy(-) YS779707.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955, A Coy(-) YS530552, B Coy(-) YS628702, V Coy(-) YS441575, D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy(-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) BN HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, A Coy YS342912, B Coy YS373886, C Coy YS387907, D Coy YS308899.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. 2/48 ARVN (-) BN HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy(-) YS651629, 2 Coy (-) YS651629, 3 Coy(-) YS553644.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. 2/52 ARVN HORSESHOE.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD FSPB CLARE YS2083, Combined HQ with ARVN Marine Bde HQ to direct Operation HAT DICH 18 - 25 July.
- (2) 5 RAR(-). Bn HQ and two coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO PANTHER, centre of mass YS7471. Provides ready reaction coy. 1 coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ FSPB ELAINE YS7167.
- (3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects Land Clearing operations vic YS4854. 1 coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WESTEND, centre of mass YS5456. 1 coy conducts Phase 2 operations in XUYEN MOC district in AO STRAND, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 9 RAR. Four companies conduct RIF operations in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, on Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. OP HAT DICH, combined operation with ARVN Marine Bde.
- (5) 2/48 ARVN(-) conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. 2 coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues Phase 2 operations in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) plus one sect loc with HQ 1 ATF FWD FSPB CLARE. Provides to 5 RAR in AO PANTHER 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.
- (9) LRRPS Deployed - 1

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 1
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 7
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the HB Team targeted at the population of Dat Do Village. The themes were GVN image and anti VC. The total broadcast time was 3 hours.
- (2) Face to Face. Face to face missions were conducted by the HB Team targeted at the population of Dat Do village. The themes were GVN image and anti VC. The total screening time was 3 hours.
- (3) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in Dat Do for 3 hours.

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b. ARVN Marines.

(1) At 221615H at YS294854 Leatherneck 5A contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.

(2) At 221930H at YS255831 Leatherneck 3 detonated a mine. Results 2 ARVN KIA.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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24 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD remains deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 as a combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-25 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TCAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) and one sect remains with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp supported 5 RAR operations in AO PANTHER. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PANTHER supported by sect 105 Fd Bty and 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav. One company remained in base providing the Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AOs WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Supprt. The significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
CSS Ni 22/23	YS457537	VC Base Camp	Results: 10 Weapon pits exposed, 4 bunkers exposed, 1 shelter exposed, clothing scattered in area.
0900	YS578726	VC Base Camp	100/100%. Results: 1 Bunker exposed, 1 spider hole exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (Late Entry) At 221400H at YS460764 B Sqn 1 Armd located a camp consisting of 8 weapon pits with 2 ft overhead cover.
- (2) At 230850H at YS597693 4/B/6 RAR located a camp consisting of 13 bunkers. Recovered were 15 loaded AK47 mags, 2 chicom claymores, 8 assorted grenades, 2 transistor radios, 10 packs, 10 sets webbing, 1 wire cutters, 1 shovel hoe, 3 torches, quantity food.
- (3) At 230850H at YS598692 4/B/6 RAR located 3 plus VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 KIA (poss).
- (4) At 231100H at YS527552 A Coy 6 RAR located and destroyed a M26 grenade with anti booby trap device.
- (5) At 231115H at YS782759 3/A/5 RAR located a camp consisting of 3 huts and 8 bunkers.
- (6) At 231200H at YS782760 3/L/5 RAR contacted 1 VC with negative results.
- (7) At 231300H at YS598692 4/B/6 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 RPG2 (loaded) captured.
- (8) At 231410H at YS443576 V Coy 6 RAR detonated a M16 mine. Results: 2 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA all evacuated.

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(9) At 231525H at YS282758 3/A/6 RAR located an extensive corn field stretching for 10000 metres by 100 metres wide from Northing 755 NNW to MAY TAO generally following the province border.

(10) At 231600H at YS508546 W Coy 6 RAR detonated a M16 mine. Results: 1 NZ KIA, 5 NZ WIA (all evacuated).

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 3 KIA.
6 WIA. (All evacuated)

(b) Material. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA (BC)
2 VC KIA (poss)

(b) Material. 15 AK47 mags (loaded), 2 chicom claymores, 8 assorted grenades, 2 transistor radios, 10 packs, 10 sets webbing, 1 wire cutters, 1 shovel hoe, 3 torches, quantity food, 1 M26 grenade (booby trap).

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) YS466791. 4 Tp YS500516.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) FSPB CLARE, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 2 Sect 1 Tp YS500516, 3 Sect 1 Tp YS213788, 1 Sect 3 Tp YS697781, 2 Sect 3 Tp YS694775, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS725674.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS4955, 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, B Bty 2/35 (US) Arty(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect HORSESHOE HILL.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB ELAINE YS7267, A Coy(-) YS766771, B Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy 1 ATF Base, D Coy(-) YS779716.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955, A Coy(-) YS596684, B Coy(-) YS596684, V Coy YS440572. D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy YS477600.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, A Coy YS340910, B Coy YS372886, C Coy YS387907, D Coy YS306903.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy(-), 2 Coy(-) YS644616, 3 Coy(-) YS553635.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 1 ATF Liaison Team FSPB CLARE YS2083 with ARVN Marine Bde HQ OP HAT DICH 18-25 Jul.

(2) 5 RAR(-). Bn HQ and two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO PANTHER, centre of mass YS7471. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND extended, centre of mass YS6471.

(4) 9 RAR. Four coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHY, centre of mass YS3686. OP HAT DICH, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde.

(5) 2/48 Arvn(-) conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064.

(6) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 5 RAR in AO PANTHER, 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41 and D67 in the NUI DINHS and the NUI THI VAI Mountains. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcasttime was one and a half hours.

(b) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D440 NNW of NUI NGHE. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(2) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by HB Team targeted at the population of DAT DO Village. The themes were GVN image and anti VC. The total broadcast time was two and a half hours.

(3) Face to Face. Face to face missions were conducted by HE Team targeted at the population of DAT DO Village. The themes were CVN image and anti VC. The total screening time was two and half hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. The APT operated in DAT DO Village for a total time of two and a half hours.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme. An ICAP was conducted in HOA LONG Village for a total time of three hours.

b. Vietnamese Marines. At 230920H at YS295845 Leatherneck 5A contacted an unknown number of enemy. Enemy returned fire with SA. Results: 1 VN KIA, 1 VN WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF FWD remains deployed at FSPB CLARE at YS2083 as a combined HQ with ARVN Marine Brigade to direct operations in HAT DICH (18-30 Jul). 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and in AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF Main remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn(-) and one sect remains with HQ 1 ATF FWD at FSPB CLARE YS2083. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp supported 5 RAR operations in AO PANTHER. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 9 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PANTHER supported by sect 105 Fd Bty and 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav. One company remained in base providing the Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO's WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Target Description</u>	<u>Bomb Damage</u>
0905H	YS402769	VC Base Camp	100/100. Results: 1 Mil structure destroyed, 6 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers exposed and damaged, 4 tables destroyed, water bottles and clothing scattered in area.
1510H	YS465540	VC Base Camp	100/70. Results: Neg further due to weather.
1730H	YS571792	VC Base Camp	100/50. Results: 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker exposed.
1705H	YS571792	VC Base Camp	100/50. Results: 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (Late Entry) At 231330H at YS699692, Atk Pl 5 RAR sighted one enemy withdrew West.
- (2) At 240001 at YS645610, 2/48 ARVN contacted an estimated Pl of VC. Results: 4 VC KIA(BC), 1 x AK50, 2 x MI carbines, documents captured.
- (3) At 240950H at YS513544, 2 Pl W Coy located an M16 mine.
- (4) At 241100H at YS648608, B Coy 5 RAR located a squad size bunkers containing a quantity of rice. Bunker and contents destroyed.
- (5) At 241105H at YS770771 5 RAR located 20 huts with bunkers under the huts. Huts and bunkers destroyed.
- (6) At 241230H at YS629607, 2/48 contacted an estimated squad of VC in an old hut. Clothing and quantity of rice found. Hut and contents destroyed.
- (7) At 241330H at YS760747, 5 RAR located and destroyed 5 bunkers and 3 huts.

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(8) At 241600H at YS367894, 3 Pl A Coy 9 RAR contacted 1 VC with negative results.

(9) At 241615H at YS567763, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a cornfield, food, shelters and trip wires were attached to chicom grenades.

(10) At 241625H at YS367894, 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR contacted 1 VC. Results: 1 Aust WIA, DOW en route to Hospital.

(11) At 241730H at YS591689, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted 10 VC. Results: 1 Aust WIA, 2 VC KIA (poss).

(12) At 241255H at YS238828, 3 Marine Bn contacted 5 VC - neg results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel - 2 Aust WIA (evacuated). (1 DOW en route to hospital).
(b) Material - Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel - 4 VC KIA (BC) by ARVN.
(b) Material - 1 x AK50, 2 x MI carbines, documents, 1 x M16 mine, quantity food, 1 x chicom grenade.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) YS558748, 3 Tp YS532756, 4 Tp YS497507, 3 Tp YS647661.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) FSPB CLARE, 2 Sect 1 Tp YS500516, 3 Tp (-).

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS4955, 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER, B Bty 2/35 US Arty (-) 1 ATF Base, Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB ELAINE.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB MAINE A Coy (-) YS777770, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy 1 ATF Base, D Coy (-) YS779714.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955, A Coy (-) YS523547, B Coy (-) YS596684, V Coy (-) YS440572, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy (-) YS477600

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, A Coy YS364896, B Coy YS372886, C Coy YS387902, D Coy YS300902.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy (-) YS561620, 2 Coy (-) YS603638, 3 Coy (-) YS557608.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 1 ATF Liaison team FSPB CLARE YS2083 with ARVN Marine Bde HQ, Op HAT DICH 18 - 30 Jul.

(2) 5 RAR(-). 1 ATF Base and conduct phase 2 ops in LONG LE District. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND EXTENDED, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

(4) 9 RAR. Four coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Op HAT DICH, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde.

(5) 2/48 ARVN(-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.

(6) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962

(7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO LICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

(9) LRRPs deployed - 8.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two

Platoon - Nil

Squad - Eight

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at elements of D445 N of NUI NHON. The themes were Chieu Hoi and surrender. Total broadcast time was 3 hours.

(b) Integrated Civic Action Programme. 1 CAP was conducted at BINH BA Village for a total time of two and a half hours.

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF Fwd returned to 1 ATF Base. 1 ATF Liaison team remains with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ in AO TRACKER.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. HQ B Sqn (-) returned to 1 ATF Base. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp RF training in AO STRAND. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No contact and 34 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Completed RIF and ambush operations in AO PANTHER and returned to 1 ATF Base. Conduct base patrols and providing Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO's WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF nad ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0915H	YS395797	VC Base Camp	100/50. 3 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed, 2 tables exposed.
0940H	YS395797	VC Base Camp	100/70. 2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 military structure exposed, cans and clothing scattered in area.
1235H	YS295845	VC Base Camp	100/50. 1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker slightly damaged and exposed, 2 dud bombs.
<u>CSS 24/25 Jul 69.</u>			
2148H	YS45365417	VC Base Camp	Bombs on target. 1 4X4X4 pit exposed, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 3 weapon pits exposed, 30 meters trench exposed.
<u>Air Strike 24 Jul 69.</u>			
1510H	YS465540	VC Base Camp	3 large bunkers destroyed, tunnel entrance 2' square exposed, 1 track well used exposed. There are 4 additional bunkers that can be hit.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At YS487670 6 RAR Ptl located 300 rounds of rimmed 7.62 ammo.
- (2) At 250645H at YS500548 6 RAR led by Hoi Chanh located a M16 mine.

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- (3) At 251045H at YS498611 6 RAR led by Hoi Chanh located 4 X M16 mines, 4 fuses.
- (4) At 251145H at YS500597 6 RAR led by Hoi Chanh located 28 X M16 mines with fuses, 66 X M26 grenades with anti lift devices.
- (5) At 251530H at YS373889 6 Pl B Coy 9 RAR located a bunker system.
- (6) At 251720H at YS561761 B Sqn 1 Armd Group contacted 7 - 10 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 WIA (poss) Blood trails, 1 X M1 carbine and ammo captured.
- (7) At 251745H at YS5867 B Coy 6 RAR located 2 bodies 2 days old believed to be results of 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contact of 231300H Jul 69.
- (8) At YS 781707 5 RAR located 14 huts and 15 bunkers. Recovered were 20 rounds 30 cal, 1 rifle 30 cal (US), 3 lb rice, 2 lbs salt.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 3 KIA (BC) (2 KIA from 23 Jul 69), 1 WIA (poss) blood trails.
- (b) Material. 300 X 7.62 rimmed, 33 X M16 mines with fuses, 66 X M26 grenades, 1 X M1 rifle with ammo, 20 rounds 30 cal, 1 X rifle 30 cal (US), 3 lbs rice, 2lbs salt.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) YS547777, 2 Tp YS547777, 4 Tp YS500516.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 2 Sect 1 Tp YS500516, 3 Tp YS646662.
- (3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955, A Coy (-) YS523547, B Coy (-) YS596684, V Coy (-) YS441574, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, A Coy (-) YS363895, B Coy (-) YS372886, C Coy (-) YS387905, D Coy (-) YS297892.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy (-) YS561620, 2 Coy (-) YS568620, 3 Coy (-) YS567617.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 1 ATF Liaison Team with Vietnamese Bde HQ, Op HAT DICH 18 - 30 Jul 69.
- (2) 5 RAR (-). 1 ATF Base, conduct phase 2 ops in LONG LE District. Provides Ready Reaction Company. One company conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (3) 6 RAR. Three companies conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing operations vicinity YS4854. One company conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One company conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND extended, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.
- (4) 9 RAR. Two companies conduct RIF operations in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, Bn HQ located FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Op HAT DICH, combined op with ARVN Marine Bde. Two companies to LCT Base YS2981, clear area in preparation for land clearing operations commencing 28 Jul 69.

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(5) 2/48 ARVN. Conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS557617.

(6) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 operations in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides tank troops to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One troop one AMC sect LCT/9 RAR. Provides one troop for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

(9) LRRP's deployed - eight.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two.
Platoon - One.
Squad - Eight.

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

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at VC units in LONG HAIS. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was two hours.

b. Vietnamese Marines.

(1) 3rd and 5th Vietnamese Marine Bn continued to operate in their AO.

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity.

1. There was no significant enemy initiated activity other than ground fire directed at friendly aircraft. Most firing on friendly aircraft occurred in the 1 NVA Div's AO while scattered attacks were also noted in the 7 NVA Div's AO. All MF divisional elements avoided major contact and enemy ground attacks consisted of sporadic low intensity indirect fire attacks.

Enemy Locations.

2. In 9VC Div area 88 Regt is believed to have moved south from the vicinity of NUI BA DEN to the area of the northern STRAIGHT EDGE WOODS 271 and 272 Regts. are believed located W of TAY NINH city along the Cambodian border.

3. Only the 101D Regt of 1NVA Div was identified while remaining elements avoided contact. The 18B and 95C Regt's are still believed to be operating in central WAR ZONE "C". The 95C Regt is carried NE of NUI BA DEN and 18B Regt SW of BO TUC.

4. 7NVA Div remained out of identifiable contact. Lack of contact suggests that the division is still preparing for future operations probably targetted against the AN LOC area. 209 Regt is believed located NW of AN LOC, 141 Regt east of AN LOC and 165 Regt just NW of ANLOC.

5. The only element of 5 VC Div identified was 95 Regt. A 20th July Hoi Chanh from 2-95 Regt stated that his unit was located south of BUNARD on 15th July. It is probable that both 174 and 275 Regts are in southern PHUOC LONG Province and possible further north than 95 Regt.

6. In MR-7 there were no identifiable contacts with elements of 33 NVA and 274 VC Regt's during the week but probably remain NE of XUAN LOC and in the northern HAT BICH areas respectively.

7. Details of probable locations of enemy main force units are :-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
<u>1st NVA Div HQ</u>	NW of NUI BA DEN	4525
<u>18B NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of NUI BA DEN	1200
<u>95C NVA Inf Regt</u>	NE of NUI BA DEN	1000
<u>101D NVA Inf Regt</u>	SSW of AN LOC	1300
<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	N WARZONE "D"	4450
<u>275 VC Inf Regt</u>	Poss Vic BUNARD	1150
<u>174 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Poss Vic BUNARD	1175
<u>95 NVA Inf Regt</u>	S of BUNARD	800
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	Vic FISHHOOK	4800
<u>165 NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW of AN LOC	1150
<u>141 NVA Inf Regt</u>	ENE of AN LOC	1100
<u>209 NVA Inf Regt</u>	NW of AN LOC	1100
<u>9th VC Inf Div HQ</u>	Vic WF9854	4150
<u>271 VC Inf Regt</u>	W of TAY NINH	1000
<u>272 VC Inf Regt</u>	W of TAY NINH	1140
<u>88 NVA Inf Regt</u>	N of STRAIGHT EDGE WOODS	760
<u>1 NVA Inf Regt</u>	BINH PHUOC Dist (LONG AN)	1490
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic XUAN LOC	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vic TRAPEZOID	1200
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI WOODS AREA	775

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<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DICH - BINH SON	700
<u>PHUOC NAI VC Inf Regt</u>	SW of PHUOC VINH	1200
<u>QUYET THANG VC Inf Regt</u>	N of HOC MON	poss 800

Enemy Losses

8. Enemy losses in III CTZ for the week were 644 KIA (BC) 36PW, 149 Hoi Chanh and 197 and 18 individual and crew served weapons were captured. There were 30 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

9. The enemy is continuing his efforts to gain support and recognition for the Provisional Revolutionary Government and propaganda announcements have been claiming the formation of such bodies at various levels. An interesting aspect of this is the use of GVN political area names for these committees rather than the VC military designations. It is expected the enemy will increase announcements of Revolutionary Committees from village level up, whether or not such entities are actually established. This action and emphasis may well be co-ordinated with military or terrorist actions directed against the pacification program and GVN presence. It is expected that the main theme of his propaganda will be his claim to have control and jurisdiction over the major portion of South Vietnam territory and population and he will use the formation of Revolutionary Committees throughout the country as evidence to support this claim.
10. While the enemy has been attempting to upgrade his infrastructure in efforts to provide some substance to the claim, allied efforts against him have degraded much of the efforts of his propaganda. The planned highpoint for July did not occur although a slight increase of activity was noted around 20th July and the July offensive timetable appears to have been disrupted, possibly in part by allied pre-emptive actions. It is possible the present low level of action may be due to a desire to conserve men and material during the monsoon season.
11. The enemy may attempt isolated actions against allied LZs, FSBs, SF camps and LOCs in the 3 northern provinces of TAY NINH, BINH LONG AND PHUOC LONG and allied positions in the SE of the CTZ. If information from various PWs from SR-6 units is valid, an increase in sapper action can be expected in and around Saigon. For the most part, it is expected there will be a generally low level of action while the enemy refrains, refits and plans for his next campaign.

Friendly Activities

12. Small contacts only resulted from Allied sweep operations none of them significant. Two medium size rice caches found by 1 US Cav Div (AM) in War Zone "C" at XT398883 and XT402881 yielded a total of 22 tons. On 21st July a PW led 2-45 ARVN elements to a cache at XS830654, 7 Km S of CAN GIUOC (LONG AN). The cache contained 55lbs of penicillin, 55 lbs of novocaine, 55 lbs of streptomycin, 44 lbs of an unknown type medicine, 22 lbs of tetanus serum, 88 lbs of vitamins and 11lbs of syringes. Again on 21st July at XT 501393, 10 Km NW of BEN SUC (TAY NINH), 1-8 ARVN killed 5 enemy and found a cache containing 50,000 rds of CKC ammo, 2,500 rds of Chicom LMG ammo and 2 AK - 47S.

Section 2. SOUTH VIETNAM (encl III CTZ) and NORTH VIETNAM (OMITTED)

Section 3. SOUTH VIETNAM Summary (OMITTED)

Other Information

Evacuation of VC/NVA KIA and WIA from SR-3

13. This report from a VC battalion CO captured in SR 3 in May 1969 pertains to procedures of evacuation of KIA and WIA from SR 3 south of SAIGON.

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The report also includes theoretical battlefield location of aid stations and their construction, evacuation priorities, responsibility for evacuation, recovery and burial of the dead and notification of next of kin.

Evacuation Priorities

14. The seriously wounded were evacuated first. No preference was given to cadre as they were evacuated through the same channels as the ordinary soldiers. The lightly wounded were evacuated next and where possible were given first aid on the battlefield. After receiving treatment, lightly wounded, who were able, continued fighting. The dead were the last to be evacuated and every effort was made to recover all bodies.

Establishment of Evacuation Priorities.

15. On the battlefield, the company medic was responsible for establishing evacuation priorities for the wounded from his unit. At the aid station, the battalion medical technician was responsible for establishing priorities for further evacuation of wounded personnel.

The Aid Station.

16. The aid station was normally located about 1 Km to the rear of the battlefield in the vicinity of the primary assembly area and was constructed by about 10 members of the bn transportation section. This section set up 4 or 5 small bunkers and the aid station was manned by the bn medical technician and 2 medics. The 10 members of the bn transportation section were responsible for evacuation of wounded personnel from the aid station to a higher echelon medical facility.

Battlefield Evacuation.

17. One squad from each platoon was designated prior to the battle to evacuate the wounded from the battlefield to the aid station. Each platoon had an aid man who administered first aid.

Recovery and Burial of Dead.

18. The dead were evacuated after the wounded, following the battle, and were carried to a point about 1½ Km from the battlefield. The burial place was normally a small hill or knoll and the dead were usually buried in individual graves. A small wooden marker (about 50 cm high X 30 cm wide) with the individual's name inscribed on it was placed at the head of each grave. No effort was made to conceal or camouflage the graves.

Notification of Next of Kin.

19. No effort was made to notify next of kin of NVA personnel killed in SVN. Next of kin of South Vietnamese personnel were notified by letter which provided the circumstances of death to include the individual's name, rank and place of burial. The next of kin were told the hamlet near which the individual was buried. They were also told that if they came to recover the remains, they would have to inquire in the hamlet to secure the precise location of the burial site.

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Effect of US Land Clearing Operations.

20. An NVA Senior Captain captured on 10th July in SR-1 NW of Saigon stated, inter alia, that US Rome plough and land clearing operations are posing greater problems for enemy strategists than any other US tactic because they restrict the enemy's ability to concentrate forces. This in turn allows US/GVN to operate safely in platoon and company size units and still defeat the enemy. The 268 VC Regt particularly has encountered difficulties in cleared areas. The clearing operations have forced them to divide into squad and platoon size units and to disperse in the hamlets of the CITADEL and BOI LOI Woods.

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27 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 260001H to 262400H Jul 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 1 ATF AO and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF Liaison team remains with Vietnamese Marine Bde in AO TRACER.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides onesect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp RF training in AO STRAND. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 19 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Completed RIF and ambush operations in AO PANTHER and returned to 1 ATF Base. Conduct base patrols and providing Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO's WEST END, STRAND, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHYRY. Deployed elements into AO PORPHYRY extended.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPEL.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. The significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0940H	YS662585	VC Base Camp	100/10%, unknown results.
1101H	YS670583 YS662585	VC Base Camp	100/30%, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed.
1355H	YS459537	VC Base Camp	100/30%, results - negative further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 261750H at YS365888 a party from 2/A/9 RAR were moving through a bunker system to A Coy loc when they saw two enemy in a bunker. They engaged the enemy who returned fire with RPG and small arms. 2 Pl carried out a sweep and the enemy withdrew West. Results: 500 rounds AK47, 1 RPG 2 round, two sets webbing and two magazines captured. 1 Aust WIA.
- (2) At 261615H at YS591671 2 to 3 enemy engaged the sentry of 5/B/6 RAR. Results: unknown.
- (3) At 261700H at YS584675 6/B/6 RAR engaged two enemy moving down a track. The enemy went to ground and threw grenades. Results: 2 VC WIA (Bloodtrail), 1 AK47 captured. 3 Aust WIA.

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c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 WIA.

(b) Material. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 WIA (poss) bloodtrails.

(b) Materiel. 1 x AK 47, 500 rounds AK 47 ammo, 1 RPG 2 round.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, SHQ YS466775, 4 Tp YS500516.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 2 Sect 1 Tp YS500516, 2 Tp LONG BINH, 3 Tp YS666678.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955, A Coy (-) YS523547, B Coy (-) YS596684, V Coy (-) YS441574, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy YS477600.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, A Coy (-) YS365883, B Coy (-) YS372887, C Coy (-) YS391899, D Coy (-) YS301821.

(6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy (-) YS564597, 2 Coy (-) YS557617, 3 Coy (-) YS567617.

(7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 1 ATF Liaison Team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, OP HAT DICH 18-30 Jul 69.

(2) 5 RAR (-). 1 ATF Base, conduct Phase 2 ops in LONG LE district. Provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts Phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC district in AO STRAND extended, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST.

(4) 9 RAR. Two coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Two coys LCT base YS2981, RIF and protection of land clearing ops.

(5) 2/48 ARVN (-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS557617.

(6) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues Phase 2 ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides tk tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp one AMC sect LCT/9 RAR. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - one
Platoon - nil
Squad - nine

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

(3) Small Unit actions with contact: Nil.

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Combined Operations.

- a. 236 RF Coy less one Pl and one Pl of 611 RF coy operated in support of elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in the XUYEN MOC area.
- b. 480 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN Bn in AO WIANGAREE.


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28 Jul 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Jul 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 1 ATF AO and AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4755. 1 ATF Liaison team remains with Vietnamese Marine Bde in RTAVF TAOR vic FSPB GREY.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779. One tp deployed to op con 9 RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHY (extended).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp RF training in AO STRAND. 2 Tp deployed with one AMC Sect to op con 9 RAR AO PORPHY (extended) for LCT protection. Road security and convoy escorts continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Complete 1 ATF Base. Conducts base AO patrols and provides Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO's WEST END centre of mass YS5456, STRAND centre of mass YS6372, ROSSLEA supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHY centre of mass YS3686, supported by 161 Fd Bty. Deployed elements into AO PORPHY (extended) supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6061, and AO WIANGARRE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. Significant Air Strikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0915H	YS608584	VC Base Camp	100/30%, results: 20m of trench and 1 bunker exposed.
1400H	YS442561	VC Base Camp	100/20%, results: negative further.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 271010H, 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR during a search of a bunker at YS365888 found 10 lbs of rice, 2 chicom fragmentation grenades, 50 AK47 rounds, 1 shovel, 1 blanket, 2 packets of meat and one AK47 mag.
- (2) At 270947H a 5 Pl B Coy 6 RAR ambush sentry engaged one VC, at YS590670 while ambush party was changing position. Enemy withdrew North.

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- (3) At 271156H, A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system at YS549570.
- (4) At 271235H, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located 5 x RPG7 rounds and 3xRPG rounds at YS578676.
- (5) At 271430H, 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR at YS457566 detonated an M16 mine. Main charge did not detonate - no cas.
- (6) At 271536H, 4 Pl B Coy 6 RAR located two further caches at YS580673. Recovered were 30 fragmentation grenades, 400x7.92 rounds 1xAtk mine, 20x75mm RCL rounds, 1x57mm RCL HE round, 19xRPG2 rounds and 14 RPG2 boosters, 3 RPG7 rounds, 1 anti aircraft gun sight and 580x7.62 short rounds.
- (7) At 271615H, elements of 2/48 ARVN Bn contacted 2 VC at YS540582. Enemy withdrew West with negative results.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

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

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 8xRPG7 rounds, 22xRPG2 rounds, 14xRPG2 boosters, 20x75mm RCL rounds, 1x57mm RCL HE round, 32xfragmentation grenades, 400x7.92mm rounds, 580x7.62mm short rounds, 1xAnti Tank mine.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, SHQ YS465791, 4 Tp YS500516.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST, 2 Sect 1 Tp YS500516, 2 Tp YS295792, 3 Tp YS666678.
- (3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955, A Coy(-) YS538560, B Coy(-) YS596684, V Coy(-) YS441574, D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy(-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686, A Coy YS365888, B Coy YS364889, C Coy YS302815, D Coy(-) YS306822.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy(-) YS560593, 2 Coy(-) YS557617, 3 Coy(-) YS560606.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) 1 ATF Liaison Team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, Op HAT DICH 18 - 30 Jul 69.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 Ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides tk tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One Tp one AMC sect LCT/9 RAR. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.
- (4) 5 RAR(-). 1 ATF Base, conduct phase 2 Ops in Long Le District Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One coy conducts retaining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

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(5) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND(extended) centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

(6) 9 RAR. Two coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Two coys LCT Base YS2981, RIF and protection of land clearing ops.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - 3
Platoon - 1
Squad - 8
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: One.

2. Combined Operations

- a. 236 RF Coy less one Pl and one Pl of 611 RF Coy operated in support of elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in the XUYEN MOC area.
- b. 480 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN Bn in AO WIANGAREE.

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29 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH III in 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF Liaison team remains with Vietnamese Marine Bde in RTAVF TAOR vic FSPB GREY.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779. One tp deployed to op con 9 RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHY (extended).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. 3 Tp continues Phase II ops in AO STRAND. 2 Tp op con to 9 RAR in AO PORPHY (extended) for LCT protection. Road security and convoy escorts continue.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact, six H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL training 2/52 ARVN. Conducts base AO patrols and provides Ready Reaction Company.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END centre of mass YS5456 supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and AO STRAND centre of mass YS6372.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHY centre of mass YS3686 supported by 161 Fd Bty, elements in AO PORPHY (extended) supported by elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt for protection of land clearing ops.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6061 and AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) Air Support. Significant Air Strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1310H	YS394797	VC Base Camp	100/30% 3 bkrs dest, 1 secondary exp. 2 dud bombs.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 281000H at YS581672 6 RAR located 13 bunkers.
- (2) At YS365888 1 Pl located a typewriter, and one body 2 or 3 days old believed killed by Arty.
- (3) At YS543778 Task Force located 9 bunkers and 20 pits, 1 tunnel. Bunkers contained cooking utensils, webbing and explosives.
- (4) At 281510H at YS438575 6 RAR located an M16 mine.
- (5) At 281730H at YS438571 V Coy 6 RAR led by HOI CHANH located a cache containing 500 lbs rice in 13 x 4 gal drums.
- (6) At 282130H at YS476569 3 Pl V Coy contacted 4 VC. Results neg friendlies - VC unknown. Sweep to be conducted at first light.

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c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel Nil.

(b) Material Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel 1 VC KBA (BC).

(b) Material 500 lbs rice, 1 x M16 mine, quantity explosives and 1 x typewriter.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) NUI DAT; Sqn HQ YS452798; 1 Tp YS305824 (LCT); 3 Tp YS452798; 4 Tp YS506516.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) NUI DAT; TA1 FSPB THRUST; TA2 YS305824; TA3 YS668660.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS4955; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; 2/35 B Bty US Army 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS4955; A Coy (-) YS548560; B Coy YS605677; V Coy (-) YS441584; D Coy (-) YS500516; W Coy (-) YS477600.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; A Coy YS365888; B Coy YS364889; C Coy YS305824; D Coy (-) YS302822.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561; 1 Coy (-) YS564595; 2 Coy (-) YS557617; 3 Coy (-) YS573612.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 1 ATF liaison team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, Op HAT DICH 18 - 30 Jul 69.

(2) 5 RAR (-). 1 ATF Base, conduct Phase II ops in LONG LE District. Two Coys deploy to YS2981 assume responsibility for land clearing ops protection. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(3) 6 RAR. Three Coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One Coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One Coy conducts Phase II ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND extended, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

(4) 9 RAR. Two Coys conduct RIF ops in AO PORPHYRY, centre of mass YS3686, Bn HQ loc FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Two Coys return to 1 ATF Base.

(5) 2/48 (-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two Coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.

(6) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(7) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues Phase II ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 6 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(8) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides Sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One Tp one AMC Sect LCT/9 RAR. Provides One Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three

Platoon - One

Squad - Nine

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has ten LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

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Combined Operations.

- a. 236 RF Coy less One Pl and One Pl of 611 RF Coy operated in support of elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in the XUYEN MOC area.
- b. 480 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN in AO WIANGAREE.


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30 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) HQ 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF Liaison Team remains with Vietnamese Marine Brigade in RTAVF TAOR vic FSPB GREY.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provided one tp op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779. One tp deployed to op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp continues phase 2 ops in AO STRAND. One tp op con to 5 RAR in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No contact and 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Elms of 5 RAR deployed into AO PORPHRY with under comd one tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and one tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in direct support 501 Land Clearing Coy US Engrs for land clearing operations. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL training 2/52 ARVN. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END centre of mass YS5456 supported by 101 Fd Bty and elms of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and AO STRAND centre of mass YS6372.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHRY centre of mass YS3686 supported by 161 Fd Bty.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6061 and AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) 501 Land Clearing Coy US Engrs remained in direct support of 5 RAR for land clearing ops in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Tgt Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0930H	YS442560	VC Base Camp	100/80. Neg further
0955H	YS442560	VC Base Camp	100/50. Neg further
1015H	YS442560	VC Base Camp	90/30. Neg further
1530H	YS464546 YS464548 YS474536 YS472534		50% of bombs fell in tgt area. 75mtrs trench exp and des 140 mtrs trench exp and dam.
1805H	YS343882	VC Base Camp	100/50. Neg further
1302H	YS394797	VC Base Camp	100/30. Neg BDA at this time due to weather.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 290640H at YS564597, A Coy 2/48 ARVN contacted two enemy who withdrew South East with unknown results. 1 VN WIA, 1 US WIA.
- (2) At 290930H at YS547574, A Coy 6 RAR located a platoon sized base camp recently lived in.
- (3) At 291115H at YS440870, elms of Tank Force contacted two enemy. 1 rifle and two haversacks with documents captured.
- (4) At 291230H at YS552580, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located 1 M16 mine. Mine lifted for destruction.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- a. Personnel Nil.
- b. Materiel Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- a. Personnel Nil.
- b. Materiel 1 Rifle, 1 M16 mine, 2 haversacks.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS306823. 3 Tp YS460860.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp YS306823. 3 Tp YS668680.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ (-) YS336842. B Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy (-) YS303809. D Coy (-) YS306823.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS523547. B Coy (-) YS605677. V Coy (-) DINH CO. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER. A Coy FSPB DAMPIER. B Coy YS371878. C Coy YS304809. D Coy 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON. 1 Coy (-) YS560619. 2 Coy (-) YS557617. 3 Coy (-) YS567609. 480 RF Coy YS546611.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp, one AMC sect LCT/5 RAR. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.
- (3) 1 ATF Liaison team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, FSPB GREY.
- (4) 5 RAR (-). Two coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3283. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3283. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (5) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Elm protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase 2 ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND Extended, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN (-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three.
Platoon - One.
Squad - Seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has ten LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact - One.

2. Combined Operations (Psy Ops)

- a. 236 RF Coy less One Pl and One Pl of 611 RF Coy operated in support of elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in the XUYEN MOC area.

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- b. 480 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN in AO WIANGAREE.
- c. Psy Ops.
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31 Jul 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) HQ 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF Liaison Team remains with Vietnamese Marine Brigade in RTAVF TAOR vic FSPB GREY.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides one tp op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779. One tp op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp deployed to block position vic YS6168 in op against D445. One tp op con to 5 RAR in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 9 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. TAC HQ camps TWO coys in AO PORPHRY with under comd one tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and one tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in direct support 501 Land Clearing Coy US Engrs for land clearing operations. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL training 2/52 ARVN.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END centre of mass YS5456 supported by 101 Fd Bty and elms of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy to block position vic YS5768 D445 op.
- (8) 9 RAR(-). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHRY centre of mass YS3686 supported by 161 Fd Bty. One coy 1 ATF Base (Ready Reaction Coy), one coy stand down.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN(-). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6061 and AO WIANGAREE. 2 coys block 55 - 58 Easting 67 Northing.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) 501 Land Clearing Coy US Engrs remained in direct support of 5 RAR for land clearing ops in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Target Description</u>	<u>Bomb Damage Assessment</u>
0854H	YS662583	VC Base Camp	100/20. 1 bunker damaged.
1410H	YS457549	VC Base Camp	100/100. Negative further.
1440H	YS467539	VC Base Camp	90/20. Negative further.
1210H	YS480511	VC Base Camp	100/30. Negative further.
1610H	YS348687	VC Base Camp	100/30. 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 secondary exposed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 301200H approximately at YS560660 elms of 2/48 captured a PW.
- (2) At 301430H at YS309830 D Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing the following: 1 chicom MG, 2 - .30 cal German rifles, 5 Bangalore torpedoes, 2 RPG 2 rounds, 1 RPG booster, 3 aircraft bombs, 1 mortar sight, 1 - 60 mm mortar round, 20,000 assorted SA rounds and 1000 - 7.92 link.
- (3) At 301625H at YS302800 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located six bunkers. At YS302803 located seven bunkers. One body, estimated to be one week old was discovered in one of six bunkers at YS302800.
- (4) At 301700H at YS336844, elements of 5 RAR located a M16 mine with chicom explosive plus five 81 mm mortar rounds. All items were rigged as a mine/booby trap but were uncovered by a dozer blade.

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c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - a. Personnel - Nil
 - b. Material - Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - a. Personnel - Nil
 - b. Material - 1 chicom MG, 2 - .30 cal guman rifles, 5 Bangalore torpedoes, 2 RPG 2 rounds, 1 RPG booster, 1 mortar sight, 20,000 assorted SA rounds.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS306823. 3 Tp YS549777.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS546673. 2 Tp YS306823. 3 Tp YS593685.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ (-) YS336842. A Coy (-) YS550679. B Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL. C Coy (-) YS306793. D Coy (-) YS306823.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS523547. B Coy (-) YS581675. V Coy (-) YS562690. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DAMPIER. A Coy 1 ATF Base. B Coy YS371876. C Coy YS337841. D Coy 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON. 1 Coy (-) YS555679, 2 Coy (-) FSPB BATON. 3 Coy (-) YS564677. 480 RF Coy YS543613.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 1 ATF Liaison Team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, vic FSPB GREY.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase two ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One Tp one AMC Sect LCT/5 RAR. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.
- (4) 5 RAR (-). Two coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3283. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3283. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (5) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing ops vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts phase two ops in XUYEN MOC District in AO STRAND EXTENDED, centre of mass YS6471. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase two ops LONG DIEN District, provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (7) 2/48 (-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has seven LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact - Nil

2. Combined Operations.

- a. 236 RF Coy less One Pl and One Pl of 611 RF Coy operated in support of elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in the XUYEN MOC area.
- b. 480 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN in AO WIANGAREE.
- c. Psy Ops.
Omitted.

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1 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Jul 69

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) HQ 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH III in 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF Liaison team remains with Vietnamese Marine Brigade in RTAVF TAOR vic FSPB GREY.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS4779. One tp op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp and elements of sp tp to 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO PORPHRY (extended). Elements of sp tp op con B Sqn 1 Armd in AO MICK. Road security and convoy escorts continue.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 2 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Completed deployment into AO PORPHRY (extended) for Land Clearing Operations. Under comd one tp B Sqn 1 Armd one tp and elements of sp tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in direct support 501 Land Clearing Coy US Engrs. Supported by 105 Fd Bty.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) (-). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WESTEND supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Two coys returned to 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 9 RAR. Completed RIF and ambush operations in AO PORPHRY and returned to 1 ATF Base. Conducts base AO patrols and provides Ready Reaction Company.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6061 and AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) 501 Land Clearing Coy US Engrs. remained in direct support of 5 RAR for land clearing ops in AO PORPHRY (extended).
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1005H	YS401820	VC Base Camp	100/50%, Negative further.
1040H	YS493510	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 2 tunnel entrances exposed.
1115H	YS518585	VC Base Camp	100/10%, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker damaged.

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b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 311230H, 311250H, 311310H at YS508550 elements of LCT with 6 RAR located 2 x M16 mines and 1 x 20 mm HE AA rounds.
- (2) At 311640H at YS505555 elements of LCT with 6 RAR detonated a mine resulting in 1 x D8 dozer moderately damaged. Also located 2 x M26 grenades.
- (3) At 311230H at YS552581, 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located and destroyed 6 x M16 mines. The mines are to have been laid 5 to 6 days ago.
- (4) At 311200H at YS550565 A Coy 6 RAR located 17 bunkers in good condition and 10 bunkers very old. Last occupied by 1 or 2 persons 3 days ago. Search continues.
- (5) At 311330 at YS315803 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located 5 bunkers. In one bunker they located footprints believed 30 mins old. 2 mortar aiming post were also located. 7 Pl and elements of Atk followed tracks and found blood trails. At 1425 hrs 7 Pl sighted 2 enemy. Scout fired killing first enemy 2nd enemy returned fire with RPG and withdrew. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 x AK47 2 x anti-tk grenades captured, some documents and equipment captured.
- (6) At 311530H at YS534797 elements of Sp Tp B Sqn 3 Cav op con to B Sqn 1 Armd sighted 1 enemy and heard voices. Engaged area with organic weapons, negative results.
- (7) At 311230H at YS312790 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a cache containing 160 lbs rice, 3 transistor radios some radio parts, 1 raincoat, 1 ameter.
- (8) At (approx) 311645H at YS312801 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy. LFT and Spooky supported the contact. Results: 1 Aust (KIA), 1 Aust WIA (evacuated), 1 Aust WIA (not evacuated). Enemy casualties not known at this stage, area will be swept tomorrow.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 Aust KIA
1 Aust WIA (evacuated)
1 Aust WIA (not evacuated)
- (b) Material: 1 D8 Dozer moderately damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)
- (b) Material: 8 x M16 mines, 1 x 20 mm HE AA round, 2 x M26 grenades, 2 x mortar aiming posts, 1 x AK47, 2 x Anti Tk grenades, 160 lbs rice, 3 x transistor radios, 1 x ameter.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ and 3 Tp YS538773; 1 Tp YS305823.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt(-). 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055, 2 Tp YS305842, elements Sp Tp YS538773.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS5055, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, YS3484, B Bty 2/35 Arty US 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB YS3484, A Coy(-) YS304834, C Coy YS312801, D Coy YS305823.

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(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS5055, A Coy(-) YS528547, B Coy 1 ATF Base, V Coy 1 ATF Base, D Coy YS500516 W Coy YS477600.

(6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. 1 Coy(-) YS560609, 2 Coy(-) YS557626, 3 Coy(-) YS567618.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans summary.

(1) 1 ATF Liaison Team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, FSPB GREY.

(2) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3283. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3238. One coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(3) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects Land Clearing ops vic YS4854. One Coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

(4) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase 2 ops Long Dien District, provides Ready Reaction Company.

(5) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(6) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One Tp one AMC Sect LCT/5 RAR. Provides ont tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escorts.

(7) 2/48(-). Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064. Bn HQ loc FSPB BATON YS557617.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. Undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - two
Platoon - one
m Squad - eight.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit actions with contact: Three.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological operations - omitted.

b. 840 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN in AO WIANGAREE.

3. Land Clearing Operations

a. 1 Fd Sqn Land Clearing Team op con 6 RAR cleared area bounded by YS503547, YS517548, YS504557 and YS507558.

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1 ATF SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 5/69

1. The following is a direct translation of a document captured by DUC THANH Sub-Sector forces on 20 May 69 at YS450740.
2. The contents of the document is evaluated by Vietnamese agencies as 'A1'.

TRANSLATION

PLAN TO ESTABLISH PEOPLES LIBERATION COMMITTEES IN THE HAMLETS, VILLAGE, DISTRICTS AND PROVINCES OF THE COMMUNISTS

General

1. Exploitation of Directive No 13/CENT dated 4 Jun 68 from COSVN, which states.
 - a. COSVN has directed that Regional Party Committees, Sub Region Committees and Province Committees are to develop a plan to establish Peoples Liberation Committees in hamlets, villages, districts and provinces as follows.
 - b. General Guide for Requirements
Defeat the GVN and quickly set up a Revolutionary Government. Following this, prepare in sufficient time the basis for the establishment of a Central Government for when the time arises.
 - c. Method of Establishing Government
(1) In the liberated hamlets and villages a government authority is to be set up. In the hamlets it is to be called the Hamlet Liberation Branch. In the villages it is to be called the Village Peoples Liberation Committee.
 - d. Criterion
The village authority must be elected democratically. In the villages that have GVN posts, use military units to surround the posts and use the Village Guerilla Party Chapter to organise elections of the Village Liberation Committee who will nominate the Hamlet Liberation Branch members.
 - e. In the villages where we control the situation if the circumstances do not allow an election the villages must organise a meeting of the soldiers and the people which consists of the delegates, non party members, the peoples army guerilla organisation, security, information, education, finance and r r villagers and also a number of hamlet non party members (depending on the situation). This meeting of the people will elect a Provisional Peoples Liberation Branch.

Regulations on organisation and Delegation of Work in the Peoples Liberation Committees (PLC).

2. The criteria for choosing the people is as follows:
 - a. Have drive to get results ✓
 - b. Devoted to serving the people ✓
 - c. Be accepted by the people ✓
 - d. Party members attending must not exceed 2/3 of the total committee members. Priority must be given to sub committee members and people sympathetic to the party.
 - e. The more female cadres the better and if possible allow them to hold the important positions (Secretary, assistant secretary, committee member) at the same time guiding and helping them. ✓ You don't see this in GVN
 - f. The Village PLC, as well as that of the district and province should generally speaking consist of 7-5 members made up of one chairman, 1 or 3 assistant chairmen, 1 secretary and the committee members (there should be 5 committee members only in places that have small populations). In the Districts and Province LPC that have more than 1 assistant chairman one should be well educated.
 - g. The PLC should choose mainly workers, poor and middle class farmers and

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should pay attention to the selection of females and religious people.

- h. The PLC must establish a Permanent Section of the Committee consisting of the chairman, assistant chairman, secretary and the security member. This Permanent Section represents the committee and guides it in its tasks.

Allocation of Tasks

3. Committees with 5 members

- a. The chairman and assistant chairman have the responsibility for 2 sections (1) Finance, (2) Military.
b. The secretary is responsible for (1) information (2) culture (3) education.
c. 1 Committee member for security.
d. 1 Committee member for wounded soldiers and medical.

4. Committees with 7 members

- a. Chairman + assistant chairman responsible for (1) Finance (2) military.
b. Secretary
c. Member responsible for security.
d. Member responsible for education, culture and information.
e. Member responsible for funds.
f. Member responsible for wounded soldiers, social service and medical.

5. Committees with 9 members

- a. Chairman
b. Asst chairman responsible for military.
c. Asst chairman responsible for finance and economics.
d. Secretary.
e. Member responsible for security.
f. Member responsible for production.
g. Member responsible for education.
h. Member responsible for information.
i. Member responsible for wounded troops, social service and medical.

Method of Work

6. Follow the collective leadership principles, open the meeting and fix the limits for discussion, activities and individual responsibility.

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ENEMY SITUATION IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

29 JUN 69 TO 6 JUL 69

General

1. Enemy activity remained at a low level throughout the province during the reporting period.

Chau Duc District

2. The Western Hat Dich is reported to have been the most active area in the province during the past week. Reports have indicated a build-up of VC Main Force units in that area with possible intentions of attacking and occupying towns or military posts along Route 15 between THAM THIEN (YS2182) and ONG TRINH (YS2568) on or about 5 Jul 69. Bombing of reported base camps along the Soui DA VANG stream, East of THAI THIEN may have preempted or delayed the expected attack.

3. BA LONG Province HQ and 84 Rear Services Group appear to have either moved out of the northern border region or gone into hiding as a result of 1 ATF (9 RAR) operations in that area although light contact is being made by ARVN and 1 ATF units in the border area to the East and West of Route 2. The logistics installations which are believed to be sited in the AO, according to all available intelligence, have not yet been located.

4. Limited enemy activity in the Nui Dinh complex has been reported and light contacts have occurred. Positive unit identification has not been possible at this stage but it is considered that the contacts were with C41.

Long Dat District

5. There was only one significant enemy initiated incident in this area during the reporting period but enemy activity continued at a moderate level.

6. The enemys' prime concern at the moment is to collect food and taxes from the people in the closely populated areas, to discredit the Government and Local Administrators, to destroy the morale and effectiveness of the Peoples Self Defence Group and to hold elections for the village and district levels of the recently declared Provisional Government. 1 ATF and Regional Force operations however, are causing increasing difficulty to the Long Dat District Committee in gaining access to and from the Minh Dam Secret Zone and populated areas.

7. Incidents. At 062000H approx 10 VC entered the home of the Deputy Chief of Village Security at Hoi My (YS498555), dragged him into the street and beat him to death. The murdered man was a valuable source of local information on the VC.

8. Identifications. Documents captured in the Long Green (YS570603) by elements of 2/52 ARVN and A Coy 5 RAR on 26 Jun 69, identified B3/C1/D445 which was part of a multi-company group of D445 contacted during the operation.

Xuyen Moc District

9. There has been a slight increase in enemy initiated activity in this district the most significant being an attack by a small group of VC on the National Police Office. There has been no identification of enemy units operating in this district during the reporting period although elements of D445 LF Bn are believed to be hiding to the West of the town.

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Conclusions

10. The possibility of a Main Force attack against villages or Military Posts along Route 15 should not be discounted. Local Force units still retain the ability to harrass the populated areas and as they become more desperate for food and prestige, concentrated efforts are likely to be made to relieve their predicament by ambushes, harassing attacks and mining of lines of communication.

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15 Jul 69

ENEMY SITUATION IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

7 JUL 69 TO 13 JUL 69

General

1. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level during the past week.

CHAU DUC District

2. a. General. CHAU DUC District was once again the most active in the Province.
- b. Identifications. There were no enemy unit identifications.
- c. Activity. RIF and ground BDA operations failed to make significant contact with elements of 274 VC Regt which were believed to be concentrated in the area EAST of THAI THIEN and PHU MY Military Post.

There is little doubt that large elements of 274 VC Regt (possibly 2 battalions and elements of HMG and Medical Coys) concentrated in the area on 4-6 Jul 69 but exfiltrated after taking casualties and realising that their planned objectives were covered by 1 ATF.

- d. The 5 RAR operations in the NUI DINH feature are thought to have disturbed the activities of the LONG HUONG Guerillas, although no firm identification was made.
- e. A CHIEU HOI who rallied last week revealed that a "B52 strike" (possibly H and I fire from 155mm Howitzers) killed approximately half the CHAU DUC Medical Section in a base camp in vicinity of YS 3172. He also revealed that the CHAU DUC base areas are as follows:
- (1) YS 3664
 - (2) YS 3268
 - (3) YS 3775
 - (4) YS 4277
 - (5) YS 2871

LONG DAT District

3. a. General. There was little enemy initiated activity in this District during the reporting period.
- b. Identifications. There were no enemy unit identifications.
- c. Activity. The most significant activity was the rallying of a member of the PHUOC THO Guerilla unit. Although a full interrogation report is not yet available, the CHIEU HOI has a quantity of valuable information which should aid 1 ATF in its operations in this District.

XUYEN MOC District

4. a. General. There was only one enemy initiated incident during the reporting period.
- b. Identifications. There were no enemy unit identifications.
- c. Activity. The main enemy activity still appears to be resupply although the useage of Route 328 has dropped to an almost negligible level.

CONCLUSIONS

5. It is considered that harrassment, particularly along Route 2 and in LONG DAT District, will be the major activity for the coming week. Interdiction of Route 15 is also an activity which has a high priority with the VC.

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ENEMY SITUATION IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE13 Jul 69 TO 20 Jul 69General

1. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level during the past week.

CHAU DUC District

2. a. General. The majority of enemy activity in the District appeared to be directed at avoiding contact with limited resupply activity.
- b. Identifications.
- (1) Main Force.
- (a) C24/274 VC Regt (Convalescent Coy)(documents captured in a base camp by 9 RAR)
- (2) Local Force.
- (a) D440 (by two CHIEU HOI's, one from a Mortar Platoon D440, the other from the CHAU DUC Military Postal Section)
- c. Activity. The most important enemy activity was the continuation of harrassment operations, particularly the small vehicle ambush SOUTH of ONG TRINH on Route 15 on 20 Jul 69.
- d. 1 ATF operations to the NORTH and NORTH EAST of the District appear to have forced HQ 84 Rear Services Group and HQ BA LONG Province to move NORTHWARDS into LONG KHANH Province. The absence of contacts with groups moving EAST-WEST in the area further indicate that the traditional resupply routes are no longer being used and that realignment of the L of C has been effected.
- e. Although no firm identification has been made it appears that the enemy in the 9 RAR AO in the NORTHWEST of the province are probably elements of 274 VC Regt.
- f. A CHIEU HOI who rallied last week reported that D440 LF Bn has been operating in the District for some time, and it is believed that the Bn is located between the EASTERN HAT DICH and Route 2.

LONG DAT District

3. a. General. Enemy activity appears to have been directed at avoiding friendly operations and collecting food and taxes.
- b. Identifications.
- (1) Main Force. There have been no Main Force unit identifications.
- (2) Local Force.
- (a) C25 (PW captured by 615 RF Coy)
- (b) K47 (probably a cover designator for the LONG DAT Transportation Unit)(CHIEU HOI to Sector elements)
- (c) HOI MY Guerilla Unit (PW captured by A/6 RAR)
- c. Activity. The first confirmation that C25 is in the LONG HAI Hills is the most significant development in the period as this unit has not been contacted for approximately three months.
- d. A recent CHIEU HOI and several agent reports claim that the LONG DAT District Committee has moved to a more secure area in the vicinity of XUAN SON (YS5373). There is strong evidence that the committee is still in the SOUTHERN LONG HAI's area. The confirmed presence of C25, the District unit, tends to confirm this evidence as the District Committee and its unit seldom operate very far from each other. Logistics elements may have been established near XUAN SON as a result of ATF/ARVN operations against the VC L of C, SOUTH of Route 23.

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- e. The discovery of several caches in the Light Green area is significant as it adds to the growing detail on enemy locations and movement and activity patterns in the area. The lack of contacts in the Light Green and Long Green areas may be due to enemy moves NORTH and EAST from the area during ATF/ARVN operations, but it is believed that local guerilla units are still present and still active in the area, although perhaps on a reduced scale.
- f. The decrease of contacts in the DAT DO area and an increase in the LONG DIEN area indicates that the sources of supply of food may have possibly been changed from DAT DO to LONG DIEN, possibly as a result of 1 ATF operations to the EAST and NORTH of the LONG HAI's and in the Long Green and Light Green areas.

XUYEN MOC District

- 4.
 - a. General. There were no significant enemy initiated incidents during the period.
 - b. Identifications.
 - (1) Main Force. There have been no Main Force unit identifications.
 - (2) Local Force.
 - (a) C3/D445 (documents captured in a contact with B/6 RAR)
 - c. Activity. The contact with D445 WEST of XUYEN MOC tends to confirm suspicions that the bulk of D445 LF Bn has withdrawn out of the Light Green-Long Green areas to avoid contact.
 - d. A PW of the VC who escaped and returned to XUYEN MOC has indicated that a large storehouse area exists to the SOUTH of the District. This is possibly a staging area for supplies coming out of villages in the LONG DAT District through the Long Green and Light Green area or along the coast from Lang PHUOC HAI before they are transported NORTH to the 84 Rear Services Group area.

CONCLUSIONS

- 5. Enemy forces in the Province have probably been preempted from mounting a concerted ground attack at present. The coming week will probably be marked by a continuation of harrasing attacks by fire and route interdiction, particularly Route 15.

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Introduction

1. An indication is given below for information of the major factors that can lead to short engine life and for action as appropriate to the known methods of correction.

Causes of Rapid Engine Wear and Excessive Oil Consumption

2. The major causes are outlined below in paragraphs 3 to 6.

Induction System Faults

3. Any fault in the induction system which permits fine dust to enter the system will lead to rapidly increasing wear of pistons, rings and valve guides and consequent increases in oil consumption, and exhaust smoke.

Cleaning of Air Cleaners

4. Daily cleaning of air cleaners (including that of the auxiliary generator engine) is necessary to prevent rapid increases in both engine wear rates and excessive smoke and oil consumption.

Oil and Coolant Systems

5. Regular servicing and cleaning of these systems is necessary if premature failure of engines is to be prevented.

Ignition and Tappet faults

6. Poor ignition and incorrect tappet settings can both singularly and together affect oil consumption and engine power to a very considerable extent. Oil consumption can be effected by as much as 10 miles per gallon, especially on a worn engine.

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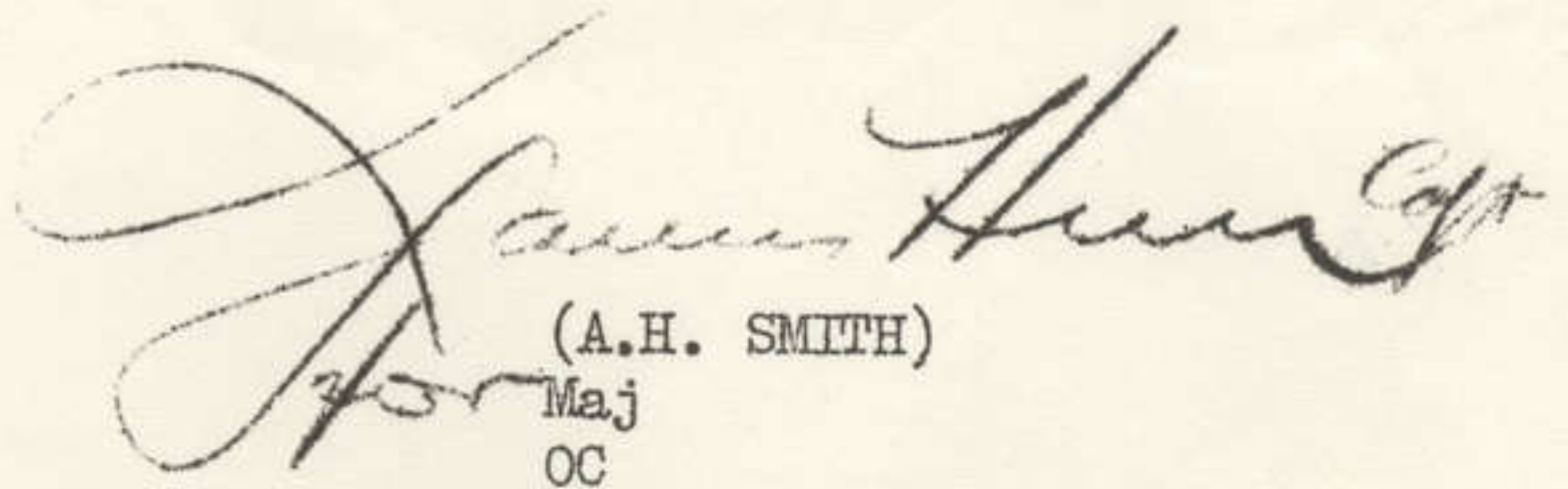
7. Crew Work

a. RAAC Technical Instructions adequately cover inspection and servicing requirements for the factors given in paragraphs 3 to 5 above.

b. Additional comments are:

(1) Cleaning of Air Cleaners. In dusty conditions, the frequency of cleaning of air cleaners should be increased to twice daily. In very dusty conditions, the frequency should be three times daily if practicable.

(2) Coplant Systems. A descaling and cleaning preparation will be available shortly. Instructions regarding frequency of and use will be issued shortly.


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NOTICE

ACTION FOLLOWING AN ANTI PERSONNEL MINE INCIDENT

1. The enemy lays anti personnel mines in clusters of three or four mines, with the aim of increasing the number of casualties caused by the first incident.

2. This instruction outlines the actions to be taken when an anti personnel mine incident occurs.

3. On the occurrence of a mine incident the following guide lines are to be applied.

a. Nobody in the area moves unless directed.

b. The senior engineer or assault pioneer in the area directs all clearance activities through the commander.

c. A two-man team clears a safe lane to any casualties using a mine detector if available or by prodding with a bayonet if a detector is not available. Mines are marked but not neutralised at this stage.

d. Once this lane and the immediate area around the casualties is cleared and clearly marked, first aid is applied prior to Dustoff.

e. If a known safe area is not readily available an area for litter extraction by the Dustoff chopper is also cleared and marked.

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f. Non-casualties in the area will not move but will wait until the clearance party clears a safe lane to their position.

g. The commander now makes an assessment, based on advice from his engineer or pioneer commander, of his next course of action. Often he will require a deliberate breach clear of the suspect area in order to continue with the aim or evacuate the area.

4. The following points need emphasis:

a. Very firm control by the commander.

b. No movement unless authorised.

c. Minimum number of people engaged in clearance operations.

d. Everyone aware of the method of marking cleared areas.

e. No one steps outside a cleared area..

f. Remain calm; despite casualties needing urgent attention priority must go to clearing a safe lane to avoid further casualties.
