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Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-31 August 1969

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *James ... Capt*

Appointment *2K BSN 1ARMD REGT*

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Recd 24 Oct 69

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *BSQN 1ARMD REGT*

From *1 AUG 69*

To *31 AUG 69*

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

ANNEXES

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

of the day's fighting, including company movements.

of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of tactical importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

of equipment captured.

of equipment employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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AF C 2118 (Adapted)

LEVEL 3

COLLECTING TABLES

LEVEL 1

DISPOSAL

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

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ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR AUGUST 1969

REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn (Armd Regt)

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Aug		Continued pacification operations in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779. One tp op con to SRAR in AO MINDY for LCT protection. At 011210H at YS 543793 contact made by TANGO FORCE of an unknown no of en. Results, 1 plastic sheet recovered. LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS 305823; 2 Tp YS 507774; 3 Tp YS 538773.	E1
	2 Aug		Continued pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779. One tp op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS 307795; 2 Tp YS 536776	E2
	3 Aug		Continued pacification ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4779. One tp op con SRAR in AO MINDY for LCT protection centre of mass YS 3283. One tp remained op con BRAR in AO WEST END. Issued RO's Pt I, number 240.	E3

1 B P Coy-275/65-85m

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Aug 1969

REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1 Armd Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A.H. Smith

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	4 Aug		Continued pacification operations in AO MICK. One tp remained op con 5RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA. B Sqn, 1 Armd Regt, in conjunction with DUC THAN district RF forces and local villagers recovered eight (8) five ton truck loads of VC cultivated corn from vicinity YS 5477. LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS 309798; 2 Tp YS 455762; 4 Tp YS 523558.	E4
	5 Aug		Continued pacification ops in AO MICK. One tp remained op con 5RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6RAR in AO ROSSLEA. LOC's; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; HQ (-) YS 479808; 1 Tp YS 305820; 2 Tp YS 479808; 4 Tp YS 523558.	E5

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MONTH AND YEAR AUG 1969

REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1st Ind Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
6A	6 AUG		Continued pacification ops in AO MICK. One Tp remained op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. At 062120H at YS 440742, 2Tp engaged SVC at range of 100 metres, a sweep will be conducted at first light. LOC's; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 305823; 4Tp YS 523558	E6
	7 Aug.		Continued pacification ops in AO MICK. One tp remained op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. At 071230H at YS 521560 a tk of B Sqn supporting GRAR in AO WEST END detonated an M16 mine - nil cas or damage. LOC's; B Sqn (-) YS 456761; 1Tp YS 305823; 2Tp YS 456561; 3Tp IATF Base; 4Tp YS 523558.	E7

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1st Ind Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	8 Aug		Returned to IATF Base from pacification ops in AO MICK. One tp remained op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. Locs ; B Sqn (-) IATF Base ; 1 Tp YS 304820 ; 4 Tp YS 523558	E8
	9 Aug		One tp remained op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY, One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp deployed with the IATF RRF to area vicinity YS 4274. Loc's ; B Sqn (-) IATF Base ; 1 Tp NDP CAMBRAI YS 305822 ; 3 Tp YS 431745 ; 4 Tp YS 525599.	E9
	10 Aug		One tp plus elements Sqn HQ deployed to AO STOCKTON centre of mass YS 2472 and commenced RIF and ambush operations. One tp remained op con SRAR for LCT protection	E10

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

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MONTH AND YEAR Aug 1969

REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1st Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj AH SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	10 AUG (contd)		in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp remained on IATF, RRF. SQN HQ deployed to NSA, NHA BE to Liaise with river patrol group (MOON RIVER) Locs: B Sqn HQ YS 252724; 1 Tp YS 317812; 3 Tp IATF Base; 4 Tp YS 525559. RO's PTI # 241 Issued.	E11
	11 Aug		One tp plus elements Sqn HQ conducted RIF and ambush ops in AO STOCKTON. One tp remained op con SRAR for LCI protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp remained IATF, RRF on standby. hocs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1 Tp YS 317812; 2 Tp YS 252724; 4 Tp YS 525559.	E12
	12 AUG		One tp plus elements of Sqn HQ supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush ops in AO STOCKTON	E13

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1st Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12 Aug (Contd)		One tp remained op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp remained on IATF, RRF, standby. Loc's; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 307820; 2Tp YS 254691; 4Tp YS 524558.	
	13 Aug		One tp plus elements Sqn HQ conducting RIF and ambush ops, sp by elements B Sqn 3 rd Cav Regt in AO STOCKTON. One tp op con SRAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con GRAR in AO ROSSLEA. Loc's; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1Tp YS 253752; 2Tp YS 253752; 4Tp YS 524558.	E14

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UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	14 Aug		One tp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by element B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, conducted RIF and ambush ops in AO STOCKTON and then returned to IATF base for subsequent redeployment in AO MICK. One Tp remained op con to 5RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp on IATF, RRF standby. LOC's; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1 Tp YS 317812; 3 Tp YS 535616	E15
	15 Aug		One tp supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted phase II ops in DUC THAN District. One tp remained op con 5RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp deployed to AO UMBERATNA to commence ops with 9RAR. One tp remains IATF, RRF standby. One At 1225H at YS 283766, 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd regt engaged two(2) en with unknown results LOC's; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS 305820; elements Sqn HQ YS 446742.	E16

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MONTH AND YEAR AUG 1969

REFERENCE MAP SVN

UNIT/FORMATION B Sqn 3rd Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Major A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16 Aug		<p>One tp plus supported by elements B/3rd Cav Regt continued phase 2 ops in Ducthan district. One tp remained op con 5RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp remained op con 9RAR in AO UMBERATNA. One tp remains IATF, RRF standby.</p> <p>Loc's ; B Sqn (-) IATF Base ; Sqn HQ (-) plus two troops YS 446 743 ; 1 Tp YS 328 804 ; 3 Tp YS 513 608.</p> <p>Issued RO's PT I, # 247</p>	E17
	17 AUG		<p>One tp supported by elements of B Sqn 3rd Cav Regt Continued Phase 2 ops in the Duc Thanh district. One tp remained op con 5RAR for LCT protection in AO Mundy. One tp remained op con 9RAR in AO UMBERATNA. Provided one tp on IATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.</p> <p>Loc's - B Sqn (-) IATF Base ; Sqn HQ (-) and 2 TP YS 447 744 ; 1 tp YS 328 806 ; 3 TP YS 512 610.</p>	E18

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Month and Year Aug 1969

Unit/Formation B Sqn 1 Arm'd Regt

Reference Map SVM

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	17 Aug		Met new Digest; Period 17th - 25th Aug 69	O1
			Ro's 247 to 248 issued	K1
	18 Aug		One tp supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt commenced RIF and ambush ops in AO Edward. One tp remained op com 5RAR for LCT protection in AO Mundy. One tp remained op com 9RAR in AO Umbaratana. Promoted one tp on IATF Ready Reaction Force stand by. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; Sqn HQ (-) and 2TP YS 475816, 1tp YS 333801, 3tp YS 5121610	E19
	19 Aug		One tp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO Edward. One tp remained op com 5RAR for LCT protection in AO Mundy. One tp remained op com 9RAR in AO Umbaratana. One tp remained on IATF Ready Reaction force stand by	E20

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Month and Year Aug 69

Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation B Sqn 10 Arm Regt

Commanding Officer Maj A.H. Smith

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 Aug (cont)		Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, Sqn HQ (-) and 2 Cp YS 467 885, 1 Cp YS 333 801, 3 Cp YS 513 610	
	20 Aug		One Cp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and Ambush operations in AO Edward. one Cp remained op Con SRAR for LCT protection in AO Mundy. One Cp remained op Con 9RAR in AO Umburatana. One Cp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, Sqn HQ (-) and 2 Cp YS 464 862, 1 Cp YS 333 801, 3 Cp YS 512 610.	E 21
	21 Aug		Elements deployed from AO Edward to IATF base Nui Dat. One Cp remained op Con SRAR for LCT protection in AO Mundy. One Cp remained op Con 9RAR in AO Umburatana. One Cp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1 Cp NDP Rugby, 3 Cp YS 512 610	E 22

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Month and Year Aug 69

Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation BSON 1st Armored Regt

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 Aug		One tp plus one AMC sent remained of con 5RAR for let protection in AO Mindy. One tp deployed from Min Dat to vicinity of YS 2482 to support A Coy 5RAR. One tp remained of con 9RAR in AO Umberatana. One tp remained at 1 ATF ready reaction force standby at 220700H at YS 319797 2tp contacted 2 VC moving South - negative results. Locs; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1tp NDP Rugby, 3tp YS 512610, 4tp 242830.	E 23
	23 Aug		2tp remained of con 5RAR in AO Mindy and 9RAR in AO Umberatana. One tp remained on 1 ATF ready reaction force standby. Locs; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1tp NDP Rugby, 5tp YS 500595, 4tp YS 247826.	E 24
	24 Aug		2tp remained of con to 5RAR in AO Mindy and AO Umberatana. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready reaction force standby. Locs; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1tp NDP Rugby, 3tp YS 512610.	E 25

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Month and Year Aug 69

Reference Map SVN

Unit/Formation BSON 1st Armored Regt

Commanding Officer MAJ. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	25 AUG		The Tps remained op con 5RAR in HQ windy and 9RAR in HQ Umburatana. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force Stanley Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1tp NDP Rugby, 2tp YS JJJ 801, 3tp YS 512 610.	E 26
			Ro's 249 - 254 issued	K 2
	26 AUG		The Tps remained op con to 5RAR in HQ windy and 9RAR in HQ Umburatana. One tp remains on IATF ready Reaction force Stanley Lois; B SQN (-) IATF Base, 1tp YS 266 780 3tp YS 512 610.	E 27
			Ro 255 issued	K 3
	27 AUG		The Tps remained op con to 5RAR in HQ windy and 9RAR in HQ Umburatana. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force Stanley Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 2tp YS 275 865, 3tp YS 512 610.	E 28

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Unit/Formation BSON 1st and Regt

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH

Month and Year AUG 69

Reference Map SVN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	28 AUG		<p>5th tp remained op com to 5RAR in AO Mundy for LCT protection, and 9RAR in AO Umlerataona</p> <p>One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby</p> <p>at 28 1445H 4tp plus elements of IATF ready reaction force were sent to YS 415755 where elements of 655 RF Coy had contacted an enemy group. No contact was made by the force, which returned to IATF base at 28 1830H.</p> <p>Locs; B Sqn (-) IATF base, 2tp YS 275863, 3tp YS 512610.</p>	E 29
			<p>Special Int Report issued; Analysis of Damaged enemy weapons</p>	G 1.
	29 AUG		<p>5th tp remained op com to 5RAR for LCT protection in AO Mundy and 9RAR in AO Umlerataona</p> <p>One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.</p> <p>Locs; BSON (-) IATF base, 2tp YS 274863, 3tp</p>	E 30

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Unit/Formation BSON 1 Armcd Regt

Commanding Officer MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>29 AUG</u> <u>(Cont)</u>		<u>Enemy Situation IATF TA01; 18 Aug - 24 Aug 69</u>	<u>G2</u>
			<u>RO 256 issued</u>	<u>K4</u>
	<u>30 AUG</u>		<u>The 7ps remained op con to 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Umberatana. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.</u> <u>Lois; B.Sqn (-) IATF Base, 2tp FSPB Mohawk,</u> <u>3tp YS 520 586</u>	<u>E31</u>
	<u>31 AUG</u>		<u>The 7ps remained op con 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Umberatana. One tp deployed as part of IATF ready reaction force to vicinity Due Thak YS 4678.</u> <u>Lois; B.Sqn (-) IATF Base, 1tp YS 451 773,</u> <u>2tp FSPB Mohawk YS 2786, 3tp YS 512 610.</u>	<u>E32</u>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

2 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Aug 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 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 MINDY.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One Tp and elements of Sp Tp to 5 RAR and LCT for protection in AO MINDY. One Tp conducted pacification operations in XUYEN MOC District. Elements of Sp Tp op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. Route security and convoy escorts continue.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 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. Continued land clearing operations in AO MINDY. Under comd One Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, One Tp and elements of Sp Tp, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in direct support 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Supported by 105 Fd Bty.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operation in AO ROPE and WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Remained in direct support of 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0934H	YS754744	VC Base Camp	100/10. Results Neg BDA.
1355H	YS754744	VC Base Camp	100/80. 2 large huts des, 1 small shelter des, 1 large command bkr des, 2 tunnel ent exp.
1431H	YS592601	VC Base Camp	100/30. 2 bkr's exp, 1 fighting pit des.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 010900H at YS554581 3/A/6 RAR located 11 M16 mines. One was triggered but failed to explode.
- (2) At 011210H at YS525539 2/A/6 RAR sighted 3 pers carrying 2 rifles and 1 M79. Results unknown.
- (3) At 011335H at YS543793 contacted elements of the Tank Force. One plastic sheet recovered. ←
- (4) At 011440H at YS515144 the LCT detonated 1 M16 mine. There were no cas and no damage.

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(5) At 1700H elements of the Ready Reaction Force deployed to vic YS480658 to investigate a suspected road block. It is believed the road block was constructed by children.

(6) At YS304798 elements of 5 RAR located bunkers, tunnels and rocket pits. 1 16mm film projector, a quantity of photographic material and undeveloped film and some band instruments were located.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel - Nil

(b) Material - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel - Nil

(b) Material - One plastic ground sheet, 1 16mm projector, a quantity of photographic supplies and band instruments.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS305823, 2 Tp YS507774, 3 Tp YS538773.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp YS305823, 3 Tp YS667677.

(3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy (-) YS309844, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy (-) YS314808, D Coy (-) YS305823.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) FSPB THRUST, B Coy 1 ATF Base, V Coy (-) YS516534, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy (-) YS428600.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy (-) YS546600, 2 Coy (-) FSPB BATON, 3 Coy (-) YS562608.

(7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

(8) 480 RF COY (-). YS565601.

(9) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). YS305823.

e. Plans Summary.

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

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp and One AMC Sect conduct phase two ops in AO STRAND. Provides One Tp One AMC Sect to 5 RAR/LCT in AO MINDY. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT AO ROSSLEA. Provide One Tp for Ready Reaction Force. Provides convoy escort.

(3) 5 RAR (-). Two Coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One RIF and ambush ops vic YS3080. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3283. One Coy conducts retraining 2/52 ARVN at HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(4) 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 1 ATF base for preparation for 3/43 ARVN training on HORSESHOE Hill. Bn HQ FSPB THRUST .

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase two ops LONG DIEN District, provides Ready Reaction Coy. Coy RIF ops in AO RUMBLE YS4180.

(6) 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.

(7) 2/52 ARVN undergoes retraining HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at MR 7 Units, the areas centre of mass YS5282, YS5482, YS5385, YS5585, YS5487. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(2) Aircraft broadcast were conducted by USAF targeted at the illegal inhabitants in the areas centre of mass YS7175, YS7177, YS7373, YS7575, YS7775. The themes were refugee programmes. The total broadcast time was one hour.

- b. 480 RF Coy operates with 2/48 ARVN in AO WIANGAREE.

3. Engr Activity.

a. Land Clearing.

(1) AO MINDY. The area cleared was YS298801-YS303803-YS309795-YS305793 a total of 611 acres. The vegetation in this area is thick and the going difficult. Also located was 100 metres of tunnel.

(2) AO ROSSLEA. The area cleared was from YS513544-YS515545-YS512545-YS514546. One M16 mine exploded with no cas or damage.

- b. Mine Clearing. The area cleared was bounded by YS497614-YS497611. 394 mines exploded and 160 mines jumped but did not explode.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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3 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 020001H to 022400H Aug 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 TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF Liaison Team remains with Vietnamese Marine Brigade in RTAVF TAOR vic FSPB CLARE(YS1984).
- (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 MINDY.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp and elements of Sp Tp to 5 RAR and LCT for protection in AO MINDY. One tp conducted pacification operations in AO SPARROW centre of mass YS6870. Elements of Sp Tp op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. Route security and convoy escorts continue.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 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 land clearing operations in AO MINDY. Under comd One Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, One Tp and elements of Sp Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in direct support 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Supported by 105 Fd Bty.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Provides Ready Reaction Coy. Deployed one coy on RIF and ambush operations in AO RUMBLE centre of mass YS4180.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE and AO WIANGAREE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL carrying out training. One coy to AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665 on RIF operations.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Remained in direct support of 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1355H	YS221902	Troops in contact	100/50% coverage. 3 en KBA (BC)
1431H	YS592601	Base Camp	100/20% coverage 1 bunker destroyed.
1603H	YS456525	Base Camp	100/30% coverage. 1 large bunker destroyed
2005H	YS555677	Base Camp	NIGHTOWL. 100/40% coverage. Neg further due to darkness.
2032H	YS555677	Base Camp	NIGHTOWL. 100/50% coverage. Neg further due to darkness.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 020740H at YS498570 elems of 6 RAR contacted 1 VC suspect. Results: 1 VC Suspect KIA (BC).
- (2) At 020830H at YS505551 elems of 1 Fd Sqn located one M16 mine. Destroyed - neg casualties.
- (3) At 020900H at YS554581 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located two M16 mines. Neg casualties.
- (4) At 021100H at YS523558 A Coy 6 RAR located three M16 mines. Neg casualties.
- (5) At 021320H at YS523558 elms of 1 Fd Sqn detonated one M16 mine. Neg casualties.
- (6) At 021400H at YS508549 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR detonated a booby trap consisting of one M26 grenade and one 60mm mortar round. Results: 1 NZ KIA and 5 NZ WIA.
- (7) At 022030H at YS503574 elems of 6 RAR contacted 4 VC. En were engaged with SA and Arty. Results unknown.
- (8) At YS316801 elems of 5 RAR located an unoccupied bunker system 150m in diameter. Recovered were 300 lbs rice, 100 lbs salt, 1 Chicom grenade, 2 RPG 2 rounds.
- (9) At 021520H at YS324805 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located two fresh bunkers. Recovered were: eating utensils, clothing, tools, cooking oil, 1000 lbs rice, radio parts, 24 radio batteries and two generators.
- (10) At 021930H at YS325872 C Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system thought to have been used by a command element.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel - 1 KIA 5 WIA
- (b) Materiel - Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel - 1 KIA (BC) (VC Suspect)
- (b) Materiel - 1300 lbs of rice, 100 lbs of salt, 1 Chicom grenade, 2 RPG2 rounds, 24 radio batteries and 2 generators.

(3) Cumulative Totals for Jul 69.

- (a) Friendly KIA - 13
- (b) Friendly WIA - 90
- (c) Contacts - 86
- (d) Enemy KIA - 43
- (e) PW Captured - 2
- (f) Total VCI killed and captured - Nil.
- (g) Total SA captured and destroyed - 48
- (h) Total crew-served wps captured and destroyed - 2

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS307795, 2 Tp YS536776.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp YS305823, 3 Tp YS667677.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy (-) YS308872, B Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL, C Coy YS316801, D Coy (-) YS305823.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS523558, B Coy 1 ATF Base, V Coy (-) YS516534, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy (-) YS415796.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy (-) YS543585, 2 Coy (-) YS557600, 3 Coy (-) YS559599.

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- (7) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 480 RF Coy (-). YS551622.
- (9) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). YS305823.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 1 ATF Liaison Team with Vietnamese Marine Bde HQ, FSPB GREY.
- (2) 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 Coy.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp, one AMC sect conduct Phase 2 ops in AO STRAND. Provides one tp, one AMC sect to 5 RAR/LCT in AO MINDY. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction Force.
- (4) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3080. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3284. One coy commences training op with 2/52 ARVN in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 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 1 ATF Base preparation for 3/43 ARVN training of HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts Phase 2 ops LONG DIEN District, provides Ready Reaction Coy. Coy conducts RIF ops in AO RUMBLE, centre of mass YS4180.
- (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. Commences training op in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665 3-8 Aug.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Three
Platoon - One
Squad - Seven
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

2. Engr Activity.

a. Land Clearing.

- (1) AO MINDY. The area cleared was YS312805-YS302797-YS311802-YS302798-YS314800-YS306800-YS302800-YS309800, a total of 651 acres. The vegetation in this area is thick and the going difficult. Also located was one 750 lb bomb at YS308790 which was destroyed.
- (2) AO ROSSLEA. The area cleared was YS525559-YS524560-YS522557-YS521558. Two M16 mines were located.

b. Mine Clearing. The area cleared was bounded by YS497611-YS499609. 709 mines exploded and 246 were initiated but did not explode.

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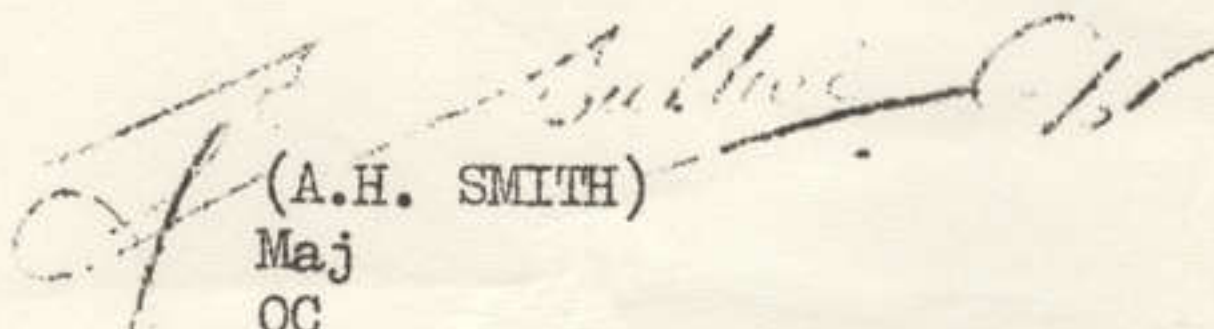
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NOTICE

1. A USO Show, "The Soul Patrol" will be performing at Luscombe Bowl on Monday 11 Aug 69 commencing at 1030 hrs.

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4 Aug 69

SUBJ: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Aug 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 TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. 1 ATF liaison team returned from the RTAVF TAOR via FSPB CLEARE (YS1984).

(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 MINDY centre of mass YS3283. One Tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO WEST END.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One tp and elements of Sp Tp to 5 RAR and LCT for protection in AO MINDY. One tp and elements of Sp Tp conducts pacification operations in AO SPARROW centre of mass YS6870. Elements of Sp Tp op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. Two sects and elements SP Tp deployed with Ready Reaction Coy for Engineer protection at YS384545. Route security and convoy escorts continue.

(4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 36 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues Barrier Minefield clearing op near Dat Do, land clearing ops in AO ROSSLEA, AO WEST END, XUYEN MOC. Four mini teams supported 3 Cav Regt on escort tasks. One Tp supports 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. Two Tp provides one cet to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW, supports 5 RAR in AO MINDY, provides one cet to support 2/52 ARVN BN in AO STOCK. Three Tp supports B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK, B Coy 9 RAR in AO RUMBLE, Plant Tp continues road reconstruction Route 23.

(6) 5 RAR. Continued land clearing operations in AO MINDY. Under comd one tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, one tp and elements of op tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and in direct sp 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US), supported by 105 Fd Bty. One coy deployed into AO STOCK for a training operation with the 2/52 ARVN Bn.

(7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(8) 9 RAR. Deployed Ready Reaction Coy at YS384595 for engineer protection. One Coy continues on RIF and ambush operations in AO RUMBLE centre of mass YS4180.

(9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE and AO WIANGAREE.

(10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deployed with one coy 5 RAR for training operation in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665.

(11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Remained in direct sp of 5 RAR land clearing in AO MINDY.

(12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0944	YS572709	Base Camp	100/20% coverage - neg further.
1010	YS442577	Base Camp	100/10% coverage - neg further.
1240	YS531884	Base Camp	95/50% coverage - one bunker destroyed.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 030800H at YS208879 A Coy 5 RAR located 7x40mm cartridges and two trip flares.
- (2) At 030915H at YS316799 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR located a grave containing one enemy body three days old believed killed in 5 RAR contact of 311435H Jul. Results 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (3) At 031020H at YS324806 C Coy 5 RAR occupied a bunker system consisting of 14 bunkers. The camp area 150 by 150 metres.
- (4) At 031035H at YS322803 C Coy occupied and destroyed a base camp consisting of three bunkers. The camp was 25 by 25 metres and used three days ago. Recovered were 1000 lbs of rice, 2 x generators, 1 small transistor radio, assorted radio parts and tools, quantity cooking utensils and clothing.
- (5) At 031045H at YS321803 C Coy 5 RAR located a bunker last used three days ago. Recovered were $\frac{1}{2}$ lb marihuana, small quantity clothes and rice, 1 Russian stick grenade.
- (6) At 031200H at YS316799 C Coy 5 RAR located a base camp consisting of six bunkers. The camp was 75 by 75 metres. Recovered were small quantity clothing, personal equipment, one RPG round and booster, one booby trap device (not set), five water bottles, two sets uniforms.
- (7) At 030955H at YS492509 a member of Atk Pl 6 RAR working with D Coy 6 RAR detonated a mine. Results 3 Aust WIA evacuated.
- (8) At 030808H at YS510545 1 Pl V Coy 6 RAR led by a local villager located 3xM16 mines (planted), 1xM26 grenade, 1xM36 grenade.
- (9) At 030955H at YS492509 an ox detonated a mine. Results 1 ox WIA.
- (10) At 030855H at YS492509 D Coy 6 RAR located a 10 ft by 20 ft cave which was being used as a temple. The cave entrance was mined.
- (11) At 031600H at YS542567 A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing, 1x4 gal tin and bundle of assorted drugs, med stores, 2 bags of fishing gear, qty documents, assorted clothing and personal equipment.
- (12) At 031240H at YS527563 A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 1xM1 bayonet with scabbard.
- (13) At 031430H at YS533564 A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing small quantity of tinned food and clothing.
- (14) At 031210H at YS526563 A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 2x4 gal tins of mixed clothing, small quantity of .30 cal and AK47 ammunition.
- (15) At 031330H at YS527561 A Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 1 US pattern star burner, 20 lbs of salt.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 3 Aust WIA (evacuated)
 - (b) Materiel. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)
 - (b) Materiel. 7x40mm cartridges; 2xtrip flares; 1000lbs rice; 2xgenerators; 1xtransistor radio; assorted radio parts and tools; 1xRussian stick grenade; 1xRPG round and booster; 1xbooby trap device; 5xwater bottles; 5xM16 mines; 1xM26 grenade; 1xM36 grenade; quantity of med stores and drugs; 1xM1 bayonet; quantity of tinned food; quantity of .30 cal and AK47 ammo; 1x star burner; 20xlbs salt.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ YS536777; 1 Tp YS305823; 2 Tp

YS536777; 4 Tp YS523558.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Sqn HQ 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS384592; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS524558; 2 Tp YS305823; 3 Tp YS668679; 1 Sect Sp Tp YS668679; 3 Sect Sp Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS5055; 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384; B Bth 2/35 US Arty 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY; A Coy (-) YS312883; B Coy (-) YS378638; C Coy YS313796; D Coy (-) YS305823.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST; A Coy (-) YS523558; B Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL; V Coy (-) YS516534; W Coy (-) YS477600.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ 1 ATF; A Coy 1 ATF; BCoy (-) YS408796; C Coy (-) YS384590.

(7) 2/48 ARVN. 1 Coy (-) YS541594; 2 Coy (-) YS557617; 3 Coy (-) YS560605; RF Coy (-) YS551622.

(8) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ YS379638; 1 Coy (-) YS359669; 2 Coy (-) YS381655; 3 Coy (-) YS348635.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3488. Bn HQ loc FSPB POLLY YS3284 one coy conduct training op with 2/62 ARVN in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665.

(2) 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 1 ATF Base preparation for 3/43 ARVN training on HORSESHOE HILL.

(3) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts Phase 2 ops Long Dien district, provides Ready Reaction Coy. Coy conducts RIF ops in AO RUMBLE, centre of mass YS4180.

(4) 2/48 ARVN. Conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO WIANGAREE centre of mass YS560600. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush op in AO ROPE centre of mass YS6064.

(5) 2/52 ARVN. Conducts training op in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665, 3-8 Aug 69.

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

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp, one AMC sect conduct Phase 2 ops in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. Provides one tp, one AMC sect to 5 RAR/LCT in AO MINDY. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction force.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - two
Platoon - one
Squad - six

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact. nil.

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Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. Land Clearing.

- (1) AO MINDY. The area cleared was
- (a) YS309815 to YS306815 to YS307808 to YS305810.
 - (b) YS302802 to YS312800 to YS309798 to YS308800.
 - (c) YS312804 to YS314800 to YS316800 to YS31

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(2) AO ROSSLEA. The area cleared was YS522557 to 514546 to 511556 to 512556 to 514551 to 521558.

c. Mine Clearing. The area cleared was YS498609 to 500608. Detonated 194, but failed to explode 66. Total 260.

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5 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Aug 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. Continued pacification operations in AO MICK. One Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. One Tp and elements Sp Tp remain op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp and elements Sp Tp continued pacification operations in AO SPARROW. Elements Sp Tp continue op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 16 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continues barrier minefield clearing op near DAT DO and land clearing ops in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection ops in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Coy continues training op with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection ops in AO MINDY supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. Ready Reaction plus elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt returned from engr protection task at blown bridge at YS384595. One Coy returned from RIF in AO RUMBLE.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued training op in AO STOCK supported by one Coy 5 RAR.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant air strikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</u>
1040H	YS278872	Base Camp	100/30. 1 breather hole exposed.
1045H	YS387773	Base Camp	100/75. 2 military structures destroyed. 1 structure under construction exposed. 1 tunnel entrance exposed.
1110H	YS566737	Base Camp	100/60. Negative BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0950H at YS510559 a bulldozer of 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine believed to contain 2-3 lbs of chicom explosive. Nil damage or casualties.
- (2) At 1028H at YS509559 a bulldozer of 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine possibly a 155mm shell. Nil damage or casualties.

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- (3) At 1410H at YS513545 A Coy 6 RAR recovered a M16 mine that had been indicated by a Hoi Chanh.
- (4) At YS551567 A Coy 6 RAR located 950 lbs of rice in a cache.
- (5) At YS305791 C Coy located a recently used defensive position comprising 6 bunkers. Two chicom grenades were recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. One M16 mine, 2 chicom grenades, 950 lbs rice.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS309798. 2 Tp YS455762. 4 Tp YS523558.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp YS524557. 2 Tp YS303823, 1 Sect 3 Tp YS668679. 2 Sect 3 Tp YS646691.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy (-) YS352860. B Coy (-) YS358554. C Coy (-) YS308791. D Coy (-) YS302822.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS523558. B Coy HORSESHOE. V Coy (-) YS516634. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS473600.
- (5) 9 RAR. 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON. A Coy (-) YS557617. B Coy (-) YS542610. C Coy (-) YS567619.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB TAPPER. 1 Coy (-) YS357664. 2 Coy (-) YS373669.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protection of land clearing ops YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3488. Bn HQ loc FSPB POLLY YS3284. One coy conduct training op with 2/52 ARVN in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665.
- (2) 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 1 ATF Base preparation for 3/43 ARVN training on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (3) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts Phase two ops LONG DIEN District, provides Ready Reaction Coy. Coy conducts RIF ops in AO SLAP centre of mass YS3975.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN. Conducts training op in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665, 3-8 Aug 69.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues Phase two ops in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp, one AMC sect conduct Phase two ops in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. Provides one Tp one AMC sect to 5 RAR/LCT in AO MINDY. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for Ready Reaction Force.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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g. Results.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in conjunction with DUC THANH District Forces and local villagers recovered eight 5 ton truck loads of VC cultivated corn from vicinity at YS5477.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and 1 ATF Psy Ops Sect targeted at the LONG DAT District Units in the LONG HAI. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(2) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF and 1 ATF Psy Ops Sect targeted at the CHAU DUC District Units in the NUI THI VAIS. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(3) Leaflet Drops. Leaflet drops were conducted by RAAF and 1 ATF Psy Ops Sect targeted at the LONG DAT District Units in the LONG HAI. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total number of leaflets dropped was 180,000.

(4) Leaflet Drops. Leaflet drops were conducted by RAAF and 1 ATF Psy Ops Sect targeted at the BA LONG Province Units in the THUA TICH area. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total number of number of leaflets dropped was 215,000.

b. RF/PF Operations.

(1) 840 RF Coy continued operations with 2/48 ARVN in AO WIANGAREE.

(2) Elements of 236 and 611 RF Coys continued operations with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW.

(3) DUC THANH District Tps continued operations with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK.

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 920 M16 mines destroyed in DAT DO Barrier minefield.

b. Areas Land Cleared.

(1) Area bounded by YS314805, YS322805, YS323803, YS317800.

(2) Strip between YS499602 and YS499605.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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6 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Aug 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. Continued pacification operations in AO MICK. One Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one sect op con 6 RAR and LCT in ao rosslea. One Tp and elements Sp Tp remain op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp and elements Sp Tp continue op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and four H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing op near Dat Do and land clearing ops in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection ops in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Coy continues training op with 2/52 ARVN.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection ops in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (8) 9 RAR. One Coy began RIF in AO SLAP.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued training op in AO STOCK supported by one Coy 5 RAR.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant air striks were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</u>
1040H	YS441555	Base Camp	100/50. One tunnel ent exp.
1040H	YS278872	Base Camp	100/50. Negative BDA.
1320H	YS749625	VC Base Camp	100/50. Negative BDA.
1320H	YS749625	VC Base Camp	100/50. Negative BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 042340H at YS439641 a patrol from 1 ARU engaged suspected two to three VC with claymores. Negative friendly casualties, negative VC casualties.
- (2) During night 4/5 Aug at Dat Do, YS4959, 200 mines were lifted from South East corner of minefield.

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- (3) At 0845H At YS531570 A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system used two to three weeks previously.
- (4) At 1500H at YS785681 in APC of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt unearthed a Russian Anti-Tank mine which was destroyed by engineers.
- (5) At 1730H at YS516564 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located an M16 mine which was destroyed by engineers.
- (6) At 1730H at YS516564 elements of the LCT located an M16 mine on the surface of the ground.
- (7) At 1845H at YS365643 elements of 2/52 ARVN Bn contacted a platoon-sized group of VC. The VC scattered and were engaged with mortars.
- (8) At 2200H at YS771641 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav engaged a group of enemy above section size. Negative friendly casualties. Enemy casualties eight KIA (Poss).

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel Nil.
 - (b) Materiel Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel eight KIA (Poss).
 - (b) Materiel NYK.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. HQ(-) YS479808 1 Tp YS305820, 2 Tp YS479808, 4 Tp YS523558.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS523558 2 Tp NDP CAMBRAI YS3082, 3 Tp YS766635.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY A Coy YS368894. B Coy(-) YS348642. C Coy(-) YS295793. D Coy(-) YS305820.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST A Coy(-) YS523558. B Coy HORSESHOE. V Coy(-) YS517535. D Coy(-) YS500516. W Coy(-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base. C Coy YS391754.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON 1 Coy(-) YS557617. 2 Coy(-) YS542609. 3 Coy(-) YS567619. RF Coy(-) YS552618.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB TAPPER 1 Coy(-) YS349642. 2 Coy(-) YS357664. 3 Coy(-) YS382654.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR. Two Coys RIF and protect land clearing ops YS2981. One Coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3789. Bn HQ loc FSPB POLLY YS3284. One Coy conduct training op with 2/52 ARVN in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665.
- (2) 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 prepares for 3/43 ARVN training on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 9 RAR. 1 ATF base. Conducts phase two ops LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT and provides ready reaction Coy. Coy conducts RIF ops in AO SLAP, centre of mass YS3976.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN. Two Coys plus one RF Coy under op con. conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE, centre of mass YS6064. Coy secures FSPB BATON, YS518617. Bn HQ(-) loc vicinity YS647627.

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(5) 2/52 ARVN. Conducts training op in AO STOCK centre of mass YS3665, 3 to 8 Aug 69.

(6) 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.

(7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp, one AMC Sect conduct phase two ops in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. Provides one Tp, one AMC Sect to 5 RAR/LCT in AO MINDY. Provides sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one Tp for ready reaction force.

(8) LRRPS deployed - two.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Action with contact: three.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and HB Team targeted at BA LONG Province units in the area centre of mass YS5573. 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 targeted at the population of SOUIE NGIE and AP LONG LIEN. The themes were Chieu Hoi, GVN image and Anti VC/NVA. The total movie screening time was five hours.

(3) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the HE team targeted at the population of AP LONG LIEN. The themes were GVN image and Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(4) Amnest Propaganda Team. The APT operated in AP LONG LIEN for a total time of two hours.

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 171 live and 13 dud mines destroyed in Dat Do barrier minefields.

b. Areas Land Cleared.

(1) Area bounded by YS326810, YS324810, YS319801, YS318803.

(2) Areas bounded by YS514562, YS517562, YS520556, YS517554 and YS502529, YS502531, YS511531, YS511530.

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7 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continued pacification operations in AO MICK. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and elements sp tp continued Phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW. One tp and elements sp tp remained op con to 5 RAR for LCT operations in AO MINDY. One Sect and elements sp tp remained op con to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. One sect remained op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and fourteen II and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Coy continues training operation with 2/52 ARVN Bn.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy continued preparation for training of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE Hill.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat. One coy continued RIF operations in AO SLAP. Provided Ready Reaction Coy.
- (9) 2/48 Arvn Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued training operation in AO STOCK supported by one coy 5 RAR.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0855H	YS782758	VC Base Camp	100/30 Neg BDA due to Smoke and foliage 1 Dud Nap Bomb.
0935H	YS315715	VC Base Camp	100/30 1 pit exp 1 bkr dam
1030H	YS467436	VC Base Camp	100/30 1 bkr des
1230H	YS516578	VC Base Camp	90/40 1 trail cut
Additional BDA for A/S at 1945H 05 Aug 69.			
	YS552703	VC Base Camp	100/50 2 pits exp 1 pit des

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. At 052110H Aug at YS770639 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 20-25 VC. 11VC KIA (BC), 4 VC WIA (drag marks) 1 PW, 4 x M1 Carbines, 1 x M14 GARRAND, 1 x SKS rifle, 1 x M26 Grenade, one surgical kit, and 14 packs containing medical supplies, rice, clothing, food and two small transistor radios captured. There were negative friendly casualties.

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- (2) At 060545H Aug at YS315822 12/D/5 RAR engaged an estimated 45 VC moving from south to north along a track. Results 7 VC KIA (BC), 5VC KIA(poss), 9 VC WIA(blood trails and drag marks), 5 x AK 47, 1 x 7.62 pistol, 2 spiggots, 5 rifle grenades, 1 x D8 Claymore, 450 x 7.62 AK47 rounds, 1 typewriter, 10 packs of rice and assorted food and a qty of documents captured.
- (3) At 061450H at YS516563 elements of the LCT located 1 x M16 mine which was destroyed.
- (4) At 061515H at YS539575 2/A/6 RAR located a booby trap consisting of a M26 grenade with an anti-lift device. The booby trap was destroyed.
- (5) At 061635H at YS517559 a bulldozer from the LCT detonated an M16 mine located below the surface. Result 1 Aust WIA dusted off, 1 D8 bulldozer slightly damaged.
- (6) At 062120H at YS440742 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged 5 VC at a range of 100 metres. A detailed sweep will will be conducted at first light.
- (7) Late entry. 7/C/5 RAR at 311615H Jul at YS316801 amend result to read 3 VC KIA(BC).
- (8) At YS324811 on 6 Aug 69 elements of 5 RAR and the LCT located 6 Bunkers and 2 kitchens with 4 to 5 feet of overhead cover which were built in the past 4 weeks. 100 pounds of rice was captured.
- (9) At YS514541 on 6 Aug 69 elements of 6 RAR located 13 M16 mines and 1 CBU pressure set below ground level.

c. Results.(1) Friendly Losses.(a) Personnel

1 Aust WIA.

(b) Material

1 x D8 Bulldozer slightly damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.(a) Personnel

21 VC KIA(BC)

5 VC KIA(poss)

9 VC WIA(blood trails or drag marks)

1 PW.

(b) Material: 5 x AK 47, 4 x M1 Carbines, 1 x M14 Garrand, 1 x SKS rifle, 1 x 7.62 pistol, 5 x rifle grenades, 2 x rifle spiggots, 1 x M26 grenade, 1 x surgical kit, qty of food, qty of docs, 1 x type writer, 100 lb rice, 13 x M16 mines, 1 CBU.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF base, 1 Tp YS305823, 4 Tp YS523558.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF base, 1 Tp YS524557, 2 Tp YS305823, 3 Tp YS767643.

(3) 5 RAR Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384, A Coy YS368893, B Coy(-) FSPB TAPPER YS3763, C Coy(-) YS289807, D Coy(-) YS305820.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-)YS523558, B Coy HORSESHOE Hill, V Coy(-)YS516534, D Coy(-) YS500512, W Coy(-) YS477600.

(5) 9 RAR.(-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy YS381758.

(6) 2/48 Bn. Bn HQ YS653623, 1 Coy FSPB BATON, 2 Coy(-) YS653623, 3 Coy(-) YS650627, 480 RF Coy(-) YS647627.

(7) 2/52 Bn. Bn HQ FSPB TAPPER, 1 Coy(-) YS355656, 2 Coy(-) YS364657, 3 Coy(-) YS376660.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protects land clearing operations YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush operations vic YS3789. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS3284. One coy conducts a training operation with 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO STOCK, centre of mass YS3665.

(2) 6 RAR Three coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Element protects land clearing operations vic YS4854. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy prepares for 3/43 ARVN Bn retraining on HORSESHOE Hill YS4962. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.

(3) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat. Conducts Phase 2 operations in LONG DIEM district from Nui Dat and provides Ready Reaction coy. One coy conducts RIF in AO SLAP, centre of mass YS3976.

(4) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Two coys plus one RF coy op con conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE, centre of mass YS6064. One coy secures FSPB BATON, YS518619. Bn HQ(-) located vic YS647627.

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- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Conducts training operation in AO STOCK, centre of mass YS366 during period 3-8 Aug 69.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues phase 2 operations in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides Tk Tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR, and 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp supported by elements of of sp tp conduct phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. One tp plus elements sp tp continue to 5 RAR in AO MINDY. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one tp for 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (8) LRRP's deployed....5.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company 3
Platoon Nil
Squad 6
- (2) 3 SAS has 5 LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact 4

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) a. Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops section targeted at the BA LONG province units (84 Rear Services Group). These missions were quick reaction follow up of the 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contact. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was three and a half hours. The missions were responsible for the location of three bodies resulting from the contact.
- b. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at the Long Dat district units in the Long Hai's and exploiting the B 52 strike of the 5 Aug 69; The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was 1 hour.
- c. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at the Chou Duc districts units in the Nui ThiVai's. 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 audio visual team targeted at the population of Binh Gia village. The themes were GVN Image and Chieu Hoi. A total of 5 movies were shown for a total screening time of three hours.
- (3) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the Audio Visual team targeted at the population of BINH GIA village. The themes were GVN Image. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (4) Armed Propaganda Team. The APT operated in BINH GIA village for a total time of 1 hour.
- (5) Intergrated Civic Action Programme. The ICAP was conducted in AP LO VOI for a total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 480 RF Coy remains op con to 2/48 ARVN Bn and conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (2) 613 RF Coy assists 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.
- (3) 614 RF Coy assists 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.
- (4) 361 Mech Pl Assists Bsqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

3. Engineer Operations.

- a. 575 live and 58 dud mines were destroyed in the Dat Do Barrier Minefield.
- b. Areas of land cleared.
 - (1) Area bounded by YS517562-520556-521565-522562, 521560-521559.
 - (2) Area bounded by YS511531-541533-508583-507531.
 - (3) Area bounded by YS336810-322803-319805320815.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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8 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continued pacification operations in AO MICK. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and elements Sp Tp continued Phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW. One tp and elements Sp Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One sect and elements Sp Tp remained op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. One sect remained op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 20 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy continued training operation with 2/52 ARVN Bn.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, and LCT protection operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One coy continued preparations for training of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. One Coy returned to NUI DAT from RIF operations in AO SLAP. Provided Ready Reaction company.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued training operation in AO STOCK supported by one coy 5 RAR.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1030	YS770711	Base Camp	100/50%, neg BDA
1030	YS479814	VC Base Camp	100/50%, neg BDA
1045	YS457562	VC Base Camp	90/30%, 1 bunker exposed
1600	YS455554	LZ Prep	3 Tunnel entrances exposed, 2 bunkers destroyed
1810	YS475550	Base Camp	100/20%, 3 bunkers destroyed
1830	YS451549	Base Camp	100/20%, neg further
1845	YS452557	Base Camp	100/30%, neg further

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (Late Entry) Ref contact 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 052110H at YS770639. 3 Tp has found a further two bodies in contact area. Amens total 13 VC KIA (BC).

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- (2) At 071230H at YS521560 a centurion tank of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt supporting 6 RAR in AO WEST END detonated a M16 mine resulting in negative casualties to personnel or tank.
- (3) At 071355H at YS643613, 480 RF Coy op con 2/48 ARVN in AO ROP-100 a cache containing 200 kilos rice, 1 folding chair and 8 rolls barbed wire.
- (4) At 071425H at YS523566 elms of 1 Fd Sqn supporting 6 RAR in AO WEST END loc and destroyed 3xM16 mines.
- (5) At 071425H at YS523565 elms of 1 Fd sqn supporting 6 RAR in AO WEST END detonated 5xM16 mines with a D8 bulldozer. Two Aust WIA (evacuated) moderate damage to D8 bulldozer.
- (6) At 071405H at YS640615 480 RF Coy op con to 2/48 ARVN in AO ROP-100 were contacted by an unknown number of VC who command detonated a Chicor claymore type mine, resulting in 1 RF KIA and 4 RF WIA.
- (7) At 071405H at YS353901 3 PL A Coy 5 RAR contacted one Main Force enemy dressed in grey shirt and green trousers with negative results.
- (8) At 071415H at YS640615 a further VC mine was detonated by 480 RF Coy resulting in 9 RF WIA.
- (9) At 071845H at YS721614 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted 2 VC resulting in 1 VC WIA (PW). PW evacuated to 1 ATF in first instance for immediate medical attention. PW with escort and interpreter then moved to LONG BINH. Documents being forwarded to 1 ATF tomorrow.
- (10) At 071650H at YS384593 an object was reported lodged in the bridge SOUTH of BARIA. Engrs from 1 Fd Sqn were sent to the area and found 250 lb of Chicor TNT supported by floats caught by the wreckage of the old bridge. The fuze had been initiated but main charge had not detonated. It is now believed that this explosive was part of the main charge used to demolish the bridge on Sunday 3 Aug 69. To be confirmed.
- (11) At 071715H at YS4679 (AP NGAI GIA) a member of 1 Aust CA Unit was accidentally wounded by an RF soldier. Result 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel: 3 Aust WIA (evacuated), 1 RF KIA, 13 RF WIA.
- (b) Material: 1 D8 bulldozer moderately damaged.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (PW).
- (b) Material: 9xM16 mines detonated, 200 kilos rice, 1 folding chair, 250 lbs Chicor TNT, 8 rolls barbed wire.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) YS456761, 1 Tp YS305823, 2 Tp YS456761, 3 Tp ~~1 ATF Base~~, 4 Tp YS523558.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS523558, 2 Tp YS305820, 3 Tp YS705609.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384, A Coy (-) YS351899, B Coy FSPB TAPPER, C Coy FSPB CAMBRAI YS3082, D Coy (-) YS275798.
- (5) 6 PAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy (-) YS560593, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy (-) YS500516, V Coy (-) YS516534, W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, A Coy FSPB BATON, B Coy (-) YS555615, C Coy (-) YS3650627.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB TAPPER, A Coy (-) YS365635, B Coy (-) YS370644, C Coy (-) YS370641.
- (9) 480 RF Coy. YS646528.
- (10) 501 Engr Coy (LC) (US). YS305820.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protect land clearing operations YS2981. One coy RIF and ambush operation vicinity YS3589. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS3284. One coy returns to 1 ATF Base NUI DAT after completing a training operation with 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO STOCK.
- (2) 6 RAR. Three coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4754. Element protects land clearing operation vicinity YS5255. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy prepares for 3/43 ARVN Bn retraining on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 9 RAR. Remains 1 ATF Base NUI DAT. Conducts Phase 2 operations LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT and provides Ready Reaction coy.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Two coys plus one RF coy op con conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE, centre of mass YS6064. One coy secures FSPB BATON, YS518617. Bn HQ(-) located vicinity YS647627.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Returns to HORSESHOE HILL feature YS4962 to conduct post operation administration.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues Phase 2 operations in AO MICK, centre of mass YS4679. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus elements Sp Tp conduct Phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. One tp plus elements Sp Tp continue to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY. Provides one sect plus elements Sp Tp to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO MICK. Provides one sect to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one tp to 1 ATF ready reaction force.
- (8) LRRPs deployed - 5.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two
Platoon - one
Squad - eight
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: one.
 - (a) LRRP loc cache containing 20 bags filled with RPG rounds, mortar rounds and SAA. Two bicycle tyres and 4 rolls of wire also located. The cache was destroyed by demolition.

g. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. 20 Bags filled RPG rounds, mortar rounds, SAA, two bicycle tyres, 4 rolls wire. Details of number of rounds loc will be advised when available.

2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Face to Face. Face toface missions were conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of ONG TRING and HOA LONG. The themes were GVN image and Chieu Hoi. A total of six movies were shown for a total screening time of three hours.
- (2) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the Audio Team targeted at the population of ONG TRING. The themes were GVN image, The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (3) Armed Propaganda Team. The APT operated in ONG TRING for two hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 480 RF Coy. Remained op con to 2/48 ARVN Bn and conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.

(4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

3. Engineer Operations.

a. No mines were detonated in the DAT DO Barrier minefield due to machinery bogging down.

b. Areas Land Cleared.

(1) Area bounded by YS325815 to YS326815 to YS325810 to YS326810 also YS320810 to YS326810 to YS320805. 15 Bunkers and 40 weapon pits exposed Progressive acreage cleared 1157.

(2) Area bounded by YS522562 to YS521560 to YS521558 to YS523560 to YS524560 to YS527569.

(3) Area bounded by YS502531 to YS505535 to YS508535 to YS507531.

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1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Returned to 1 ATF Base from pacification operations in AO MICK. One Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp and elements Sp Tp continued Phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW. One Tp and elements Sp Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Sect remaine op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contacts and seven H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy completed training operation with 2/52 ARVN Bn.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, and LCT protection operations in AO WIANGAREE, AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One coy continued preparations for training of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 9 RAR. Provided Ready Reaction Coy.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Completed training operation in AO STOCK supported by one coy 5 RAR and returned to HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Cby (LCT) (US). Continued in ~~AS~~ 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	BDA
072145H	YS267539	Base Camp	Neg BDA. Bombs on tgt.
080304H 080314H	YS457550 YS451549	Base Camp	Neg BDA on 1st tgt. Trail cut on 2nd tgt.
081815H 081836H	YS367905	5 RAR contact	Neg BDA due to failing light
072200H	YS475520	Base Camp	Neg BDA. Bombs fell 100m short.
080517H 080527H	YS452557 YS453554	Base Camp	1 trail cut 1st tgt. Neg BDA 2nd tgt

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Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	BDA
080942H	YS464539	VC Base Camp	100/20. Neg BDA
081034H	YS579755 YS609600	VC Base Camp	100/50. Neg BDA. 1 sampan damaged
081230H	YS305737	VC Base Camp	Neg BDA.
081305H	YS595785	VC Base Camp	Neg BDA

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At YS561597, A Coy 6 RAR located a three month old coy sized bunker system. A search revealed one RPG7, six RPG7 rounds and boosters and one RPG2 round.
- (2) At YS663618, 2 Coy 2/48 ARVN located a coy sized bunker system. No signs of recent use.
- (3) At YS348902, A Coy 5 RAR located an underground cache covered with logs containing: one 60mm mortar, complete less sight, one 60mm mortar tube and bipod, ten 60mm mortar bombs, two RPG2 rounds, one AK50, quantity of explosives and detonators, one Verey (flare) pistol, and three cartridges, 11 anti-tank grenades, 320 hand grenades, 10 primaries for 60mm mortar bombs, 3 primaries for 82mm mortar bombs, 6 fuses for 60mm mortar bombs, quantity of secondary charges for 60 and 82mm mortar bombs and 2,250 AK tracer rounds.
- (4) At YS659607, 2 Coy 2/48 ARVN located six M14 mines in a bunker.
- (5) At YS525559, A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system 100 metres across. A search revealed: large quantity of used medical supplies, one Chicom grenade, large quantity canvas shoes and small amount of documents.
- (6) In the area YS644617-YS645623, 480 RF Coy (op con 2/48 ARVN) located a bn sized bunker system 2-3 days old.
- (7) At 1605H at YS525559, a bulldozer of 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine. No damage or casualties.
- (8) At YS265790, D Coy 5 RAR located a tunnel system believed to be a rice handover point. Area will be land cleared shortly.
- (9) At 1326H at YS366901, the anti-tank pl 5 RAR contacted six enemy wearing greens and webbing carrying wpns. Results: two enemy KIA (BC), two enemy KIA (Poss) bloodtrails, drag marks, one enemy PW, two AK47, two packs, one chicom grenades.
- (10) At 1537H at YS373902, 3 Pl (plus) A Coy and Anti-tank Pl 5 RAR contacted an estimated VC main force coy in a bunker system. Results: two Aust WIA (evacuated), five enemy KIA (BC), one AK47, one rifle (type unknown) and unknown number of grenades captured. Contact was lost at dark.
- (11) At 1855H at YS2679, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy with unknown results. Contact was heavy and moans indicated enemy casualties. Sweep to be conducted in morning.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 2 Aust WIA (evacuated).
 - (b) Materiel - Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 7 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy KIA (poss) - blood trails, 1 enemy PW.
 - (b) Materiel - Three AK47, one AK50, one rifle (type unknown) one RPG7, three RPG2 rounds, six RPG7 rounds and boosters, six M14 mines, two packs, one 60mm mortar complete less sight, one 60mm mortar tube and bipod, ten 60mm mortar bombs, quantity explosives and detonators, one Verey (flare) pistol and three cartridges, 11 anti-tank grenades, 321 hand grenades, ten primaries for 60mm mortar bombs, 3 primaries for 82mm mortar bombs, 2250 AK tracer rounds.

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d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS304820. 4 Tp YS523558.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp YS523558. 2 Tp FSPB CAMBRAI YS3082. 3 Tp (-) YS704610. 1 Sect 3 Tp YS673673. 2 Sect 3 Tp YS733612. 2 Sect Sp Tp FSPB CAMBRAI.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST. 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384. A Coy (-) YS364904. B Coy 1 ATF Base. C Coy (-) YS305820. D Coy (-) YS258787.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS5055. A Coy (-) YS571602. B Coy 1 ATF Base. V Coy (-) YS516534. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/48 ARVN. Bn HQ and 3 Coy YS650627. 1 Coy FSPB BATON YS5561. 2 Coy YS655615. 480 RF Coy (-) YS646628.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

e. Plans Summary. Plans Summary for period 090001H to 092400H Aug 69.

- (1) 5 RAR. Two coys RIF and protect land clearing ops YS3281. One coy RIF and ambush ops vic YS3789. Bn HQ loc FSPB POLLY YS3284. One coy deploys by air into AO MINDY.
- (2) 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 prepares for 3/43 ARVN training on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ loc FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conduct phase two ops Long Dien District from Nui Dat and provides Ready Reaction Coy.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Two coys plus one RF Coy under op con conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO ROPE, centre of mass YS6064. Coy secures FSPB BATON, YS518617. Bn HQ (-) loc vic YS650627.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn remains HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 for post operation administration.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp, one AMC sect conducts phase two ops in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. Provides one tp, one AMC sect to 5 RAR/LCT in AO MINDY. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Provides one tp for Ready Reaction Force.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two.
Platoon - two.
Squad - six.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact - nil.
- (4) Results. Delete reference to contents of cache located by LRRP reported in previous Sitrep. Later examination of cache revealed: 100 lbs **block** metal plate, 20 lbs welding rod, five sacks of candles, 14 bags tin foil, two bicycle tubes and four rolls wire.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psy Ops. Nil return.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 480 RF Coy. Remained op con to 2/48 ARVN Bn and conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

3. Engineer Operations.

a. Mine Clearance. No mines were detonated as time was spent recovering bogged plant.

b. Areas Land Cleared.

- (1) YS305810-YS311810-YS311801. **Progressive** total cleared - 3301 acres.

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241. DUTIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
13 AUG 69	WO2 KLUDAS	SGT STEER
14 " "	CAPT GILCHRIST	SGT CORKRAN
15 " "	LT BLACKNEY	SGT SPARGO
16 " "	2LT McNEILAGE	SGT GREY
17 " "	CAPT SULLIVAN	SGT DE TURT/BROWNING
18 " "	WO2 BUCKELL	SGT HILTON
19 " "	WO2 DINGLE	SGT SAWYER

PICQUETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
13 AUG 69	LAD	FDT/COMPOSITE
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17 " "	LAD	FDT/COMPOSITE
18 " "	4 TP	FDT/COMPOSITE
19 " "	LAD	FDT/COMPOSITE

242. DRESS

1. All members of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and LAD are to wear shirts at all times whilst on operations.
2. Shirts may be removed within Fire Support Bases and defended localities on order from the senior officer present.

243. PERSONNAL WEAPONS

1. Personnal weapons are to be carried at all times on operations.
2. Any member dismounted from a vehicle is to be in possession of his personnal weapon at all times.

244. DUTIES ORDERLY SGT

1. The Australian Flag, 1st Armd Regt Flag and B Sqn Sect 1st Armd Regt LAD Flag are to be raised at 0700 hrs and lowered at 1700 hrs daily.

245. MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

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

CFN WHITE	TPR RISINGER
LT BLACKNEY	TPR O'KEEFE
LT MEREDITH	CPL HUTCHINS
TPR BELLING	TPR HUNT
TPR ANKETELL	TPR DOUPAIN
TPR WARREN	TPR BATTAMS
TPR TRAVIS	TPR CAMERON
TPR McPHERSON	TPR O'SHEA
TPR PRIOR	L/CPL BIRSE
TPR WARNER	TPR CAMPBELL
TPR POLLOCK	CPL HARNETT
TPR BICKNELL	CPL GOTT

Vietnamese Campaign Medal

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

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TPR SMITH R.J.	CPL BENNIER	TPR DENISON
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TPR JOHNSON	TPR MATUSCHA	TPR GRAUPNER
TPR SANDERSON	TPR McCULLUM	TPR RAMSDALE
CAPT TOLL	TPR WALKER	TPR MULLOY
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2LT RITCHIE	TPR SCOTT	TPR DODD
SGT BAILEY	TPR WILSON	TPR MACIONI
SGT STEER	TPR MORRIS	TPR FOOTE M.L.
SGT DE TURT	TPR SKINNER	CFN GROGAN
SGT BROWNING	TPR O'BRIEN	
SGT WILSON	TPR GRANT	

246. B SQN VEHICLE CIRCUIT

B Sqn circuit extends from POL Point to Fwd Del Tp, the area behind 106 Fd Wksps will NOT be used unless Veh is being taken to Wksps for repairs.

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WEARING OF FINGER RINGS

1. Accidents caused by the wearing of finger rings are relatively common especially among members working on vehicles and handling equipment or weapons. These accidents often result in removing the entire skin from the finger leaving amputation as the only feasible procedure.
2. Members should be discouraged from wearing finger rings when performing military duties. Wedding rings may be attached to Identity Tags cords and be carried in that manner if desired.

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

10 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR and AO ROSSLEA. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp remained op con to 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp deployed with the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force to the vicinity of YS4274.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and elements Sp Tp continued phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW. One tp deployed the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force to the vicinity YS4274. One tp and elements Sp Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One sect remained op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact and 42 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA and WEST END and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy remained in 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, and LCT protection operations in AO ROSSLEA, AO WEST END and AO WIANGAREE supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy continued preparations for training of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (8) 9 RAR. One coy reacted with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force to vicinity of YS4682 in support of a HUSKY BRAVO convoy mine incident and contact, coy now loc YS4274. 9 RAR(-) in 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Carried out post operation administration and conducted final parade at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy(LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage
1610H	YS375898	VC Base Camp	100/30. Results: 3 fighting pits or tunnel entrances exposed.
1553H	YS375898	VC Base Camp	100/50. 1 bunker damaged.
1450/55	YS370900	VC in bunkers	100/30 Neg further.
1350/1405	YS370900	VC in bunkers	100/70. BDA to be done by ground troops.
1140/1215	YS760747	VC Base Camp	90/30. 1 bunker damaged. 4 weapon pits exposed.
1230/1215	YS370900	VC in bunkers	Neg further BDA.
0900/15	YS477821	Base Camp	100/80. 50 m trench destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 4 dud Nap.
1030/45	YS640789	VC Base Camp	100/50. Neg BDA.
1015/30	YS465818	VC Base Camp	100/80. 1 dud Nap, Neg further.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late Entry. At 081900H at YS267788 10/D/5 RAR located a VC Base camp comprising 7 bunkers, last used 12 hours previously. 1 chicom claymore, large quantity of drugs, 3 packs, 50 lbs rice and cooking utensils were recovered.
- (2) Late Entry. At 081900H at YS267788 10/D/5 RAR contacted 25 Main Force enemy. Sentries engaged at approximately 3 metres; enemy returned fire for 30 minutes with RPG and MG, then withdrew SE. No friendly casualties. 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47, 1 SKS, 1 RPG and 7 rounds, 1 chicom claymore recovered.
- (3) At 090715H at YS525564 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated an M16 mine. No casualties, minor damage to bulldozer.
- (4) At 090815 at YS525563 elements of 6 RAR and the LCT detonated an M16 booby trap mounted 10 feet from the ground in a tree. No casualties or damage.
- (5) At 0815H at YS528563 elements of 6 RAR located 4 L-shaped bunkers.
- (6) At 090900H at YS463816 a 155 mm gun of B Bty, 2/35 Arty Bn (US) detonated a mine of approximately 30-40 lbs of chicom PE. The driver was slightly injured. Damage to gun consisted of 1 road wheel blown off, track blown off, hull holed, fuel tank split.
- (7) At 090930H at YS526563 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated an M16 mine. No casualties or damage.
- (8) At 090945 at YS525564 elements of 6 RAR and the LCT located an M16 booby trap mounted 12 feet from the ground in a tree, with a trip wire leading from the tree. The mine was later disarmed.
- (9) At 091045H at YS525563 elements of 6 RAR located a bunker system of 11 bunkers, last used 1 month previously.
- (10) At 091000H at YS572605 elements of 6 RAR located a base camp consisting of 5 bunkers, last used 3 months previously. At YS571602 a further 25 bunkers, destroyed by ARVN approximately 3 weeks previously were located.
- (11) At 091247H at YS525559 an M113 of 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav detonated a mine consisting of 8-10 lbs chicom explosives. No casualties, mine damage to APC.
- (12) At 091330H at YS527561 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated a mine consisting of 8-10 lbs chicom explosives. No casualties, minor damage to bulldozer.
- (13) At 091350H at YS526559 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated an M16 mine. No casualties, no damage.
- (14) At 091407H at YS528562 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated 2 M16 mines. No casualties, no damage.
- (15) At 091430H at YS272784 ~~5RAR~~ contacted approximately 3 VC who withdrew SOUTH. Negative friendly, negative enemy casualties.
- (16) At 091450H at YS528563 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated a chicom mine of 8-10 lbs explosives. No casualties, no damage.
- (17) At 091605H at YS528566 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated an M16 mine. No casualties, no damage.
- (18) At 091650H at YS527566 a bulldozer of the LCT detonated an M16 mine. 1 Aust WIA, minor damage to bulldozer.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 1 Aust WIA, 1 US WIA.
 - (b) Materiel - 3 x bulldozer damaged, 1 x 155 mm SP damaged, 1 x M113 damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 2 KIA(BC) - Late Entry.
 - (b) Materiel - 1 AK47, 1 SKS, 1 RPG, 7 RPG rounds, 2 chicom claymores, large quantity drugs, 3 packs, 50 lbs rice, cooking utensils.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp NDP CAMBRAI YS305822, 3 Tp YS431745, 4 Tp YS525599.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS637747, 2 Tp NDP CAMBRAI YS305822, 3 Tp YS689677.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384, A Coy(-) YS369902, C Coy(-) YS305820, D Coy(-) YS272784
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS5055, A Coy(-) YS584608, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy(-) YS516535. D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy(-) YS477600.

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- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base. C Coy(-) YS437746.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ YS654627, 1 Coy(-) YS544615, 2 Coy(-) YS654627, 3 Coy(-) YS669630, RF Coy(-) YS647627.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary. Plans Summary for period 100001H to 102400H Aug 69.

- (1) 5 RAR. One coy RIF and protects land clearing operations vicinity YS3181. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations vicinity of YS3690 and YS2778. One coy deploys from 1 ATF Base by air to vicinity YS2780. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS3284.
- (2) 6 RAR. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS5560. Elements protect land clearing operation vicinity of YS5153. One coy prepares for 3/43 ARVN Bn retraining on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST.
- (3) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase 2 operation LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provide Ready Reaction Company.
- (4) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Redeploys by air from AO ROPE to the vicinity of FSPB BATON, YS558617. Conducts post operation administration.
- (5) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Remains HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962 for administration.
- (6) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements sqn HQ deploys to AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472 for RIF and ambush operations. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (7) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp, one AMC sect conduct phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing operation: protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. Provides one sect and one AMC sect to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for operations in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides one tp for 1 ATF Ready reaction Force.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Integrated Civic Action Programme. An I CAP was conducted in NGAI GAOI from 091900 - 192130. The MEDCAP dealt with 55 patients, of which 53 were new patients. Seven films were shown over a period of two hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 480 RF Coy. Remained op con to 2/48 ARVN Bn and conducted RIF and ambush tasks in AO ROPE.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

3. Engineer Operations.

- a. Mine Clearance. 55 mines were cleared in area YS496587, YS496588, YS499587, YS498588. 11 mines did not detonate.

b. Areas Land Cleared.

- (1) Area bounded by YS311810-315810-315803-311801.
- (2) Area bounded by YS527568-530566-531562-527568.
- (3) Area bounded by YS515536-509536-511538-515537.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

11 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Aug 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, AO ROSSLEA and AO STOCKTON. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ deployed to AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472 and commenced RIF and ambush operations. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus elements Sp Tp continued Phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact and 20 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WESTEND. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA, AO WESTEND and AO WIANGAREE, and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW. Element deployed with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt into AO STOCKTON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO's ROSSLEA, AO WESTEND and AO WIANGAREE supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy continued preparations for the retraining of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained in 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Returned from AO ROPE to vicinity of FSPB BATON to conduct post operation administration.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Remained HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0915/30	YS565769	VC Base Camp	100/70. 3 military structures destroyed. 4 spider holes destroyed.
0940/1000	YS476867	VC Base Camp	100/60. Magpie took 50 cal hit. P20 quick BDA -- Black clothing in bush West of target at YS475866

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TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
1110/1110	YS735635	VC Base Camp	Neg BDA - 4 dud 500 lbs bombs
1030H	YS787838 diverted to YS760747 WX diverted to YS735635		Neg BDA - 4 dud bombs
1445H	YS352750 WX diverted to YS470501		1 military structure destroyed. <u>Note:</u> Good future divert, 3 structures and rain catching barrels.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 100700H at YS529562 a ptl of A/6 RAR located a cache containing 200 M16 rounds, 3 x M16 mags, 1 x M2 mag, 2 x M2 mag pouches, 2 x M26 grenades, 225 x AK47 rounds.
- (2) At 100850H at YS590610, A/6 RAR located a bunker system constructed approx 14 days ago, capable of holding 70 persons. Hoi Chanh with coy indicated the camp was that of C3 Coy D445 Bn.
- (3) At 101045H at YS593612, A/6 RAR contacted one enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC) and 1 x M1 carbine recovered.
- (4) At 101430H at YS273814, 6/B/5 RAR contacted two enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC KIA (POSS) very heavy blood trail and 2 x AK47 recovered.
- (5) At 101530H at YS460718 a ptl from 1 ARU located a bunker system, one month old. System was 200 x 100 metres wide and contained 29 bunkers with 3 to 4 feet OHC.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

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

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel: 2 x VC KIA(BC), 1 x VC KIA(POSS)
- (b) Materiel: 2 x AK47, 1 x M1 Carbine, 200 M16 rounds, 3 x M16 mags, 1 x M2 mag, 2 x M2 mag pouches, 2 x M26 grenades, 225 x AK47 rounds.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn HQ YS252724, 1 Tp YS317812, 3 Tp 1 ATF Base, 4 Tp YS525559.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS524557. 2 Tp NDP CAMBRAI, YS305822, 3 Tp YS675669.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384, A Coy(-) YS373906, B Coy(-) YS261809, C Coy(-) YS305820, D Coy(-) YS300781.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST YS5055, A Coy(-) YS595611, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy(-) YS516535, D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy(-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/48 ARVN Bn. FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp and element Sqn HQ conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and one AMC sect conduct phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW, centre of mass YS7070. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing operation . protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Provides one sect and one AMC sect to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for operations in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides one tp to 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(3) 5 RAR. One coy RIF and protects land clearing operations vicinity YS3181. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS3284.

(4) 6 RAR. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS5560. Elements protect land clearing operations vicinity YS5153, YS5256. One coy prepares for retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts Phase 2 operations LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provides the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Coy.

(6) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Deploys from AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS5560 to area of BARIA and stands down for 48 hrs. Reverts from under op con 1 ATF to under comd 18 ARVN Div.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deploys from HORSESHOE HILL to vicinity of FSPB BATON and commences RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS5560.

(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Arrives HORSESHOE HILL to prepare for retraining.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - three.

Platoon - one.

Squad - eight.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 480 RF Coy. Returned to LONG SON ISLAND after completing operations with 2/48 ARVN Bn.

(2) 637 RF Coy. Deployed from LONG SON ISLAND to FSPB BATON. To become op con to 2/52 ARVN Bn on 12 Aug 69.

(3) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.

(4) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.

(5) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

Engineer Operations

a. Mine Clearance. 432 mines exploded, 69 mines failed to detonate. Total 501 mines.

b. Areas Land Cleared

(1) Area bounded by YS528563, YS528560, YS533562.

(2) Area bounded by YS508538, YS510538, YS505535, YS509536.

(3) Area bounded by YS315810, YS319810, YS315814.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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12 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Aug 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, AO ROSSLEA and AO STOCKTON. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO STOCKTON. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con to 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp elements Sp Tp concluded Phase 2 operations in AO SPARROW and returned to NUI DAT. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con to 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA. Route security and convoy escort continued.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 39 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AOs ROSSLEA, WIANGAREE and WEST END, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO SPARROW, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO STOCKTON
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AOs ROSSLEA, WEST END and WIANGAREE supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Coy continued preparations for the retraining of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (9) 2/48 ARVN Bn. Deployed from AO WIANGAREE to area of BARIA for stand down. Reverted from under op con 1 ATF to under command 18 ARVN DIV.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deployed from HORSESHOE HILL to AO WIANGAREE to commence RIF and ambush operations on 12 Aug 69.
- (11) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Arrived HORSESHOE HILL for retraining by 1 ATF.
- (12) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (13) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0930H	YS787838	VC Base Camp	100/50%, negative further.
1030H	YS470501	VC Base Camp	100/100%, 1 spider hole destroyed, 1 KBA.
1020H	YS352750	VC Base Camp	100/50% neg further.
1115H	YS431845	VC Base Camp	100/40%, 1 trail cut.
1143H	YS431845	VC Base Camp	100/40%, neg further
Late BDA			
9 Aug	YS370900	VC Base Camp	100/100%, 15 bunkers destroyed, 20 weapon pits destroyed, clothing and medical equipment scattered numerous blood trails.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 102020H at YS596611, 1/A/6 RAR contacted two to three enemy. A sweep at first light revealed 1 pair sandals and a pig tied up as if being carried. Drag marks heading South.
- (2) At 101100H (late entry) at YS595611, A/6 RAR located a Local Force Base Camp capable of holding 10-20 persons. The following items were recovered: quantity of documents, 4xM16 mines, 1xRPG2 round, 1xNVA 7.62 SMG, 10 lbs Chicom explosive and 6 bags mussels.
- (3) At 111440H at YS415737, a Heavyweight training patrol contacted 4-5 VC resulting in 1 AK47 with launcher and 1 pistol CIA. At 111615H further contact was made resulting in 1 SKS CIA. No casualties either side.
- (4) At 111700H at YS369906, 3/A/5 RAR contacted 2 VC with negative results.
- (5) At 111020H at YS501536, a D8 bulldozer of 1 Fd Sqn detonated a mine resulting in 2 Aust WIA, 1 bulldozer slightly damaged.
- (6) At 111030H, at YS261819, 6/B/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 2 Aust WIA.
- (7) At 111405H at YS599609, 6 RAR located an unoccupied camp estimated to be for 10 persons.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel 4 Aust WIA (evacuated)
 - (b) Materiel 1 bulldozer slightly damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel Nil
 - (b) Materiel 1 AK47 launcher, 1 pistol, 1 SKS, 4xM16 mines, 1 RPG2 round, 1xNVA 7.62mm SMG, 10lbs Chicom explosives, 1 pig.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS317812. 2 Tp YS252724. 4 Tp YS525559.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp YS524557. 2 Tp (-) NDP CAMBRAI YS305822.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ YS339840 (FSPB POLLY), A Coy (-) YS372907. B Coy (-) YS262805. C Coy (-) YS305820. D Coy (-) YS313790.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ YS5055 FSPB THRUST. A Coy (-) YS591600. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL. V Coy (-) YS516535. D Coy (-) YS500516. W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base Nui Dat.
- (6) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. 2/52 Bn (-) YS557615 (FSPB BATON).

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp and element Sqn HQ conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing operation protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 6 RAR LCT in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Provides one sect and one AMC sect to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for operations in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides one sect to 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) 5 RAR. One coy RIF and protects land clearing operations vicinity YS3181. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA centre of mass YS4745. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS5560. Elements protect land clearing operations vicinity YS5356 and YS5053. One coy commences retraining of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located THRUST YS500550.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase 2 operations LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT, and provides the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Coy.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Commences RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE, centre of mass YS5864.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Commences retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company: Three
Platoon: One
Squad: Eight
- (2) 3 SAS has 4 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Two
- (4) LRRPs 3 NVA KIA.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts

(a) (Late entry 10 Aug 69). Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and HB Teams targeted at the illegal residents North East of XUYEN MOC. The themes were on refugee lines. The total broadcast time was 1 hr.

(b) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(c) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D67. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(2) Leaflet Drop.

(a) (Late entry 10 Aug 69). Leaflet drop was conducted by RAAF and HB Team targeted at the illegal residents North East of XUYEN MOC. A total of 10,000 leaflets were dropped.

(3) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted at PHUOC THANH for a total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Under op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO ROPE, centre of mass YS5864.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations.

(4) 361 ARVN mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. 131 Mines exploded, 1 failed to detonate. Total 132 mines.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) Area bounded by YS319810-YS317806- YS319807 and area bounded by YS295818-YS297819-YS298817-YS296816.

(b) Area bounded by YS529557-YS536562-YS537560-YS539559.

(c) Area bounded by YS507537- YS509536-YS510540 - YS512537.

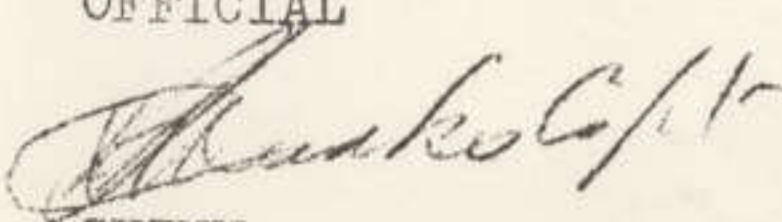
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12 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF contined Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR, AO ROSSLEA and AO STOCKTON. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO STOCKTON. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one ANC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Route security and convoy escort continued. On tp remained 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No contact and 35 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WESTEND. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA, AO WIANGARIE and AO WESTEND and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO STOCKTON. One CET deployed to XUYEN MOC district to assist in clearance of mines.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AC ROSSLEA, AO WIANGARIE and AO WESTEND supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy commenced retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained 1 ATF Base. Provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH centre of mass YS5665.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Commenced retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment.	11 Aug 69.
0930H	YS787838	VC Base camp	100/50	Negative further.
1030H	YS470501	VC Base camp	100/100	One spider hole destroyed. One KEA.
1020H	YS352750	VC Base camp	100/50	Negative further.
1115H	YS431845	VC Base camp	100/40	One trail cut.
1143H	YS431845	VC Base camp	100/40	Negative further.
Late BDA from 9 Aug for 5 A/S at	YS370900	VC Base camp	100/100	15 blrs dest, 20 weapon pits dest, clothing and medical equipment scattered, numerous blood trails.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment.	12 Aug 69.
0909H	YS780807	VC Base camp	100/50 Three mil structs, damaged, four exp. One bkr damaged, one exp. One table exp.	
0925H	YS331654	VC Base camp	100/50 One bkr exp and damaged. One cave ent exp, one mil structure damaged.	
1052H	YS643950	VC Base camp	100/90 Negative BDA.	

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (Late entry). Amend report of 7/C/5 RAR contact at 311820H at YS312801 to read one VC KIA(BC). Body found in grave at YS320801.
- (2) Roadblocks were located at first light on 12 Aug 69 at YS223807, YS227798, YS271660, YS218812, YS506552, YS649664, YS614644, YS648660. All roads were cleared at 121530H.
- (3) At 120945H at YS534564 a bulldozer on land clearing ops at YS534564 detonated a boobytrap resulting in 1 Aust WIA(evacuated) nil damage to D8 dozer.
- (4) At 131510H at YS325822 9/C/5 RAR loc a cache containing 36 flashlight batteries, and 10x60lb bags of rice.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One Aust WIA(evac).
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One VC KIA(BC).
 - (b) Materiel. 600lbs rice, 36 flashlight batteries.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS307820, 2 Tp YS254691, 4 Tp YS524558.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp YS307820.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy(-) YS362912, B Coy(-) YS262808, C Coy(-) YS307820, D Coy(-) YS325773.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy(-) YS567579, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy(-) YS516535, D Coy(-) YS500516, W Coy(-) YS477600.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy(-) YS566649, 2 Coy FSPB BATON, 3 Coy(-) YS546633, 637 RF Coy(-) YS521614.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp and elements Sqn HQ conducts RIF and ambush operation in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing operation protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS5456. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to B Sqn 1 Armd Regt for operations in AO STOCKTON, centre of mass YS2472. Provides on tp to 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) 5 RAR. One coy RIF and protects land clearing operations vicinity YS2981. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR. Two coys conduct RIF and ambush operation in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in

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AO WEST END, centre of mass YS5456. One coy conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO WIANGAREE, centre of mass YS5560. Elements protect land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. One coy conducts retraining of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts Phase 2 operations LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT and provides ready reaction force coy.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Conducts RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH centre of mass YS5665. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Conducts retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS has seven LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.

g. Amendment: to LRRP contact report of 11 Aug 69. Amend three VC KIA to read two VC KIA(BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops set targeted at D445. 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 Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of LONG LIEN and PHUOC LOI the themes were GVN Image and Chieu Hoi. The total screening time was five hours.

(3) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by the Audio Team targeted at the population of LONG LIEN and PHUOC LOI. The themes were GVN Image.. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in LONG LIEN and PHUOC LOI for a total time of two hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Under op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and land clearing operations.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and land clearing operations.

(4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy protection tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. New area commenced, 200 ft square. 84 mines exploded, 20 duds.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) Area bounded by YS295818 - 296816 - 288813 - 287815.

(b) Area bounded by YS524569 - 526569 - 524565 and YS529569 - 533560 - 537560 and YS533561 - 535562 - 537561. There were two mine incidents resulting in one Aust WIA.

(c) Area bounded by YS513541 - 541539 - 510540 - 511538. There were two mine incidents with no damage or

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14 Aug 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Aug 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, AO ROSSLEA and AO STOCKTON. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One Tp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO STOCKTON. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Route security and convoy escort continued. One tp deployed with the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force to vicinity YS434743.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA, and AO WEST END, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO STOCKTON. One CET remained at XUYEN MOC to assist in the clearance of mines.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn at HORSESHOE SHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed with the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force to the vicinity of YS434743 for night ambush tasks. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR on land clearing tasks in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
130923H	YS780807	VC Base Camp	100/70%, 1 hut dest, 1 hut exp, 100 x 25 metres of corn field dest.
130835H	YS565769	VC Base Camp	100/80%, several breather holes exp, 1 possible secondary explosion, 1 further bunkers sighted, to East.
131040H	YS479504	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 1 secondary explosion, 1 x cache exposed, several proj dest.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
131520H	YS708840	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers exp and damaged, 2 DDD 500lb bombs.
120925H	YS331654	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 1 bunker exp and dam, 1 cave ent exp, 1 military structure damaged.
120909H	YS780807	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 3 huts damaged, 4 huts exposed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 bunker exposed, 1 table exposed.
121052H	YS643950	VC Base Camp	100/90%, negative BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (Late entry). At 121630H at YS497586 elements of 6 RAR and elements of 1 Fd Sqn located a cache containing 95 x M26 grenades complete with anti-lifting devices. Cache was in an underground tomb.
- (2) (Late entry). At 122110H at YS503574 elements of W Coy 6 RAR detonated an M16 mine resulting in 1 NZ KIA, 3 NZ WIA (evac) and 1 x mine detector damaged.
- (3) At 131040H at YS331770 12/D/5 RAR contacted 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 M2 carbine and 1 x 7.62 SMG recovered.
- (4) At 131230H at YS331770 12/D/5 RAR contacted 5 Main Force enemy wearing camouflage clothing and carrying branches. Results, 1 en KIA (BC), qty documents, 30 x .45 rounds recovered, 1 x US compass destroyed by en fire, 1 x transistor radio destroyed by fire.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 1 NZ KIA, 3 NZ WIA (evac)
- (b) Material. 1 x Mine detector, 1 x US compass

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (bloodtrail).
- (b) Material. 95 x M26 grenades and anti lifting devices, 1 x M2 carbine, 1 7.62 SMG, 30 x .45 rounds, 1 x transistor radio, quantity documents.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS253752, 2 Tp YS253752, 4 Tp YS524558.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS434743, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS524558, 2 Tp YS3082, 1 Sect 3 Tp YS524557, 2 Sect Sp Tp YS3082, 3 Sect Sp Tp YS548568.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB THRUST YS5055, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384, 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base, B Bty 2/35 (US) Arty 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384, A Coy (-) YS362912, B Coy YS254822, C Coy (-) YS301820, D Coy (-) YS325773.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). BHQ FSPB THRUST YS5055, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy (-) YS513535, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy (-) YS477600.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base, A Coy (-) YS434743.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy (-) YS568642, 2 Coy (-) FSPB BATON YS5561, 3 Coy (-) YS534648.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp and elements of Sqn HQ deploy from AO STOCKTON to 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing operation protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS5456. Elements assist in deployment of one coy 9 RAR to AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Provides one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. One coy RIF and protects land clearing operations vicinity YS2981. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR. Two coys deploy from AO WEST END to 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. Two coys continue RIF and ambush operations in AO ROSSLEA, centre of mass YS4745. Elements protect land clearing operations in AO ROSSLEA. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB THRUST YS500550.

(5) 9 RAR. One coy deploys from 1 ATF Base NUI DAT to AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Continues phase 2 operations LONG DIEN district from NUI DAT and provides the ready reaction force coy. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions

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

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

(3) Small unit with contact: One

(a) 2 VC KIA : LRRPS.

g. Results

(1) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA

(b) Material. Nil

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts

(a) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops set targeted at D67 and D440. 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 HB Team targeted at D445 and illegal inhabitants NE of XUYEN MOC. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(2) Face to Face. Face to Face missions were conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of PHUOC HOA the themes were GVN Image and RD/New Life. The total screening time was two hours.

(3) Ground. Ground broadcasts were conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of PHUOC HOA. The themes were GVN Image. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. The APT operated in PHUOC HOA for a total time of two hours.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted at LONG LIEN Village for total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RF and ambush operations AO FISH.

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- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and land clearing operations.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RF, ambush and land clearing operations.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy tasks.

c. Engineer Operations

(1) Mine clearance

Area cleared YS498587, YS499586, YS502586, YS528566.
365 mines exploded, 11 mines initiated but did not explode.

(2) Areas Land Cleared

(a) 1st team area cleared YS526569, YS525566, YS528566, YS528563, YS530563, YS531570 - no incidents.

(b) 2nd team area cleared YS512538, YS514537, YS514538, YS514540 - no incidents.

(c) AO MINDY

Area cleared YS287815, YS296819, YS294823, YS287821.
Progressive 404 bunkers, 100 weapon pits, 1000 metres of tunnel.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From Period 140001H to 142400H Aug 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, AO ROSSLEA and AO STOCKTON. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One Tp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted RIF and ambush operations in AO STOCKTON and then returned to 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat. One Tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One Tp remained op con 6 RAR in AO ROSSLEA. Provided one Tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp plus AMC Sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 6 RAR and LCT in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. One Tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact and 16 H and I tasks during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearing operation near DAT DO and land clearing operation in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO STOCKTON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and land clearing protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued RIF, ambush and land clearing protection operations in AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Two coys redeployed to 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat. One coy continued the retraining of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSTP THRUST YS500550.
- (8) 9 RAR. Remained 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to vicinity YS5361 to secure FSPB SERLE. Provided 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Company. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY.
- (12) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1545H at YS280777 the Aslt Pnr Pl were fired upon by an unknown number of enemy as Pl crossed a creek. Result: two Aust WIA (evacuated), enemy losses unknown.
- (2) At 1620H at YS253848 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAP contacted 5 enemy resulting in two enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (bloodtrail) and one AK 47 recovered.
- (3) At approx 1830H contact was again made with enemy in vicinity of YS253848. LFT was used in support. Results of contact unknown.

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c. Results.(1) Friendly Losses.(a) Personnel. Two Aust WIA (evacuated).(b) Material. Nil.(2) Enemy Losses.(a) Personnel. Two enemy KIA (BC), one enemy WIA (bloodtrail).(b) Material. One AK 47.d. Locations.(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS317812, 3 Tp YS535616.(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp (-) FSPB CAMBRAI YS3082, 6 Sect Sp Tp FSPB THRUST YS5055.(3) 5 RAR. HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384, A Coy (-) YS305820, B Coy (-) YS251844, C Coy (-) YS274770, D Coy (-) YS316770.(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB THRUST, A Coy, V Coy 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, D Coy (-) YS500516, W Coy (-) YS477600.(5) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy YS538616.(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ, 1 Coy FSPB BATON YS5561, 2 Coy (-) YS571642, 3 Coy (-) YS557617, 637 RF Coy YS542628.(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.e. Plans Summary.(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One Tp plus, and elements of F Sqn 3 Cav Regt deploy to AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4579 to conduct Phase 2 operations. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one Tp and one AMC Sect to 5 RAR for LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides Sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759 and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4579. Provides one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.(3) 5 RAR. One Coy RIF and protects land clearing operations vicinity of YS2979. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3283. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.(4) 6 RAR. Deploys from AO ROSSLEA and AO WEST END to 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat. Provides one Coy to the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.(5) 9 RAR. Deploys from 1 ATF Base to AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759 to conduct RIF, ambush and land clearing protection operations. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.f. Small Unit Actions.(1) Company : One.
Platoon : Three.
Squad : Six.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact : One (LRRP).

g. Results. One enemy KIA (BC), One enemy KIA (Poss). One AK 47 recovered.2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

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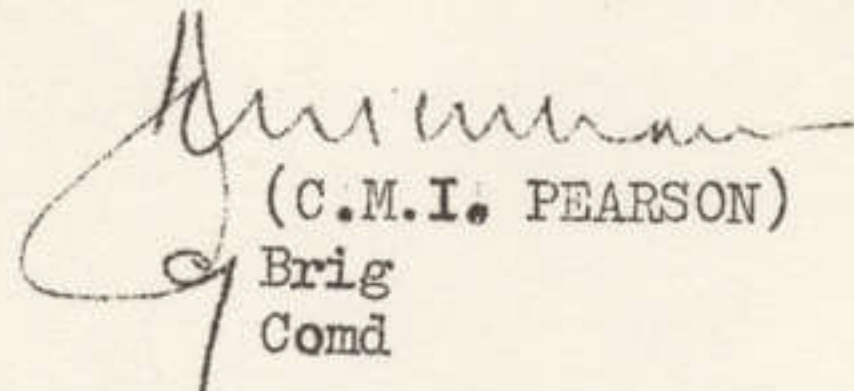
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b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remains op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and land clearing protection operations.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assited 6 RAR in RIF, ambush and land clearing protection operations.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearance. 216 mines were cleared from the DAT DO Barrier Minefields.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS50055885 - YS50105875 - YS50105890 - YS50205890.
 - (b) YS301791 - YS301793 - YS307792.


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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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16 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANH III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted Phase 2 operations in the DUC THANH District. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp deployed to AO UMBERATNA to commence operations with 9 RAR. Provided one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 2 contact and 13 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance operation near DAT DO. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATNA and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Redeployed from AO ROSSLEA to 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Provided one coy to the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Deployed from 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT to AO UMBERATNA. Bn HQ located FSPB SIERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10). 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11). 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. Relocated to new NDP at YS391838
- (12) Air Support. Several significant airstrikes were flown in support of 5 RAR. Details later.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Commencing at 0615H and continuing throughout the day until approximately 1830H B Coy 5 RAR made contact with an estimated en coy in bunkers in square YS2584. Arty, airstrikes, and LFT were used in support. Total en casualties were three en KIA(BC), three en KIA (poss), one en WIA (bloodtrail), one AK 47, four AK 47 magazines, 16 Chicom grenades, one PRG 2 round, three M79 rounds, 250 AK 47 rounds, one RPG 7, one Chinese rocket and quantity of medical supplies. B Coy suffered 6 Aust WIA (evacuated).

(2) At 0710H at YS275767 C Coy 5 RAR contacted four suspected NVA wearing blue and green uniforms resulting 1 NVA KIA(BC).

(3) At 1225H at YS301792 1 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged two en with unknown results.

(4) At 1530H at YS283766 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR engaged three suspected NVA wearing blue uniforms and NVA webbing resulting in one NVA KIA (BC).

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Six Aust WIA (evacuated).

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Five en KIA (BC); three en KIA (Poss); one en WIA (bloodtrail).

(b) Materiel. One AK 47; four AK 47 magazines; 16 Chicom grenades; one RPG 2 round; three M79 rounds; 250 AK 47 rounds; one RPG 7; one Chinese rocket; quantity medical supplies.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp (-) YS305820; elements Sqn HQ YS446742.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS515537; 2 Tp YS341838; 4 Sect Sp Tp YS446742.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Regt FSPB POLLY YS3384; 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE YS5361; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384; A Coy (-) YS305820; B Coy YS252844; C Coy (-) YS275767; D Coy (-) YS300778.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)(-). 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4692.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE YS5361; A Coy (-) YS515537; B Coy (-) FSPB SERLE; C Coy (-) YS564604; D Coy YS573614.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL YS4692.

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(8) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561; 1 Coy FSPB BATON; 2 Coy (-) YS581661; 3 Coy (-) YS557617; 637 RF Coy (-) YS552659.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continue Phase 2 operations in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS 4579. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759 and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4579. Provides one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. One coys RIF and protects land clearing operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts Phase 2 operations DAT DO district from NUI DAT and provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS575590. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. See report issued separately.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and land clearing protection operations.

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(4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt is road security and convoy escort protection tasks.

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- c. Engineer Operations.
- (1) Mine Clearance. 54 mines were detonated in the DAT DO Barrier Minefields.
 - (2) Areas Land Cleared. Nil

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16 Aug

SUBJECT: Combined Operations (Psychological Operations)
To be read in conjunction with SITREP for period 150001H to 152400H
Aug 69.

1. Combined Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) (Late entry 14 Aug 69). Aircraft broadcast were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at the VC families East of XUYEN MOC. The themes were return to GVN. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(b) Aircraft broadcast were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect and Vietnamese Information Service Chief targeted at the VC families East of XUYEN MOC. The themes were return to GVN. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(c) Aircraft broadcast were conducted by USAF targeted at C41 Cao Duc Coy. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(d) (For period 6-13 Aug 69). Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at 21 targets throughout the province. The themes were chieu hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was five hours and fifteen minutes.

(e) (For period 6-13 Aug 69). Air craft broadcasts were conducted by USAF targeted at VC units in the LONG HAIS, NUI THI VAIS and NUI DINHS. A total of seven mission were carried out for a total broadcast time of three and a half hours.

(f) Aircraft broadcasts were conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at the VC units in the LONG HAIS. The themes were chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour and fifteen minutes.

(2) Leaflet Drops. (6-13 Aug 69).

(a) Leaflet drops were conducted by USAF targeted at 21 targets through out the province. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total number of leaflets dropped was 777,000.

(3) Face to Face.

(a) (Late entry 14 Aug 69). Face to Face missions were conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of PHUOC HAI and LONG HOUNG Villages. The themes were GVN Image, RD and New Life Development, Chieu Hoi and Anti VC. A total of 12 movies were shown for a total screening time of six hours.

(b) Face to Face missions were conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of DAT DO Village. The themes were GVN Image, Chieu Hoi and Anti VC. A total of six movies were shown for a total screening time of three hours

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(4) Ground.

(a) (Late entry 14 Aug 69). Ground broadcasts were conducted by the Audio Team targeted at the population of PHOUH HAI and LONG HUONG Villages. The themes were GVN Image. The total broadcast time was two and a half hours.

(b) Ground broadcasts were conducted by the Audio Visual 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.

(5) Armed Propaganda Team.

(a) (Late entry 14 Aug 69) APT operated in PHOUH HAI and LONG HUONG Villages for a total time of four hours.

(b) APT operated in DAT DO Village for a total time of two hours.

(6) Integrated Civic Action Programme.

(a) An night ICAP was conducted in BINH BA Village for a total time of three hours.

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17 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation LOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supported by elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Phase 2 operations in the DUC THANH District. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 9 RAR in AO UMBERATNA. Provided one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remain op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 17 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued Barrier minefield clearance operation near DAT DO and LCT operations in AO UMBERATNA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATNA and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection ops in AO MINDY support by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ loc FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. Continued Phase 2 operations DAT DO District and provided one coy for the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA supported by 161 Fd Bty(NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy(LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. Completed redeployment to NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0835/45	YS309671	VC Base Camp	100/40 1 Bkr Dam.
0920/30	YS545877	VC Base Camp	100/20 Neg further.
0945/1002	YS799739	VC Base Camp	100/30 1 Mil str dam, 1 mil str exp, 2 table and bench tops exp.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Add to B Coy 5 RAR contact throughout day 15 Aug at YS2584. Two en KBA(BC) five en KBA(LFT)(POSS).
- (2) Add to contact of C Coy 5 RAR at 150710H at YS274768 - one AK 47 recovered.
- (3) Delete one NVA KIA(BC) from contact of 7 pl 5 RAR at 151530H at YS283766 insert "with unknown results".
- (4) At 151315H at YS274768 9 pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 en resulting in one en KIA(BC), 1 en KIA(Poss) and one RPG 2 and rocket being recovered.
- (5) At 151600H at YS568655 2 Coy 2/52 ARVN contacted an estimated en squad with unknown results.
- (6) At 161115H at YS268858 12 pl D Coy 5 RAR engaged one en resulting in one en WIA (blood trail).
- (7) At YS262858 D Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system comprising five bunkers which had been recently occupied. A quantity of food (including 50 lbs polished cooked rice) clothing and documents were recovered.
- (8) At YS269857 D Coy 5 RAR located a bunker system comprising six bunkers and a cooking pit all in excellent condition. Recovered were 650 lbs polished rice, 200 AK 47 rds, 1 M6 grenade and a quantity of medical supplies.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. Nil
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One KIA(BC), two KBA(BC), five KBA(Poss), 1 KIA(Poss) one WIA (blood trail).
 - (b) One AK 47, one RPG 2, one RPG 2 rd, 700 lbs polished rice, one M6 grenade, 200 AK 47 rds, quantity documents, food and medical supplies.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 Tp YS446743, 1 Tp YS328804, 3 Tp YS513608.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp(-) YS329804, 3 Sect 2 Tp YS512610, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS516534, 2 Sect Sp Tp YS329804, 6 Sect Sp Tp YS518612.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, YS3384, 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE, YS5361, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy(-) YS328804, B Coy(-) YS248851, C Coy(-) YS276769, D Coy(-) YS269859.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy(-) YS515537, B Coy(-) YS512610, C Coy(-) YS565600, D Coy(-) YS584608.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy FSPB BATON, 2 Coy(-) YS566653, 3 Coy(-) YS557617, 637 RF Coy(-) YS563620.
- (8) 3/43 Arvn. HORSESHOE HILL

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus with elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continue phase two operations DUC THANH District. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for land clearing protection ops in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759 and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in DUC THANH District. One tp deploys 2/52 ARVN Bn to AO LING, centre of mass YS6069. Provides one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction standby.

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- (3) 5 RAR. One coy RIF and continues LCT protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Coys conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Conducts phase 2 operations DAT DO District from NUI DAT and provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN. Redeploys to conduct RIF and ambush operations in AO LING, centre of mass YS6069. Bn HQ remains FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f.

Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Three
Squad - Seven
- (2) 3 SAS has 7 LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - One(LRRP)
- (4) Results - 1 en KIA(BC)

2.

Combined Operations.

- (a) Psychological Operations. Omitted.
- (b) RF Operations.
 - (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH.
 - (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA.
 - (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA.
 - (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.
- (c) Engineer Operations.
 - (1) Mine Clearance. 43 mines were detonated and one recovered from the DAT DO Barrier Minefield.
 - (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS506603, 513603, 512608,
 - (b) YS515536, 518539, 514539.

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247. DUTIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
20 AUG 69	WO2 KLUDAS	SGT FAIRHEAD
21 " "	LT DOERR	SGT STEER
22 " "	CAPT GILCHRIST	SGT CORKRAN
23 " "	LT SWEENEY	SGT SPARGO
24 " "	LT BLACKNEY	SGT BROWNING
25 " "	CAPT SULLIVAN	SGT GREY
26 " "	WO1 KENDRICK	SGT HILTON

PICQUETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
20 AUG 69	FDT/COMPOSITE	FDT/COMPOSITE
21 " "	LAD	"
22 " "	FDT/COMPOSITE	"
23 " "	3 TP	"
24 " "	LAD	"
25 " "	3 TP	"
26 " "	LAD	"

248. PICQUET VEHICLES

1. Picquet vehicles are to be allocated daily by the Technical Sergeant.
2. Picquet Commander will report to the Technical Sergeant at 1600 hrs daily to ascertain vehicle allocated.
3. Picquet Commanders are to be responsible for the positioning and return of picquet vehicles and is to ensure that the provisions of Routine Order 161/69 para 7 - 11 are strictly adhered to.

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NOTICE

1. The JOHNNY O'KEEFE concert party (Army sponsored) will be performing at Luscombe Bowl on Friday 22 Aug 69 and Monday 1 Sep 69 commencing at 1030 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

18 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Phase 2 operations in the DUC THANH district. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 9 RAR in AO UMBERATNA. Provided one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in the Duc Thanh District. One tp deployed elements of 2/52 ARVN Bn from AO FISH to AO LING. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact and 35 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance near DAT DO and LCT operations in AO UMBERATNA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATNA and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in the DUC THANH District.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Elements deployed from 1 ATF Base NUI DAT to vicinity LONG TAN rubber vicinity YS4866. One coy continued retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA supported by 161 Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Elements deployed from AO FISH to AO LING and continued RIF and ambush operations. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing protection operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0943H	YS543828	VC Base Camp	100/60 15 metres trench collapsed, unknown amount of trench exp, 1 bunker exp, 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 lean-to exposed.
1100H	YS546829	VC Base Camp	100/60. 50 metres trench exposed, 1 bunker destroyed 1 bunker collapsed.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0735H at YS244843 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results.
- (2) At 0850H at YS248851 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted two enemy resulting in two en KIA (BC). Two AK47s, five AK47 magazines, 300 AK47 rds, documents and clothing were recovered.
- (3) At 1100H at YS285764 7 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted one en resulting in one en KIA(BC).
- (4) At 1505H at YS270851 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted five en resulting in one KIA(BC). A pack containing rice, clothing and documents was recovered.
- (5) At 1857H at YS601604 12 Pl D Coy 9 RAR ambushed six en moving down stream in a canoe. Canoe engaged with M79 and SA and was destroyed. No en surfaced after engagement and estimate that 6 en KIA(poss).
- (6) At 1755H at YS622673 3 Coy 2/52 ARVN contacted an estimated en pl in a base camp. En withdrew after being engaged by 3 Coy. One SKS and one SMG CIA - en personnel losses unknown. One ARVN WIA (evac).
- (7) At 1725H at YS526547 a M113 of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an M16 mine resulting in light damage to the vehicle.
- (8) At YS271851 D Coy 5 RAR located an en position comprising 34 bunkers and 11 eqpt pits. System very recently occupied and in excellent condition. 50 lbs rice, three stick grenades and 300 AK47 rounds were recovered.
- (9) At YS332806 elements of 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a large en base camp comprising 44 bunkers and 27 weapon pits. Camp was six months old but had recently been occupied. Some cooking eqpt was recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One ARVN WIA (evac).
 - (b) Materiel. One M113 slightly damaged.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Four en KIA(BC); Six en KIA (poss).
 - (b) Materiel. Two AK47s, five AK47 mags, 600 AK47 rounds, quantity clothing and documents, 50 lbs rice, three stick grenades, one canoe. One SKS and one SMG (captured by 2/52 ARVN).

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; Sqn HQ(-) and 2 Tp YS447744; 1 Tp YS328806; 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB RUGBY YS3080; 3 Tp (-) YS515537; 3 Sect 3 Tp YS516534; 5 Sect Sp Tp YS482671; 4 Sect Sp Tp YS446741; 6 Sect Sp Tp YS518612.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384; 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE YS5361. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY; A Coy (-) YS333801; B Coy (-) YS248851; C Coy (-) YS277769; D Coy YS271850.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) 1 ATF Base; Tac HQ and D Coy (-) YS482671; A Coy (-) YS477673; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE; A Coy (-) YS515537; B Coy (-) YS512610; C Coy (-) YS565600; D Coy (-) YS584608.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ, 2 Coy (-) FSPB BATON YS5561; 1 Coy (-) YS602651; 3 Coy (-) YS627670; 637 RF Coy (-) YS557617
- (8) 2/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

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e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements of Sqn HQ and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt commence RIF and ambush operations in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4878. Provides the tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect deploy to commence Phase 2 operations XUYEN MOC District in AO CROCODILE, centre of mass YS7267. One tp and one AMC sect opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. One sect and one AMC sect continue in support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR. Continues operation vicinity YS4866. Location Bn HQ to be advised.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH centre of mass YS5665 and AO LING, centre of mass YS6069. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two
Platoon - Three
Squad - Six

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact -- One (LRRP).

(4) Results -- One en KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATNA.

(4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations

(1) Mine Clearance. A total of 59 mines were destroyed in the DAT DO Barrier Minefield.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS513613, YS516615, YS512605, YS512610, YS506600, YS508601, YS507604, YS505604.

(b) YS514540, YS518540, YS514539, YS518539.

(c) YS328804, YS331808, YS336805, YS332799.

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy activity decreased considerably during the week and only 2 regiments of the MF divisions initiated contacts, in central BINH LONG province. 101D Regt and K20 Sapper Bn ambushed a convoy South of AN LOC on 20th August, while 1-209 Regt 7 NVA Div was identified in another ambush NW of LOC NINH on 21st August.
2. Enemy activity continued to be heavy in BINH LONG and TAY NINH provinces. Although attacks by fire diminished in BINH LONG after 18th August, subsequent ambushes by MF elements near AN LOC and LOC NINH evidenced continued enemy pressure in central BINH LONG. The heaviest attacks by fire in TAY NINH province were directed at the BEN SOI area and a ground probe NE of TAY NINH resulted in 41 enemy KIA and 3 PWs who identified 69 Arty Command. Moderate activity continued in Sub-Regions 1, 2, and 5, in Saigon and in VC U-1 province and WAR ZONE "C". No significant activity was again reported in MR-6 and WAR ZONE "D" and activity continued light in SR-3, SR-4 and VC BA BIEN province.
3. During the week there were 95 enemy initiated attacks in III CTZ compared to 170 last week. Of these there were 27 significant mortar and 12 rocket attacks compared to 42 and 29 respectively last week.

Enemy Activity

4. Main enemy initiated attacks were:-
 - a. 17th August, XT275682, FSB ST BARBARA, 12Km NW of PHUOC HOA (WAR ZONE "C"), 25 US Inf Div elements received rocket, mortar and RPG fire preceding a ground attack by an unknown size enemy force - result 15 enemy KIA.
 - b. 17th August, XT143433, 6Km SE of BEN SOI (TAY NINH) 1 Arvn Abn Bn CP received an estimated 200 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire; friendly unit returned fire with SA/AW and US Navy elements inflicted 15 enemy KIA.
 - c. 20th August, XT296551, 4km SW of PHUOC HOA (TAY NINH) 25 US Inf Div NDP received a ground probe as SA/AW weapons, RPG and unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds hit the friendly unit; Arty, Night Hawk, LFT, Flareship, Blue Max, Spooky and TAC Air supported resulting in 41 enemy KIA and 3 PW who claimed their unit as 69 Arty Command.

Enemy Locations

5. The only elements of 1 NVA Div to be identified were the 101D Regt and K20 Sapper Bn which 2 PWs identified as taking part on 20th August convoy ambush 16Km South of AN LOC on Route 13. While not identified during the week, the 95C Regt is believed responsible for current enemy activity in central WAR ZONE "C". 18B Regt has remained out of contact since its last identification by a HOI CHANH on 26th June south of BO TUC (XT3886) in WAR ZONE "C". Documents found following a light 21st August contact in IV CTZ CHAU DUC Province - which resulted in 3 enemy KIA, identified a battalion CO of 18B Regt. This was the first identification of an NVA divisional element in IV CTZ.

5 VC Div.

6. All elements of 5 VC Div are located east and north east of SONG BE in PHUOC LONG province.

7 NVA DIV.

7. 209 Regt was identified on 21st August 2 km NW of LOC NINH where elements of the regiment ambushed on 11 ACR convoy enroute to LOC NINH. The ambush resulted in 11 enemy KIA and 1 PW who identified his unit as 1-209 Regt. On 17th August 10km E of QUAN LOI 5 SFCA elements found a regimental size bunker complex; captured documents identified the D368 Bn and 141 Regt. Documents captured following a light contact 3.5 km NE of LOC NINH identified 165 Regt. 7 NVA has not yet been heavily committed in the Autumn Campaign though it apparently remains targetted against installations in the LOC NINH area.

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8. 9 VC Div remained out of contact but was identified twice. The C21 Recce Coy, 272 Regt was identified by an 18th August PW captured west of AN LOC and 1-272 Regt was identified on 22nd August NW of QUAN LOI when a Hoi Chanh rallied to the 4-9 ARVN Regt. 88 Regt is also believed responsible for a portion of the activity in TAY NINH province but was not identified during the week.

9. In MR-7, 33 Regt is believed to be in the LA NGA Base Area, eastern LONG KHANH province while 274 Regt HQ is considered to be east of the BINH SON rubber.

10 Details of probable locations of enemy main force units are:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
<u>1 NVA Div HQ</u>	NE of KATUM	4625
18B NVA Inf Regt	Transferred to IV CTZ	1200
95C NVA Inf Regt	N of NUI BA DEN	1000
101D NVA Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC	1200
<u>5 VC Div HQ</u>	Eastern PHUOC LONG Province	4300
275 VC Inf Regt	E of SONG BE	1000
174 NVA Inf Regt	Eastern PHUOC LONG Province	1175
95 NVA Inf Regt	NE PHUOC LONG Province	800
<u>7 NVA Div HQ</u>	Vicinity FISH HOOK	4720
165 NVA Inf Regt	NE of LOC NINH	1150
141 NVA Inf Regt	NE of AN LOC	1100
209 NVA Inf Regt	NW of LOC NINH	1020
<u>9 VC Div HQ</u>	Vicinity of WT9854	3950
271 VC Inf Regt	SW of AN LOC	920
272 VC Inf Regt	Vicinity QUAN LOI	110
88 NVA Inf Regt	N of STRAIGHT EDGE WOODS (TAY NINH Province)	680
<u>1 NVA Inf Regt</u>	BINH PHUOC, LONG AN Province	1490
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt</u>	LA NGA Base Area	1075
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt</u>	Vicinity TRAPEZOID	1175
<u>268 VC Inf Regt</u>	BOI LOI Woods	890
<u>274 VC Inf Regt</u>	HAT DITCH - BINH SON	700
<u>DONG NAI Inf Regt</u>	SW of PHUOC VINH	1075

Enemy Losses

11. Enemy losses in III CTZ during the week were 878 KIA (BC), 77 PW, 210 Hoi Chanh and 255 individual and 39 crew served weapons were captured. There were 1.5 tons of rice captured or destroyed.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

12. The enemy has used the period of decreased activity since the highpoint of 11th/12th August to refit, prepare and position his forces. The present disposition of the enemy's divisional elements suggest that his major effort will be in the northern provinces with the main emphasis on BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG provinces. Sub-Region forces show little indication of carrying out any major effort and appear to be occupied with avoiding contact. Enemy objectives in the Autumn Campaign are more practical and more in keeping with his capabilities than in previous campaigns and despite reports that his campaign is to be decisive it is expected that the pattern of action will follow the previous highpoint system, but with concentrated efforts on selected targets. His force structure is likely to undergo several changes as he attempts to provide appropriate military strength in the areas of his objectives.

13. It is estimated that the enemy will attempt another highpoint around 1st September with the major effort conducted by the divisional forces. Regional main and local forces will conduct attacks by fire and some small ground actions in attempt to give a corps wide appearance, but these efforts are expected to be of light intensity and short duration.

Friendly Activities

14. Main friendly activities were:-

- a. 17th August, XT748192, 7.5 km NW of PHU CUONG (BINH DUONG)
Night Hawk 1 US Inf Div engaged 50-75 enemy and killed 33.
- b. 17th August, XT921879, 10 km ESE of QUAN LOI (BINH LONG)
A-333 5 SFGA engaged an unknown number of enemy in bunkers resulting in 16 enemy KIA. Following the contact the Allied unit found a regimental size bunker complex, captured documents identified 141 Regt and D368 LF Bn as the previous occupants. The complex contained kitchens, mess halls, dispensaries, cooking ovens, latrines and more than 100 tables. Captured were a large amount of clothing, medicine, webbing gear, 20000 AK-47 rounds, 105 60mm/82mm mortar rounds, 100 75mm KR rounds and other assorted ammunition and food. Blood trails and pools indicate another estimated 50-100 enemy KIA or WIA.
- c. 18th August, XS620702, 8.5 km NE of TAN AN (LONG AN) 3-46
ARVN Bn engaged an unknown size enemy unit; LFT and arty supported the action resulting in 22 enemy KIA/KBA; documents identified K-4 Bn 1NVA Regt of SR-3.
- d. 19th August, XT517377, 5km NW of BEN SUC (BINH DUONG), 25 US Inf Div elements engaged 4-5 enemy in bunkers, supported by arty, LFT and TAC air; contact was re-established during a sweep of the area and final score was 25 enemy KIA and 1 PW who stated he was a member of 125 Infiltration Group en route to an unidentified unit as a replacement.
- e. 20th August, XS768689, 2km south of RACH KIEN (LONG AN) 25 US Inf Div and 1 Air Cav elements reported a company size contact resulting in 35 enemy KIA and 2 Hoi Chanh one of whom identified his unit as K-75, 3 Arty Bn, SR 3.
- f. 23rd August, XU678082, 5.5 km WSW of LOC NINH (BINH LONG), 1 US Cav Div elements found 18 graves containing 40 enemy bodies.

15. No significant caches were found.

Section 2 South Vietnam (excl III CTZ) and North Vietnam

(A) Enemy Activity

16. Country wide the number of attacks and ambushes decreased during the week. There were 5 attacks in I CTZ, 5 attacks and 1 ambush in II CTZ and 10 attacks in IV CTZ.

Friendly Activity

(B)

17. I CTZ. There were 15 FW and 14 ARVN large unit operations. Enemy casualties were 1136 KIA, friendly 31 FW KIA and 38 ARVN KIA.

II CTZ. There were 11 FW and 15 ARVN large unit operations. Enemy casualties were 349 KIA, friendly 9 FW KIA and 17 ARVN KIA.

IV CTZ. There were 1 FW and 96 ARVN large unit operations. Enemy casualties were 490 KIA, friendly 6 FW KIA and 56 ARVN KIA.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

18. For the week ending 23rd August, the number of large unit operations decreased from 273 to 262 and the number of operations with contact decreased from 100 to 98. The number of enemy killed decreased from 3898 (adjusted) to 2757.

Other Information

VC Fusing Devices

19. A document found on a body by USMC troops in I CTZ includes instructions for preparing the bark of a tree which is then rolled into a tube and used as a fuse for lob bombs. Because of its slow burning nature, it is said to produce a delay of 1-6 hours, making it appear to be a dud.

20. Full translation is as follows:-

1. "Recently, some village launched artillery shells and bombs, and used the bark of a certain type of tree (named DUNG DINH). Scrape the bark and dry it on a sunny day, then place it in a tube or roll it into a roll of paper. Connect with one or .5 cm of time fuse. Launch the bomb and let it fly to the target. Depending on the quantity of bark used, the bomb will explode from one to five or six hours later, deceiving the enemy and maintaining safety. This type of fuse is like (possibly paper) and is lit by using an incense stick. After receiving this communique, local areas and cadre must experiment to gain experience and report the results for further study".

(Extracted from III MAF Perintrep 33-69)

268 VC Inf Regt Operations SR-1

21. Further to Vietnam Digest 29-69 concerning the restrictions placed on 268 VC Regt operations by US land clearing operations and subsequent harassments by Allied units, documents captured by 25 US Inf Div troops revealed that casualties of 268 Regt for June and July included:-

- Acting Chief of Staff of the Regt
- Chief of the Political Section
- Assistant Regimental Political Officer
- Assistant Chief of 268 Regt Rear Service Section
- Executive Officer of 3 Bn.

Strength of 268 Regt has decreased from an estimated 1100 on 31st May to 890 on 23rd August despite the receipt of a possible 200-250 replacements.

ARVN Strength

22. ARVN manpower figures as at 31st July were:-

<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>REGIONAL FORCES</u>	<u>POPULAR FORCES</u>
455,481	* 253,664	186,365

* Figures for 15th July.

Intake for the regular forces is between 3000 and 3500 per week.

23. In III CTZ there are 3 ARVN divisions:-

5th DIV. -	7th Inf Regt.)	BINH DUONG
	8th Inf Regt.)	BINH LONG
	9th Inf Regt.)	PHUOC LONG
18th DIV. -	43rd Inf Regt.)	LONG KHANH
	48th Inf Regt.)	BIEN HOA
	52nd Inf Regt.)	BINH TUY
25th DIV. -	46th Inf Regt.)	LONG AN
	49th Inf Regt.)	HAU NGHIA
	50th Inf Regt.)	AY NINH

24. On 23rd August there were 58 ARVN manoeuvre battalions available in III CTZ which, apart from battalions organic to divisions, include 8 Airborne battalions, 10 Ranger battalions and 2 Vietnamese Marine Corps battalions.

Targets Detectable By OV1-C Mohawk Infrared Sensor

25. The principle of the Mohawk infrared surveillance system is based upon the capability of the system to detect infrared radiation beneath the surveillance aircraft. These radiations normally cannot be detected by other surveillance means. In addition, temperature and emissivity differentials are the best indications of manmade activity and therefore, of potential military targets. Infrared data complements other intelligence data such as visual reconnaissance, photography and radar. Identification of such potential targets normally is not possible due to the imagery resolution, the terrain, and the environment in which the Mohawk must operate.

26. Research of various technical manuals and review of experience factors reveal the AN/UAS-4A Infrared Sensor system is capable of detecting the following or similar targets:-

- a. Cooking fires.
- b. Surface fires.
- c. Generators.
- d. Communications equipment.
- e. Motorized rivercraft.
- f. Surface vehicles (e.g. , trucks, motorcycles, lambrettas, armoured vehicles and tractors).
- g. Recently fired weapons (e.g. , automatic weapons, flame throwers, mortars, rocket launchers and arty).
- h. Rear svc areas (e.g. , maintenance and repair shops and machinery).

27. Additionally, for sanitization purposes, a trained image interpreter is normally able to discern certain friendly activity (e.g. , B-52 strikes, sky spots, bomb craters and to a lesser degree artillery fires).

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247. DUTIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
20 AUG 69	WO2 KLUDAS	SGT FAIRHEAD
21 " "	LT DOERR	SGT STEER
22 " "	CAPT GILCHRIST	SGT CORKRAN
23 " "	LT SWEENEY	SGT SPARGO
24 " "	LT BLACKNEY	SGT BROWNING
25 " "	CAPT SULLIVAN	SGT GREY
26 " "	WO1 KENDRICK	SGT HILTON

PICQUETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
20 AUG 69	FDT/COMPOSITE	FDT/COMPOSITE
21 " "	LAD	"
22 " "	FDT/COMPOSITE	"
23 " "	3 TP	"
24 " "	LAD	"
25 " "	3 TP	"
26 " "	LAD	"

248. PICQUET VEHICLES

1. Picquet vehicles are to be allocated daily by the Technical Sergeant.
2. Picquet Commander will report to the Technical Sergeant at 1600 hrs daily to ascertain vehicle allocated.
3. Picquet Commanders are to be responsible for the positioning and return of picquet vehicles and is to ensure that the provisions of Routine Order 161/69 para 7 - 11 are strictly adhered to.

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NOTICE

1. The JOHNNY O'KEEFE concert party (Army sponsored) will be performing at Luscombe Bowl on Friday 22 Aug 69 and Monday 1 Sep 69 commencing at 1030 hrs.

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

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt commenced RIF and ambush operations in AO EDWARD. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. Provided one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect supported by one pl 9 RAR commenced Phase 2 operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp plus AMC sect remain op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Elements continue to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact plus 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Completed deployment to the vicinity of YS4867 and conducted a commemorative service at the site of the Battle of LONG TAN. Returned to Nui Dat on completion. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn at HORSESHOE HILL. Provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base Nui Dat.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One pl deployed with elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt to AO CROCODILE. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Descr	BDA
0209H	YS71609030 (CSS)	VC Base Camp	100% on tgt. Neg BDA
0855/0905	YS543828	VC Base Camp	100/70. 5 fighting posns exp. 12 bkrs exp. 6 bkrs dest.
0952/1006	YS706835	VC Base Camp	100/80. 3 mil struc dest.
1455/1504	YS235834	Bunker Complex	100/80. BDA to be done by ground troops
1625/1640	YS235834	Bunker Complex	100/80. Neg BDA due to smoke and foliage. Ground troops to do BDA.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0938H at YS601666, 1 Coy 2/52 ARVN contacted 3 VC with negative personnel casualties. 330 lbs rice, five SMG magazines, 23 7.92mm armour piercing rounds recovered.
- (2) At 1305H at YS235834, B Coy 5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system with unknown results. Airstrikes and LFT were used in support of the contact. Two Aust were WIA and evacuated. Three enemy were engaged by LFT with result two KBA (poss).
- (3) At YS526547, Aslt Pnrs Pl of 5 RAR located five M16 mines.
- (4) At YS270845, D Coy 5 RAR located a def posn comprising 12 bunkers. System had been occupied by caretaker group until arrival of D Coy. Recovered were large quantity medical supplies, 100 AK47 rounds, 500 7.62mm pistol rounds, 100 M1 rounds in magazines and 50 lbs rice.
- (5) At YS271843, 10 Pl D Coy 5 RAR located a def posn comprising 12 bunkers, one hut and some storage pits in good condition. Recovered were 400 detonators, 5 chemical detonators, one 10 gauge shotgun, qty of food, documents and clothing.
- (6) At YS328801, A Coy 5 RAR located a def posn comprising 52 bunkers, 38 wpn pits and 85 metres trench. Recovered were two AK47 bayonets, 40 7.92mm rounds and five bangalore torpedoes. The posn was destroyed by LCT.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Two Aust WIA (evacuated).
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Two KBA (poss).
 - (b) Materiel. 380 lbs rice, five SMG magazines, 23 7.92mm armour piercing rounds, five M16 mines, 100 AK47 rounds, 500 7.62mm pistol rounds, 100 M1 rounds in magazines, 400 detonators, five chemical detonators, one 10 gauge shotgun, two AK47 bayonets, 40 7.92mm rounds, five bangalore torpedoes, qty of medical supplies, food, clothing and documents.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ (-) and 2 Tp YS473816, 1 Tp YS333801, 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS632652, 2 Tp YS333801, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS515531.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384, 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE YS5361, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy (-) YS333801, B Coy YS237833, C Coy (-) YS285773, D Coy (-) YS270845.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy (-) YS515537, B Coy (-) YS512610, C Coy (-) YS565600, D Coy (-) YS584608.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ, 2 Coy (-) FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy (-) YS591670, 3 Coy (-) YS619685, 637 RE Coy (-) YS557617.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continue RIF and ambush operations in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4878. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect and one pl 9 RAR continue phase 2 ops in AO CROCODILE, centre of mass YS7267. One tp plus one AMC sect remain op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. One sect and one AMC sect continue to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4878. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Supports phase 2 operations in the DAT DO District. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

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(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO LING, centre of mass YS6069. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining in HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - three.
Platoon - three.
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.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

- (a) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at C41. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.
- (b) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. Total broadcast time was one hour.
- (c) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at VC families living in area East of XUYEN MOC. The themes were Return to GVN. Total broadcast time was one hour.
- (d) (Late entry 16 Aug 69) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at VC units in the LONG HAI mountains. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (e) (Late entry 16 Aug 69) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at C41. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.
- (f) (Late entry 17 Aug 69) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at VC families living in area East of XUYEN MOC. The themes were Return to GVN. The total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(2) Face to Face.

- (a) Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of AN NHUT. The themes were GVN Image, Chieu Hoi and Anti VC. A total of six movies were shown for a total screening time of three hours.

(3) Ground Broadcasts.

- (a) Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of AN NHUT. The themes were GVN Image. The total broadcast time was half hour.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team.

- (a) Operated in AN NHUT for a total of two hours. Distributed 75 posters.

(5) Integrated Civil Action Programme (ICAP).

- (a) Conducted in PHUOC HOA village for a total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearance. 157 M16 mines were cleared from the DAT DO Barrier minefield.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS326808-30808-328804-325804.
 - (b) YS514540-518540-516543-518542.

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20 Aug 69

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

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

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a. General.

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ supported by elements B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued RIF and ambush operations in AO EDWARD. One tp remained opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained opcon 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect and one pl 9 RAR continued Phase 2 operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp plus one AMC sect remained opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Elements continue to support 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 12 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continue to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Supported Phase 2 operations in the LONG DIEN District from NUI DAT and provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continued retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ), and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, 6 Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One pl continued in DS B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Co-ords	Target Description	BDA
0920-0935H	YS591848	VC Base Camp	100/70. 4 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure exposed and damaged, 1 military structure exposed. Military structures are 18m x 12m.
0949-1001H	YS543828	VC Base Camp	100/70. 9 bunkers damaged and exposed, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 fighting pit exp, 10m trench collapsed.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 181515H at YS23583, 5/B/5 RAR contacted two enemy in bunker system with negative results.

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- (2) At 181259H at YS235834 6/B/5 RAR contacted five to six enemy in bunker system with negative results.
- (3) At 181705H at YS235834 6/B/5 RAR contacted two enemy in a bunker system with negative results.
- (4) On 18 Aug 69 at YS280773 C/5 RAR located a bunker system 200 x 200 metres with OHC 2 feet thick. Quantity of documents found.
- (5) On 18 Aug 69 at YS282771 C/5 RAR located a bunker system 100 x 100 metres with OHC 4 feet 6 inches thick. Not used in last six months.
- (6) At 181000H at YS526547 A/9 RAR and elements of 1 Fd Sqn located 5 x M16 mines. Mines were marked with a red cloth triangle on nearby bush.
- (7) At 191215H at YS527548 A/9 RAR and elements of 1 Fd Sqn located 4 x M16 mines. Mines marked by stick 3/4 inch thick, 12 inches high.
- (8) At 191230H at YS567654 2 Coy 2/52 ARVN Bn contacted an estimated VC squad resulting in negative casualties to either side. 50 kilos of rice, clothing, 2 AK47 magazines, 2 SMG magazines recovered. Two houses and one bunker destroyed.
- (9) At 190930H at YS460842 an APC detonated an M16 mine resulting in two Aust WIA (one evacuated).
- (10) At 191725H at YS469834 elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted 4-5 VC. The enemy was engaged with 20 pdr HE, 30 Cal MG, Negative friendly casualties, 2 VC KIA (Poss).

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel -- 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).
 - (b) Materiel -- Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel -- 2 KIA (Poss).
 - (b) Materiel -- 9 x M16 mines, 50 kilos rice, quantity documents, quantity clothing, 2 AK47 magazines, 2 SMG magazines.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) and 2 Tp YS467885, 1 Tp YS333801, 3 Tp YS513610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS637654, 2 Tp YS333801, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS522547.
- (3) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy(-) YS333801, B Coy YS233833, C Coy(-) YS286773, D Coy(-) YS246853.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy(-) YS522546, B Coy(-) YS512610, C Coy YS556600, D Coy(-) YS584608.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy(-) YS590679, 2 Coy(-) FSPB BATON, 3 Coy(-) YS619721, RF Coy(-) YS557617.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continue RIF and ambush operations in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4878. Provides the tks to 5 RAR, 9 RAR and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continue Phase 2 operations in AO CROCODILE, centre of mass YS7267. One tp and one AMC sect remain upon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One sect plus one AMC sect continue to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys to AO GATE, centre of mass YS3166, to conduct RIF and ambush operations. Supports Phase 2 operations DAT DO District from NUI DAT. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continue RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

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- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO LING, centre of mass YS558617. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two.
Platoon - Nil.
Squad - Seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has nine LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Action with Contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Conducted by RAAF and HB Team targeted at D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(b) Conducted by RAAF and HB Team targeted at VC Families East of XUYEN MOC. Themes were return to GVN. The total broadcast time was half an hour.

(2) Face to Face.

(a) Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of DAT DO and PHUOC LE Villages. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. A total of nine movies were shown for a total screening time of five hours.

(3) Ground Broadcasts.

(a) Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of PHUOC LE and DAT DO. The themes were GVN Image. The team handed out posters.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team.

(a) APT operated in PHUOC LE and DAT DO for a total of two hours.

(5) Aircraft Leaflet Drops.

(a) Conducted by USAF targeted at CUI. The themes were Chieu Hoi or Surrender. A total of 100,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.

(4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. Nil mines cleared. APC's undergoing repair.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS513604-514604-513600-509597-507599-512601.

(b) YS516543-518542-517544-519543.

(c) YS320800-324803-330804-331799.

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21 Aug 69

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

TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: AVFBC-RE

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- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continued Phase 2 operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp plus one AMC sect remained opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Elements continued to support 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA, and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance operation near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Supported Phase 2 operations in the DAT DO District. One coy deployed to AO GATE PA, centre of mass YS3166 to conduct RIF and ambush operations. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1045/ 1055H	YS591848	VC Base Camp	100/20%, Negative BDA 3 dud bombs
1406/ 1418H	YS670910 YS700908 YS710910	Area strike using C.B.U.	100/80%, negative further.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 201150H at YS457878, 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted two enemy resulting on one VC KIA(BC) and negative friendly casualties.
- (2) At 201425H at YS527547 the Aslt Pnr Pl of 9 RAR located 2 x M16 mines.
- (3) At 201300H -- 201600H at YS540556, A/9 RAR and elements of 1 Fd Sqn located 6 x M16 mines.
- (4) At 201415H -- 201515H at YS526548, A/9 RAR and elements of 1 Fd Sqn located 10 x M16 mines.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (b) Materiel: 18 x M16 mines.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) and 2 Tp YS464862, 1 Tp YS333801, 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp(-) YS643657, 2 Tp NDP RUGBY, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS518612, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS522547.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. BHQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy(-) YS234832, B Coy(-) YS330801, C Coy(-) YS286773, D Coy(-) YS239848.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy(-) YS325694.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy(-) YS522546, B Coy(-) YS512610, C Coy(-) YS551595, D Coy(-) YS602606.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy(-) YS593676, 2 Coy(-) FSPB BATON, 3 Coy(-) YS625696, 637 RF Coy YS559615.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus elements Sqn HQ and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt continue RIF and ambush operations in AO EDWARD, centre of mass YS4878. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR, 9 RAR, and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continue phase 2 operations in AO CROCKLE, centre of mass YS7276. One tp and one AMC sect remain op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One sect and one AM sect continues to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO EDWARD. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Continues to support phase 2 operations DAT DO District. One coy continues RIF and ambush operations in AO GATE PA, centre of mass YS3166. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH centre of mass YS5665, and AO LING, centre of mass YS5561. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

- e. (7) 3/45 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- f. Small Unit Actions
- (1) Company - four
Platoon - nil
Squad - seven
 - (2) 3 SAS Sqn has nine LRRPs deployed.
 - (3) Small unit actions with contact - two LRRPs.
 - (4) Results: 3 VC KIA(BC), 2 VC KIA, 1 VC KIA (possible), one 6 x 6 French or US flatbed truck with trailer, and approx 5 tons rice destroyed.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Aircraft broadcasts

- (a) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at C41. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was 1½ hours.
 - (b) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was 1 hour.
 - (c) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at VC families EAST of XUYEN MOC. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. The total broadcast time was 1 hour.
- (2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by 161 Recce Flight and Psy Ops sect targeted at the population of ONG TRING, PHUOC HOA and LONG CAT. The themes were Land Reform. A total of 50,000 leaflets were dropped.
- (3) Face to Face. Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of HOA LONG. The themes were GVN image and Chieu Hoi. A total of 6 movies were shown for a total screening time of 2½ hours.
- (4) Ground Broadcasts. Conducted by Radio Team and RD Cadre, targeted at the population of HOA LONG. The themes were GVN image and RD new life. The total broadcast time was 1½ hours.
- (5) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in HOA LONG for a period of 2 hours.
- (6) Integrated Civic Action Programme (ICAP). Conducted in PHUOC THO for a period of 3 hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations

- (1) Mine Clearance. Eleven mines cleared
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS315799 - YS320800 - YS332799 - YS330797.
 - (b) Area 200 metres radius around YS522546.
 - (c) YS515597 to 53 Easting.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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22 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Elements deployed from AO EDWARD to 1 ATF Base NUI DAT. One tp remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp remained op con 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continued phase 2 operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 22 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Supported Phase 2 operations in the DAT DO District. One coy continued RIF and ambush operations in AO GATE PA. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continues in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
201840H	YS805865	Truck with rice	100/7%, neg further.
201615H	"	Truck with rice	100/20%, 1 truck damaged.
201526H	"	Truck with rice	100/30%, 1 truck damaged.
210845H	YS579796	VC base camp	100/60%, 1 bunker exposed and damaged, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 table exposed.
211105H	YS810860 YS721861	1 Bridge Base camp possibly occupied	100/100%, bridge damaged. 100/20%, neg further.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) Amendment. Amend 12/D/5 RAR contact of 171857H at YS601604 to read 6 VC KIA (BC).
- (2) Late Entry. At 201600H at YS311669 12/D/6 RAR located a bunker system containing 15x2 man bunkers, 1x8 inch shell, 30lb explosive, 1 RPG booster, 1 chicom anti tank mine. All ammo destroyed on sight.

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- (3) At 210915H-211630H at YS535553 elms of A/9 RAR and 1 Fd Sqn located 13 M16 mines.
- (4) At 211300H at YS508580 6/B/9 RAR and elms of 1 Fd Sqn located two tunnels containing 1 M16 mine.
- (5) At 211040H-211630H at YS530550 elms of A/9 RAR and 1 Fd Sqn located 9 M16 mines, qty dried fish, 4 gl drum containing clothes and documents two hammocks. Used four to seven days ago.
- (6) Spotrep. At approx 211600 at YS245827 an elm of A/5 RAR contacted an unknown number of enemy in a bunker system, resulting in 4 VC KBA credited to US LFT, 1 Aust KIA (still to be evacuated but secure) and 27 Aust WIA (evacuated).

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel 1 Aust KIA, 27 Aust WIA (evacuated).

(b) Material Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 4 VC KBA (credited to US LFT). 6 VC KIA (BC).

(b) Material. 23 M16 mines, 1x8 inch shell, 30lb explosives, 1 chicom anti tank mine, 1 RPG booster, qty dried fish, 4 gl drum containing docs and clothing, two hammocks.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp NDP RUGBY, 3 Tp YS512610.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS714667, 2 Tp NDP RUGBY, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS522546.

(3) 1 Fd Regt. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US).

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy YS244825, B Coy(-) YS333801, C Coy(-) YS274770, D Coy(-) YS237861.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, D Coy YS325694.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy(-) YS522546, B Coy(-) YS512610, C Coy(-) YS546600, D Coy(-) YS595579.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy(-) YS610662, 2 Coy FSPB BATON 3 Coy(-) YS623686, 637 RF Coy(-) YS557617.

(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

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

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp, one AMC sect an infantry element continue phase 2 operations in AO CROCODILE, centre of mass YS7267. Provides one tp and one AMC sect for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Provides sects 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. Provides one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues to support phase 2 operations DAT DO District. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy continues RIF and ambush operations in AO GATE PA, centre of mass YS3166. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO LING, centre of mass YS5561. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at C41 and D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time one and half hours.
- (2) Face to Face. Conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of AN THAN and NGAI GIAO. The themes were GVN image, Chieu Hoi and RD and New Life development. A total of seven movies were shown for total screening time of three hours.
- (3) Ground Broadcasts. Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of AN THAN and NGAI GIAO. The themes were GVN image. The total broadcast time was one and half hours.
- (4) Armed Propaganda Team. The APT operated in AN THAN village for a total time of two hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine clearance. 286 mines cleared.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) As at 211800H consolidated report: YS506604 510606 505601 507599 509603 513603 512600 510599 511596 519597 517613. Nil mines
 - (b) YS520547 524547 520545 523545. No mines.
 - (c) YS300782 308785 308793 303790. Heavy jungle 2280 acres.

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23 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp deployed from NUI DAT to vicinity of YS2482 to support A Coy 5 RAR. One tp remained op con 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained at 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continued pacification operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp and one AMC sect continued op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One sect plus an infantry element assisted in the movement of one tp of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt to vicinity of YS2482. One tp remained as 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 45 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB Polly YS336042.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued to support pacification in DAT DO District. One coy redeployed from AO GATE PA to 1 ATF Base. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. One pl deployed with elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt to vicinity YS2482. Provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO LING. Two coys returned to FSPB BATON during the afternoon for administration. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for LCT operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Omitted.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) During 21 Aug 69 at YS278772 an elm of C/9 RAR located a bunker system, 100x50 metres containing 20 bunkers, 1 Chicom antitank grenade, 1 Chicom hand grenade, 12 lbs Chicom explosive.
- (2) SPOTREP. Further to A/5 RAR contact of 211605H at YS245827. Original contact was made by Aslt Pnr pl and 3 Pl. The Aslt Pnr Pl was preparing a harbour position when they heard noises approx 300 metres away. The area was engaged by 105 Fd Bty with 72 rds

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of 105 mm delay fuze. The two pls with the Aslt Pnr Pl leading and commanded by 2IC ACoy moved into the contact area. The Aslt Pnr Pl was engaged by enemy SA and RPG fire and received approximately six casualties. 3 Pl formed a firm fire base and the Aslt Pnr Pl withdrew. The whole group was engaged by SA and RPG fire from the front and two flanks. Ten casualties were sustained during this period. The group then withdrew to a clear area for DUSTOFF. Whilst DUSTOFF was in progress a large enemy force counter attacked from a flank using fire and movement. Most casualties were sustained during this period. At least 10 enemy were seen to fall during the contact. Consolidated figures to date are: 10 VC KIA (Poss), 4 VC KBA, 1 Aust KIA, 31 Aust WIA (evacuated).

(3) At 220900H at YS508578 6/B/9 RAR located 1 M16 mine.

(4) At 220725H at YS319797 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted 2 VC moving South with negative results.

(5) During 22 Aug 69 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a bunker system 150x50 metres containing 43 bunkers, 28 weapon pits with 3 ft of OHC. System was new and used in last two weeks. Equipment located included 150 AK47 rds, and a small qty of medical stores.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Consolidated figures for A/5 RAR 1 Aust KIA, 31 Aust WIA (evacuated), 5 to 6 Aust WIA remained on duty.

(b) Materiel. Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. Consolidated figures for A/5 RAR contact. 10 VC KIA (Poss), 4 VC KBA

(b) Materiel. 1 Chicom antitank grenade, 1 Chicom hand grenade, 12 lbs Chicom explosive, 1 M16 mine, 150 AK 47 rds, small qty medical stores.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp NDP RUGBY, 3 Tp YS512610, 4 Tp YS242830.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS714667, 2 Tp NDP RUGBY, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610, 2 Sect 3 Tp YS242830, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS522546.

(3) Task Force Arty. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, 161 Fd Bty FSPB BERLE, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy YS242830, B Coy (-) NDP RUGBY, C Coy (-) YS272777, D Coy YS266854.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, 2 Pl V Coy YS242830.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BERLE, A Coy (-) YS522546, B Coy (-) YS512610, C Coy (-) YS546600, D Coy (-) YS595579.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy (-) FSPB BATON, 2 Coy (-) YS562623, 3 Coy (-) FSPB BATON, 637 RF Coy YS557617.

(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

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

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp, one AMC sect and an infantry element continues pacification operations in AO CROCODILE, centre of mass YS7267. Provides one tp and one AMC sect for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Provides sects to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATAMA. Provides one tp on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO LINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. One coy deploys in AO CLUDEN, centre of mass YS5270 to conduct RIF and ambush operations. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continue RIF operation in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665. Bn HQ located FSPB BATONYS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has nin LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - one LRRP.

(4) Results 2 VC KIA (DC), 1 VC MIA.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41 and D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time one and half hours.

(b) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41 and D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Face to Face. Conducted by Radio Visual Team targeted at the population of LONG HAI. The themes were GVN Image, RD and New Life Development and anti VC. Total of six movies were shown for a total screening time of two and a half hours.

(3) Ground Broadcast. Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of LONG HAI. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in LONG HAI for a total of two hours.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted by CA and Psy Ops Sect in Vinh Vu Hamlet for a total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO LING.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.

(4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance. 335 mines cleared.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS511596-519596-519591- 508589. All D8s serviceable.

(b) YS517545-520544-519543-520543.

(c) YS303782-308785-306779-308781 (Progressive totals:
707 bunkers, 361 wpm pits, 1000 metres tunnel - 500 metres trench
and 2444 acres.)

(3) Total area Land Cleared May-22 Aug 69. 6350 acres.

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained opcon to 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tk tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continued pacification operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp plus one AMC sect remained opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minofield clearance operations near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and land clearing operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Supported pacification operations DAT DO District from Nui Dat and provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Remained in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS329803.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	BDA
0820/40H	YS245827	Bkr System	100/100. BDA to be done by gd troops
1115/23H	YS799739	Base Camp	100/80, 1 str des. 2 tun ent exp.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1000H at YS582577, 10/D/9 RAR located and destroyed a sampan. A body was found on a sand pit nearby.
- (2) At 221200H-231700H in the vicinity of YS535555, A/9 RAR and elms of 1 Fd Sqn located 42 M16 mines and 2 M26 grenades.
- (3) On 23 Aug 69 at YS247826, A/5 RAR located a bunker system 150x75 metres containing 12 bunkers and three weapon pits with 2ft. 6 in of OHC. Small qty grenades recovered.
- (4) At 232100H at YS395658, a ptl of 9 RAR and 1 Fd Sqn contacted 6 VC moving West. The enemy were engaged with SA and artillery. Sweep will be conducted at first light.

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(5) At 232045H at YS422705, a ptl of 5 RAR reported 6 rounds of mortar fire approx 2000 metres North-West of Ap Suoi Nghe YS4371. Artillery engaged likely base plate positions.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil
 - (b) Material. 42 M16 mines, 2 M26 grenades and one sampan.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp NDP RUGBY, 3 Tp YS500595, 4 Tp YS247826.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS766635, 2 Tp NDP RUGBY, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS500595, 3 Sect 3 Tp YS522546.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Pd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, 161 Fd Bty FSPB SERLE, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy YS247826, B Coy (-) YS NDP RUGBY, C Coy (-) YS272777, D Coy (-) YS270849.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy (-) YS522546, B Coy (-) YS512610, C Coy (-) YS546600, D Coy (-) YS595579.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. 2/52 ARVN Bn (-) FSPB BATON, 2 Coy (-) YS560620, 637 RF Coy YS557617.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and one AMC sect deploy from AO CROCODILE, centre of mass YS7267 to 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat. One tp plus one AMC sect continues op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remain op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. Provides one tp to 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) 5 RAR. Three coys continue RIF and ambush in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. One coy protects LCT in AO MINDY. Bn HQ remains FSPB POLLY YS3384.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Provides 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. One coy deploys to AO CLUDEN, centre of mass YS5270. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base Nui Dat.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. One coy deploys to AO GANNON centre of mass YS6865. Bn HQ remains FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH centre of mass YS5664 and AO LING, centre of mass YS6069. Bn HQ remains FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts.
 - (a) Conducted by USAF during the period 14-20 Aug 69. 21 targets were hit for a total broadcast time of 11½ hours. The themes were Chieu Hoi.
 - (b) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41 and D445. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was one hour and fifteen minutes.
- (2) Leaflet Drop.

Conducted by USAF during the period 14-20 Aug 69. 21 targets were hit. Total leaflets dropped were 788,000. The themes were Chieu Hoi.

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b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 R R in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 R R in RIF, ambush and LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA.
- (4) 361 ARVN Mech Pl. Operated with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.
- (5) MAT 1 with 611 RF Coy. MAT 2 with 655 RF Coy.

c. Engineer Operations.

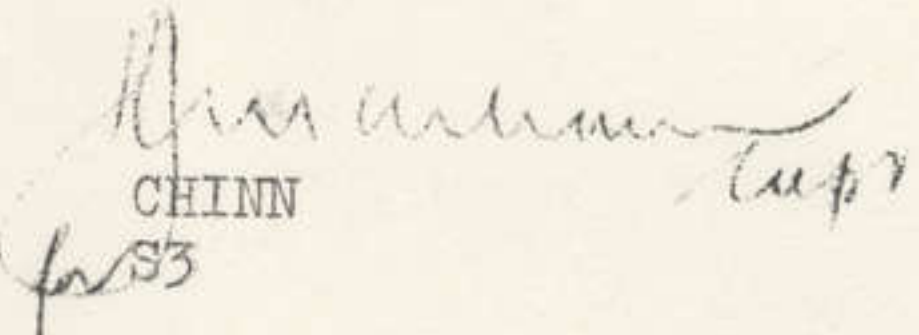
- (1) Mine Clearance. 826 mines cleared in DAT D0 minefield.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS516586-518586-51582-515583.
 - (b) YS520545 - two hundred metre radius to minefield fence and sandunes in North.
 - (c) YS291786-296784-29791-296793-288785-293782. 2586 acres cleared to date.

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21 Aug

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General:

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained op con to 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tk tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect returned from pacification operations in AO CROCODILE. One tp plus one AMC remained op con 5 RAR for ICT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and ICT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery Nil contact and 23 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance operations near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in AO CROCODILE.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and land clearing operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (ICT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Supported pacification operations DAT DO District from Nui Dat and provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and ICT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616. Elements deployed into AO GANTION centre of mass YS6665.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0937/0948	YS479504	VC Base Camp	100/60. Results. Neg BDA.
0438/0457	YS64866115 YS47618673	VC Base Camp	Neg BDA
2226/2241	YS48808590 YS48308420 YS47658660	VC Base Camp	Neg BDA
1110/1155	YS785805	VC Base Camp	4 Mil structures destroyed 1 pit destroyed, clothing and cooking equipment scattered around area.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Late entry. At 2112254 at YS233832 A/5 RAR located a bunker system containing 200 lbs rice, 1 RPG 2 rd, 1 Chicom anti-tank grenade, 12 Chicom grenades, 100 AK 47 rds.
- (2) At 241050H at YS511592 1/1/ B Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a bunker system containing, 5 bunkers, 6 L shaped pits, 1 sandbag containing propaganda leaflets, 1 CS grenade. System used 7 days ago.
- (3) At 241006H at YS271821 an LOH received two bursts of automatic fire, possibly AK47. The LOH was flying SW to NE at 50 feet, at 40 knots. Negative damage.
- (4) During 24 Aug 69 at YS270843 D/5 RAR located a number of small caches containing 1200 detonators, 10 lb Chicom explosive, 30 items of workshop tools, one factory made gas mask, two bush manufactured gas masks, several sets gas handling eqpt 500 lb CS crystals, large qty of plastic, approx 50 yds, 50 lbs polished rice, qty of docs.

c. Results.(1) Friendly losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel Nil.
- (b) Material. 1200 detonators, 12 chicom hand grenades, 1 RPG2 rd, 1 chicom anti-tank grenade, 100 AK47 rds, 10 lbs chicom explosive, 500 lbs CS crystals, 1 CS grenade, 30 items workshop tools, 1 factory and 2 bush manufactured gas masks, several sets gas handling eqpt, 50 yds plastic, 250 lbs rice.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp NDP RUGBY, 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512612, 2 Tp NDP RUGBY, Sect Sp Tp YS522547.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384, 161 Fd Bty(-) FSPB SERLE YS5361, 1 Sect 161 Fd Bty XUYEN MOC YS6568, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy YS247826, B Coy NDP RUGBY, C Coy(-) YS272777, D Coy YS269840.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 6 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy(-) YS522546, B Coy(-) YS512610, C Coy(-) YS638640, D Coy(-) YS595579.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 2 Coy YS560620, 637 RF Coy FSPB BATON.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides 1 tp and 1 AMC Sect for LCT protection in AO MINDY, Sects remain op con to 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. Provides 1 tp to 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (3) 5 RAR. Three coys continue RIF and ambush ops in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. One coy protects LCT in AO MINDY. Bn HQ remains FSPB POLLY, YS3384.
- (4) 6 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Provides Ready Reaction Company. One coy deploys into AO CLUDEN, centre of mass YS5270 and conducts RIF and ambush ops. One coy continues retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

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(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF and ambush, and LCT protection ops in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. One coy conducts RIF and ambush ops in AO GAMMON, centre of mass YS6865. Bn HQ remains FSPB SERLE, YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Three coys and Tac HQ deploy by air into AO PERCH, centre of mass YS6862 and conduct RIF and ambush ops. One coy continues RIF and ambush ops in AO FISH. Bn HQ remains FSPB BATON YS558617. Tac HQ loc to be advised.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Operations.

- (1) Company 2
- Platoon 1
- Squad 7
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has five LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush ops in AO FISH.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection ops in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection ops in AO UMBERATANA.
- (4) MAT 1 with 236 RF Coy, MAT 2 with 655 RF Coy.

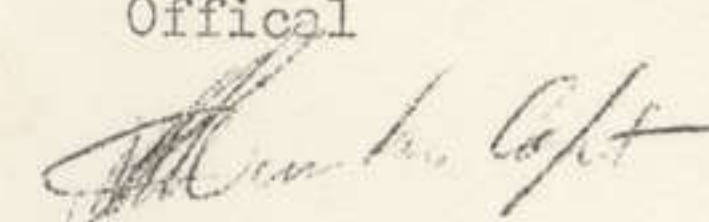
c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearance.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS517591, 509592, 510594, 514596.
 - (b) YS524545, 520542, 522541, 524544, 526548.
 - (c) YS296793, 280783, 290780. Total 2747 acres.

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained op con 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tk tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC Sect remained op con 5 RAR for ICT protection in AO MINDY. Sect remained op con 9 RAR and ICT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 5 contact and 9 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. The barrier minefield clearance operation near DAT DO was completed at 241800H. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and ICT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy deployed into AO CLUDEN, centre of mass YS5270 and commenced RIF and ambush operations. One coy continued the retraining of 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and ICT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA. One coy continued RIF and ambush operations in AO GAMMON. The bn is supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. BN HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH. Tac HQ located YS671605.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located NDP RUGBY YS330801.
- (12) Air Support.

TIME	COORDINATES	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESEMENT
2055/2105	YS752724	VC Base Camp	100/30. Negative further.
2025/42	YS752724	VC Base Camp	100/30: Negative further:
2115/20	YS752724	VC Base Camp	100/30: Negative further.
0945/1000	YS304741	VC Base Camp	100/30: Negative further.
1205/1225	YS438784	VC Base Camp	100/50. Negative further

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 251050H at YS267839 D/5 RAR located a bunker system containing four bunkers, one cooking hut. Bunkers had 4 ft overhead cover, also located were 60 AK47 rounds, cooking utensils and articles of male and female clothing.
- (2) At 251855H at YS611631 10/D/9 RAR contacted three enemy dressed in black, wearing webbing and carrying weapons. Enemy engaged by sentry with MG. Follow up conducted by 10 Pl and element Tracker Pl. Details to follow.
- (3) At 251855H at YS268806 7/C/5 RAR contacted two enemy who were engaged with claymore and MG. Noise to NE suggested more enemy in area. Sweep will be conducted at first light.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material. 60 AK47 rounds, cooking utensils, male and female clothing.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp NDP RUGBY. 2 Tp YS333801. 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610. 2 Tp NDP RUGBY. Element of Sp Tp YS522547.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY. 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB SERLE. Sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB JANET YS65788.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY. A Coy (-) YS266823. B Coy (-) NDP RUGBY. C Coy (-) YS270809. D Coy (-) YS273846.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL. W Coy (-) YS518685.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE. A Coy (-) YS522546. B Coy (-) YS512610. C Coy (-) YS652638. D Coy (-) YS603616.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON. Tac HQ YS671606. 1 Coy YS671606. 2 Coy YS685615. 3 Coy FSPB BATON. 637 RF Coy YS659615.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR in AO MINDY, and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides one tp and one AMC sect to 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remain op con to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA and elements of 6 RAR in AO NGA PHUI.
- (3) 5 RAR. Three coys continue RIF and ambush operations in AO MINDY centre of mass YS3181. One coy protects LCT in AO MINDY. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continues RIF and ambush operations in AO CLUDEN centre of mass YS5270. One coy deploys to AO NGA PHUI centre of mass YS4786 to commence RIF and ambush operations. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO UMBERATANA centre of mass YS5759 and AO GAMMON centre of mass YS6865. Protects LCT in AO UMBERATANA. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH centre of mass YS6862. Tac HQ located YS670608. Bn HQ (-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining HORSESHOE HILL.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - three.
Platoon - nil.
Squad - seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - one LRRP.
- (4) Results: 2 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at C41 and D445. Total broadcast time was two hours.
- (2) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted in PHUOC HOA LONG for a total of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.
- (4) MAT 1 with 236 RF Coy, MAT 2 with 655 RF Coy.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearance. Nil.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a). YS511592 - 518594 - 518584 - 516584.
 - (b) YS522548 - 523547 - 523552 - 525550 - 525549 - 525548 - 524546.
 - (c) YS264788 - 264783 - 254783 - 254788. Total 2901 acres.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
27 AUG 69	WO2 DINGLE	SGT SAWYER
28 " "	WO2 BUCKELL	SGT DZIEDZIC
29 " "	WO2 KLUDAS	SGT FAIRHEAD
30 " "	LT DOERR	SGT BROWNING
31 " "	CAPT GILCHRIST	SGT CORKRAN
1 SEP 69	2LT SWEENEY	SGT SPARGO
2 " "	LT BLACKNEY	SGT HILTON

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
27 AUG 69	FDT/COMPOSITE	4 TROOP
28 " "	LAD	FDT/COMPOSITE
29 " "	1 TROOP	4 TROOP
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1 SEP 69	LAD	FDT/COMPOSITE
2 " "	1 TROOP	4 TROOP

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TAXATION GROUP CERTIFICATES

1. Some members have lost or have not received Group Certificates. A return is required from all Troops, Sect's and HQs to this instruction.

251. RTA- ANTI-MALARIAL PILLS

1. All members for RTA 10 Sep 69, will report to the RAP SGT for anti-malarial pills at 0700 hrs, 1300 hrs, and 1800 hrs daily commencing Thursday 28 AUG 69 and until RTA date.
2. These times will be strictly adhered to. Any departure from them will involve disciplinary action.

252. MEDALS

Vietnam Medal

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

WO1 KENDRICK	TPR SMITH R.C.
TPR NANKIVELL	TPR BROWN
TRP CLELAND	TPR O'CONNOR
TPR GILBERT	CPL GREEN

Vietnamese Campaign Medal

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

CPL MARTIN	TPR HAY
TPR WHITEHEAD	TPR SIMPSON
TPR REHN	TPR CAVANAGH
TPR FOGG	PTE FLATON

253. R & R

1. The following members have not submitted applications for R & R on a check against Unit records.
2. These applications are required for the submission of the quarterly return, Jan, Feb, Mar 70.

TPR MURPHY	TPR O'KEEFE
TPR TALLIS	CPL HUTCHINS
CFN PERRY	TPR HUNT
TPR WARNER	TPR DOUPAIN
CPL BEAZLEY	TPR CAMERON
TPR WHITICKER	CPL HARTNETT
LT BLACKNEY	CPL GOTT
LT MEREDITH	TPR BICKNELL
TPR BELLING	WO1 KENDRICK
TPR ANKETELL	TPR NANKIVELL
TPR WARREN	TPR CLELAND
TPR McPHERSON	TPR GILBERT
TPR PRIOR	TPR SMITH R.C.
TPR WARNER	TPR BROWN
TPR POLLOCK	TPR O'CONNOR
TPR RISINGER	CPL GREEN

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NEEDLES

1. The following are to report to the RAP for needles at 0830 hrs on Wed 27 Aug 69.

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| L/CPL | ACHAMMER | TPR | LEIHY |
| L/CPL | AVIS | TPR | MATUSCHKA |
| CPL | BEASLEY | TPR | NATION |
| TPR | BATTAMS | TPR | PERRY |
| TPR | CAVANAGH | MAJ | SMITH |
| TPR | CAMPBELL | SGT | STEER |
| CPL | FLANAGAN | TPR | SIMPSON |
| " | FEDOROWYTSCH | CAPT | SULLIVAN |
| PTE | FLATON | TPR | SMITH G.J. |
| CPL | HARVEY | CAPT | TOLL |
| CAPT | HULL | TPR | THOMAS |
| TPR | IMLACK | TPR | TRAVIS |
| TPR | JONES | TPR | WHITICKER |
| WO2 | KLUDAS | TPR | WAFNER |
| TPR | LEAN | TPR | ZEUGOFSGE |

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 for (A.H. SMITH)
 Maj
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NOTICE

1. Toys. ASCO is obtaining toys to Christmas and these will be on sale on 27 Aug 69.
2. Coca Cola. Arrangements are in hand for the introduction of this product by ASCO. Units will be informed when it is available for purchase.

WALLETT FOUND

1. A wallett containing a sum of money was found in Vung Tau during Jul 69. Claimants are requested to contact Det AFV Pro Unit, EBONY 180 (WO2 WOODROW).

GENERAL MEETING - SGT'S MESS

1. There is to be a general meeting of the Sgt's Mess on the 29 Aug 69 commencing at 1600 hrs.

ENEMY WEAPONS DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATION

1. It is the intention of 1 ATF to create a display of en weapons and ammo and to demonstrate en weapons being fired.

2. Where the op sit permits and when ammo appears safe units are to backload en weapons and ammo of the following types to 1 ATF base; AK47 and ammo, RPG2 and ammo, RPG7 and ammo, mortars and ammo, mounts for any such weapons.

3. Weapons are to be backloaded to the Q Store who are to arrange onward movement to 1 OFP and ammo to TFMA.

4. Weapons and ammo of other types captured should be referred to the Q Store.

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27 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remain op con 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp deployed to LONG BINH for escort duties on 27 Aug. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA and 6 RAR in AO NGA PUHI. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 5 contact and 25 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO NGA PUHI and AO CLUDEN, and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 501 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Coys continued RIF and ambush operations in AO CLUDEN and AO NGA PUHI. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Provided one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection ops in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH and AO FISH. Tac HQ located YS671605, Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL .
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Remained in DS 5 RAR in AO MINDY. Deployed from NDP RUGBY to vicinity YS266780 in preparation for move to LONG BINH on 27 Aug 69.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
260845H	YS470501	VC Base Camp	100/60, results 1 bunker exposed, 2 bunkers damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 260930H at YS685623 2 Coy 2/52 ARVN Bn located a bunker estimated to have been occupied yesterday by approx 5 persons. Recovered 1 old rifle.

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- (2) At 261100H at YS661648 9 Pl C Coy 9 RAR contacted 4 VC. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1-US M3 45 cal SMG plus empty pack and 2 mags CIA.
- (3) At 261145H at YS677629 2 Coy 2/52 ARVN Bn contacted 5 VC with negative results.
- (4) At 261200H at YS263824 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 2-3 VC who returned fire with RPGs. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 CIA.
- (5) At 261240H at YS266823 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 3 VC. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA bloodtrail, 1 AK47 plus 3 packs containing 60-80 lbs food CIA.
- (6) At 261533H at YS459886 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2-3 VC. RPG and SA fire exchanged. Negative results.
- (7) At 261550H at YS277845 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC. Enemy withdrew South, negative results.
- (8) At 261605H at YS274850 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 4-5 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 CIA.
- (9) At 261735H at YS470890 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR/NZ contacted 2-4 VC. Enemy withdrew North. Results 2 water cans CIA.
- (10) At YS273846 D Coy 5 RAR located 15 bunkers each with 4 feet of OHC occupied approx 2 days ago. Qty of documents recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 4 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC WIA bloodtrail
 - (b) Material. 5 individual weapons plus 2 water cans, a quantity of documents and 3 packs of food CIA.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp YS266780. 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 2 Tp YS262783. 3 Tp LONG BINH.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY, 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB SERLE, B Bty 2/35 Arty (Us) 1 ATF Base, Pl 7/8 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY YS3384. A Coy (-) YS266823, B Coy (-) YS266780, C Coy (-) YS272813, D Coy (-) YS273846.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 6 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy (-) YS455885, W Coy (-) YS519684.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE YS5361. A Coy (-) YS522546, B Coy YS512610, C Coy (-) YS652638, D Coy (-) YS675663.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON. Tac HQ YS671606, 1 Coy (-) YS671606, 2 Coy (-) YS683627, 3 Coy (-) FSPB BATON, 637 RF Coy YS652631.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides tk tps to 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA; One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Provides two tps and one AMC sect to 5 RAR to assist in changeover and protection of LCT's in AO MINDY. Sects remain op con to 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA and one AMC sect remains op con 6 RAR in AO NGA PUHI. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

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(3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continues RIF and ambush ops in AO NGA PUHI, centre of mass YS4786. One Coy redeploys from AO CLUDEN to 1 ATF Base. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA centre of mass YS5759 and AO GAMMON centre of mass YS6865. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO PERCH, centre of mass YS670608. Tac HQ located YS670608. Bn HQ (-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - 1

(4) Results: Nil casualties, 2 water cans CIA.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at Chau Duc Units in NUI DINH and NUI THI VAI area. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was 1½ hours.

(2) Face to Face. Conducted by the Audio Visual team targeted at the population of LONG LIEN Hamlet. The themes were GVN Image, Anti VC and RD. The total screening time was two and half hours.

(3) Ground Broadcasts. Conducted by the Audio Team targeted at the population of LONG LIEN Hamlet. The theme was GVN Image. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in LONG LIEN for a total time of two hours.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted by 9 RAR and Psy Ops Sect targeted at the population of HOI MY. The ICAP was of two and a half hours duration.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

(4) MAT 1 with 236 RF Coy, MAT 2 with 655 RF Coy.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. Nil.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS518592 - YS520592 - YS520588 - YS518588 - YS510588 -
YS512588 - YS511586 - YS512586.

(b) YS519547 - YS523546 - YS523548 - YS520548.

(c) YS254783 - YS254788 - YS237783 - YS237788.

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255. CHANGE OF COMMAND

1. 235213 Capt A.J. HULL is to administer Command of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt from 0700 hrs 28 Aug 69 to 0800 hrs 10 Sep 69 during the absence of OC B Sqn.



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28 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained op con 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. One tp provided escort for movement of LCT from/to Long Binh. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA and 6 RAR in AO NGA PUHI. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 48 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements remained in support of 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO CLUDEN and AO NGA PUHI, and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) departed AO MINDY and was replaced by 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. One coy concluded RIF and ambush operations in AO CLUDEN and returned to 1 ATF Base. One coy continued retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. One coy continued RIF and ambush operations in AO NGA PUHI.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Land clearing protection continued in AO UMBERATANA. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO PARCH. Tac HQ located YS671605. Bn HQ (-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 501 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) Deployed from AO MINDY to LONG BINH.
- (12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Deployed from LONG BINH to AO MINDY to commence land clearing operations. HQ located YS272857.
- (13) Air Support.

DTG	COORD	TARGET	BDA
0843/58H	YS781707	VC Base Camp	100/80%. 1 structure destroyed, 2 large bunkers destroyed 10 x 8 ft, 1 bunker exposed, 2 tunnel entrances exposed.
1023/34H	YS 55 5930	VC Base Camp	100/80%. 1 KBA, 3 bunkers destroyed, 6 bunkers exposed, 150m trench destroyed.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 261750H at YS470890 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR located a new cache containing 300 sheets of CGI.
- (2) At 261940H at YS499608 a vehicle of 9 RAR detonated an enemy M26 grenade booby trap. Two Aust WIA evacuated.
- (3) At 270910H at YS455885 V Coy 6 RAR detained 14 persons. 12 were later released by DUC THANH District Chief - 2 undergoing **interrogation**.
- (4) At 271150H at YS702625 2 Coy 2/52 ARVN contacted a platoon size enemy force. Blood trials indicated enemy were WIA in the contact. Recovered were: One M1 Carbine, six packs, large quantity documents and photos and one VC flag.
- (5) At 271605H at YS473887 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted two enemy with unknown results.
- (6) At 271920H at YS472892 a listening post at 3 Pl V Coy 6 RAR was fired on by RPG fire without friendly casualties.

c. Results.(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel -- 2 Aust WIA (evacuated).
- (b) Materiel -- Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel -- Unknown number WIA (Bloodtrials).
- (b) Materiel -- One M1 carbine, six packs, large quantity documents and photos, one VC flag.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS275863; 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610; HQ 2 Tp LONG BINH; 3 Tp YS272857; 1 Sect Sp Tp YS456887.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384; 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB SERLE YS5361; One sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB JANET YS6568, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY; A Coy (-) YS266823; B Coy (-) YS275863; C Coy YS274814; D Coy (-) YS276849.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy (-) YS455885; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE; A Coy (-) YS22546; B Coy YS512610; C Coy (-) YS652638; D Coy (-) YS675653.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ, 1 Coy (-) YS671607; 2 Coy (-) YS697613; 3 Coy (-) FSPB BATON YS5561; RF Coy YS68621.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Provides tank troops to 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One troop plus one VC sect remains op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remain op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA and 6 RAR in AO NGA PUHI. One troop remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continue RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. Provides one coy on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy concludes RIF and ambush operations in AO NGA PUHI, centre of mass YS4786, and returns to NUI DAT. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS3181 and AO GAMMON, centre of mass YS6865. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538617.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO PERCH, centre of mass YS6961. Tac HQ located YS670608; Bn HQ (-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at VC NE of DUC THANH and VC SE of XUYEN MOC. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Integrated Civic Actions Programme.

(a) ICAP was conducted by 9 RAR and Psy Ops sect at PHUOC LOI for a duration of two hours.

(b) ICAP was conducted by 1 Aust CA Unit and Psy Ops sect at PHU MY for a duration of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

(4) MAT 1 with 236 RF Coy, MAT 2 with 655 RF Coy.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. Nil.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS517587, YS520587, YS515583, YS517533.

(b) YS523548, YS524549, YS521549, YS520548.

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29 Aug 69

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

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

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a. General

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- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained opcon to 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY, and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remained opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One AMC sect returned to NUI DAT from AO NGA PUHI. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 3 contact and 45 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Barrier minefield clearing operations recommenced near DAT DO. Land clearing operations continued in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY, 6 RAR in AO NGA PUHI and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, supported by 105 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. One coy concluded RIF and ambush operations in AO NGA PUHI and returned to NUI DAT. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. LCT protection continued in AO UMBERATANA. Bn HQ located FSPB SHRLN YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO PERCH. Tac HQ located YS671605. Bn HQ(-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
280908H	YS407837	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 3 bunkers destroyed 5 bunkers exposed, 7 spider holes exposed. Tgt is worthy of another A/S.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 281415H at YS274850, 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR engaged three enemy with unknown results.
- (2) At 281210H at YS218822, 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR heard movement and chopping. At 1400H an enemy sentry was engaged and withdrew WIA leaving clothing and documents behind. 9 Pl then located the edge of a bunker system at YS281822. At 1600H C Coy complete contacted enemy on edge of bunker system. 3 Aust WIA and evacuated.

1. b. (2) Cont. During DUSTOFF aircraft was fired at. Recce has shown extensive bunker system which will be checked out on 29 Aug 69.

(3) At 281445H elements of 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force were sent YS415755 where elements of 655 RF Coy had contacted an enemy group. No contact was made by the force which returned to 1 ATF Base at 281830H.

(4) At 281905H at FSPB POLLY YS337842 a 5 RAR patrol contacted three enemy resulting in one enemy KIA(BC) and two enemy KIA(poss). Another enemy patrol was engaged outside the FSPB perimeter at the same time. At 2050H a further two enemy were engaged on the FSPB perimeter wire with unknown results.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel: Three Aust WIA (evacuated).

(b) Material: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel: 1 enemy KIA(BC), 2 enemy KIA(poss), one enemy WIA (blood trail).

(b) Material: Small quantity of documents.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS275863; 3 Tp YS512610.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610; 3 Tp YS275863.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384; 161 Fd Bty(-) FSPB SERLE YS5361; one sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB JANET YS6568. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY; A Coy(-) YS268332; B Coy(-) YS274863; C Coy YS 274824; D Coy YS286852.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) 1 ATF Base. B Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE; A Coy(-) YS522546; B Coy YS512610; C Coy(-) YS652638; D Coy(-) YS674647.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ(-), 3 Coy FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy(-) YS671608; 2 Coy(-) YS695605; RF Coy YS663608.

(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps continue to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect remains opcon 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remain opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY, centre of mass YS3181. Bn HQ remains FSPB POLLY YS336842.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys to vicinity YS2787 to clear and secure FSPB DIGGERS REST. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759. Two coys continue RIF and ambush operations in AO GAMMON, centre of mass YS6865. Bn HQ remains FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO PERCH, centre of mass YS6961. Tac HQ remains YS 671605. Bn HQ(-) remains FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - One.
Platoon - Three.
Squad - Five.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.
- (4) Results - nil.

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological operations. Conducted by 9 RAR and Psy Ops Sect at LANG PHUOC HAI for a total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearance
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS528551 - YS524552 - YS521549 - YS524549 - YS527549.
 - (b) YS521585 - YS520585 - YS520587 - YS521588.
 - (c) YS269863 - YS263863 - YS271856 - YS263856.

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SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 7/69
ANALYSIS OF DAMAGED ENEMY WEAPONS

1. Attached for your information is CMEC Technical Intelligence Brief No 5-69 Analysis of Damaged Enemy Weapons.
2. This brief is a compilation of the results of three recent incidents involving enemy assault rifles. The principle purpose for publishing this brief is to warn personnel of the hazards involved in the use of captured weapons and munitions.
3. Comments pertaining to this brief are to be forwarded to GS (Int) HQ 1 ATF.

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ANALYSIS OF DAMAGED ENEMY WEAPONS1. INTRODUCTION.

This report discusses the results of a technical analysis of one North Korean and two CHICOM 7.62mm assault rifles which failed while being fired. When the malfunction occurred, two of the weapons were being fired by VC/NVA and one was being fired by an ARVN soldier.

2. DISCUSSION.a. VC/NVA Incident with North Korean 7.62mm Assault Rifle.

(1) On 25 June 1969 the Combined Materiel Exploitation Center (CMEC) received a severely damaged North Korean 7.62mm Assault Rifle (serial No. 19503) and was requested to determine the cause of damage.

(2) The following background information was provided by the unit that submitted the rifle for analysis:

- (a) Prior to the incident the weapon had fired an undetermined number of rounds.
- (b) Approximately one-fourth of a full 30-round magazine had been fired before the weapon failed.
- (c) The weapon was found near a tunnel complex. No blood or body was found near the spot of discovery.

(3) Physical examination of the weapon revealed the following major damage:

- (a) Chamber bulged.
- (b) Receiver sprung and bulged.
- (c) Receiver locking lugs burred.
- (d) Bolt split and locking lugs burred.
- (e) Ruptured cartridge in chamber.
- (f) Bolt carrier cover distorted.

b. VC/NVA Incident with CHICOM 7.62mm, Type 56, Assault Rifle.

(1) On 1 July 1969 the Combined Materiel Exploitation Center received a severely damaged CHICOM 7.62mm, Type 56, Assault Rifle (serial No. 1105708) and was requested to determine the cause of damage.

(2) The following background information was provided by the unit which submitted the weapon for analysis:

- (a) The weapon was fired by a VC/NVA and was recovered on the perimeter of the 5th Special Forces Camp at Ben Het.
- (b) Approximately one-fourth of a full 30-round magazine had been fired before the weapon failed.
- (c) Blood was found at the spot where the weapon was discovered.

(3) Physical examination of the weapon revealed the following major damage:

- (a) Chamber ruptured.
- (b) Receiver sprung, bulged, and ruptured.
- (c) Firing mechanism pin blown loose.
- (d) Receiver locking lugs badly burred.
- (e) Bolt locking lugs broken off.
- (f) Bullet casing in bore.
- (g) Ruptured cartridge in chamber.
- (h) Bolt carrier cover distorted.

c. ARVN Incident with CHICOM 7.62mm, Type 56, Assault Rifle.

(1) On 1 July 1969 the Combined Materiel Exploitation Center received a severely damaged CHICOM 7.62mm, Type 56, Assault Rifle (serial No. 11084673) and was requested to determine cause of damage.

(2) The following background information was provided by the unit which submitted the weapon for analysis:

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- (a) The weapon was fired by an ARVN soldier.
- (b) Approximately three-fourths of a full 30-round magazine had been fired before the weapon failed.
- (c) The ARVN soldier received powder burns on the right side of the face, wounds on the top of his head, and a badly bruised right hand.

(3) Physical examination of the weapon revealed the following major damage:

- (a) Chamber fractured.
- (b) Receiver sprung and bulged.
- (c) Firing mechanism pin blown loose.
- (d) Receiver locking lugs badly burred.
- (e) Bolt blown apart.
- (f) Bullet casing in bore.
- (g) Bolt carrier cover distorted.

3. CONCLUSION.

Analysis of the damage to the weapons indicates the following factors probably contributed to, or caused, the malfunctions of these weapons.

a. Metal fatigue as a result of protracted use of the weapon in the automatic mode. The three weapons examined were of the same configuration. As a result, the damage to all three was similar. When an excessive number of rounds are fired in the weapon, the metal begins to show indications of metal fatigue, such as hairline cracks and bulging. When the weapon is fired in the fully automatic mode, the more rapid heating and additional strain on the chamber increases the probability of malfunction.

b. Premature firing in the automatic mode. When the weapon is fired, the bolt carrier moves forward, locking the bolt against the rear of the chamber and depressing the disconnecter. This action releases the hammer which strikes the firing pin. When in the fully automatic mode, it is possible for the disconnecter to be depressed prematurely. The cartridge would then be fired prior to its being fully chambered. This will cause the cartridge case to rupture, and it could cause the bullet to lodge in the bore of the weapon.

4. RECOMMENDATION.

That personnel be advised that possible injury or death could result from firing captured weapons. All captured weapons should be turned in to local collecting points.

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp and one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR for LCT protection in AO MINDY. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Six contact and 35 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minfield clearance near DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MINDY and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY supported by 105 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ remained FSPB POLLY YS336842.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to vicinity YS2787 to clear and secure FSPB DIGGERS REST. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Tac HQ deployed to vicinity YS2787. Bn HQ(-) located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. LCT protection continued in AO UMBERATANA, Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO PERCH. Tac HQ remained YS671605. Bn HQ(-) remained FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Remained in DS 5 RAR for land clearing operations in AO MINDY. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) Correction to location of bunker system located by C Coy 5 RAR on 28 Aug - location should read YS274824. C Coy entered system morning 29 Aug engaging several small en groups with unknown results. System contained new bunkers and covered area 450x450 metres. Body from contact 28 Aug located in fresh grave. Documents recovered from bunker.
- (2) At 290750H at YS268832 2 Pl A Coy 5 RAR exchanged fire with an unknown sized en group with unknown results.
- (3) At YS253845 5 RAR located a defensive posn comprising 13 bunkers recently used, in good condition. Recovered were; eight chicom grenades, one RPG2 round, 100x7.62mm short rounds.
- (4) At 291515H at YS275848 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted two en resulting in one en KIA (BC), one AK47 recovered and one Aust WIA (evacuated).
- (5) At 291615H at YS697653 12 Pl D Coy 9 RAR contacted one VC resulting in one VC KIA (BC) and a pack containing clothing and documents being recovered.

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c. Results.(1) Friendly Losses.(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).(b) Material. Nil.(2) Enemy Losses.(a) Personnel. 3 En KIA (BC).(b) Material. 8 Chicom grenades, 1 RPG2 round, 100x7.62mm short rounds, 1 AK47, quantity clothing and documents.d. Locations.(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp YS274863, 3 Tp YS512610.(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610, 3 Tp YS274863.(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 105 Fd Bty FSPB POLLY YS3384, 161 Fd Bty(-) FSPB SERLE YS5361 one sect 161 Fd Bty FSPB JANET YS6568, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB POLLY, A Coy(-) YS268832, B Coy(-) YS274863, C Coy YS274814, D Coy (-) YS275849.(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, V Coy(-) FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2687.(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE, A Coy(-) YS522546, B Coy YS512610, C Coy(-) YS657642, D Coy(-) YS687644.(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ(-) FSPB BATON YS5561, TAC HQ, 1 Coy(-) YS668608, 2 Coy(-) YS699620, 3 Coy(-) FSPB BATON, RF Coy(-) YS653602.(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.e. Plans Summary(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tk tp continues op con 5 RAR until its relief by 6 RAR in AO MINDY. One tp remains op con 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp plus one AMC sect continues LCT protection operations in AO MINDY. Sects continue op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp assists in deployment of 6 RAR to AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. Element remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.(3) 5 RAR. Redeploys from AO MINDY to 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Redeploys from 1 ATF Base to AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084, to commence RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations. Bn HQ to be located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787.(5) 9 RAR. Continues RIF, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759 and AO GAMMON, centre of mass YS6865. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE YS538616.(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues RIF and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO PERCH, centre of mass YS6961. Tac HQ remains vicinity YS671605. Bn HQ(-) remains FSPB BATON YS558617.(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.f. Small Unit Actions.(1) Company - Two
Platoon - Two
Squad - Six

(2) 3 SAS has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - One

(4) Results: One enemy KIA (BC) (LRRP)

2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at VC units in areas centre of mass YS5782 and YS7267. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.

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(b) For period 20-27 Aug. Conducted by USAF targeted at 21 targets throughout PHUOC TUY Province. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was five hours and fifteen minutes.

(2) Leaflet Drops.

(a) For period 20-27 Aug. Conducted by USAF targeted at 21 targets throughout PHUOC TUY Province. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total number of leaflets dropped was 702,000.

(3) Face to Face. Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of AN NHUT village. The themes were GVN image, RD and new life, anti VC. A total of six movies were screened for a total screening time of two and a half hours.

(4) Ground Broadcast. Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of AN NHUT. The themes were GVN image. The total broadcast time was one hour.

(5) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in AN NHUT village for two and half hours.

(6) Integrated Civic Action Programme. ICAP was conducted by CA Unit and Psy Ops targeted at the population of AN NGAI. The ICAP operated for three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH.

(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

(3) 614 RF Coy Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance, 425 exploded, 53 initiated - total 478.

(2) Areas Land Cleared a. YS520591 - 522591 - 589520 588521 - 522589.

b. YS279863 - 271863 273848.

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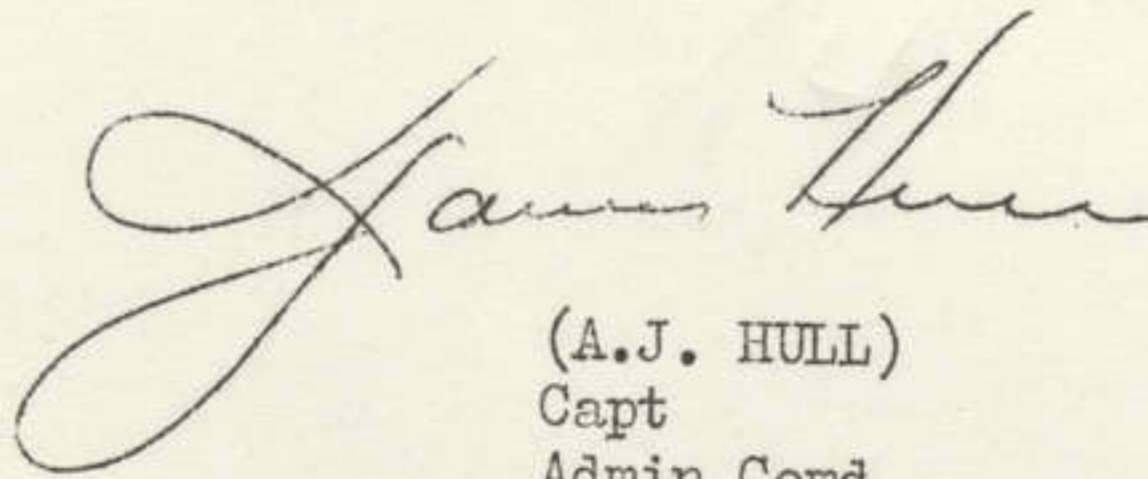
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ORDERS FOR THE REACTION TROOP

1. The reaction troop commander is responsible for the following:-
 - a. The viability of at least 3 tanks.
 - b. The detailed knowledge of the whereabouts of all members of the troop.
2. The reaction troop commander is to:-
 - a. Attend the reaction force brief at HQ 1 ATF at 0800 hrs daily.
 - b. To brief his troop on all aspects of the reaction force on his return from the reaction force brief.
3. The reaction troop Sgt is responsible for the following:-
 - a. The "starting up" and warming up of the troop.
 - b. The administrative viability of the troop.
- m 4. The reaction troop is:-
 - a. To be ready to move within 15 minutes of the troop leader being called for orders.
 - b. Not to leave the Squadron area.
 - c. Not to consume alcoholic beverages.

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5. The duty driver is to:-
- a. Ensure that he has radio communication with B Sqn CP at all times.
 - b. Convey the reaction troop commander to and from HQ 1 ATF at a time that will be arranged between him and the troop commander.



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ENEMY SITUATION - 1 ATF TAOI

18 Aug 69 to 24 Aug 69

General

1. The enemy situation within the TAOI remained at a low level throughout the week.

BIEN HOA Province

2.
 - a. General. The majority of enemy activity within the Task Force Area of Interest appears to have been devoted to protection of bases and avoidance of contact with 1 ATF.
 - b. Identifications.
 - (1) Main Force
 - (a) K23/274 Regt (Medical Coy)(documents recovered by B/5 RAR).
 - (b) 3 Bn 274 Regt (documents captured by 12/D/5 RAR).
 - (2) Local Force

There were no local force enemy unit identifications.
 - c. Activity. The most significant ~~action~~ during the past week was the contact by 5 RAR with elements of 3 Bn 274 Regt. The fact that the enemy stayed to fight, and launched a counter attack, indicates that there was either an important cache in the area which the Bn was defending or that the battalion had a mission against a target along Route 15. The battalion mission now appears to have been aborted.
 - d. Although no identifiable contact was made it is thought that elements of SR-4, D67 Engr Bn and 84 Rear Services Group continue to operate in the area.

PHUOC TUY Province

3.
 - a. General. The level of enemy initiated activity has remained low throughout the province during the past week.
 - b. CHAU DUC District
 - (1) General. Enemy activity remained low within the district, however increased activity was noted by visual recce and sensors along tracks in the northwest of the district.
 - (2) Identifications. There were no enemy unit identifications during the period.
 - (3) Activity. Further exploitation of documents taken from the body of BA MAI, OC C41, reveal the following: "3 Aug 69: When the cadre have finished their studies their main task will be to study the area of PHU MY. The object of the study is the RF and PSDF, to find a way to kill them as a group or one by one, to attack the PSDF and sieze their weapons!". There is no indication at this stage as to whether the political reorientation phase has been completed or not.
 - (4) There are indications of heavy movement and troop concentrations in the area to the North East of BINH GIA. Although no contact or identification has been made it is possible that elements of D445 have withdrawn to this area to avoid the operations in its traditional base areas of the Long Green, Light Green and that area to the North of Route 23 astride the Song Rai River. The road block on Route 2 was possibly constructed to cover the movement of forces across the road. It is therefore possible that D440, who was previously operating to the West of Route 2,

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may also be located to the East of Route 2.

- (5) There is a possibility that BA LONG Province forces may be concentrating in the PHUOC TUY - LONG KHANH Border area for resupply, reinforcement or reorganization.

c. LONG DAT District

(1) General. Little enemy initiated activity was detected during the week.

(2) Identifications.

(a) Main Force

(i) There were no Main Force units identified.

(b) Local Force

(i) LONG DAT District unit (documents captured by 2/52 ARVN Bn).

(ii) LONG TAN Village unit (documents captured by 2/52 ARVN Bn).

(iii) LONG DAT Detention Centre (CHIEU HOI to 2/52 ARVN Bn).

(3) Activity. The identification of the LONG DAT District unit to the North of NUI NHON tends to confirm suspicions that the majority of District elements have moved out of the LONG HAI mountains and bases adjacent to DAT DO. There now appears to be three major areas of guerilla base camp locations:

(a) Northern LONG HAI

(b) Western Long Green

(c) North of NUI NHON.

(4) Once again food resupply was probably the most significant activity. It is possible that the VC no longer come into the villages to collect food, but the villagers take the food out and leave it for the VC to collect at night.

d. XUYEN MOC District

(1) General. After the spate of activity during the last period the activity during this period has decreased.

(2) Identifications. There were no enemy unit identifications during the period.

(3) Activity. The mining activity during the last period was probably designed to control the movement of the civil population and contain them within the populated area. If this was the reason the increased track activity on Route 329 indicates that the resupply route may again have changed to a route using this road.

BINH TUY Province

4. a. General. An increase in activity has been noted during the past week.

b. Identifications. There were no enemy unit identifications during the period.

c. Activity. A CHIEU HOI has stated that the NUI MAY TAO area is the base for HQ BA LONG Province and the BA LONG Rear Services Section. This is supported by the location during visual recce of a radio aerial and the heavy vehicular resupply activity in the area. It is apparent that the South Western MAY TAO, Song Tram and YS 8393 areas are large storage areas. It is also significant that the majority of traffic, seems to be moving from North to South. This is possibly caused by 1 ATF operations in the DAT DO area impeding the supply of food and forcing the local VC to import rice.

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CONCLUSION

5. The past weeks activities characterized by avoidance of contact and resupply efforts will probably continue next week. The preoccupation of the local force in CHAU DUC with Route 15 area continues to suggest that this may be a target for route interdiction. The ever present threat of harrassing attacks by fire will continue, although a significant ground attack is unlikely.

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31 Aug 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained op con 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STURART. One tp assisted in the deployment of 6 RAR to AO STUART. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and ten H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance South of DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON.
- (6) 5 RAR. Concluded Recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO MINDY and returned to 1 ATF base Nui Dat. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Deployed to AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084 to commence recce, ambush and LCT protection operations. The Bn is supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271871.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ), B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. LCT protection operations continued in AO UMBERATANA. Bn HQ located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO FISH and AO PERCH. Tac HQ located YS671605. Bn HQ(-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Reverted to in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes for 29 Aug 69.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0855-0905	YS794758	Base Camp	100/100 Negative further 20mm-Boxer 788 2FU.
0930-0935	YS569901	Base camp	100/30 Negative further 8 MK 117 Hawk 03 2 F100/4821.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 301120H at YS491531 a patrol of 9 RAR operating with DAT DO Sub Sector troops contacted approximately 12 enemy resulting in one enemy WIA(bloodtrail) and one M1 rifle and one set of webbing recovered.

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(2) At YS263798-266799 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a month old enemy position comprising 80 spider holes, one bunker and four MG pits. A large number of old 25 set batteries were recovered.

(3) At approximately 1125 a CH 47 crashed and burnt approaching FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2687. Helicopter was assisting 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) deployment.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. Nil.

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. One WIA (blood trail).

(b) Materiel. One M1 Carbine, one set of webbing.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK; 3 Tp YS520586.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS512610; 2 Tp(-) YS402639; 3 Tp FSPB MOHAWK.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) 1 ATF Base A Coy YS265807 B Coy HORSESHOE HILL V Coy(-) FSPB MOHAWK D Coy(-) YS233830 W Coy YS267844.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn(-) FSPB SERLE. A Coy(-) YS522546 B Coy(-) YS512610 C Coy(-) YS661656 D Coy(-) YS697652.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) and 1 Coy YS671606, 2 Coy YS683617 RF Coy YS662584, 3 Coy(-) FSPB BATON.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remain op con 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. Sects remain op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271871.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO UMBERATANA, centre of mass YS5759 and AO GAMMON, centre of mass YS6865. One coy redeploys from AO UMBERATANA to vicinity XUYEN MOC YS6668. Bn HQ remains FSPB SERLE YS538616.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO PERCH, centre of mass YS6865. Tac HQ remains YS671605. Bn HQ(-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has seven LRRPs deployed.

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- (3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH.
- (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.
- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine clearance, 198 exploded, 43 initiated - total 241.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS520592 - 522592 - 522591 - 520591.
 - (b) YS282864 - 284839 - 282807 - 278862 - 279862.

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1 Sep 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remained op con 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp deployed as part of 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force to vicinity DUC THANH YS4678.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO UMBERATANA. One tp deployed as part of 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance South of DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO UMBERATANA. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed as part of 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271871.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued ambush and recce operations in AO UMBERATANA and AO GAMMON, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ), B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. LCT protection operations continued in AO UMBERATANA. Bn HQ located FSPB SERLE YS538616.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO FISH and PERCH. Tac HQ located YS671605. Bn HQ (-) located FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Remained in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At YS261798 2 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located an old storage area comprising 9 storage pits. 44 gallon drum of rotted grain was recovered.
- (2) At 310950H at YS265671 a US truck detonated a small chicom mine damaging two tyres. Nil casualties.
- (3) At YS250329 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located 7 bunkers that had been recently occupied.
- (4) At YS275845 V Coy 6 RAR located a major bunker/camp system part of which had been recently occupied. System destroyed by LCT.
- (5) At YS228827 D Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system still under construction vacated only one hour before. 150 lbs rice and 100 AK47 rounds recovered.
- (6) At 311815H at YS265804 1 Pl A Coy 6 RAR contacted one armed VC with unknown results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Nil.

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- (b) Material. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
- (a) Personnel. Nil.
- (b) Material. 150 lbs rice, 100 AK47 rounds.
- d. Locations.
- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS451773, 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK YS2786, 3 Tp YS512610.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS512610, 2 Tp YS451773, 3 Tp FSPB MOHAWK.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2687, 161 Fd Bty (-) FSPB SERLE.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy YS451773.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy (-) YS262807, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, V Coy (-) FSPB MOHAWK, D Coy (-) YS244833, W Coy (-) YS296826.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB SERLE YS5361, A Coy (-) YS658696, B Coy (-) YS512610, C Coy (-) YS626657, D Coy (-) YS692679.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ (-) FSPB BATON YS5561, 1 Coy (-) YS672607, 2 Coy (-) YS668615, 3 Coy (-) FSPB BATON, RF Coy YS677598.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.
- e. Plans Summary.
- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remain op con 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO UMBERATANA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect continues LCT protection in AO UMBERATANA. Elements assist in the deployment of HQ 9 RAR to AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues to retrain the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271871.
- (5) 9 RAR. Redeploys from AO UMBERATANA to AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. Continues recce and ambush operations. One coy remains vicinity DAT DO for pacification operations. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS6569.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO FISH, centre of mass YS5665 and AO PERCH centre of mass YS6865. Tac HQ remains YS671605. Bn HQ (-) remains FSPB BATON YS558617.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- f. Small Unit Actions.
- (1) Company - two.
Platoon - two.
Squad - six.
- (2) 3 SAS has 5 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.
- (4) Results - nil.
2. Combined Operations.
- a. Psychological Operations. Nil.
- b. RF Operations.
- (1) 637 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for RIF and ambush operations in AO PERCH.

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(2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

(3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in RIF, ambush and protection operations in AO UMBERATANA.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. 43 exploded, nil initiated - total 43.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS274844 - 275843 - 275839 - 272839.

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